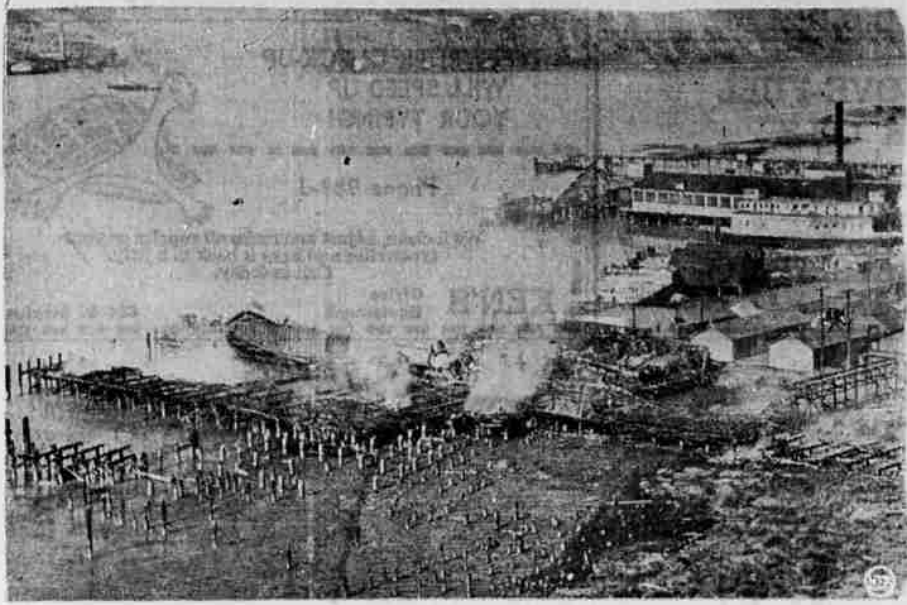


Cannery \$300,000 Fire Loss



(NEA Telephoto)
Flames, fed by fish oil within the buildings, destroyed a two-block long wooden fish cannery at Benecia, Calif., causing an estimated \$300,000 loss. With rising tide, a fireboat from nearby Benecia Arsenal was able to approach the flames to pump salt water on to prevent spread of the fire, but then discovered the fire was too far out of control for firemen to risk using the city's water supply, depleted by the drought.

"Klondike Kate" To Wed Second Time

BEND, Ore., March 31.—(P)—The one-time Queen of the Yukon dance hall girls, Mrs. Kate Rockwell Matson, plans to marry again.

Now 68, the belle of the gold-rush days who then was known as Klondike Kate, will marry W. L. VanDuren, Bend accountant, tomorrow in Vancouver, Wash. They have known each other 18 years.

Kate's first husband was John Matson, a sourdough who fell in love with her when she was Queen of the Yukon. It took him 33 years to get up the nerve to ask for her hand. She was then 53 and had lived here for many years. They saw one another only occasionally after the wedding. He returned to his north-land diggings.

Matson died at 83 years of age of a heart attack October, 1946 while hiking out of the Yukon to meet Kate. His body was finally located by trappers asked to search by Mrs. Matson when he failed to keep their reunion plans.

DETROIT.—(P)—A review of the world's labor laws indicates that 101 nations require driving on the right hand side of the street while 85 enforce a left hand rule.

Pan-American Conference Faces Important Issues

BOGOTA, Colombia, March 30.—(P)—Top diplomats of 21 Pan-American nations convene here today for what may prove to be the most important conference in history of the Western Hemisphere.

President Mariano Perez of Colombia will open the ninth international conference of American states with a welcoming address this afternoon.

Three basic projects face the delegates:

1. Moulding of the inter-American system into a strong regional bloc within the framework of the United Nations.

2. Creation of a program of economic aid for Latin America.

3. Enactment of a pact providing for a peaceful solution of differences between the American republics.

Not on the agenda, but certain to play an important role in the discussions are the issues of Communism and colonialism in the Western Hemisphere.

Chile, Paraguay and Cuba have expressed hope the conference will take a stand against Communist infiltration in the Americas.

Some members have contended it is preferable to have each nation solve its own Communist problems.

Secretary of State George C. Marshall was greeted with Com-

munist posters depicting him as a Nazi when he arrived here yesterday. One set read "Heil, Marshall" and was decorated with Nazi swastikas. It was the only Communist manifestation.

A heavy guard was thrown around the presidential palace as delegates arrived. Officials said they feared a possible Communist demonstration.

Church Founded By Ex-Bartender

GLEN JEAN, W. Va.—Music chimes heard by mountain folk for miles around sound the call to worship in a small church located here on the site of an old saloon—with a former bartender as its pastor.

The strange history of the little congregation in this southern West Virginia coal mining community parallels the life story of the Rev. Charles Ash.

For years he served up drinks in the Coney Island saloon on the same property on which his church now stands. He also had a similar job in nearby Winona, and found time for a few mining enterprises, and for managing a grocery store.

In 1922 his wife died, and a short time later fire destroyed his home. Then, he related, he saw the "error of his ways" and turned to the church.

He first conducted religious services for the 40 members of the Pentecostal Church of God congregation in the old Glen Jean school. Another fire scattered the membership in 1933.

A year later Ash accepted an offer to use as a church the old Coney Island saloon, which originally was owned by his father before he was killed in a political argument on a Glen Jean street in 1917.

First plans for the new and present building were formulated in the spring of 1946. The structure was completed and dedicated last summer, with the musical chimes being added a few months later.

Today, the church has a membership of 115 and an average Sunday School attendance of 75. The minister's son-in-law is Sunday School superintendent, while his daughter heads the Pentecostal Young People's Association.

In all, Ash has 40 relatives who are members of his church.

Roseburg Teachers To Attend Convention

Several Roseburg school teachers will attend the annual convention of the Oregon Education Association at Portland Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Official delegates representing the Douglas County chapter of the association are Charles Hill and Lyle Eddy, both of Roseburg.

Lumber Crews Vote To Retain Union Shop

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore.—(P)—Employees of the McCloud Lumber Company of McCloud, Calif., have voted to retain the union shop in all three divisions of the operation.

Vote at the mill was 443 to 29 for the union shop. The town unit vote was 62 to 6 and the woods unit vote was 125 to 26.

McCloud Lumber Company employees are members of the CIO International Woodworkers of America and are in the Klamath Basin District Council.

MEMORIAL TO DOG

SAN FRANCISCO.—(P)—They're building a stone memorial fountain here to a dog named Schultz.

The black and brown mongrel was the mascot of the Park Police Station two years—until somebody fed him ground glass. That killed him.

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