

## PORTLAND FIRE CHIEF KILLED

### \$2,000,000 FIRE CLAIMS MANY VICTIMS

SIX KNOWN TO BE DEAD AND TWO OTHERS REPORTED AMONG THOSE KILLED.

### CAMPBELL BODY RECOVERED

Remains Hauled From Burning Structure—Explosion Tumbles Walls as Chief and Five Firemen Enter the Building Against Advice of Friends—Union Oil Company Plant Destroyed.

Portland, June 26.—Chief of the Fire Department David Campbell was killed and five firemen are missing and also believed dead today in a fire which destroyed the warehouse and offices of the Union Oil company on Water Front East Portland.

The chief and five men has just entered the burning structure when a tremendous explosion of gasoline crumbled two walls and the roof collapsed. The chief had been warned not to enter but said he would look around and be back soon. The fire started presumably from a burned-out motor which ignited the gasoline tank. The fire boat George Williams and the entire department fought the flames all the forenoon.

**Campbell's Body Found.**  
About noon the charred remains of the fire chief were found under the burning debris and rescued. Campbell had been chief in Portland for many years, but was not an old man, being in the prime of life. He was an athlete of more than passing worth and has an acquaintance with the firemen of the old schools and old hose teams throughout the Pacific northwest.

**Two More Reported Killed.**  
Late this afternoon the fire was all but extinguished and it was found that two more men are missing and believed killed. This report has not been confirmed at 2 o'clock however. The total loss of the fire itself from a standpoint of dollars and cents runs two million dollars. The timber-like property along Front street was wiped out with serious effect and telegraph wires were damaged curtailing service in the handling of news.

### PROMINENT UNION MEN ATTEND MEETING SATURDAY.

Childers Object of Resolution—The Themes Discussed During Day.  
Much important business came up for transaction last Saturday afternoon when the regular meeting of the La Grande local of the F. E. and C. U. of A.—the Farmers' union—met in this city.  
F. B. Thorp of Lincoln No. 24 at Dietrich, Idaho, was present, and he made an interesting talk for the good of the order, which was very much appreciated by all.  
Mr. Miller of Cove and Mr. McMillan of Allec gave a short and instructive talk.  
The following subjects were discussed: "The Terminal Warehouse at Portland," "Tax Payers' League," and "Marketing of Crops," also the following resolution was passed:  
"Whereas F. P. Childers made promises to the taxpayers of Union county, Oregon, that if he was re-elected to the office of sheriff he would reimburse the county for money lost by the failure of the Farmers and Traders national bank;  
"Therefore, be it Resolved by the Farmers' union that he should keep his promises to the people."

### SEE POSES AS GOD.

Signs His Name as Living Son of God in "Truth" Book.  
Chicago, June 26.—That See described himself in his writing as a literal and true son of God was declared today in the trial of the "prophet" by Associate State's attorney in the delinquency trial. Under the chapter, "Mildred", in his "truth" book, referring to the Bridges' girl, he wrote that she was to be a mother of a son, ending, "I, God, declare it."

**Meets at Narragansett Pier**  
Narragansett Pier, R. I., June 26.—Hundreds of prominent physicians from all parts of the United States and Canada were on hand today at the opening of the 67th annual meeting of the American Institute of Homeopathy. The gathering is being held at the Matheson hotel and will continue through the entire week. The chief features of the opening session nor Pothier and the address of the were an address of welcome by Governor-president, Dr. Galus J. Jones of Cleveland.

### Matthews-Lamar Wedding.

Washington, D. C., June 26.—Southerners prominent in the social life of the national capital are displaying much interest in the wedding of Miss Virginia Longstreet Lamar and Prof. Robert Clayton Matthews, which is to be celebrated tomorrow evening in the Idlewild Presbyterian church. The bride to be is the daughter of William Harmon Lamar of the United States department of justice and his wife, formerly Miss Jennie Lamar, daughter of the late L. Q. C. Lamar of Mississippi. Prof. Matthews, the bridegroom elect, is a member of the faculty of the University of Tennessee.

## AVIATION DATES CHANGED

### WALSH WILL COME JULY 8 AND NINTH.

Though Young, Has Forged to the Front of Aviator Ranks Quickly.

### RATES TO MEET ASSURED.

One and one third fare will be granted by the O-W. mainline and Joseph branch to all passengers attending the aviation meet in La Grande July 8 and 9. Passengers must ask for and receive certificates to be signed at Charles F. Walsh who is to fly here July 8th and 9th., the original dates having been changed, while the youngest of the aviators, has rapidly forged to the front among the best known flying men in the world.  
He enjoys two distinctions in which he learned to fly without instructions, that is, just by flying; and he also was the first man to demonstrate a heavier than air machine before the kite-loving people of Japan, giving an exhibition before the emperor and his court by royal command. He made a well paying tour of Japan and has since flown in most of the important meets that have been held in this country.  
Walsh uses a Curtiss-Farman-Wright biplane of his own construction with a Hall-Scott motor.

### Bought Paris Hair Store

Miss Johnson and Miss Taylor, two young ladies who have for some time been connected with the Grande Ronde hospital as nurses, have purchased the Paris Hair store from Mrs. Palmer and will conduct the business in the future. Mrs. Palmer will go to California.

## NEW YORK WILL HAVE SCANDAL AMONG RICH

### GOVERNMENT EMPLOYE'S WIFE IS MADE A VICTIM.

**Smuggle Detective Refuses a Huge Bribe to Stop Probing.**  
New York June 26.—Refusal of a \$300,000 bribe to abandon the investigation into the jewel smuggling which three millionaires are alleged to be involved in, today has cost Richard Parr, exposor of the gigantic sugar frauds and trust case, the life of his infant son and perhaps will cost that of his wife, who is seriously ill following the birth of a child dead. She got hysterical when enemies of his called her over the phone and told her that Parr had been intimate with another woman.  
Parr says the millionaires had some one phone to her purposely. He says the millionaires have been smuggling jewels for a beautiful "Mrs. Jenkins." That they offered him \$300,000 to desist trailing them after Mrs. Jenkins told him of the scheme. He has turned his information over to Customs Collector Loeb, and a huge scandal is expected.

### Busy Days for King and Queen.

London, June 26.—King George and Queen Mary returned today from Portsmouth to be confronted with a program of social functions and festivities that will make the week almost as arduous as that of the coronation. Among the more important of the royal engagements for the week are the gala performance at Covent Garden opera house tonight, the garden party at Buckingham palace tomorrow afternoon and the Shakespearean ball and gala performance at his majesty's theatre in the evening, a visit to the Royal Agricultural show on Wednesday, the procession through London, the thanksgiving service at St. Paul's and the official reception and luncheon in the Guildhall on Thursday, the children's fete at Crystal palace and the dinner by the prime minister on Friday, and the departure for Windsor on Saturday.

### Passing of Historic Boston Edifice.

Boston, Mass., June 26.—The old court house of Boston, whose walls often echoed with the eloquence of men like Rufus Choate and Benjamin F. Butler, was disposed of at public auction today, preparatory to being torn down to make room for a new structure. The structure was erected in 1837 on the site of an older court house, in which Captain Kidd was confined while awaiting trial. In the new court house many celebrated trials took place, including that of Prof. John White Webster for the murder of Dr. George Parkman, and many years later of Jesse Pomeroy, convicted of the murder of little children.

### Aviator Manager Here.

C. L. Young and wife were at the Foley this morning. Mr. Young is staging the aviation meet here.

## BOOSTERS START FOR WALLOWA AT 7:30 A. M.

Judge J. W. Knowles, Press Lewis, John Collier, P. A. Foley, William Miller, F. J. Holmes, S. M. Slough, of La Grande; Robert Withycombe, Union, G. A. Stock, Cove; Ed Rumble of Elgin, George Cleaver, representing Imbler, and L. C. Smith, official mechanic, comprise a party

## LABOR LEADERS CITED AGAIN BY COURTS

### OLD CONTEMPT CASES REVIVED AGAIN BY COURTS.

Washington, June 26.—Judge Wright of the supreme court of the District of Columbia today cited Messrs. Gompers, Mitchell and Morrison American Federation of Labor officials, to show cause why they should not be punished for contempt of court. They were ordered to appear July 17.  
The citation follows a report by a special committee of lawyers named by the court to investigate the alleged contempt growing out of the violation of the court injunction in the dispute with the Bucks Stove and Range company, of St. Louis.  
They were formerly sentenced to jail for contempt but the United States supreme court reversed the case, declaring jail sentences were improper but did establish the right of the District of Columbia court to investigate and punish the contempt on its own initiative.

### Honors for Retiring Ambassador.

Berlin, June 26.—The banquet to be given by the American Chamber of Commerce in honor of Dr. David Jayne Hill, the retiring American ambassador, promises to be a highly notable public affair. The banquet is to take place tomorrow night at the hotel Adlon. Covers will be laid for 200 guests among whom will be distinguished members of the German official world, leaders of university life and prominent representatives of the American colony in the German capital.

## MEN GATHERING FOR WOOL SALE

### EASTERN RAILROAD OFFICIALS MEET IN WALLOWA.

Northwestern Agent Praises Chicago Depot, Finest Built.

J. T. Wallace, traveling agent for the Chicago & Northwestern railway, the Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis and Omaha railway, whose terminal station, said to be the finest in the world, is now in operation at Chicago, was in La Grande this morning on his way to Wallowa, Enterprise and Joseph preparatory to the wool sales about to be consummated there. He was accompanied by J. A. Emmery of the New York Central and the two men will provide cars for the sales made there for eastern buyers. The first of the Wallowa county sales are set for next Thursday, and though neither of these men will stay over for the sales, they will get a good notion of what cars are needed before they return.  
Speaking of the new depot at Chicago, one of the finest structures in the United States, Mr. Wallace said: "The new passenger terminal of the Chicago and Northwestern railway is the most modern station in the world. It will be pleasing to the management to have you inspect the many exclusive features of construction and equipment provided for the comfort of passengers.  
"The passenger terminal is located on Madison street and occupies the entire square, east and west, between Canal and Clinton streets and the four city block north between Madison Washington, Randolph and Lake. It is adjacent to the business and hotel districts and is occupied exclusively by the Chicago and Northwestern railway.

### H. Lane, an employe at the round house, was severely injured this afternoon in an accident occurring while he was at work about the engines. His right leg was broken and he was otherwise quite badly bruised and hurt.

### Kills Big Bear

In the McKennon sheep camp out at Five Points a herder killed a big black bear Saturday night. The bear had been molesting the sheep and the herder laid for him. The first shot caught bruin in the neck and the second hit him squarely in the mouth. As a result J. D. McKennon has been feeding his neighbors on bear meat. Uncle Ben Grandy, after sampling the meat, thought possibly it was bear but also thought even the bear meat ceased to have the frontier taste of olden days.

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### Accused of Assault.

Will Crawford of this city was arrested Saturday evening on a charge of assault with a dangerous weapon. He became involved in a quarrel with a stranger, it seems, and is said to have leveled a six-shooter at the man and threatened to shoot.

### ANIMA JUDGE HURT. He and Another Man Seriously Hurt in Wreck.

Los Angeles, Jun. 26.—More than a score of passengers were injured today in a collision between an inbound Santa Monica flyer and an Arlington Heights car at 16th and Hobart streets. Judge Allen of the appellate court of California was critically injured internally as also Edwin Morion, internally injured and may die.

### Machine Hits Pedestrian.

Henry Brill of Fox Hill was knocked to the pavement this morning by an auto driven by Mrs. Tatman, but as the machine was progressing but slowly, no material harm was done. Mr. Brill was crossing Depot street and when he turned in response to the machine's honk he became excited and before he could get out of the way the front wheel shield had lifted him from his feet and tossed him to one side. He was badly shaken up by the fall, but in no other way was he hurt. Mrs. Tatman, according to bystanders was in no way to blame while Mr. Brill was likewise blameless. It was one of those accidents which emphasize the necessity of pedestrians watching corners carefully for both teams and automobiles.

## ALASKAN CLAIMS CANCELLED BY DEPARTMENT

### DENNET AND FISHER END LONG FIGHT BY DECIDING FINALLY ON ISSUE.

## OPENED TO ENTRY SOON

Fight Which Cost Ballinger His Job Won by Pinchot and His Followers Today When Complete Victory Is Won by His Element—Claimants Will Carry the Fight to Highest Court.

Washington, June 26.—Cancellation of all Cunningham coal claims in Alaska, the fight for which cost Ballinger his job as secretary of the interior was today ordered by Commissioner Dennett, of the general land office, with the approval of the secretary of the Interior, Fisher. It is said this action will forever frustrate the Morgan-Guggenheim scheme to grab Alaskan coal lands and be immediately opened to re-entry.

Pinchot men are jubilant. They consider the action as justice to the fight against Ballinger. Cunningham claimants say they will carry the case to the United States supreme court, to retain hold on the properties. The government decided that it was clearly shown that the Morgan-Guggenheim syndicate had an option to finance and take over the development of the coal lands through a \$5,000,000 corporation that was not ratified by a majority of the claimants. Fisher said the decision was final as far as it concerns the interior department and it was the intention of the department now to proceed to final determination of the remaining Alaskan coal claims under dispute.

### Fisher Criticizes Law.

Fisher said "I don't believe the present law is applicable to the Alaskan coal lands is wise or practicable. Nevertheless, their provision must be enforced, first because they are the law, and second because they afford the only protection against the abuse of monopoly and unrestrained private exploitation. If the claims are pending and are entitled to patent I see no justification for not acting upon them as promptly as the department can be assured it is in possession of facts upon which action must ultimately be taken."

### Investigators Vindicated.

The decision means also vindication of Louis Glavis and Gifford Pinchot who were dismissed from service after a clash with Ballinger and also possibly the death of the Morgan-Guggenheim plan to gobble Alaskan resources and impending influx of Alaskan coal to Pacific coast markets, eliminating British Columbian coal.

### Millions Opened to People.

The decision means hundreds of millions of dollars worth of Alaskan coal lands will be conserved to the people and probably means immediate opening to development of Alaskan.

### Ballingers Remains Silent.

Seattle, June 26.—Former Secretary Ballinger refused to talk concerning the decision.