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## Miners Trapped by A Gas Explosion In Oklahoma Mine

**A Scene of Death and Desolation at McAlester Today—Heroic Efforts Being Made Today to Bring Out the Bodies of Victims—Fifty-one Taken Out So Far.**

(Special to THE DAILY MAIL by the British United Press.)

McALESTER, OKLA., December 18—Death held dominion in McAlester today as grief that had given up all hope went hand in hand with heroic efforts to bring out the remaining bodies of the sixty coal miners trapped by gas explosion in the old town mine. Peril of further explosions haunted the entries to the shafts where more than one hundred weary men labored far underground to bring out the charred, smoke blackened forms of fathers, brothers and sons and comrades. Fifty-one bodies had been brought to the surface early today. Last shreds of hope had been abandoned for nine others, still locked in the chambers of the mine, some 2,000 feet below the surface and nearly a mile from the mine entrance. Dawn blinking through the murk, caught up the gleams of bonfires scattered over the slopes about the maw of the mine.

### An All Night Vigil.

All night hundreds of gray faced men and moaning women had stood among the fires holding babies in their arms or patting the heads of sobbing children. Grief wiped out lines of color and race among those who waited. White women, Mexicans and negroes shared the gloom, for of the trapped miners forty-four were Mexicans and fifteen negroes. The joy of families of five men who escaped when the explosion roared through the workings shortly before noon yesterday flashed up and then died away in the face of the universal sadness. Heroes kept coming from the mine mouth throughout the night, lugging sacks that bulged with bodies.

## TWIN BABIES PERISHED AT ST. STEPHEN

St. Stephen, N. B., Dec. 17—Flames and smoke snuffed out the lives of Anna May and Avis Eleanor the 14 months old twin babies of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Gordon, of Calais, Me., this afternoon during the brief absence from home of the mother who had run across the road to visit a neighbor.

The twins had been left on chair in front of the kitchen stove in company with a four year old sister during the mother's brief absence. It is presumed that a spark from the stove fell into the adjoining woodbox.

Smoke issuing from the home on Lafayette street was noticed by another neighbor, a Mrs. Ross, who turned in an alarm. The bodies of the two tots—14 months old today—were found in the chair, both badly burned. It was believed that death was due to suffocation. The elder sister escaped from the home with burned feet.

With the arrival of the fire department the blaze was quickly controlled. The house was filled with smoke, but the actual outbreak was confined to a partition behind the stove and vicinity. The chair in which the two tots had been left was badly charred. The bereaved father is employed at Bingham, Me.

Love is blind to many imperfections and that is another wise provision of nature with which mere human beings should not find fault.

## SERIOUS FIRE AT COSSAR FARM AT GAGETOWN

**Boys' Residence Where Scottish Youths Are Trained Damaged to Extent of \$10,000.**

Gagetown, Dec. 17—Damage was sustained when fire razed the boy's farmhouse residence at the Cossar farm, where Scottish youths are trained for Canadian farm work, on the St. John river, five miles below Gagetown. Valiant work on the part of the boys, neighbors and the Gagetown volunteer fire brigade, who were hurriedly summoned to the scene, prevented spread of the flames to other buildings on the property. Most of the contents of the large house were saved. None of the valuable livestock on the farm were injured.

John J. Jackson, superintendent of the farm, said tonight that the damage was partially covered by insurance and that he would immediately get in touch with Dr. G. C. Crossar in Scotland, by cable to ascertain the latter's decision regarding rebuilding.

### New Quarters

The boys moved their effects into what is known locally as the old Belyea farmhouse, also Cossar property, nearby. The fire thought to have been caused by a defective stovepipe in a kitchen in the ell of the house.

Mr. Jackson, who was in Saint John yesterday as a member of a delegation appearing before the New Brunswick Electric Power Commission was communicated with shortly after the fire broke out, about 1 p.m. and made a hurried departure arriving here this evening.

The fire, which was under control at 5.30 o'clock this afternoon, did not destroy any of the valuable farm records, these having been carried to safety.

The building which was destroyed was an historic one, being built considerably more than 150 years ago with timbers brought especially by schooner from New York.

## RHINELAND OCCUPATION WAS FRUITFUL

(Special Cable to THE DAILY MAIL by the British United Press.)

Berlin, Dec. 18—Rhineish women's clubs intend to file suits in London and Paris to secure maintenance contributions for an estimated 15,000 illegitimate children left in the Rhineland after the Allied military occupation the newspaper Vorwaerts reported yesterday. If the suits fail, the clubs may submit the question to the League of Nations, Vorwaerts said.

## QUEEN'S CAR SELLS AT GOOD PRICE

London, Dec. 18—London firms find it profitable to patronize royalty. This fact was proved again when the Queen of Spain visited London.

The Spanish Queen always hires a motor car when she is in London. The firm always provides her with a new one, an finds profit in doing so, for it appears that there are any number of persons prepared to pay an enhanced price for an automobile which has carried royalty.

## LIQUOR LAW VIOLATOR SHOT THREE MEN

**West Virginia Man Took Revenge on Officers of the Law.**

## HAD BEEN PLACED UNDER ARREST

**Called Victims to the Door and Shot and Killed Them.**

(Special to THE DAILY MAIL by the British United Press.)

Romney, W. Va., Dec. 18—Enraged because of his arrest on a liquor law charge, Walter Crabtree, aged twenty eight, called three men to the doors of their homes early today and shot them to death. The victims were Justice of the Peace H. C. Kinsipp, 35; Ben Miller, 45, Turnkey at Hampshire County Jail and Ed. Wolford, 18. Three women caught in the line of fire were slightly wounded.

## PLANS FOR THE NORMAL SCHOOL ARE APPROVED

**Call For Tenders For New Building to Be Issued at Once—Will Close on January 31st.**

St. John, N. B., Dec. 18—Plans and specifications for a new Provincial Normal School building at Fredericton, to replace that destroyed by fire last May, were approved by the Provincial Government in session here Tuesday night.

It was decided to issue a call for building tenders, closing at 12 o'clock noon, Jan. 31, according to an announcement made by Premier Baxter at the conclusion of last night's session. The meeting will continue today, with morning and afternoon sessions, at which the principal business will be consideration of the appointment of a successor to Capt. E. C. P. Salt as head of the provincial police. Commissioner Salt is retiring at the end of the year to return to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

At last night's meeting the following appointments were made: Charles Gordon Noble, of Woodstock, as a commissioner for the taking of affidavits; William Burton Wesley, Minto, coroner for Sunbury County, in place of Dr. D. W. Porter, who has removed to Saint John; James S. Jones, of Stanley, and O. F. Thompson, of Moncton, justices of the peace, and James M. Fowler, of Fredericton, as clerk in the education office to fill a vacancy appearing in that department, caused by the resignation of Fred Thompson, who has gone to California.

## NO ARRESTS IN ALLEGED CASE OF POISONING

Woodstock, Dec. 17—Inspector H. L. Nicholson, of the headquarters staff here of the New Brunswick provincial police, today left Woodstock for Kirkland Settlement, York County, to supervise personally the police investigation into the alleged poisoning of George McIntyre, of that place, whose death a short time ago was attended by suspicious circumstances.

A detail of officers from the Woodstock detachment are already on the scene of death. No arrests have been made but the authorities are reported to be maintaining a strict surveillance of suspects until the examination of McIntyre's vital organs disclosed whether poison had been administered.

## Says Raw Oysters Should First be Soaked in Iodine

**Dr. Rene Loubatie Gives Important Advice to French Academy—Will Kill Germs and Make the Bivalve Edible the Whole Year Round—Care Needed in Preparing the Solution.**

(Special to THE DAILY MAIL by the British United Press.)

PARIS, December 18—The correct way to eat raw oysters—if you must eat them—is to soak them first in iodine, Dr. Rene Loubatie of Bordeaux has informed the French Academy.

The iodine will kill any germs and make the oysters edible all the year round, he indicated. Iodine tintured oysters are especially good, he said, for stomach trouble. Just eat a dozen raw ones every day for a fortnight and see how you get along he urged. Care must be taken in preparing the right iodine solution, however, the Academy was told, else the first iodined oysters you eat may be your last.

## UNEASINESS IS FELT FOR SAFETY OF BIG AIRPLANE

**Twenty-one Hours of Silence Follows Start of Big Aircraft From Cranwell to Capetown.**

(Special cable to THE DAILY MAIL by the British United Press.)

London, Dec. 18—Officials of the Air Ministry were showing signs of uneasiness today after twenty one hours of silence of the radio on Britain's giant Faray-Napier monoplane enroute from Cranwell to Capetown, South Africa.

The big ship with Squadron Leader A. G. Jones-Williams and Flight Lieut. N. H. Jenkins aboard on a six thousand mile stop, was last reported yesterday off Sardinia rushing on toward Africa.

## IMPORTANT APPOINTMENT MADE AT OTTAWA

Ottawa, Dec. 17—Watson Sellar, secretary to the late Hon. James A. Robb, Minister of Finance has been appointed Acting Assistant Deputy Minister of Finance owing to the suspension of the occupant of that post—George W. Hindman, who is awaiting trial on several charges of thefts of funds from the department. It is understood permanent appointment will not be made until the former assistant deputy has been tried. Mr. Sellar is a native of Huntington, Que.

## RHODES HAS PROMISED OLD AGE PENSIONS

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 17—The intention of the Nova Scotia Government to establish old age pensions and mothers' allowances and to appoint a board to bring into effect the minimum wage for women, was announced tonight by Premier E. N. Rhodes at a public meeting held in the interest of Hon. G. H. Murphy's candidacy in the Halifax county by-election of January 21. The Premier intimated that measures providing for such legislation would be introduced at the next session of the Assembly.

## GATHERING OF SHRINERS TO BE NOTABLE EVENT

**It is Expected That 350,000 Strangers Will Visit Toronto During the Month of June.**

Toronto, Dec. 17—A city within a city is planned for Toronto months before the descent of Shriners from 157 temples scattered over the length and breadth of the North American continent. Advance planning is made necessary by the fact that for the Imperial Council meeting here next June it is estimated that upwards of 350,000 will swarm to Toronto and for their reception it is necessary to arrange accommodation far in advance. Railways as travel agencies do their part in the work and it is to this end that the Canadian National Railways have planned their miniature for the Shriners. Unique in the annals of railway operation the Canadian National Railways plan to turn over its new coach yard, a stone's throw from the down town section to the sole aim of providing accommodation for the visiting Shriners. No city boasts enough surplus hotel space to handle such a tremendous inflow of humanity and the agencies that bring them in are taxed with the problem of serving them during their stay. The new National system coach yards have concrete walls flanking the tracks are flood lights and they are served at their gateway by street car and omnibus. In the yards is room sufficient to par upwards of 350 sleeping cars.

## OLDEST WOMAN IN CUBA DEAD

(Special to THE DAILY MAIL by the British United Press.)

Havana, Cuba, Dec. 18—Margaita Fernandez, 121-year-old negress is dead at Madruga, a dispatch said yesterday. She was reported the oldest woman in Cuba.

### One of the Best

A visitor to the city who attended a talkie picture at the Gaiety Theatre last night, told The Mail, that Fredericton possessed in the Gaiety Theatre one of the best picture houses in the Maritime provinces. He added that Gaiety patrons were getting the very best in the talkies.