

Mohave County Miner

BLAST IN TOM REED MINE KILLS ONE, HURTS ANOTHER

Theodore Olson was instantly killed and John Rondino was slightly injured while working in the Gray Eagle shaft of the Tom Reed mine at Oatman last Wednesday. They drilled into a "missed" hole in a drift on the 200-foot level and there was an explosion.

About six months ago work was abandoned at this place in the mine and one hole "missed fire." Olson and Rondino were working together, preparing a new face in the drift for a cross-cut, in about 200 feet from the shaft. The rock had become "air-slacked" and they were trying to cut an opening for the new working.

The hole had been all but finished, lacking about one foot of being completed when the other hole was encountered. The old hold had been drilled obliquely into the face of the drift, while the new hole was being drilled directly into the rock.

Suddenly there was an explosion, the force of which struck Olson. Rondino was standing on one side and escaped the full impact of the blast. Deputy State Mine Inspector Wilson was summoned and visited the scene.

CUPEL DRIVING IN RICH VEIN

The drift that is being driven from the Springer shaft to a connection with the old workings of the Cupel is now in the rich ore-bearing ground and samples taken from the vein gave results of from 88 ounces to 190 ounces silver and from 16 per cent to 35 per cent lead. The management sank a winze several feet in the ore and every foot of depth proved the ore body to be of increasing values and width.

As soon as the old works are opened it is proposed to draw one of the big stopes and start milling the thousands of tons of ore known to be broken down. At the same time the ore bodies will be investigated below the old works with a view to the development of the Cupel vein. There are about five veins in the limits of the Cupel ground, but the Cupel is the main ore-bearing vein, and it is in this that the operators expect to develop a big producer.

ALLEGED SPY ADMITS CRIME

NEEDLES, Cal., Nov. 10.—Rice Daniel Foreman, alias William Miller, sentenced from Needles several weeks ago to serve a 90-day sentence in the county jail, has confessed to Sheriff McMinn that he was a murderer.

"Seventeen years ago I killed a man," said Foreman to the sheriff. "I killed him by knocking him in the head with a shovel, in a mine where we were working in the United Verde mines near Prescott, Arizona. I think I'm going crazy and I want to be locked up."

After making this sensational confession, Foreman made the following statement:

"I have never had any peace of mind since I killed this man. I killed an Italian as a result of a quarrel. This is the first time in seventeen years that I have told my true name. Telegraph Prescott. They will tell you I am wanted."

Sheriff McMinn immediately telegraphed the authorities at Prescott. A reply came that Foreman was wanted there.

Foreman, or Miller, as he was known here, was suspected of being a German spy. He had papers in his possession from high German and Canadian officials regarding a certain invention of Miller's.

He was arrested one day here after threatening to "knock the head off" of City Marshal Jim West, and making other threatening remarks.

It is understood that the government has been looking into his case in connection with the spy phase of it.

JACK LANE HAS CLOSE CALL IN ENCOUNTER WITH BAD MEXICAN

Jack Lane, former sheriff of Mohave county, had a narrow escape from death the other day at Clarkdale, according to the Journal-Miner of Prescott, which had the following account of an encounter with a "bad Mexican":

"Officer Jack Lane had a narrow escape from a tragic death while engaged in the discharge of his official duties last Saturday night, but by prompt action and a fortunate twist of the wrist, escaped with a puncture through his left hand.

"He was called to Camp No. 1, a grading camp just across the railroad track from the depot, to suppress some disturbance which was being created by a Mexican who is known among his comrades as 'Marijuana,' which name he bears on account of the fact that he peddles a dope known to Mexicans as 'marijuana,' which, within itself, is a violation of the state laws.

"When Lane approached the Mexican to place him under arrest, the muzzle of a .45-caliber Colts revolver was thrust into his stomach. He caught the weapon with his left hand and shoved it away in time to divert the course of the bullet from his body. The wound in the hand is painful, but not serious.

"Mr. Lane wrenched the revolver from the Mexican's hands, arrested him and relieved him of seven packages of 'marijuana,' which he had on his person, and lodged him in jail at Clarkdale to await a hearing before Judge Bennett."

BRAWN-ROBINSON MINES WORKING

George W. Long has about 20 men at work on the mines recently taken over from Fred Brawn, Clyde Brawn, Ed Robinson and Bert Otis. The tunnel that is to tap the vein at depth is being driven into the butte and within a short time the vein will be opened by a winze from the tunnel. Very rich ore is being taken from the tunnel at the present time.

SHRINERS TO MEET IN PHOENIX NEXT WEEK

PHOENIX, Nov. 10.—Elaborate preparations are being made for the patriotic session of El Zaribah Temple to be held here Nov. 15, and it is expected that one of the largest gatherings of the faithful, nobles of the mystic shrine, that has ever taken place in this city will occur on that date. Already illustrious Potentate Henry A. Morgan has sent out the call for the convening of the caravan, the tidings being conveyed by fleet-footed camels to all the various oases in the state. Candidates in large numbers are expected to be here for the ceremonial, for, as the potentate sets forth in his call, the desert wilds are full of unregenerate sons of the desert, aimlessly roaming the sands.

With reduced rates on all the railroads, a horde of novices is expected to attend the patriotic session next week, and with the many faithful from all parts of the desert of Arizona also take in the State Fair. It is announced that the recorder will be in the Masonic Temple at Phoenix on the day of the ceremonial from 3 to 4 p. m., and that he will at that time receive petitions and issue membership cards.

Miss Dorothy Elton is spending some time visiting her sister, Mrs. C. W. Oliver, in Los Angeles, and her mother, Mrs. A. D. F. Elton, in South Pasadena.

CUT DELIVERY SERVICE DURING WAR, IS URGED

Efforts were made this week by merchants to curtail deliveries of groceries and household articles during the war. After discussing the question at length, it was decided to hold another meeting later to try to work out details of the plan. One or two merchants opposed the plan, fearing, it was said, that "some of their customers might object."

The state food commission, in response to a request from National Food Administrator Hoover, has asked that merchants curtail deliveries as much as possible and that the market basket be resorted to. It was proposed by the local dealers to have only one or two deliveries a day, instead of from half a dozen to a dozen. The people would be urged to get their orders in by a certain time or come to the store or market for their purchases. In this way the services of several men could be dispensed with and a material reduction in prices made.

One local merchant has kept track of what it costs to deliver goods. He figures that it costs him 10 cents a package to deliver the goods. If delivery service were reduced, it would mean considerable saving to the consumer. Even some of the men employed in the delivery department of the stores advocate the change, despite the fact that it would throw some of them out of jobs.

The same plan is being put into practice in all parts of the country, and it has been found to work admirably. Undoubtedly the local merchants will get together and evolve a system whereby a considerable reduction in delivery service can be brought about.

HUALAPAI TO COMPETE WITH MOHAVE BRAVES

Ten Hualapai "shinny" experts and one runner are wanted to participate in the events at the Fall Carnival at Needles November 29, 30 and December 1. It is planned to stage a "shinny" contest between Hualapais and Mohaves. The sum of \$100 will be given the winners and \$50 for the losers. The winner of the 200-yard foot race will get a purse of \$25.

J. F. Meikel was in town Thursday from his camp in the Wallpays.

ADAMS ROUTS TWO HOBOES IN UNEVEN SCRAP

Knocked down by two hoboes whom he had stopped to question concerning box car robberies and badly beaten up, Constable George Adams last Monday night routed his two assailants. Constable Adams was searching an east-bound freight train at the east end of the local yards when he discovered two men. He wanted them to halt, but they insisted on disobeying the command. When he had overtaken them and engaged them in conversation, one of the men whipped out a revolver and shoved the business end of the "gat" under his nose.

Undismayed by this show of hostility, Adams knocked the weapon aside, at the same time obtaining a vice-like grip on it. The other hobo dashed around behind and delivered a k. o. and the constable took the count. He tried to arise and engage his assailants when dealt several other blows. He then yelled for help and the two side-door Pullman artists took to their heels. Adams sustained several severe bruises about the arms and head, but was about town as usual the following night.

SIDEWALKS, ALLEYS TO BE PUT IN SOON

The first really concerted effort at building sidewalks and concrete alleys was undertaken this week when property owners in the block between Fourth and Fifth and Beale and Front signed up for the improvements. Work was started on the concrete alley between Beale and Front and it was announced that sidewalks around the entire block were not already in will be built at once. This is a move that may mean much for Kingman. Several miles of sidewalks should be put in, together with much improvement upon the streets.

After a 3000-mile trip in their new Maxwell car, C. B. Arden and S. H. Lane arrived in Kingman Thursday, made a short visit with C. M. Bryant and left Friday morning for the Grand canyon and vicinity. They report roads in good condition.

DRAFT BOYS TAANK RED CROSS FOR KINDLY ACTS

The local Red Cross chapter this week received two letters that are treasured by that organization. They brought cheer in the work being done by the organization and breathed the deep appreciation felt by Arizona boys for little acts of kindness and comfort. F. C. Blodgett, now in the officers' training camp at Camp Stanley, Leon Springs, Tex., wrote to thank the local chapter for the comfort kit recently sent him. Frank D. Roberts and Leon Moffett of Yavapai county, who recently passed through here en route to Camp Funston, Kans., to Camp Kearny, Cal., also wrote the ladies of the Red Cross thanking them for the reception and courtesies accorded the Liberty boys as they passed through.

Mr. Blodgett's letter follows: First Infantry Co., "Camp Stanley, "Leon Springs, Tex. "Kingman Chapter Red Cross Society. "My Dear Friends: I received your gift with a great deal of pleasure and I thank you for it. Everything in the bag is useful to a soldier.

"Just a word about Liberty bonds: Every man in this company bought one to the total amount of \$36,300. The camp bought \$250,000, and we feel quite proud of the record.

"With very best wishes to all, and again thanking you for the present, I am, Sincerely yours, "F. C. BLODGETT."

The letter from the Yavapai county boys follows:

"Camp Kearny, Cal. "To the Ladies of the Local Chapter of the Red Cross of Mohave County, Kingman, Arizona:

"The Yavapai quota desires to take this opportunity to express to you their deepest appreciation and thanks for the many nice things to eat that you were so kind and thoughtful to remember us with when we stopped in your beautiful little city en route from Camp Funston, Kans., to Camp Kearny, Cal.

"We desire also to thank your local chapter as well as the citizens for the

royal welcome accorded us. It will be one of the pleasant memories we will carry with us through the war and we will always hold a warm spot in our hearts for your local chapter as well as your citizens.

"It is these courtesies and little remembrances that go far toward making our task easier, as we faithfully train for the coming gigantic conflict that we will be confronted with in our fight for the liberty and democracy of the world.

"We desire to thank you also in behalf of the entire Arizona quota. We feel no matter what our sacrifices may be that the folks at home are sharing them with us and are always planning for our comfort and welfare.

"We feel proud that we have been called by our government to represent the great commonwealth of Arizona and we heartily agree with Senator Chamberlain that a country worth living in is worth fighting for in an emergency.

"We did not have to be told when we crossed the state line of Arizona, as this was easily noticeable from the royal reception accorded us in every town and hamlet we stopped in.

"We wish to express our deepest appreciation to the folks at home for the many little contributions they make to the Red Cross, as this helps the local chapters of the Red Cross to supply their own dear boys as well as the unfortunate boys who have no home or mothers to think of or remember them with little comforts.

"Three cheers for you; "A cheer for the Stripes "Of Red and White, "A cheer for the field of Blue. "A cheer for every separate Star "And three big cheers, Mohave County Red Cross, for you."

Again thanking you and your citizens for your kindness and big-heartedness, we beg to remain,

"Yours very truly, "YAVAPAI QUOTA. "By Frank D. Roberts, Co. C, 158th Inf.

"Leon Moffett, Co. D, 158th Inf."

FOUR COUNTY OFFICIALS NEAR DEATH AUTO WRECK

Supervisor Lynch Sustains Fracture of Skull; Others Badly Shaken up in Smash

Four Mohave county officials had a narrow escape from death last Wednesday afternoon when their machine turned over in rounding a curve in the Needles road five miles west of Topock. Charles Lynch, supervisor, sustained a fractured skull and has been hovering between life and death in a Los Angeles hospital since the accident. J. N. Cohenour, sheriff, was painfully, but not seriously, hurt about the head and spine and returned home Thursday. S. D. Stewart, county attorney, and Robert Blum, county engineer, the other occupants of the machine, escaped practically unharmed, except for a severe shaking up. Mr. Stewart accompanied Mr. Lynch to Los Angeles and Mr. Blum returned to Kingman Thursday night.

A telegram received this morning from Mr. Stewart said Mr. Lynch showed signs of improvement and was resting quite comfortably. His life was despaired of for two days. Mrs. Lynch went into Los Angeles Wednesday night and has been at the bedside of her husband since then.

The accident occurred in rounding a sharp turn in the road and was caused by the rear wheels skidding in some loose dirt which had just been thrown up by a road gang. Mr. Blum, who was driving, says they were not going at an excessive rate of speed.

According to his account of the accident, the steering wheel of the Dodge machine was loose and that as he gave it a heavy turn to take the curve the rear end skidded over an embankment of about two feet and the machine turned turtle. Both he, Lynch and Cohenour were pinned under the car, while Stewart was thrown clear of the wreckage. Blum was pinned under the steering wheel and was unable to extricate himself until the car door had been torn off.

Lynch, who was riding in the front seat with Blum, was caught under the front end of the car, the seat of which was resting on the back of his head. It was the back of the head that seemed to have been most badly injured. Physicians who examined him when he was taken to Needles and later at the Los Angeles hospital, declared that he had sustained a fracture of the skull. Cohenour was pinned under the back seat, apparently having been "doubled up" with none of the car's weight resting upon him. His injuries consisted of a severe blow on the side of his head and he complained of trouble in the lower spinal region.

Both Cohenour and Lynch were rendered unconscious. Lynch did not regain consciousness for a day or more, while Cohenour came to in an hour or so and was able to walk about. He apparently was suffering most on Friday and was confined to his bed.

It was thought for some time after the accident that Lynch has been killed. Finally there were signs of life and Blum and Stewart started artificial respiration with him, and he breathed normally. Shortly he began screaming and yelling from the terrible pain. He would lapse into apparent conditions of coma at times. Cohenour seemed dazed from the blow on the head and says he doesn't remember distinctly events of the rest of the day and Thursday morning.

It was only a short time until several automobiles came up. Physicians were summoned from Needles and the injured men were taken in and given first aid treatment until No. 9 arrived, when Lynch was re-

moved to the Los Angeles hospital. The four county officials were on their way to Las Vegas, Nev., and the northern part of Mohave county on official business. They planned to spend about two weeks in the northern country clearing up a number of matters, consisting of road questions, a controversy between some of the settlers in the northern end of Mohave county and a threatened outbreak between sheepmen from Utah and the homesteaders. Word was received at the office of the county attorney recently that one or two families up there were having trouble and also that sheepmen coming in from Utah were causing the settlers some trouble.

The jaunt had been planned as a kind of housecleaning and four branches of the county government were represented. They learned that the ferry north of Chloride was not in operation and that it would be advisable to go by way of Needles, searchlight and Las Vegas. At the two latter places it was planned to take up with the authorities of Clarke county, Nevada, the question of a road through this county and arranging for a ferry across the Colorado river.

Mr. Stewart is expected to return home tomorrow.

JACOBSON IS NOW LOCATED IN NEW OFFICE

R. C. Jacobson of the Mohave Assay and Engineering office of Kingman, has just moved into the new quarters in the Jacobson building and is now ready for business. The offices were so constructed as to suit the convenience of the assay office and considerable new machinery and laboratory equipment has been added.

Mr. Jacobson has been engaged in the assay and mining business in Mohave county for 15 years and is considered an expert on the problems peculiar to the mineralization of this district. He is familiar with all kinds of complex ores and has worked out tests and determinations for all combinations.

The Mohave Assay and Engineering office not only makes determinations of all kinds of ores, but makes reports on mines, surveys and manages various properties, notably the Emerald Isle Copper company near Chloride, the Cupel and for a long while managed and operated the Leviathan Molybdenite company south of Kingman.

The new offices are located on and occupy the ground floor of the Jacobson building on Beale street. Here have been installed the very latest machinery for grinding and roasting the ores, together with the most up-to-date laboratory equipment for testing the chemical composition of concentrates. Everything has been installed that will add to the comfort and facility of handling the samples for determination.

David Babbitt of Flagstaff spent Wednesday here on business.

RUSSIAN REPUBLIC IS ON VERGE OF COLLAPSE

LONDON, Nov. 10.—Revolution has broken out again in Russia, according to dispatches from Petrograd. The Maximalists are said to have overthrown the Kerensky cabinet and imprisoned several ministers. Premier Kerensky is reported to have been imprisoned 80 miles from Petrograd, after having fled from the capital. It was believed that he was on his way to the war front. The Maximalists favor immediate peace.

The workmen and soldiers' delegates are said to be in complete control of the government yet, although affairs are acknowledged to be badly muddled. The guns of the fortress of St. Peter and St. Paul were trained on the winter palace and the force defending it were compelled to capitulate.