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## Ninety Five Bodies Are Rescued From Mine Which Had Explosion In Wyoming

Kemmerer, Wyo., August 15 (AP)—In the grip of sorrow and desolation Kemmerer the little coal camp suburb one mile away, where approximately one hundred miners perished in an explosion in mine No 1 of the Kemmerer Coal Co., already has set dead for burial. Early today 95 bodies had been recovered; 37 of those no were entombed by the blast have emerged from the mine alive. The exact cause of the blast remained a mystery. Disastrous as was the loss of life the interior of the mine was only slightly wrecked by the explosion and rescue workers were hampered but little by debris.

Local Odd Fellows Hall and undertaking establishment had been turned into temporary resting places for the 91 miners who met death. Eleven men known to be in the mine are given up for dead. There was no fire in the lower levels of the mine as first reported. The explosion occurred a mile under ground.

Fighting their way through partially dismantled portions of Frontier mine No. 1 of the Kemmerer Coal Co., one mile from here, scene of an explosion shortly after 8 o'clock this morning, rescue workers had brought out alive 34 of the 133 miners entombed by the blast.

It is feared that the 104 men still unaccounted for have perished.

The explosion occurred near the 1700 foot level. Rescue workers had penetrated to nearly every quarter of the workings and it was indicated they had brought out all the survivors. Smoke blackened embers of the mine cars buried in a cave in the 1,700 foot level in entry 15 gave rise to belief that fire had followed the blast.

## DECLARE CROPS MUST BE SAVED FROM DISTILLERS

Berlin, August 15 (AP)—German professors of hygiene have criticized the increase of alcoholism in Germany in a memorial addressed to the various governments urging that further steps be taken to conserve the national foodstuffs now being used in making liquor, and to protect public health against the increasing consumption of alcohol.

Doctor I. A. H. Selter, director of the Hygienic Institute of the University of Koenigsberg, issued the memorial on behalf of the Society of German Professors of Hygiene. The document suggests an absolute prohibition of the use of foodstuffs especially grain, potatoes and sugar in the manufacture of alcoholic liquors.

It cannot be contested, the memorial says, that the production of alcohol deprives the German people of great quantities of foodstuffs. But it is not this fact alone which causes us to raise a voice of warning. We know by experience that malnutrition fosters alcoholism, and that on the other hand, increasing alcoholism has a double effect on underfed people. We therefore ask the government to control with all means at its disposal the increasing consumption of alcohol. By this means the collapse of feeding can be prevented.

Dr. Selter produces Prussian statistics to show that the use of alcohol is on the increase.

Shortly after the publication of this memorial, it was announced that the producers of alcoholic spirits in Germany had decided to stop using potatoes in their distilleries, and would at once turn over to the food markets all existing supplies.

## GASOLINE PRICES CUT AROUND SIX CENTS

New York, August 15 (AP)—Gasoline price cutting was under way for several days in midwestern and southern states where retail prices were reduced in some states 6.5 cents a gallon spread to the entire Atlantic seaboard. Four large companies announced cuts of from one to two cents in the tank wagon price. The wholesale price after reductions will average 19.5 cents and retail 23.

## 4 MINERS KILLED AS SLATE FALLS IN TENNESSEE MINE

Rockwood, Tenn., August 15 — Four men were killed and two injured by falling slate at the mines of the Roane Iron Co., here late today. The dead are: Willie Viars, 27; Elmer Zar Roberts and Morgan Miller white, and Bonnie Swain, negro. Another negro is missing.

An ore car filled with miners was proceeding down a gorge shortly after the men had quit work when a mass of slate from a ledge above gave way and descended upon the victims. Rescuers who went to the aid of the miners had many narrow escapes as the slate continued to fall but finally succeeded in liberating the injured miners.

## NOTICE TO THE "SHUT-INS" OF ROCKINGHAM COUNTY

"Shut-ins Day" which it was announced in the papers of the county last week would be held at the County Playground on Aug. 17th, will be held on Friday, Aug. 24th, instead. Our reason for changing the date is that we are anxious for every shut-in, cripple, and invalid of the county who can possibly come to be present on that day, and we have received but one response to our request for the names and addresses of those of this class who would come if an opportunity can be provided. If you are a member of this select body and can come, please send us your name and address at once. If you do not have a way to come, please let us know, and we will do our best to help to provide a way.

If you do not belong to this class who are especially invited to the Playground on this occasion, and know of some one who is, will you not kindly call his or her attention to this notice and see that his or her name and address are forwarded to us at once? If you can do so, will you not make yourself and some one else happy by providing a way for your friend, "shut-in" to get to the Playground on "Shut-ins' Day?" In addition to the name and address we desire to be informed the age and experience as a shut-in of every one who replies to this notice or for whom a reply is sent.

We are making an earnest effort to make this occasion one of special interest to the shut-ins of the county. A good dinner will be provided for all the shut-ins who come, for their attendants, and for those who provide a way for their coming, provided we are informed in ample time to make preparations for them. A program is being arranged which we hope will be enjoyed by all who come. One feature of this program will be an address by Mr. H. L. Stanton of Raleigh, State Supervisor of Vocational Rehabilitation. Mr. Stanton will bring a message of hope and helpfulness to "those who through no fault of their own are not adequately able to help themselves," as Mr. Upton G. Wilson expressed it in his excellent article announcing the occasion.

Again—if you are a shut-in, and would like to come to the Playground on "Shut-ins' Day" please do not equate preparations unless we know fail to send us at once your name and address, for we cannot make ed how many to expect.

## ITALIANS BUILD AIR-FLIVVER WITH TINY 3 H. P. ENGINE

Rome, August 15 (AP)—The small airplane is claiming the interested attention of aviators in Italy, who are experimenting in this field as are their colleagues in England, France and the United States.

Italian airmen have produced the "Swallow" said to be the smallest plane in the world, with an engine of three horse power. So pleased are they that 100 machines are in course of construction.

There will be a community sing at the County Playgrounds, tomorrow.

## NATIONAL WHEAT BODY ADVOCATED FOR PRICE FIXING

Springfield, Ill., August 15 (AP)—Creation by the United States of a national wheat corporation which would establish a basic minimum price for all American wheat, and employ other measures for stabilizing the wheat market is advocated by I. A. Madden, farm advisor for Sangamon county, and well known in Illinois as a farm authority.

Allowing the surplus of American wheat to set the price of American farm crops must stop if the farmer is to be saved from ruin," and Mr. Madden in outlining his plan.

The United States should charter a national wheat corporation and appropriate sufficient funds for working capital. This corporation should then establish a basic minimum wheat price for all American wheat offered at the basic minimum price, then the national wheat corporation should step in and buy wheat.

Until conditions are more stable in foreign countries, the wheat exported would have to be sold at less than the basic minimum price. To make up the loss sustained on exported wheat every bushel of wheat marketed should be assessed with a differential tax. This tax would vary with the surplus produced. If the basic price was such that there was an overproduction, then the tax would lower the farmers' price to where over production would be discouraged while if there was a shortage of wheat the tax would be lessened and production stimulated.

This plan would not interfere with the present grain trade, with the development of cooperating marketing, nor with the chance of a price above the basic minimum to the farmer who chooses to hold his wheat until after the harvest rush. It would, without subsidizing agriculture, put the labor and capital of the American farmer on a plane with the capital and labor of other industries.

It would eliminate market gluts due to overproduction placing the burden of overproduction entirely upon the farmer. The consumer of wheat in the United States would be asked to give the farmer an equal chance. Only the extremely selfish would deny this.

Approximately six hundred million bushels are consumed at home and two hundred million bushels are exported. The surplus is a millstone around the neck of agriculture prices.

## GOOD WILL WITH SOFT ANSWER IS NEW RAIL POLICY

Chicago, August 15 (AP)—A policy of friendliness designed to increase railroad efficiency through good will and a soft answer at every turn is the newly announced policy of the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railway company.

Every patron a friend of the road through a policy of friendliness toward the public on the part of every employe, is the slogan.

The move is regarded by President J. E. Gorman of the Rock Island, as one which may do much toward the dissipation of the vexing "railroad problem" of the day. The problem Mr. Gorman believes is largely accounted for by the fact that through the years thousands of citizens have acquired prejudices against railroads, because of the actions of "hard boiled" station agents, conductors, claim adjusters and track workers. The new order will be aimed "to make a friend at every contact."

With minor sources of irritation removed, Mr. Gorman believes much criticism of the railroads will vanish. No one spikes his friend, is the axiom on which the railway chief founds his new program. It is hoped through public friendships to give the road the status of a human being in the public mind, thereby to promote a more sympathetic appreciation of railroad problems.

Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Bibee of Lynchburg, Va., are visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Bibee for several days. Mrs. W. H. Bibee and daughters Misses Willie Mae and Christine Bibee and Mrs. R. N. Bibee spent yesterday in Greensboro visiting friends.

## GREER-CHAMBERS

Ashley O. Greer and Addie Chambers, two very popular young people of our town motored to Reidsville Tuesday evening and were married at 8:30 by Rev. Whorley pastor of the Christian Church of that place. Several of their relatives and intimate friends accompanied them over to witness the ceremony.

The bride was becomingly attired in a suit of navy blue poiret twill with grey accessories.

The happy couple left immediately for their home where they will spend a few days, leaving Friday morning for a trip through Western North Carolina.

## WHAT THE PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE DOES FOR YOU

Comparatively few persons think of the State Governments as being a part of the United States Government. But of course they are. The Constitution distributed the governing powers between the Federal and the State Governments in such a way that the exercise by each of its share is almost imperative for the welfare of both. For either to be obliged to get along without the other would almost be as awkward as it would be to a man to be obliged to get along without one hand; he could learn to do it, of course, but he would have a lot of trouble in learning.

This division of authority applied in all fields of public work, including that of public health. Nearly every health activity in the country has both a national and a State end which key into each other so intimately that it is often difficult to decide just how any given piece of health work could best be apportioned between the Federal and State govern-

## Two North Carolinians Are Killed When Auto Goes In Ditch Near Norfolk, Va.

Norfolk, August 15 (AP)—Joe Abbott of Portsmouth; Joe Barrett of Easton, N. C.; and John Seymour of Elizabeth City, N. C. were killed when the automobile in which they were riding on the Weeksville turnpike, four miles from Elizabeth City, slipped and went into a ditch, struck a tree and turned over. Julian Newbern and Wallace Miller, both of Elizabeth City are in a hospital here.

## LEAGUE OF NATIONS SPLIT FACTIONS IN THE ARGENTINE

Buenos Aires, August 15 (AP)—The question of Argentina's return to the League of Nations promises to cause a spirited political fight in the present congress before it closes in September. While the chamber recently voted to pay the League subscription for 1923, decision has yet to be made whether to ratify the admission given to the League by the Yrigoyen government and if it is done, whether Argentines should continue to remain aloof from participation in the League Assembly until that body acts favorably on the Argentine amendments making all sovereign states members of the League and "democratizing" the representation in the council.

Remaining aloof until such action is taken would constitute the confirmation of the policy of ex-President Yrigoyen, who caused the withdrawal of the Argentine delegation from the Assembly in 1920, but President Alvear is not in favor of maintaining this policy. Having dissented from Argentina's withdrawal when he was a member of the delegation he is now, as president seeking to rectify what he believes to have been a mistaken proceeding. He wants his country to renew its relations with the League in full and be represented regularly by a delegation which could carry on Argentina's effort to democratize the League from the inside, and meanwhile enable the country to participate in the benefits of membership enjoyed by nearly all other South American nations, including Brazil and Chile.

But the ex-president, reputed leader of the Radical Party which elected Sr. Alvear and credited with the control of a considerable number of deputies and senators is decidedly opposed to it as well understood in political circles, to having his policy repudiated. Consequently, while the President had no trouble in obtaining from congress authority to pay the Argentine dues to the League, it is believed that neither ratification of adhesion will be obtained without a contest.

## Complete Counterfeit Plant For \$100 Bills Seized Today

New York, August 15 (AP)—The seizure of a complete plant for the manufacture of counterfeit hundred dollar Federal Reserve notes in Floral Park, Long Island, last night was announced by Joseph Palma, chief of secret service agents here. The capture was effected just as the operators were running off the first set of proofs and the promptness with which the secret service acted prevented any of the notes getting into circulation. Five men were arrested.

## GOVERNMENT WILL NOT CHANGE ITS POLICY

Washington, August 15 (AP)—The general policy of the government against seizing rum runners outside the three mile limit will not be changed as a result of the decision of Federal Judge Woodruff at Brooklyn yesterday it was indicated at the Treasury.

## HEAVY LOSS OF LIFE RESULTS FROM STORMS

Tokio, August 15 (AP)—It is feared that heavy loss of life resulted from tidal waves and storms on the west coast of Korea as several hundred boats were missing today.

## COOLEGE APPOINTS VIRGINIAN AS THE PRESIDENTIAL SECRETARY

Washington, August 15 (AP)—Coolidge has filled the only vacancy in important office so far to occur in his administration by the appointment of former Representative Bascom Slemp of Virginia as secretary to the President. Slemp will assume his duties early next month and in the meantime George Christian, secretary to the late President Harding, who submitted his resignation last week, will remain as the Presidential secretary.

## SOCIAL AND PERSONAL MISS RUTH FARRELL

Mrs. P. V. Godfrey and visitors Misses Collye and Browne Meyer spent yesterday in Greensboro.

Rev. G. A. Stamper returned to his home in Winston Salem after spending several days in Leaksville visiting friends.

Mr. Sam Brammer of Roanoke is spending several days in Spray visiting friends.

Miss Minnie Eanes returned to her home in Leaksville Sunday after spending the past week in South Boston as the guest of Miss Ada Hill.

A large number of young people from Leaksville attended the dance given in Madison last night.

Mr. Philip Ray and Mr. Otto Kircheis spent yesterday in Reidsville and Greensboro.

Mrs. Lucile Reid who has been visiting Mrs. Numa Reid in Wrentham for several weeks returned to her home last night.

Mrs. W. A. Walkekr who has been spending her vacation in Stewart returned to her home in Spray several days ago.

Miss Alice Joyce of Walnut Cove is visiting Mrs. Curtis Moore for several weeks.

Mrs. Herbert Wilkie of Gastonia is visiting relatives in Leaksville for several weeks.

Mr. Charles Austin of Washington is visiting relatives in town for several days.

## WOMANS' AUXILIARY MEETS

The Womens' Auxiliary of the Spray Presbyterian Church held its August meeting at the church Tuesday evening. Miss Spessard, the president presiding over the meeting.

After the business was transacted Miss Lilly Gilly ushered the ladies into the Christian Endeavor room and the meeting was turned into a party honoring the president Miss Bertha Spessard, whose marriage to Rev. J. S. Cook will take place on September 11th.

Miss Lora Walkekr played "Believe Me if All Those Endearing young Charms" as two dainty little girls dressed as fairies rolled into the room a miniature wheel barrow beautifully decorated with ribbons and flowers with gifts for the bride-to-be from her many friends. Miss Lilly Gilly presented the gifts, in her most attractive manner to Miss Spessard.

Misses Bessie Gunn and Catherine Gilly served delicious refreshments to the guests, consisting of ice cream and cake.

Miss Lucinda Martin, Mrs. J. B. Ray and Mrs. S. L. Martin spent yesterday afternoon in the country at the home of Mrs. Pete Scales.

Mrs. D. F. King Sa, Mrs. S. J. Beeker and daughter, Miss Mabel Beeker left this morning for Piedmont Springs to spend a week.

Mrs. J. B. Fagge who has been visiting Mrs. Stone in Reidsville for the past week returned to her home in Leaksville yesterday.

Mr. Gilbert Ivie had the misfortune to hurt his foot yesterday morning while overseeing the unloading of a car load of automobiles.

Mrs. Anna Payne returned to Leaksville yesterday after spending sometime in Bryford, Va.

## MISS FLANNIGAN ENTERTAINS

Miss Florence Flannigan entertained a large number of her young friends Monday evening at her home on Bridge Street at a lovely party it being her birthday.

Miss Flannigan met her guests at the front door and ushered them to the punch bowl where Misses Mildred and Elizabeth Heiner served refreshing lemonade. Then they were shown into the parlor where the hostess had her birthday gifts on display.

The evening was spent in playing games, progressive conversation, and cards.

After a most enjoyable evening the hostess served delicious ice cream and cake and mints.

## STANDARD REDUCES THE PRICE OF GASOLINE

(By Associated Press) New York, August 15 (AP)—The Standard Oil Co. of N. J. announced a reduction in the tank wagon price of gasoline two cents a gallon in North Carolina and Virginia.

Mrs. John Edd Williams and Mrs. James Hopper Sr., are spending the day in Danville shopping.

## THE GAZETTE IN EVERY HOME