



18 PRISONERS ARE BURNED TO DEATH

Match Ignites Fumes From Disinfectants in Which They Were Bathing.

El Paso, Tex., March 7—Nine more victims of the disinfection bath explosion which yesterday burned 44 prisoners in the city jail, died early today. These additional deaths brought the list of fatalities to 18, and a number of the more seriously injured were expected to die.

The coroner's inquest and an investigation by city officials, ordered for today, had to do principally with statements by guards and survivors, who declared that the explosion was caused by the lighting of a match by one of the prisoners.

The flare of the match ignited the volatile vapors arising from the mixture of gasoline, kerosene and vinegar in which the prisoners, mostly Mexicans, were being bathed in conformity with sanitary measures devised by city health authorities to prevent the spread of disease from Mexican arrivals.

Sheets of flame flashed through the entire east wing of the prison and almost immediately the street fronting the jail was filled with naked, shrieking men, enveloped in fire.

Buy Site for Big Warehouse

Bend, Or., March 6—The entrance of Lang & Co., of Portland, wholesale grocers, into Central Oregon is announced here by Isador Lang, president of the company, when he completed negotiations with F. W. Sullivan for the purchase of a tract of land near the center of Bend. Mr. Lang will at once send his building superintendent to Bend to make plans for the construction of a warehouse. There is much enthusiasm among Bend business men, as they consider that Bend will become a distributing center for Lang & Co. in Central Oregon.

Ask Bond Election in Lane

Engena, Or., March 7—Petitions for a special election in Lane county for the purpose of bonding the county for the sum of \$700,000 to build a hard surface road from Cottage Grove to the northern boundary, between Junction City and Monroe, are in circulation.

MARION DEMOCRATS ON TRAIL OF SENATORS.

Demand That Republicans Still in Office Be Ousted at Once.

Salem, Or., March 6—Condemnation of Senators Chamberlain and Lane for permitting Republicans to continue in federal offices is contained in a resolution passed by the Democratic central committee of this county. The resolution reads:

"Whereas, the present administration has been in office over three years and that many federal offices not covered by civil service regulations are still filled by Republicans, and the keeping of said Republicans in office is not promoting Democratic harmony.

"Therefore, be it resolved, that the Marion county Democratic central committee does hereby protest against Republicans holding offices that should be in Democratic hands, and calls upon Senators Chamberlain and Lane to play the game fair and see that only the faithful are on guard."

Speeches were also made at the meeting at which the resolution was adopted, denouncing the two senators for their failure to oust the Republicans and make room for the Democrats.

College Boy Arraigned For Murder of Girl.

Waukegan, Ill., March 8—William H. Orpet, indicted for the murder of Marion Lambert, the high school girl whose body was found in the woods near her home at Lake Forest after she had died of poison, was arraigned in the circuit court today. His attorney entered a motion that the indictment be quashed and Judge Edwards set the arguments on the motion for next Monday.

Hi. Gill Elected Mayor

Seattle, March 8—The unofficial majority of Mayor Hiram C. Gill over Austin E. Griffiths in yesterday's election is 5573. The vote cast was 5000 larger than in the primary.

The charter amendment for preferential voting appear to have been beaten, while the amendments eliminating ward boundaries and placing certain city employes under the industrial insurance act, were ratified.

NEW SECRETARY OF WAR IS SELECTED

N. D. Baker, Who Refused Place in Cabinet at First, To Succeed Garrison.

Washington, March 6—Newton D. Baker, former mayor of Cleveland, Ohio, has been selected by President Wilson for secretary of war.

Mr. Baker has accepted the position and is now arranging his affairs in Cleveland preparatory to coming to Washington to take up his duties.

The nomination will be sent to the Senate by President Wilson tomorrow. Mr. Baker will come to Washington on Thursday for a conference with the president. Prompt action on the nomination is expected in the Senate.

Mr. Baker's name had been mentioned in connection with the position several times. He was offered a place when the cabinet was formed but declined.

The selection of Mr. Baker is understood to have been discussed by President Wilson with Colonel E. M. House soon after the latter's arrival here this morning.

Moclips Beach Hotel Destroyed During Night.

Moclips, Wash., March 6—The Seaview hotel here owned by G. H. Smith was destroyed by fire early Sunday morning, believed to have been of incendiary origin. The house had 40 rooms, and there were 12 guests, who escaped without difficulty. The \$5000 insurance does not near cover the loss. This is the sixth beach resort fire in this section within a month, all believed to have been of incendiary origin. The preceding five destroyed were the Pacific Beach, Cohasset Beach and Westport hotels, and two hotels and the business district of Moclips.

Judge Mason Irwin is Dead

Aberdeen, Wash., March 6—Following a severe attack of rheumatism which has kept him to his room for some time, complicated recently with the grip, Judge Mason Irwin, of the superior court, died today, aged 65. Judge Irwin was one of the ablest lawyers in the state. His wife died a year ago.

OUR OWN STATE

Some Recent Happenings in Various Parts of Oregon.

Yamhill Sawmill Resumes Work

Yamhill, Or., March 6—The Reliance Lumber company has again re-opened its mill and resumed operation in full force. The firm has just completed moving a donkey engine to the mill and this will require more labor.

Postmaster at Creswell Named

Washington, March 6—The president today nominated Chester Noland, of Creswell, to be postmaster of that town.

Eugene Schools Isolated

Eugene, Or., March 6—All schools in the city are closed today as a result of the snow and rain. The Amazon slough where the flood is the greatest of the winter, isolates the new high school building from the greater portion of the city. The other school buildings are without electric power used in connection with heating and ventilating appliances, all wires being down.

The Willamette river is at a stage 9.6 above normal.

Candidates for Judges file.

Salem, Or., March 6—Frank M. Calkins, of Medford, and W. N. Gaten, of Portland, today filed their declarations of candidacy for circuit judge. The former is a Republican and the latter a Democrat. Five filed for district attorney. They were: Phil Ashford, Canyon City, A. D. Leedy, Canyon City; Charles H. Glos, Corvallis; T. S. McKinney, Silver Lake, Republicans, and George S. Sizemore, Burns, Democrat.

Boys Start to Join Villa Forces

Bandon, Or., March 6—In search of a venture Melvin Baker and Paul Fisher, school boys of this city, aged 13 years, left their homes here recently and started south along the coast on foot, telling their friends they were bound for Mexico to join the Villa forces. They carried provisions for a long tramp, but homesickness got the better of their ambitions and they turned back without getting further than New Lake, 16 miles south of Bandon.

Follows Pastor Out of Church

Bandon, Or., March 6—Rev. C. Mayne Knight, who recently withdrew from the Methodist Episcopal church here, of which he was pastor, and joined the M. E. church, South, has been appointed pastor of the latter church to succeed Rev. C. U. Cross, who will go to another charge somewhere in Eastern Oregon. Rev. Knight's withdrawal from the local Methodist Episcopal church was the result of an old internal factional war which was brought to a climax when Mr. Knight, it was alleged, was assaulted by a member of the opposing faction. Seventeen of his adherents left the church with their pastor.

Road Work Near Clackamas

Clackamas, Or., March 7—About two miles of the road between Clackamas and Baker's bridge has been resurfaced with gravel and will soon be in good condition for travel. This adds another link in the roads radiating out of this place.

Paper Mill's Product to be Shipped Next Week.

Marshfield, Or., March 7—One thousand tons of pulp, the last that remains of the output of the Coos Bay pulp and paper mill, will be shipped to San Francisco next week on the steamships Adeline Smith and Nann Smith. The demand for pulp is on the increase and there is a possibility now that the big \$1,000,000 plant here will be put into operation again. It has been closed for more than a year.

Captain Dan McKinnon is Dead

Marshfield, Or., March 7—Captain Dan McKinnon, aged 74, and for 25 years a resident of Coos Bay, was found dead this morning in an attic room in a North Bend lodging house. He was a native of Nova Scotia and at one time was a well-known ship-builder of Coos Bay. He had no close relatives.

INDUSTRIAL REVIEW

Manufactures, Enterprises and Improvements, Providing Payrolls and Promoting Development of Oregon.

Astoria flour mills to increase capacity of plant.

Reports say Portland will have \$1,500,000 shipyard employing 1500 men. C. A. Smith Lumber Co. at Marshfield raises wages 10%, 160 men affected.

Monroe wants an electric light and power plant.

Prairie City Power Co. building power line to John Day and Canyon City.

Ontario—Steps taken to form Malheur irrigation district to water 33,000 acres.

St. Johns Lumber Co. closed for 18 months will resume operations with 20 men.

Lumbermen demand Yaquina Bay be improved so they can market product.

Reports say that Black Butte quick silver mines near London, Or. will soon resume activity.

Ashland Manufacturing Co. plans to open their sawmill this spring.

Roseburg will spend \$75,000 replacing school destroyed by fire.

Wallowa—Nibbley-Minnaugh mill starts operations.

Boardman, the new town on the Columbia starts building houses March 1.

All Hood River sawmills expect to operate by May 1, with 600 men.

Springfield will vote on \$30,000 high school.

Cheese making will be started again by Monmouth creamery.

Section of Nehalem highway near town of Jewel to be built at once.

\$15,000 school to be erected at Knappa.

Water furnished by Oregon Power Co. to Independence tested and found to be pure.

Walker will erect new high school.

Tillamook cheese factories prosper, total output \$620,503.23, in 1915.

Rainier mill reopened with full crew.

Marshfield—Krusse & Banks shipyard now employing 100 men.

Residents of Malin 35 miles south of Klamath Falls working for electric road from Malin to Klamath Falls via Poe Valley and Olene.

Pendleton—Blewett Harvester Co. of Spokane plans factory here.

Passenger service over the Willamette Pacific from Portland to Coos Bay opens April 15.

Pendleton subscribing balance of \$100,000 stock to secure harvester factory.

Substantial business men seem to be coming out as legislative candidates.

Hood River—Beginning May 1, 600 men will be employed by Ore. Lumber Co.

Oregon to get new people and keep those we have must make it possible to start enterprises with private capital not rely only on those possible with public aid.

Pendleton—Umatilla County farmers planning to build elevator.

Baker—Boston capitalists lease and will operate Virtue Mine.

State saves \$2500 a year by uniting two offices under one title of Fish and Game Warden.

Oregon industrial welfare commission wants higher wage and shorter hours for women when too many have no wage at all.

Newport has let contract for improving three streets.

Springfield becomes headquarter of Oregon Power Co.

Phoenix stone quarry, two miles south of Sutherlin, is again to be operated with a large force of men.

Stayton—Surveyors running line from Salem to Mill City—extension Oregon Electric.

Hillsboro and St. Johns sawmills have started up at full capacity.

Manufacture of elementary textbooks in Oregon would establish a new industry and relieve taxpayers.

Wife—Henry, you really must have the landlord come and see for himself the damage the rain did to our ceiling.

Husband—I can't without letting him see the damage the children have done to the rest of the house.—Boston Transcript.

DANGER SIGNALS

Judge Goodwin Predicts Great Trial When The War is Ended.

The exports of war material from our country to Europe the past year have no parallel in all past ages. They are sufficient to bankrupt the outside world, and to make of us a nation of gamblers. They are enough to make us fusion everywhere. What if fusion is shrewd enough to look forward and foresee what the final balances are to be or how they are to be adjusted?

How, when peace comes, are the business men beyond the sea to pick up the shreds of their shattered business and weave them into form again, and how are the men on this side who have been playing the wonderful winning cards to come back to those fine calculations which finally make fortunes out of business when the profits must come from infinitesimal gains?

Again, when the unparalleled calamity suddenly ceases, how will our country be fixed?

In a day thousands tens of thousands of men who are now employed at generous wages, will be thrown out of employment. Where will they go? What will they do?

When a train running at sixty miles an hour is hurled from the tracks, a wreck follows. Worse wrecks follow when business, rearing with abnormal impetus is in a moment stranded.

It looks to us as though a trial was soon to come to our country that will test all the sagacity, all the energy, all the wisdom and ability of all our ablest men to successfully meet.—Goodwin's Weekly.

ONE DOLLAR A MURDER IS PRICE OF GUNMEN

Indicted Slayers Admit They Were Hired to Kill Guards in Labor Trouble.

New York, March 8—After indictments charging attempted murder had been returned against four men alleged to have been implicated in the shooting of a guard employed by a plant affected by the shirtmakers' strike, Assistant District Attorney Dooling declared the prisoners had informed him they had been hired for \$100 by the shirtmakers' union "to beat up and kill strikebreakers." Richard Harrison, one of the quartet, admitted, according to Mr. Dooling, that he had "agreed to shoot any one desired for a dollar."

Electric Sparks

(From Off Our Wireless)

Many a courtship is torpedoed on the sea of matrimony.

When a man is going down hill he meets a lot of his neighbors going up.

True religion makes a man feel that it is just as cold for his wife to get up and light the fire as it is for himself.

To the charge that they are not fit for self-government the Filipinos may retort that neither is the rest of the so called "civilized" world.

America's dispute with Germany will probably be settled with dictionaries at a range of 3,000 miles.

Col. House has left Paris for London carrying his zone of silence with him.

John D. Rockefeller's expression of admiration for Billy Sunday is the tribute of one very successful man to another.

If the enemy shall come disguised as clay pigeons, our embattled trap shooter will repel them without lifting an eyebrow.

Why should one study the occultation of Jupiter by Venus when one can get the same effect by seeing almost any man obscured by almost any woman.

Perhaps the Rocky Mountain states will wish to contribute airships rather than ocean going vessels to the United States navy.

In the convention of June 7 in Chicago there will be a notable assemblage of dark horses, dark moose and dark steam rollers.

However, when Venus passes Jupiter one of these fine evening she will neither smile nor wag a flirtatious eyelid.

Emmy Lou Pumps

We have them,

Let us show you

Lewis Ulrich

The Pioneer Store

Jacksonville, Ore.