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PIER[CE BARN] RAZED AND 4 ANIMALS BURN

MYSTERIOUS CRY OF "FIRE" SAVES MANY WORKMEN

TOTAL LOSS PLACED AT $12,000 BY OWNER, WALTER M. PIERCE

Workmen Cut Horses Loose and a Big Mule Leads All but Four to Safety Through Burning Stalls — Some Harnesses Saved but Great Losses Sustained by Workmen, Who Saved Their Lives by Narow Margin.

Mysterious cries of fire probably coming from a tramp who had ignited the Walter M. Pierce hay mow and was humane enough to warn a half dozen workmen sleeping in the barn of their danger, and then flee, at one o'clock this morning saved 54 head of work horses and mules, a half dozen lives and prevented one of the great holocausts of the history of the county. As it was, three horses, a mule, and other property valued at $12,000 were burned in a jiffy. A big mule, cut loose by heroic workmen, broke a wild stampede in the barn and led the horses through the flames where no man could have driven them.

It was just 12:45 o'clock this morning when several workmen on the Pierce ranch were aroused from sleep by cries of fire and as they were sleeping on the lower level of the barn, they had a moment to escape in but not time to save their wearing apparel. The smoke was pouring down from both sides of the hay mow, the very highest point in the barn, but the tinder-like dryness of the barn and contents allowed the fire to spread with lightning rapidity — it was all over in 20 minutes. Heroes that they are, the men found a knife and rushing to the stalls cut loose 57 head of work horses and mules—said to be the finest barnful of workhorses in the county. But by that time the fire had spread to the doors and the horses, true to nature stampeded in wild disorder. A burly horny-hipped mule brayed and started for the door sounding nature's call to his fellow beasts and contrary to horse nature the bunch followed as fast as fear-crazed, plunging brutes could be loosened by daring workmen risking their lives in the stalls with the animals and risking their lves through shut-off avenues of escape. All but three horses and one mule found safety through the path of fire, but three are so seriously burned that they may not recover.

Great Headwork Evident.

The rescue of the horses and some of the harnesses was accomplished through stellar headwork. While some of the men rushed to the stalls others worked on the harnesses and 30 sets were saved but about 20 burned. Saddles and other paraphernalia of a well provided barn of course burned.

Men Lose Property.

In the haste, there was no time to save personal belongings and when the blaze was over the men were grouped about the burning embers, clothingless, most of them.

In addition to the horses and goods mentioned the loss of oats will total $2,000, hay $1,000, timothy seed $500, tools $500. Insurance to about $2,500 is attached to the barn and contents.

Origin Mysterious.

During, and shortly after, the fire, the workmen were of the opinion that Foreman Johnson had given the alarm and when he was not to be found, the belief was created that he, too, was in the ashes, but the noise wakened him in the house and he appeared on the scene much to the relief of the workmen. He had known nothing of the cries and therefore the supposition drifted to the tramp theory. It is presumed a tramp crawled into the mow to rest and with the every-ready cigarette, ignited the dry hay. He had probable barely time to scamper to safety but had sense enough to spread the alarm and then flee to a place of refuge, fearing the consequences.

Mr. Pierce today could not give the exact amount of insurance but it is probable in the neighborhood of $2,500.

[EAR]THQUAKE TUMBLES CITIES AND KILLS 300

TURKEY FEELS TERRIFIC UPHEAVAL TODAY

TWO TOWNS DESTROYED BY SUBSEQUENT FIRES

Number of Dead Said to Total Three Hundred but Verifying Reports Are Hard to Obtain—Constantinople Messages Verify Rumors of the Destruction of Two Sea Coast Towns Tchalek Kaliesni, and Galliapoli.

London, Aug. 10.—More than 300 persons were killed in an earthquake in Turkey according to a dispatch received heere tonight. The message did not state whether this is the total number of victims of the shock or only those killed in a single town. So far as known no fatalities occured n Constantinople.

Two Towns Destroyed.

Constantinople, Aug. 10.—Reports received here state the Turkish towns of Tchalek Kaliessi, and Gallipoli were destroyed in the earthquake and that many perished. Villages along the Sea of Marmora were badly shaken.

Early Rumors Verified.

It is reported that Adryano with a population of 10,000, was destroyed by fire succeeding the earthquake. Gallipoli, at the northwest entrance of the Dardanelles, population 3,000 and Tchalek Kalessi, with a population of 1,000 were destroyed.

Wars Tear Turkey.

Salonika, Aug. 10.—"Dismiss the military leagues as advisers to you and replace them with advisers acceptable to us, or fight," was the ultimatum handed the sultan of Turkey to day by an emissary of the Young Turks' party. The Young Turks are arming and will probably start a new government if the ultimatum is not deeded.

Shocks were felt here with considerable damage but no fatalities are reported. The first news to reach here was brought when refugees, injured and exhausted, arrived at Stamboul. They declared the shocks were extremely violnt. Th tremors began in the early morning hours and many were trapped and died in their beds. Estimates as to the number of dead vary greatly.

Troops have been rushed to the scene.

Colonel Admits "Steals."

Oyster Bay, N. Y., Aug. 10.—Admission that many planks of the progressive platform are of democratic origin is made here today by Theodore Roosevelt. He made the statement when attention was called to Bryan's declaration that the progressives stole all their good planks from democracy.

JOHN BULL IN FLUSTER OVER PANAMA BILL

EXPRESSIONS OF DISSATISFACTION ARE VOICED

HOUSE WILL PASS IT "AS IT LOOKS NOW"

Union County Wheat and Flour Dealers Will Suffer Serious Losses Through Failure of Oriental Line Service Out of Portland but Will Find Panacea in the New Canal Service.

London, Aug. 10.—Bitter denunciation of the amended Panama canal bill passed by the senate, with a suggestion that retaliatory methods be adopted, were editorially voiced here today in the Pall Mall Gazette, owned by William Waldorf Astor.

House Likes Panama Bill.

Washington, Aug. 10.—The house committee on interstate commerce today decided to accept the Panama canal bill practically as it was passed by the senate. At a conference this afternoon members of the committee merely suggested a few minor changes in the world's measure. Both the house and President Taft are expected to approve the bill soon.

The bill as amended and passed last night prohibits railroad-owned ships from passing without toll.

That the great solution to western shippers and manufacturers lies in the Panama canal and that the connecting link will go far toward solving the high cost of living item is the opinion of E. E. Kiddle, head of the Kiddle mills that girdle Union county. With Portland about to drop the Oriental lines, thereby bringing serious damage to the shipping of Union county grains and flours, the canal will be a panacea when it is put in working order. The loss of the Oriental lines out of Portland is going to affect about 40 per cent of the wheat and flour shipments of Union county because the only other place Oriental lines—and the Orient takes 40 per cent of Union county flour—is Tacoma and Seattle and to reach these ports local shippers must pay 16 cents per barrel from Portland on, reducing the profits materially. Just what the flour mills of Eastern Oregon, that is, east of Pendleton, will suffer in dollars and cents until the Panama canal with its free tolls, is ready, is not expressible but it will be large. Pendleton and points west have water rates through competition to other seaports than Portland hence, they will miss the heavy blow felt here when the Portland Oriental lines drop the last of this month.

Newport Dog Show.

Newport, R. I., Aug. 10.—Newport society thronged the Casino today to admire and pet the 1,000 or more dogs on exhibition there at the annual bench show of the Rhode Island Kennel club. It was an aristocratic show throughout. There was no place for an ordinary dog in the exhibition. A line of blue-blooded canine ancestors was the only ticket that insured admittance. Even class distinctions prevailed among the dogs, the haughty Blenheim spaniels absolutely gnorng the breezy looking little French and English bulldogs.

Art Teachers Meet in Dresden.

Dresden, Aug. 10.—Ernest A. Batchelder of Leland Stanford university, John S. Ankenny of the University of Missouri and James Frederick Hopkins of Baltimore are to represent the United States at the international congress of art teachers, which is to convene in Dresden tomorrow for a session lasting a week.

Insectary or "Bug House" of the Oregon Agricultural College

THE Oregon Agricultural college at Cornwallis, Ore., has a new insectary in which problems in the control and extermination of insects are studied. The students call the building the "bug house." Experiments are now being conducted with the cherry slug, wood boring beetles and the canker worm. Tests of insecticides and different sprays are being made on apple trees close to the insectary, and the results will be recorded. The spraying tanks and small trees upon which the insect experiments are being conducted are shown in the upper picture

CHAFIN HEARS GLAD TIDINGS

PROHIBITIONISTS ELL CHAFIN OF NOMINATION.

Woman Suffrage, Recall and Other Topics in Platform.

Waukesha, Wis., Aug. 10.—Hundreds of persons gathered at Cutler park here today where Rev. Chas. Head of New York City, notified Eugene W. Chafin, of Arizona, of his nomination to the presidency by the prohibition party.

Accepting the nomination, Chafin charged the old parties with sidestepping the liquor question and the high cost of living problem.

Chafin declared he favored the single term of six years for the president suppression of the white slave traffic, scientific revision of the tariff, direct election of senators, the initiative, referendum and recall and woman suffrage.

MAN KILLED BY LIVE WIRE.

W. S. Clayton Electrocuted in a Pumping Plant.

(Wallowa Sun.)

W. S. Clayton of Enterprise was killed Monday evening about 7 o'clock, by electricity in a pumping plant near the county seat. Just how the electrocution was brought about is not definitely known, but the man was discovered about an hour later lying across a live wire. The manager of the electric light plant was immediately notified and the current cut off, after which the dead man was removed. The pumping plant belongs to Carl Roe and a company of Enterprise people. Mr. Clayton leaves a wife and four children. The funeral occurred Tuesday afternoon.

New York Besieged.

Stratford, Conn., Aug. 10.—With a mimic war having been declared the task of the Red army in maneuvers which began here today, is to capture the Croton watershed in Westchester county, New York, and thereby to cut off the water supply of New York City. The Blue army is defending the city.

PROGRESSIVES SEE MAJORITY

FOUR STATES ONLY CONCEDED TO TAFT.

Roosevelt Managers Predict Majority of Electoral College.

Chicago, Aug. 10.—Chairman McClure of the Georgia delegation to the Progressive convention produced figures today intended to show the Roosevelt vote in the electoral college will exceed both Taft and Wilson. McClure concedes Taft only four states—New Mexico, Wyoming, Utah and Vermont. Among the states claimed for Roosevelt are California, Colorado, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nevada, Pennsylvania, North Carolina, North Dakota, South Dakota, Oregon, Ohio, Washington, West Virginia, and Wisconsin, a total of 255 electoral votes. The total number of votes in the electoral college is 531 making 266 necessary to insure election. It is announced this afternoon that Senator Dixon chairman of the Progressive national committee, approved McClure's forecast.

Oregon Crew Compliments.

Oyster Bay, Aug. 10.—Roosevelt is proudly exhibiting a telegram from the Bremerton, Wash., navy yards which reads, "We join in congratulating you on the nomination. (Signed) The crew of the Oregon."

Discussing the negro problem, the colonel said, "So far as the negro question is concerned we got it started in the only right way. We came near breaking on it though, because so many did not not understand we wanted it made a national instead of a state issue. Lincoln regarded it as a state issue. Ten years later the people will see we have correctly solved the problem.'

New York Piers Burn.

New York, Aug. 10.—Fanned by the wind into a raging inferno two docks of the New York Central lines at the foot of West 33rd street in the North river caught fire today and are almost a total loss. The piers were filled with merchandise when the conflagration started and the flames spread rapidly. Several firemen were compelled to jump into the river

FAST MAIL IS DITCHED, BUT NO ONE HURT

FAMOUS HOODOO ENGINE IN TROUBLE AGAIN

SLOW SPEED EVIDENTLY SAVED CREW FROM INJURY

Fast Mail Last Night Ditched in Cut East of Baker and Passengers Are Being Transfered Today—Traffic Is Blocked for Thirty-Six Hours—One Engine Off Track and Other Partially Off.

Famous old Hoodoo engine No. 199 is in the ditch again—she of many a wreck and accident; she that jumped the track at Cayuse with Engineer Fred Schilke several years ago in one of the worst wrecks of the decade and since then has been in minor miseries innumerable. She went off the track, or rather her tank did, and the locomotive itself is hanging at a sharp angle, last night about 9 o'clock when the fast mail No. 9 was passing a cut, a mile and a quarter from Quartz seven miles east of Baker. Engineer Ferguson had the famous hoodoo and a helper engine No. 386, also jumped the track, even more seriously than 199, for the helper is off entirely. No one of the crew was hurt, albeit that two mail cars toppled partially over.

While the cause of wreck has been tentatively blamed to a low joint the definite cause has not been determined and will not be until the investigation board meets, probably. That the train must have been running slowly is surmised from the fact that no fatalities or even injuries resulted. The track is torn up for a distance of 500 feet and in addition to the La Grande wrecker, an O. S. L. wrecker has been rushed to the scene.

Traffic Blocked.

Through service is and will be blocked for many hours yet, it being roughly estimated that it will require 36 hours to remedy the troubles in view of the fact that the wreck happened in a cut and there is no opportunity to build a track around it.

Transfers Are Made.

Last night's No. 18 was turned around at the scene of the wreck this morning and came back about noon with the stranded westbound passengers. No. 6 will be turned around and come as second 17 tonight some time and the trains on the other side of the wreck, No. 5 last night 18 today will be run back as 18 and 6 respectively. Conductor Wissler was o[n the] fast mail.

School Board ...

The school board met ... and attended to many matters in preparation for the coming school ... It was decided to repair the old high school building and the North side school by kalsomining the ... repainting the woodwork in the buildings.

Two Hung for Murder.

Kamloops, B. C., ... the murderer of Constable ... Takahashi ... fell ... near ... today.

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KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS—Red Cross Lodge No. 27 meets every Monday night in Castle hall, (old Elk's hall). Visiting Knights welcome to all ...

H. W. RILEY, K. of R. ... L. LINCOLN, M. of ...

O. E. S.—Hope Chapter No. ... holds stated communication second and fourth Wednesday each month. Visiting ... dially invited. MRS. MARIE JACK... MARY A. WARNIC...

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