

OIL WELL BLAST INQUIRY OPENS

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pealed forth from the instrument.

Words were inadequate to express the sorrow of the community and its grief. Those who spoke were choked by emotion.

Mrs. Snow, Miss Collam and Mr. Nelson were buried from the tabernacle. The body of Mrs. Alsop will be sent tomorrow to Long Beach, Cal. Mr. Kitterman will be buried at Lehi. Services for Mr. Flickinger were conducted at the St. George cemetery.

Charles Speer was in charge of the service for Mr. Flickinger. A sermon was delivered by Mayor John T. Woodbury of St. George. More than 50 persons stood at the grave as the simple interment service was conducted.

Cause Probably Mystery

What caused the chemical compound, devised by man as a tool of science, but which released brutal death, to explode probably never will be known.

Issues Statement

Mr. McShane today issued this statement, after he had completed a preliminary investigation of the catastrophe:

"Until the relationship existing between the Escalante Exploration Corporation and the Arrowhead Petroleum company is established, the state insurance fund can neither assume nor deny responsibility.

"This may take several days, the reason being that the officers are so busy taking care of dead employees and bereaved relatives that they have had no time to this matter."

Company officials are doing all in their power to aid in learning the true cause of the explosion, Mr. McShane declared.

Seeks Facts

The state industrial commission and insurance fund is interested only in securing the facts, he added, and wish to say nothing as to liability of company officials.

All employees of the company who died were protected by insurance policies, according to Ellis J. Pickett, president of the Arrowhead company, of St. George.

The county rendered its official verdict yesterday after an inquest. The verdict was:

"Accidental death."

There is little evidence to reveal what happened. Those who were supervising the preparation for lowering the explosive into the well, 4200 feet deep, were killed. Stories of those who witnessed the holocaust and survived are incoherent. They have not fully recovered from the horror of the flaming visitation of death. They did not observe closely what had happened. They thought of finding the dead and giving aid to the injured.

Causes Puzzles

Why the spectators were allowed to crowd so closely to the well while preparations for making the shot were

Additional Blast Victims



Victims. Joseph S. Empey Jr., left above, and Mrs. Olive Blean Snow, and William Maloney, left below, who, with seven other persons, were killed in a premature gas well explosion at St. George Wednesday night. Pictures of six of the victims, Joseph F. Kitterman, Carl A. Nicholson, Ray B. Nelson, Leah Collam, Charles D. Alsop and Mabel Boyce Alsop, were published in The Telegram Thursday, less than 20 hours after the tragedy.

under way is the fact that puzzled experienced oilmen.

All spectators are removed from an area extending a half-mile around a well when a shot is prepared and exploded in other oil fields, they said.

Highways are blocked. No one but the men engaged in the work are allowed to be near the well. Usually, they say, that the shot is prepared and fired at dawn, where there is little likelihood that anyone would be near.

The death toll in the explosion was so great here because the force of the nitroglycerin and TNT was not confined to the well. It burst outward and cut down the persons with a flaming scythe of death.

It is said that there were six cartridges of the explosive compound suspended in the derrick of the well, ready to be lowered.

An electrical spark was to have been used to detonate the explosive after it had been lowered into the well, it was learned.

A short-circuit may have sent an electrical spark into the mixture of nitroglycerin and TNT, it was thought.

Mr. Pickett said that drilling operations would be resumed as soon as possible on the site of the explosion.

"Indications that oil would be reached were so favorable that the project will not be abandoned," he said.

Arrowhead Petroleum company officials in New York informed A. E. Gull of the Utah securities commission in Salt Lake City that work would not be stopped on the other three wells the company is financing in Utah, it was learned here.

Stockholders affected by the \$125,000 loss of equipment number about 1000 in Utah, it was said.

TO COMMAND BRIGADE

WASHINGTON, March 8 (UP)—Brigadier General Stanley H. Ford, now on duty in the Philippine Islands, today was designated commander of the First brigade, with station at New York City.

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Fights for Life



Elmer Erickson, 32, one of the persons seriously injured in the St. George oil well explosion that took ten lives Wednesday night. Although little hope was held for his recovery, he was reported "holding his own" at the St. George hospital Friday afternoon.

ORDER HALTS O. S. L. SPUR ABANDONMENT

Order of the interstate commerce commission authorizing the Oregon Short Line Railroad company to abandon its nine-mile Talbot spur in Teton county, Idaho, was enjoined in an order filed in federal court Friday following its receipt from Federal Judge J. Foster Symes of Denver.

Judge Sam G. Bratton, Albuquerque, N. M., of the Tenth circuit court of appeals, Judge Symes and Judge Tillman D. Johnson of the Utah federal district court met here two months ago to hear the appeal of Idaho and its public utilities commission from the I. C. decision, which was to take effect March 15.

The three-judge court ruled in the opinion, written by Judge Symes, that the I. C. had no jurisdiction over this spur track, built to tap the Talbot coal field by the U. S. railroad commission in 1918-9.

American Matador Wins Damage Award

NEW YORK, March 8 (UP)—Sidney Franklin, Brooklyn's only representative in the bull ring, was awarded \$5999 and costs in supreme court today from the Columbia Pictures corporation, producers of a short subject called "Bull Fighting the World Over."

Justice John F. Carey also enjoined the company from further exhibiting the picture, in which a commentator states:

"Folks, meet Sidney Franklin, the greatest Spanish bull thrower—er—I mean bull fighter—that was ever born under the sunny skies of Brooklyn, N. Y."

GREEK REVOLT LEADER FLEES

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commander, to other rebel chiefs, reads:

"We are completely lost."

Just before Kallistras launched his drive, General George Kondylis, in command of loyal forces in the field, hurled 12 planes at the rebels' Macedonian lines.

A revolt within the revolt was reported as advice were received of internal trouble spreading in the rebel ranks. The soldiers, it was reported, were demanding arrangements whereby the command be passed to noncommissioned officers.

General Kondylis, who dropped his war portfolio to direct the government's action, was handicapped by heavy weather and faced further difficulties in the Struma river section because the stream, swollen by rains and melting snow, overflowed its banks and flooded entire districts.

Turk Ship Stopped

Sole news of the operations of the rebel fleet indicated it was resorting to reprisals as a result of the Turkish embargo on Greek ships placed at the request of the Athens government.

A report from Istanbul said the rebel flagship Averoff had stopped the Turkish steamer Konia, which was en route to Smyrna and conducted it to Mytilene.

General Kondylis unleashed his plane attack after Premier Tsaldaris received a report from the minister of war that yesterday's aerial efforts "were in vain."

During the previous efforts two of the planes were forced to return because of fog and one fell in a gale. The crews were saved by using parachutes.

Residents Flee

Residents of Athens, alarmed at the prospect of a rebel bombardment of Greece's ancient capital, flocked today to the comparative safety of outlying districts.

Every available piece of artillery was mounted on the ramparts of Piraeus, the city's seaport, to repel the expected attack.

Apprehension approaching terror gripped the populace despite the government's assurances that there is "nothing to be feared."

In statements to the Associated Press Premier Tsaldaris said his government does not fear the rebellion and that General Kondylis, "who at this moment is avoiding an offensive because of the bad weather and also to escape bloodshed, is on the point of taking an offensive, the outcome of which leaves no room for doubt."

Anxiety Rises

The exodus from the city started at dawn, families streaming toward the suburbs, carrying basket lunches. Anxiety increased with daylight, since lighthouse beacons along the entire Aegean seaboard were extinguished during the night as a precaution against a naval assault.

The Athenians' concern was occasioned by reports that Admiral Desmetichas, commanding the insurgent fleet, had delivered an ultimatum to the Greek government that he would shell the city unless Premier Panayotis Tsaldaris resigned and delivered the reins of government into the hands of former Premier Eleutherios Constantine Venizelos.

Reports from eastern Macedonia that heavy snowfall is still impeding the advance of the loyalist troops' heavy artillery dashed the government's hopes that General George Kondylis would launch immediately his major offensive to crush the insurgents' land forces.

The bitter weather was said to be causing acute suffering among the ill clad troops, most of whom were hastily thrust into whatever uniforms were available as they responded to the call to the colors.

Confident of Victory

Although recognizing the grave danger of further delay which enables the insurgents to rally their forces, Kondylis refused to attack until "fine weather."

The commander of the government troops estimated the rebel forces pitted against him number only 6000, compared with his 80,000. Although chafing at the delay, he was said to be confident of victory "when the weather permits."

While the Piraeus shore batteries were being primed to hurl shells against the rebel navy, the whereabouts of the five insurgent war vessels was uncertain. They last were reported roving the Aegean sea near the Cyclades islands. In this area yesterday the revolutionary sailors captured the towns of Samos, Chios and Mytilene.

Four Greek warships were reported to have put out to sea in an attempt to intercept the enemy craft and turn them back before they came within shelling range of Athens.

The British cruiser Royal Sovereign and the French destroyer Verdier were anchored in Piraeus harbor, their presence serving to allay some what anxiety over possibility of an attack from the sea.

Missing Boy Found Slain Under Bridge

YPSILANTI, Mich., March 8 (UP)—The body of Richard Streicher, 7, who disappeared yesterday, was found today under the ledge of a foot bridge with an apparent stab wound to his chest and injuries about the face.

Police said he had been murdered.

Pray for Dust

GREAT BEND, Kan., March 8 (UP)—Western Kansas farmers should pray for more duststorms like the one they had last week, says Bon Turner, who declares he can tell the origin of the storms by taste.

That storm, he explained, came from the fossil beds of Comanche county Wyoming.

"The dust from the fossils was the same as the powder of bone meal, and anyone knows that bone meal is good fertilizer."

BORAH ATTACKS RICHBERG VIEWS

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ed in his chair to answer questions in a searching cross-examination by the committee's entire membership.

Richberg put squarely on congress the job of cutting down the vast code structure along administration-recommended lines of holding future codification to industries engaged in or affecting interstate commerce.

This was his reply to the committee's request for a list of codes to be dropped under the new definition.

But first Richberg listed eight codes affecting 1,875,000 employees which already have been partially or entirely suspended by administrative action.

Not in Operation

The recovery coordinator said codes for barber shops and laundries with their 433,000 workers were not in operation today. Then he named seven other service trades' codes which he said had been suspended except as to minimum wages, maximum hours and labor's collective bargaining guarantee.

During the examination, Richberg said neither the federal trade commission nor commerce department was equipped to administer the recovery act. Transfer of N R A to one of these agencies had been suggested by some senators.

Richberg testified that neither the codes nor that the dominant large groups in industries wrote them was correct.

He said the codes usually were presented by trade associations or code committees, in which independent groups were represented.

"But," he added, "not a single code was adopted in the form it was brought in" because they were subjected to criticism from the labor, consumer and industrial boards.

Costigan Inquires

"Was any attention paid to the recommendations of the labor or consumer boards?" Senator Costigan (D., Colo.) asked.

"Continually," Richberg replied, adding that codes were often held up for weeks to consider their proposals.

Costigan said there was "an impression the boards had not been successful."

"It is not correct," Richberg replied. "The achievements of both were quite considerable."

Discussing the cotton textile code, the first adopted, Richberg said its provision for a 40-hour week was a "major achievement" marking a "landmark" in industrial relations.

Richberg contended N R A had brought a tremendous increase in the output by industry for wages and resulted in reemploying 3,000,000 men.

But under close cross-examination by Senator La Follette (R., Wis.) he conceded also that the pressure under which the codes were drafted resulted in approval of many codes with "doubtful provisions."

Senator Black (D., Ala.) asked what definite formula had been followed to prevent large concerns dominating small ones and "imposing" codes on the latter. He referred specifically to the steel code.

Is Representative

Richberg said the steel code committee was "representative" by express authority of an overwhelming majority of the industry.

"There was very little problem there," he added. "Our greatest problem there was the code itself."

He said there had been instances where minorities had demanded "wholly disproportionate" representation on code authorities compared with the volume of business done.

Generally, Richberg testified, the small interests had been protected against domination by larger units.

Richberg listed the following: Cleaning and dyeing, 110,000; hotel and restaurants, 900,000; motor vehicle storage, 130,000; advertising distribution, 100,000; bowling and billiards, 160,000; and shoe rebuilding, 40,000.

With Senators Hastings (R., Del.), King (D., Utah), Nye (R., Ind.) and Costigan (D., Colo.) doing much of the questioning, Richberg warned complete abandonment of codes would bring "a relapse into more vicious competition."

NAZI CHIEF'S 'GOLD' REPORTED BETTER

BERLIN, March 8 (AP)—An air of confidence pervaded Wilhelmstrasse today as the word circulated that Reichsmarschal Hermann Goebbels' conference with Sir John Simon, the British foreign secretary, was "greatly improved."

Nazi officialdom plainly indicated its belief that Hitler had "put one over on the British" by withdrawing his invitation to Sir John. The conviction was expressed that the British foreign secretary will accept a later invitation if the reichsfuehrer decides to issue one.

Some quarters professed to believe that Sir John would be compelled to make his trip to Berlin eventually whether he wishes or not because of pressure of internal politics.

CUBAN CHURCH BOMBED

CARDENAS, Cuba, March 8 (AP)—A bomb exploded today in a Catholic church and killed Delfin Acosta, the chief of police.

Telegram Speeds Photos Of Explosion Into Print



He gave readers of The Telegram first pictures of the St. George tragedy, which claimed 10 lives, that occurred more than 350 miles from Salt Lake City, less than 20 hours after the catastrophe. Pilot L. D. (Duke) Carlson of Western Air Express corporation as he emerged from his plane to give a Telegram reporter the pictures late Thursday afternoon.

The Salt Lake Telegram Thursday published the first pictures of the result of the explosion that took 10 lives at St. George, 350 miles south of Salt Lake City, less than 20 hours after the tragedy occurred Wednesday night.

There are no railroad facilities serving St. George. Schedules of bus companies offered no means of transportation sufficiently fast to bring pictures of the victims and the twisted wreckage of the well derrick to Salt Lake City in time for publication Thursday afternoon.

LETTER OF SON LIES UNNOTICED

Special to The Telegram

ST. GEORGE, Utah, March 8—A letter lay today unnoticed on a table in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles D. Alsop, two of the victims of the tragic explosion that took a toll of 10 lives Wednesday night when an oil well "shot" exploded prematurely.

It was addressed to the father and mother of James Alsop from Washington, D. C., the day before they were killed. It arrived this morning.

James Alsop had just completed successfully the entrance examination to West Point. He wrote that he had never been "so happy" in his life that he wanted his father and mother to share his joy.

"I'm coming home now and get a good rest and be with you and the girls before I go to West Point next fall," he had written.

Today James Alsop was winging his way westward by plane. But he was not to be received by a proud mother and father, who knew their son would be an officer in the army some day.

He was coming home to gather together his family—for he is head of the house now. It is expected he would arrive late tonight.

His eldest sister, Virginia, 18, seems dazed. She doesn't know just what is happening. His grandmother, Mrs. Dora Cheel, was prostrated by the death of her daughter, Little Dora Alsop, 6, hasn't realized the tragedy. She plays and laughs, but asks for "Mother and Dad."

Kindly neighbors have helped the two girls and their aged grandmother. Mrs. Frank Bethea has cooked their food and Mrs. Henry Cornelius of Virgin, Utah, stayed with them immediately after the death of their father and mother.

County Makes Pact With Dog Catcher

A one-year agreement between Salt Lake county and John T. Bird, newly appointed dog catcher, was approved Friday by county commissioners. The old agreement with Mr. Bird's predecessor allowed the county 25 per cent of fees accruing from dog licenses. The new agreement raises the county's share of proceeds to 40 per cent, leaving Mr. Bird 60 per cent.

The dog catcher is also required to maintain a suitable dog pound and will be paid 50 cents a head for removing dead animals from public property. Mr. Bird is required to furnish a \$1000 fidelity bond.

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TAXING POWER BATTLE WAGED

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body on the tax exemption resolution."

"Neither the tax exemption resolution nor the resolution removing limitations will be mandatory upon the legislature," he said. "Two years from now the legislature will be as sensible as this one."

Senators Julian M. Bamberger (D.) and Paul H. Ray (D., Salt Lake) led opposition. The former charged the resolution goes too far.

"It might be termed a resolution to tear up the state constitution," he said. "Why not scrap the United States constitution, too, and give congress all powers of the people?"

Debate was cut short when the special order calendar was reached. In passing the mine tax bill, the senate defeated another attempt to raise the multiple from three to four times the net proceeds. Senator D. W. Parratt (D., Salt Lake) offered the amendment that will continue the present multiple of three.

Other amendments were inserted to prevent mines from deducting any salary of a corporate official or any salary of more than \$5000 from the net proceeds.

The senate also passed house bill 55, that requiring utilities to pay 75 per cent of the cost of their regulation to the state meeting the rest of the cost.

The body killed a bill by Senator Conrad Frischknecht Jr. (D., Sanpete) that would virtually end publication of delinquent tax lists.

Opening the afternoon session, the senate debated H. B. 77 that would repeal the present ton-mile tax on common and contract motor carriers and substitute a flat rate license fee. A senate bill was introduced in the mine bill with special consent to extend the power of municipalities to borrow P W A funds. The bill was regarded as making possible continuance of public works with federal funds.

Echoes of the huge pile of bills that has been introduced in this session appeared in the house of representatives Friday when Representative W. J. Maw (D., Weber), chairman of the house appropriations committee, received permission to introduce a bill adding \$10,000 to the appropriation for session expenses.

Representative Maw explained the rush of bills and consequent added work of legislative employees made the increased fund necessary.

The house session Friday morning was marked by passage of S. B. 156, which would reenact the committee of nine law. However, the house amended the bill and it will be returned to the senate.

The senate bill authorized the committee to study effects of the exemption of real and personal property contained in a resolution already passed. A house amendment would allow study of taxation of other types as well. Another amendment reduced the committee of nine appropriation from \$15,000 to \$10,000.

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