

FRIDAY, NOV. 29, 1940

A. F. L. UPHOLDS  
SHORTER WEEK30-Hour Plan Shelved for  
Emergency, However;  
Seattle in 1941.

NEW ORLEANS, Nov. 28 (U. P.).—The American Federation of Labor concludes its convention today.

One of the convention's last acts will be to approve the principles of the 30-hour work week. Officials said privately that no attempt would be made to obtain one during the present emergency.

Delegates re-elected President William Green for a 17th term, and the 16 other officials.

None had opposition, but the United Ladies Garment Workers' Union delegation, which had led a fight for an anti-racketeering resolution with "teeth" in it, abstained from voting to re-elect George E. Esowne, head of the Theater Stage Employees and Motion Picture Operators, a vice president.

Brown employs Willie Bloff, a former pandarer, and others with criminal records as officials of his union. As a member of the executive council, he will aid in administering the convention resolution that the council exert its influence to compel unions to clean house.

The 1941 convention will be held in Seattle, Wash.

In accepting re-election, Mr. Green pledged to work for peace with the C. I. O. He said he was not pessimistic and believed that the time would come soon when one man would not be able to defy public opinion. His reference was to John L. Lewis, former president of the C. I. O.

## Log Reveals Sea Tragedy



Mr. and Mrs. Chester Thompson... he is buried in South Seas, she fights for life in hospital.

Couple Planning  
Thumb Vacation

LINDLAY, O., Nov. 28 (U. P.).—Mr. and Mrs. Claude Stover plan to vacation in the West next year—via the hitchhike route.

The couple used that method with great success this year. They traveled 800 miles.

TOWN CLOSES UP  
FOR BLAST RITESGas Explosion Kills 7, Hurts  
14, Smashes Windows  
In Toppenish, Wash.

TOPPENISH, Wash., Nov. 28 (U. P.).—This town boarded up its store fronts today and planned funerals for the seven victims of a blast that leveled a one-story mercantile building and smashed almost every window in the business district.

Fourteen other persons were injured, some seriously, yesterday when leaking gas, accumulated in the building cellar, was ignited and the brick structure was blown apart.

Dead were: Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cline, hardware company managers; Kathleen Jahnke, their bookkeeper; Vernon Ransdell, 24; William Duncan, 42; Patric Oldfield, 32, and Charles Knapp, 72.

The bodies were found within a radius of 10 feet. They were badly charred.

Firemen said they heard cries in the burning debris but were unable to effect rescue. It was two hours after the explosion before they were able to search for the victims.

The building housed a telegraph office, beauty shop, insurance office, a restaurant, and the Cline's hardware store. Employees of the restaurant had detected the escaping gas and Roy Snyder, a gas company repairman, was entering the basement when the explosion occurred. He was injured.

## Ends Training



Pvt. William Loy Futerbaugh, 1815 College Ave., has graduated from the Army Air Corps technical school at Orlando, Fla. He took instruction in supply problems. A graduate of Morion Memorial High School, Richmond, Pvt. Futerbaugh enlisted last January. His present assignment is with the 24th Bombardment Squadron, at Lowry Field, Orlando.

16-OUNCE INFANT  
FAILS TO SURVIVE

NEW YORK, Nov. 28 (U. P.).—A 16-ounce baby girl born Wednesday to Mrs. Abraham Ringer died early today in an incubator at Bellevue Hospital. The baby was born without medical attention. Rushed to Bellevue, doctors believed she had a chance to survive.

U. S. HIGHWAY  
DEATH TOLL UPSafety Council Expects '40  
Total to 35,000; Eight  
States Drop.

CHICAGO, Nov. 28 (U. P.).—The National Safety Council reported today that deaths on the highways during 1940 already were 6 per cent above those for the same period last year and predicted that the ice and snow of winter driving would bring to almost 35,000 the toll for the entire year.

During the first 10 months of this year 27,360 were killed by automobiles compared with 24,760 during the same period in 1939. Only eight states—Nebraska, Arkansas, Montana, Vermont, Maine, North Carolina, Tennessee and Georgia—were able to report fewer deaths than last year. The total of lives saved in those states was 80.

Safest driving areas in the country appeared to be the North Atlantic Seaboard, South Central and Pacific Coast states, yet even these reported increase in traffic deaths.

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United Press Staff Correspondent

SUVA, Fiji Islands, Nov. 28.—Re-

duced to a single can of apricots

after three months at sea, three

California treasure-seekers, slowly

starved to death and a fourth, a

woman, escaped a similar fate only

because their tiny boat ran aground

in the Fiji Islands, the log of the

ill-fated sailing vessel Wing On dis-

closed today.

One of the dead was definitely

identified as Chester Thompson, Los

Angeles, who inspired the South

Sea trip in search of pearls in the

Marquesas Islands. He was 21. The

other two were believed to be Dalton

Arthur Conly, 26, and his 20-year-

old wife, Eve, of San Francisco and

Los Angeles.

The sole survivor was Mrs. Fern

Thompson, 21, of Salt Lake City and

Los Angeles. She was found uncon-

scious aboard the Wing On when it

was washed up on the beach near

Labasa Sugar Plantation, Nov. 23.

She was taken to Labasa Plantation

Hospital where she remains in critical

condition.

Food diminished rapidly despite

rationing.

Then on Nov. 7 the entry told of

the death of Thompson.

"Chet has died," it read. "What

next. Help us, oh God."

The next day, Nov. 8, there ap-

peared in the log over the signature

of Conly:

"We buried Chester Thompson,

aged 21, at 8:10 a. m.; died of star-

vation. He was too far gone at any

rate to stand any of the remaining

can of apricots we had."

Died Few Days from Safety

The last log entry was made Nov.

12, and it was believed that Conly

died that day or the next.

The two women clung tenaciously

to life through days of drifting

which finally carried the boat to a

reef off the Labasa plantation where

the yacht Lelema found it Sunday.

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