

STORM HEIGHTENS DANGERS OF FIRES

Blaze Drives 11 Lodgers Into Snow and Three Firemen Suffer From Cold.

RESCUER DROPS 15 FEET

Attempt to Thaw Out Pipes by Use of Blow-Torch Succeeds, but House Is Burned Down. Much Apparatus Useless.

Portland faces a grave fire situation, the seriousness of which was expressed yesterday by Fire Chief Dowell in the explanation:

"For heaven's sake, be careful! The snow has put half of Portland's fire fighting equipment nearly out of commission. The apparatus represented by the apparatus drawn by more than 100 horses. Only the 21 automobile trucks are really available for efficient service.

A big fire would tie up a large part of the city's equipment, even if the department could reach the scene of the fire in time. Chief Dowell last night kept all men on duty, hurrying nights off to all who usually are off on Wednesday night.

From all over the city yesterday came small alarms resulting from over-heated stoves, caused beyond their capacity to meet the unusual weather conditions.

Home Equipment of Little Avail. "It's a bad situation," continued Chief Dowell. "The home equipment is almost out of service—it takes over these things the moment the alarm is given. The fire is as before, and the slippery streets are dangerous to the lives of both men and horses.

"Portland is taking more precautions. They are filling the stoves up with paper, a chimney fire results, and then someone turns in an alarm. The department must respond to this as if it were a big fire, entailing the most severe risks, and while the apparatus is gone a big fire may break out.

"The Rose City Park and Laurelhurst there are drifts three or four feet deep, that have stalled streets and traffic, and that would completely block the fire apparatus.

"The Wood Away From Stoves. "Keep wood away from the stove—It's a common thing to find that people build a wood fire with wood piled close up against the stove. Or, if the pipes in the basement are close up against the ceiling, cover them with asbestos or tin before firing up.

"And don't thaw out pipes with blow torches or flames. Use hot water."

R. A. Hanson, at 1254 Broadway, undertook to thaw out the pipes in the basement at 419 yesterday morning by a blow torch. He thawed the pipes but burned down the house. It was owned by J. W. Holman. The loss was more than \$10,000.

Fire Drives Out Into Cold. An over-heated furnace at 12 North Sixteenth street at 419 the morning yesterday morning endangered the lives of 11 occupants of the lodging-house conducted by Mrs. Gertrude Denny, driving them all into a blinding snow storm in their bare feet and night clothes, and causing \$2500 loss.

At this fire three firemen were struck with water with the temperature there suffered severely from cold.

Edward Burfield, living in the rear of the third floor, was about to escape out. He remembered a ladder which he had used to enter several months ago when locked out, and carried his flashlight out on the roof and down the ladder to safety. But the top rung broke as he was carrying his wife down, and both fell 15 feet to the ground, clad only in night clothes. A bank of snow broke their fall, and prevented serious injury. Both were badly bruised.

One Flank Way Out of House. John Kavanah, living in the attic, found his window frozen shut, so with his handskerchief over his mouth, fought his way through the smoke down two flights of stairs.

Nathan Martin, who smokes at this fire, was rescued when carried out by H. B. Fisher, of Sixteenth and Hoyt streets, who had rushed to the scene, reaching the house in a heavy coat. Henry D. Buchanan, William Clark and Chris Anderson were among the others to escape with nothing but their lives, losing all personal effects.

Mrs. Denny saved a small amount of clothing. Three fire companies responded to this alarm.

A defective fire combined with a heavy fire in the furnace caused \$500 loss at 225 Sixth street at 7:10 yesterday in an attic fire that burned off the top of the roof.

Two No. 2 gas stoves in the snow at Fourth and Main streets in response to this fire, and the accident proved a terrific ordeal to the struggle.

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FUEL FAMINE NEAR

Dealers Are Swamped and Deliver Under Difficulties.

WOOD SHIPMENTS BLOCKED

Motor Trucks and Teams Work All Night Leaving Part Orders to Tide Over Until Regular Service Is Resumed.

Portland faces a fuel famine and, if the present weather continues, the situation of public safety, whose dealers about the city, who are swamped for days ahead with unfilled orders. During the past three days orders have more than doubled, but the snow has made deliveries almost impossible.

Farmers are unable to get the fuel out in the woods to shipping points, and supplies of coal are short with many dealers. The winter, say the dealers, has been one of the most severe in years from a fuel standpoint, and thousands who stocked up in the fall for the winter find their cellars empty already, and are unable to get more fuel.

Wood dealers had teams working all last night in an effort to supply hurry calls for immediate need, and several companies sent out last night motor trucks loaded with short wood, going from house to house with portions of wood sufficient to last a day, or until regular deliveries are made.

Hundreds Are Suffering. With a shortage of fuel staring the city in the face, hundreds of families are suffering intensely from the cold. Several have been forced to leave their homes, and many are suffering from the effects of the cold, and the other organizations are taxed to capacity to handle the influx of appeals.

The people suffering are those hidden away and who have to be searched out," declared Mrs. Baldwin yesterday afternoon. "They are people living on the edge of the city, who do not know which way to turn for help, even should they be found."

Miss Faye Meyers, acting secretary of the Associated Charities, tells of her work during the past few days, many of which cannot be filled. Yesterday and the day before 27 loads went out from this office, and they did not begin to fill the orders.

Dealers' Charity Hampered. The wood companies have been taking care of many poor families, but the weather of the past few days has so swamped them with orders and so hindered their deliveries that the charity work finds a smaller place.

In finding wood for a destitute family in St. Johns yesterday, in which the Mrs. Denny case was born three days ago, Mrs. Baldwin was obliged to call seven wood companies before one would take her order, even though the wood is to be paid for.

"The snow has knocked the fuel business in the head," was the way a dealer expressed it yesterday, "for we can't make deliveries. It takes four extra horses and two extra men to handle an ordinary load."

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(1) Snow Pile of Portland Railway. Light & Power Company in Action. (2) Pedestrian Travel Was Difficult Despite Uniquely of the "Men With the Shovel." (3) "This is the Life." (4) Traffic Policeman at Fifth and Morrison Was Proof Against the Cold.

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CAN'T FIND DANDRUFF

Every bit of dandruff disappears after one or two applications of Dandruff Rubbed into the scalp with the finger tips. Get a 25-cent bottle of Dandruff at any drug store and save your hair. After a few applications you can find a particle of dandruff or any falling hair, and the scalp will never itch.

LOOK AT CHILD'S TONGUE IF SICK, CROSS, FEVERISH

Hurry, Mother! Remove Poisons From Little Stomach, Liver, Bowels.

Give "California Syrup of Figs" at Once if Bilious or Constipated.



Look at the tongue, mother! If coated, even to the roots, it means that little one's stomach, liver and bowels need a gentle, thorough cleansing at once.

When peevish, cross, listless, pale, doesn't sleep, doesn't eat, isn't happy, is feverish, stomach sour, breath bad; has stomach-ache, sore throat, diarrhoea, full of cold, give a teaspoonful of "California Syrup of Figs" and in a few hours all the foul, constipated waste, undigested food and sour bile gently moves out of the little bowels without gripping, and you have a happy child again.

You needn't coax sick children to take this harmless "Fruit Laxative"; they love its delicious taste, and it always makes them feel splendid.

Ask your druggist for a 50-cent bottle of "California Syrup of Figs," which has directions for babies, children of all ages and for grown-ups plainly on the bottle. Beware of counterfeits sold here. To be sure you get the genuine, ask to see that it is made by "California Fig Syrup Company." Refuse any other kind with contempt.

ITCHING BURNING PIMPLES ON FACE

Also Blotches. So Severe Irritated Parts by Scratching. Very Annoying. In Six Months

HEALED BY CUTICURA SOAP AND OINTMENT

"I had a case of skin trouble that was pretty bad. It came out in pimples and blotches and would itch and burn and cause me to awake in the night. The itching and burning were so severe that I irritated the affected parts by scratching. They were principally on my face and were very annoying.

"After so many speaking favorably of Cuticura Soap and Ointment I decided to try them. I noticed great relief after having used a quarter of a box of Cuticura Ointment together with the Soap and in nearly six months I was healed." (Signed) Leader S. Covert, 209 Lafayette Blvd., Detroit, Mich., Sept. 1, 1915.

Sample Each Free by Mail

With 32-p. Skin Book on request. Address post-card "Cuticura, Dept. T, Boston." Sold throughout the world.

AT ONCE! STOPS STOMACH MISERY AND INDIGESTION

Instant Relief From Sourness, Gas, Heartburn, Acidity, Dyspepsia.

"Pape's Diapepsin" Is Quickest and Surest Stomach Relief Known.

Wonder what upset your stomach— which portion of the food did the damage—do you? Well, don't bother. If your stomach is in a revolt, if sour, gassy and upset, and what you just ate has fermented into stubborn lumps; head dizzy and aches; belch gases and acids and eructate undigested food; breath foul; a man in nearly six minutes you wonder what became of the indigestion and distress.

Millions of men and women today know that it is needless to have a bad stomach. A little Diapepsin occasionally keeps this delicate organ regulated and they eat their favorite foods without fear.

If your stomach doesn't take care of your liberal limit without rebellion; if your food is a damage instead of a help, remember the quickest, surest, most harmless relief is Pape's Diapepsin which costs only 50 cents for wonderful relief. It is a truly wonderful stomachic; it sets things straight, so gently and easily that it is really astonishing. Please, for your sake, don't go on and on with a worried, aching stomach; it's so unnecessary.—Adv.

JUDGE LANGGUTH HAPPY

Council Gets Thanks for Position Offered Unsolicited.

Arthur Langguth, who was appointed Municipal Judge several days ago, appeared before the City Council yesterday to express his thanks to the Council for his position which he said was all the more appreciated by reason of its having been given without solicitation.

"I am going to administer the position without fear or favor," he said. "I

SIDELIGHTS ON SNOW STORM

THE snow was hard for the old-fashioned horse as well as for the school boy and the traffic "cop," and as a result motor trucks were about as busy yesterday as the shovel and the snowplow.

Many Portland firms were compelled to take off their horse delivery wagons and recruit motor vehicles because horses couldn't make any headway. Long before noon the Multnomah Box & Lumber Company was compelled to take off its last team and substitute a motor truck.

Some of the pleasure cars had considerable difficulty in cutting through the streets, but as a general rule the automobiles, particularly the enclosed car, was the most sought-after means of conveyance in the city.

Perhaps the bravest motorist in Portland was H. S. Rodebaugh, who drove a Mitchell car out for a trip over the Columbia River highway to get pictures of that famous thoroughfare in its peary white robe.

Milk Inspector Stayer got out early yesterday, and collected a number of samples of milk from milkmen on their routes. When he showed up at the City Hall after riding about for an hour in his automobile the milk had frozen at various points of ice up one and two inches. The columns of frozen milk was topped off by the milk bottle cap.

City Attorney LaRoche said that some of his youngsters put cups of milk out and let it freeze, then put in some sugar and flavoring and had a good grade of ice cream.

Sunnyside Women's Christian Temperance Union will meet today at 2:30 o'clock with Mrs. E. H. Martin, 234 East Thirty-fourth street.

To the unemployed the Portland Railway Light & Power Company owes part of its success in keeping streetcar service open during the rush hours yesterday. At 2 o'clock yesterday the company called Commissioner Baker and asked if he could find 50 or 100 men. He got in touch at once with the municipal lodging-house and within less than an hour 51 men were on their way to various parts of the city to clear the streetcar tracks. They were kept busy all day.

R. W. Pickard, chief clerk in the traffic department of the North Bank Railroad was determined to get home last night, despite the fact that streetcar traffic to his neighborhood was suspended. He lives in Woodstock, and was informed by his wife, over the telephone early in the afternoon that if he wanted to get home he would have to walk. So he prepared to walk. He equipped himself with a pair of leggers' high-topped shoes, a pair of corduroy

trousers, a mackinaw coat and a fur cap. He rode on the car as far as he could and then started to walk. At last accounts he was still walking.

An East Side couple went to a party Tuesday night in their automobile. By the time the party broke up the snow had drifted around the machine so deep that they could not get started, so they stayed with their hosts all night. They finally dug the car out late yesterday morning. The couple got home in the early afternoon.

K. Z. Ferguson of the Alameda Investment Company, says it's no easy thing to accomplish these days to go to card parties in a nice snowfall and find, when the prize is won, that there is a fierce storm on and your automobile is frozen up so tightly that you have to pour kettles upon kettles of hot water into her pipes. It was in a blinding snowstorm that Mr. and Mrs. Ferguson attended the machine so deep that they could not get started, so they stayed with their hosts all night. They finally dug the car out late yesterday morning. The couple got home in the early afternoon.

Almost every Portlander was surprised yesterday to get a mail delivery, and many a postman received words of welcome and best wishes the like of which he hadn't heard since Christmas.

Some Irvington residents rode in the street cars yesterday. Some others walked. More waited for street cars; but no one rode in jitneys for some time run out to the Irvington district. Some cars went part way, and others transferred their passengers and turned about for town and left more Irvington residents waiting on the street corners, particularly those at the end of the line.

The snow kept the telephone companies' linemen busy.

Chilly conditions on the river for the past few days and the snow of yesterday brought about an innovation aboard the Harbor Patrol launch, there having been a nifty oil heater installed in the cockpit, so Harbormaster Speler can make his daily inspection trips through the harbor without having to "walk the deck" to keep warm. Canvas curtains rigged aft are far from being proof against chill winds, but with the heater working within, the cold is not so noticeable.

Carefully picking their way along in front of The Oregonian building an Eastern tourist and Mrs. Eastern Tourist suddenly slipped and, still clinging