

## THREE BLOCKS IN THE DALLES BURNED

Three Fires Appearing in Separated Sections of City Believed to Be Incendiary.

### WATER ALMOST USED UP

Everything in City as Dry as Tinder and Entire Business Section of Place Is Threatened—Flames Cross Second Street.

THE DALLES, Or., Aug. 30.—(Special.) Three entire blocks of this city were swept away by fire last night, the result of three fires started within a few minutes of each other and supposedly from the torch of an incendiary. The total loss is estimated at \$110,000.

In less than two hours fully a dozen stores were razed to the ground. The fire started in the business section of the city, where several hundred pounds of mail going in and out of the city were being handled. The fire started in the business section of the city, where several hundred pounds of mail going in and out of the city were being handled.

The eastern portion of the city was saved due to the fact that three walls of the Oddfellows' building remained standing and served as barriers keeping the flames in check.

### Fourteen Places Burn.

The complete list of the destroyed structures is:

Postoffice and Brilla's dry goods store, both situated in the Oddfellows' brick building, a two-story structure which housed the lodge and clubrooms on the second floor.

Baldwin Opera-house, landmark of The Dalles, totally consumed.

The Dalles cannery, a two-story structure, Summer commission house.

Louis Comini's residence and marble works.

Welch & Sons second-hand store.

Great Northern furniture store (corrupted iron).

Midway saloon.

Groehler's bakery.

Wilhelm bakery shop.

Bonboniere confectionery.

Cohen clothing store.

### Three Fires Started.

Base for the report that the fire is incendiary origin is found in the fact that the first blaze started in old Indian huts west of town at 8:30 o'clock, and when everybody seemed to have rushed to that scene the second blaze appeared.

The third and most insistent fire was started in the cannery.

When the three fires had been raging but a few minutes the flames of the first fire fell and saved the flames of the first fire.

The Dalles was in darkness. This proved hampering in the fight against the fire, and on top of that the water supply was almost used up.

Had it not been for the three standing brick walls of the gutted Oddfellows' building, the flames would have been unable to cope with the triple blaze.

### Rail Service Halts.

Railroad traffic was tied up completely for four hours. O. W. R. & N. train No. 10 finally getting through at 11:30. After that hour the train service was restored.

The Golden Rule dry goods store was saved after the flames had apparently enveloped it.

The fire in front of the Great Northern furniture store became so hot that it literally burned the hard-surface pavement.

The store building was so hot that the water supply began to show signs of falling.

The fire came when the supply was low, and had the firefighters been 15 or 20 minutes more in controlling the flames, it is believed the town would have gone.

The Dalles not having had any rain for months, the roofs are as dry as tinder, and the flames leaped from one structure to another with amazing rapidity.

### SLIM WOMEN NOT STYLISH

London Beauty Specialist Says "Slender-Slouch" Is Passe.

LONDON, Aug. 24.—The slim woman is doomed today. Fashion has decreed her passing and bones are to vanish before plumpness and softness.

From 26 inches to 36 inches. In fact, the very slim, "slender-slouch" woman is now considered ugly and deformed.

The craze for all things beauty specialist said, produced the irritable woman, the neurotic woman, the nervous woman and the obese.

To be healthy, said the specialist, "a woman should, as everybody knows, have a full bust and an uncramped waist. If a woman adopts the kind of 'slender-slouch' figure, her chest contracts and nothing is worse for the general health than a contracted chest."

### FUTURIST PLAY ACCEPTED

Young Leipzig Poet's Characters Seen From One Point of View.

LEIPZIG, Aug. 24.—(Special.)—A young poet named Hasenclever has written what he and his friends describe as the first Futurist drama, which has been accepted for production by Dr. Max Reinhardt in Berlin.

The play is entitled "Der Sohn" and described the natural antagonism between the old and the new generation.

The peculiarity of the play, and that which is supposed to give it a Futurist flavor, is that all the characters are intentionally sketched only from the point of view of "the son," who represents the young generation.

### GERMANS REPEAT HISTORY

Navy May Be Bottled Like Those of Spain and Russia.

England may be asking the same question respecting the German fleet that Americans were asking in June, 1898, about the Spanish fleet bottled up at Santiago, and that the Japanese fleet at Port Arthur—will it come out or fight?

Or, if there is a German battle fleet somewhere roaming the high seas will it show itself to the English, and fight?

The Spanish fleet did not come out until it was forced to. The army having overcome the defenders of Santiago on the land side, the harbor was no longer tenable for the enemy's ships.

The situation was the same as between the Russians and the Japanese, except that Port Arthur was practically impregnable to attack from the sea, and the bottled-up Russians were correspondingly more secure at their anchorage than the Spaniards. The fleet came out after Port Arthur had been reduced from the land side. Like the Spanish fleet, it did not come out to fight, but to run away.

The desire to avoid a fight in both these instances invited no criticism. In the present instance, the German sea strategists are entitled to adopt any course that seems to them best.

It is not known, of course, except to the Kaiser's fighting ships, whether they are at their base on the Baltic, Kiel, or at the one on the North Sea, Wilhelmshaven, they are secure.

These fortified harbors they cannot be damaged by the British dreadnoughts.

Yet it is difficult to believe that the German navy will be satisfied to remain inactive. The British fleet is vastly under-sized by comparison with the British, a fight in the open sea should not result in their humiliation.

They ought to be able to deal with a vast deal of damage on the enemy before the issue is concluded. Most likely, they would come off with victories in detail—ship to ship or squadron to squadron—even if the main mystery of the mastery of the sea were settled against them.

It is not known, of course, except to the government's concerned, whether or not the Germans are at their bases. It may be that a considerable force was in the North Sea at the time the mobilized British fleet put out from its bases—which, as will be recalled, was some days before the declaration of war. It thus outside the light of the British fleet.

That wherever they are, they do not menace the traveled routes is attested by the message England has just received to Denmark that their intimate traffic across the North Sea may be resumed without fear of molestation. Denmark is the great dairy for England to keep the road open to Denmark for butter and eggs as to keep it open to France for the transport of troops.

### BRITISH CAPTURE APIA

GERMAN SEAPORT IN SAMOA ISLANDS SURRENDERS.

Expeditionary Force From New Zealand Takes Territory It Was Feared Japan Might Acquire.

LONDON, Aug. 30.—The official information bureau announces that Apia, a seaport of Upolu, Samoan Islands, and capital of the German part of the group, surrendered on the morning of August 29 to a British force from New Zealand.

Germany's Samoan territory has been considered her most strategic possession in the Pacific. Following the dissolution of the agreement of 1899 by which the United States, Germany and England joined in guaranteeing the neutrality and independence of the Samoan group, the German part of the group was signed in Washington in 1900.

By this treaty all three powers continued to enjoy equality of commerce, and the German part of the group was extinguished and the islands were divided between the United States and Germany. Meridian 171 degrees west was recognized as the dividing line. The two largest islands, Upolu and Savaii, with some smaller members of the group, passed to Germany and Tutuila and others came under American control.

Tutuila is considered the strategic key of the group. At Pago-Pago, a splendid land-locked harbor, the United States has a naval base.

Apia, seized by the British, is the commercial metropolis of the group, contains numerous fine churches, schools and before the war was the seat of the training college of the London Missionary Society. Robert Louis Stevenson, the novelist, made his home on Upolu and died there. He is buried on one of the mountains.

When Japan entered the European conflict by her declaration of war on Germany, and before the British declaration that her operations would be confined to the China Sea, the apprehension that she might seize German Samoa and thus gain a foothold between Hawaii and her own coast gave rise to much speculation respecting Washington's attitude in such an eventuality.

### BOMBS FALLING IN PARIS

REPEATED ATTACKS BY AEROPLANE ARE MADE.

London Dispatch Tells of Three Attacks, Paris of One More—No Damage Done, Is Report.

LONDON, Aug. 30.—A dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company from Paris says that about 3:30 today an aeroplane appeared over Paris and dropped three bombs near Quai de Jemmapes, Rue Ricollet and Place de la Republique. No damage was done.

PARIS, Aug. 30.—A German aeroplane flying at a height of 6000 feet over Paris at 1:30 P. M. dropped a bomb which landed near L'Est railway station, off the Boulevard Magenta, which was so named from the battle of Magenta. The bomb did no damage.

Though startled by this threatening occurrence, Parisians remained tranquil. All have been gradually accustomed to consider much more serious events as possibilities, and the people of the capital are equal to either fortune—hard-won success in the north or a temporary reverse.

The territory over which a German aeroplane flew in the northeastern part of Paris and scarcely a mile from the heart of the city, is the district of the big military hospital, the Hospital St. Louis, St. Lazare prison for women, the Church of St. Laurent, which dates from the 16th century; the North railroad station, the magnificent Church of St. Vincent de Paul, the Larbosiere Hospital, one of the largest in Paris, several colleges and several theaters.

### War Held Cartoon-Inspiring.

Will the war in Europe inspire local artists to choose battle themes for pictures this season? C. E. S. Wood, attorney and artist, thinks not. "While the war will furnish ample material for cartoon work, I doubt if it will be the subject of many serious studies," said Mr. Wood yesterday. "It is my theory that to present a scene properly an artist must be stimulated by his surroundings."

## DEFEAT MEANS RUIN, SAYS LORD ROBERTS

Field Marshal Makes Candid Appeal; Says Hundreds of Thousands Needed.

### WOMEN URGED TO HELP

Appeal Made to Wives and Mothers Not to Stand in Way of Duty of Husbands and Sons—Struggle to Death Is On.

### LOUVAIN IS EMPTY SHEL

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city to the outskirts, street by street, and from house to house. In each building, so the German soldiers told me, they began at the first floor, and when that was burning steadily, passed to the one next. There were no exceptions. Whether it was store, chapel or private residence, it was destroyed.

The people had time to only fill a pillowcase and fly. Some were not so fortunate, and by the thousands, like flocks of sheep, they were rounded up in the kingdom should do, no matter what their rank or station in life. My feeling toward you is one of intense admiration. How very different is your action than that of the men who were still on playing cricket and football as if the existence of the country were not at stake.

We are engaged in a life-and-death struggle and are showing your determination to do your duty as soldiers and by all the means in your power to bring this war to a successful conclusion. It is almost a miracle that the men who were still on playing cricket and football as if the existence of the country were not at stake.

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