

CURRENT HISTORY

The explosion in Number 2 mine of the Utah Fuel Company caused the death of one hundred and seventy-three miners who are entombed within. The catastrophe occurred March 8. The mine was so full of gas and smoke that for two days attempts at rescue were futile. One rescuer was asphyxiated, and it is absolutely impossible for any of those in the mine to have survived. Most of them have already been brought out and carried to the Recreation Hall of the town, now fitted up as a morgue. There are no flowers for the dead, and only flags are draped over the coffins of the World War veterans. A corps of doctors and nurses have arrived and with the help of volunteers are working valiantly. A square of automobiles is drawn up in order to light the operations of the men who are unpacking coffins for the victims of the tragedy. The little village is grief-stricken, for there are few who have not lost some relative in the disaster. The living file by in slow sad lines and gaze upon the scores so suddenly and cruelly snatched away.

Official investigation has as yet failed to discover the cause of the explosion, though it is believed to have started by dust.

Investigation into the record of Attorney General Daugherty have been started in new directions. The inquiry, as disclosed by the special Senate committee includes charges against Fall, Sinclair, and Doheny of furnishing arms from the United States to the De La Huerta rebellion in Mexico; charges that the department of justice secret agents in Mexico, who were trying to prevent rum running, were called off by Washington officials. Incidents of the Wood and Harding campaigns in 1920 are possibly involved in old scandal.

The special government counsel will institute proceedings for injunctions for the temporary suspension of operations in the Teapot Dome oil wells.

Probable stock gambling by high officials has been suggested and various clues leading to discoveries in this matter are being followed.

A subpoena has been served upon Gaston B. Means, former department of justice agent.

Affairs in the direction of Daugherty seem comparatively quiet, awaiting the storm which the investigation will probably bring on. The Attorney General remains in office and refuses to consider resigning until after the enquiry, although it has been hinted strongly by several officials that it would be much less embarrassing if he were to resign.

An appeal for the 25 per cent cut in personal taxes was contained in President Coolidge's message to Congress Tuesday. He urged that the cut be executed before Saturday, when the first installment is to be paid on taxes. President Coolidge's appeal was received very coolly; in fact, the house, who would have to start such an action, was decidedly against it. Chairman Green, of the house ways and means committee, stated that "At this late date it is absolutely impossible to pass the 25 per cent reduction in taxes to be paid in 1924 as a separate measure." A unanimous agreement would be required to put the resolution before the house. A former attempt to kill the bill entirely seems to make the unanimous consent impossible.

The President's message was not read until late in the day, and was not considered on the floor of the house.

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PUPILS' RECITAL ON THURSDAY AFTERNOON

At the regular Music Hour on Thursday at 3:45 P. M., another pupils' recital was given. The following program was presented and thoroughly enjoyed by those present:

- Beethoven-Busoni Ecossaise
- Mary Katharine Brown
- Heller March
- Burgmuller.....The Swallow (Harp)
- Marion Neely
- BartlettThe Chase
- Sue Carlton
- Dell'Acqua....."Swiftly the Swallows are Flying"
- Margaret Harris
- Lavallee Butterfly
- Mildred Russ
- Robinson.....Dream of the Fairies (Harp)
- Margaret Herndon
- Schumann Epilogue (from Fantasy Pieces)
- Connie Fowler
- Popper Gavotte
- SarasateSpanish Dance
- Isabelle Wenhold
- Schumann "Soaring" (from Fantasy Pieces)
- Willie Valentine
- RachmaninoffPrelude in C sharp minor
- Eloise Chesson

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JUNIOR CLASS HOLDS THE Y. W. C. A. MEETING

At the weekly meeting of the Y. W. C. A., Friday, March the seventh, the Juniors were in charge of the program. The class president, Ella Aston, presided.

The Scripture was read by Elgie Nance, after which Elsie Harris, at the piano, and Esther Efrid, playing the violin, delighted the members with a very beautiful duet. This was followed by a prayer by Eleanor Tipton.

The outstanding feature of the program was a talk on "Friendship" by Tabba Reynolds. It was given from notes taken from a similar one given at the Presbyterian Conference in Montreal last summer, and was very interesting and instructive.

After a song, the service was concluded by the benediction.

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SOCIALS

Catherine Giles was the guest of Lois Neal.

Sarah Galley visited Eva Flowers and Anna Southerland.

Frances Jeffreys, a former Academy student, visited Blanch Burnette.

Ella Primrose was the guest of Emily Grantham and Emelyn Newberry.

Betsy McCarkel was the guest of Rosa Caldwell.

Margaret Proctor of Danville visited Margaret Russell.

Mrs. Riddle, with her daughter, Georgia, visited Kathleen Riddle.

Margaret Williford spent the past week-end at her home in Rocky Mount on account of the illness of her father.

Mary Alta Robbins spent the week-end in High Point.

Lucile Reid spent Saturday in Greensboro.

PETER PAN GLEN GOAL OF HIKERS SATURDAY

On Saturday afternoon, the Walking Club took a long hike as a preliminary to the test walk, which is scheduled for March the 23rd. Dean Shirley took the hikers to that favored spot which Salemites long ago christened Peter Pan. Peter Pan is a delightful place with a stream, woodland, and gently sloping hills. It is one of those spots suitable to a picnic, a bacon bat, or a poetic reverie, according to whether one's mood is practical or idealistic.

Saturday was just right for walking, mild enough to be comfortable and crisp enough to be exhilarating. The bare woods were suggestive of winter, yet there was something about the mellow tints of the meadows in the setting sun that gave the glamour of spring.

OPEN FORUM

We are deeply grieved over the resignation of our Y. W. C. A. President, Miss Watkins, and we wish herewith to attempt to express our appreciation of her consecrated and efficient leadership, which we were happy to have had for this length of time. Miss Watkins is wonderfully fitted for the difficult office she has held. Because of her consecrated love for Our Master, resulting in a sincere love for people, we feel in her a rare spirit of friendliness which makes us proud and eager to be her friend.

In return for her ready and affectionate services to make our Y. W. C. A. a vital part of our college life, let us give our renewed interest and prayerful co-operation to the Association and we shall experience together more deeply than hitherto the joy of fellowship that only a Christian Association can give.

Y. WEEK

Along towards the end of the year, there seems to come, in almost every college organization, a tendency to slump. It is quite true that a thing well begun is half done, but we can't expect to depend on a good beginning for nine months—we must keep moving unless we want to wake up some day to find a dead organization on our hands.

This year, so far, the Y. W. C. A. has been "the livest wire on the hill" and we want to keep that right up until May 27th. Y. Week begins Monday, March 17th, and the cabinet members have planned "something special" for each day. But the Cabinet is only one part of our Y. W. and the success of Y. Week depends on all the other parts of the organization as well. This means that each girl must do her share. Girls, if you'll give your interest and your enthusiastic and loyal support, we can and will make Y. Week a success.

LECTURES ON CURRENT TOPICS BY MEMBERS OF HISTORY CLUB

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tricks in the contract—tricks which excite admiration for the cleverness and disgust for their dishonesty. The contract was for the government to get from twelve and one-half per cent to fifty per cent—not in money, but in certificates exchangeable for oil. But, the first lessee sells his lease, and he sells it again, until the actual operator gets about fifty per cent—out of which come the government's profits.

Tanks must be built along the Pacific and Atlantic Coasts. Doheny built them, probably with glee in his heart and a song on his lips, for the government paid for them. The government received one barrel of refined oil to Doheny's two. The

tanks were paid for with the one barrel and then there was no oil to fill them with—so Doheny sold his two barrels to Uncle Sam—at an exorbitant profit!

"One day, somebody saw a small thread sticking out; he pulled it, and soon the whole thing began to unravel, with the result that one of the biggest scandals in History was laid bare." Fall, Denby, Sinclair, Doheny, and McLean, even though they are not convicted, will always be tainted.

"The crimes involved are bribery, misappropriation of funds, and violation of an Act of Congress. Not only the men directly accused are involved, but many others even higher up. The memory of dead men is not safe. The name of the President of the United States is not safe. Nothing—no one is safe from the dread hint of oil. Officials resign; others totter upon the brink of impeachment; penitentiary doors yawn and prison stripes are nightmares. Yet this is not the worst. If every man—guilty and innocent alike—is acquitted; if everyone is legally cleared of all suspicion, the country will never forget. The man will never again have the respect of his fellow citizens; the United States will not soon overlook such a blot on her honor. The Teapot Dome scandal represents not only the perfidy and treachery of a few men, but a stain on the glory and pride of a nation, and as such it will not for many years be forgotten."

INTEREST IN HOCKEY GAMES

Much interest and enthusiasm is exhibited among the Hockey Teams as the games are approaching. In spite of "the winter and rough weather," very few practices have had to be given up and the teams bid fair to do justice to the excellent training of Miss Charlotte Jackson. With a steady practice which began three weeks before the Christmas holidays and resumed immediately afterwards, the games promise to be the best in the history of Hockey at Salem. The games will begin promptly at 2:30 P. M., Monday afternoon, March 17th, and a banquet held in the dining room, will follow beginning at six-fifteen. This will bring the Hockey season to a close.

JOKES

Professor—"Use the word 'gladiator'."

Co-ed—"If a crocodile ate the matron, I'd be gladiator."

Dumb—"My landlord gave me just two days to pay my room rent."

Bell—"What did you do?"

Dumb—"I picked Easter Sunday and New Year's Day."

"Did you take your father apart and speak to him?"

"No, but he went all to pieces when I told him."

Prof's wife—"Eustace, I do wish you'd hurry."

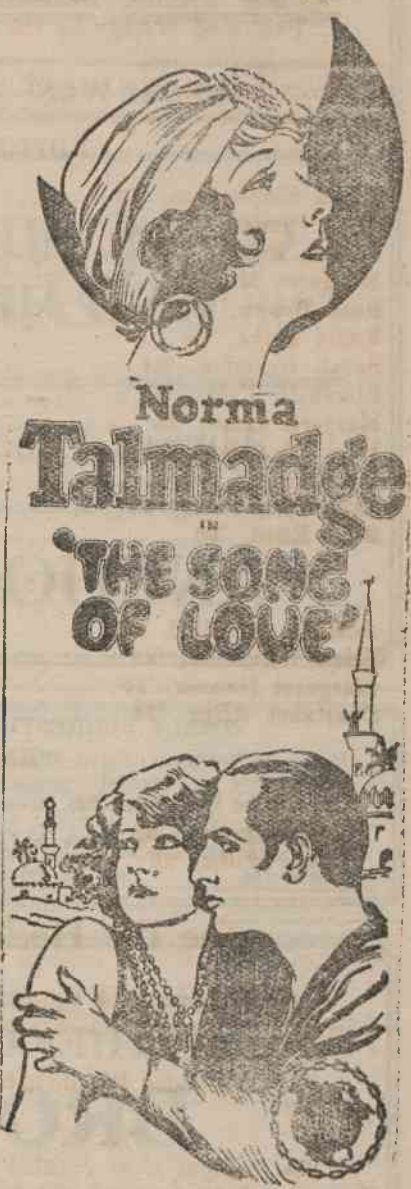
Prof. (absent-minded)—"Hurry. Great Jupiter, I haven't time to hurry."

"A Fresh stood near a roaring fire, But as far as I could learn He stood in perfect safety— He was too green to burn."

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