U. S. Is Killing 4 Coal Miners to Britain's One, Andrews Charges

STATES MUST COMPEL ROCK DUSTING BY LAW

CHICAGO—American coal miners are being killed four times as fast as British miners, John Andrews, secretary of the American Association for Labor Legislation, declared Tuesday, in his report to the 18th annual convention of the organization.

"During the past two years there has been a deplorable increase in fatalities among bituminous coal miners due to needless coal dust explosions," Andrews said. "As our mines go deeper, the dangers increase."

Andrews urged state laws to bring about the universal use of rock dust in coal mines as an effective preventative of fatal coal dust explosions.

A Shocking Increase.

"We were criticized three years ago for stating that in America we are killing coal miners three times as fast as they are killed in Great Britain. Recent official figures show that our record is even worse. We are really killing coal miners four times as fast."

"Coal dust and gas explosions are responsible for the shocking increase in the fatality rate during recent months," Mr. Andrews declared. "For the decade ending with the year 1921 the proportion of total coal mine fatalities in the United States which was caused by gas and coal dust explosions was 11.01 per cent; in 1922, it was 15.72 per cent, and in 1923 it was 15.17 per cent, and the latest report of the bureau of mines states that explosions of gas and coal dust are the only group of coal mine accidents with increased fatality rates for 1924, so that the alarming increase this year is due entirely to this cause.

"The record of 'major' disasters during the first 10 months of 1924 shows nine disasters with a loss of 152 lives, as compared with 8 similar accidents and a loss of 260 lives during the same months last year."

Legislation Is Needed.

Encouraging progress is being made in rock dusting the mines, according to Mr. Andrews, who said that the honor roll of coal operators who have installed rock dusting has grown within 24 months from a bare half dozen to more than 50.

New "Ogre" Killed, Ate Fifteen Human Beings, Is Belief

BERLIN—Carl Denke, a Silesian farmer, is believed to have killed and eaten 15 persons at his lonely farm near Muensterberg.

Skin of the victims was used to fashion suspenders and twine.

Police have been making one gruesome discovery after another in Germany's new "Haarmann case" since Denke's suicide Christmas eve.

The farmer lured wandering workmen and youths to his home and killed them, with intention of eating them.

Jars containing pickled human flesh were found in Denke's barn.

Christmas eve he attacked a youth with a spade, but the intended victim escaped. Arrested, Denke hanged himself in his cell.

Brindell May Be Barred From Union As Former Convict

NEW YORK—Robert P. Brindell's desire to get back into the Carpenters' union, now that he is free on parole, may not be easy to satisfy, it developed Monday. Officials of the organization pointed out that ex-convicts are barred from membership.

The former trades union leader, when he stepped from the portals of Great Meadow prison the day after Christmas, after serving a term of three years and nine months for extortion, let it be known that there was no condition in his parole which forbade his holding a union card.

It was declared that local No. 1456 of the Carpenters' union, of which Brindell was a member, adopted a resolution in 1921 to the effect that no man who had served a prison term was eligible to membership.

Police Move Too Fast for New Law; Fines Are Refunded

ATLANTA, Ga.—About 250 motorists, fined $26 each since Dec. 22 for violating a new stop-at-boulevards ordinance, smiled broadly Monday. Their money is to be refunded through an error in its enforcement.

This was disclosed Monday when a violator, haled before the police recorder, announced he couldn't be fined. "Why not?" asked the recorder.

"The law is not in effect yet," the man answered. A frantic investigation followed. The man was right. An amendment providing for the law to become effective Jan. 1 was not attached to the copy of the ordinance received by the acting chief, and he had immediately ordered arrests.

Death Wires of Son And His Father Cross

NEWARK—A telegram to Samuel Powell, Sr. of Louisville, to notify him that his son, Samuel Powell, Jr., had died in the city hospital here, had scarcely been dispatched Monday when a message was received for young Powell telling of the death of his father in Louisville.

Frenchman Makes 621 Miles in 4 1-2 Hours

ETAMPES, France — The world's speed record for 1,000 kilometers (621.38 miles) was broken by Aviator Doret, who flew the distance over a 50-kilometer course in 4:30:32 3-5, at an average of 221.7 kilometers (137.75 miles) per hour.

Typist Builds Up Forbes Alibi



MISS EDNA BREESE.

Miss Edna Breese, formerly stenographer to Col. Charles R. Forbes when the latter was chief of the veterans' bureau, took the witness stand in his behalf during trial of Forbes in Chicago and swore to an alibi for him concerning a reported transfer of cash. She testified in refutation of sworn statements by "fixers" that they had paid $5,000 to Forbes while he was head of the bureau.

SEES BRITAIN AS INTERPRETER OF EUROPE TO U. S.

WASHINGTON—Co-operation between nations and between the scientist, the lawmaker and the public was the keynote of the formal opening Monday night of the American Assn. for the Advancement of Science, beginning its 79th general convocation.

The principal speaker was Secretary Hughes, who emphasized the value of international co-operation in scientific attainment.

While Secretary Hughes was speaking the British ambassador, Sir Esme Howard, addressed a separate meeting of the American Political Science Assn., an affiliated organization.

In Difficult Position.

Sir Esme, speaking on British Policy and the Balance of Power, urged a spirit of friendly understanding of the position of England in world politics.

The United States, with no fears about security because of its geographical position, can hold aloof, but 20th century Great Britain must choose between an association of nations and "the notorious doctrine of the balance of power," with its specter of inevitable wars, Sir Esme declared.

Due to her geographical position, he said, Great Britain today could no more hold aloof from an European league than formerly she could stand apart from the system of joining sides against the strongest power.

At the present time, he declared, he could see no one power threatening to dominate Europe. There is a breathing space in which to consider the whole situation, he asserted.

Duty of Britain.

One of the principal duties of Great Britain in the future, he declared, will be to explain and interpret the necessities and difficulties of Europe to America, and the overseas dominions, while at the same time work ng in Europe for an enduring peace.

"But I would ask Americans to try to understand the difficult position of Great Britain," he continued. "Every man in the British Isles desires the closest understanding with the United States. That is the cardinal principle of our policy and must remain so."

Leopold-Loeb Case Lawyers to Be Paid $150,000 in Fees

CHICAGO — The millionaire Leopold and Loeb family spent approximately a quarter of a million dollars to save their sons, Nathan Leopold, Jr., and Richard A. Loeb, from the gallows, it was estimated here Tuesday when it became known that $150,000 is to be paid in lawyers' fees alone. Three attorneys represented the two murderers of Bobby Franks. Clarence Darrow, chief counsel, is to receive the largest amount. Fees for expert alienists, at the rate of $250 a day, and other expenses of the trial are believed to have made the total expense in securing life sentences instead of death on the gallows at least $250,000.

All Street Cars in Connecticut to Halt During Sun Eclipse

NEW HAVEN, Conn.—At the request of Prof. E. W. Brown, who will be in charge of the Yale observatory here Jan. 24, the day of the total eclipse of the sun, President Lucius S. Storrs of the Connecticut Co. agreed Monday to halt all trolley traffic in the state during the period of totality of the eclipse so that passengers may view the phenomenon. A second object, Mr. Storrs said, is to obviate the necessity of lighting street lamps, which would interfere with a proper view of the eclipse.

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FRENCH CREDIT BAN TILL DEBT IS PAID URGED

WASHINGTON—A suggestion was advanced urging congress to act to prevent the floating of additional private credits to France until steps be taken toward an honorable settlement of the $4,000,000,000 debt. The suggestion was made following reports from Paris revealing that the French finance minister had practically ignored the obligation in the preparation of his governmental balance sheet.

The good faith of France and of the bankers who have floated private French loans was called into question by some observers. It was recalled that while the first loan was being floated France was inspiring propaganda indicating a desire to fund the $4,000,000,000 debt, but that the moment the funds were safely in the hands of the French government the open talk of repudiation and cancellation was renewed.

Hit French View.

The French claim that France saved the United States is received here with disfavor. There is no desire to underrate the sacrifice and spirit of France, but attention was directed to the fact that American aid in the World war was vital to French welfare.

The speech of Senator Reed, Pennsylvania. He said:

"Our government, which had issued its bonds to raise that money, has met the interest currently. That interest since the money was advanced to France has amounted to $796,711,537. In other words, we have taken from our taxpayers in order to pay the current interest which French taxpayers should have paid, approximately $800,000,000 in the last five years.

Who Shall Pay?

"The principal of those loans and the interest that comes due in the future are still to be paid. The question is: Who shall pay it—whether it shall be taken from American taxpayers through long years in the future or whether it shall be paid by the governments—France and Italy and Belgium and others—whose promise to pay it now lies in the American treasury?

"We cannot forget and we ought not to pretend to ignore that a very large part of the high taxation that we are extracting from the American people today is extracted to meet the obligations on which those countries are the primary debtors."

Today in Congress

Senate.

Meets Tuesday to consider objected bills.

Postal pay bill hearing continues.

House.

Continues consideration of treasury and postoffice supply bill.

Appropriations committee considers independent offices and District of Columbia appropriation bills.

Naval affairs committee considers Britten resolution calling on the state department for information relative to elevation of guns.

Postoffice committee holds regular meeting.

Judiciary committee considers judges' salary bill.

Typhoid Epidemic in New York Declining

NEW YORK—The number of typhoid fever cases throughout the city is now declining, Health Commissioner Monoghan announced Monday. Only 23 new patients were reported during the 48 hours ending at noon, in comparison with 30 cases for the 24 hours ending at noon last Saturday, Dr. Monaghan said.

DEATH OF TWO IN HOLLYWOOD PUZZLES POLICE

LOS ANGELES — Enveloped in mystery, the death of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Holly, wealthy New Yorkers, who have been living in Hollywood, engaged the attention of police here.

The cuple, Holly, 60, and his wife, 55, was found Monday night in the bedroom of their bungalow. They had apparently been dead since Christmas.

No Poison Found.

First opinion was that they had committed suicide, although a thorough search of the residence failed to reveal any poison containers or any sign of death by carbon-monoxide poisoning.

Mrs. Holly was found in bed. Bloodstains were about her nose and mouth, indicating a hemorrhage. Holly was lying on the floor.

The room was in order. Christmas packages were banked around a small tree.

Nephew Scouts Suicide View.

Theodore Covell, of Burbank, a nephew, said the Holly's spent Christmas at his home and they were apparently in good spirits. He scouted the suicide theory.

Two nieces live in Brooklyn, N. Y.

Report of autopsy surgeons is awaited, when it will be determined whether stomachs of the two contain poison.

Christmas cards and gifts found in the house are being examined. One religious book from Holly to his wife bore the notation "Merry Xmas to Toots From Hubby."

Oyster "Germ" in Throat Proves to Be Piece of Shell

CHICAGO — A few minutes after John Denman had swallowed an oyster stew in his home Friday night, he remarked that the oysters certainly tasted strong.

"Dangerous this time of year, according to the health department," he said. "Might be germs or something in them."

So he called a doctor.

At the South Shore hospital Drs. John Stanton and H. T. Barr removed the "germ."

It was a fragment of oyster shell, 1¼ inches long and ⅝ inch wide, which had lodged in his esophagus.

Irvin Cobb Blasts Report of His Death

NEW YORK—Irvin S. Cobb, in a telegram to The New York World from Paducah, Ky., denied reports of his death.

"I hate to disappoint anyone, but the Chicago report that I am dead is, so far as I can learn, entirely unfounded," the wire said.

GERMANY ASKS ALLIES TO TELL COLOGNE AIMS

BY CARL D. GROAT.
Staff Correspondent The United Press

BERLIN—A challenge to the allies to "lay their cards on the table" regarding the continued occupation of Cologne and allegations of Germany's failure to disarm was voiced by Foreign Minister Stresemann Tuesday in a statement to the foreign press correspondents.

Stresemann urged the allies to negotiate with the German government and warned them not to overtax Germany's patience and "will for understanding" lest the peace of Europe be shattered.

The German foreign minister warned that continued harrassing of Germany and continued retention of the Cologne area by the allies will mean "bankruptcy of the policy—fulfillment and pacification—which the Marx government adopted toward the Dawes plan."

The popular name given to the small bound feet of the Chinese women is "lillies."

Crosby Boat Lines Run to Green Bay

Freight service of the Crosby Transportation Co. along the west shore of Lake Michigan has been extended to Green Bay, it was announced late Monday. It was decided to extend the service to Green Bay after the Crosby Co. purchased the three small steamers of the Hili line.

PARTY OPENS AUDITORIUM.

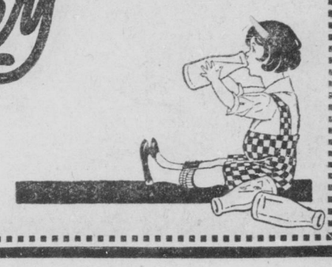
The new St. Rose auditorium, 30th and Sycamore Sts., will be formally opened New Year's eve. The program will consist of cards and dancing. A dinner, in charge of Mrs. Herman Wiebeck, will be served from 6 to 8:30 p. m.

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