



## FIRE CHIEF IS KILLED AT DUTY'S POST

### David Campbell Burns to Death Beneath Falling Walls.

## EXPLOSION FOLLOWS STEP

### Veteran Head of Department Sacrifices Life at Union Oil Company's Plant.

## WIFE AT FATALITY SCENE

### Twelve Run Just in Time to Escape Great Crash.

## ASSISTANT YOUNG HURT

### Victim of Flames Enters Building as Smoke Subsides, Paying No Heed to Warning—10,000 Witness Scorching Conflagration.

**A CHILD'S TRIBUTE.**

The following in his own handwriting was brought to The Oregonian office by 10-year-old Maurice Johnson, of Rose City Park:

"I loved Chief Campbell and I want everyone to know how good he was. He always had a smile and a kind word for all the school children. Whenever we were late he used to take us up to school in his auto just a-whizzing, and at noon we used to hurry back from lunch and he would let us ride with him. I think he was the best chief that ever lived. I want to be good to the children when I get big, like he was."

MAURICE JOHNSON, Rose City Park, Portland, Or."

David Campbell, veteran Chief of the Portland Fire Department, was killed at 8:35 o'clock yesterday morning, while heading a desperate fight on flames surrounding thousands of gallons of oil in the Union Oil Company's plant at East Water and East Salmon streets. The fire was one that imperiled the lives of scores of firemen and thousands of onlookers. The plant was destroyed, at a loss of \$100,000.

Chief Campbell met death while making courageous efforts to plan the handling of a dangerous fire that had been defying control. He walked coolly into the burning place in search of a possible solution to the grave problem that confronted him and his men. Warned of the risk, he said simply that it was necessary for him to go inside.

## Explosion Deals Death.

As he passed to the center of the building a fearful explosion wrecked the one-story concrete structure. The Chief was plunged to death in a seething cauldron, amid tons of debris. There was trouble in identifying him when the body was removed three hours later. Accumulation of gases generated in empty oil tanks and exposed to the heat is given as the cause of the fatal explosion.

Twelve or more firemen, working at the north of the building, were nearly caught by the heavy concrete wall which collapsed under the force of the explosion. This wall fell outward into the street and the firemen avoided it by a mad scramble, a heavy rush of air from the center of explosion lending impetus to their flight. Battalion Chief Young was thrown into the street and struck by flying wreckage and Patrolman Evans was knocked down by a bit of concrete. Neither was badly hurt.

## Multitude in Danger.

Reminiscent of an ominous danger, a crowd of 10,000 people surged around the vicinity of the building all forenoon while the flames careened about two great tanks holding 14,000 gallons of water-white, gasoline and benzine. These tanks, being under the surface of the street, were not visible to the throngs, and thus the danger was made far more intense. Luckily the oil in these big receptacles burned away gradually. Explosions of small tanks and casks boomed at intervals all forenoon, but the only serious explosion was that which claimed the life of Chief Campbell.

## Chief Takes First Chance.

When Chief Campbell went on his fatal mission into the building about 8:35 A. M., he sought to take advantage of a rift in the dense pall of black smoke. This rift had been caused by a

## BEN HUNT, FAMOUS PITCHER, IS DYING

### PLAYER BEGS TO SEE SACRAMENTO TEAMMATES.

Graham and O'Rourke Hurry to Bedside of Best Twirler on Staff of Senators.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., June 26.—(Special.)—Ben Hunt, probably the best pitcher on Sacramento's staff, is dying of pneumonia in the Sisters' Hospital at Chico. Word from the hospital late this afternoon from Dr. Inloe, who is attending Hunt, was that the ballplayer had only the very slightest chance to recover. Hunt himself believes he is going to die.

Hunt is familiarly known as "Big Ben." Word of his condition was conveyed to this city today and with it a message that Hunt, in his semi-delirium, was begging to see the manager of the Sacramento team. On receipt of a message, Manager Graham, Captain O'Rourke and Norman Haggood immediately left for Chico for a final word with the big fellow.

Hunt pitched his last game against San Francisco on the local grounds last Friday. Immediately after the game Hunt complained of feeling poorly. The following day he asked for a vacation and went to Richardson Springs. There he rapidly became worse and yesterday he was removed to the hospital at Chico. Tonight the word is that his condition is critical and that he may live only a few hours.

## STRAPHANGERS WIN POINT

### Seattle Ordinance Prescribes Rules to Stop Car Crowding.

SEATTLE, Wash., June 26.—(Special.)—An anti-straphanger bill, fathered by Councilman Austin E. Griffiths, passed the City Council this afternoon with three dissenting votes. Councilmen A. F. Haas, E. L. Blaine and F. S. Steiner opposed the measure. Blaine and Steiner told their reasons for their opposition.

The bill makes various rules for different classes of streetcars, but its effect is to prevent more than 60 per cent of the passengers on a car from standing. In some types of car, with narrow aisles, less than 20 per cent of the passengers are allowed to stand. The operation of the bill is to make it a misdemeanor for the streetcar company to allow their cars to stop for a passenger after they are loaded to the limit prescribed. The bill also provides that the operating company is guilty of a second misdemeanor if it does not supply a second car behind the first on schedule time.

## DOCTOR'S LIFE MENACED

### Police Powerless Before Tricks of Suspected Anti-Vaccinationist.

SEATTLE, Wash., June 26.—(Special.)—Laughing at the efforts of the police to capture him and growling more serious in his threats every day, an unknown anti-vaccinationist, who resides somewhere in Ballard, has warned Dr. F. L. Shepard, of 331 Walker building, that unless he leaves Seattle within a week he will be assassinated.

Eight letters, some of them signed by the Black Hand, have been received by Dr. Shepard in the last ten days. Each was delivered at his office, one being written on his desk during his absence at midday, the others slipped through the door by day or night. For six days the police department has watched the office, but the mysterious enemy of Dr. Shepard has avoided them.

## BATTLESHIP UTAH IS FAST

### New Craft .887 Knots Faster Than Contract Requirement.

ROCKLAND, Me., June 26.—A maximum speed of 21.637 knots, .887 greater than the contract requirement, was attained by the new United States battleship Utah, the latest addition to the Nation's dreadnoughts, during her standardization trials over the official course here today.

In all, 20 runs were made. In three she made a speed of 20.556 knots. On three others 12.915, in another group of three 16.799 knots and in still another 19.049.

In the top speed runs the Utah averaged 21.228 knots. Her contract requires 20.35 knots.

## PSEUDO FERNS SELL WELL

### South Bend Residents Pay Stranger \$1 for Fake Plant.

SOUTH BEND, Wash., June 26.—(Special.)—A well-dressed and suave man arrived here last week and began selling "Philippine ferns" at \$1 a plant. He said that the ferns were shrunk to about the size of a peanut but, if soaked in water for 12 hours, would swell to their original size and, after eight weeks, bloom every 20 days and live forever. He sold his entire stock in a few hours and left town, presumably to replenish his stock.

## SENATE REJECTS ROOT AMENDMENT

### Reciprocity Bill Remains Unscathed.

## VOTE IS OVERWHELMING

### Defeat of Proposal Comes After Seven Hours' Debate.

## TARIFF FIGHT TO COME

### Disposition of Effort to Change Pulp and Paper Section Leaves Proposed Agreement Open to General Revision Battle.

WASHINGTON, June 26.—The Canadian reciprocity bill emerged from its first ordeal in the Senate tonight unscathed. The Root amendment, proposing a modification of the wood pulp and paper section of the agreement, was defeated after seven hours of debate, by an overwhelming vote.

The friends of the amendment were so satisfied of its defeat that a rollcall was not demanded.

## Amendments Are Promised.

Senator La Follette announced that he would give the Senate a chance to pass on general tariff amendments for free paper, free lumber and lumber products and for reductions in other schedules. Senator Clapp also announced his intention of offering a free paper amendment later and other Senators gave evidence of their purpose to force consideration of tariff revision on the widest plane.

## Reciprocity Held Harmful.

"I am opposed to this so-called reciprocity legislation as a whole, because I believe it is wrong, harmful and unjustifiable," said Senator La Follette. "If it must pass I want to see it made as nearly perfect as possible. I shall vote against the Root amendment, because I believe it will defeat the very purpose of the wood pulp and print paper paragraph of the agreement."

Senator La Follette said there was no justification for duty on print paper. He analyzed the figures of the tariff board to show that the best mills in the United States actually could produce paper cheaper than the best mills of Canada. To continue a high tariff on paper, he said, was to put a premium on "inefficiency and sloth" and to make the protective tariff "deadweight."

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## FUNK IS ANNOYED BY VAGUE THREATS

### Lorimer Inquiry Witness Complains.

## DETECTIVES DOG HIS STEPS

### "Ask Hines Whom They Report to," Says Chicago Man.

## \$10,000 INCIDENT TOLD

### General Manager of International Harvester Company Tells Senate Committee Lumberman Sought Cash for Slush Fund.

WASHINGTON, June 26.—Shadowed for weeks by detectives instructed to get anything possible against him and indirect threats against him were the alleged experiences of which Clarence S. Funk, of Chicago, star witness in the present Lorimer investigation, complained today to the Senate committee inquiring into the Lorimer election.

The statement produced a sensation because the name of Edward Hines, who Mr. Funk had testified had asked him to contribute \$10,000 toward \$100,000 used to "put Lorimer over at Springfield," was mentioned in connection with the services of the detectives.

## Detectives Dog Steps.

Mr. Funk said four detectives had followed him to Washington and two had watched him during luncheon today. One of them, he said, when caught in a tight place, had been compelled to give his name and that of his employer. Mr. Funk declined to break his word to the detective and reveal his name. He said the employer was not Senator Lorimer. The committee ended the hearing by going into executive session to consider the situation.

## Story Is Retold.

Mr. Funk's statement about the detectives came at the close of a long examination on the witness stand. He retold the story he related to the Helm investigating committee in Illinois, about how Mr. Hines is alleged to have asked him as general manager of the International Harvester Company to contribute \$10,000 to the Lorimer fund.

## ROMANCE SOLVES SECRET

### Spokane Librarian Admits Reason She Resigned Position.

SPOKANE, Wash., June 26.—(Special.)—The secret is out. The reason for the resignation of Miss Alta E. Stansbury, city librarian, is matrimony.

Miss Stansbury will go to Chicago this fall to become the bride of F. A. Sager, of the Windy City. The groom-to-be is a consulting engineer with the E. A. Arnold Company, and the romance began when they were schoolmates at Cedar Rapids, Ia.

Miss Stansbury admitted the rumor of her approaching marriage with blushes this morning.

"To be a matron," she said, "should be a woman's chief aim and after my experience it is without any pang of regret that I surrender my place."

## ARMY WILL NOT QUIT VANCOUVER

### FORTS LAWTON AND WRIGHT MAY BE ABANDONED.

General Wood's Plan of Giving Up Small Posts Adds to Importance of Barracks on Columbia.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, June 26.—General Leonard Wood's plan of abandoning small military posts throughout the United States will not disturb Vancouver Barracks, but rather will tend to its enlargement. Vancouver is today the leading post of the Northwest, and will continue to occupy that prominence and continue to be department headquarters.

## SMUGGLING PLOT BARED

### Wealthy Woman and Brokers Involved in Jewel Thefts.

CHICAGO, June 26.—(Special.)—Sensational disclosures concerning the theft and recovery of jewels belonging to "Mrs. Helen Dwellie Jenkins," formerly of Chicago and now of New York, in connection with which it is reported that a New York broker and banker, a leather manufacturer of Wisconsin and a coal merchant of Tennessee are involved in the smuggling of a fortune in gems, the three declared to have assisted the woman in defying Federal laws, were made today by William J. Sutherland, vice-president of the detective agency, Sutherland and revealed details of the recovery of the jewelry and the arrest of the thieves.

## CREEDS CAST RED PEPPER

### Latter Day Saints and Congregationalists Fight Over Church Sale.

LANSING, Mich., June 26.—Red pepper was thrown about and a shotgun was displayed aggressively today in a most valuable conflict in the world. Secretary Fisher's decision today is believed to be virtually the closing of the last door to the Cunningham claimants, whose claims have been held up since 1907, when they were first disapproved by Louis R. Glavis and H. T. Jones, as special agents of the Land Office.

## Appeal Must Be on Legal Issues.

Although attorneys for the claimants have threatened an appeal to the United States Supreme Court, such an appeal cannot be based on the fact that the decision was made by the public service of the Interior, which Secretary Fisher says in his decision he considers conclusive, but only on some point of law involved.

## 10 FISH HOOKED IN 5 TRIES

### Coburg Angler Says Two Trout Bit on Every Cast of Line.

SPRINGFIELD, Or., June 26.—(Special.)—The most remarkable fishing story brought to this city for some time comes through the reliable authority of Ski Meek, a Coburg angler, who asserts he caught five doublets. That is, with several hooks on his line, he caught two fish at once five times. All were trout and hooked within a rather short space of time.

## OWN MONUMENT VISITED

### Thomas Mulcahy, Thought Dead, Returns North After Seeing Shaft.

DERBY, Conn., June 26.—Thomas Mulcahy, one of the few men whose lot has been to see a monument erected to his memory, has left home here to return to the Klondike, where he has spent his last 12 years. Shortly after his departure from here 12 years ago, word came of his death and a monument was erected to his memory in a local cemetery.

## 400 EXCURSIONISTS SAVED

### Swedish Steamer Wrecked, but Passengers Are All Rescued.

## FISHER DISALLOWS ALASKAN CLAIMS

### Secretary Rules in Famous Coal Cases.

## EVIDENCE HELD CONCLUSIVE

### Last Door Believed Closed to Cunningham Claimants.

## BALLINGER NOT REVERSED

### Ex-Secretary, in Signed Statement, Says Claims Not Under His Jurisdiction; Calls Decision Political, Not Judicial.

## HISTORY OF COAL CASES.

SEATTLE, Wash., June 26.—(Special.)—The history of the Cunningham coal claims is as follows:

- 1903—Originally located by Clarence Cunningham as agent.
- 1904—New land law passed.
- 1905—Claims relocated by Cunningham for original group and several new entries.
- 1905-6—Claims investigated by H. K. Love, who reported favorably.
- 1907—Claimants furnish proof of entry before Department of Interior.
- 1907—Proofs allowed and final receipts issued for payments on land.
- 1908—Claims investigated by L. R. Glavis and H. T. Jones for the Land Department. An adverse report was made.
- 1909—Hearing ordered in Seattle, which was followed by hearings in Spokane, Cleveland, New York, Washington, D. C., Paris and Rome.
- 1909—Hearings closed in April.
- 1909—L. R. Glavis, Gifford Pinchot and others discharged from the public service.
- 1911—Secretary of Interior Ballinger resigns and Walter L. Fisher is appointed to succeed him.
- 1911—Secretary Fisher approves decision of Commissioner Fred Demet, disallowing the claims and cancelling the entries.

## WASHINGTON, June 26.—By action of Secretary Fisher of the Department of Interior in officially approving the findings of Fred Bennett, Commissioner of the Land Office, the famous Cunningham Alaskan coal claims were formally disallowed today.

It was these claims through which it has been alleged that the Morgan-Guggenheim syndicate made plans to extend their great interests in Alaska and to secure control of one of the most valuable coal fields in the world. Secretary Fisher's decision today is believed to be virtually the closing of the last door to the Cunningham claimants, whose claims have been held up since 1907, when they were first disapproved by Louis R. Glavis and H. T. Jones, as special agents of the Land Office.

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## Decision Political, Says Ballinger.

In a signed statement from Seattle, ex-Secretary Ballinger tonight denied that the decision disallowing the claims was a reversal of his official action of the claims, which had not been under his control. He declared, however, that the decision was a political one, and not according to the law. Mr. Ballinger said:

"Many persons seem to be laboring under the erroneous impression that the recent decision of the Commissioner of the General Land Office in canceling the Cunningham claims is a reversal of my official relation to these claims. Since 1907, when I was Commissioner of the General Land Office, these claims have been standing on my order of re-investigation. As Secretary of the Interior, I took no action respecting these claims, as they were under the control of Commissioner Bennett. As to the present decision, I am of the firm belief that there is no evidence that a court of justice would hold sufficient to warrant the denial of patents. In other words, the decision of the Commissioner is political and not judicial."

## Action Is Final.

In announcing the decision of the department today, Secretary Fisher, who succeeded Ballinger, declared that new coal land laws are needed in Alaska if that territory is to be developed property. The Secretary says:

"This is a final decision. As to the Cunningham claims so far as the Department of the Interior is concerned, any further proceedings will be merely formal, for the purpose of protecting the records, in case the claimants think

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