



TWO DROWN; FIRE LOSS IS \$200,000

Northwest Door Company Mill Burned.

IRVING DOCK IS DAMAGED

Forty Houses, Some Half a Mile Off, Take Fire.

ORIGIN OF FIRE DISPUTED

Men Who Perished Forced to Jump Into Ferry Slip and Drown. Flames Burst Like Explosion and Spread with Rapidity.

FEATURES WATERFRONT FIRE.
Dead.
William Sterling and Alex Balogh, employees of Northwest Door Company, drowned.
Injured.
E. F. Dowell, chief of fire department, arm dislocated by fall.
Losses Totalling \$200,000.
Northwest Door Company, \$150,000, about one-third covered by insurance.
Irving Dock Company, \$10,000 to \$15,000, fully covered by insurance.
M. H. Houser, grain, \$10,000 to \$15,000, fully covered by insurance.
Minor losses in other fires, catching from main conflagration, \$20,000.
Origin of Fire.
Started at 5:10 P. M. Officials of Northwest Door Company say fire caught from Columbia Dock No. 2 debris smoldering since March 13. This is denied by owners of Columbia Dock.
William Sterling and Alex Balogh were drowned while attempting to escape from the burning plant of the Northwest Door Company that structure was totally destroyed. Irving dock was considerably damaged, together with wheat stored in it, and buildings at the corner of River street and Albin avenue, as well as dwellings on Larrabee street, were set afire as the result of a fierce blaze, at 5:10 o'clock yesterday, the origin of which is disputed. The loss is estimated at \$200,000.
40 to 60 Blazes Started.
Great embers from this fire, carried by the high wind, started from 40 to 60 smaller blazes within a radius of a mile from the door plant. All fire fighting apparatus was at the initial fire and at one time it looked as if a general conflagration might ensue. Such apparatus as could be spared was hurried to the more threatening blazes, while neighbors and volunteer brigades, who quenched the flames at the other, estimated loss in those blazes is \$20,000.
Opinions of Origin Differ.
J. C. DePenning, superintendent of the Northwest Door Company, insists that a spark was blown across the ferry slip from smoldering embers from the fire of March 13, when Columbia Dock No. 2 was destroyed. The embers fell on a bench on the south side of the slip, he says, where the blaze originated. That the fire started at this point is also asserted by Jacob D. DePenning, foreman of the plant and father of Superintendent DePenning.
L. O. Ross, of the Lewis estate, scouted such an explanation of the cause, declaring that every precaution had been taken against such an exigency.
Employees Try to Check Flames.
As the fire centered in the Northwest mill, most of 75 men employed there, particularly those who responded to the mill whistle and manned hose, had narrow escapes. Some who were working in the basement made a strong effort to hold back the flames, but it is said that within two minutes they were driven out and forced to make their way to the first floor, all of which appeared to be burning.
Wild Rumors Spread.
Because of the wild scramble made from the plant in manner of reports started as to the loss of life, and at one time it was said six persons were drowned, with probably others caught in the burning structure. Officers of the mill corporation conducted a check as far as possible immediately after their men were out, word being passed from one to another in the crowd in many instances, and while payroll records had been lost it was said by Superintendent DePenning last night that the two drownings were the only deaths.
The fire broke out at the time when city workers were returning to their homes. The rail along the Broadway bridge, a few blocks south of the fire, was lined from Albers' dock to the east approach. The river bank offered a place of vantage and thousands watched the fire from there. At 10 o'clock a good-sized crowd still watched the firemen at their work.
Art Niekandt, of 105 Levers street, 16 years of age, employed as elevator operator there, said he was on the first floor when the flames burst forth, and, as some of the men had gone into the basement with lines of hose, he sent the elevator to that level so they might make their escape, and then left the building. At that time, he said, all men on the first floor not engaged with the hose were making their way out.
A brick firewall on the north side of (Concluded on Page 12.)

SYLVIA TO CAMP ON COMMONS STEPS

SUFFRAGETTE THREATENS NEW KIND OF HUNGER STRIKE.

Women Have Exceptionally Busy Day in Britain—Editor Thrashed, Gallery Attendant Chopped.

LONDON, June 3.—"I will lie on the steps of the House of Commons without food or water until Asquith consents to receive a deputation." This threat was uttered by Sylvia Pankhurst at a meeting at Limehouse tonight, and she declared she would carry it into effect should the suffragettes fail in their endeavor to see the Prime Minister on June 10.
Other speeches at the same meeting breathed defiance to the liberal government, which was denounced as alone responsible for militancy, and suggestions of wholesale incendiarism were made.
Suffragettes were unusually busy in the United Kingdom today. Two women horsewhipped the medical officer of Holloway Jail as a "protest against forcible feeding." A stylish gowning militant attacked a Dore gallery attendant with a hatchet, after ruining two priceless engravings. She had left a letter complaining that suffragettes in the past had been "too ladylike."
Two suffragettes, one a veritable glitzy, assaulted the editors of the Belfast Telegraph and News Letter. The big one knocked the editors down and her companion threw missiles at them. Both editors were seriously hurt.

RAIN LEAVES STRANGE COAT

Opinion at Baker Divided Between Fruit Pollen and Sulphur.

BAKER, Or., June 3.—(Special).—A strange yellow coating was left on the streets and in the gutters this morning from last night's downpour. It was a sixteenth of an inch thick in places and by many was thought to be sulphur carried by the rain.
Attempts made to burn the substance at first failed, but when a quantity was obtained and placed on a stove it gave out a yellow flame and no appreciable odor. This test indicates that the substance may be pollen, washed in large quantities from the trees, although the coating has been formed at points where there is almost no vegetation.
RAILWAY ENGINEER QUITS
H. A. Brandon, With Harriman Interests 15 Years, to Practice Here.
H. A. Brandon, who has been a construction engineer for the past 14 years for the O.-W. K. & N. Company and Southern Pacific, has resigned to go into private practice in Portland as a consulting engineer.
Mr. Brandon was the engineer in charge of construction of the Deschutes line of the O.-W. K. & N. and many other important branches in the Northwest, besides having had much to do with grade and curvature changes on the main lines.

2 COAST TRAINS TAKEN OFF

Northern Pacific Reduces Overland Service as Traffic Drops.

SEATTLE, Wash., June 3.—Announcement was made today that next Sunday the Northern Pacific Railroad would discontinue overland trains No. 5 and No. 6, the "Twin-City Express," operated between Seattle and St. Paul, leaving only two through trains each way between the Pacific Coast and the Twin Cities on that road.
Light passenger traffic is given as the reason for the reduction in train service.

VISITS ARE 35 YEARS APART

Elkton Woman Makes 37-Mile Trip to Roseburg; Growth Is Surprise.

ROSEBURG, Or., June 3.—(Special).—Although living within 37 miles of the Douglas County metropolis, Mrs. E. Schad, of Elkton, is spending a few days in Roseburg for the first time in 35 years.
Mrs. Schad says the town has changed so materially since her last visit here that she would have encountered difficulty in getting about had it not been for friends.

MALARIA ON DOLPHIN GAINS

Number of Cases on United States Gunboat at Mexico Alarms.

TAMPICO, June 2. (By way of Brownsville, Tex., June 3.)—Much concern is felt because of numerous cases of malaria among the crew of the United States gunboat Dolphin.
The German cruiser Dresden, which arrived here today from Vera Cruz, immediately left that port again and anchored off La Barra to avoid exposing her crew to malaria in the mosquito-infested river.

WATER BONDS ARE SOLD

Lafayette Disposes of \$15,000 Issue and Contract Is Let.

LAFAYETTE, Or., June 3.—(Special).—At a meeting of the Town Council last night the \$15,000 water bonds which were voted at the April election were sold to the Fred Glenn Company, of Portland, at \$1.01.
The contract to install the plant, upon which work will commence within a few days, was let to the Morgan-Boyatt Company, also of Portland.

MEDIATION AWAITS CARRANZA'S REPLY

Mexican Issue Turns on One Man's Word.

PEACEMAKERS ARE 'HOPEFUL'

Internal Question Approached With Utmost Tact.

SPECIFIC PLANS AVOIDED

Bryan Insists Outlook Is Bright, but Admissions Are Made for First Time That Failure Is Among Possibilities.

NIAGARA FALLS, Ont., June 3.—Mediation tonight awaits on General Carranza, commander-in-chief of the constitutionalist forces in Mexico. He has in his possession a communication from the three South American diplomats which opens the door for constitutionalist representation in the conference here. On his word depends whether the entire Mexican problem will be settled by diplomacy or whether the constitutionalists will continue to fight their way to Mexico City.
Dignified Way Preferred.
The mediators have in a dignified way smoothed the path for constitutionalist participation. The United States Government wants them to accept. A rejection of the invitation may eventually mean the withdrawal by the Washington Government of the moral support it has been extending to the constitutionalist cause.
The mediators tonight are hopeful that General Carranza will send envoys here. Instead of believing the negotiations will be indefinitely prolonged by such a course, they think a pacific settlement would in reality be more quickly obtained, as all parties in the Mexican dispute would then be here to shape the programme of peace.
Note to Carranza Still Secret.
Just what was contained in the note from the mediators to General Carranza, transmitted today by Rafael Zubizarain at Washington to the constitutionalist chief, was not revealed here. The mediators said out of courtesy to Carranza the document would not be made public here. An answer is not expected for another day or two, but there is a general hope that it will be favorable.
The mediators have not literally invited the constitutionalists anew, but the phraseology of the note is such as to pave the way for their entrance to the negotiations. It is understood (Concluded on Page 3.)

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HURT AUTO RACER SINKS

Joe Dawson Suddenly Takes Serious Turn for Worse.

INDIANAPOLIS, June 3.—Joe Dawson, the automobile race driver injured in the 500-mile race last Saturday, is in a serious condition tonight. His physician stated he was suffering from internal injuries and that his back and chest were crushed.
He added, however, that Dawson still has a chance for recovery.

NEW MINISTRY REQUESTED

Poincare Asks Viviani to Form Cabinet to Replace Resigned One.

PARIS, June 3.—President Poincare today requested Rene Viviani, the Minister of Public Instruction, to form a new ministry to replace that headed by Premier Doumergue, which Monday resigned office. M. Viviani promised a formal reply tomorrow. It is almost certain he will accept.

AT LAST ACCOUNTS HUERTA WAS STILL ON THE JOB.



TOLLS ARBITRATION THRUST ON SENATE

Resolution Makes Situation Complex.

DEBATE TO BE PROLONGED

President's Consent Believed Necessary to Adoption.

GENERAL TREATY INVOKED

Senator Vardaman, Discussing Repeal Bill, Declares Platform Is as Binding as Oath of Office. Wilson Is Criticized.

WASHINGTON, June 3.—Just when a vote on the Panama Canal tolls exemption bill seemed certain to come within a few days, the Senate foreign relations committee complicated the situation today by reporting favorably a resolution designed to lead to the submission of the dispute with Great Britain to arbitration by an international tribunal.
There was no discussion of the resolution, but it will be taken up before a vote is reached on the repeal bill itself and its appearance before the Senate undoubtedly will lead to further debate.
Wilson's Approval Thought Necessary.
So far as Administration leaders know the President is opposed to arbitration unless the tolls exemption repeal bill is passed previously. It is believed by many Senators that without the President's approval no arbitration proposal can receive a majority.
In the debate today Senator Vardaman, Democrat of Mississippi, a vigorous opponent of repeal, made an impassioned speech criticizing the President's position and attacking Senator Root, one of the leaders of the opposite side.
The Sutherland resolution provides for arbitration of the "differences that have arisen between the United States and Great Britain" under the Hay-Pauncefote treaty. "In the matter of the payment of tolls which may be exacted for the use of the Panama Canal." It is proposed under the general arbitration treaty between the two countries, which provides for arbitration of disputes, not affecting national honor, independence or vital interest, at The Hague or by special tribunal.
"Impartial Tribunal" Desired.
The resolution proposes that the President "be requested to open diplomatic negotiations with Great Britain" (Concluded on Page 2.)

QUEEN TO DEDICATE BIGGEST FLAGPOLE

RULER OF ROSARIA TO BE EXPOSITION GUEST.

Raising of Great Staff, 210 Feet Tall and Six Feet Through at Butt, Is Problem Itself.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 3.—(Special).—The largest flagpole in the world will be raised at the Panama-Pacific International Exposition grounds tomorrow and on Saturday the Queen of Rosaria, otherwise Miss Thelma Hollingsworth of Portland, Or., will christen it by hoisting a great American flag to its top.
Hundreds of invitations to Saturday's ceremonies have been issued by the Oregon exposition commission.
The pole is 210 feet high and six feet in diameter at the butt. It will rest 13 feet deep in a solid block of reinforced concrete that has been set for it near the Oregon building. Getting it into an upright position has presented a problem of engineering interest. The pole is the gift of Astoria, Or.
The young women of Queen Rosaria's court will be received on their arrival in the city Saturday by a committee of the women's board of the exposition and will be taken for an automobile trip about the city. The afternoon will be occupied with the flag-raising ceremonies and in the evening the young women will be the guests of the women's board at a theater party and an after-theater supper.
The party will attend services at the Cathedral Sunday, leaving for Portland later in the day.

AUTO 9682 HITS BOY, 14

Alfred Whiteside Severely Bruised and Ankle May Be Broken.

A. E. Whitesides, 680 Quimby street, reported to the police last night that his son, Alfred, aged 14 years, had been run down a Twenty-first and Flanders streets, by an automobile bearing the license 9682. The boy was severely bruised and the father fears his ankle is broken.
Mr. Whitesides says the boy was riding on the right side of Flanders street when the automobile rounded the corner and ran him down. The driver, Mr. Whitesides said, gave the boy a lecture and then drove away.

MAIL QUARANTINE DESIRED

Fruitgrowers Fear Spread of Pests by Parcel Post.

DAVIS, Cal., June 3.—Resolutions requesting that the United States Post-office Department observe more stringent regulations to prevent the spread of horticultural pests through the mails will be presented to the California fruitgrowers' convention for adoption before the close of the week.
County horticultural commissioners desire that the parcel post be open to a rigid inspection, as it now is the only channel which so far has not been placed under strict quarantine regulations.

JOY OVER PAROLE IS FATAL

When Time Comes to Leave Prison Truax' Heart Stops.

LEAVENWORTH, Kan., June 3.—"Davy" Truax, 32 years old, died of joy at his parole here today. "Davy" had been in prison 25 years for a sentence for killing an inmate of the Soldiers' Home at Dodge City, Ia.
He sat in the prison office today waiting for the car which would take him away. When the car drew up, friends turned to tell the veteran. He sat motionless. The doctor said "Davy" had died of heart disease.

POLL TAX LAW HELD VOID

Utah Statute Found Discriminatory Against Male Sex.

SALT LAKE, Utah, June 3.—The poll tax law of Utah was today declared void by the District Court, which held that it violates a provision of the state constitution giving equal rights to both sexes.
The court held that, inasmuch as the law imposes a tax only on men and not on women, it discriminated against the male sex. The suit was brought by Salt Lake City in an effort to force collection of \$2 tax from a local attorney.

KING AND KERMIT TO DINE

Spanish Paper Speaks Disparagingly of T. R.'s Coming Visit.

MADRID, June 3.—King Alfonso and Queen Victoria will be guests at luncheon at the American Embassy tomorrow. The guests include Kermit Roosevelt and the British and German Ambassadors.
The impartial prints an article on the approaching visit of ex-President Roosevelt, but it is of a disparaging character.

ASHLAND SHY 2 FEATURES

City of 5000 Is Without Church or Saloon.

ASHLAND, Or., June 3.—(Special).—Ashland has neither church nor saloon, but is not without religion or alcoholic beverages.
Whisky is sold by the bottle and religious services are held in the schoolhouse.
In 1878 the population was 500. At the last census it was given 5029. (Concluded on Page 4.)

ASTORIA STARTS ON ERA OF EXPANSION

Work Begins on Four Great Projects.

INCREASE IN COMMERCE IS AIM

Remarkable Development of Port Trade Predicted.

THOUSANDS AT EXERCISES

Portlanders See First Work on Hill Terminals and Dock System—L. C. Gilman Issues Warning Against Realty Speculation.

ASTORIA, Or., June 3.—(Special).—If the shade of the original John Jacob Astor were present here today it must have marveled at the wonderful development that is certain to follow the work started this afternoon.
The modest trading post that Astor, the fur trader, founded here 102 years ago began today its first actual and practical development into a seaport and rail port of world-wide relations. Plans for four great development projects, the Columbia River Highway, the North Bank rail and steamship terminals, the Astoria municipal docks and the Astoria reclamation wall, culminated today in the first actual construction work on each of these enterprises.
There is a world of significance in today's event. These plans were not considered, and a squad of imaginative speakers did not say these things ought to be done. Work actually was started on each of these four big undertakings.
Each Project Is Big One.
Either one of these projects in itself would be sufficient, it is believed, to bring to a full realization the fondest dreams of the most enthusiastic Astorian for a greater and better city. When combined, promise is given of developing here at the mouth of the Columbia a commercial center that will vie with established commercial centers for the future supremacy in the trade of the Pacific.
In this industrial expansion Astoria has ceased to be provincial. The communities immediately tributary to Astoria have ceased to be provincial. They realize that all this territory at the mouth of the Columbia and for many miles inland is one great industrial, social and economic community, and that the events of the next few years will serve to make it more so.
Throngs at Westport Exercises.
So the Columbia highway ceremonies at Westport, the North Bank dock celebration at Flavel and the dock and reclamation festivities in Astoria were observed by a common populace as incidents in a common development serving one good end.
Visitors from Astoria, Seaside, Flavel, Warrenton and from the countryside for many miles about traveled to Westport this morning. They awaited here the arrival of the train bearing visitors from Portland and other parts of the state. All by their presence wanted to many times their interest in the event that meant so much to the future of this extreme Northwestern part of Oregon.
At Westport the first figurative "spike" was driven in the Columbia River highway. Julius L. Meier, president of the Columbia River Highway Association, drove, but it was a double team of horses.
C. C. Chapman, personal representative of Governor West, handled the plow and managed, once in a while, to keep the point in the ground, thus leaving some visible evidence that actual work had been done.
Portland Party Introduced.
As an act of taking part in the ceremonies, Judge E. C. Judd, of Clatsop County, and C. J. Johnson, of the contracting firm of Johnson & Peterson, which is building the highway, held the horses' bridles while the cameras clicked and the moving picture machines ground out a few hundred feet of film.
The Westport incident served also as a means of formally introducing the Portland party to the Astoria reception committee. The committee includes G. B. Johnson, E. M. Cherry, Wallace R. Struble, Dr. R. H. Hosking, E. E. Gray, Mayor of Astoria; R. L. Oakley, C. J. Johnson, Brennan Vandusen, H. G. Vandusen, Herman Prael, J. S. Dellinger, Dr. W. C. Logan, Judge E. C. Judd, W. Kelly, J. T. Jeffries, J. J. Stokes, J. R. Kilmore, H. C. James, J. E. Grate, F. R. Graff and others.
Thousands at Flavel.
From Westport the train proceeded, with only a brief delay at Astoria, to Flavel, where the exercises incident to beginning of actual construction on the new Hill terminals took place.
This ceremony was attended by thousands of people. Special trains had come in from all near-by points. Astoria closed up its business places and turned out almost as one great party. Hundreds of families brought their lunch baskets and picnicked in the shade of the towering trees near the terminal site.
This ceremony served also to bring into intimate contact with the Astoria public L. C. Gilman, president of the