

**Weather Forecast**  
 UTAH—Snow or rain tonight and Friday; warmer southeast.  
 WYOMING—Partly cloudy tonight and Friday, snow west portion.  
 IDAHO—Local snows tonight and Friday; colder.

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# TEN DIE IN UTAH BLAST

## STEP TAKEN TO IMPEACH M. H. WELLING

Consent for Introduction of Resolution in House Okehed

A move to lodge impeachment proceedings against Secretary of State Milton H. Welling was launched in the state house of representatives Thursday afternoon with request for consent to introduce a resolution by Representative Bent R. Bryan (D., Juab), calling for election of five managers to prepare impeachment articles.

The resolution follows:  
 "Whereas, it appears from audits of the funds and accounts of Milton H. Welling, made by Julius C. Andersen, state auditor, and from a special audit made by C. Preston Allen, certified public accountant, that during the incumbency of the office of secretary of state by Milton H. Welling, between January 1, 1932, and June 26, 1933, there occurred, and now exists, a shortage in the said funds aggregating the sum of \$22,461.74, for which the said Milton H. Welling has made no sufficient, nor any accounting, nor any payment into the state treasury as required by law; and  
 "Whereas, it appears from said audits and accounts of the same (said funds and accounts) had been kept and handled in such careless and incompetent manner as to cause the state of Utah great loss of expense, and  
 "Whereas, it appears from the opinion of Joseph Chez, attorney general of the state of Utah, that there are facts disclosed by said audits against Milton H. Welling, that, if true, constitute malfeasance in office;  
 "Now, therefore, be it resolved by the house of representatives of the legislature of the state of Utah, that this house of representatives proceed at once to elect five managers to prepare articles of impeachment against the said Milton H. Welling as secretary of state in the matters aforesaid and to bring the said articles before this house of representatives on or before the twelfth day of March, 1935, at the hour of 10 a. m., to be acted upon and then, if found sufficient and adopted, to be presented at the bar of the senate of the state in the manner as provided by chapter 6 of the code of criminal procedure of the revised statutes of Utah, 1933.  
 Representative Bryan prefaced his request for house consent by reading a statement citing Mr. Chez's opinion and reviewing the audits of the office of the secretary of state.

## Powers Favor Loan To Aid China Market

SHANGHAI, Friday, March 8 (UP)—The great powers desire to advance an international loan to China in order to improve their biggest market in the Far East, Finance Minister H. H. Kung declared today in a statement to the press.

"The Chinese people," Kung said, "would gladly support such a proposal in order that the currency market may become stabilized."  
 "I have been discussing the matter with various foreign governments, but as yet no definite settlement has been reached."

## Committee Okehs Airmail Pay Raise

WASHINGTON, March 7 (UP)—The house postoffice committee today approved a new airmail bill, giving the interstate commerce commission power to raise base rates of pay to mail carriers to 40 cents per mile for 300 pounds, instead of the present statutory limit of 33 1/3 cents per mile.

The bill contains a highly controversial provision allowing the postmaster general to designate primary and secondary mail routes, with the specification that there must be at least three primary transcontinental routes.

## Senate Approves Increase in Army

WASHINGTON, March 7 (AP)—The senate today approved an increase of 46,250 in the enlisted strength of the army, raising the total from 118,750 to 165,000 men.

It rejected a proposal by Senator Clark (D., Mo.) to eliminate the increase, as approved by the house and senate appropriations committee, after a debate in which predictions were made and denied that the United States faced the danger of war.

## ST. GEORGE EXPLOSION VICTIMS



Six of the ten victims of an oil well explosion at St. George Wednesday night are shown above. Upper, left to right, Joseph F. Kitterman of Salt Lake City; Cail A. Nicholson of St. George, formerly of Salt Lake City; Ray B. Nelson; middle, Miss Leah Cottam; lower right, Mrs. Mabel Joyce Alsop; lower left, Charles D. Alsop. The latter named were all of St. George. The drawing is an artist's conception of the crumbling derrick.

## VINSON BONUS BILL ORDERED SUBMITTED

WASHINGTON, March 7 (AP)—The ways and means committee voted 23 to 1 today to submit the Vinson bonus payment bill to the house, but agreed to procedure under which the Patman currency expansion method of payment may be offered as a substitute on the floor.

Chairman Doughton (D., N. C.) said, however, that the formal report on the bonus would not be submitted to the house until next Monday. Therefore, it would be Tuesday or Wednesday before the question could be brought to a vote.

The committee today, by a vote of 13 to 10, instructed Doughton to ask the rules committee to let the house have a direct vote on whether it preferred the Patman or the Vinson methods of payment.

The Vinson bill, which has the support of the American legion, simply authorizes an appropriation out of general treasury funds, whereas the Patman bill would direct the issuance of sufficient new currency to buy up adjusted compensation certificates.

## Dental Advertising Plea Likely to Lose

WASHINGTON, March 7 (AP)—The supreme court indicated today it would dismiss the appeal of Harry Selmer, Portland dentist, challenging the validity of the Oregon law prohibiting advertising by dentists.

After F. S. Senn, counsel for Selmer, had concluded his argument by contending the prohibition an invalid encroachment on the constitutional rights of dentists, Chief Justice Hughes, who had taken a poll of the court, announced the justices did not wish to hear argument by state counsel.

This indicated it would announce an early opinion day, probably next Monday, that the appeal would be dismissed.

## CATASTROPHE SHOCKS BLOOD

By GOV. HENRY H. BLOOD  
 The terrible tragedy at St. George last night has shocked me almost beyond words.

I have offered by wire my most sincere personal condolences to the bereaved relatives of the victims.

"As chief executive of Utah, I wish officially to tender the sympathy of the people of the state to those who have been visited by such a catastrophe."

## Open Verdict Brought In Heiress Death

PINEHURST, N. C., March 7 (AP)—A coroner's jury today ruled the death of Mrs. H. Bradley Davidson Jr., 22-year-old millionaire's bride of two months, was due to carbon monoxide poisoning under circumstances not known to the jury.

## Metal Prices

Gold	.....\$35.00
Silver (newly mined)	.....84 1/2c
Silver (nationalized)	.....50.01c
Copper	.....9.00c
Lead	.....3.55c
Zinc	.....3.90c
Local Settlement Prices	
Lead	.....3.55c
Copper	.....8.65c

## SENATE NEARS NOTE ON WORKS PAY ISSUE

WASHINGTON, March 7 (AP)—The senate waited today for another senate vote on the prevailing wage rate requirement which was written into the \$4,880,000,000 work relief bill two weeks ago against President Roosevelt's wishes.

Reopening of the floor fight on the measure was held up temporarily by a discussion of the army's appropriation bill. Administration leaders stood ready to proceed with the relict controversy the moment this barrier was out of the way.

As the test neared Senator McCarran (D., Nev.), author of the prevailing wage amendment which the senate previously passed, 44 to 43, contended that the administration's forces were "wavering."

## Banker Denies Part In Deals by Mellon

PITTSBURGH, March 9 (AP)—Government charges that the \$200,000,000 Union Trust company of Pittsburgh served as a clearing house for alleged "shadow sales" in stocks for Andrew W. Mellon were denied today by Carl R. Kord, a vice president of the bank.

Kord told the board of tax appeals, hearing Mellon's protest against \$3,089,000 assessment on his 1931 income, that he handled one sale of 123,000 shares of Pittsburgh coal stock.

## Weather Bureau Has Quiet Chuckle At Lay Prediction of Colder Winter

WASHINGTON, March 7 (AP)—The weather bureau is having a quiet chuckle today at some people who predicted the winter of 1934-35 would be unusually cold.

It turned out to be a very warm winter in almost all the United States. The weather bureau, incidentally, issued no forecast of what the winter would be like.

Between 85 and 90 per cent of the country had a winter warmer than normal. The small portion in the northeast that was colder than normal was not so cold as it was the previous winter.

The official weather bureau winter covers December, January and February. This "official" winter does not quite coincide with the "astronomical winter," which begins December 21 and ends March 21. But even a cold spell in the next two weeks cannot make the astronomical winter a cold one, says J. B. Kincer, weather bureau climatologist.

## Tragedy Occurs In Premature Oil 'Shot' Explosion

St. George Horrified at Disastrous End to Dreams of Wealth From 'Black Gold'; 4 Other Victims Lie Mangled in Hospital

Special to The Telegram.

ST. GEORGE, Utah, March 7—This pioneer Dixie settlement today sought to cast off a pall of tragedy that smothered it last night when sudden, mangling death turned an unofficial civic celebration into a holocaust.

Nine persons were almost instantly killed and another died early today. Four other persons were injured. Three are expected to recover.

Death struck when 750 pounds of nitroglycerin and TNT, which were to be lowered 4200 feet into the bowels of the earth to blast "black gold" to the surface of an oil drilling, exploded prematurely.

The dead:  
 CHARLES D. ALSOP, 47, of St. George, promoter of the oil well and supervisor of the "shot" that was hoped would bring riches to a community that has known little of great wealth.  
 MABEL BOYCE ALSOP, 47, wife of Charles D. Alsop.  
 C. M. FLICKINGER, 50, oil driller, of Virgin, Utah.  
 JOSEPH F. KITTERMAN, 47, of 1371 Ramona avenue, Salt Lake City.  
 BILLY MALONEY, 20, of St. George, spectator at the shooting of the well.  
 RAY B. NELSON, 23, of St. George, spectator.  
 JOSEPH EMPEY JR., 47, of St. George, electrician.  
 CAIL A. NICHOLSON, 23, of St. George, well employe.

The injured:  
 MRS. OLIVE BLEAK SNOW, 62, of St. George, wife of Joseph S. Snow, a former Utah state representative and Democratic committeeman from Washington county.  
 LEAH COTTAM, 23, of St. George, spectator.

Only five bodies recovered as searchers hunted the debris left after the explosion. They were:  
 Mr. Nelson, Mrs. Snow, Mrs. Alsop, Mr. Flickinger and Mr. Kitterman.  
 Leah Cottam, the tenth victim, died in the St. George hospital.

Bodies not recovered were those of Mr. Nicholson, Mr. Alsop, Mr. Maloney and Mr. Empey.

It is not expected they will be found. All bodies but that of Miss Cottam were mangled almost beyond recognition. Mrs. Alsop was identified by a scarf she had worn about her neck. Identity of the others was established by bits of clothing, belt buckles and other means.

No members of the St. George CCC camp at St. George were killed or injured in the explosion, as first reported here. Officers in charge said that every man answered to his name at rollcall this morning.

## In Barren, Desert Country

The well, which had been drilled by the Arrowhead Petroleum corporation, was eight miles south of St. George in the barren, desert country where low, rolling hills were said to be indicative that oil could be found in the rock strata far below the surface.

The tragedy that took the lives of 10 persons is the worst catastrophe that has ever come to St. George. Many of the people in this town of 2500 persons are blood relations of the victims.

## Coroner's Jury Calls It Accident

The explosion was an "accident," a coroner's jury decided this afternoon.

Members of the jury, which spent several hours at the scene, were: Clair Morris, trucker; Bert Snow, well night watchman, and Morris Whitehead, a St. George citizen. Morris and Snow also are from St. George.

The probe was conducted by Justice of the Peace Harold S. Snow and County Attorney Oval Hafen.

Witnesses who testified during the hearing were Sheriff John M. Cottam and Tex Cethea, a worker at the well, who refused to be on the immediate scene when the explosion was prepared for firing.

It was revealed during the investigation that:  
 Six 10-foot cartridges containing a mixture of 80 per cent nitroglycerin and TNT were suspended in the derrick that stood over the well-opening. Force of the detonation (Continued on Page Two)