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FIRE LOSS \$250,000 AT 4TH AND ANKENY

Blake-McFall 6-Story Block in Flames.

TWENTY FIREMEN OVERCOME

Property Worth \$500,000 Is Threatened by Blaze.

TAKEN TO HOSPITAL

Failing Estate, Owner of Building, and Paper Company Heaviest Losers - Insurance Covers Greater Part of Damage.

FACTS ABOUT NIGHT FIRE IN HEART OF WHOLESALE DISTRICT.

Where - Blake - McFall Paper Company's six-story building, Fourth and Ankeny, southwest corner. Building owned by Failing estate, built in 1909 at cost of \$150,000, Frontage, 160 feet on Fourth, 93 feet on Ankeny, Time - Seven o'clock Sunday

Loss-Estimated at 10 P. M. at \$250,000, including part of \$200,-600 stock of Blake-McFall Company, valuable engraving plant of Hicks-Chatten Company and stock of smaller firms.

Inscurance - Loss practically covered.

Fentures.

Practically all apparatus in city called out, outlying districts sending in men and equipment. Fifteen lines of hose playing on

fire from Ankeny side alone. Two companies of Oregon Naval Militia pressed into service. Building was unoccupied at time fire started, so far as

known, and electricity was supposedly out off. Fire walls isolate fire from other buildings.

Fifteen firemen overcome with smoke. Joe Mulholland and Fred Williams, of Engine Company No. 2, and F. L. Hoffman. of Engine Company No. 13 taken to hospital at 9 o'clock.

Oxygen belmets were brought into service at 9:30 by three of the fire cap- First Shipment by Government to Be tains, to enter the building and search for some of the firemen who were missing and were supposed to be lying unconscious in the smoke.

Captain Arch Smith, of Engine 4; Captain Parmenter, of Truck Company 3, and Carl Gunster, of Engine 3, donned the helmets and made the

Property worth half a million dollars is threatened by a fire which started in the Blake-McFall six-story building, Fourth and Ankeny streets, in the heart of the wholesale district, at 7 o'clock last night, and in a few 45 surveyors were among the 291 pasminutes turned the structure into a raging furnace which no firemen could The probable loss at 10 P. M. enter. is estimated at \$250,000, with 90 per cent covered by insurance. The origin of the fire is unfixed.

Practically all the fire-fighting apparatus in the city had been summoned by 8 o'clock. The fireboat David Camp. bell stretched three lines of hose from

Twenty Firemen Overcome

Twenty firemen were overcome by smoke, five of whom were rushed to the hospital in a precarious condition. The other firemen were taken to the Multnomah Hotel, where they were taken care of by Assistant City Physician Harding. Nearly all were from engine company No. 2.

Blake-McFall Heaviest Loser. The heaviest losers are the Falling estate, which owns the building, and the Blake-McFall Company, which oc cupies three-fourths of the building. Nine other firms have offices in the

uilding. They are: The Hicks-Chatten Engraving Com-

The Kelley-Clarke Company. The Portland Stationery & Woodenwork Company.

George P. Ide & Co. The O. E. Fletcher Sales Agency. The Western Dry Goods Company.

Marshall Field & Co. F. T. Crowe & Co.

Montague-O'Reilly Company, contrac

tors. C. D. Bruun, president of the Blake-McFall Company, estimated the com pany's probable stock loss at \$200,000. Mr. Bruun said that part of the com pany's stock was in the burning building, and the remainder in the warehouse. He was unable, he said, to make an accurate estimate of the stock in River Free to Lake Labarge 16 either building last night. The Blake-McFall Company, Mr. Bruun said, carried insurance equal to 90 per cent of the total value of the stock,

Smoke Hampers Firemen.

The building was erected in 1909 at a cost of \$150,000. The loss will probably be at least \$60,000. The other losses will consist chiefly (Concluded on Page 2.)

crossing is dangerous,

CANAL RAID TURKS

FRENCH CRUISERS ACTIVE IN EAST MEDITERRANEAN.

Camp Near El Arish Is Bombarded of Jerusalem Later Shelled.

CAIRO, via London, April 18 .- The following official communication was issued today:

"On the 15th three aeroplanes made a flight from the canal to Flsirr, some 25 miles south of El Arish, dropping bombs, which were effective. From 150 to 200 tents were seen. The distance flown was more than 170 miles. this side of Flairr, though one or two small posts of about 20 men are known

"On the same date a French cruiser ombarded a camp near El Arish, a seaplane directing the fire. No large number of troops were seen, though enemy guns opened fire both on the ruiser and the seaplane. Neither was hit, however.

"On the 17th a French cruiser again, assisted by a seaplane, bombarded the enemy's camp well to the south of Ghazzeh (some 40 miles southwest of Jerusalem.) Considerable damage was

DRYS MOVE ON CAPITOL Plans Laid to Surround Congress With Prohibition Thousands.

WASHINGTON, April 18 .- (Special.) in the fight of the anti-liquor forces on the stranded cruiser Asama. to secure Nation-wide prohibition came will be an "on-to-Washington" move- it to Secretary Daniels, as follows: ment of those who sympathize with the prohibition propaganda.

on a concerted date and surround the work." Capitol to give a demonstration of prohibition sentiment.

The demonstration will be known as blue ribbon day in Washington."

WHEAT KING AFTER RECORD George Drumbeller Wants More

Than \$200,000 for 1915 Crop.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., April 18 .-(Special.) - George Drumheller, whose \$200,000 check for his wheat crop last Fall brought him notoriety, expects to get a larger one this year. Believing that the price will be as high or higher than last year, when he received \$1 a ment declaring the operations were bushel, he has planted \$500 acres of land to wheat, which sets a new record for individual wheat growing in tablishing a naval base, and later Genthe Inland Empire. He declares the eral Esteban Cantu, Military Governo

He had

RAILS SENT TO ALASKA

Used for Working Terminals.

SEATTLE, Wash., April 18 .- The first Alaska were shipped tonight on the steamer Mariposa, which sailed for Cook Inlet. The shipment consisted of two carloads to be used in building working terminals at Ship Creek, which will be the base for this season's operations. The Mariposa also carried large shipments of lumber, construction equipment and supplies for the Alaska Engineering Commission. Lieutenant Frederick Mears, of the

Alaska Engineering Commission, and sengers on the steamer.

ALBERT ECKMAN IS SUICIDE Bullet Is Sent Through Heart Fol-

lowing Repeated Threats.

Albert Eckman, of 1069 East Thirtyhird street North, shot himself through the heart late vesterday. His wife found his body in the chicken yard at the rear of their home

Mr. Eckman, who was about 47 years old, had threatened numerous times to end his life and several weeks ago purchased a revolver. His wife gave it to a neighbor. Her husband laughed at her precaution and last week purchased another gun. An investigation will be made to find where he purchased the

He is also survived by a daughter.

DEATH DARED TO SAVE BOY

Walla Walla Woman Drives Auto Into Pole and Injures Own Son.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., April 18 .-(Special.)-Choosing to imperil her own life to save a young boy, Mrs. Welford Gross drove an auto this afternoon into a telephone pole, the impact hurling her own son through the windshield. He received some bad cuts and scratches on the face and it was feared at first his jaw was broken. The lad in danger, Thomas Drumheller, was saved. The Gross boy is doing well tonight, no bones being broken.

YUKON ICE BREAKS EARLY

Days Ahead of Last Year.

DAWSON, Y. T., April 18,-The Yukon liver ice is breaking up the earliest in its history. The river is already open from White Horse, the head of navigation, to Lake Labarge, 16 days earlier than last year. The ice on Labarge is so thin that

PORTLAND, OREGON, MONDAY, APRIL 19, 1915.

and Another 40 Miles Southwest Only Salvage Operations Carried On.

AMERICAN CRUISER REPORTS

"No other enemy troops were seen Commander Irwin Describes Conditions at Turtle Bay.

ASAMA IS STILL AGROUND

Only Other Vessels Present Are Repair Ship and Two Colliers-Report Made Following Usual

WASHINGTON, Arpli 18 .- Comman der Noble Irwin, of the cruiser New Orleans, reported to the Navy Department today that he had investigated the Japanese navai activity in Turtle Bay, Lower California, and found no One of the picturesque developments indications other than salvage work

The commander's report was sent by to light here today with the announce-ment that at the next Congress there ing the Pacific fleet, who telegraphed "The Asama still aground in San Bartolome Bay. Only other vessels pres-The plan is to have many thousands ent one repair ship and two collier of men and women reach Washington No indications of other than salving

> Special Report Called For. Secretary Daniels had called on Admiral Howard for a special report in view of press dispatches telling of the assembling of a squadron of foreign

> ishore and of mines laid in the harbor The Asama has been aground in the secluded Mexican haven since Decemper and the reports indicated that the presence of other ships aiding in getting her affoat was being made the excuse for the establishment of a permanent base of operations. Report Already Denied.

The Japanese embassy issued a statement declaring the operations were

Mex. directing Commander Irwin to stop at Turtle Bay, exchange the usual visits of courtesy and report on what was going on there.

The Weather.
YESTERDAY'S Maximum temper degrees; minimum, 47 degrees, TODAY'S Fair; northerly winds.

War.

Earl Grey urges model public houses, rather than prohibition, as solution of drink problem in Britain. Page 2.

German Ambassador to Turkey says United States injures itself by not observing true spirit of neutrality. Page 2.

Russians treat people of Galicia with consideration. Page 2.

Russia says task in Carpathians is complete with capture of principal chain. Page 1.

British airmen and French warships bombard Turks in Sues Canai region. Page 1.

British battleship Majestic hit by fire of forts at Dardanelles. Page 2.

Bernhardi says victorious Germany would Sernhurdi says victorious Germany would benefit America. Page 1.

National. American cruiser finds Japanese are mak-ing no effort to establish base at Turtie Bay. Page 1.

Domestic.
Twenty-two Illinois towns to vote on prohibition Tuesday. Page 3.
Constance Drexel, American nurse on way
to The Hague, says women should dominate peace movement. Page 3.

Pacific Coast League results: Venice 11,
Portland 2; Salt Lake 4-2, Oakland 3-1
(morning game 12 limitags); San Francisco 3-5, Los Angeles 2-6, Page 10.
Eugene golfers give Portland Club team
sound drubbing, Page 11.

ong throw by Ty Cobb saves game for Detroit, Fuge 11, lacord Sunday crowd gathers at Oregon City falls to fish. Puge 10, ity League scores: West Side 11, Pledmon 4, East Side 6, Sellwood 5, Page 11.

Pacific Northwest. Forgers get \$709 from Marshfield and North Bend merchants. Page 5. Problem of employing convicts in Oregon made difficult by statute, Frank Davey points out. Page 5.

Portland and Vicinity. Peace Sunday observed in Portland, Page 14. Cement plant at Oswego may be completed and put linto operation, Page 9, Plan for selection of Rose Festival queen suggested. Page 9.

Canadian soprano and Orpheum male chorus charm in Heilig concert. Page 14. Orpheum has varied and pleasing bill. Page

LIVE BIRD IS HAT TRIMMING

Canary in Lace Cage Heralds Girl's nated the outlets into the Hungarian Appearance on Fifth Avenue.

NEW YORK, April 18 .- (Special.)-This is the tale of a bird in a cage on the hat of a girl in Fifth avenue. The girl appeared at Forty-second street about noon today. Caged in a one of gauze on top of a wide-brimmed affair of lace and net, the canary hopped and chirped. He seemed to enjoy the ride, but the crowd was too much for the wearer.
She was so confused that she took

A press agent of a Broadway show asserted that he was sponsor for everything but the taxi bill. He said the girl was Bessie Ryan and had a photograph taken of bird and cage and hat and girl ensemble, to prove it.

MILITIA SHOOTS ON RANGE the direction of Baligrod, enveloping the enemy positions from west of Lupkow boats, however, and rowed to the light-

ing line the Second Battalion of the Oregon National Guard, under the command of Major Smith, began record tar-mand of Major Smith, began record tar-get practice at the Clackamas range yesterday. Some good shooting was The enemy's effectives on this front ex-reported and many men qualified. The previous days at the range had been previous days at the range had been spent by the battalion in practice shoot-

HONORABLE INTENTIONS ARE ALL O. K.

INDEX OF TODAY'S NEWS RUSSIA COMPLETES

400,000 A ... Germans Lose Battle.

70,000 REPORTED PRISONERS

Principal Chain of Mountains Is Controlled by Czar.

LOSSES ARE STUPENDOUS

Desperate Resistance of Defenders Is Broken in Face of Most Trying Difficulties and Position Secured, Says Petrograd.

PETROGRAD, via London, April 18 .-The following official communication concerning the progress of the campaign was issued from general headquarters tonight:

"At the beginning of March, in the principal chain of the Carpathians, we held only the region of the Dukla passes, where our lines formed an ex-

hands of the enemy. Steamer reaches Portland after capture by Japanese. Page 11. vere assigned the further task of dereloping, before the season of had roads due to melting snows began, our position in the Carpathians which domi-

> Difficult Terrain Covered. "About the period indicated, the great Austrian forces which had been concentrated for the purpose of relieving Przemysl were in a position between Lupkow and Uzsok Pass. It was for this sector that our grand attack was

a frontal attack under difficult conditions of terrain. "To facilitate their attack, therefore, an auxiliary attack was decided upon on a front in the direction of Bartfeld. as far as Lupkow.

planned. Our troops had to carry out

Secondary Attack Is Success. "This secondary attack was opened March 16 and was completely developed. pany On March 23 and 28 our troops had The captain, who was badly wound-already begun their principal attack in ed and taken to a hospital, said his On Murch 23 and 28 our troops had

resistance to our offensive. "They had brought up every availtion of Bartfeld as far as Uzsok Pass,

Moreover, our troops had to overcome

"Nevertheless, by April 5, that is, 13

Sunday's War Moves

THE British, as an offset to their specess in destroying a Turkish rpedo-boat which attacked the transport Manitou off Chies yesterday, lost the submarine E-15, which, while carrying out a difficult reconnaissance in the Dardanelles mine field, ran aground on Keppez Point, the crew being made prisoners. According to the Turkish report, seven of the crew are missing.

British airmen in Egypt have been dropping bembs on the Turkish en-campment near the border, while a French cruiser, the fire of which was directed by a seaplane, has been throwing shells on the Turks near El Arish where the army for the invasion of

Egypt has its headquarters, These operations were undertaken presumably to harass the Turks, as the Turks have not shown any intention of attacking the British since their last repulse along the canal.

In the Carpathians there has been fighting, but no battle to be compared with those which the arrival of Spring rought to a close. The Austrians of ficially report that they have repulsed Russian attacks to the southeast of Lupkow Pass, inflicting heavy losses on their adversaries, but elsewhere comparative calm prevalls.

The French have again been active n the Vosges, capturing an Important height near Metzeral. The British, too. have attacked the Germans in the neighborhood of Ypres, where fighting still was in progress when the last report was dispatched.

It is again said that the German offorts to bring about an accord between Austria and Italy have failed, a report, which, if confirmed, is likely to magnify in the eyes of the Italians the frontier incident of Saturday. According to the latest reports, the Austrians. New film thrills are keen. Page 7.

The in wholesale district at Fourth and Lupkow and further east were in the tory, actually fired on the Italian territory, actually fired on the Italian territory. troops, who repulsed them, and in re-"In view of this situation our armies turn penetrated into Austrian territory.

The sinking of the Greek steamer Ellispontos by a submarine off the Dutch coast is believed likely to bring bout some friction between the Greek and German governments. The Ellispontos was destroyed while on a voyage from Ymuiden, Holland, to Montevideo, in ballast.

LOST GREEK'S CREW LANDS

Wounded Captain Says Submarine

Gave No Warning of Attack.

LONDON, Aril 18.—The crew of the Greek steamer Ellispontos, torpedeed yesterday by a submarine five miles west of the North Hinder lightship, has arrived at Flushing, according to a dispatch to Reuter's Telegram Company

Pass, and on the east, near the source of the San.

The enemy made a most desperate that German aviators yesterday tried to drop bombs on two British shins

and fired on them but without result.

ACTION AT SEA IS DENIED for Month, Says Churchill,

LONDON, April 19,-Winston Spencer

cent rumors: "There has been no naval action of England comes out the stronger any kind in the North Sea during the "Victorious Germany would con past month, nor any action of any kind balance and to some extent paralyze

single ships. men have been hit in the Dardanelles. You have only to look back into your French or British ships."

Damages and Apology Promised many, clashing. Holland if Teuton Sank Katwyk.

BERLIN, April 18, by wireless to Sayville .- Among the items given out doubtful if England, jealously claimfor publication today by the Overseas ing. as she does, the absolute dominion

"An official investigation of the tor- lar pleasure at the growth of the great pedoing of the Dutch steamer Katwyk, American Navy; and it is most probanear the North Hinder lightship in ble that America will both want and the North Sea on April 14, still is pend. have a big Navy in the future. ing. If it is shown that the vessel was "I emphatically deny absolutely that sunk by a German boat, Germany will Germany has or does entertain any be ready at once to pay damages and idea of world conquest or world emof international law. No tension be- a false representation and a distor-

Demonstrations in Interior Against War Reported on Increase.

from the insufficiency of the bread allowance which, although it has been inreased, still is considered inadequate.

Demonstrations against the war are said to be increasing in number and violence, especially in Vienna and at points in Bohamia, where mobs are re-ported to have sacked storehouses in purely military standpoint, so absurd which were stocks of provisions for the that I am surprised any thinking perarmy.

TRIESTE IS WITHOUT FLOUR there; would bring all South America.

Bakers in Austrian City Will Have No Work to Do Today.

the supply of flour has been exhausted. but any political purposes or hope of There will be no work for the bakers political advantages on our part? Out tomorrow and the city will be without of the question." bread.

FEAR FOR AMERICA

German General Forecasts War's Effect.

WORLD EMPIRE IS NOT HOPE

Victory for Kaiser Would Benefit United States, He Says.

BRITAIN REGARDED MENACE

Growth of Navy Thought Cause of English Jealousy-General Declares His Books Have Been Distorted in Translation.

BY KARL H. VON WIEGAND. Special staff correspondent of the World. Coppyright, 1915, by the Press Publishing Company (The New York World). Pub-lished by arrangement.)

SGRAVENHAGE, Posen, March 1, via London, April 12 .- (Delayed in transmission from Germany.)-Here are some of the things General Friedrich von Bernhardi, whose books have been used to make out a case against Germany in this war. told me today in

the first interview granted any jourwar begants That victorious Germany benefit America in

war's sake.

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Karl H. Von

militarist, but has merely dwelt upon the historical fact that the day of wars has not yet passed and has pointed out that wars have not been without their good points in the evolution of the world and the development of civiliza-

World Empire Not Alm.

That Germany does not and never has dreamed of world empire or world That his writings have been misin terpreted and in some instances wil-

fully distorted. General von Bernhardi has written some articles with his own pen in his own defense for American papers, but

talk to newspapermen

Danger to America Scouted. "Nothing could be more absurd than the statement that our victory will be a future danger to the United States in South America," General von Bern-No Naval Engagement Has Occurred hardi declared to me, "Quite the contrary. If America bas reason to fear a clash with any European power, that power is England. LONDON, April 19.—Winston Spencer Churchill, First Lord of the Admiraity, the seas which England claims for has issued the following depict of the seas which England claims for has issued the following denial of re- herself, wherewith you will have to reckon in time; that's your danger if

"Victorious Germany would countern the Dardanelles, other than local England, which could only be in the bombardments and reconnoissances by interest of America. "Since March 18 only two or three and America could ever be involved. and there has been no loss or injury to history and to watch the trend of events in this war so far to become convinced that the possibility does ex-GERMANY WILLING TO PAY ist of the interests of America and ingland, which touch on countless more points than America and Ger-

> American Navy Growth Feared. "Quite aside from the possibility of clashing commercial interests, it is most of the water, will look with particu-

"I emphatically deny absolutely that apologize according to the provisions pire, as so often represented. That is tween Holland and Germany is feared." tion, so far as my writings are con-corned. If you will read my books in the original German you will find I AUSTRIANS DEMAND BREAD don't speak of world conquest, world power or world dominion, but of Germany as a world power alongside, equal states-other world powers entitled to the same consideration. 'Conquest,' 'empire' and 'dominion' appear VERONA, via Paris, April 18 .- Travel- only in English editions, for whose es from the interior of Austria bring translations I am not responsible, but reports of increasing unrest resulting which have been used to create an erroneous, false, unjust impression in

America and elsewhere, South America Hold Impossible.

"That victorious Germany would seck expansion or political son could consider it seriously. would be such an utter military impossibility for us to maintain ourselves not to mention England and France. against us, and for what purpose? What possible chance would we have?

"A legitimate commercial rivalry with the United States, yes. That ex-ROME, April 18 .- (Special.) -- An unisted in South America before the war censored disputch from Trieste says and will return again after the war;

The prices for rice paste are pro- younger; tall, erect, with the unmis-

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TO ESTABLISH BASE

"Visit of Courtesy."

warships in Turtle Bay, of a large amp established by the Japanese

outlook for more than an average crop of Lower California, telegraphed the outlook for more than an average crop Villa authorities that the Japanese activities were limited to salving the National Guardsmen Hold Target ed Asama, Admiral Howard sent orders by wireess yesterday to the New Orleans, which had left San Diego for Mazatlan,

All Stores Closed Sunday,

TILLAMOOK, Or., April 18 .- (Spe-

