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WEATHER
Tacoma: Rain tonight and Thursday.
Washington: Same.

Russian government plans the longest railroad tunnel in the world, 15 miles, to save 815 miles detour.

COUNCIL BEGINS SIDE-STEPPING

NOT ONE MEADS T.R.&P. BILL IN COUNCIL

Although almost a week has elapsed since the city council, as a committee of the whole, voted to turn over to the T. R. & P. Co. everything that that company requested of it, no ordinances or franchises was introduced today at the weekly legislative session. None of the councilmen had anything to say when the expected documents failed to put in an appearance. There were to have been four ordinances. One would have restored to the T. R. & P. Co. its power franchise revoked by the council last year; another would have granted a franchise over the Tacoma avenue fill, a third would have granted a franchise along Pacific avenue to 64th, and the fourth would have contained a contract for purchase by the city of auxiliary power from the Stone-Webster syndicate. It was hinted at the city hall today that the four councilmen who approved the scheme had decided to hold up the ordinance until the public, now aroused over the propositions, should become forgetful. The official report of the committee of the whole, recommending in a general way the T. R. & P. propositions agreed to, was read and adopted, on motion of Atkins. Mayor Fawcett voted "no."

MEADS AGAINST COUNCIL

City Controller John F. Meads today announced himself as strongly opposed to the city council's recent action agreeing to give franchises and an auxiliary power contract to the T. R. & P. Co. "I think the council is entering into a bad bargain. I can't understand what the councilmen mean by doing it," said Meads. Considering the fact that Meads and Mayor Fawcett have been at loggerheads for some time, following a heated breach between them some months ago, Meads' attitude of agreement with him was all the more unexpected. "If a referendum is put up to the people on the power franchise and the auxiliary power contract, both propositions will be voted down, in my opinion. The public will not stand for giving back to Stone & Webster the very franchise which we fought through the courts to take away from them. "As for the auxiliary contract, I think it is wrong. If the T. R. & P. Co. can afford to give us current for two hours and a half at a minimum rate, why can't it continue furnishing it at that rate? Why does the price have to jump to \$2.50 a kilowatt? "What we ought to have is a law forcing a physical connection between the private corporation and the city's wires. I think that kind of a law could be passed, if the council would just ask the next legislature."

Calling Atkins to Time

Commissioner Atkins, who fathered the city council's action in offering a power contract and several franchises, including a power contract and several franchises canceled by the city last year, to the T. R. & P. Co., will be called on the carpet by the Tacoma Improvement clubs Saturday and asked to explain the deal. At a meeting yesterday afternoon, prominent officials of the Central Improvement league voted to ask Atkins to appear before them Saturday noon, and took action toward discussing the council's action at next Tuesday night's meeting of the league. "Because they could not obtain copies of the contracts or franchises, the league directors yesterday were unable to learn the full details of the scheme, so did not go on record as favoring or opposing it."

Unions Censure Action

Resolutions condemning the city council's action Saturday in promising to grant franchises and concessions to the T. R. & P. Co. were prepared today by delegates of the Central Labor Council, and will be introduced at tonight's session. It is probable the resolutions will pass, according to Rea Last, secretary of the council. "Labor in general is strongly opposed to this high-handed action of the council," said Last today, "and unless we find that we have made a mistake in judgment, which I doubt, we will pass the resolutions." Secretary Last obtained a copy from City Clerk Nickes today of the auxiliary power contract, and planned to read it to the labor council tonight.

Favors T.R.&P. Plan, If

Meeting yesterday afternoon, the trustees of the Tacoma Commercial club adopted brief resolution approving the city council's offer to turn over auxiliary power business to the T. R. & P. Co. The resolution follows: "The Tacoma Commercial club and Chamber of Commerce approves as meritorious the resolution adopted by the city commissioners looking toward a contract between the city of Tacoma and the Stone & Webster corporation to provide for auxiliary electric power. This organization believes such a connection will be of great value in aiding the industrial growth of this community, provided it can be worked out in a fair way to all parties concerned."

Prilep to Fall Soon

ATHENS, Nov. 17.—Overwhelming the Serbs north of Prilep, the Bulgars today entered Babuna pass. Huge losses by both sides marked the battle that finally compelled the Serbs to retire. The loss of the pass exposes Prilep to speedy capture. The inhabitants are fleeing. Monastir, on the southern border, will be the next Bulgarian objective. MICHIGAN SENATOR DEAD KALAMAZOO, Mich., Nov. 17.—Former U. S. Senator Burrows of Michigan died at midnight last night at his home here from an attack of heart disease. He had just passed his 78th birthday and had been in poor health for several weeks.

WHERE EXPLOSION TOOK LIVES OF 31 MEN



Scene at mouth of Ravensdale mine shortly after explosion yesterday; arrow indicates tunnel mouth.

STILL NO LIGHT ON ACCIDENT

While men, women and children, half-crazed by grief, are huddled about the mouth of the Northwestern Improvement Co.'s mine at Ravensdale, rescuers are working madly today to penetrate the fallen rock in the third level behind which 25 miners are entombed. All hope that any of the victims of the explosion which shook the mine early yesterday afternoon may be alive has been abandoned. In all, 31 miners are believed to have lost their lives. Three Saved. Rescuers equipped with oxygen helmets and relaying such every 90 minutes fought desperately against poisonous gases and fallen debris to reach the 1,500 foot level where the explosion occurred. Six bodies were brought to the surface and three miners were saved. They expect to pierce the solid wall of fallen rock within a few hours and to recover some of the bodies of the victims. Perhaps Days. That it will be many hours, and perhaps days, before all the bodies are recovered was the belief of officials of the company today. The miners are known to have been working in the various rooms of the third level when the explosion occurred, and it is believed the rescuers, having pierced the main entrance will encounter new walls of fallen rock and debris before they can reach the victims. Martin J. Fluzik, president of the United Mine Workers for this district, Ernest Newham, vice president, and William Short, secretary, left Seattle for the scene early this afternoon to hold a conference with the local union to determine the possible cause of the disaster. Probe Case. Also at work to determine the cause are J. J. Corey, in charge of the U. S. bureau of mines rescue station at the University of Washington; David Botting, mine inspector, and James Bagley, state commissioner of mines. They have already spent many hours below the surface of the earth seeking to determine the cause of probably the worst mine disaster in the history of the state. A coroner's inquest is also being held this afternoon. Bodies Mutilated. When the rescuers came upon the bodies in the second level they found them terribly mutilated. Arms and legs had been torn from their bodies and pieces of rock had been driven into their flesh. As the bodies were recovered they were put into gunny sacks and hastened to a shack which served as a temporary morgue. The force of the explosion which every evidence showed had been terrific, added to the belief that none of the entombed men would be found alive. Killed By Debris. The bodies of Jack Errington and Jake Ramshak were recovered at the 800 foot level. Both had been killed by falling timbers. A little farther down the rescuers came upon Dominik Novaris, another timberman, who had been working near the third level. They rushed him to the surface, but he died soon after. Mike Ferlich, Mike Domoshak and Martin Mitzner, the only survivors, were brought out from the second level. Pulmotors saved their lives. Of the 31 men who lost their lives, 20 were married and 11 were single. Many have large families dependent on them. At least 50 men owe their lives to the fact that an accident to the power machinery called them out of the mine two hours before the explosion. Will Investigate. Efforts were being centered today on the work of recovering the dead bodies. C. C. Anderson, general manager of the Northwestern Improvement Co., said he thought it probably was caused by a windy shot followed by a gas explosion, or the opening up of a gas pocket. The whole town was shaken by the force of the explosion. The mine was considered one of the best in the state in point of safety. A coroner's inquest will be held some time today, and later a rigid investigation will be undertaken by the state mine inspector. Those Alive. Mike Ferlich, shot lighter. Mike Domoshak, timber man's helper. Martin Metzner, timber man. Recovered Dead. T. J. Kane, foreman. Jack Errington, laborer. Dominic Novaris, timberman. Jake Kamshak, timberman. C. B. Davis, pumpman. M. Pennacchi, timberman. Entombed Dead. P. J. Dodd, shot firer. Edward Morgan, track layer. John Pesta, laborer. Joseph Kragne, motorman. John Muncie, haulage boss. Howard Halter, laborer. Thomas Mashakoski, laborer. Louis Minslaglia, laborer. J. S. Davis, timberman. Noel Goalman, laborer. Thomas Speck, motorman. C. B. Castagna, laborer. Joseph Baldaci, miner. Romeo Maderna, miner. John Storey, miner. Louis Pazzalolo, miner. Angelo Morris, miner. L. Shiraul, miner. John Arke, miner. Frank Wegher, miner. Emil Palvallek, miner. John Miller, miner. Joseph Zgone, miner. Michael Kolinski, miner. Joseph Zalobb, miner.

Officials Seeking to Save Baby

CHICAGO, Nov. 17.—Chicago moved hurriedly today to save Mrs. Anna Bollinger's baby from the sentence of mother, physicians and nurses of the German-American hospital that he must die without surgical aid, because he came into the world physically deficient. Police Chief Healy called a conference with the commissioner of health and coroner to decide how to compel the hospital to perform an operation to save the infant. The doctors and mother held that the child might better die than grow up to be a freak. The decision came yesterday. The mother had agreed to abide by the decision of the doctors; and Dr. H. A. Haiseldon, after taking a ballot of the nurses, assumed the responsibility and decided to let it die. One nurse alone voted for the life of the child, which might have been saved by an operation, though no hope of any mental development could be offered. The baby is still living, but is not expected to survive. Its malformation was the result of the mother's illness from typhoid fever before birth.

Young Girls Dressed As Boys Ride Brake Beams

Crouching in the darkness and rain beside the Northern Pacific railroad tracks at 15th street, waiting to "hop the brake rods" of a freight train going to Seattle, two young girls, completely attired in boys' clothing, were caught by Patrolman Anderson at 6 o'clock this morning. The policeman thought at first that they were tramps, and did not discover the sex of his prisoners until they replied to his questioning. When he learned that the prisoners were young girls, the policeman hurriedly sent them to police headquarters, where dry feminine clothing was given them in place of their soaked and bedraggled trousers and coats. The girls escaped from the state girls' training school at Grand Mound, near Chehalis, last Friday night. They told the police that they had hidden in a hay-mow at Rochester for the last four days. Friends, they said, had provided them with the clothing, and had brought them food each day. Last night the girls climbed on the rods of a freight train, intending to go to Seattle. They were waiting in Tacoma this morning to change trains when the police nabbed them. The younger girl had bobbed her hair. The girls are 19 and 16 years of age. The younger girl's parents live in Fern Hill. They gave their names as Gladys and Peggy Bronze, but these names are known to be fictitious, the police say.

PENALTY WILL BE DEATH!

LONDON, Nov. 17.—Food riots in Berlin have become so frequent, according to today's Copenhagen reports, that the authorities are threatening to shoot the leaders, if they continue. The smashing of shop windows and looting of stocks is reported daily. The warnings of dire punishment have been issued on placards, declaring death to the leaders and ten-year sentences for other participants.

FLASHES

CLINTON, Ia.—Fire threatened entire business district and caused loss of \$442,000. FAIRMONT, W. Va.—As protest against discharge of assistant postmaster, 25 clerks and carriers strike in postoffice here. NACO, Ariz.—First fighting in new general offensive against Gen. Villa begins 25 miles south of Naco, Sonora. LONDON—Twelve thousand Arabs join British army in Mesopotamia, which is within a few miles of Bagdad. ROME—Austria made proposals to Italy for separate peace at beginning of recent Italian offensive, says the Popolo Italia. WASHINGTON, D. C.—Alaska railway commission establishing winter quarters in Washington where plans are afoot to get an \$8,000,000 appropriation from congress for railway construction. LONDON—Earl Kitchener and Kaiser William were both in the Balkans today. ATHENS—King Constantine wants to arrange a meeting with Kitchener as a result of the bloody riots yesterday at Patras and is ready to declare martial law in case the rioting spreads to the capital. SEATTLE—Baron Shibusawa, the J. P. Morgan of Japan, arrived here today to strengthen friendly relations between the two countries.

What's Doing

Today Lecture: "World Bibles;" C. P. S. chapel; by Prof. Georgia Reaney; 8 p. m. Annual inspection of troop B, by Adj. Gen. Maurice Thompson; for two days, begins; armory; evening. St. Leo's bazaar; afternoon and evening; St. Leo's hall. Tomorrow Tacoma Camera club meets; Bankers Trust building; demonstration in developing; 8 p. m. St. Leo's bazaar; afternoon and evening; St. Leo's hall. Y. W. C. A. rummage sale opens; Tacoma building.

Talk o' the Times

From reading the proceedings in the paving suit now on at the court house, we gather that the cement men are opposed to bitumastic, and vice versa. Let's give the T. R. & P. Co. the municipal dock in consideration for its agreeing to accept all the other things we are giving it. European contagion of raising hell. Again Congressman Humphrey lectures in Tacoma without referring to the Seattle duck pond sub-postoffice site bought by the U. S. for \$170,000. The pantry is the best place for family jars. Who'd a-think Teddy would be the man to teach Mr. Wilson a Bible lesson?

Dead Prominent In Mining Camp

Among the dead and missing are several men of considerable prominence in the mining camp. These include T. J. Kane, foreman, who was a councilman of the little mining city; Jack Muncie, manager of the local baseball team; Thomas Mashakoski, known as a veteran of the Russo-Japanese war; J. F. Davis, justice of the peace; C. B. Davis, director of school district 18A; Jack Storey, former justice of the peace.

Shopping At Home

The up-to-date woman of today sits down and takes her paper and reads the advertisements carefully before she goes "shopping." Shopping at home, looking through the ads before you start, saves time and annoyance and is sure to result in both economy and satisfaction. Some good reading in tonight's ads. Many special offerings will be found. The Department Store bargains are particularly good today. Read the ads.

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NOW THAT ITS ALL THERE, THE QUESTION IS—HOW DO YOU PRONOUNCE IT?
Illustration of a woman in a dress and hat, looking thoughtful.