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## CONFLAGATION IN PORTLAND DESTROYS \$50,000 WORTH OF PROPERTY AND SUFFERS OUT LIVES OF MANY PEOPLE IN FLIMSY LODGINGS ALONG EAST SIDE WATERFRONT

### CHINESE RECEIVING ATTENTION

(Scripps News Association)  
Washington, Feb. 12.—News from China grows more alarming every day. Our United States senators are giving serious consideration. One senator declared the Japanese are behind this, that the Japanese are the most implacable enemies of America in China. In their struggle for commercial supremacy pitting stealth and unscrupulousness against the United States. Secretaries Taft and Root must have money to prepare for a campaign that is sure to come and we must expect to protect by force the Americans who are in China and that we must have money to put this machinery in action. We must have troops ready for we may need them at any time. This senator is using arguments to urge colleagues to action.

### INTERNATIONAL AUTO RACE

(Scripps News Association)  
Havana, Feb. 12.—The two hundred mile international auto race started promptly at one o'clock this afternoon amid considerable confusion. Cedrino and Lancia were soon out of the contest. Cedrino was ditched and Lancia stopped to get him a doctor after losing his own machine by a slight injury.

### DEATH OF HEART DISEASE

(Scripps News Association)  
Nashville Tenn. Feb. 12.—Major J. T. Thomas, president of the Nashville Chattanooga and St. Louis railroads died this morning of heart disease.

### SKELETON INDICATES MURDER

(Scripps News Association)  
Reno, Nev., Feb. 12.—Engineer Holt and Dr. Saph, of the reclamation survey, today found the half burned skeleton of a young woman in a cave near Hazen while searching for Indian relics. The skull was cut open with a sharp instrument. It is thought that the woman was murdered and the body placed in the cave to conceal the crime.

### A FRENCH DIVORCE

(Scripps News Association)  
Paris, Feb. 12.—Members of Castellani's family have made fresh overtures to the Countess Boni, urging her to seek only a legal separation, instead of a full divorce, basing their plea in the interest of the children.

### DEMANDS ATTENTION

(Scripps News Association)  
Berlin, Feb. 12.—Dr. Von Floecker, in an Agrarian Association which is holding its annual meeting, today declared that the trade relations with the United States is acute and urged that something be done to relieve the situation.

### M'KINLEY DESERTED HIS WIFE

Salem Ore, Feb. 12.—An investigation which has just been made in the State Land office shows that Horace McKinley, the notorious land fraudster eloped to the Orient last November with "Little Egypt" whom he met in Portland during the Lewis and Clark fair and that he deserted his wife in San Francisco.

### Ten People Are Known to be Dead, but Firemen Say Twenty is Correct Estimate—Twenty-Five Truck Horses Are Also Incinerated.

(Scripps News Association)  
Portland, Ore. Feb. 12.—Eight persons were burned to death and sixteen injured by a fire which occurred on the east approach on the Morrison street bridge, between four and five o'clock this morning. The fire destroyed six frame buildings, including two saloons and the East Side Transfer Company's barn together with twenty-five horses.

At 11 o'clock this morning it is believed that 20 are dead and 10 injured. The district through which the fire swept included several lodging houses. Of the five dead recovered, two have been identified, one as Children L. Daily, aged 50 years, who died from his burns after reaching the hospital, and Nate Young, a stableman in the employ of the East Side Transfer Company.

The fire broke out in the Mount Hood saloon, which burned with great rapidity as the building was built on piles. The draft carried the flames under the approach of the Morrison street bridge burning it. The frame structures were soon in a blaze on both sides of the street. The boats moored along the water front quickly moved out into the river.

The fire boat, George H. Williams, and the engines were soon on the scene, but the fire had gained such headway that it could not be stayed at the second story of the building in which it started. This part of the building was occupied as a tenement house. Some of the occupants were left to their fate and other lodgers escaped only in their night clothes.

Daily, who was rescued only to die at the hospital, had his hair and whiskers singed off and head and body badly blistered. Daily said before he died, that his wife and two children perished in the flames. He was awakened by the flames licking his face.

Davis' wood yard buildings were badly

damaged and a big hole burned in the bridge. All of the buildings on the west side of the street on two corners were destroyed, including M. J. Murphy's plumbing house, the Mount Hood saloon, a photograph gallery, the East Portland Fence Works, a candy store and a restaurant.

The loss of life in the fire this afternoon has been placed at 10 with 20 injured.

One other body, that of A. B. Saunders was identified this afternoon. Those injured are: Mesdames N. Edmunds, N. Browne, M. Irvin, Dailey and 15 year old son, Floyd, and H. V. Hancock, Frau Kruger and L. C. Dailey.

The buildings burned are: The Dew Drop saloon, East Side Transfer Company's barn, storage house of Davis' wood yard, Murphy's plumbing shop, Carlson's wire works, Dailey's cigar store, Rock Springs coal yard, Wood's cigar store, and Uffer's restaurant.

The principal loss of life occurred in the flimsy lodging house on the west side of Water street over the stores. The flames overtook the sleepers and before they realized their danger the escape was cut off. One body found in the ruins of the Dew Drop saloon is so badly burned as to render it unrecognizable.

The property loss will easily reach \$50,000.

Among the missing are, Mrs. Hendee, the wife of a photographer, her three children and the infant child of Mrs. N. Browne.

Battalion Chief Holden of the fire department states positively that twenty lives were lost in the fire.

### AFTER A PARDON

(Scripps News Association)  
Springfield, Ill., Feb. 12.—Mrs. Fisher Hoch and an attorney are now closeted with the governor seeking a full pardon. Hoch's attorney has presented much which he called new direct evidence since his last petition was filed with the supreme court.

### PIANIST MISSING

(Scripps News Association)  
Chicago, Feb. 12.—Sigmond Seisler, the famous pianist, is reported to the police as missing. He has been ill for some time and it is feared that he has ended his life.

### PARDONS MERRIWETHER

(Scripps News Association)  
Washington, Feb. 12.—The President today pardoned Midshipman Merriwether who was convicted of hazing. His sentence of a year's confinement to the academy grounds, stands.

### FOUR-HUNDRED DIPLOMAS

(Scripps News Association)  
Annapolis, Feb. 12.—One hundred and four cadets received diplomas at the naval academy this afternoon. Secretary of the Navy Chas. A. Bonapart delivered the address and awarded the diplomas.

### TO THE WEDDING

(Scripps News Association)  
Portland Me. Feb. 12.—"Bill" Sewall the Washington's favorite guide has started to Washington to attend the Longworth-Roosevelt wedding.

### EDITOR DEAD

(Scripps News Association)  
Boston, Feb. 12.—Ex-congressman Wm. Warren Barrett, publisher of the Boston Advertiser and Record died this morning of pneumonia.

### STEAMER LOST

(Scripps News Association)  
London, Feb. 12.—The Norwegian steamer Veronica was lost today with a crew of ten off Lossiemouth, Scotland.

### PRESENTED WITH SWORD

(Scripps News Association)  
Annapolis, Feb. 12.—The sword presented each year to the cadet graduating with the best record in gunnery, was today presented to Midshipman W. A. Glassford of Seattle.

### YOUNG SUICIDE

(Scripps News Association)  
Redding, Cal. Feb. 12.—Because her mother would not allow her to accompany her on a trip on a trip after hay, Annie McKay, aged 15, near Junction City during her parents absence, fired a 22 calibre rifle in her forehead and died in an hour afterwards.

### LIMIT CONVICT MADE GOODS

(Scripps News Association)  
Washington, Feb. 12.—A bill to limit convict made goods to the state or territory in which they are made, was introduced today by Representative Kahn of California. The object is to keep Oregon and other states from dumping convict made goods into California.

### UNIVERSITY STUDENT DEAD

(Scripps News Association)  
Reno, Nev., Feb. 12.—James Champagne, a junior in the university of Nevada, shot himself near the heart last night in his room in Lincoln hall. He died an hour afterwards. The college authorities say it was accidental although circumstances point to suicide.

### RE-ELECT OLD OFFICERS

(Scripps News Association)  
Baltimore, Feb. 12.—The suffrage convention today re-elected all of its old officers today, headed by Rev. A. A. Shaw of Philadelphia.

### LINCOLN DAY TODAY

(Scripps News Association)  
Washington, Feb. 12.—Abraham Lincoln's birthday is being generally observed here today but not officially as the federal statutes do not declare it a legal holiday. The United States Historical society give the main celebration tonight, aided by the civil war veterans organization.

### IS MORE ALARMING EVERY DAY

(Scripps News Association)  
Washington, Feb. 12.—Senator Tilman introduced a bill that is a veritable drag-net directing the Interstate Commerce Commission to investigate whether any railroad is interested in coal or other products and if so, do they limit production.

Congressman Longworth has recovered from his recent illness and is apparently well, likewise Senator Hapburn of Idaho. It is said the reason the administration is so active in its position with the Chinese government it developed today that the administration has been assured that there will be no opposition in congress to the Chinese policy.

The president has nominated G. W. Steward to be register of the land at Visalia, Cal.

### A FALSE PREDICTION

(Scripps News Association)  
San Francisco, Feb. 12.—No one in Chinatown this morning seemed to know Wong Fong, who, in Cincinnati, predicted a general massacre of all foreigners in China. The dispatch says Wong Fong is secretary of Six Companies, but inquiries at headquarters failed to reveal anything about him.

### FAT CROWE IDENTIFIED

(Scripps News Association)  
Omaha, Feb. 12.—Pat Crowe was identified this morning by W. S. and F. A. K. Jynn, as the man who rode a pony to their barn after the kidnapping and telephoned Gudahy to look in the yard for a letter.

## GREAT SALE OF Mill Ends

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