



LUMBER FIRE LOSS IS NEAR \$100,000

Emerson Hardwood Co. Yard Burns.

BLAZE STARTS IN DRY KILN

Two City Fireboats Aid in Gaining Control of Flames.

ORIENTAL WOOD CONSUMED

Fire Starts 12:05 and Is Practically Under Control by 1:20—James Carl, Night Watchman, Sounds First Alarm.

Damage of probably \$100,000 to \$150,000 was caused to the plant of the Emerson Hardwood Company, at Twentieth and North Front streets, at 1 o'clock this morning.

The fire broke out in a dry kiln at 12:05 o'clock. One block of the yards burned.

It was estimated that 200,000 feet of hardwood lumber had been destroyed. It was valued at \$50 to \$150 a thousand feet, according to the grades of wood.

Iron Foundry Endangered.

The plant was located in North Portland between the Willamette Iron & Steel Works and the Eastern & Western Lumber Company, on the waterfront.

The Eastern & Western plant was not in any danger at 1 o'clock, but the firemen began playing water on the iron works.

The Northern Pacific owl train, leaving Portland at 12:30 o'clock was halted by the fire.

The fire was most spectacular, being visible through the mist from nearly every part of the city.

Flames Believed Under Control.

The blaze was practically under control shortly before 3 o'clock.

Oriental Woods Consumed.

In the yards were thousands of feet of teakwood, Eastern white oak, Siberian oak, maple, ash and other expensive lumber. It was reported that a great quantity of less valuable lumber was destroyed also.

Practically every available piece of fire apparatus was on the scene, several alarms having been sounded.

The fireboats David Campbell and the George H. Williams aided in fighting the flames from the river.

James Carl, watchman, discovered the blaze in one of the dry kilns.

Superintendent Lists Losses.

At 1:30 o'clock this morning J. C. Probuska, superintendent, listed the losses as follows:

Seven dry kilns, three staining sheds, large quantities of table tops, veneer, high-class flooring and numerous other classes of finished products.

Mr. Probuska said that it was impossible to give a definite estimate of the damage in dollars and cents, as the finished products varied in value.

He estimated that there were 400,000 feet of high-grade seasoned hardwood lumber in the plant and that about half of it was destroyed.

The planing and saw mills were saved.

The firemen did good work and at the north end of the yards prevented a threatened spread of the flames.

Insurance Covers All Losses.

Mr. Hutton, the secretary and manager of the company, is visiting in San Francisco.

Insurance of about \$200,000 was carried on the plant and stock, according to reports, and it was thought that the greater part of the loss would be covered.

Much of the finished product was ready for shipment.

Chief Engineer T. J. Harper estimated the loss at about \$100,000 while Superintendent Probuska thought it might reach \$150,000.

On the north side of the grounds lumber estimated at from 100,000 to 200,000 feet was saved by the firemen.

INFANT ON TRACK. SAVED BY MOTHER

WOMAN ROLLS FROM BEFORE ONRUSHING TRAIN.

Horrified Husband, Witness of Occurrence, Rushes Up to Find His Loved One Unharmed.

ALBANY, Or., Dec. 27.—(Special.)—Mrs. Ned Galloway all but lost her life this morning, when, with a speeding locomotive only a few feet away, she desperately pushed her small baby off the railroad track to a place of safety and then managed to roll herself off the right of way in the opposite direction just in time to escape the grinding wheels of the big engine.

She had been hurrying down the track to Linn Station, a flag stop near Brownsville, where her husband was waiting to step the train, when, breathless and exhausted from running while carrying her babe, she stumbled and fell on the track.

As she lay there half dazed, horrified-stricken in the thought that the baby had been hurt by the fall, she looked up to see the rushing engine almost on top of her. Frantically she pushed her little one over the rail to a place of safety and then, with an almost superhuman effort, rolled off the track on the opposite side. Her husband, who had been an agonized witness and believed her killed, rushed to the scene to find her in a faint but safe from injury.

GERMANY DRAWS TIGHTER

Further Restrictions Placed on Americans and Other Neutrals.

THE HAGUE, via London, Dec. 27.—Americans and other neutrals are further restricted from entering Germany under new regulations issued by the German Foreign Office.

To obtain a visa of his passport, the holder will be compelled to proceed personally to the German diplomatic consular office and provide two photographs for filing, similar to that affixed to the passport, and also show birth or naturalization certificate. The holder of the passport must prove the urgency of his journey, private or a business nature, and submit his business papers.

WAR ARMEN NOT CITIZENS

American on Furlough From French Army Won't Be Interned.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—State Department officials indicated today that no action would be taken on demands for the internment of Elliott Cowdin, Norman Prince and William Thaw, three Americans now home on furlough from the French army, where they are serving as aviators.

The department probably will take the position that when the three men joined the army forces of a foreign power they renounced their American citizenship and entered this country as soldiers unarmed.

SKATING ACCIDENT FATAL

Son of Harney County School Principal Drowned Near Burns.

BAKER, Or., Dec. 27.—(Special.)—As the result of a skating accident on the Silver River, near Burns, Robert, the 12-year-old son of Professor M. Shirk, principal of the Harney County School, is dead at his home here. The boy, with three other lads, went to the river to skate, and Shirk and a companion named Horton broke through the ice.

The Horton boy was rescued by his older brother, and while this rescue was being accomplished young Shirk was drowned.

The Chronicle editorially protests against "intriguers and wire pullers" who contemplate the desperate and (Continued on Page 2, Column 2.)

7 PROVINCES IN REVOLT

Chinese Military Leaders Active in Support of Rebellion.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 27.—A cablegram received today by Tong King Chong, president of the Chinese Republic Association, from revolutionary leaders in Shanghai said that a total of seven provinces have declared themselves against the new Chinese monarchy.

In response to telegrams sent to military leaders in the provinces by the Shanghai headquarters, it was said the active support of the revolution was promised.

MRS. EDDY'S SON IS DEAD

Offspring of Christian Science Church Founder Passes at 72.

SIoux CITY, Ia., Dec. 27.—George W. Glaver, 72 years old, only son of the late Mary Baker Eddy, head of the Christian Science Church, died at his home near Lead, S. D., today.

Glaver attracted much attention before his mother's death by instituting a suit in Massachusetts to obtain a part of her fortune. He was awarded approximately \$250,000 after her death. He was not a Christian Scientist.

'GAS' RISE TO BE PROBED

Government to Learn if Anti-Trust Law Has Been Violated.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—Officials of the Department of Justice said tonight that the continued rise in the price of gasoline probably would be made the subject of an inquiry to determine whether there had been any violation of the Sherman anti-trust act.

No formal complaints have reached Washington so far.

BRITISH CABINET IS TORN ASUNDER

Conscription Discussion Causes Break.

SITUATION IS NEAR CRISIS

David Lloyd George Threatens to Resign Post.

OPINIONS DIFFER GREATLY

Lord Kitchener and Andrew Bonar-Law Only Two Members Who Yet Have Not Made Position Clear.

LONDON, Dec. 28.—That the proceedings of the British Cabinet have not been going smoothly is seen in the fact that after a two hours' sitting yesterday the council was obliged to adjourn until today, no decision on conscription having been reached and the discussion having revealed great differences of opinion.

The Times' Parliamentary correspondent asserts that the position is undeniably delicate and may become critical today unless handled with firmness and decision.

The Daily Mail announces that Andrew Bonar-Law, Secretary for the Colonies, and Lord Kitchener, the War Minister, have not yet made their position clear, while A. J. Balfour, First Lord of the Admiralty, resolutely opposes conscription, in which he is supported by a majority of the Ministers. But David Lloyd George, the Marquis of Lansdowne, Earl Curzon, Sir Frederick Smith, J. Austen Chamberlain, Walter Hume Long and the Earl of Selborne advocate immediate conscription.

Lloyd George's Position Clear.

Mr. Lloyd George, the Mail adds, made his position clear to Premier Asquith in a message intimating that unless Mr. Asquith's pledge to married men be kept in the strictest sense, he could not continue as a member of the government.

His threat to resign is based on whether or not the Premier expects to adhere strictly to his pledge to apply conscription to unmarried "blacklers" if they fail to present themselves for attestation under Lord Derby's recruitment scheme.

The Morning Post, equally with the Times and the Daily Mail, anti-conscriptionist papers, sees the possibility of several Cabinet resignations or the other alternative, a general election.

Crisis Is Fanned.

The Morning Telegraph and the Chronicle, anti-conscription organs, also are apprehensive of a crisis or a general election.

The Chronicle editorially protests against "intriguers and wire pullers" who contemplate the desperate and (Continued on Page 2, Column 2.)

GIANT SUBMARINES ARE LIKELY SOON

FIVE OF 2000 TONS FOR AMERICA ARE PROPOSED.

Craft Would Be Added First Year, 25 Other Smaller Ones Following in Five Years.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—Sea-going submarines of 2000 tons displacement probably soon will be sought for the American Navy, as a result of lessons learned by the European war and recent maneuvers of the Atlantic fleet. It is possible, it was learned tonight, that the first five submarines included in the Administration's five-year building programme will approach this size, although the estimates submitted were based on boats of the 1200-ton class.

In contrast to this development of a type of giant submarine naval officers are inclined to believe the coast defense boats will be standardized at about 400 ton displacement. The sphere of action of these boats is limited to 100 miles.

Twenty-five smaller submarines are included in the Administration programme for this year at an estimated cost of between \$400,000 and \$700,000 each. The estimate would provide for vessels of 500 to 700 tons displacement, increasing the size of the fleet of submarines and decreasing that of the smaller boats.

Virtually all sea-going flag officers and the commissioned personnel generally of the submarine flotillas are said to favor building larger craft for sea work.

ESTATE GOES TO CHARITY

Mrs. John D. Rockefeller Leaves Property Worth \$1,490,471.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Mrs. Laura S. Rockefeller, wife of John D. Rockefeller, who died last March, left an estate valued at \$1,490,471, according to the appraisal filed today in the Surrogate's Court.

The bulk of the estate, as announced when the will was probated, goes to charitable and educational institutions. The estate consists mainly of railroad bonds and does not include any stock in the Standard Oil Company.

Mrs. Rockefeller's wedding ring, which she bequeathed to her son, John D. Rockefeller, Jr., is appraised at \$2. Her most valuable piece of jewelry, a diamond watch chain, valued at \$12,000, goes to her daughter, Mrs. Edith McCormick. The most valuable pieces of wearing apparel listed in the appraisal are a seal coat and muff, valued at \$150. Fifteen suits are appraised at \$200 and 10 hats at \$50.

DREAM FORETELLS LOSSES

Woman Accused of Dodging Bills Gives Phonograph as Bond.

"I dreamed Saturday night that Emma Davis was going to leave my house without paying me," declared Mrs. Dora Harmon to Constable Walnberger and others about the Court-house yesterday.

She had Emma Davis arrested for leaving unpaid \$11 in room rent and a \$3 laundry bill, according to the complaint filed in the District Court.

Mrs. Davis was brought to the Court-house and held there until she gave bond or its equivalent. A \$25 phonograph was finally accepted as collateral for the bond.

RAILWAY TRAFFIC RECORDS BROKEN

Export Shipments Jump to \$313,000,000.

OCTOBER 1912 IS SURPASSED

Former Mark Bettered by About \$7,000,000.

EXPENSES SHOW INCREASE

Striking as Gross Seems Against Poor Showing of Recent Years, Feature Is Growth Only Slightly More Than 2 Per Cent.

CHICAGO, Dec. 27.—(Special.)—All records in the history of railroad traffic were broken in October, when the flood of export shipments for Europe, coupled with the unusual peak of Autumn activity, gross revenues of United States railways were carried to a total of more than \$313,000,000.

Simultaneously, for the first time in almost two years, expenses recorded an increase over the year before. These are features of interest for the month compiled for roads which operated mileage of more than 250,000 miles, omitting the smaller roads.

October, 1912, the previous record month, reported a total of about \$295,000,000. The record this is beaten by about \$17,000,000. Striking as this October gross seems against the poor earnings of recent years, it is noteworthy that the growth in three years since October, 1912, was only slightly more than 2 per cent.

Since then about 7500 miles of operated mileage have been added. Normal growth in traffic, with which single exceptional months cannot wholly be compared, is considered about 8 per cent a year.

Abnormal conditions in expenses, which left in September a record-breaking net revenue, continued in October and another new high point for net was set at nearly \$120,000,000, over \$7,000,000 above September's record.

RAILROAD TONNAGE GROWS

November Earnings of Union Pacific and Atchafson Show Increase.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—November earnings of the Union Pacific and Atchafson, Topeka & Santa Fe railroads, published today, indicate the enormous tonnage movement for that month in the West and along the Pacific Coast.

The Union Pacific gross earnings amounted to \$9,235,000, an increase of \$1,797,000 over the corresponding month of 1914, with net earnings of \$2,825,000, an increase of \$1,647,000.

The Atchafson gross earnings aggregated \$12,050,000, an increase of \$1,383,000, the net aggregate, \$6,828,000, an increase of \$1,142,000.

SERBIAN KING FLEES THROUGH BLIZZARD

EXILED MONARCH UNABLE TO PAY FOR LODGINGS.

Flight Is Made by Helpless Royal Refugee on Horse With Guard of Only Three.

BERLIN, via London, Dec. 27.—The Tagblatt's Sofia correspondent dramatically describes the flight of King Peter of Serbia through Albania as told by an Albanian physician in a letter to a friend at Udup.

The physician reached a miserable little Albanian village during a furious snow storm. At the very height of the storm four cavalymen appeared.

Two of the riders almost tenderly lifted a third man from his horse and bore him to a house, while the fourth brought up the rear guard with boxes of provisions.

The physician, who had come to watch the actions of the strangers, recognized in the apparently sick man King Peter of Serbia.

As his companions prepared the semblance of a bed for him, the King, haggard, groaning, thanked them, but declined food. One of his companions, probably a physician, forced the King to take a little liquid nourishment, after which the whole party sat for a time in gloomy silence, then made a pretense at sleeping. They resumed the journey before daylight.

PARIS, Dec. 27.—King Peter arrived at Avlona on a Italian cruiser. The King was carried ashore in an armchair. The Journal's correspondent reported that the exiled monarch said he had no money to pay for a room.

RARE DUCK SPECIMEN HERE

Kalama Farmer Sends Quack Bird to Find Out What It Is.

William L. Finley, State Biologist, received a rare bird yesterday, a new acquisition for the state's collection at Reed College.

The bird was a duck, an "Old Squa Duck" or "Long-Tailed Duck," as it is variously called. Its distinctive character is a bill with two long, narrow feathers, as though trimmed to the quill by a milliner for a fashionable hat. The colors are a striking combination of black and white about the body and neck.

The duck was caught and sent to Mr. Finley by John Scott, of Kalama, Wash., who wanted to know what it was.

DREDGE NORTH BANK SINKS

Two Men Aboard When Vessel Is Wrecked Near Grays Harbor.

The dredge North Bank, with two men aboard, on her way from the Columbia River to Seattle in tow of the tug Wallula, was lost at sea about six miles south of Grays Harbor last night.

The news was received in a wireless message to Ed Wright, manager of the Port of Portland, sent by Captain Reed, of the Wallula, at 11 o'clock last night.

Beyond saying that the dredge had been lost because of the terrific gale at sea, and noting the position of the disaster, Captain Reed gave no details. He asked that Grays Harbor be notified.

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IRRIGATION MEET COMMENCES TODAY

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JONES BILL PRINCIPAL TOPIC

State Co-operation in Guarantee of Securities Desired.

400 DELEGATES EXPECTED

Congress Will Be Called to Order at 10 o'Clock by President Asa B. Thompson and Mayor Albee Will Welcome Visitors.

With no session of the Legislature pending to direct attention to immediate needs for state legislation, the fifth annual Oregon Irrigation Congress, which will open this morning at the Imperial Hotel, will concentrate its energies on consideration of proposed Federal legislation.

The chief phase of the irrigation question that will be before the congress will be the irrigation district and methods of financing projects initiated under the system of irrigation districts.

Jones Bill of Prime Importance.

Of cardinal importance in this consideration will be the Jones bill, pending before the United States Congress, which aims to provide for the guarantee by the Government of interest on irrigation bonds for the first five years.

"It is almost a foregone conclusion that the Irrigation Congress will adopt resolutions endorsing the Jones bill and urging its passage," said Asa B. Thompson, of Eola, president of the Irrigation Congress, and his remark was echoed by James Kyle, of Stanfield; F. N. Wallace, of Tumalo, and nearly all of the leading delegates who arrived yesterday for the convention.

Security for Capital Great Need.

"The great problem now," says Mr. Thompson, "is to put the securities of an irrigation district on a footing where they will sell readily, and the surest way of doing this appears to be either to provide for the state or the Federal Government to underwrite them."

In its activities this year, the Congress hopes to accomplish as much in the Federal field, comparatively, as it accomplished in the state field last year, when practically all of its major recommendations were adopted and incorporated in legislation by the State Legislature.

Remedial Amendments Desired.

In the consideration of state legislation this year, however, the Congress will confine itself probably to the completion of some of the remedial alterations in the statute bearing on irrigation that were passed at the last session of the State Legislature.

Tomorrow will be devoted entirely to the irrigation district and the consideration of its development and financing and legislation affecting it.

Supplementary to the idea of the Jones bill, providing for the underwriting of irrigation bonds by the Government, is a plan that has been introduced by the Central Oregon Irrigation Congress, which met at Redmond, December 21, and which has sent its delegation to the Oregon Congress, prepared to introduce and support the plan.

State Aid Is Desired.

This measure proposes state legislation providing for the underwriting of irrigation bonds by the state as well as the Federal Government. The Central Oregon delegation recommends that this be presented to the voters as an initiative measure.

Among the supporters of this plan who arrived in the delegation yesterday were Fred N. Wallace, of Tumalo, secretary of the Congress; H. W. Gard and A. N. Anderson, of Madras, the latter a member of the Oregon Legislature.

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COLUMBIA RIVER HIGHWAY AMERICA'S GREATEST BOULEVARD

The Columbia River Highway is considered by world travelers to be the greatest boulevard in America and not surpassed by any highway project in Europe, either in scenic beauties or construction standards.

This great project will be especially featured in the New Year's edition of The Oregonian. A 12-page pictorial section will present striking views of the highway and, in addition, there will be special articles describing the scenic features of the boulevard.

Before the European War American tourists spent \$500,000,000 annually abroad. Never before was there such an opportunity for Oregon to secure a large proportion of the tourist trade.

Copies of the Annual Oregonian sent to your Eastern friends and relatives will help Oregon to "harvest the biggest tourist crop" in its history next year.

