

4 MORE BODIES RECOVERED IN SLIDE

THREE, POSSIBLY FIVE SHIPS, TO PLY TO ALASKA

Striking Maritime Unions Verbally Agree to Man Vessels for North

ONE CRAFT ALREADY PLACED IN CHARTER

Col. Ohlson Expected to Leave San Francisco for Seattle Thursday

BULLETIN — SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Nov. 25.—It is reported that a jurisdictional difference between two unions today delayed the completion of arrangements to man emergency supplies to Alaska.

Col. Ohlson said the I.L.A. had declined to sign the agreement pending the clearing up of "just a little point."

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Nov. 25.—Col. Otto P. Ohlson, General Manager of the Alaska Railroad, announced last night that the striking maritime unions had agreed verbally to man and work vessels the Alaska Railroad will charter, under an Executive Order of President Roosevelt, to relieve the food shortage in Alaska.

Five Ships Needed. Col. Ohlson told the newsmen, after a conference with members of the striking unions, that "we will need five ships. One, the Arctic, of the Alaska Packing Company, has been obtained. The Arctic will probably leave here for Seattle within two days."

Col. Ohlson said he would leave Thursday for Seattle where he will charter two more vessels and two more will be obtained later for Alaska.

In a later talk to the newsmen, Col. Ohlson said members of the striking unions will man the Arctic in three days and load at Seattle.

The Arctic, continued Mr. Ohlson, "will make twelve day voyages to Seward and another vessel will be chartered at Seattle. Also the Bureau of Indian Affairs motorship Boxer will be used."

Wages to Be Paid. "The union men will be paid the wages Alaska fishing operators were paid last season, slightly higher than the prevailing pay of the ships' personnel on deep sea vessels."

"The Arctic, with 3,000 cubic feet of cold storage space, will carry a fresh fruit, vegetable, meat, flour, mail, also general cargo business, taking passengers as well as freight."

"The Boxer will leave Seattle within four or five days, taking supplies where the need is most acute, particularly Sitka, Cordova, Unalakleet and Akutan and also will take 4,000 sacks of mail at Juneau to the Westward. The Boxer will then be used for an auxiliary service between Seward and points to the Westward, including Kodiak Island."

McGrady Planned. Edward P. McGrady, Assistant Secretary of Labor, said he was decidedly pleased over the solution of the Alaska situation.

New Negotiations. The spokesman for one of the three employer groups of the Ship Owners' Association and Pacific Operators of coastwise freighters, said there might be negotiations at a meeting today with the unions to handle about ten percent of the coast's marine cargoes in 75 smaller ships that are available.

It is understood that only ships not controlled by firms involved in the strike, will be chartered for coastwise traffic including Alaska.

BOXER TO SAIL. SEATTLE, Nov. 25.—J. J. Lichtenhauer, Assistant Purchasing Agent of the Department of the Interior, said the Boxer will leave this week-end. Government employees will be on board.

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LET'S GO AND SAIL. A group of men, including a woman, were seen walking along the waterfront in Seattle, looking out at the water.

Little Lorraine Vanali Dies With Name 'Ernest' on Lips After Rescue from Avalanche

"Ernest" breathed Baby Lorraine Vanali as she closed her eyes for the last time and passed away at St. Ann's Hospital at 9:20 o'clock last night. She was closer to him than any other person now that her mother lies dead and her father has not been found. It was he who picked her up in the slide and she remembered it as she passed away.

When he first called down to her that mad and muck yesterday afternoon, he asked if she knew who he was.

"It's Ernest," she replied in her weak childish way.

Perverish efforts were made by all workers as she said: "I'm tired, why don't you come and get me?"

"I'm alright, but hurry," she said later.

Ernest Mattioli, A. J. miner, had lived in Juneau with Mr. and Mrs. Vanali and Lorraine for the past year, and had come up from Seattle with the father and then Mrs. Vanali brought Lorraine up a few weeks later. Lorraine's cousin, John Giovanni, also an A. J. miner, who has been living in Juneau for the past year, had been working with Ernest and both men lived outside the hospital room last night until they knew everything possible was being done for her.

An hour later they left the hospital to change their clothes and returned at 9:15 p. m. Her condition appeared the same and believing that the child would live they left to send a telegram to Mrs. Peter Conrad, Lorraine's grandmother who lives at Cle Elum, Washington.

As the telegram went out, the child called for "Ernest" and closed her eyes in death.

MATANUSKA IS UNDER ATTACK FROM THOMAS

Oklahoma Senator Says Colony Is 'Failure' and Other Things

WASHINGTON, Nov. 25.—United States Senator Elmer Thomas, Democrat of Oklahoma, who spent a month on the Alaska Peninsula this last summer with Senator Frazier of North Dakota and Shipstead of Minnesota, said the Government's effort to plant a colony in the Matanuska Valley is a "failure."

Senator Thomas said he was convinced that the ambitious homestead project would "collapse as soon as Federal aid is withdrawn. The experiment is worth every penny it cost because it proved once and for all, that Alaska is not suitable for a large scale of colonization."

Two Seasons. "The Matanuska Valley has only two seasons—July and winter. Because the sun shined 24 hours a day during the brief summer season, vegetables grow in lush abundance but the rapid growth makes them watery, virtually worthless for marketing."

"The Matanuska radishes tasted like ice cubes and the potatoes have to be dried out in a slow oven because they are so watery that they can be stored even for a short time."

Ready to Quit. "One third of the 400 families in the settlement is ready to quit although they will stick it out as long as the Government keeps pouring money into the project. Seventy-five families have already gone."

Senator Thomas estimated that the scheme has cost about \$14,000 to date. He further said the homesteaders will never be able to repay the Government or even support their own schools.

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REPLY BY GOVERNMENT

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GERMANY, JAPAN TO WAGE FIGHT ON COMMUNISM

BERLIN, Nov. 25.—Germany and Japan have signed an agreement directed against the Communist International, agreeing to inform each other about Communist activities and combat Communism.

The agreement is effective today and continues for five years.

Most Dramatic Moment in Slide Disaster



Ernest Mattioli, long time friend of the Vanali family, and Lorraine's father, Dave Fennmer, and in the center with his back to the camera is E. L. Gruber. The remarkable picture was taken by Fred Ordway of Ordway's, Times, Wide-World. Lorraine died later in the hospital.

Just Before Little Lorraine Was Rescued



View of the hole in the slide from which Little Lorraine Vanali was rescued last night only to die later in the hospital. Around the meager list of flashlights in the immediate foreground just about to reach in and get the child out are Ernest Mattioli, Dr. William P. Stanton, Dave Fennmer and E. L. Gruber. (Photo by Ordway's, Times, Wide-World.)

SHIP'S OFFICER IS SWEEPED OFF BOAT TO DEATH

ANCHORAGE, Alaska, Nov. 25.—Capt. Hattie Berger, of the motor-

ship Discoverer, telephoned to his home office yesterday afternoon from Seward, that Second Mate Barney Smith, aged 40, was lost overboard in a heavy storm, off Kodiak, Cook Inlet, and that all lifeboats on the port side were also lost.

Smith's body was not recovered. Capt. Berger said the 90-ton craft carrying 12 passengers bound for Seattle, slipped into Seward after eight days at sea from Anchorage.

The trip generally takes a day and a half or two days.

Capt. Berger said he would await the arrival of the Motorship Kasteloff which left Anchorage at the same time as the Discoverer. He described the storm as the worst he ever experienced.

FIRE, FAIRBANKS

FAIRBANKS, Alaska, Nov. 25.—The warehouse and clothing store owned by J. R. Fowle has been damaged in a mysterious fire. The loss is estimated at probably \$5,000 with no casualties.

LIST OF DEATH CROWS AS WORK MOVES FORWARD

Lorraine Vanali, Pete Bottello, Mrs. George Lee Found in Wreckage

CHILD LIVES TWO HOURS AFTER RESCUE

Pitiful Tale of Suffering Revealed with Locating of Small Child

The body of Oscar Lallo of Sitka, who had been rooming at the Matson Boarding House while here for medical treatment, was found shortly after 3 o'clock this afternoon in the slide wreckage. The recovery brings the death list to nine. All bodies are at Carter's.

Three more bodies have been recovered from the wreckage on Lower Front Street left in the wake of the Sunday avalanche, bringing the total dead to eight and leaving the known missing at seven. As hope for finding others alive diminished today officials estimated the death toll as at least 15 persons.

Lorraine Vanali, 3-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Vanali, both believed victims of the disaster, Mrs. Vanali's body having already been removed, was recovered from the debris at approximately 7:30 last night still alive.

She died in St. Ann's Hospital two hours later, the victim of exposure which brought on pneumonia.

The body of Pete Bottello, missing beyond recognition, was taken from near the same spot shortly before noon today. He was lying on the buried sidewalk leading up the hill from Franklin Street in the Nickerson Apartment wreckage.

The little girl was in a small hole formed by broken timbers, one of her hands imprisoned under one of the timbers.

This afternoon the body of Mrs. George Lee was found in the same mass of ruins. She bore only minor injuries but apparently had been dead since the first crash.

Suffered Terribly. The child must have suffered beyond comprehension. The huge timber held her arm fast, and the small place she was in gave her no place to move her tiny body. Examination later revealed blisters on the back of her little legs, showing that flames had licked viciously and persistently at her tender flesh.

Ugly black bruises gave evidence that she had suffered in other ways, probably being buffeted around as the mighty cascade of dirt and rock roared down the mountainside on its mission of death, sweeping all before it and leaving suffering, death and destruction in its wake.

It was only a miracle, a harrowing sickening one, that kept Lorraine Vanali alive through those terrifying 48 hours of living death.

The Shores of Life. The most dramatic moment of the catastrophe thus far came a few minutes before 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon when shouts came from the frantically digging rescuers that a child's voice could be heard. Muckers coming off shift at the time heard the challenge and immediately threw down their lamps and coats and grabbed handy tools. Drilled to emergency by the imminence of death through work and training underground, they joined the others in tearing into the stubborn debris like mad. Faster, faster flew the shovels. Hardened calloused men who often have flirted with death, were whipped to frenzied heights if energy as they heard that plaintive little voice call for "mother."

Work was rekindled. There was still life in that horrible mass of earth, rock and trees.

Around the town went the report that a child was being found alive. From all directions came men, women and children: the urge of humanity bearing its soul in time of disaster; buoyed up by hope of recovery of a little child.

Men Worked Like Mad. Experts at such work declared it was a job of a few men and a few hours to reach the child. The crowd grew larger, and quicker. Men shovelled and dug like mad. Nothing but the most determined effort was made to get the child out. Even men working at the slide yesterday, their arms and legs numb from the cold, were seen working their way toward the spot where the child was found.

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