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SWIRLING AVALANCHE DESTROYS MINE CAMP

UNLEASHED SNOW LEAVES TRAIL OF DEATH

Many Miners Smothered as They Sleep Peacefully in Their Cabins

HUNDREDS ESCAPE BY NARROW MARGIN

Frenzied Rescuers Goaded by Hopes of Finding Life Under Snow

WALLACE, Idaho, February 28.—Under a mass of ice, rock and debris, packed almost to the solidity of granite, the mining towns of Mace and Burke lie buried tonight, the tombs of both living and dead.

Crushed and piled extricably in the wreckage are the bodies of many inhabitants, in the belief of the rescuers. Coming without the slightest warning, except the thunderous roars momentarily preceding the immolation of the sleeping residents of Mace, a huge avalanche swept down the precipitous sides of the mountain and filled the narrow canyon to a depth of seventy-five feet. The slide is approximately 3,000 feet long.

Tonight a cold wind is sweeping the canyon and impeding those who heroically working in the hope that a few more lives may be saved. Those who have journeyed from here to Mace and Burke say the number of dead probably will never be known, as the huge slide never will be entirely removed.

A finger protruding above the surface of the snow is responsible for saving the life of Mrs. George Gibson, who was buried in the slide at Mace. For more than an hour the woman lay under the snow with only a finger protruding above. Rescuers stumbling over the rough ground in the light of lanterns saw the finger and dug her out with great difficulty. She was half smothered and almost frozen. She will probably die. Twelve dead have been recovered at Mace, and thirty-seven taken out alive but seriously injured.

THREE OF KILLED ARE IDENTIFIED

SPOKANE, February 28.—A third avalanche, in addition to those at Mace and Burke, Idaho, destroyed the camp

of the Carbonate Hill Mining company, near the "S" bridge of Mullan, Idaho, about noon Sunday. Three are dead, as follows: Gus Berglund, John Holm and Erik Holm, all miners.

Nineteen are known to be dead in the avalanches that nearly obliterated Mace and Burke last night and this morning and the death list will probably be largely increased as the rescuers penetrate the debris.

The fight against time and cold has been waged bravely and persistently by the little army of men who are hoping to find under the ruins in the ravines some who escaped death. Although the greatest difficulties have thrown discouragement in their paths, these men have dug and torn and strained frantically for more than twenty-four hours, pausing scarcely to warm their numbed bodies before again seizing their shovels and returning to their work. Old men and young boys joined in the efforts of those able bodied in a common cause.

Mace is situated on a creek bed and the mountains rise high on either side of the canyon. The slopes have been denuded of trees by the mines. The main body of the avalanche, which started from the top of Custer mountain, passed beyond the town and, striking the opposite slope with terrific force, rushed up the mountainside.

The damage to the town was done by an offshoot from the main slide, which carried a construction train from the track as it plunged into the ravines, and, rolling up the side, demolished houses in its path.

The boarding house of the Standard mine, where about three hundred miners were sleeping, was missed by only about 120 feet.

The slide which wiped out almost all of the town of Mace, five miles up the canyon from here, was the first. The catastrophe occurred at 10:45 Sunday night, when all the population except the men on the night shift in the mines were asleep.

The Burke avalanche occurred at 5:30 this morning. That more lives were not lost at Burke is due to the presence of mind of S. E. Rowe, foreman of the Hecla mine. Realizing the danger which threatened the sleeping and unsuspecting citizens of the town a mile further up the stream, he sent Bert Clement on to Burke to rouse the inhabitants and urge them to seek safety.

WHITE TERROR HAS HOSTS OF VICTIMS

MISSOULA, Mont., February 28.—A special message received at the Daily Missoulian office late this afternoon brought word of two additional slides near Wallace, Idaho, in which five persons are reported to have perished.

On the line of the Northern Pacific, between Wallace and Mullen, a mountain of snow descended some time during the night.

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LAKE MINES TO SUSPEND

Special to the Silver Belt.

HOUGHTON, Mich., February 28.—For the double purpose of defeating the designs of the Western Federation of Miners, whose organizers have been active in this district lately, and of reducing the copper output, all mines in the Lake district are preparing to close down at once for an indefinite length of time, or until the ends aimed at by the managers can be attained.

Whether the Calumet & Hecla is included in the plan has not as yet been definitely made public, but from reliable sources it is said that they are.

If the plans are carried to their fullest execution many thousands of men will be out of employment before the end of the week and a reduction in copper production effected that cannot but have an immediate effect on the price of the metal.

Coupled with the curtailment at Butte on account of labor troubles, and the general tendency to reduce output in the western mines, far reaching and immediate results are looked for in connection with the latest move of the big Lake producers.

FLOOD BEARS DEATH DOWN VALLEY OF OHIO RIVER

Immense Loss and Much Suffering Reported—All Streams Rising

CLEVELAND, February 28.—At least two dead, hundreds homeless, scores of factories preparing to close, and a property damage of hundreds of thousands are the main results of floods that have devastated Ohio the last two days. It has not yet reached its full volume.

Today 4-year-old Catherine Hamman was swept off her feet by a block of ice swirling down swollen Nine-Mile creek. Her body has not been recovered.

The second fatality was at Youngstown, where Howard Lightbody was drowned. All parts of the state report stories of submerged villages. Whole counties are under water and people driven from flooded homes.

At Elkton, the Beaver river has completely flooded the town and several feet of water flood the main street. Canton is in almost as bad a plight and a majority of the people tonight are marooned in upper stories of their homes.

At Zanesville five hundred houses are reported under water. Residents of Dayton are being rescued from their houses by boats.

DANGER AT PITTSBURG PITTSBURG, February 28.—The eighteen and a half feet river stage has been reached at the confluence of the Allegheny and Monongahela rivers at midnight. The water is rising six inches an hour. A stage of twenty-four feet is predicted by noon tomorrow. The danger mark is twenty-two. No damage has been done thus far.

ALL STREAMS RISING COLUMBUS, Ga., February 28.—The Chattahoochee river is rising rapidly tonight. Western Georgia has been visited by an unusually heavy rain and all streams are out of their banks. Many bridges are swept away.

DYNAMITE BEING USED PORT PLAIN, N. Y., February 28.—The outlook tonight indicates that the Mohawk valley will experience unprecedented high water. Ice jams have caused the streets of Hon, Frankfurt and Herkimer to be inundated. Dynamite is being used to break up the ice.

ATTEMPT TO BREAK BALLOON RECORDS

SAN ANTONIO, February 28.—Clifford Harmon and George Harrison of Los Angeles started tonight in a balloon for New York to break the long distance record.

OLEO DEALERS IN TROUBLE WITH COURTS

One Draws Six Years in Pen and Fine of \$15,000 in Real Money

ALSO GOOD ROAST FROM JUDGE LANDIS

Federal Investigation Ordered of Traffic in Near-Butter

CHICAGO, February 28.—A federal inquiry into the methods of disposing of oleomargarine was ordered today by Judge K. M. Landis in the United States district court, after he had sentenced one of four dealers indicted for violating the oleomargarine regulations to six years in the federal prison at Fort Leavenworth and fined him \$15,000.

The man sentenced is W. A. Broadwell. The other three cases were continued until Thursday. It was disclosed that probably not less than \$20,000 has been lost by the United States government as a result of Broadwell's activities, said Judge Landis in sentencing the oleomargarine dealer.

"Whenever arrested he has given bonds and then gone out and violated the law next day. It has been a willful defiance of the law. His bond has been supplied by oleomargarine manufacturers, a proceeding which I regard it as my duty to say is highly significant."

Thomas Dudman, purchasing agent for an oleomargarine firm, told of his connection with the case as bondsman for the indicted man.

"When you went on the bonds of these men did you expect to be indemnified in case there were any losses?" asked Judge Landis. "Yes, sir," replied Dudman. "Who was going to indemnify you?" "My employer, William J. Moxley."

"Then restaurant men were not going to indemnify you?" "No, sir."

Mr. Moxley is a representative in congress from the sixth district of Illinois. Federal inspectors told the court that the defendants had sold daily large quantities of illegally manufactured oleomargarine to restaurants.

The assistant district attorney presented the government reports showing that Broadwell and another defendant

bought a total of 142,183 pounds of white oleomargarine in six months from July, 1909, to January, 1910, and in the same period purchased 3,000 pounds of colored oleomargarine. The government contention is that the defendants colored the white oleomargarine before disposing of it, thus avoiding the tax of 10 cents per pound on the colored product.

Another contention of the government was that if the makers of white oleomargarine knew the uses to which it would be put after sale, and supplied coloring material to the purchaser, they might be deemed guilty of conspiracy in violation of the law.

SORE AT UNCLE SAM

Concessions for Americans in Nicaragua in Danger of Cancellation

NEW ORLEANS, February 28.—A special from Tegucigalpa, Spanish Honduras, under date of February 17, says:

Things are still in a chaotic condition here and the only change in the situation is a distinctly anti-American sentiment. The alleged sympathy of Americans with the Nicaraguan revolution has been responsible for this. Absolutely no news of the progress of the revolution in Nicaragua is allowed to get out of here. Several concessions to Americans were presented to congress for ratification, but such a storm was raised about them that it looks as if they would go by the board. Congress has been in session for a month and a half and practically nothing has been done owing to a deadlock between the congressmen and the president.

FIGHT DECISION IS JEERED BY CROWD

Harlem Tommy and Moran Do Twenty Fast Rounds

SAN FRANCISCO, February 28.—With both men on their feet after twenty rounds of desperate fighting, Referee Smith declared Harlem Tommy Murphy of New York winner over Owen Moran, England's lightweight, in a match at Dreamland tonight. The decision was jeered and Moran frantically protested, claiming he had been robbed.

OLD FASHIONED DRESS OF TAR AND FEATHERS

GOLDFIELD, Nev., February 28.—Suspected of being responsible for a number of fires recently in the town of Mina, one hundred miles north of here, Tony Leyden was tarred and feathered by the citizens of that place and sent on his lonely way across the desert with orders never to return.

ON TO GLOBE! WILL BE SLOGAN Los Angeles Excursion Will Visit Here First

Two hundred business men of Los Angeles, representing the chamber of commerce of that city, will be in Globe on Thursday, March 17. They will come to this city on a special train of ten cars and will visit Globe before taking in any other territorial city, according to the present program.

"EXCURSION WILL ARRIVE IN GLOBE MARCH 17, AT 8:30 A. M." was the telegram received by Secretary Rohrabacker of the chamber of commerce, from the Los Angeles chamber yesterday.

The excursion will leave Los Angeles on March 15, probably in the evening, making it clearly apparent that the Los Angeles excursionists will accede to the requests of the business men of this city and visit Globe first, the other territorial cities afterwards.

On this, the first occasion of a visit to Globe of a delegation from the Los Angeles chamber of commerce, the coast visitors will be royally entertained.

As their special train will arrive here early in the morning, an entire day will be given over to the inspection of Globe and the Globe district.

As yet the entertainment committee of the chamber of commerce has not held a meeting, but the details have practically been completed, by the individual members of this committee.

In the forenoon, the Old Dominion and Arizona Commercial workings will be inspected and in the afternoon, automobiles will convey the visitors to Miami.

In the meantime, automobiles will be run to Roosevelt for such members of the party as wish to visit the big inland sea.

In the evening, a buffet lunch will be served at the meeting room of the chamber of commerce. Vaudeville and other entertainment features will be on tap during the evening.

While it has not been expressly stated just how long the party will remain in this city, it is probable that the big special will pull out late Thursday evening or early Friday morning.

In securing for Globe the first stop of the Los Angeles excursionists, Secretary Rohrabacker of the chamber of commerce has accomplished much.

As the result of this plan, the excursion will be more of an excursion to Globe than to Arizona, for, if the visitors can be induced to carry out Secretary Rohrabacker's ideas, "ON TO GLOBE" will be their slogan as they leave Los Angeles.

Globe and the Globe district will not only be advertised to the outside world, as the result of the visit of the Los Angeles delegation, but two hundred business men of Los Angeles, many of whom have but a vague idea of the resources and the possibilities of the district, will see for themselves the things which will eventually make Globe the biggest city in Arizona and more than that will take this knowledge back to Los Angeles with them and spread it broadcast throughout the Angel City.

This visit to Arizona has been planned by the chamber of commerce of Los Angeles in order that its members may become familiar with the resources of Arizona. It will be of interest and importance to the visitors and it will be important to the Globe chamber of commerce.

Naturally the visit of the Los Angeles business men to this city will form something of a co-operative union between the chambers of commerce of Los Angeles and Globe. Globe and Los Angeles have many interests in common and it is not improbable that as the result of this visit, the two chambers may be able to work together to secure better freight and passenger accommodations between Los Angeles and Globe, and probably lower freight and passenger rates as well.

The business men of this city realize the importance of this visit and it is hardly necessary to state that the keys of the city will be turned over to the visitors in regal style when they arrive here.

RANCHER SUICIDES IN FIT OF DESPONDENCY

SHOOTS SELF IN HEAD WITH PISTOL

Excessive Drinking Pilots A. Abernathy to Self Destruction

ALSO IN TROUBLE OVER WATER RIGHT

Had Been Drinking Heavily Since Death of Wife a Year Ago

Despondent over legal matters, which despondency had been heightened as the result of an alcoholic debauch covering the past week, A. Abernathy committed suicide at his ranch a short distance below town early last evening.

Abernathy shot himself through the head with a 32-caliber revolver. He was dead when Paul Whalen, who heard the shot, made an investigation.

Abernathy had contemplated self destruction for several days and had openly threatened to take his life, although friends who heard him make the threats took little stock in them and thought he would forget them when he recovered from his drunken debauch.

There were no witnesses to the affair, although Whalen was just outside the ranch house when the shot was fired. He informed the local authorities of the affair.

"Abernathy had been drunk for about a week," said Whalen in speaking of the matter last night, "and although he had threatened on several occasions to kill himself, I never took his threats seriously, thinking he would be all right when he sobered up."

"Last night, at just about dark, I was standing outside the house when

I heard a shot fired inside the house. With one of the Chinese who lease the ranch, I went inside. Abernathy was dead, the revolver lying beside him. I think he shot himself through the head, although I did not take time to investigate closely.

"I have been working on Abernathy's ranch for some time. He was worried over a suit which had been brought against him, regarding water rights. He was sick from drinking, and I do not believe he would have committed suicide if he had been sober."

Abernathy had lived on a ranch of about 160 acres, situated on Pinal creek some distance below town, for many years. He had leased the ground to three Chinese vegetable growers, obtaining a good rental for the ground. He made his home on the ranch.

A few months ago a conflict arose between Abernathy and others living in the same section, regarding the use of water from Pinal creek for irrigating purposes. Abernathy had filed on 100 inches of water, an amount sufficient to irrigate his ranch, but when his claims were contested, he grew despondent.

Mrs. Abernathy, who had lived with the suicide since he took up the ranch, died nearly a year ago. While Abernathy had always been a drinking man, he began drinking to excess following her death, and, as Whalen stated, mental aberration following an extensive debauch was apparently the inciting cause of his self destruction.

"There seems to be no doubt that Abernathy committed suicide," said Undersheriff Frank Haynes last night, after visiting the scene of the shooting.

"He apparently stood beside the bed and placed the revolver, an old rusty 32-caliber six shooter, close to his head. The bullet entered on the right side, just back of the ear and came out on the opposite side in about the same position. There was but one cartridge in the revolver.

"I talked with one of the Chinese at the ranch and he verified Whalen's statements regarding the affair. He told me that he saw Whalen sitting outside the house when he heard the shot fired and that they entered the house together."

Abernathy's body was brought to this city last night and is in the morgue, pending the outcome of an inquest, which will be held today.

RESTRAIN RAILROAD COMPANY REFUSES TO ARBITRATE TROUBLE

Santa Fe May Not Enforce Rule for Unloading Grain Cars

CHICAGO, February 28.—A writ of injunction was issued today by Judge Kohlsaat in the United States circuit court enjoining the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railroad company and every other railroad company doing an interstate business and entering Chicago, from placing in effect tomorrow the new schedule of time allowance for the unloading of grain from cars.

The Chicago board of trade and a number of grain firms are complainants and the allegation is that the railroads have conspired against the complainants by seeking to reduce the loading and unloading time of grain shipments in order to increase freight rates.

RAILROAD STRIKE SEEMS IMMINENT

MINNEAPOLIS, February 28.—The firemen and engineers of the Great Northern and Northern Pacific have completed their strike vote and it is rumored that they declared overwhelmingly in favor of a walkout Tuesday unless the roads grant the demands made in November.

COMMERCE COURT FEATURE PASSED

WASHINGTON, D. C., February 28.—The court of commerce feature of the administration bill was adopted late today by the house committee on interstate and foreign commerce. This, it is believed, paves the way for a complete agreement on the administration bill.

WEATHER BULLETIN WASHINGTON, D. C., February 28.—Forecast for Arizona: Generally fair Tuesday and Wednesday.

General Strike May Become Effective After Meeting Wednesday

PHILADELPHIA, February 26.—In spite of the constantly increasing demands of religious bodies and others that the car strike be settled by arbitration, officials of the company declared that no proposition for arbitration is being considered.

There were few disturbances today and an increased number of cars were operated. Heavy rain tonight kept crowds from the streets.

Labor leaders hope public sympathy will force arbitration before the general strike voted on yesterday goes into effect.

National heads of labor organizations are expected to reach the city in time to attend another meeting of the labor chiefs Wednesday and possibly the general strike may then be changed to become effective immediately.

The mayor said tonight that the situation had improved greatly and he is confident that the company and the men will get together and make an amicable settlement if outsiders do not interfere.

Men who report for work tomorrow, the mayor stated, will be taken back and subjected to no penalty. They must come as individuals, however, and will not be permitted to wear union buttons.

The council will meet Thursday, when some action to end the strike will be taken. A number of disturbances occurred late tonight in the southern section of the city. Joseph Kusley was shot in the leg during a strike argument.