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SUPERINTENDENT OF LABOR BLAMED FOR HOLOCAUST IN NEW YORK LAST SATURDAY

150 BUILDINGS IN MANHATTAN IN A SIMILAR CONDITION AND PROBE OF SITUATION ORDERED

Procession of Charred Bodies En Route to Graves to be Followed by Members of Shirtwaist Maker's Union

FIRE SITUATION AT NOON TODAY.

New York, March 27.—This afternoon 143 are known to be dead and all but 39 are identified. Fourteen are in the hospitals and five of them will die. Others are in a precarious condition.

New York, March 27.—Fire Marshal Beers this afternoon discovered that the fire started under a cutting table from a match or cigarette, and said that an effort was made to get the girls to march out but few understood English and in the confusion, many died of bruises.

New York, March 27.—State Superintendent of Labor Williams is actually and alone responsible for the condition of the building in which 143 girls and men were burned to death Saturday evening in the worst disaster in New York since the Slocum disaster, according to a statement today by District Attorney Whitman.

William's deputies examined this particular building in February and pronounced it safe, when it has now been found there were no fire escapes on it and the doors swung in.

150 Similar Buildings. Declaring there are 150 buildings in Manhattan alone in such a condition that they might at any time furnish a repetition of Saturday fire, District Attorney Whitman today started an investigation to find a remedy for the existing conditions. Whitman will ask the grand jury to probe the fire fully and where criminal negligence is to blame, request the prison punishment of all responsible.

Mayor Gaynor today headed a subscription for destitute relatives of the victims. The shirtwaist makers' union cannot properly care for all the relatives and public assistance will be showered upon them.

Living Example Tomorrow. All members of the shirtwaist makers' union will not work tomorrow but will follow a monster procession of dead corpses and make of themselves and the victims living and moving examples of lax inspection laws. The funeral

erals will be held tomorrow except in a few instances where special arrangements have been made. The bodies will be hauled in wagons, cheap coffins holding the charred remains. Behind the procession of dead will come the surviving members of the union.

Newspapers Vehement. All papers editorially voice the expression that the holocaust was not an act of God but of man and that the community is to blame. It is a series of murders in which the city and officers are the murderers, say all papers.

Yast Line Crowds Mourners. While there are but 39 unidentified bodies in the morgue, the line of men and women seeking admission at 1 o'clock this afternoon is six blocks long, packed solid.

MAY HAVE CHILD IMBLES FRUIT MURDERER MEN MEET

MAN ARRESTED AT SALEM JIBES WITH DESCRIPTIONS.

Murderer of Holtzmann Child in Portland May Be in Prison.

Salem, March 27.—A man giving his name as George Brown, was arrested here today and taken to Portland by detectives, and is suspected of being the man who murdered the five-year-old baby in Portland recently. He answers the descriptions.

The man has been under surveillance for some time. Brown told many conflicting stories before he was arrested. He has been working on a farm near here.

WARREN PRAISES LA GRANDE.

Vice President of Warren Construction Company Here for a Day

After a study of conditions here, Walter B. Warren, vice president of the Warren Construction company and one of the chief heads in that big concern, yesterday passed a word of called here primarily to confer with praise for La Grande's thrift. He was local superintendents and minor heads regarding the commencement of old paving contracts and the proposed contracts for this summer's work. "La Grande is a thriving little city," he affirmed, "and its paving campaign brands it as such. I find it is as enterprising a community as any in which we do business."

All-British Shopping Week.

London, March 27.—"All-British shopping week" was ushered in today as the culmination of a widespread movement to induce the English consumer to buy English-made goods in increasing quantities. The movement is aimed especially at German competition which in the past few years has seriously threatened the prosperity of the English manufacturers. The leading shopkeepers of London and of all the larger provincial cities have agreed that for an entire week they will display only British-made goods in their windows and on their counters.

Spring Football at Harvard.

Cambridge, Mass., March 27.—Regular practice for the Harvard football squad began today and will continue until the Easter recess. The practice will be mainly to teach the rudiments of the game to those who intend to try for the team next fall. A full staff of coaches will assist Coach Hamilton daily, and special attention will be paid to new material.

WOODROW WILSON.
University Man Being Groomed to Head Democratic National Ticket.



MEXICAN PEACE CONFERENCE SET FOR LAST PART OF THE WEEK AT EL PASO OR JUAREZ

J. W. GERARD.
New York Jurist Mentioned as a Senatorial Possibility.



El Paso, March 27.—Representatives of the insurgents and federalists at Juarez are talking peace today. Revolutionists predict that within a week Minister Limantour and General Madero will meet here or at Juarez next week for peace negotiations.

Diaz Deposition Wanted. San Antonio, March 27.—Alfonso Madero said today there would be no peace until President Diaz and General go. That the insurgents won't lay down their arms until a settlement is made, is also asserted.

"If Americans intervene, it will mean bloody war," added Madero. "The insurgents would cease fighting Diaz immediately and join with Mexico in the fight against the United States."

The belief is general here that the peace proposals have been received by the Madero family, the backbone of the revolution, from Ambassador de La Barra. The three Maderos will hold a conference this week and everything hinges on what these three men decide to do. This conference will be held in the hills surrounding Chihuahua.

International Exposition in Rome.

Rome, March 27.—The international exposition for which preparations have been making for many months was formally inaugurated today by King Victor Emmanuel. The event was accompanied by brilliant ceremonies in which representatives of many nations took part. The exposition is one of the leading features of the national celebration in honor of the 50th anniversary of the foundation of the kingdom of Italy.

Visits Wallowa Farm.

J. A. Russell, proprietor of the Grande Ronde Meat company, went to Wallowa county yesterday on a business trip and to look over his real estate holdings.

VANDAL WOULD BURN CHURCH CAPITALISTS TO STUDY VALLEY

THREE ATTEMPTS END IN CAREFUL SEARCH FOR MAN

Reward of \$100 Offered at Walla Walla for Fellow's Capture.

Walla Walla, March 27.—The police are today starting a hunt for the incendiary who last night executed his third attempt to burn St. Paul's Episcopal church. Chorister H. A. Casey interrupted the vandal last night in time to save the building.

A reward of \$100 has been offered for the capture of the man.

WOODS BUYS RANCH.

Former Livery Stable Proprietor Will Raise Alfalfa.

Joe Woods, the premier livery stable man of this city will live the simple life on an alfalfa ranch near Alicel. He has purchased 80 acres near that place.

Musical Clubs in Session.

Philadelphia, Pa., March 27.—Many delegates arrived in Philadelphia today to attend the seventh biennial convention and festival of the National Federation of Musical Clubs. A notable feature of the four day's session will be the concerts at which prize compositions in the recent competition under the auspices of the federation will be rendered. Another interesting feature will be a symposium on public school music.

SEATTLE AND NEW YORK INTERESTS REPRESENTED BY THEM.

Making Careful Investigation of Realty and Orchard Projects.

Three financial exponents, who are said to be here with a view of making extensive investment in real estate and orchard land, are studying local conditions today. Under the guidance of John Leigh, secretary of the Grande Ronde orchard company with headquarters at Seattle, the men are looking over various projects in the valley today. With contour maps of the valley and county they are going into various details. In the party, who are at the Sommer, are Frank M. Wheaton of Seattle, R. C. Lazier of New York and Mr. Leigh of Seattle.

Memorial for Wisconsin Soldiers.

Vicksburg, Miss., March 27.—Wisconsin's \$100,000 monument in the Vicksburg National Military park will be dedicated May 22, the 48th anniversary of Gen. Grant's famous charge in which the Wisconsin troops had a prominent part. On the same day 13 and seven markers for Wisconsin soldierly and battery monuments will be dedicated. Governor McGovern and other distinguished citizens of Wisconsin and Governor Noel of Mississippi and representatives of the war department at Washington will take part in the dedication ceremonies.

PERMANENT ORGANIZATION WAS FORMED THERE SATURDAY.

Imbler Association to Go After All Available Prizes.

The Fruitmen's association of the Imbler district held their meeting on Saturday afternoon for permanent organization. There was a large attendance and it was a very enthusiastic and satisfactory meeting. The temporary organization effected some time ago was made permanent and the following officers will serve for the ensuing year: C. W. Cleaver, president; M. W. D. Green, vice president; C. L. Sawyer, secretary and F. Hoffdix, treasurer.

A committee was appointed to draft a constitution and by-laws and delegates to attend the next meeting of the proposed Eastern Oregon organization.

A splendid talk was given by Mr. C. W. Cleaver on the present situation and the future outlook for the Imbler fruit district. The discussions by the different members of the association along the lines of orchard care, spraying, etc., were most interesting and helpful.

It is understood that the Imbler fruit district will go after all the prizes that are loose this fall.

Agency Superintendent Here.

W. M. McConnell, superintendent of agency for the Continental Life Insurance and Investment company with headquarters at Salt Lake is registered at the Foley. Mr. McConnell will visit his agent Jesse Crum of Elgin tomorrow.

Best Man in City.

H. A. Caldwell, representing the Best Manufacturing company, Walla Walla and San Leandro, Cal., came in today from Idaho Falls, Idaho. Mr. Caldwell will remain in the city for several days calling on prospective combine buyers and will make thorough canvass of the Grande Ronde valley and Wallowa county. He reports unusual large demand for harvesting machinery this season.

Nominal Charge Tuesday Night.

A charge of 15 and 25 cents will be collected for the Wood lectures tomorrow night when that noted lecturer appears at the L. D. S. tabernacle under auspices of the Neighborhood club. A large audience is urged as the topic is a live one.

Reception for Mr. and Mrs. Ellis.

A farewell reception will be given at the Christian church Wednesday evening for Mr. and Mrs. Ford Ellis. All friends are invited.

Southwest Ash Rates.

New York, March 27.—Before Commissioner Prouty interstate commerce commission a final hearing was begun in this city today in the suit of the Southwestern Shippers' Traffic association against the various railroads in the southwest. The suit seeks an equitable adjustment of rates from points on the Atlantic seaboard to common points in the southwest. The changes asked for are largely proportional rates, the shippers seeking to have rates lowered from deep water ports to common points in keeping with the rates that apply to large commercial centers.

\$3000 FIRE AT PERRY DESTROYS ICE HOUSE AND OTHER PROPERTY

Fire losses amounting approximately to \$3,000 were occasioned during the past night at Perry when four ice houses along the river bank were burned by a fire of mysterious origin, destroying considerable property stored within the structures. The buildings were each 60x200, and were housing ice, hay and Grande Ronde Lumber company property of various descriptions, were completely destroyed. The lumber company at Perry is the sole loser by the fire.

In one of the buildings was stored

500 tons of ice; in another were 10 huge logging sleds, and in another, 300 tons of hay. Three thousand is a conservative estimate of the losses.

Manager Will Y. Stoddard announced this morning that they have been unable to ferret out the cause or the origin of the blaze. The residents of Perry were awakened at midnight by an alarm spread by people who discovered the fire soon after it had broken through the roof and there was little to do but watch it burn.

PRISONERS QUARREL OVER THEIR OWN GUILT IN COUNTY JAIL

A negro giving his name as Charles Patterson, and a white man known as Frank Lemaster, are in the county jail here awaiting further action on a charge of burglary in a dwelling preferred by the state following the robbery of the Haines Commercial company at North Powder last Friday morning. The men were captured at Baker yesterday and were today brought to La Grande by Officer Crawford of North Powder. B. F. Evans, proprietor of the North Powder store, was sleeping in the building when the robbery took place and was awakened by the noise. Firing a revolver through the ceiling he scared

the men away, but though they dropped a gunny sack containing knives, razors and the like to the value of \$165 they did not leave other goods crammed into their pockets. These goods were on them when arrested, carrying the price marks of the robbed store.

This morning in the presence of Officer Crawford, the negro claimed his innocence which stirred the ire of the white man who claimed stoutly that they both did it. The two prisoners were in a wordy dispute over the matter and would have come to blows, handcuffed though they were, had not Mr. Crawford interfered.