

CONGRESS RUN IS TALE OF HEROISM

Crew Calm Passengers in Terrible Ordeal.

SAFETY IS BARELY REACHED

Captain on Bridge and Engineer Below in Fire Drive Ship to Anchorage.

HOT DECKS BURN FEET

Chief Steward Acts as Human Pulmotor and Saves Man Overcome by Smoke.

EUGENE, Or., Sept. 15.—Rescued persons from the steamer Congress arrived here tonight on a special train of 11 coaches, furnished by the Pacific Coast Steamship Company. They included 215 first-class and 39 steerage passengers, and 152 members of the crew, making a total of 406 persons.

A number who were rescued from the liner either remained at North Bend or left there on other trains.

After supper had been served here the train proceeded on its way to Seattle.

BY E. J. GRIFFITH.
(Correspondent at Portland for the Associated Press.)

MARSHFIELD, Or., Sept. 15.—The race against death of the Pacific Coast Steamship Company's liner Congress, when that steamship caught fire late Thursday, was one of the most stirring events in the history of Pacific Coast shipping, according to officers of the vessel here tonight.

As soon as the seriousness of the fire became known the ship's bow was turned toward Coos Bay with full steam ahead. Every member of the crew who could be spared from other duty was put to work fighting the flames, but, despite their efforts, the fire gained headway, and the smoke belched forth from every aperture in increasing volume.

Captain Calmly Directs.
On the bridge Captain Cousins, veteran navigator of the Pacific, stood calmly issuing orders and calling down reassurances to the terrified passengers.

Gradually the shroud of smoke from the racing ship became denser. Then Captain Cousins began to get reports of men being overcome below. Mrs. Margaret Reig, of New Orleans, suddenly feeling the soles of her feet burned by the blistering deck, became hysterical with terror.

"Madam, there is no danger," Captain Cousins called to her. "All of you will be landed safely."

Just as he spoke a sweating man appeared from below. "Chief Engineer Martland has disappeared," he reported, "and one of his assistants has been overcome."

"Find Martland," is order.

"Find Martland and keep full steam ahead," replied Cousins grimly.

Again and again he sent the order below for full steam ahead. Martland was found and brought unconscious to the bridge. He half way recovered after a time and started to return to the engine-room.

"Stay here, Martland," ordered Captain Cousins. "We can't go any farther, but I think we have won out, for there comes a ship."

At that moment the dredge Michie, which had turned toward the Congress, blew four blasts. Captain Cousins ordered three blasts in reply. The last of these almost failed to sound, for the steam was dying in the boilers. By that time the Congress had dropped anchor, and the lifeboats were lowered on the starboard side. The smoke was so thick that they could not be lowered on the port side.

Reassured by the approaching Michie and the nearness of land, the passengers became calm. Women and children were the first to enter the boats. One man was found hiding beneath the seat of a lifeboat as it was being lowered. A seaman roughly yanked him out.

Congress Smoking Volcano.
By the time the first boatload got away the Congress was a smoking volcano. All the passengers previously

T. R. LIKELY TO TOUR THIS COAST SOON

BOTH DEMOCRATS AND REPUBLICANS CLAIM STATES.

Victories of Poindexter and Johnson at Primaries Cited as Repudiation of Old Guard.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Sept. 15.—States most to the front in the political gossip of today are Washington and California, both Republican and Democratic National committees making claim to them as a result of the recent primaries in those states, and the elections, respectively, of Messrs. Poindexter and Johnson as Republican Senatorial candidates. The traveling correspondent of the Washington Star, telegraphing today from New York, says:

"The view of the Democratic National Committee as set forth in an official statement is that the renomination of Poindexter was a repudiation of Mr. Hughes' position on the tariff, and of the old guard element, by the Progressive Republicans of Washington."

"The phase of the situation in the Northwest created by the renomination of Poindexter probably will result in Roosevelt being sent into the state not only to help Mr. Hughes, but primarily to save the Republican Senatorial seat represented by Mr. Poindexter, since the contest for the Senate is exceedingly close."

"Also the Democrats are now contemplating making some effort in Washington, although heretofore they had about decided to do little there save let James Hamilton Lewis make some speeches."

Senator Borah formally opened the campaign at Baltimore tonight. He will speak at Wheeling, W. Va., on Tuesday, and then proceed home, making some speeches en route, arriving at Boise about October 1.

WINTER OPENS IN EAST

Ice Forms on Standing Water in Dakota and Frosts Hit Missouri.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Sept. 15.—The earliest frost for 15 years, according to weather bureau records, was felt last night throughout practically all of Kansas and North and Western Missouri.

At Hanover, Kan., during the night the minimum was 33 degrees. Little damage was reported.

SIOUX FALLS, S. D., Sept. 15.—Temperatures as low as 29 were reported in various parts of the state last night. A thin coating of ice was formed on standing water here.

Most of the corn is practically beyond danger, but melons, tomatoes and other garden stuff suffered.

OREGON HENS SET PACE

Agricultural College Entry in Egg-Laying Contest Climbing.

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, Sept. 15.—(Special.)—The pen of ten "Oregons" belonging to the college again headed the list for the 44th week of the fifth annual international egg-laying contest at Storrs, Conn. Their record was 55 eggs, as against 50 for the nearest competitor.

The average of the 1000 hens in the contest was 52.8.

The Oregons are now sixth for the full period of 44 weeks, having advanced one place during the week, and are only two eggs behind fifth place. The competition closes November 1.

WALNUT YIELD IS RECORD

Tree at Albany Estimated to Have 15 Bushels of Nuts.

ALBANY, Or., Sept. 15.—(Special.)—A walnut tree in the yard of the residence of L. E. Blain, a local merchant, will probably produce 15 bushels of nuts this year. The tree is so full of nuts that it attracts attention from all who pass it. It is by far the largest crop the tree has ever produced and a California man who saw it this week said that he had visited the walnut orchards of that state but had never seen a yield on any tree which would equal that of this one.

This tree is about 22 years old.

JITNEYS ASK NEW STATUS

Los Angeles Union Would Be Under Public Utilities Commission.

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 15.—The Los Angeles Motor Bus Union operating about seven-eighths of the 500 jitneys licensed here, asked today to be placed under the jurisdiction of the Public Utilities Commission and removed from that of the Police Commission, in a petition filed with the City Council.

There has been much friction between the jitney drivers and the police. The union is affiliated with similar bodies in San Francisco and Portland.

NOTE AHEAD OF SCHEDULE

Message From War Department, Carried by Auto, Reaches Spokane.

SPOKANE, Wash., Sept. 15.—The War Department's message, which is being relayed from Plymouth, Mass., to Seattle by automobile, was brought into Spokane at 5:18 o'clock P. M., two hours and 23 minutes ahead of schedule, and was immediately given to a driver, who will deliver it to Colfax. At Colfax the message is to be taken to Walla Walla.

The message is to be at Fort Lawton by 9 o'clock tomorrow morning.

GERMAN THIRD LINE SMASHED BY BRITISH

French Gain, Too, and Combles Is Pocketed.

ADVANCE IS ON 6-MILE FRONT

Three Towns Taken in Gain of Two Miles in Depth.

2300 PRISONERS CAPTURED

Attack Is Heaviest Delivered Since Drive Started in July and Assault Is Still in Progress.

BY ARTHUR S. DRAPER.
(War Correspondent for the New York Tribune. By Special Cable.)

LONDON, Sept. 15.—The British struck the heaviest blow today in the Somme offensive since its beginning July 14. The attack began at dawn and before it was completed Haig's line had been pushed forward along a six-mile front, penetrating in some places to two miles.

Through the third German line the British rush smashed.

The villages of Fiers, Martinpuich and Combles were carried by storm on the front from Pontiers to Ginchy and the greater part of Bouleaux and high woods, lying between.

2300 Prisoners Taken.
More than 2300 prisoners already have been taken, and according to late dispatches from the front, the assault is still in progress.

The Germans are making furious efforts to stem the British tide, but none of these counter thrusts had told. The British stroke today carried all the high ground between the stronghold and the Albert-Bapaume road, thus bringing Haig's line up to Foch's.

Meanwhile, the French continued the incessant battering and won 500 meters of trench north of Le Prieux farm, thus cutting off Combles from the east.

Artillery Fire Like Inferno.

The British advance was accompanied by an inferno of artillery fire. The shells poured out north of the Somme today mark another record in expenditure of ammunition.

Numerous air battles were fought, too, in the course of the charge. The British fliers brought down 13 of the enemy planes.

With the breaking of day, the attack was launched on the front from Bouleaux wood to the north of the Bapaume-Albert road. This marks the entire line of the British offensive in the last ten weeks.

The first effort was made against the ridge from Thiepval to Ginchy.

Resistance Is Fierce.

The thoroughness with which the artillery fire had been carried out

(Concluded on Page 4, Column 6.)

SALEM EDITOR IS BELIEVED DROWNED

LELAND A. HENDRICKS HAS NOT RETURNED TO BOATHOUSE.

Searching Parties Drag River for Body and Heart Trouble Thought to Have Claimed Victim.

SALEM, Or., Sept. 15.—(Special.)—Leland A. Hendricks, editor of the Oregon Daily Statesman, 25 years old, is believed to have lost his life by drowning in the Willamette River here today. Searching parties tonight were dragging the river on the city waterfront for the body.

Mr. Hendricks was last seen at Hendricks' boathouse about 4:35 P. M. His clothes were left in a boathouse locker. He was a poor swimmer and also had suffered at different times from heart trouble. It is feared he attempted to swim a short distance from the boathouse in the river instead of in the main tank, as was his custom, and that he suffered from heart trouble. Attached to the boathouse say they heard no cry for help. Mr. Hendricks was graduated from the University of Oregon in 1915. While at the University he was editor of the Emerald, the University publication, and president of the student body. He was born in Salem, Or. He is a son of R. J. Hendricks, owner and publisher of the Oregon Statesman.

City Grappler Hugh J. Brady left early this morning for Salem to make an attempt to recover the body of Leland J. Hendricks. Special permission was granted Mr. Brady to go by Mayor Albee last night.

MOTOR PARTY SAVES GIRL

Farmer's Daughter, on Way From School, Seized by Farm Hand.

LA GRANDE, Or., Sept. 15.—(Special.)—An automobile party passing near the Iowa schoolhouse came to the rescue of a well-known farmer's daughter, aged 13, from the hands of a young farmhand employed in a nearby field. The girl was returning alone from school when the fellow seized her and seriously frightened her. The automobile party took charge of the assailant, holding him until the Sheriff arrived. The farmhand is reputed to be under 18.

FLOWERS BRING \$1,000,000

State Labor Commissioner Finds Oregon Employers 330 Florist's Aides.

SALEM, Or., Sept. 14.—(Special.)—Florists in Oregon do more than \$1,000,000 worth of business annually, according to data collected by O. P. Hoff, State Labor Commissioner.

Dealing in cut flowers, bulbs, cuttings and plants to the public are 193 firms, who employ 330 persons throughout the year. Employees' wages total \$257,000 annually.

"COPETTE" TOLD TO FLIRT

Chicago "Beauty Squad" Starts Out to Curb Masher.

CHICAGO, Sept. 15.—A "beauty squad" of policemen set out tonight to curb "mashers" in Chicago's downtown district.

Four of the most comely women in the police department were ordered to "be shy, patrol the downtown section, flirt back if flirted with, and then arrest."

80,000 TO STRIKE BY MONDAY IS PLAN

New York Longshoremen May Quit Today.

ELEVATED TRAINS ATTACKED

Bricks and Stones Hurlled in Railway Conflict.

"MORGAN INTERESTS" HIT

Union Leader Says 70 Per Cent of 13,000 Machinists, Working on War Munitions, Will Act in Sympathy, Too.

NEW YORK, Sept. 15.—Eighty thousand workers in crafts closely affiliated with the operation of New York's traction lines are expected to go on strike by Monday, it was announced at the close of a meeting of the Central Federated Union here tonight.

Representatives of 400,000 unionized employees were at the meeting, it was said, and adopted a resolution calling on each trade to ascertain the sentiment of members regarding a general strike in sympathy with the carmen here who quit their places September 6.

A referendum has been in progress among many of the crafts for several days, and if the sympathetic strike is authorized union leaders predict it will be the most effective blow that could be dealt in the carmen's strike that has been in progress since September 6 on the elevated, subway and surface transportation lines of the city.

Many Trades Affected.

The trades in which the referendum has been in progress, it is said, include longshoremen, teamsters, power-house employees, stationary engineers, and firemen and machinists. The only craft upon which figures were available tonight was the machinists, and it was said their vote showed about 70 per cent of the membership favoring a sympathetic strike.

Union leaders attach much importance to the action of the machinists, most of whom are employed at plants manufacturing munitions of war for the entente allies. The effect of the strike in that trade, they say, would be a direct blow at the Morgan interests, the largest holders of stock in the Interborough Rapid Transit Company, J. P. Morgan & Co., are the fiscal agents of the British government in this country.

Several Persons Injured.

Several persons were injured, none of them seriously, in two traction accidents tonight.

Although surface car service was much improved over previous days, subway and elevated trains were more crowded today than at any time since the strike was called.

The Central Labor Union of Brooklyn

(Concluded on Page 2, Column 2.)

19 SAILERS ARE ON WAY FOR LUMBER

GRAYS AND WILLAPA HARBORS TO RECEIVE RECORD FLEET.

Cargoes to Be Taken to Australia, New Zealand and West Coast. New Schooner Nearly Ready.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Sept. 15.—(Special.)—Inbound to Grays Harbor and Willapa harbor is a fleet of 19 wind-jammers, all chartered for October, November or December loading at mills on the Twin harbors. This is the largest fleet of sailing vessels en route to these ports at any one time since 1912 and the volume of offshore business to be handled on the two harbors in the coming three months promises to be the biggest for any three months' period in the harbor's history.

A few of the inbound ships will clear for the Hawaiian Islands, but the most of them will go to Australia, New Zealand and the west coast of South America, in all of which countries the demand for lumber is heavy. Added to these 19 windjammers, foreign shipments will be a cargo of 1,500,000 feet of lumber to be carried by the auxiliary schooner Columbia River, which is to be launched at the Aberdeen Shipyards next month.

Four of the 19 will come to Grays Harbor for cargo. They are the Alert, 35 days out from Melbourne; Irene, 57 days out from Adelaide; King Cyrus, 15 days out from Fremantle, and the Sehome, 15 days out from Adelaide.

Among the schooners which will load on Willapa Harbor are the A. M. Baxter, 37 days from Callao; W. J. Patterson, 56 days from Melbourne; and the Repeat, 39 days from Sydney, and the Repeat, 9 days from Honolulu.

34 TO TAKE NEW OATH

Company G Men Will Ask for Honorable Discharge, However.

OREGON CITY, Or., Sept. 15.—(Special.)—Thirty-four members of Company G, Oregon City, have agreed to take the new oath of enlistment on the promise from Captain Blanchard that an honorable discharge will be issued to every man who asks for it within 30 days after the company returns home, according to guardsmen who were in the city tonight.

His attack, which Captain Blanchard promptly all but severed of the company to refuse to take the oath. Under the arrangements as reported by members of the company, Captain Blanchard will remain in command. He refused to discuss the report tonight.

RUTH ST. DENIS LOSES

Plan to Be Named Father's Guardian Fails When Parent Balks.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Sept. 15.—(Special.)—Thomas L. Denis, a civil war veteran and father of Mrs. Ruth St. Denis-Shawn, known on the stage as Ruth St. Denis, today was adjudged by Superior Judge McCord to be incompetent to attend to his own affairs. The petition of the daughter to be appointed guardian of her father was dismissed accordingly.

"I don't want charity from anyone," explained the white-haired veteran, when Judge McCord asked him why he was opposed to the appointment of his daughter as his guardian.

The petition of the daughter to be appointed guardian of her father was dismissed accordingly.

"I don't want charity from anyone," explained the white-haired veteran, when Judge McCord asked him why he was opposed to the appointment of his daughter as his guardian.

The petition of the daughter to be appointed guardian of her father was dismissed accordingly.

"I don't want charity from anyone," explained the white-haired veteran, when Judge McCord asked him why he was opposed to the appointment of his daughter as his guardian.

The petition of the daughter to be appointed guardian of her father was dismissed accordingly.

"I don't want charity from anyone," explained the white-haired veteran, when Judge McCord asked him why he was opposed to the appointment of his daughter as his guardian.

The petition of the daughter to be appointed guardian of her father was dismissed accordingly.

"I don't want charity from anyone," explained the white-haired veteran, when Judge McCord asked him why he was opposed to the appointment of his daughter as his guardian.

The petition of the daughter to be appointed guardian of her father was dismissed accordingly.

"I don't want charity from anyone," explained the white-haired veteran, when Judge McCord asked him why he was opposed to the appointment of his daughter as his guardian.

The petition of the daughter to be appointed guardian of her father was dismissed accordingly.

"I don't want charity from anyone," explained the white-haired veteran, when Judge McCord asked him why he was opposed to the appointment of his daughter as his guardian.

The petition of the daughter to be appointed guardian of her father was dismissed accordingly.

"I don't want charity from anyone," explained the white-haired veteran, when Judge McCord asked him why he was opposed to the appointment of his daughter as his guardian.

The petition of the daughter to be appointed guardian of her father was dismissed accordingly.

"I don't want charity from anyone," explained the white-haired veteran, when Judge McCord asked him why he was opposed to the appointment of his daughter as his guardian.

The petition of the daughter to be appointed guardian of her father was dismissed accordingly.

"I don't want charity from anyone," explained the white-haired veteran, when Judge McCord asked him why he was opposed to the appointment of his daughter as his guardian.

The petition of the daughter to be appointed guardian of her father was dismissed accordingly.

"I don't want charity from anyone," explained the white-haired veteran, when Judge McCord asked him why he was opposed to the appointment of his daughter as his guardian.

The petition of the daughter to be appointed guardian of her father was dismissed accordingly.

"I don't want charity from anyone," explained the white-haired veteran, when Judge McCord asked him why he was opposed to the appointment of his daughter as his guardian.

The petition of the daughter to be appointed guardian of her father was dismissed accordingly.

"I don't want charity from anyone," explained the white-haired veteran, when Judge McCord asked him why he was opposed to the appointment of his daughter as his guardian.

The petition of the daughter to be appointed guardian of her father was dismissed accordingly.

"I don't want charity from anyone," explained the white-haired veteran, when Judge McCord asked him why he was opposed to the appointment of his daughter as his guardian.

The petition of the daughter to be appointed guardian of her father was dismissed accordingly.

"I don't want charity from anyone," explained the white-haired veteran, when Judge McCord asked him why he was opposed to the appointment of his daughter as his guardian.

The petition of the daughter to be appointed guardian of her father was dismissed accordingly.

"I don't want charity from anyone," explained the white-haired veteran, when Judge McCord asked him why he was opposed to the appointment of his daughter as his guardian.

The petition of the daughter to be appointed guardian of her father was dismissed accordingly.

"I don't want charity from anyone," explained the white-haired veteran, when Judge McCord asked him why he was opposed to the appointment of his daughter as his guardian.

The petition of the daughter to be appointed guardian of her father was dismissed accordingly.

"I don't want charity from anyone," explained the white-haired veteran, when Judge McCord asked him why he was opposed to the appointment of his daughter as his guardian.

The petition of the daughter to be appointed guardian of her father was dismissed accordingly.

"I don't want charity from anyone," explained the white-haired veteran, when Judge McCord asked him why he was opposed to the appointment of his daughter as his guardian.

The petition of the daughter to be appointed guardian of her father was dismissed accordingly.

"I don't want charity from anyone," explained the white-haired veteran, when Judge McCord asked him why he was opposed to the appointment of his daughter as his guardian.

The petition of the daughter to be appointed guardian of her father was dismissed accordingly.

"I don't want charity from anyone," explained the white-haired veteran, when Judge McCord asked him why he was opposed to the appointment of his daughter as his guardian.

The petition of the daughter to be appointed guardian of her father was dismissed accordingly.

"I don't want charity from anyone," explained the white-haired veteran, when Judge McCord asked him why he was opposed to the appointment of his daughter as his guardian.

The petition of the daughter to be appointed guardian of her father was dismissed accordingly.

"I don't want charity from anyone," explained the white-haired veteran, when Judge McCord asked him why he was opposed to the appointment of his daughter as his guardian.

The petition of the daughter to be appointed guardian of her father was dismissed accordingly.

"I don't want charity from anyone," explained the white-haired veteran, when Judge McCord asked him why he was opposed to the appointment of his daughter as his guardian.

The petition of the daughter to be appointed guardian of her father was dismissed accordingly.

"I don't want charity from anyone," explained the white-haired veteran, when Judge McCord asked him why he was opposed to the appointment of his daughter as his guardian.

The petition of the daughter to be appointed guardian of her father was dismissed accordingly.

"I don't want charity from anyone," explained the white-haired veteran, when Judge McCord asked him why he was opposed to the appointment of his daughter as his guardian.

The petition of the daughter to be appointed guardian of her father was dismissed accordingly.

"I don't want charity from anyone," explained the white-haired veteran, when Judge McCord asked him why he was opposed to the appointment of his daughter as his guardian.

The petition of the daughter to be appointed guardian of her father was dismissed accordingly.

"I don't want charity from anyone," explained the white-haired veteran, when Judge McCord asked him why he was opposed to the appointment of his daughter as his guardian.

The petition of the daughter to be appointed guardian of her father was dismissed accordingly.

"I don't want charity from anyone," explained the white-haired veteran, when Judge McCord asked him why he was opposed to the appointment of his daughter as his guardian.

The petition of the daughter to be appointed guardian of her father was dismissed accordingly.

"I don't want charity from anyone," explained the white-haired veteran, when Judge McCord asked him why he was opposed to the appointment of his daughter as his guardian.

The petition of the daughter to be appointed guardian of her father was dismissed accordingly.