

# FIRE INVESTIGATED BY ARSON SQUAD

### Destruction of Standard Box Factory Forecast 2 Weeks Ago by Marshal.

## CARELESSNESS IS CHARGED

### Company Declared Warned by Department Official and Urged by Adjuster to Clear Trash—Insurance Voluntarily Cut.

Fire Marshal Stevens, Harry P. Coffin, chairman of the Public Safety Commission, and the arson squad of the Portland Fire Bureau, headed by Fire Captain Gross, conducted an investigation yesterday into circumstances surrounding the fire which destroyed the Standard Box & Lumber Company's factory and yards and adjoining property early yesterday. Results of the investigation were not made public.

Fire Marshal Stevens said yesterday that when asked more than two weeks ago by a friend where he thought the next big fire would be, replied: "I think it will be the Standard Box plant. It's one of the worst fire risks on the East Side. I imagine it will wait, however, to be a spectacular feature of the Rose Festival."

### Carelessness Is Charged.

In addition to having been requested by the Fire Marshal, May 22, to clean up, the company is said to have been asked to comply with this order by the Pettis-Grossmayer insurance adjusters. The investigation yesterday showed large piles of refuse and barrels, sawdust and shavings.

"There are signs of gross carelessness in allowing the accumulation of rubbish in the basement," said Mr. Coffin yesterday after a trip about the plant with Deputy District Attorney Charles Robinson and Marshal Stevens. Edward L. Pettis of the Pettis-Grossmayer Company, declared yesterday that the Standard Box & Lumber Company had in a previous adjustment been honorable in every way. He declared that the insurance of \$135,000 carried by the lumber company had been voluntarily reduced \$40,000 two weeks ago and that remaining was only \$95,000. Of this only \$15,000 was on the stock which was valued at between \$25,000 and \$40,000.

Losses were estimated yesterday at \$170,000 for the lumber company, \$90,000 for the Acme planing mills, and \$40,000 for Page & Son, commission merchants, a total of \$300,000. The Southern Pacific freight house and several boxcars in the yards, in addition to telephone and electric light lines, were damaged also.

Fire Marshal Stevens made an inspection of the company's premises in May and decided they were in unsafe condition.

### Fire Danger Is Cited.

Following is part of Marshal Stevens' letter to the company: "Floor around forge, basement of mill, also filling room, second floor of mill should be protected with fireproofing. These forges, together with one on the second floor of box factory, should be provided with fireproofing and vents. A large accumulation of sawdust was found in basement of sawmill, also on timbers and floor, basement of box factory. "There is a large accumulation of litter, old lumber, slashings and rubbish under dock at dry kiln and planing mill as well as other portions under dock. This space should be thoroughly cleaned out, and the practice of dumping sweepings and rubbish under same discontinued. "Only waste was found in several places in planing mill and sawmill. "Light wires were found in contact with sprinkler pipes in numerous places throughout plant. "The entire lighting system should be overhauled."

## VOTE COUNT BEGINS SOON

### City Auditor to Start Official Campaign of Election Monday.

The official count of the vote cast in the city election on Monday will be started by a force of men in the office of City Auditor Barbur Monday. It is expected that count can be completed within two days.

Due to the fact that the election officials in some of the precincts locked the official tally sheets in the ballot boxes, Auditor Barbur had to secure permission of the Council yesterday to open the boxes. This will be done Monday when the count started. As soon as the Auditor counts the votes he will make an announcement all measures passed will go into effect except those in which a later date is designated.

## CARS CRUSH FIRE CAPTAIN

### Frank A. Zellner Injured When Auto Sideswipes Another.

Crushed between two automobiles at Union avenue and East Stark street yesterday afternoon, Captain Frank A. Zellner, of Engine Company No. 23, was injured. He was taken to the Good Samaritan Hospital in an unconscious condition, but revived there sufficiently to be taken home. There were possibly internal injuries, but Captain Zellner's condition is not serious. The fire captain was standing on the running board of the automobile of Fire Marshal Jay Stevens when the machine was sideswiped by another automobile, catching him between the two.

## JULY 4 PLANS IN DOUBT

### No Committee Appointed to Solicit Funds at Vancouver.

VANCOUVER, Wash., June 9.—(Special.)—For the first time in many years the Fourth of July will not be celebrated in Vancouver, it is probable. The Council was willing to assist any committee in holding a celebration, and the Vancouver Commercial Club talked of the matter, but did not appoint a committee to solicit funds. Sentiment seems to be in favor of waiting until September, when the Columbia River Interstate Fair is to be held.

## B. S. JOSSELYN ON VISIT

### Former Head of Street Railway Company May Return to Stay.

B. S. Josselyn, ex-president of the Portland Railway, Light & Power Com-

pany, returned to Portland yesterday after an absence of nearly two years, and will remain here for several weeks to visit his parents and to attend to private business. Mr. Josselyn now is living in Chicago, where he is engaged in business. He retains his residence in Portland, however, and has intentions of returning here sometime to live permanently. He still owns his former home on Mount Tabor, which he proposes to sell or to trade for farm land. It is understood that he has been offered a ranch in Josephine County in part payment for the place. "Business in the East is good," he comments, "but I don't quite expect it to get better in the Northwest until after the war." Mr. Josselyn has been mentioned as a possible appointee as manager of the Chamber of Commerce, but denies that he is a candidate.

## JITNEYS ASK INJUNCTION

### SUIT FILED TO PREVENT MAYOR FROM ENFORCING ORDINANCE.

### Council Is Scored and Measure Declared Unconstitutional in Complaint Entered by Defeated Candidate.

Suit to break the city ordinance passed at Monday's election regulating jitney buses was filed in County Clerk Coffey's office yesterday by ex-Representative A. W. Lafferty, defeated candidate for City Commissioner. Mr. Lafferty made his campaign on a "jitney platform."

A. A. Thielke, George R. Barker and W. J. Christensen are plaintiffs in the suit. It asks an injunction against Mayor Albee, commanding him not to enforce the jitney ordinance on grounds that it is unconstitutional.

In the complaint Mr. Lafferty deposes a little into politics and scores the City Council for some of its actions. The Council, he says, "applied to the Oregon system of direct legislation the principle of gag rule that corrupt machine politicians have for decades applied to representative legislation when bills are brought in under gag rules cutting off all power of amendment."

He alleges that the Council passed the ordinance and then repealed it when it was found a referendum petition was being circulated. Then, says the complaint, the Council ordered the measure put on the ballot less than 30 days before the election, whereas the state law provides that the measure must not be voted on until 30 days have elapsed. Then, in the words of the complaint, the Council "deliberately, unlawfully and wickedly" refused to authorize the City Auditor to mail publicity pamphlets giving arguments pro and con on the measures. Besides this, says Mr. Lafferty's complaint, it is unconstitutional because it deprives the "litigants" of their property without due process of law, and because it is class legislation. Mayor Albee was served with a copy of the complaint yesterday. The suit has not yet been assigned to a department of the Circuit Court.

## SIX SUE FOR DIVORCES

### Actress Charges Husband Hugged Others to Hurt Her Feelings.

Clara C. Robertson, actress, yesterday filed suit for divorce from E. A. Robertson, actor, to whom she was married in San Francisco two years ago. She asks to resume her maiden name, Clara Woodwin. She charges that Robertson hugged and kissed other members of the troupe with which they both were working and that he did it deliberately to injure her feelings.

Four other wives yesterday sought divorces, and one husband asked separation. The suits were Gertrude L. Turner against Thomas G. Turner, cruelty; Tirzah Bigham against Amos A. Bigham, cruelty; Gladys Booney against George Booney, cruelty and conviction of a felony; Edie A. Nickell against Edgar E. Nickell, cruelty; George E. Jeffery against Lottie Dorothy Jeffery for divorce, charging cruelty and desertion.

## BIGAMY SUSPECT IS HELD

### Deputy Sheriff Leaves to Bring Fugitive From California.

James E. Wallingford, who has three aliases, was arrested yesterday by the Sheriff at Wood, Cal., on telegraphic instructions from Sheriff Hurburt. Deputy Sheriff Phillips left last night to bring Wallingford back to answer to an indictment charging non-support, and possibly to a charge of bigamy.

Under the name of James E. McCord, it is alleged, Wallingford married a Mrs. Peterson in Portland. Later they separated and Wallingford, under his own name, married a girl in Tacoma. He brought her to Portland and went to work for a factory. His wife learned, it is alleged, his alias and that there was a Mrs. McCord. The Sheriff at Wood reports Mrs. McCord

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followed Wallingford and is at a hotel in that city.

**Man Saving Horse Is Kicked.**

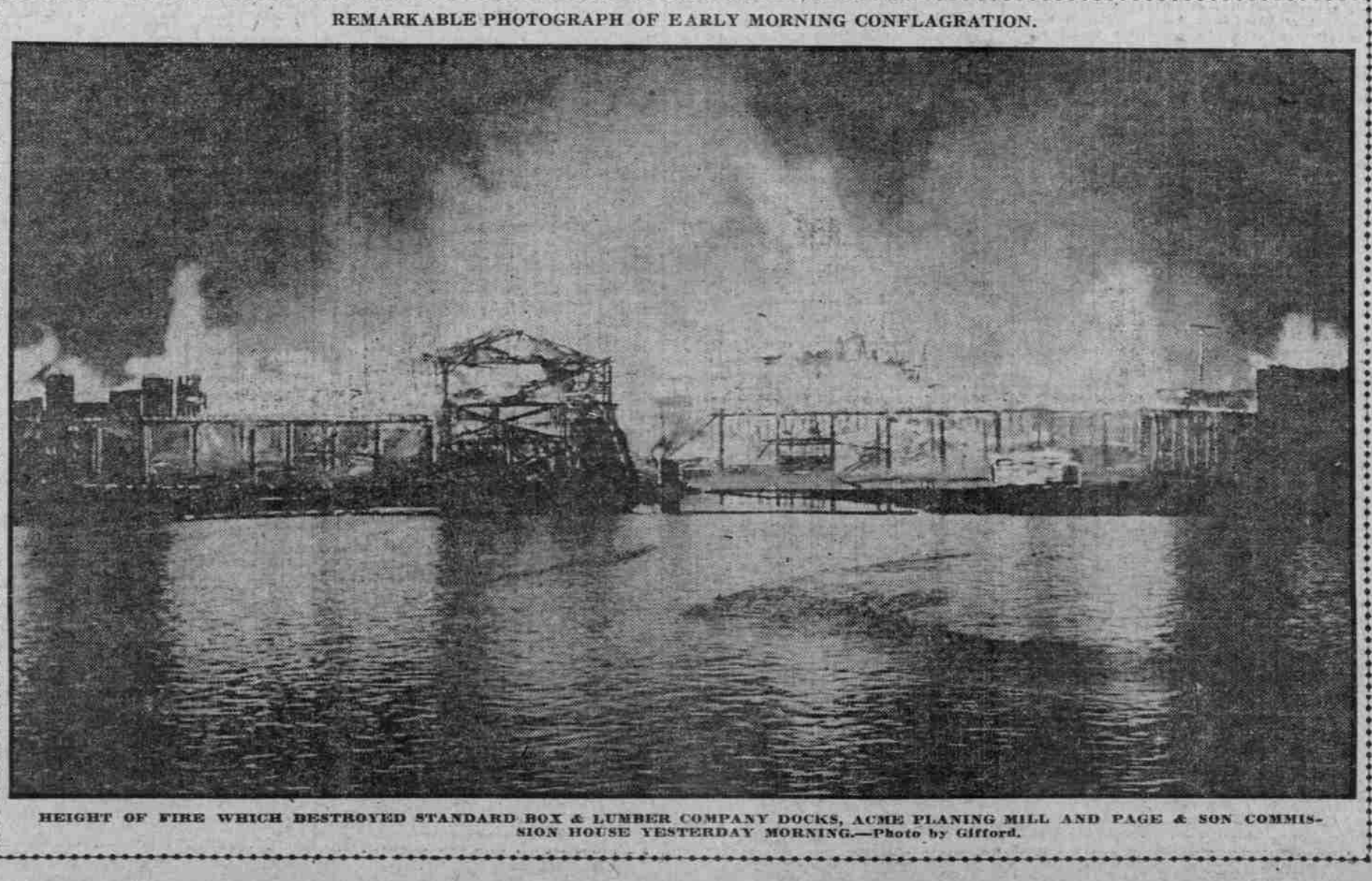
William R. (Billy) Smyth, son of R. J. Smyth, 671 East Gilliam street, was kicked by a horse which he was leading from a burning stable during the fire on the East Side yesterday morning.

Smyth was on his way home, with a friend, James Burke, when he saw that the horses were in danger. With Burke and several policemen, Smyth rushed into the stables and began leading the horses out. As he was crossing the railroad tracks with the last of the rescued horses Smyth tripped on a rail and fell. The horse was frightened and kicked him. He was taken to St. Vincent's Hospital, with possible internal injuries.


Smyth is 20 years old. He is a member of Multnomah Club.

**Young Logger Drowns.**

ASTORIA, Or., June 9.—(Special.)—Ernest Herlitz, a young man employed by the Oregon Timber & Logging Company's camp near Parsons, was drowned about 5 o'clock last evening while engaged in building a raft. Several of his companions saw the young man fall overboard and all hastened to give assistance. The body was recovered within a short time. A message was sent to this city and a pulmotor was hastened to the scene on a special train, but all efforts to revive the young man were in vain.



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