

'Serious Escape' from Blast Furnace, Says Management

28 MEN IN HOSPITAL

THE accident at Consett Ironworks on Saturday night, in which eleven of a total of forty-five men overcome by gas died and twenty-eight others were taken to hospital, was "due to a serious escape of blast furnace carbon monoxide gas."

This was stated by the management following a conference at Consett yesterday to establish the cause of the accident.

The men in hospital, it was stated last night, are recovering.

Company Report ANGLo-IRANIAN OIL COMPANY

Considerable Increase in Total Sales

THE forty-first annual general meeting of the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company Limited will be held on July 25 at Britannic House, Finsbury Circus, London.

The following are extracts from the report of the company for the year ending December 31, 1949, and accounts for 1949 have been approved in the same form as for the previous year.

At the end of the year the group trading profit is compared with a profit of £50,000,000. This figure is after making provision for depreciation on fixed assets, of £10,000,000.

The company's statement said that the year had been a calm evening when the atmosphere was heavy and that the gas spread over and hung about a considerable area.

The men were changing shifts as some were overcome by the gas. Men from other departments were taken into the affected area to assist their fellow-workers, being in turn overcome, until some forty-two men were rendered unconscious.

Affected men who have since recovered have stated that as they were walking towards the blast furnace, they were overcome, they were not affected while standing upright, but as soon as they began to lift the fallen men they were quickly overcome.

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Top—Miss Isobel Dawson, on Honor Bright, the wall jump in fine style at Banbury Games, left—Bill Little dazed after being struck by a hammer shaft at the Games.



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Plea for Removal of Arbitration Order

NEGOTIATIONS A FARCE, SAYS J. B. FIGGINS. REMOVAL OF THE Condition of Employment and Wages, general secretary of the 500,000-strong National Union of Railwaymen, at Morecambe yesterday.

He told a union rally—"We hope to get the T.U.C. to agree to this policy so that voluntary negotiations can be a reality and not a farce."

AUTHORITIES TOLD-APPOINT TEACHERS NOW

BECAUSE IT expects short-term "pockets of unemployment" in the teaching profession, the Ministry of Education is asking local education authorities to take in more teachers than they would normally engage.

Gordon's Win Swim Trophy

THE Forfar Baths held a capacity crowd on Saturday night when Gordon's won the 25-yard swim trophy.

Race Provides Great Tussle

Banchory Games Event Won by J. Howie, Aberdeen

THREE thousand spectators saw nineteen-year-old J. Howie, Aberdeen, win the gruelling four-mile Scoldy Hill race at his first attempt in 29min. 55sec. at Banchory Games on Saturday.

Kennethmont Sports Draw Record Crowd

George Clark Sweeps Board in 'Heavies'

GEORGE CLARK, Grange, won the 'Heavies' Championship at Kennethmont Highland Sports, which attracted a record attendance.

In the Garden Hydrangeas Should Be Re-potted

I HAVE had several queries from people who have hydrangeas gone out of flower. They want to know what treatment to give them as the plants will flower next year.

Spring cabbage

THE seed should be sown to the depth of one inch in a well-drained soil. The seed should be sown in a well-drained soil.

Blackpool 'Dive Bomber' Crashes

A CHAMPION was Only an Onlooker at Aless. AN interested spectator at the children's sports held in the Crawf Park, Aless, on Saturday was John McEllan of Delny leading heavily weighted at 150 lbs.

QUADRUPE THE IN MOTOR CYCLE CLIMB

NO less than four competitors, each with a time of 15 sec., took part in the 400 c.c. open class of the motor cycle climb at Highbury on Saturday.

BRITISH WOMAN MISSING ON PEAK

SEARCH parties were out yesterday looking for Miss Helen Munro (Mrs. Gordon) who disappeared on the 7,575-ft. Pateberg Knoll mountain, near Banbury, on Saturday afternoon.

Speedway Riders Die

TWO speedway riders were killed on Saturday night—Joe Abbott (Bradford) in a match between the Bradford and West Ham, and Jack Sheild (Halifax) in a speedway race at Northwich between Northwich and Halifax.

A. J. Stuart Prominent Winner

A. J. STUART, Glenlivet, was a prominent winner in the heavy events at Bogmunchals Games on Saturday night, despite splendid weather conditions, were not so well attended as the promoters would have wished.



An attractive feature of the afternoon's proceedings was a series of displays by a pipe band and team of the Royal Engineers from Pinefield Camp, Edin.

It was the sixty-fourth gathering to be held at Bogmunchals. Winners were: HEAVY EVENTS: 100 yards—Adrian, 14.00; 200 yards—Adrian, 31.00; 400 yards—Adrian, 1:05.00; 800 yards—Adrian, 2:15.00; 1,600 yards—Adrian, 4:35.00; 3,200 yards—Adrian, 9:15.00; 6,400 yards—Adrian, 18:45.00; 12,800 yards—Adrian, 38:45.00.

BID TO REFLOAT WARSPITE

AN attempt will be made on Wednesday to refloat the 20,000-ton battleship Warspite, blown on the rocks at Pruslee Cove near Penzance over two years ago. It is being towed to a breaking yard.

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