

Magill Dead, Mine Flooding, 10 Hours to Go, Men Signal

Trained Rescue Crew Dares Almost Certain Death in Answer to Appeal — Men Plunge Into Danger Shaft in Frantic Race to Reach Victims in Time.

MOOSE RIVER, N.S. — A cry from the depths of Moose River Gold Mines informed rescue workers that Mr. R. Magill, one of three men who had been entombed below for a week, was dead.

Harassed volunteers who had been planning to proceed safely to the 141-foot level over a period of two or three days, while feeding the prisoners through a pipe-line, stood aghast as the word came up shortly after two o'clock that a new danger was threatening.

News of Flooding

News of the flood came up when preparations were being made to feed the three more soup through a pipe-line put through early Sunday with the aid of a diamond drill.

Leaving over the 100-foot communication line, Mine Manager F. D. Henderson heard a shout to "haul up the hose."

Believing there would be a note at the end of it, Henderson pulled it up, only to find it empty.

"What's wrong?" he asked.

A voice from the depths below told of the rising water; then came a cry: "How much longer?"

The only answer was a life against a life, and the answer came from Stellanor's crew of draggermen — a crew of rescue men trained to enter a colliery after an explosion.

Out they tumbled at the first call and headed for the dangerous Reymolds shaft from which they had been warned many times by J. P. Messervey, chief inspector of Nova Scotia mines, because of falling rock.

Digging in a shaft where the walls had no supports and where death threatened at every foot, the colliers went in more than 55 feet and struck cribwork.

They were refused permission to remove it but they worked on anyway, believing it might open a way to the 141-foot level.

Once in a while one of them staggered out, wiping sweat from his brow. A little rest and a drink of rum and he was back at the job, digging frantically where death threatened momentarily.

Grasshopper War Proves Success

12,000,000 Fewer Acres to Suffer Scourge This Year

OTTAWA. — The department of agriculture reports the best outlook for three years in the war against Canada's midwestern grasshopper scourge.

Conclusions based on recent survey by its entomological division, the department said, are that the total area threatened with grasshopper infestation this year is 12,000,000 acres less than the area affected last year.

It said outbreak prospects in Manitoba were reported slight due to wide-spread destruction of the insects last year. The threatened area is about 1,000,000 acres compared with 3,500,000 last year.

Saskatchewan, the survey indicated, may have serious local outbreaks, but its total infested area has dropped from 16,000,000 last year to 10,000,000 estimated this year, while the threatened areas are expected to shrink from 5,700,000 to 900,000 acres.

In Alberta the picture is less bright and the threatened outbreak the department said, will approximate that of 1935. The survey indicated decline in the "very severely" threatened area from 13,000,000 acres to 140,000, however, and the drop in "severely" threatened areas from 13,000,000 to 450,000. Nevertheless the infested area has dropped only about 4,000,000 or 5,000,000 acres.

Urges Canada Store Wheat

In Old Country London Paper Suggests Plan as Defense Measure

LONDON, Eng. — The Times in an editorial asks whether it would not be feasible for the Canadian Wheat Board to store some of its grain surplus in the United Kingdom as a measure of national defense.

The Times refers to a recent estimate that wheat stocks in this country on March 1 amounted to only 10 days' supply.

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OTTAWA. — Canada would be glad to sell Great Britain all the wheat required to ensure safety for the United Kingdom in case of war, Hon. W. D. Euler, minister of trade and commerce, remarked when shown a dispatch from London quoting the Times on the British wheat situation.

Mr. Euler said, however, he thought there would be representations from the government of the United Kingdom before the matter could be taken up in any practical manner. The question of wheat stocks in the United Kingdom was one for that government to deal with.

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Mr. Euler is chairman of the cabinet's wheat committee.

A Modist Thought

(Caigary Daily Herald)

The Vancouver Sun, in speaking about publicity for Vancouver's coming golden jubilee, asks what Calgary, Edmonton and other Canadian cities "are thinking of doing for us?" Possibly, in view of the modesty of this question, the newspapers of outside cities will refrain from reference to Vancouver's rainfall this summer.

Praise Indeed

"The new manager speaks very highly of us." "What did he say?" "I heard him say we were perfect nonentities."

Canadian Writes Story of Aimee

Paid a Visit to Angelus Temple in Los Angeles; Aimee a Clever Actress.

PORT CREDIT, Ont. — The "News" gives a pen-picture of Aimee Semple MacPherson, the Canadian-born evangelist, written by Stanley Patchett of Cooksville, Ont. He went to hear her at the Angelus Temple in Los Angeles.

"We got in about 7 p.m., the building was rapidly filling, much resembling a modern theatre in layout, two balconies and orchestra, seating 5300 people.

"Where the upper boxes would be, there are 16 stained glass windows, illustrating Bible stories, electrically lighted from behind. Below these windows on either side where lower boxes would be, are tiers of seats where the choir of 85 voices, dressed in white satin gowns, with vivid scarlet sashes, are seated, the ladies having the hair bound with silvery, shimmering bands. They sure look like a million dollars. In the centre is an open stage with modern foot-lights and lots of potted plants and palms, centre microphone and two on each side. In front of this forward stage a Kimball, three manual pipe organ, which produces the notes of a full orchestra. 40 instruments, and in front of this an orchestra and band of 35 pieces, dressed in plum-colored uniforms, with orange scarves.

"An orchestra concert occupied about half an hour, and it was lively music, too, such as El Capitan march. Then a little fellow dressed in a page's cream-colored costume with plumed hat, made his appearance with a red silk banner, on which the words 'silent prayer' was inscribed. The choir had made their dramatic entrance before this to a lively march strain.

"After a few minutes painful allience, the whole of the auditorium lights gradually dimmed, and down a long specially-built ramp in front of one side of the choir, and in full view of 5300 people, in a white spotlight, to the handclapping and cheers of the crowd, came Sister Aimee, gowned in long sweeping white satin, with a scarlet cape, and bowing to her audience with smiles and gestures.

"My guess is that nowhere else on this continent would you find so much temperament of all varieties as you get in Hollywood, and this clever lady plays with all the emotional glamor of her make-up with music, color and scenic display to hold spellbound those who come under her wand. After just enough warming up, with song, came selections by eight girls, in cream gowns, on eight marimbas, and, boys, could they play! and were brought back for an encore.

"When the sermon started, Aimee would state what that Bible character was supposed to be saying to God and the radio operator would flash electric sparks like those from an oxygen welding outfit accompanied with Morse signals. All through the sermon the entire auditorium was in pitch darkness with an amber, and sometimes a white spot on 'Sister,' and behind her the curtains, would part showing the second stage set to show the various characters in their respective settings in full costume and scenic effects. These were often punctuated with loud 'Amen's' or applause according to feelings of the eager audience.

"The performance at the beginning got off to a rather bad start. The first character was 'Elijah' and near the end of the scene, a cut out painted end cloth with Elijah had been let down from the ceiling (in the darkness) above the open stage. This was to represent the cloud taking off with Elijah, but somehow the stage hand off stage who was doing the hoisting and the spotlight operator did not connect with the result that Elijah went up in the air with the spotlight two jumps behind and 'Sister Aimee' shouting 'put it up higher, put it up higher' and the congregation roaring. I'd hate to be in the spotlight boy's shoes from the 'Pastor's' ending tone of voice, when she finished with 'Oh, well, he got to Heaven anyway!'

Exercises for Reducing Make Policemen Fatter

DENVER, Colo. — Several weeks ago Mayor Ben Stapleton looked with displeasure along the belt line of his police department.

The force, he decided, was getting too fat. So he ordered special "weight reducing classes" for the department.

At the first weighing-in several weeks later 90 per cent. had gained weight.

She Smashes 'Em Regularly

Wife (telephones hubby)—John, dear, please buy half a dozen cups and saucers and bring them home.

John—Are we all out of them?

Wife—No, but Lena says we haven't enough to last the week out.



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SPORT IDOLS

By KEN EDWARDS



From the Side Lines

Well, folks, old man baseball is back once more, with the opening game in New York, breaking records. Let's take a look at some of the boys from here and there.

Ike Boone and President Cliff Oakley of Toronto Leafs are wearing that perpetual smile — maybe you know why — this year the boys form a real outfit that deserves recognition.

This is the tenth year for George Livingston Earnshaw in the majors as a Brooklyn Dodger's Twirler.

Probably the smallest umpire in the game is Ben Levin — he is 5 feet 2 inches tall.

Everybody plays — yes sir — it was Abe Lincoln himself who was playing baseball when a committee notified him of his nomination for president.

When in Alaska, do as the polar bears do — it is said that at 47 degrees below zero in the arctic circle, a league of baseball was once played.

Sheldon LeJeune threw a baseball 426 feet, 6 1/2 inches, establishing a world's record.

We'll be with you next week with more chatter from far and near. Keep smiling.

This column is dedicated to Elvin Kenning of Brooklyn, New York.

Don't Thwart Child's Urge To Work

LONDON. — Dr. Maria Montessori, speaking at the National Council for Mental Hygiene, said a child's object in scrubbing a table was not, strange to say, to get it clean.

Its real object was to scrub because the intense urge of a sensitive period would cause him to go on repeating a given action till he had mastered it — but adult patience wore thin in the process.

This characteristic was of the greatest importance for understanding the difference between adult and child psychology. The bored adult who said, "You've done enough of that; now stop," was pronouncing sentence of death on the hidden life of the child's development.

A child who had been thwarted in one of his sensitive periods had lost, and lost forever, that particular chance of natural growth.

To Make It Hard

Writes the Baltimore Sun: The complexity of income tax returns reminds me of a story told about the late Chauncey Depew. Propounding a riddle, he asked what creature it was that was feathered, often stood on one leg and barked like a dog. No one guessed, and Mr. Depew said that it was a stork. Objection was promptly voiced that a stork did not bark. "Oh," said Mr. Depew, "I put that in to make it hard!"

Wings' Saving Fall Helps



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Chain Stores To Dress Russians

Country Departmental Stores Under Organization to Meet Demands of Fashion.

MOSCOW. — The stylish clothes of the city are fast replacing the traditional garb of the ninety million peasants of Russia. Factory-made suits and smart dresses, silk ties, starched collars and felt hats and leather shoes are increasingly making their way into the village store to replace the peasant woman's dress, the tatyanka, and the goatskin coat, the Shuba.

There is in process of organization a new chain of 5,000 country departmental stores, which promise to carry city goods in stock. All Russia is dress conscious and the village barber is growing into an institution of profound importance. Although 587 barbers were trained for the Ukraine collective farms last year, the supply has not met the demand. City "style institutes" are organizing fashion exhibitions in the villages, and lectures on "What the well-dressed woman should wear" attract large audiences.

The Dignity of Labor

Unseen, unsung the simple days passed by, He drove the nails, and sawed and planned a board; Intent upon His Father's business bent, And when with care He fed a hungry horde.

We do not know what happened in those years, As He grew up to face His tragedy; Still, what we know, is much the better part, The lesson taught of work's true dignity.

—Dorothy Sproule.

Kay Francis, Mrs. Moody Rate Among Best-Dressed

Fellowship Awarded By the Royal Society

OTTAWA. — Dr. Jacob Levitt, McGill University, Montreal, has been awarded a research fellowship in botany for 1936-37, it was announced here recently by the fellowship board of The Royal Society of Canada. Other awards were:

Anthony Brown, University of Toronto, physiology; William C. Gussow, Boston Tech, Cambridge Mass., formerly of Saskatchewan University, Saskatoon, geology; Earl S. Ebers, Harvard University, Cambridge, formerly of Dalhousie University, Halifax, chemistry; John P. Blewett, Princeton University, Princeton, N.J., formerly University of Toronto, physics; Miss Jean Lunn, McGill University, formerly of Halifax, philosophy; H. Northrop Frye, Toronto University, formerly of Sherbrooke, English literature; Donat Voghel, University of Montreal, sociology. The fellowships have a value of \$1,500 and are financed by a grant from the Carnegie Corporation of New York to the Royal Society.

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Custom Lingers

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British Defense Costing Billion

Fourth of Budget. — Cost of Program Dawns Upon Public.

LONDON, Eng. — The huge cost of Great Britain's defense reorganization program is beginning to dawn on a public still digesting details of the white paper outlining the defense and rearmament proposals of the government.

Members of parliament learned that the regular defense requirements for the next fiscal year, irrespective of the special program disclosed in the white paper, total £155,250,000 (about \$775,000,000), which is £31,000,000 more than in 1935.

Experts estimated the cost of the first year of defense expansion will show the figure well above £200,000,000 or roughly one-fourth of the estimated total budget of £800,000,000.

Regular naval estimates were increased sharply last week. This total, which does not include additional costs outlined recently, is £68,630,000 (about \$348,150,000), or nearly £9,880,000 higher than the estimates for 1935. Supplementary estimates last year, however, increased the appropriation for that period by £4,850,000.

Of the increased amount of nearly £10,000,000 in the current naval estimates, £4,645,000 is required to continue new construction already authorized. Expenditure on the fleet air arm is moved up by £1,082,000, exclusive of the cost of new aircraft for the ships. Provisions for maintenance of the fleet calls for an increase of £3,936,000. The fleet personnel also will be expanded by 4,613.

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Employment Shows Steady Advance

Canadian Survey. — Ontario Factories Have Increased Workers Since January.

OTTAWA. — Moderate improvement was shown in the employment situation in Canada on March 1 compared with February 1, and a considerable gain was recorded over the corresponding date last year, the Dominion Bureau of Statistics reported last week.

Comparison Drawn

A total of 9,411 employers showed an aggregate payroll of 931,359 on March 1 against 926,388 the previous month. On the corresponding date last year, 9,062 firms reported a working aggregate of 902,301 persons.

The index on March 1, on the base 1926 equals 100, was slightly below the average for the past 15 years at 103.7, but was considerably higher than March 1, 1935, when it was 96.4.

The index on March 1 for the previous years follow: 1934—92.7; 1933—76.9; 1932—88.7; 1931—100.3; 1930—110.2; 1929—101.4; 1928—102.6; 1927—97.5; 1926—92.6; 1925—88.1; 1924—91.8; 1923—91; 1922—82.9; 1921—89.1.

Upward Trend

Ontario and the Prairie Provinces showed an upward trend while a decline was reported in the Maritime Province, Quebec and British Columbia.

In comparison with March 1, 1935, an improvement was shown in each of the five economic areas.

Expansion was reported in Ontario, where 4,176 co-operating establishments added 5,630 persons to their forces, bringing them to 398,449 at March 1. The gain, exceeding the average increase indicated at March 1 in the years since 1920, was smaller than that noted at the same date in 1935. The 4,019 firms whose returns were included in the tabulation for March 1, 1935, had employed 394,882 workers.

2,139 More Working

There was an advance in factory employment in Ontario at the beginning of March, 1936, manufacturers having added 2,139 workers to their staffs. Leather, lumber textile, iron and steel and non-ferrous metal works showed greater activity. Among the non-manufacturing classes, highway construction recorded improvement and there were gains on a smaller scale in mining, transportation, railway construction and trade. Logging showed a decline as the season's operations neared completion and shipping and building construction also released employees.

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