



FIRES IN BRUSH SWEEP COUNTRY

Settlers Flee for Lives Before Flames.

BIG SAWMILLS ARE BURNED

Many Ranchers Homeless in Region of Kamloops.

WIRES ARE BLOWN DOWN

Heavy Gales Drive Devastating Element Over Country Sweeping Everything Before It—Losses Will Reach Half Million.

KAMLOOPS, B. C., May 5.—Hundreds of thousands of dollars in property was destroyed and scores of ranchers forced to flee for their lives as the result of a disastrous brush fire that swept the country from Notch Hill as far east as Three Valley, and south from Skamouas as far as Vernon.

Among the losses were two large sawmills, both which were totally consumed in the wall of flame that swept over the land. The big Carlin mill, located between Tappens Sliding and Notch Hill, was wiped out, with a loss of \$75,000, as was also the Carrigan mill on Salmon River, valued at \$35,000. Several of the millhands had to flee for their lives.

Three Large Brush Fires.

Three large brush fires had been burning for several days and a terrific gale soon brought them into contact with each other.

Ranch and houses fell a prey to the fire and many head of cattle were lost, while many settlers had to leave everything and hasten to save their lives.

While it is impossible to estimate the total losses, it is known they will reach nearly half a million dollars in the vicinity of Salmon Arm. The principal losses were those of J. Suckie, A. Judge and S. P. Matthews.

Railroad Fences Burned.

On the main line of the Canadian Pacific the fences and the telegraph lines were destroyed for nearly 20 miles, and telegraph communication between Revelstoke and Kamloops was cut off for hours.

West of Kamloops the wires were blown down by high winds, so that Kamloops was practically isolated most of Tuesday.

STATE RAILROADS LOSERS

Canada Finds Government Ownership Unprofitable.

CHICAGO, May 5.—(Special.)—Government ownership of railroads in Canada has not turned out to be a profitable investment for the people. The Dominion government owns and operates the Intercolonial and Prince Edward Island roads.

The gross earnings of the lines for 12 months ending on March 31 last amounted to \$2,524,580 and operating expenses to \$2,826,256, leaving a deficit of \$301,726, although there were no interest charges to be met and no unusual amount was spent for maintenance.

BIG ICE DAM BLOWN OUT

Bridges Over Big Hole River Saved From Destruction.

BUTTE, Mont., May 5.—Lifted by a tremendous charge of dynamite, the ice dam in the Big Hole River, southeast of Butte, went out last Monday. The dam, which had been gathering for more than two weeks, backed the river water over an area of two miles. All bridges for several miles were saved by being cabled to trees and great rocks.

AUTOS HIS BETE NOIR

Paris Merchant, Dying, Expresses Hatred in His Will.

PARIS, May 5.—M. Gilbert, a retired merchant, whose declining years have been made miserable by speeding automobiles, has bequeathed his entire fortune to French churches for masses for the repose of the souls of the victims of the "diabolical machine that has poisoned my last days."

CHILD IN TEMPER COMMITS SUICIDE

DRINKS CARBOLIC ACID WHEN TOLD TO STAY HOME.

Ida Hansen, Aged 15, Walks Silently to Get Bottle After Talk With Mother.

Ida Hansen, a pretty girl of 15 years, when refused permission to join a party of young friends who had arranged an outing for last night and had invited Miss Hansen to attend, swallowed carbolic acid and died almost before a doctor could be called to the home, 124 East Sixteenth street, North. The act was committed with a haste and impetuosity which was startling and so shocked the dead girl's mother, who was virtually a witness, that she is seriously ill.

After the midday meal the young girl asked her mother if she might go out last night. Miss Hansen talked kindly to her and gave her some good advice, ending by telling her that she would not allow her to go. Without saying a word, the girl walked into the bathroom, closed the door, took the bottle of acid, and swallowed the contents.

She fell on the floor and her moans brought her mother. She was unable to speak. White patches about her mouth and the empty bottle by her side told the alarmed parent the story of the tragedy in one glance. Mrs. Hansen's screams brought in neighbors, who telephoned for a doctor. When the physician arrived, the girl was alive but breathing her last. Heroic efforts were made to save her but to no avail.

Morton Hansen, father of the dead girl is employed on the County road. He has lived in Portland for the past 16 years, having come here from Omaha, Neb. There are three brothers and three sisters besides the dead girl in the family. She was next to the youngest. She had been attending the Couch school and only recently graduated there.

FINE POINT ABOUT DIVORCE

California Judge Decides on Interstate Marriage Law.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., May 5.—(Special.)—A fine point in interstate marriage was decided by Judge Hutton today when he refused to grant a decree of annulment of marriage to Elbridge L. Heath from Eleanor C. Heath. As brought out at the trial of the case several weeks ago, the couple had been married in Portland, Or., before a final decree of divorce had been granted the defendant in the state of Washington. The marriage was legal in Oregon, but not legal in Washington.

Judge Hutton held today the Washington marriage would be considered valid for the purposes of the suit brought in the California courts and decided to sever the matrimonial tie.

FORT STEVENS GETS BOAT

Captain Springer Arrives for Use of Artillery Authorities.

PORT STEVENS, Or., May 5.—(Special.)—The steamer Captain Anton Springer arrived at Port Stevens from San Francisco Tuesday and has been turned over to the district quartermaster, Lieutenant Keeler, at Port Stevens. A similar boat is bound for Seattle, to be used there by artillery authorities.

The Captain Springer is a 60-foot steamer, with all modern appliances and equipment for the purpose of laying submarine mines. The boat was delivered by Olsen & Murray, of San Francisco, at a cost of \$1200. She is at present docked at Port Canby, Wash.

COUNCIL REFUSES TO HELP

Oregon City Body Will Not Give \$300 to Save McLoughlin Home.

OREGON CITY, Or., May 5.—(Special.)—The City Council at its session tonight refused to appropriate \$300 to aid in preserving the Dr. John McLoughlin home as a historical relic.

While this action of the Council is commended by many people here, it will not affect the preservation of the building, for steps are now being taken to move it to a lot given to the city by Dr. McLoughlin for park purposes on the bluff at the head of the Seventh street steps. It is considered sure that sufficient funds will be subscribed by various individuals to make good the short-comings of the Council in this regard.

FIRE MAY SCATTER RUIN

Burns in Oil Warehouse and May Wreck Rio Grande Yards.

GRAND JUNCTION, Colo., May 5.—Ignited from a fire originating in a string of freight cars this afternoon, a fire in a warehouse in the Denver & Rio Grande yards here containing 20,000 gallons of oil is beyond control and it is feared that the rounhouse and machine shops that adjoin the burning structure will be destroyed.

A cistern containing 4000 gallons of gasoline is located but 20 feet from the blazing warehouse, and the firemen are working in constant fear of an explosion that will wreck all the buildings and scatter the flames in all directions.

WESTON NEAR KANSAS CITY

Veteran Pedestrian Rests at Oak Grove, Mo.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., May 5.—Edward Payson Weston, walking from New York to San Francisco, rested tonight at Oak Grove, Mo., 20 miles east of here. He will reach Kansas City by noon Thursday.

HAMILTON ADMITS STEALING MONEY

Ex-Adjutant General Spent Over \$20,000.

LAVISHED FUNDS ON WOMAN

Charged State With Items Paid for by Government.

VOUCHERS EASILY PASSED

Military Board Consisted of Himself, Governor and Auditor—Also Reported to Forgery of Army Officers' Names to Get More.

OLYMPIA, Wash., May 5.—(Special.)—On fictitious and forged vouchers, which he induced Governor Mead and State Auditor C. W. Clausen to approve, Oris Hamilton, formerly of Colfax and Spokane, secured while Adjutant-General and spent personally between \$30,000 and \$50,000 of state military funds, according to a partial confession made to Governor Hay and Attorney-General Bell here this afternoon. Hamilton is now in custody of the Sheriff here in default of \$10,000 bonds, having been arrested on complaint of the Attorney-General's office on charge of larceny of state moneys.

The state expects to make good \$20,000 of his shortage from the National Surety Company of New York, by which Hamilton was bonded to that amount.

Made False Entries.

Washington is allowed about \$26,000 annually in supplies from the National Government for its militia. As such supplies are furnished on requisition by the State Adjutant-General, they are debited against the state's account by the federal authorities. No charge requiring payment of any money by the state for such supplies is made by the Government.

Taking advantage of this fact and of the failure of the Governor and Auditor closely to examine his vouchers, Hamilton, a few months after he took office, began his graft. He would order 1000 campaign hats and when these were shipped from the Government a statement would accompany them that the \$1000 had been charged \$1.25 each, or \$1250 therefor, meaning its \$25,000 equipment credit with the General Government had been exhausted to that extent.

Resorted to Forgery.

This plan not providing money in sufficient quantities, Hamilton then is said to have forged signatures of Federal

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PLAN TO SIGNAL MARS IS SCOUTED

PRINCESS D'ANTUNI CALLS THE SCHEME IMPRACTICABLE.

Spiritualism, She Suggests, Should Be Invoked to Get Communication With Planet.

ROME, Italy, May 5.—(Special.)—Princess D'Antuni says the proposed attempt to communicate with Mars by means of signalling is not likely to succeed, and besides is of no practical use, because even if it succeeded, it would prove only that the planet is inhabited and could not lead to any regular communication.

She advocates spiritualism as the best and safest plan and suggests that a series of experiments be undertaken under strict scientific conditions for the purpose of ascertaining the best method of communicating with Mars. She thinks that signals could be arranged in this way, preferably by means of wireless telegraphy, which she is convinced has been known and perfected on the neighboring planet.

The princess adds that until spiritualism is recognized as a science, any problems which baffle mankind will remain unsolved.

AIRSHIPS TOO CARELESS

Householder Says Sand Thrown Out Ruins Laundry.

LOS ANGELES, May 5.—The extent to which navigation of the air by means of airships and balloons is being undertaken in Los Angeles at the present time is illustrated by a complaint made to Chief of Police Dohman today by W. D. Campbell, owner of flats on Grand Island, near where the Aero Club is holding its annual show.

Campbell declares that his laws, even the paint on his flats and the laundry of the occupants are being ruined by sand being thrown overboard by the aeronauts during their flights.

BITES ON OLD SWINDLE

Oregon Man Seeks Smooth Stranger and \$400.

OMAHA, Neb., May 5.—(Special.)—F. Nodine, of Union, Or., met the confidence man and became an easy victim. At the Union Station he hit on the freight bill game and lost \$400. Nodine met a stranger who had a \$400 freight bill to pay. He had a check for \$1200. This he left with Nodine as security and went away to get his goods. The check turned out to be bogus and Nodine, aided by the police, is hunting for the stranger.

BUFFALO TO GO TO CANADA

Cowboys to Round Up Herd of 300 in Montana.

WINNIPEG, Man., May 5.—Canadian cowboys have gathered at Lethbridge, Alberta, preparatory to leaving for Montana to assist in rounding up 300 buffalo, the herd purchased some time ago by the Canadian government. Special trains of especially constructed cars will convey them to Canada.

Canada soon will have 1000 buffalo running in a park at Elk Island.

THE CAMPAIGN IS NOT WITHOUT ITS AMUSING FEATURES.



SAYS HE SAW CASH PAID LEGISLATORS

Detective Charges Bribery in Wisconsin.

PEEPED OVER HOTEL TRANSOM

Three Democrats Paid to Help Stephenson.

BY ABSENCE AT BALLOT

Standing on Chairs, He Says He Saw Three Piles of Money Paid by Senator's Henchman—All Three Deny Charge.

MADISON, Wis., May 5.—(Special.)—F. T. Wegner, who says he is a private detective of Milwaukee, created a decided sensation today by testifying before the senatorial investigation committee that he saw M. J. Regan, of Milwaukee, pay three Democratic Assembliesmen \$35,000 to remain away from the joint Legislative session on March 4, in order that the supporters of Senator Stephenson could have a majority of the votes cast and could re-elect him.

Wegner said that the money was paid to the three Assembliesmen in room No. 152 of the Plankinton House in Milwaukee, February 29. Wegner was in an adjoining room and peeped through a transom over a door between the two rooms, he said. He named Ramsey, Farrell and Towne as the three Assembliesmen who received the money.

Wegner said he shadowed the three Assembliesmen to the Plankinton House and saw them go to room 152. Then he got into an adjoining room and piled up chairs so that he could see through the transom. Soon after the three Assembliesmen entered the room, Regan, who is a Democratic politician, arrived, Wegner said. A few minutes later J. H. Puelicher, who handled the money in the Stephenson campaign, entered the room and gave Regan three large packages of currency, Wegner declared. After Puelicher left Regan divided the money in three piles and gave one to each Assembliesman and then the four men left the room separately, Wegner testified.

All three of the accused Assembliesmen tonight issued statements absolutely denying the charge and declaring that

EMBLEM GOES ON SPECIAL

Silver Trowel Is Accompanied by Escort of Masons.

LOS ANGELES, May 5.—In care of a deputation of four and accompanied by nearly 100 Masons, the traveling silver trowel of the Masonic order started tonight on its journey to Mexico City in a special train over the Southern Pacific Railroad.

PRINCE FARES AS COMMON STUDENT

SON OF PRINCE OF WALES BACK IN COLLEGE.

Edward Albert, in Training for Midshipman, Lodges With Other New Termers.

LONDON, May 5.—(Special.)—Edward Albert, son of the Prince of Wales, and the future King of the United Kingdom, goes to Dartmouth Naval College tomorrow, where he will enter upon his second half of four years' training which will turn him out a smart midshipman. For two years he has been at Osborne at the Naval College and has undergone the initial stages in engineering and seamanship and the usual curriculum of the public school.

Edward has fared the same as other cadets in hours of study, food and accommodations and has received the usual \$100 (24 cents) pocket money a week. He will now change from the bungalow-like buildings at Osborne to a splendid new college by the side of the River Dart, where all the rooms are named after famous Admirals.

The Prince will be lodged with other new termers in the St. Vincent common gunroom and will occupy a dormitory with 25 comrades.

SEALERS TO BE SHIELDED

Japanese Will Send Warships to Bering Sea.

VICTORIA, B. C., May 5.—Japanese warships are to be sent to Bering Sea to protect the sealers from Yokohama, Tokio, Nagasaki, Hakodate and other ports across the Pacific which flock to Bering Sea in growing numbers each year. This is news from an authoritative source at Tokio. A letter received here says:

In view of the fact that Japanese sealers are seized every year in and about the Bering Sea on charges of poaching, the Japanese government is considering proposals to send warships there during the sealing season for the protection of the sealers. This appears a somewhat dangerous proceeding, likely to involve the risk of international trouble, and many prominent officials are of this opinion. The request for the sending of Japanese warships is being made by the sealing interests.

AUTO PARTY IS MOBBED

One of Its Members Terribly Beaten by Butte Toughs.

BUTTE, Mont., May 5.—John Berkin, of Butte, president of the Raven Mining Company, a prominent mining man of the Northwest, alighted from his automobile in the heart of the business district last evening to slap the face of a young man who had addressed a vile epithet to his party, which included several ladies. A mob gathered and the police arrested Berkin, Walter O'Malley and Bert Malloy, and took all to jail. Later, W. G. Watson, son-in-law of Mrs. Berkin, was found unconscious on the steps of the Inter-Mountain office. He had been felled by a blow from behind and kicked and beaten frightfully, and has not recovered consciousness and is in a serious condition.

CREW MAY BE IMPRISONED

Sailors Mourned as Lost Said to Be Held in Venezuela.

KINGSTON, St. Vincent, D. S. W., May 5.—It may be that Captain Collin Stephenson and the crew of the American whaling ship, Carrie D. Knowles, believed to have been lost at sea, are still alive in a Venezuelan prison. An American seaman named Payne, an escaped prisoner from Venezuela, has made his way to Kingston, where he is before the authorities an astounding story of the seizure of the Carrie D. Knowles at a Venezuelan port, where she arrived five years ago in distress, and of the imprisonment of the crew. A speedy investigation will be made.

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