

CHELSEA, BOSTON SUBURB, SWEEP BY \$12,000,000 CONFLAGRATION

Massachusetts City Scene of Terrific Fire that Broke Out Sunday Night.

HEART OF CITY LEFT IN RUINS.

Over 15,000 People Homeless—Started in Rubbish Heap And Was Spread by Gale.

(By Associated Press.)

BOSTON, April 13.—An area of 350 acres, representing nearly a quarter of the total area of the city marks the scene of a great fire that swept through the business section of Chelsea last night, turning ten thousand people out of their homes and causing property damage estimated at eight million dollars.

Today the total burned area is guarded by militiamen and marines to prevent looting. Military regulation prevail throughout city.

As near as can be ascertained, the fire started in a rubbish heap. It gained much headway before being discovered and a hard wind soon spread the conflagration. The local fire companies were unable to get control of it and other fire departments were called but hours elapsed before the spread of the conflagration could be stayed. During the height of the conflagration, embers carried by the wind would cause new fires to break out two or three blocks distant, rendering the fire fighters almost powerless.

Mayor Beck and William E. McClintock, chairman of the Relief Committee, have issued an appeal for assistance in which the damage is placed at \$12,000,000 and the number of homeless at fifteen thousand.

Three Known Dead.

Only three are known to have lost their lives but it is feared that the number will be increased when a search of the ruins is made. Over fifty were injured.

Concocted efforts towards providing relief for the thousands of sufferers were fairly started today, various committees in several cities acting. It is reported also that a special session of the legislature will be called during the day to take relief measures for the stricken.

Charitable institutions found places for many of the sufferers, school houses and other public buildings in Boston and other places near the stricken city being thrown open to provide temporary lodgings, and hundreds of military tents were brought from the State camp grounds at South Framingham.

Children Found Alone.

Thousands of homeless passed the night wandering through the streets or shivering in the parks and squares. Scores of babies and young children were picked up on the streets and turned over to the police. Some were claimed by relatives, but many of the youngsters are still unclaimed today.

The bodies of two women and one man were found burned in the street last night and are still unidentified this morning.

The burned district included a large number manufacturing concerns, stores, business houses, many handsome residences, tenement blocks, churches and public buildings.

The liquor licenses in East Boston and that part of Charleston adjoining Chelsea were suspended today.

Weather is Inclement.

A chill wind and a light fall of snow which later turned into rain added to the misery of the homeless who shivered in the shelter camps, public squares and playgrounds.

Announcement was made today that the city records which were in the city hall vaults are intact.

Examination of the vaults of the Chelsea Trust Company County Savings Bank and the Chelsea Saving Bank indicated that the contents are unharmed. Following this announcement, the directors of the institutions voted to consolidate temporarily.

With the exception of the fire in the oil tanks on the East Boston water front, the flames had burned themselves out today although the ruins are still smoldering. More than one thousand militiamen are patrolling the burned district this afternoon.

SYMPATHY IS EXPRESSED.

Roosevelt Wires Condolence to Stricken Chelsea.

WASHINGTON, April 13.—President Roosevelt today telegraphed a message of sympathy to the mayor of Chelsea, Mass., and at the same time offered any necessary assistance from the army or navy for the stricken city.

We are now prepared to store your goods. Bay Side Paint Co., North Bend.

COQUILLE TO HAVE "CLEAN UP" DAY TWO THOUSAND CHINESE ARE DROWNED AT HANKOW

Mayor Stanley Says Physicians are Waxing Exceedingly Fat There.

Orders Young and Old to Unite in Removing Unsightly and Unclean Things.

COQUILLE, Ore., April 13.—Coquille will have a "Clean-up" day April 15. Mayor J. J. Stanley has declared the day a legal holiday for the purpose and to make it a success has issued one of the most novel proclamations that has ever been duly sealed in the State of Oregon. It is as follows:

Whereas, the old proverb saith that cleanliness is next to Godliness; and,

Whereas, if this be a standard by which the Godliness of a people and their places of abode is to be judged, there must be some most ungodly people and places, public thoroughfares and private premises in and about our beloved city; and,

Whereas, the purses of our respected physicians are waxing exceedingly fat and voluminous from the abundance of filthy lucre here gathered from our people; and,

Whereas, much of this filthy lucre might be saved to our worthy citizens by a proper observance of particularly those matters relating to hygienic surroundings and cleanliness in and about the yards and premises and places of abode;

Therefore, in order that we may all the more nearly approach a

much to be desired and lauded befitting condition, and pursuance of a custom which, I have hope, in the near future will become time honored, I, J. J. Stanley, Mayor of the City of Coquille, do hereby proclaim Wednesday, the Fifteenth day of April, Anno Domini One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eight, from six o'clock ante meridian to six o'clock post meridian, as a day to be known as "Clean Up Day," and I do most earnestly request that each and all of our respected citizens, both young and old, devote a portion of said day to cleaning up our beloved city, and that each and all, of both such young and old, do repair to the public streets, thoroughfares and public places, as well as to their own individual back yards, front yards and premises, whatsoever filthy, uncleanliness and unsightly objects, including tomato cans, boxes, barrels and refuse of any and all kinds whatsoever may have accumulated, and with cheerful hearts and willing hands remove such objects from sight and smell.

And, further, to the end that the said day shall be the more fully observed, I do hereby proclaim and declare the said day, from the hour of 12 o'clock noon until the hour of six o'clock post meridian, to be a legal holiday within the corporate limits of our said city; and request that all labor and business cease, so far as possible, except the labor and purpose for which said day is hereby appointed.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand at the Executive Chambers of the City of Coquille this the Seventh day of April, One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eight, and of the year of the Incorporation of said city the Twenty-fourth.

J. J. STANLEY, Mayor.

FLEET READY FOR WELCOME

Is Sailing North From Magdalena Bay for San Diego—All in Good Shape.

(By Associated Press.) SAN FRANCISCO, April 13.—A message by wireless reports that the battleship fleet at 5 o'clock p. m., yesterday, was about 300 miles south of San Diego and proceeding at a nine knot speed.

California will not extend a more fervent welcome to the fleet than the fleet will extend to California. The ships and men are in good shape for the inspection and parade at San Diego.

ADMIRAL EVANS IS IMPROVING SLOWLY.

Recovers from Setback of Last Friday and is Reported Considerably Better.

(By Associated Press.)

PASO ROBLES, Cal., April 13.—Rear Admiral Evans is considerably better today. He has fully recovered from the little setback of last Friday.

CITY COUNCIL WILL TAKE UP SEWER MATTER.

Special Meeting Tonight to Discuss Construction of New System on South Side.

A special meeting of the city council will be held tonight to discuss the South Marshfield sewer system problem and endeavor to decide upon a means of building it. It is expected that a large number of affected property owners will be in attendance. It is likely that the illness of City Attorney Farrin will make final action impossible.

A number of other matters are also likely to come up for discussion.

NORTH BEND GROCERY STORE CLOSED TODAY.

Russell Brothers Grocery Company Assigns Business to J. W. Gardner for Benefit of Creditors.

Russell Brothers today made an assignment of their grocery store at North Bend to J. W. Gardner for the benefit of creditors. Mr. Gardner took charge of the business today.

As near as can be estimated, the firm's liabilities are about \$6,000. The assets consist of about \$3,000 stock and about \$4,000 book accounts.

The assignment is said to have been due to a too liberal extension of credit.

PORT ORFORD PEOPLE RETURN FROM TRIAL.

Have Been at Los Angeles in Land Fraud Hearing—Case Will Be Resumed Again.

A number of Port Orford people who have been attending the land fraud trials at Los Angeles, passed through Marshfield en route home yesterday. They were summoned there by the government as witnesses. The hearing has been postponed until later in the season.

Among the Port Orford people who passed through here were G. W. Curry, Walter Sutton, A. J. Marsh, Mrs. L. Knapp, Mrs. P. Lindberg and Mrs. R. Zumanet.

MYRTLE POINT CITY ELECTION IS VERY QUIET

R. C. Dement, J. D. Barklow, I. E. Rose and J. M. Arrington Victors in Annual Contest.

The Myrtle Point city election passed off very quietly at the city hall, only 115 votes being cast. There was no lively contest on and as a consequence many who had a right to vote failed to appear and register a preference. W. O. Cooper and J. L. Lewellen, having declined to run for the office of councilmen, there were but two names on the ticket, and with the exception of a few scattering votes they captured the electors. R. C. Dement received 112 votes and J. D. Barklow 99, both being elected for a three-year term to succeed W. W. Williams and E. A. Dodge, whose terms have expired.

I. E. Rose was re-elected recorder for a one-year term by a vote of 73. He was opposed by V. L. Arrington who polled 43 votes.

J. M. Arrington was re-elected city treasurer by a vote of 99 against 16 for E. W. Hermann.—Myrtle Point Enterprise.

FRANK MONATO IS CAPTURED

Alleged Murderer of Julius Rosenheimer in New York Arrested in Indiana.

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, April 13.—Frank Monato has been arrested at Huntington, Ind., for the murder of Julius Rosenheimer at Hellman Manor in New York, on June 18th last. Robbery was the motive of the crime.

BRINGS MORE CARS FOR LOCAL RAILWAY.

Coos Bay and Eastern Gets Several for Use on Line Between Here and Myrtle Point.

The Coos Bay and Eastern Railway today received a number of flat cars for use on its lines out of Marshfield. The cars were shipped from San Francisco on the Czarina, the freight steamer which will henceforth ply between Coos Bay and San Francisco.

Installs Milking Machines.—S. C. Rogers, the well-known Coos River rancher, was in Marshfield today on business. Mr. Rogers says that the prospects are for a good season on Coos River. He is just completing the installation of milking machines on his ranch. The three milking machines will milk six cows simultaneously, the power being furnished by a six-horse power engine. The entire outfit will cost about \$700.

PRESS MAN DIES.

CHICAGO, April 13.—John Vandercok, Jr., president and general manager of the United Press Association, died in local hospital today as a result of an operation for appendicitis.

WANT ALL TO COME.

BELLINGHAM, April 13.—The Mayor and Chamber of Commerce telegraphed to the Washington congressional delegation today asking them to try to have the entire battleship fleet dispatched to Bellingham instead of eight as planned.

COWS AND DOGS BOTHER COQUILLE

Owners of Canines Must Keep them Tied or Marshall Will Sell them, Says Council.

Council Leaves to Vote of People to Determine if Bovines Shall Roam Streets.

COQUILLE, Ore., April 13.—The Coquille Sentinel says: The Coquille council passed an ordinance which will make the owner

FALLS DEAD AT OAKLAND

Mr. Jones, Former Head of Riverton Lumber Company, Suddenly Stricken.

F. W. Jones, a well-known Coquille business man, left today on the M. F. Plant for Berkeley, Cal., where he was called by the sudden death of his father. The latter fell dead at his home in Berkeley from heart disease.

MRS. COLEMAN DEAD.

Wife of North Bend Jeweler Suddenly Succumbed Sunday.

Mrs. N. G. Coleman, a well-known North Bend resident, died at her home here yesterday. Death was unexpected. Mr. Coleman was about fifty-two years old. During her residence in North Bend, she made many friends who will regret her demise and extend sympathy to the bereaved husband.

TWINS BURIED TODAY.

Three weeks old twins of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Wicklund of Porter, were buried at 2 o'clock this afternoon from Porter. Rev. Mr. Banks officiated. One of the babes was stricken Saturday night and the other Sunday night.

The sympathy of the entire community will be extended to the bereaved couple in their double loss. Mrs. Wicklund is reported to be quite ill, being almost overcome by the shock.

TWO THOUSAND CHINESE ARE DROWNED AT HANKOW

Storm and Flood Results in Terrific Loss of Life in the Flowery Kingdom.

LOCAL NEWS OF SHIPPING

Czarina, Alliance and M. F. Plant in From Other Points—Eureka Still Fast.

The Czarina, the Southern Pacific's freight steamer, reached Coos Bay yesterday from San Francisco. She was out four days, having been delayed by rough seas and a head wind. The Czarina will ply regularly now between Coos Bay and San Francisco, carrying coal from here and bringing in general freight.

Captain Duggan is the master. George Gardner, formerly chief engineer of the Brookwater, has been on Coos Bay for a few days, taking measurements for the engines of the new Fairhaven. He came up on the Bandon and returned to San Francisco on the M. F. Plant where he will make arrangements to have the engines for the Fairhaven sent up on the Bandon next week.

The Nann Smith is expected to reach Coos Bay Wednesday from San Pedro and San Francisco.

Eureka Still Fast.

The Eureka is still fast on the mud at Pony Slough. This morning the M. F. Plant took a pull on her but was unable to get her off. The Alliance will tonight or tomorrow hitch on to her, and it is expected that she will be cleared. The Eureka has been on the spit for three or four days now and has been washing a little farther on all the time. It is believed that she got on the spit as a result of the officers mistaking the point beyond Pony Slough for the North Bend point in the fog and turning up Pony Slough. Instead of following the channel around to North Bend.

BANDON WILL CELEBRATE STEAMER'S LAUNCHING.

Holiday to be Declared and Boat's Christening to be Made Gala Event.

BANDON, Ore., April 13.—The launching of the steamer Daisy is announced for April 30th. Miss Emma Crane will christen the good ship, which is the first vessel to be completed by Price's Yard since its re-establishment in Bandon. It is planned to have the full Bandon Band to furnish music, and a brief period of oratory upon the occasion.

The public will be invited and a feast of the best to eat and drink will be served in Crane's Hotel by the owners and builders of the new ship. A grand ball will be given in the evening at the Oriental, for which complimentary tickets will be distributed. The City Council will be asked to declare a special holiday for the occasion, and it is expected that all industrial enterprises in the city will close for the day in honor of the event.

Major Tower, customs house officer for this district, has already completed inspection of the ship; he returned to the bay last week.

BANDON BRIEFS.

News of Town by the Sea as Told by The Recorder.

The City Council, at their last meeting, decided to make another try at the charter and are acting promptly. They appointed a committee to consider the matter and to revise the proposed charter if necessary. The committee consists of John Peltzer, R. E. L. Beddison, E. Dyer, C. R. Wade, Geo. P. Topping and E. M. Gallier. The measure will probably be re-submitted to a vote shortly after the next municipal election.

R. E. L. Beddison is on the bay negotiating the purchase of some of the North Bend Woolen Mill's machinery to supplement the Bandon Mill's equipment.

Mrs. Clara Goetz and Mrs. Fannie Dyer left Tuesday for Coquille and Marshfield on a business trip.

Skipper and Tia Juans, famous race horses, arrived on the last trip of the Bandon from the season's races in California. They left yesterday for Wedderburn.

LAUNCH ENTERPRISE BALKS ON HIGH SEAS.

R. D. Hume's New Gasoline Boat Causes Trouble for Mariners Near Port Orford.

The gasoline boat Enterprise left Bandon Wednesday for Coos Bay, but shortly after getting outside, while backing a strong head wind and heavy seas, her machinery failed to work and she ran to Port Orford under sail for shelter, where they got the rebellious machine to work again. They started Thursday for Coos Bay again, but when about two miles north of Cape Blanco the machinery again balked and they were forced to return to Port

Orford where once more they repaired things and left next morning for their destination which was reached all right. This is said to be the usual experience with new gasoline engines when bucking the rough waves of the ocean.—Port Orford Tribune.

SHANGHAI, CHINA, APRIL 12.

According to brief advices received here today from Hankow, China, that city and section was swept last night by a flood which cost over 2,000 lives.

The storm came up unexpectedly about midnight, the down pour of rain being accompanied by a terrific gale which swept several hundred junks from their moorings and sunk them.

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