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## IN ASHES STARTS PRELIMINARY WORK FOR RECONSTRUCTION OF CITY

Given by Outside Cities—Thousands of Fires Burned  
Brightly at Night—Citizens Are Not Downhearted  
But Start to Rebuild at Once.

ASTORIA, Dec. 9.—(By Associated Press.)—Amid the smouldering ruins of the city's business district the relief activities and preliminary work toward reconstruction began at dawn today. Thousands of fires scattered about the devastated area burned brightly all night and in the flickering light could be seen the firemen still at work. Sailors with fixed bayonets are guarding the vaults of the ruined banks. Numerous soldiers and volunteer relief workers were distinguished by their hands about their arms, an improvised insignia for those permitted to enter the fire lines. The spectre of a firebug arose from the ashes and there were many who which the authorities attempted to run down. Representatives of the state fire marshal's office, H. H. Pomeroy and L. Davis, are working with Chief Foster and Chief of Police Carlson to learn the cause of the fire which started early yesterday morning and raged for hours, wiping out about thirty blocks and causing a loss estimated today at twelve to twenty millions. "If the fire was incendiary it was a pure case of arson," said J. DeWitt, city editor of the Astoria Budget. "I do not believe there is any ground for attributing the fire to radicals. The industrial situation at Astoria has not been disturbed. There are some agitators here but there has been no strike."

The basis for the incendiary rumors rests on the reports that the fire has to have been burning in two separate places on both sides of the five department store, within a few minutes after the first blaze was started.

Fire Chief Delirious. ASTORIA, Dec. 9.—(By Associated Press.)—Fire Chief Foster today was delirious at his home as a result of a blow on the head with a hammer yesterday and exhaustion from the fire. Three men were called to his home to quiet him. Emergency Dining Room. Lieutenant General George White has established an emergency dining room with two military rolling kitchens in Lowell entrance and also a committee for issuing rations and supplies to needy persons. Temporary Arrangements. Astoria business men at a meeting planned the establishment of temporary business places to supply necessities. A happy fate the city hall, courts, churches, Y. M. C. A. and the Mary's hospital escaped, though windows were shattered by dynamite.

Y. M. C. A. Relief Headquarters. The Y. M. C. A. building which was the fire zone was opened as headquarters of all welfare agencies.

Budget, afternoon paper, which attempted to get out an edition today, the press of the paper at Seaside, and the impracticable, and instead mimeographed sheets.

S. Dellinger, publisher of the Astoria morning paper, announced that he would probably get out tomorrow's edition on the press at the local Finnish daily, the Toveri.

Astoria recently moved into a building which was swept by fire. Mr. Dellinger said three printing machines had been saved, the rest of the plant was destroyed, including the files of fifty years.

Telephone exchanges and telegraph lines were burned and connections to the outside were destroyed. Communication with the outside was maintained throughout the day by means of a long distance line temporarily set up at the city hall.

"Down But Not Out." A striking spirit of optimism; a sense of "down but not out" prevailed in this stricken town today. The telephone which has on its base, statements made by business, city officials and prominent men, suggests long enough that work of fire fighting, water supply and other necessities of relief and consolation of sympathy should be done.

Incendiary theory held by Chief of Police Carlson was strengthened today when it was reported that a woman of a questionable reputation told of a lumberjack coming to her room early Friday morning and saying, "I set the old town on fire, you will see soon."

A searching investigation will be made. The leading citizens of the stricken city held an optimistic reconstruction meeting at the courthouse this morning.

Fire Believed Incendiary. ASTORIA, Ore., Dec. 8.—Incendiarism was responsible for the conflagration, according to both Mayor Bremner and Chief of Police Carlson, and local radicals are under suspicion.

Investigation proved that the fire at the outset began in two separate places, simultaneously, according to Chief Carlson.

At least a dozen citizens who were

## RUINS OF ASTORIA BEYOND DESCRIPTION

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 8.—Astoria's business district, is a mass of charred walls, sticking up like a bag's teeth.

Its streets have caved in. Its citizens are frantic. This was the word brought to Portland this morning by G. Foster Skiff and F. C. Womack, both of this city, who got back from Astoria at noon.

"Say anything you can imagine," declared Skiff, "because everything happened."

Flames Seen Afar. Skiff saw the blaze snatching at the sky when he was 35 miles from the burning town.

Womack was asleep in the Weinhart hotel when he was aroused by management about 3 a. m. His car burned in Sovey's garage. Sixty other machines went with it because power was off and the electric elevator stalled.

Here are the facts detailed by the two Portlanders. The blaze had everything its own way. It gorged itself on frame buildings.

Burrows Under All. Eating under the streets, it burned the piling on which the town rests, and time and again popped up behind the firefighters.

Fire combat work was disorganized. With pipelines twisted apart when the paving collapsed and light wires melted, the water failed and only the blaze lit up the streets.

Great leaping flames cracked in gargantuan laughter when a puny stream of water was thrown at them and snapping timbers were their resort to dynamite blasts.

"In ten minutes after the Merwyn hotel caught, it was gone," declared Womack.

Houses Fade Away. Buildings practically disappeared before the eyes, like a flash of gunpowder.

The collapse of the streets caused a situation exactly similar to the effect of the earthquake in San Francisco.

"I saw gasoline filling stations a block from the fire, suddenly begin to give off a terrific smoke," said Skiff, "but I did not hear any of them blow up."

People carried all sorts of things onto the sidewalks only to abandon them to the onrushing fire.

They crammed automobiles full of every kind of stuff, rushed them out of town and abandoned them along the road.

Looting Is Begun. One man made his way to the ruins of a bank and demanded his money.

He didn't get it. Looting began almost at once. Skiff said, "I ought to send the militia," he said, "things are so badly disorganized."

People acted in every way that might be expected under intense excitement, according to the Portland men. Some were cool. Many were in the last stage that could possibly be called sane. Some were drunk. Many were working their hands to blisters trying to help others.

A double wind was blowing, according to Skiff. Down low an east wind plucked huge flaming embers from the blazing roofs and flung them upward into the air of an opposite wind that carried them across the town.

In the vicinity of the Bee Hive department store when the conflagration started said they were certain that two restaurants—one at either side of the department store—were raging furnaces; while the store showed no sign of fire. The proprietor of the Bee Hive store reported to the officers that he had made a careful investigation of the situation and was certain that no fires existed on his property, although the restaurants on both sides were burning.

"I am certain that the fire was incendiary," said Mayor Bremner, "and I am likewise certain that incendiarism is responsible for the horrible deed. Of course there will be a more thorough investigation than has been possible today. When it is over I am sure it will be established that the fire was set."

Plan Rebuild City. ASTORIA, Dec. 9.—(By Associated Press.)—Plans for rebuilding Astoria's business district were made today at a meeting of 150 business men in the courthouse, at the call of Lee Drake, president of the chamber of commerce. The measures outlined provide for nothing to be done in the rebuilding to interfere with the proposed "city beautiful." They plan to build temporary structures outside of the burned area, under the regulation of a committee. Mayor-elect Setters is to issue permits for the temporary buildings.

Committee Is Appointed. ASTORIA, Dec. 9.—(By Associated Press.)—An emergency committee of 50 today put into the hands of the executive committee, headed by W. G. Gilbert, the full control of the relief work, rehabilitation and city administration, including banking, police, sanitation and water supply. The other members of the committee are Frank Patton, W. F. McGregor, C. R. Higgins, J. M. Bremner, John Tait, G. W. Sanborn, Frank Parker, F. R. Dunbar, and G. C. Fulton.

## IS CHAPLIN TO WED POLA NEGRI?



BERLIN, Dec. 9.—(By United Press.)—Pola Negri was today reported engaged to Charlie Chaplin. Pola Negri is said to be a Polish countess who refuses to divorce her husband, according to a Berlin newspaper.

For some time past the engagement has been rumored in the movie center of America, Hollywood. Neither Mr. Chaplin or the famous European actress will affirm or deny the story.

## HERRIN MASSACRE TRIAL POSTPONED FEW DAYS

(United Press) MARION, Ill., Dec. 9.—After the selection of the jury in the Herrin mine massacre the trial was postponed until Wednesday when the hearing of evidence begins.

## EXPLOSION AT POWDER MILL IS FATAL TO 6

(United Press) SCRANTON, Pa., Dec. 9.—An explosion at the Black Diamond powder mills at Suscon killed six and injured 23. The cause of the explosion is not known as all communication with Suscon has been severed.

## DETECTIVES GUARDING TWO ALLIED PREMIERS

(United Press) LONDON, Dec. 9.—Hundreds of disguised Scotland Yard detectives are guarding Premier Poincare and Mussolini today while he attends the allied premiers conference. The French secret service also attended Poincare, while Mussolini has his own Fascist guard.

## TWO FARM CREDIT PLANS ARE SUGGESTED

(Associated Press) WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—Two more farm credit plans were added to the dozen or more already before congress. One bill, amending the farm loan act, would provide additional credits while another would authorize the war finance corporation to make loans to foreign purchasers of American agricultural products.

## BLOODY IRELAND BE- COMES MURDER CENTER

(United Press) DUBLIN, Dec. 9.—It is understood that more executions of republicans will occur. War extermination is feared. The insurgents are apparently planning to pick off members of the Free State organization whenever possible. President Cosgrave will retaliate by executing a prisoner for each murder.

## CLARA PHILLIPS SEEN IN CHIHUAHUA CITY, MEX.

(United Press) JUAREZ, Mexico, Dec. 9.—The authorities here believe that Clara Phillips is hiding in Chihuahua City. Shortly after Detective Claude Smith reported that he had recognized the "hammer murderer" here the local police observed a heavily veiled woman enter an automobile and speed away to the south.

## CLEMENCEAU WOULD DO AWAY WITH LEAGUE

(United Press) PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 9.—Clemenceau today proposed the immediate opening of negotiations at Washington toward an agreement between the United States and the other nations of the world to take the place of the league of nations for the return of America to the councils of Europe. The proposal came after he declared in a speech here that he did not believe that the league of nations was a means of preventing war.

## FRENCH BICYCLE FIRM OFFER CASH FOR BOUT

(United Press) PARIS, Dec. 5.—A Marseilles bicycle firm offers 300,000 francs for a Carpenter-Siki fight to decide the championship. The boxers may split the purse to suit themselves.

## CUT IN BOUNTY ON COYOTES MAY BE URGED TO REDUCE AMOUNT OF COUNTY BUDGET

Douglas County Is One of the Very Few Counties in State  
Maintaining a High Rate of Bounty Opponents  
of Present System Point Out.

There is a great deal of sentiment throughout the state favoring the elimination of the state bounty law, which it is claimed, is costing the state thousands of dollars annually in addition to being a great burden upon the counties. The proposal to do away with bounties on predatory animals is meeting determined opposition on the part of cattle and sheep men and it is very probably that the issue will be brought before the coming legislature, with strong influences at work on both sides.

While the bounty law is being attacked as a state expense there is a sentiment in Douglas county favoring a strong reduction in bounty rates, if not the elimination of bounties entirely. The matter will probably be taken up at the budget meeting and thoroughly discussed at that time. By reducing the bounty on coyotes to the same amount as other counties are paying, Douglas county would save approximately \$3,000 each year, it is estimated.

Bounties on predatory animals killed in Douglas county during the past five years have cost the county and state the sum of \$22,695.50, according to figures compiled by County Clerk I. B. Riddle. The money was spent over a period of years as follows:

1918	\$ 5,110.00
1919	3,813.00
1920	4,253.00
1921	5,333.50
1922 (11 months)	4,166.00
Total	\$22,695.50

During the year 1918 the county paid a bounty of \$17 on coyotes and since that time has been paying \$12 for coyotes. Bounties on coyotes comprise the bulk of the money spent. Very few hides outside of coyotes are brought in for bounties and on other animals the amount is quite low. It is roughly estimated that of the \$5,000 spent by the county on bounties about \$3,500 is paid out for the killing of coyotes.

County Clerk I. B. Riddle has been investigating this matter quite thoroughly and finds that Douglas county is one of the very few counties in the state still paying a large bounty. All of the surrounding counties match the state's bounty but pay nothing extra. The state pays \$1.50 for male coyotes and \$2 for females. The surrounding counties, however, pay an equal amount, so that the hunter receives \$3 for males and \$4 for females. Douglas county, on the other hand, pays \$12 bounty in addition to the state bounty, so that the hunter in this county obtains \$13.50 for males and \$14.00 for females.

Because of this fact Douglas county has in the past paid out many hundreds of dollars on coyotes killed in other counties.

By far the bulk of the pelts brought in are from trappers residing far back in the mountains, most of them running traps across county lines; in fact having traps in Jackson and Josephine counties as well as Douglas. Because of the high bounty paid in this county all pelts are brought into Roseburg and the money collected here.

The new state law in this regard makes this action more difficult, as it requires two witnesses who will testify that they know the animals were killed within the boundaries of the county from which the bounty is being sought. However, it is believed that the county is still paying bounty in several cases where the animals were killed outside of the boundaries.

Because of these facts it is held that Douglas county should at least not pay more than the surrounding counties, which would reduce the amount provided for this purpose by at least \$3,000. The budget which is to come up for consideration at a meeting to be held on December 20 provides for the appropriation of \$5,500 for bounties. It is believed that all of the amount will be needed during the coming year. December is always the heaviest month on bounties, as the trappers then come out of the woods for winter, and approximately \$1,000 will be expended, so that the year 1922 will be fully up to the preceding year. This will make it necessary for the budget to carry at least \$5,500 for the coming season unless it is found advisable to make a cut in the county rate for the coming year.

Those favoring a reduction in the amount of bounty point to the work being done by the government hunters, claiming that this work is sufficient to take care of the predatory animal problem. According to the government report, the 16 men on the payroll in November worked 417 days and accounted for 139 coyotes, 21 bobcats, 1 bear, 3 mountain lions, a total of 164 predatory animals, as well as 4 badgers, 1 raccoon and 1 skunk. Eight badgers, 2 skunks and 71 porcupines were also taken, but no part saved or counted. An average of 12 predatory animals per man per 30 days was taken throughout the district and an average of 13 for those working in eastern Oregon.

ENJOY AFTERNOON PARTY. Miss Garlandene Hall was a charming little hostess to a number of her friends Friday afternoon, at the home of her parents. The guests gathered at 3 o'clock and enjoyed games and music until 5, at which time a delicious lunch was served. Those present to enjoy the afternoon were: Lorena Turpin, Blanche Gar, Verna Schmelzer, Lorraine Warner, Lawrence Rand, Fred and George Long, Lyle Turpin, Harold Hall.

OLD SOLDIER PASSES AWAY. William Wilson, an aged resident of the Oregon Soldiers' home, passed away yesterday in Salem. Mr. Wilson has been in the home about six months and has been confined to the hospital the entire time. He leaves to survive him a bereaved wife. The funeral services will be held tomorrow at 2 o'clock, at the home cemetery.

FINE IS IMPOSED. C. C. Hill was arrested last night and fined \$25 in the city court on a charge of disorderly conduct. Hill was found in North Roseburg in a slightly intoxicated condition and with a pugilistically inclined mind. He entered a plea of guilty following his appearance before Recorder R. L. Whipple and a friend has gone security for his fine which he will pay after he collects his wages.

CHRISTMAS TOYS FOR CHILDREN ARE STOLEN. Claims have frequently been set up that the "meanest man on earth" had been discovered, but Roseburg has one, who if ever located, will certainly be well in the running. A former railroad worker who has been out of employment for several weeks because of the strike, yesterday expended practically every cent he had for toys to provide a Christmas for his children. He left the articles in a friend's car for a few moments to go into the friends house and when he returned he found that the package had been stolen. Having an income from small jobs which at this time of the year are not frequent, the thief means that the children and family of the man go without the Christmas cheer which he spent his last cent to provide for them. Certainly a thief could not get much lower.

S. H. Croy and Will Moore of Camas Valley, were in the city today attending to business matters. Lyle Marsters today paid a fine of \$25 for speeding following a charge made against him in the justice court by Traffic Officer E. R. Thurber.

Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Hyland, left by auto this afternoon for California, where they will enjoy a tour of several weeks. They will enjoy a stay in San Francisco, and other southern cities during their absence.

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