# FLAMES THREATEN

Famous Revere House Ravaged by Fire---Police Fear Some Patrons Perished.

ONE FIREMAN IS KILLED

Would-Be Rescuers Driven Back by smoke Before They Can Reach All Rooms and Ruins May Vield Dead Bodies.

BOSTON, Jan. 16.- The Revere fouse, one of Boston's famous hostelwas the scene of a serious fire

arly this morning.
For a time it appeared as if the meture was doomed, but at 4 o'clock his morning the firemen believed they ad the flames under control. At that ne the Bullfinch-street annex was in ruins, as were the three upper stories of the main structure, and the rest of the building had been damaged by

moke and water.

Three hundred patrons were asleep in the building when the fire broke out and there is considerable doubt as to whether all escaped.

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Policemenswho went into the building to arouse the immates were driven back by the smoke before they had been able to reach all the rooms, and are firm in the belief that some of the hodgers did not escape.

The firemen already have started a search of the ruins, while the hotel wanagement is seeking to round up its

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om a \$5-foot ladder and landed on picket fence. He died on the way to Fire Captain O'Brien was leading equad of men through the building, when a portion of the fifth floor col-lapsed and he was injured, but not

parent to the Hotel Rexford and the patrons of that house were awakened hurriedly and fled to the street. Few the Revere House patrons had time

It was roughly estimated this morning that the fire damage would considerably exceed \$190,000.

The fire started in The Grotte, a din-

ng-room on the street floor.

No hotel in Beston and few in the United States are richer in associations than the Revere House. Here atopped in the heyday of the hotel's popularity visiting royalty, famous popularity visiting royalty, famous and solidary and some of statesmen and solidiers and some of the prima donnas who charmed a gen-eration of Bostonians now dead. The Revere House was named after Paul Revere. It was opened in May, 1847, as the most sumptuous hotel Boston contained up to that time. The hanquet halls were regarded as models

## RATE CONSIDERED LARGE

Grand Jury Looks Into Fee Given Courthouse Architects.

The county grand jury is inquiring into the reasonableness of the straight 7 per cent commission which Whidden & Lewis, architects, are receiving a compensation for designing and super-intending the construction of the new Courthouse, the contention being that it is excessive. Witnesses called yea-terday included Emil Schacht, an archi-tect; C. K. Henry, realty man; John B. Yeon, owner of the Yeon building, and W. L. Morgan, of the firm of Morgan, Fliedner and Boyce, which owns sev-eral apartment-houses and other build-

ings in the city.

The County Court did not submit the Courthouse work to competition as to plans or commission. County Commissioner Lightner has said that the Commissioners came to the conclusion that better results could be secured by engaging a firm of architects at the regular commission rate and allowing them to prepare such plans as they saw This decision was arrived at, he declares, only after consultation with several of the heaviest taxpayers of the

When completed, it is estimated, the Courthouse will represent an outlay of \$1,500,000 on the part of the tax-payers and at this rate Whidden & Lewin will receive about \$75,000, of which over \$20,000 has already been paid.

### TITLED ACTORS SHOCKED

Sir Herbert Tree to Appear in Music Hall Skit.

LONDON, Jan. 15.—The theatrical world here is surprised and excited by the determination of Sir Herbert Tree to begin a music hall engagement on lanuary 21, when he will play "The Man Who Was," a dramatization of Hudyard Kipling's story.

Sir Herbert Tree will be the first

titled actor to appear on the variety stage, and it is raid that his colleagues, Sir George Alexander and Sir John Häre, regard the new departure as beneath the dignity of a member of the

man of the Theatrical Managers' As-sociation, has opposed the competition of the variety halls with the legitimate

Sir Herbert justifies his change of opinion by the recent action of the Lord Chamberiain in legalizing the reduction of the sketches at the halls. It is freely predicted that Sir Herbert Tree's colleagues will show their resentment by deposing him from the chairmanship of the association.

### KING MAY VISIT AMERICA

George and Queen Mary Plan Trip to Continent, Then United States.

LONDON, Jan. 15.—(Special.)—It was said this afterneon that it is possible, after paying coronation visits to the Continent, King George and Queen Mary may come to the United

### CARE OF FORESTS TOPIC

Oregon, Washington and Alaska Officials Meeting Here.

H. S. Graves, of Washington, D. C., chief of the National Bureau of Forestry, will arrive in Portland Thursday and will be one of the speakers in the sessions of the institute of

United States Forestry Supervisors for Oregon, Washington and Alaska, which was opened at the Carlton Hotel yesterday and will continue throughout the week. E. A. Sherman, of Ogden, Utah, from District No. 4 of the forbestry reserve, arrived in Portland yes-terday and is taking part in the meet-lags. Other prominent forestry ex-perts, not allied with the Government service, also are attending, among whom is E. T. Allen, Chief Forester for the Western Forestry and Conservation

George H. Cecil is presiding over the meetings. Yesterday morning was passed in routine business and organi-zation, and addresses were given by S. C. Bartrum, of Roseburg, and C. R. S. C. Bartrum, of Roseburg, and C. R. Seitz, of Eugene, upon methods of organization for fireflighting and equipment for the forest patrol and fireflighters. E. T. Allen spoke on co-operation in fireflighting by Government foresters and foresters in the employment of private organizations, and B. P. Kirkland, of Seattle, outlined the steps that have been taken by the railroad companies in Washington to assist the Government foresters in fire ist the Government foresters in fir

In his annual report Mr. Cecil de-clared that although the past season was unusual in the number of fires caused by lightning and kindred agencies, more than 70 per cent of the destructive fires of the past year were. due to the carelessness or malicious work of men. The association favors a stringent enforcement of laws, both state and National, relating to fire protection, believing that by this method the people will be educated more quickly and effectively to the necessity of caution in handling fire

in the forests.

The programme for today will continue the discussion of the topics brought before the institute yesterday. E. T. Allen, C. S. Chapman, F. A. Ellilett and J. R. Welty will speak at a meeting tonight at 8 o'clock on Forest Fires and Their Problems."

E. M. HAYDEN RECOMMENDED FOR DONWORTH'S SEAT.

Insurgent Members of Washington Delegation Insist on Pierce County Getting Place.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washngton, Jan. 15 .- Elmer M. Hayden, of Tacoma, who has been indorsed by the Pierce County Bar Association for appointment as United States Judge for Western Washington, will tomorrow be recommended by Senator Poindexter and has already been indorsed by Representatives Warburton and La Pollette.

The three insurgent members of the Washington Congressional delegation Washington Congressional delegation are insisting that a Southwestern Washington man be appointed to succeed Judge Donworth, and it is largely upon this ground that Hayden is being

Judge McMaster, of Vancouver, who is indorsed by the Clark County Bar Association, is the only other Southwestern man whose name has been presented to the delegation, and he, ap-parently, stands no chance of the ap-pointment. It was learned today that many telegrams have been received by Senator Poindexter and others protest-ing against the appointment of Repre-sentative Humphrey to the bench. These protests will all be filed with the President. There is a prospect that these protests may defer final action or several days.

Albany Not to Extend Limits.

ALBANY, Or., Jan. 15 .- (Special.) - A proposal to extend the city limits of Albany was defeated in a special elec-tion held today. In the city the vote favored extension, but the residents of was very light inside the city limits, being 137 to 58 in favor of extension. A full vote was cast in the outside ter-ritory, being 194 to 37 against the proposition.

Novelist Denies He Is Ill.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., Jan. 15 .- George Barr McCutcheon, the novelist, who was reported today to be contemplat-ing a hurried trip to New York for an operation for appendicitis, said tonight the rumor was baseless.

Dominant Party in Reichstag Weakened Materially.

SOCIALISTS' GAINS GROW

Radicals, Who Elected Nine Deputies in 1907, Go Down to Total Defeat This Year-National Liberals Lose 9 Seats.

BERLIN, Jan. 15.—The latest returns given out here show the outcome of the recent elections to the Reichstag to be still in doubt. It is admitted that the Conservative-Clerical coalition, which has had domination of the Imperial Parliament since the fall of Prince von Buelow, has been shaken, although the two parties are still to be reckoned with in flidging the complexion of the new governmental body. Socialists lay claim to 66 new seats in the Reichstag, 26 of which they say were wrested from other parties. It is believed that the party will have 90 representatives in the Reichstag at the next seasion. BERLIN, Jan. 15 .- The latest returns

representatives in the Reichstag at the next session.

The National Liberals and the Radicals have paid the major portion of the bill for the Socialist feast on the first ballot, but the Conservatives and Centrists will pay the remainder of the reckoning at the second ballots.

The latest and most correct unofficial figures of the results of the first ballots follow:

Of the Conservatives, with their anti-Semite and Agrarian allies, 35 have been elected, against 59 elected at the first ballots in 1997 and as compared with 103, which was their strength at the dissolution.

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Of the Centrists, with their Polish and Alsatian allies, 192 were elected, against 198 at the first ballots in 1997 and 140 at the dissolution.

Of the National-Liberals five were elected, against 18 in the first ballots in 1997 and 51 at the dissolution.

Of the Radicals none was elected, against-nine at the first ballots in 1997 and with 49 at the dissolution.

Of the Socialists, 64 elected, as compared with 30 at the first ballot in

pared with 30 at the first ballot in 1907 and 53 at the dissolution. Two Independents also have been

elected.

The Conservatives are contestants at the second ballots in \$2 constituencies, the Centrists in 42, the National Liberals in 54, the Radicals in 56 and the Socialists in 122.

The gain of the Socialists thus far is 28 seats, of which eight were captured from Radicals, nine from National Liberals, two from Centrists and nine from Conservatives.

### BAKER RATE HEARING SET

Merchants Want Schedule Permitting Competition With Boise.

BAKER. Or., Jan. 15.—(Special.)— Judge Clement, chairman of the Inter-state Commerce Commission, has sent word that Special Examiner Vassault, representing the Commission, will be here January 31 to take testimony in the case brought by the Baker Commercial Club against the O.-W. R. & N. to secure an interstate rate out of Baker. The case is really brought by the Baker Grocery Company and the Baker Agraware Company of

Idaho. A favorable decision will mean a decided expansion of Baker's whole-

FLOOD CREST DUE TODAY River Falling South of Wilsonville,

Portland, attaining a stage above zero of 17.6 feet, which is based on the calculations last evening of District Forecaster Beals, who received special reports at 5 o'clock in the afternoon that the stream was falling at all points south of Wilsonville, the drop at Salem having been a foot during the day. Reports received yesterday morning were that the river stood at 25 feet at Salem, a gain of 2.2 feet in 24 hours, but in a few hours it began to recede. It was 16.3 feet at Portland at 8 o'clock yesterday morning and at 5 o'clock yesterday morning and at 5 o'clock in the afternoon it was 16.9 feet. Lower docks at the foot of Tayfeet. Lower docks at the foot of Taylor street were almost under water last
evening and at Alder, Washington and
Ash street they were covered. Late
Sunday night a barge was carried
through the harbor by the swift current and during all of yesterday masses
of drift passed the city, some of it
pilling against bridge plers, but it was
loosened without damage. The movement of large vessels was interfered
with, so they had to be helped by
towhoats to stem the current. Mr.
Beals is of the opinion that the river
will begin falling here tomorrow, unless rain expected today is decidedly
heavy.

River Falling at Albany. ALBANY, Or., Jan. 15 .- (Special.)-Though still beyond its banks, the Willamette has been falling here all day today. It is now 22 feet above low-water mark. The highest point in the present flood was reached last night, when 28.2 feet above low-water mark was recorded.

PORTLAND TO GET MEET

Carpenters at Spokane Convention Elect Year's Officers.

SPOKANE, Wash., Jan. 15.—(Special)—Portland gets the next Northwestern convention of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners in January, 1913, according to a vote in January, 1913, according to a vote taken by the delegates in session in Spokane. The convention of the four Northwestern states held here today was the largest attended of any ever held and a great campaign to organize all allied crafts of the woodworking industry was outlined. Officers were elected and steps toward regulating wages in the smaller towns were taken.

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Another question heretofore undecided was threshed out—that of setting steel window and door frames, which other trades have for a time argued did not rightfully belong to the carpenters. The expressives decided to repenters. The carpenters decided to re-main firm in their claim as to this line of work.

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P. W. Dowler, of Tacoma, was chosen president of the Northwest Conference; H. J. Johnson, of Coeur d'Alene, first vice-president; J. F. Weatherly, of Portland, secretary-treasurer, and C. H. Elliott, of Missoula, second vice-president.

The executive board for the year is as follows: R. O. Rector, Portland, Or.: A. E. Davis, Sandpoint, Idaho; E. J. Hurley, Spokane, and H. A. Frents, Great Falls, Mont.

#### BOAT'S CREW IS AT ASTORIA

Delay May Be Experienced in Paying Them, as Books Are Lost.

ASTORIA. Or., Jan. 15.—(Special.)—
The crew of the wrecked schooner Admiral was brought to the city today from Fort Stevens by Captain Wicklund, of the Point Adams life-saving crew, to be paid. This probably will require some little time, as all the shifts against ware lost and this manure. ship's papers were lost and this may delay the work of making up the pay-

ter of the schooner, is still at Ham-mond, where she is being cared for by Mrs. Wicklund. She is still quite ill as a result of the terrible nervous Basche-Sage Hardware Company, of this city.

At present they have to pay two local freight charges on goods shipped slowly. One of the gold watches lost find heid today. In the city the vote favored extension, but the residents of the territory it was proposed to annex voted heavily against the measure, alleging an effort was being made to take in too much territory. The vote Boise wholesalers for trade in Western Farrar, of the tug Wallula, when he was on board the craft Saturday morning, and was turned over to the owner today. A trunk belonging to Mrs. Bender was found today, drifting ashore on Long Beach, several miles north of the mouth of the river.

Ex-Bank Cashler Sentenced.

STOCKTON, Cal., Jan 15 .- J. C. Ster-By noon today the crest of the Wilamette River freshet will have reached men in the county, pleaded guilty to-



Many persons are inclined to be careless about the food they eat. They forget that what they are is largely the result of how they live-that one's breakfast exerts a strong influence for the success or failure of the day's work.

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Morrison, at Seventh Tull & Gibbs' Bldg.

day in Judge C. W. Norton's court to the roof of his house Wednesday after- by another machine passing it in the a charge of embezzlement of \$500, and was sentenced to serve five years at San Quentin.

OLD MAN FALLS TO DEATH

noon, died yesterday. Mr. Duncan was a veteran of the Civil War and a pioneer of Toledo, Wash. Mr. Duncan lived alone at Toledo,

and while cleaning snow from his roof fell 12 feet to the ground. He was not discovered by neighbors until the fol-lowing morning. Mr. Duncan was 67

same direction. The machine was struck in the front and was turned completely around by the force of the impact, stopping within a few inches of the railing. The only damage was a smashed rear wheel. The occupants were not injured. Bridgetenders at the Through Long Chili Night Veteran

Lies Helpless by Home.

Autos Crash on Bridge.

An automobile belonging to John O.

Gillen, of the Gillen-Chambers manufacturing firm, at 65 North Front street, and exposed to a chill night for 19 hours, John H. Düncan, who fell from

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