

# FOREST GROVE HIT BY CONFLAGRATION

## School Superintendent and Fireman Seriously Injured.

### ORIGIN LAID TO BONFIRE

#### Intense Heat Drives Fighters Back to Hydrants; Portland Department Responds to Call.

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drop their nozzles, retreat to the hydrants and drag the hose back afterwards. Meanwhile the fire had spread west across Main street, attacking a photograph gallery operated by Misses Belle and Dee Darling.

#### Firemen Forced Back.

It had become apparent that efforts to save the store building would result only in spread of the flames, which were already getting hold on a barn in the rear of the store, and an empty building adjoining it on the north. After an ineffectual attempt to save those structures firemen again retreated in good order and turned water on the Oddfellows hall, on the corner of First avenue and Main street and on the buildings on the west side of Main street, where the photograph gallery was fast going up in flames.

#### According to Fire Chief Lennerville,

the wind had been in the north when the fire started. The Oddfellows hall was already blazing and sparks were falling on the roof of the Congregational church, when the breeze switched to the northwest and turned the current of flame down First avenue North. From that moment, the fire chief says, the wind swung around from one point of the compass to another, as though fate had determined to destroy the business section of the city.

#### Lodge Hall Goes.

The Oddfellows hall, a brick structure, offered no resistance to the raging inferno that assailed its walls. The Congregational church was soon in flames. It was while trying to save the latter building that young Mork was injured.

Mork was on a ladder, playing a stream of water through a window, when the wind blew smoke and fire in his face. He fell to the ground, suffering slight injuries from the tumble. How much he had been injured from the flames was problematical. Dr. Hawke said the lad was hysterical when medical assistance arrived, and much of his injury may be due to heat, smoke and excitement. The doctor said the boy's pulse was strong, and that if he had not suffered injury to his lungs he probably would recover.

#### From the Oddfellows hall the fire

swept east along First avenue north, sweeping through small buildings as if they had been paper. Reaching College way, a block east from Main street, the flames swept north again, destroying the dwellings on that street.

#### Church Left in Ruins.

The church was a desolate ruin by the time the conflagration had been conquered. Only the chimney, a brick structure, and the charred remnants of what had been a kitchen, and a portion of the church socials were left standing.

The kitchen range, a large stove, already rusting from water which firemen had turned on it, had been dragged outside. Half a block distant, on College way, was the church organ, with six hymnbooks on the top. The organ was badly splattered, but the hymnbooks evidently had been laid there by an excited member of the congregation. They were as dry and clean as though they had been put there for morning services.

#### Replacement Costs to Be Big.

In estimating the losses of Forest Grove citizens are not unmindful of present building costs, and they regard the total loss as much beyond the figure given. The Oddfellows hall, for example, was built for \$12,000, but it is believed that it will cost more than \$15,000 to restore it to its former condition. The stores on the ground floor were occupied by the Wells hardware store. Upstairs was unfinished, but was being used as a hall for public entertainment and was one of the town's social centers.

#### The public library was erected by

Harvey Bales, a business man, but soon afterward was bought by Mrs. G. O. Rogers for \$4000 and turned over to the city as a gift, to be used as a library. Together with a copy of books. The people turned out to save books and furniture, and succeeded in making considerable salvage. Perhaps fifty worth of books were taken out, together with practically all the furniture. It was called the Rogers free library. Mrs. Rogers is the widow of Dr. G. O. Rogers, a pioneer American dentist in the orient, who was well known throughout Oregon.

#### Collapse of Church Dramatic.

The Congregational church was built by the Forest Grove congregation, which is historically famous as the pioneer Congregational organization of the Oregon country, and which is intimately associated with the history of Tualatin academy, now Pacific university, which is a landmark in the education of the west. The collapse of this structure furnished one of the most dramatic incidents of the day. As the flames burst through the roof, the bell, as if tolled by an unseen hand, pealed forth for the last time, then suddenly was still. Of the \$5000 insurance carried on the building, \$300 was assigned to a building and loan company. Leading members of the organization said that steps would be taken to rebuild without delay. The present pastor of the church is the Rev. Walter Blair.

#### County Towns Send Aid.

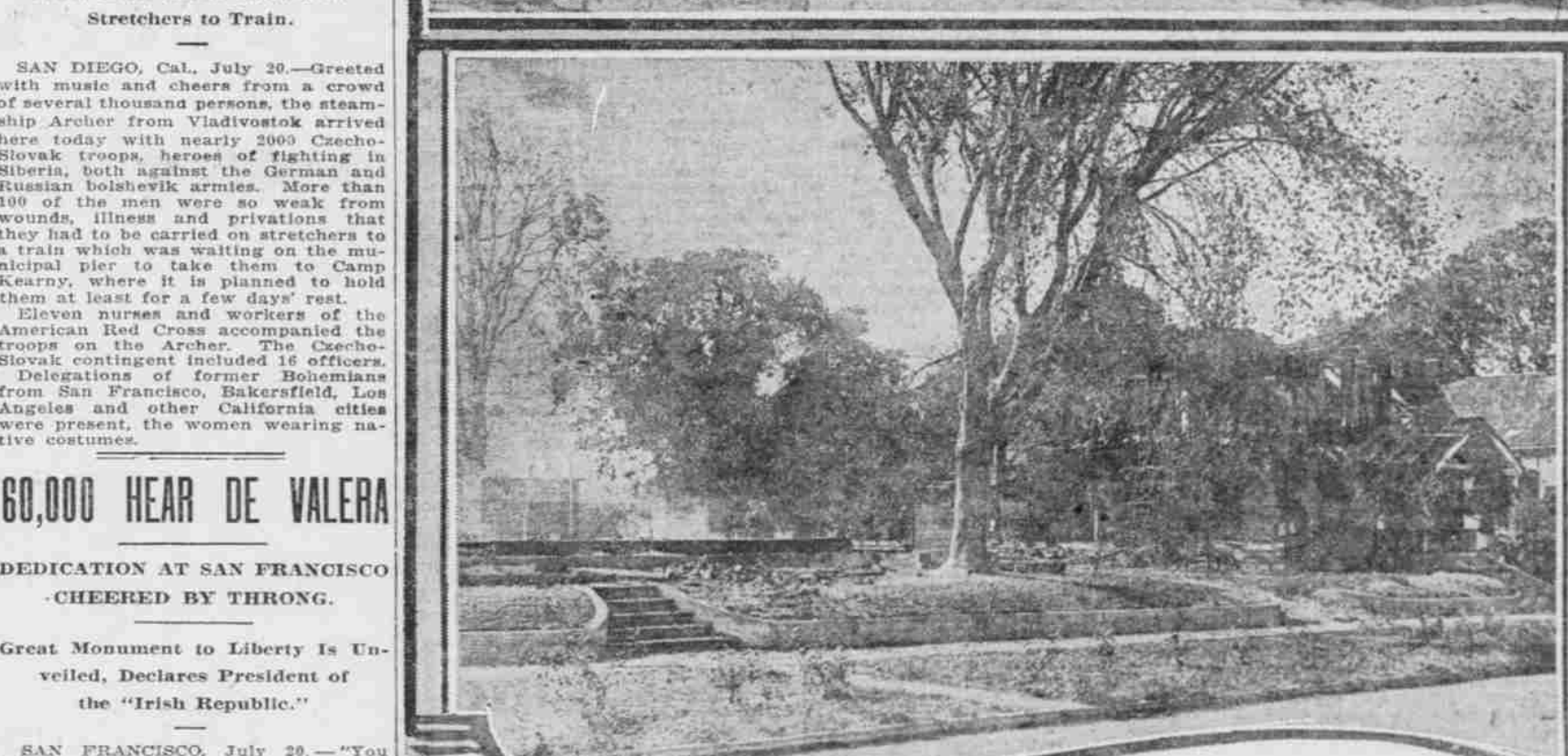
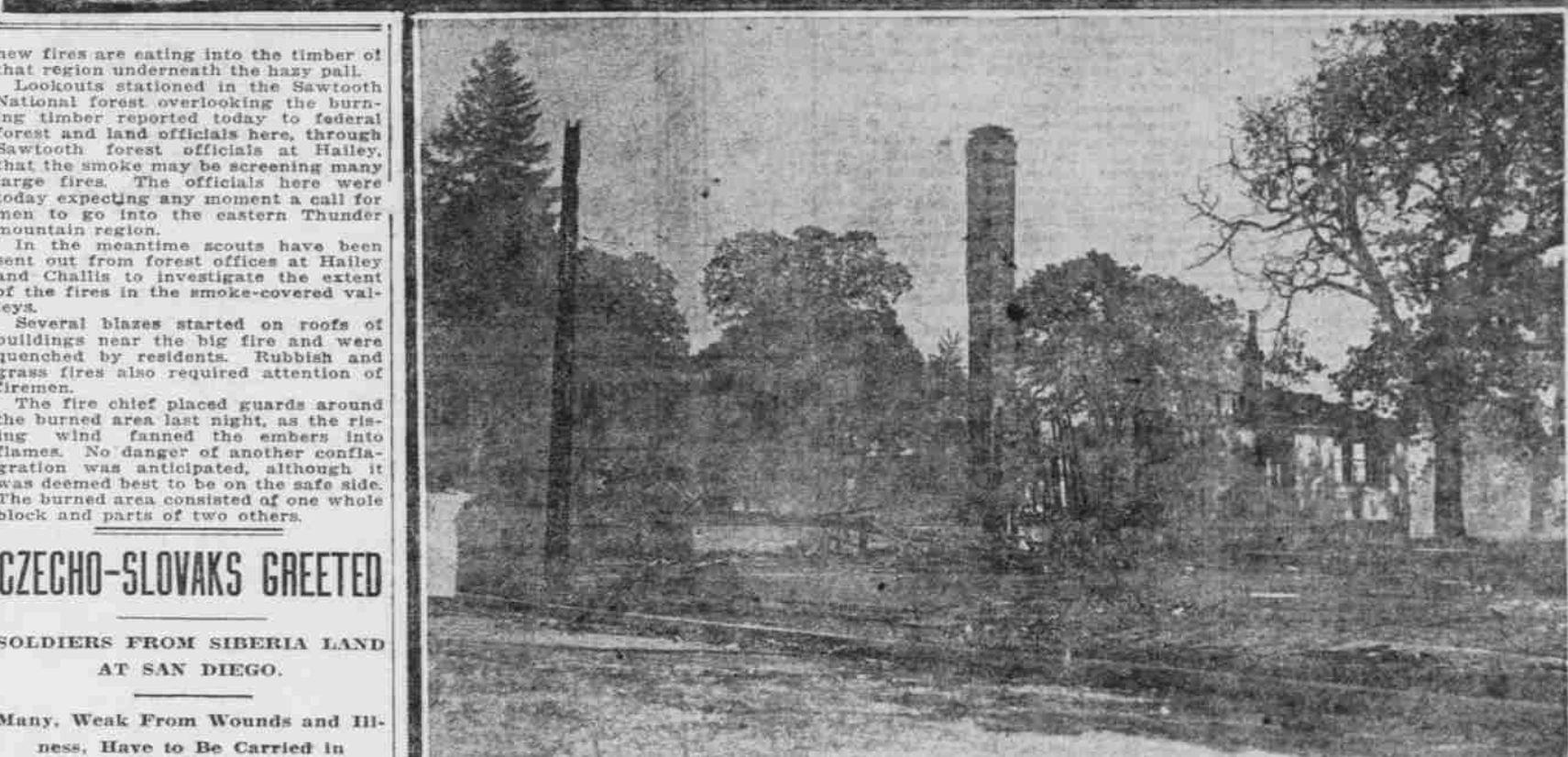
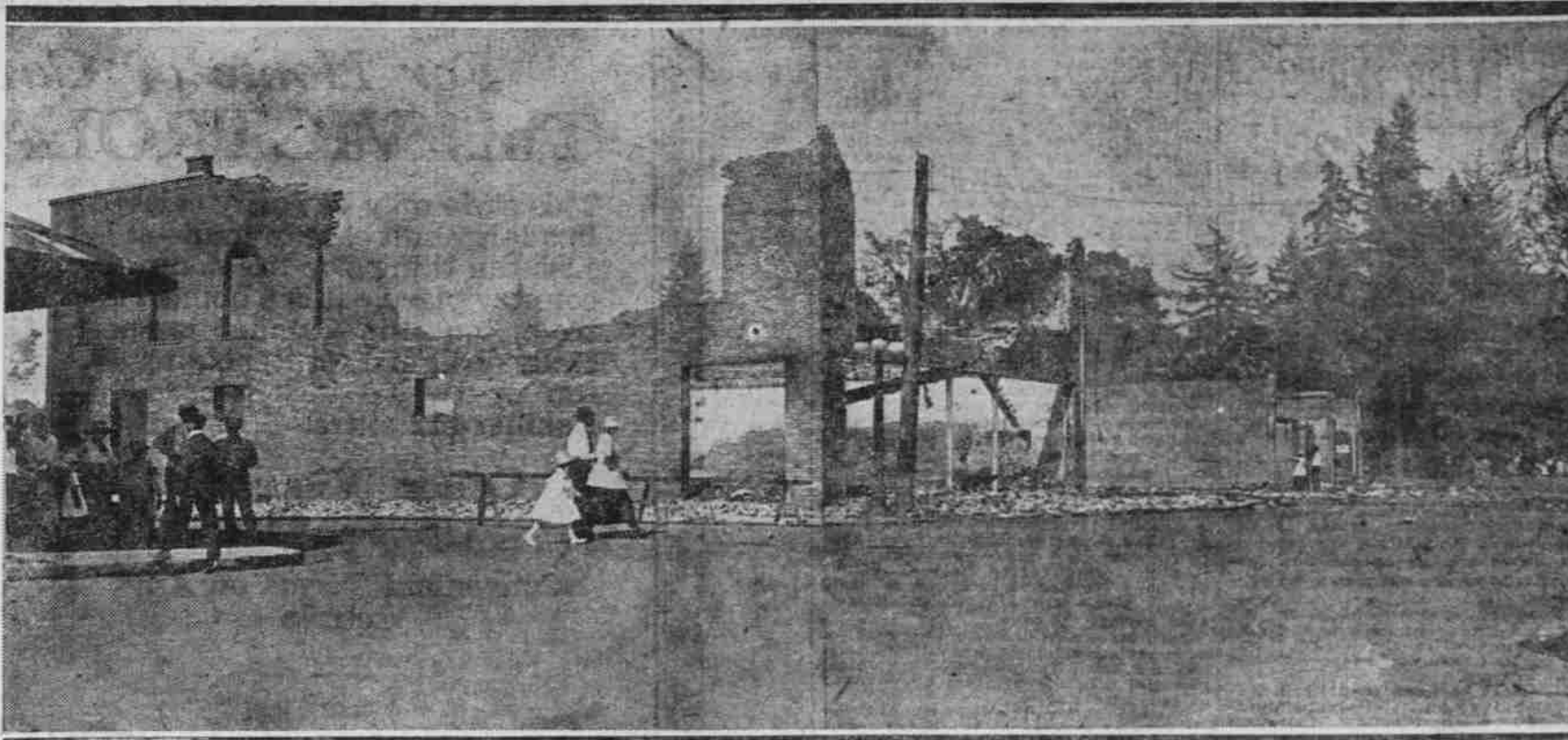
The garage building, of which only the walls now stand, was for ten years the Forest Grove postoffice, having been leased to the federal government for ten years, the term expiring in August, 1917. The lumber yard of Copeland & McCready caught fire from flying brands and sparks, but was saved by the personal efforts of Mr. McCready, operating his own fire plant. Several other buildings were threatened, and for a time it seemed impossible that the fire would be controlled. It was when the outlook was darkest that an appeal was sent to neighboring towns for assistance. The Portland apparatus which was sent made the run over the Washington county roads in 1 hour and 20 minutes. The entire fire department of Hillsboro and Cornelius and their volunteer personnel responded with great efficiency and did effective work. Delay in appealing to the Portland department and road conditions resulted in the arrival of the machines after the fire had been practically put under control.

#### FIRES ARE HIDDEN BY SMOKE

Number Behind Screen in Thunder Mountain Region Unknown.

BOISE, Idaho, July 20.—Forested areas in the eastern section of the Thunder mountain region of Southern Idaho are a cauldron of smoke, and there is no way to estimate how many

### CONFLAGRATION SWEEPS FOREST GROVE BUSINESS DISTRICT WITH LOSS OF \$65,500.



#### new fires are eating into the timber

of that region underneath the hazy pall. Lookouts stationed in the Sawtooth National forest overlooking the burning timber reported today to federal forest and land officials here, through Sawtooth forest officials at Halley, and Challis to investigate the extent of the fires in the smoke-covered valleys.

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Several blazes started on roofs of buildings near the big fire and were quenched by residents. Rubbish and grass fires also required attention of firemen.

The fire chief placed guards around the burned area last night, as the rising wind fanned the embers into flames. No danger of another conflagration was anticipated, although it was deemed best to be on the safe side. The burned area consisted of one whole block and parts of two others.

### CZECHO-SLOVAKS GREETED

#### SOLDIERS FROM SIBERIA LAND AT SAN DIEGO.

#### Many, Weak From Wounds and Ill-

ness, Have to Be Carried in Stretchers to Train.

SAN DIEGO, Cal., July 20.—Greeted with music and cheers from a crowd of several thousand persons, the steamship Archer from Vladivostok arrived here today with nearly 2000 Czecho-Slovak troops, heroes of fighting in Siberia, both against the German and Russian bolshevik armies. More than 100 of the men were so weak from wounds, illness and privations that they had to be carried on stretchers to a train which was waiting on the municipal pier to take them to Camp Kearney, where it is planned to hold them at least for a few days' rest.

Eleven nurses and workers of the American Red Cross accompanied the troops on the Archer. The Czecho-Slovak contingent included 16 officers. Delegations of former Bohemians from San Francisco, Berkeley, Los Angeles and other California cities were present, the women wearing native costumes.

### 60,000 HEAR DE VALERA

#### DEDICATION AT SAN FRANCISCO - CHEERED BY THROG.

#### Great Monument to Liberty Is Un-

veiled, Declares President of the "Irish Republic."

SAN FRANCISCO, July 20.—"You have unveiled a monument to liberty here today as great as that famous monument in the Harbor of New York," Eamonn de Valera, "president of the Irish republic," said in addressing a crowd estimated at 60,000 at the dedication of the statue to Robert Emmett in Golden Gate park here today. De Valera was received uproariously by the throng.

"It may be the happy destiny of the American nation to write the epitaph that Emmett said should be written over him when Ireland is free," De Valera said.

Emphatic denial that "any outside emissaries" had anything to do with the Irish uprising of Easter, 1916, was voiced by De Valera.

"That is another falsehood spread by our enemies," he said.

The signatories to the Irish declaration of independence who were executed by the British government in 1916 were characterized as "young Emmetts" by De Valera.

Speaking of the supposed fusion of all Irish interests in the provisional Irish government, he said:

"It may ultimately be shown that the Orangemen of the north are more Irish than their fellow countrymen of the south."

Later De Valera addressed meetings in Oakland.

The Hindustan Gadar party, through Gopal Singh, one of its leaders, will present tomorrow to Eamonn de Valera an engraved sword and an Irish flag of heavy silk, an announcement from party headquarters here tonight said.

### CARMEN TO END STRIKE

#### Boston Workers Accept Award by

Board of Arbitration.

BOSTON, July 20.—Union carmen employed on the Boston Elevated Railway system voted unanimously today to accept the award made by the local board of arbitration and return to work tomorrow morning. They have been on strike since Thursday morning.

The award provides for an eight-hour day and increases of pay up to 62 cents an hour, retroactive to May 1.

At the close of 1918 there were 25,104 Japanese in Shanghai province, China, as compared with only a few hundreds in the spring of 1914.

### SLOUGH CLAIMS BOY'S LIFE

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At first it was believed that he was attempting to dive, but when he did not reappear his friends became anxious and it was discovered he had drowned. Everything possible was done in an attempt to locate the body, but without avail until the arrival of City Grappler Brady, when it was found a short distance from where he was seen to sink. It is believed that he was seized with cramps.

The boy is survived by a father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Sheasly of St. Johns, and six sisters. His father is employed by the Grant Smith-Porter company at St. Johns.

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### DRYS FIGHT 'POSSESSION'

#### CLAUSE ALLOWING LIQUOR IN DWELLING ROUSES IRE.

#### Bill as Amended Would Allow Wholesale Hoarding, Anti-Liquor Forces Maintain.

WASHINGTON, July 20.—A fight to strike from the prohibition enforcement bill the clause that "it shall not be unlawful to possess liquors in one's own dwelling" will be made tomorrow in the house by the prohibition forces. This was made known today by members who declared the bill as now formed permitted wholesale hoarding by persons represented to have just away enough wine and liquors to last them the rest of their lives. There was no statement from Chairman Volstead of the judiciary committee, in charge of the "dry" fight on the floor, as to whether he would accept an amendment to this effect. The radical said frankly they had little hope of changing the bill in this respect without the consent of the committee chairman.

The general view, however, was that the house had gone about as far as conservatives thought wise with drastic provisions. For the past week many prohibitionists have been urging elimination of certain severe restrictions, without success.

There were indications that some members were inclined to kick over the traces at the attempt to race through with the bill in 10-hour sittings, when it may be a week or ten days yet before the senate judiciary committee conducts hearings. The occasion for such great haste was not explained by "dry" leaders beyond the statement that they wanted to get the bill out of the house as soon as possible. Leader Mondell said the measure would be taken up tomorrow and kept before the house until passed.

### YOUNG EXILE COMING HOME

#### American Boy, Long Isolated in Germany, Reaches Paris.

PARIS, July 20.—(By the Associated Press.)—After six years of isolation in Germany, 13-year-old Herbert Seidel reached Paris today on his way to Fort Bliss, Tex., where he will join his mother and sister. The boy had been living with his grandmother in Saxony. He has forgotten the English language, but is still a loyal American and anxious to go to the United States.

Herbert is the son of Color Sergeant Carl Seidel, who is with the 14th American brigade in France. Sergeant Seidel asked the American Red Cross to repatriate his son and after months of negotiations the German government permitted the child to leave after the surrender of all his possessions and the statement that he was born in the United States.

The boy was wearing a German army cap and a suit made from a man's discarded garment. He said he had enough to eat in Germany, but showed great enthusiasm over American chocolate.

### Columbia High Water Danger Past.

VANCOUVER, Wash., July 20.—(Special.)—The Columbia river is gradually falling and is at about 3 feet. All danger of high water has been over

for several days. The farmers in the Columbia river bottoms have returned to their homes. The high water this year did not exceed 20 feet.

### Springfield Ice Plant Leased.

EUGENE, Or., July 20.—(Special.)—To meet the demand for ice in Eugene and Springfield, the ice plant of the Weinhard company at Springfield has been leased by the Eugene Fruit Growers' association, which opens the plant in Eugene. During the heated season heretofore the Eugene plant has been unable to furnish enough ice for the two cities.

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