

THREE DEATHS LAID TO HOTEL OWNERS

Coroner's Jury in Lodging-House Fire Finds Safety Precautions Ignored.

MARSHAL CITES NOTICES

Charter Changes to Empower Warden to Enforce Protection Are Recommended—Manager Admits Excessive Insurance.

In an inquest conducted last night by Coroner Dammasch to fix the responsibility for the deaths of the three victims of the Saturday morning fire in the New Ross Lodging-house at 1834 1/2 Third street, the jury found that the fire was of an unknown origin, but held that there was gross negligence in the lack of proper fire protection in the building, that in spite of repeated notifications the owners had failed to comply with requests for fire protection and that consequently they were responsible for the deaths of the three lodgers.

The men who lost their lives were Taylor Washburn, a farmer of Kelso, Wash.; Ernest Marquardt, a logger of Portland, and Tom Logan, of Davenport, Ia.

Powers for Fire Marshal Suggested. The jury also emphasized the deficiencies in the authority of the Fire Marshal extended by the city charter and recommended that steps be taken either by the initiative or by the Legislature to vest in the Fire Marshal authority to force property owners to install adequate fire protection.

The building is owned jointly by the Ackerman estate and Mrs. E. Lewis. They were represented at the inquest by Attorney T. G. Greene. One of the principal witnesses was Mrs. Ida Morris, proprietress of the lodging-house. She admitted to Deputy District Attorney Robinson that the furniture was probably worth \$350, but that she had insured the last time for \$1800.

Insurance Easy to Get.

"If I was able to pay a larger premium, I possibly could have had it insured for more," she replied to a question from Mr. Robinson. Later in the proceedings Fire Marshal Stevens thought there was a possibility of suspicion as to the origin of the fire.

Mrs. Morris declared that she had placed fire escape signs in the hallways in accordance with instructions from the Fire Marshal's office just a few days before the fire. She had communicated with one of the owners of the building previously regarding better fire protection equipment, she declared. She said that representatives of the Fire Marshal's office had called a number of times to see if the instructions had been carried out by the owners as well as herself.

Notices Declared Frequent.

Mark Schussel, an agent for the building, testified that the first time he was formally notified by the Fire Marshal to install fire protection equipment was on January 9. He said that he had made arrangements with Edward Campbell, fire escape inspector, testifying that he had notified Schussel numerous times within the past four years to make needed changes in the building.

Stanley Myers, deputy city attorney, explained the Fire Marshal's powers. Helen Flint, chambermaid at the hotel, testified that red lights were burning in the halls as usual, but that there was no sign at the entrance to the front room of the second story directing lodgers to the fire escape.

LAWYERS CHEER HUGHES

Elihu Root Says He Wishes ex-Candidate "Were Somewhere Else."

NEW YORK, Jan. 22.—Charles E. Hughes was welcomed back to the practice of law in New York at a dinner given in his honor tonight by the Association of the Bar of New York. Elihu Root, in his address of welcome declared: "I am glad he is here, but I wish he were somewhere else."

Other speakers were George L. Ingraham, John P. Clarke and Francis Lynde Stetson. Mr. Hughes replied: "I have no desire to evoke sympathy or any suggestion of an uncertainty as to not wish to resign from the Supreme Court, but I did resign because I thought it was my duty to resign and I do not regret that which I did with that purpose."

Secretary Lane Enjoys Flight.

NEWPORT NEWS, Va., Jan. 22.—Secretary Lane, of the Interior Department, today made a flight over this city in an aeroplane from the Atlantic Coast aeronautical station. He said he enjoyed the flight immensely.

An Antidote for Uric Acid Poison

(BY DR. C. L. BABCOCK.)

There is a process going on within the body which often poisons us. It is something like the story of the snake being able to kill itself with its own poison. This is the formation of uric acid in excess within the body. It is a waste product which takes place in the liver. This poisonous uric acid is then passed on to the kidneys, which act as a filter to pass off and excrete this poison. If the kidneys are clogged up, inactive, the poison degenerates those organs and causes kidney disease. If it is deposited in the tissues, around the joints of the body, it causes rheumatism or gout.

Consequently we must do everything to throw off this uric acid poison, and simple methods are best. Flush the kidneys by drinking plenty of water between meals; a pint of hot water morning and night is splendid. Take Anuric (double strength) three times a day for a while and get the kidneys to working by flushing out this poison. That painful affliction, known as gout, as well as muscular rheumatism, is caused by the uric acid crystals being deposited in the big toes or tissues. The man who uses his brain, perhaps overtaxing his nervous energy, will suffer fits of "blues," depression, headache, sleeplessness, loss of memory, all due to the poison of uric acid. The man who does physical work, using his muscles, occasionally complains of sluggishness, muscular tired feeling, muscular stiffness or aches, neuralgic twinges—symptoms all due to this uric acid accumulation. In every case I advise hot water, and Anuric taken three times daily—a simple, safe remedy, which is to be had at almost every drug store.

ENGLISH WOMEN WHO ARE IN PORTLAND SEEKING RELIEF FOR THE "FATHERLESS CHILDHOOD OF FRANCE"



Miss Florence Scofield

CHILDREN NEED AID

English Women Portray Plight of Orphans in France.

150,000 LEFT FATHERLESS

Misses E. Fell and Florence Scofield Ask America to Build Up Monument for Peace by Writing Peace in Hearts of Men.

Two women from London, burning with a knowledge of the horrors of war that America views only at long range, are in Portland to seek relief for young France that is trying to survive off disintegration through improper nourishment.

These women are Miss E. Fell and Miss Florence Scofield, both Londoners and active in the Red Cross. They have seen war, have been awakened by a series of conflicts and their terrifying results that they assert seem incredible and defy description.

Yesterday afternoon these two women, both of them intimately acquainted with France and its hopes and ambitions previous to the outbreak of the war, spoke to a gathering of men and women at the Multnomah Hotel and pleaded for the aid of 150,000 fatherless French children whom the French government is unable to support.

They painted pictures that brought lumps to the throats of men and tears to the eyes of women.

Both speakers yesterday reviewed the early months of the war, telling graphic stories of the heroism of French soldiers who had sacrificed all for their country.

In making their appeal they asserted that not only could America save through its generous contributions young France from disintegration, but would be planting the seed of universal peace in the hearts of men by "saving" the child of her friend of 150 years.

"By raising the banner of friendship over the childhood of France," said Miss Scofield, "you will be raising to fidelity the greatest monument the world has ever seen. It would be petty to go on about your business without aiding in the reconstruction of France through its childhood."

The childhood of France has turned its horrified eyes from the East to the West with hope of salvation. There is a deeper significance in aiding France than in saving a race from starvation. We have found out the value of peace treaties. We believe that peace must be written in the hearts of men.

By contributing 10 cents a day one French child is fed. They ask for such contributions for a period of two years. Today the women will address the students of the high schools and those of Miss Catlin's school and St. Helen's Hall. They will leave tomorrow for California, stopping at Medford.

BALL PLAYER ACQUITTED

"Hap" Myers Found Not Guilty of Charge of Larceny.

EL PASO, Tex., Jan. 22.—Ralph E. ("Hap") Myers, former major league and Northwestern League ballplayer, charged with robbery in connection with the alleged disappearance of two valuable diamond rings, was acquitted in District Court here today.

SILVERTON CASE PUZZLES

Council at Loss How to Pay for Street Improvement.

SILVERTON, Or., Jan. 22.—(Special.)—After a conference at Salem yesterday between Mayor P. W. Potter and John H. McNary, the city's attorney, regarding the recent opinion of the Supreme Court in the McClaine

PORTLAND ARTISTS PLEASE IN "MIGNON"

Performance of Opera Association Reflects Credit on Participants.

AUDIENCE IS APPRECIATIVE

Artistically Production Pronounced Well Worth While—Receipts of Night Nearly \$1190—Second Performance Is Listed.

CAST OF "MIGNON." Mignon... Jane Burns Albert... Phillma... Eloise Anita Hall... Frederik... Katherine Linton... Laertes... George Hotchkiss Street... Lochario... Otto T. Wedemeyer... Glarno... Harry Scougall... Wilhelm Meister... George Wilber Reed

BY JOSEPH MACQUEEN. Everybody concerned in the production by the Portland Opera Association, of the Ambrose Thomas opera comic, "Mignon" last night at the Eleventh-street Theater, is entitled to great credit. It was a splendid performance for amateurs. It is an honor to musical Portland. All the soloists, chorus, ballet and orchestra are from this city. Artistically, the performance was well worth while.

Second Performance Wednesday. The Eleventh-street Theater has a seating capacity of 1488, and it is estimated that last night about 1200 persons were present. The receipts at the boxoffice were nearly \$1190, and the expenses are estimated to be between \$1500 and \$1600. Another performance of "Mignon" will take place at the same theater tomorrow night, and it is thought that the receipts on that occasion will pay the remainder of money owed, and leave a balance credit in the treasury.

The audience last night gave ample evidence that "Mignon" is heard with highly satisfactory results. The warm applause showered on every solo and chorus. Of course, as at all amateur productions, there were a few "breaks" made, but they were not of much consequence. One fencing scene in the second act was unnecessarily prolonged. Two actors were supposed to fence by making a few passes only, and it was on the bill that another actor was to rush forward and stop the fight. But the third actor was late, and the delay occurred.

French Gaiety Reflected. "Mignon" is an opera of joy. It is French, and reflects French gaiety. It was first produced at the Opera Comique, Paris, November 1867, with scenes set in Germany and Italy, the time being that of the eighteenth century. The people who appear in it are silks and satins, and powdered hair. Swords are much in evidence. "Mignon" is well known to those who have lived abroad and in the East, but is practically unknown to most folks in this city. It concerns a gypsy girl, Mignon, who makes her living by singing and playing a lute. She is eventually recovered by her father, who has been a wandering minstrel. The comedy part is supplied mostly by two actors, Phillma and Laertes.

Miss Eloise Anita Hall, coloratura soprano, made a genuine sensation by her first-class singing and acting. These were on a professional basis. She has to be a gray coquette, and was as gay as the proverbial lark. Vocally, she was a surprise, she was so splendid. She trilled like a bird, up to high E in alt, with clear, beautiful sweetness of vocalism. Then, just to show how easy and natural was her vocalism, on being recalled, she again sang the high E flat. Her acting is also astonishing, considering that this is her first appearance in opera. Her mother, Mrs. Madison M. Hall, has been her principal vocal instructor. She has been coached in opera by Roberto Corruccini.

FEDERAL INQUIRY WANTED

Washington Labor Federation Head Condemns Everett Killings.

EVERETT, Wash., Jan. 22.—In a special report to the State Federation of Labor, which began its annual session here today, President Ernest P. Marsh advised the Federation to ask Federal investigation of the Industrial Workers of the World troubles at Everett, which culminated in the battle November 5, when seven men were killed. President Marsh said the Industrial Workers aboard the steamer Verona had not the slightest intention of coming to Everett to attack life or property.

In his regular report, President Marsh opposed compulsory military training in the schools and urged that steps be taken to work out co-operation marketing as a method of reducing the high cost of living.

UPLIFT OF YOUTH IS AIM

Bigger Boys and Y. M. C. A. Co-operate at La Grande.

LA GRANDE, Or., Jan. 22.—(Special.)—School and Y. M. C. A. authorities of La Grande have launched an ambitious scheme to obtain desirable atmosphere in boyhood life of La Grande. An organization known as the "Hi-X" Club was launched at a recent banquet attended by 40 schoolboys.

Young men in school will work in harmony with the Y. M. C. A. to enhance moral and physical well-being of boys both in and out of school. J. Garfield King, Y. M. C. A. secretary; School Superintendent McCullough and Principal A. C. Hampton are much pleased at the willingness with which the boys have taken hold of the scheme.

L. W. W. Picket Arrested.

James O'Neil, L. W. W. picket, who has been stationed in front of the coffee-house at Second and Burnside streets, was arrested last night by Patrolmen Richards and Schumm on a charge of disorderly conduct. Complaint was made by Julius Klipsel, who declared that O'Neil was calling workmen in the coffee-house "scabs" and other "vile" names.

Japanese Man and Wife Held Up.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Ono, Japanese, of 488 Everett street, were held up at the point of a revolver at the intersection of Everett and Thirteenth streets shortly before midnight last night and relieved of about \$250 by two highwaymen, according to a report which they made to City Detective Smith.

C. T. Grebe's House Robbed.

The residence of C. T. Grebe, 325 East Forty-second street, South, was entered last night while Mr. Grebe was absent. The loot taken included a suit of clothing, a cravatette overcoat, a pair of cuff links, a pair of shoes and a shirt.

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Suit or Overcoat \$18 up Tailored to Measure

from fine worsteds, serges, tweeds, chevots, etc., in plain or fancy weaves. Although the price is cut, I guarantee to give you my regular high standard of workmanship, regular linings and trimmings. I can do this now only because I've got the goods which I bought in enormous quantities as soon as I saw that prices would advance. Suppose you drop in today and have me show you.

Ray Barkhurst

Portland's Leading Tailor Sixth at Stark Street

CHICAGOAN WILL SPEAK

DR. JOHN M. DEAN WILL TEACH RELIGIOUS CLASSES AT Y. M. C. A.

Noted Baptist Pastor Was Arrested as Spy in Paris, and Captured in Philippines.

John M. Dean, captured in Paris as a spy at the outbreak of the war, pastor of the Second Baptist Church of Chicago and president of the Northern Baptist Theological Seminary, is coming to Portland to take charge of religious work among groups of men and boys at the Y. M. C. A. He will be in the city from January 25 to February 4, after which he will conduct similar work at the Seattle Y. M. C. A. Primarily, Dr. Dean is on a vacation for his health. He is coming across the continent to recuperate under the

direction of A. M. Griley, physical director of the association, from a nervous breakdown. He was captured in the Philippines by the savages while he was serving with the troops as a Y. M. C. A. secretary, and escaped. While in Paris he was arrested as a spy, but was released through his friendship for one of the officers of the French army.

Dr. Dean expects to meet men and boys on the gymnasium floor in basketball and volleyball games, in class work and in their clubs, and to discuss religious work with them. Committees to arrange the details of the visit of Dr. Dean are being named. A quartet, an orchestra and other musical features will be arranged for some of the meetings. On Sunday he will address a mass meeting of men in the association.

Church Campaign Launched.

LA GRANDE, Or., Jan. 22.—(Special.)—Members of the Methodist Episcopal congregation of La Grande and the pastor, Rev. Charles A. Edwards, have launched an eight weeks' school of instruction in the many branches of a

thoroughly organized church congregation. Every department, from foreign missions to the kindergarten of the Sunday school, will be studied with a view of securing greater team work.

GRADE TO BE REDUCED

Claquato Hill, on National Park Highway, Will Be Eliminated.

CHEHALIS, Wash., Jan. 22.—(Special.)—A change is to be made in the National Park highway three miles west of Chenail, at Claquato hill, one of the historic spots in Lewis County. The grade is the worst in this section of the state, and County Commissioner Orr announces that a survey will be made this Spring that will eliminate this grade. It is planned to build a new road around the base of the hill to the south. Claquato in early territorial days was the Lewis County seat. There stands at Claquato yet the second Protestant church building erected in Washington.

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