

SPECTACULAR BLAZE RUINS AUTOMOBILES

Downtown Garage Suffers a Loss of About \$35,000.

HOTEL GUESTS ALARMED

Five, Possibly Caused by Short-Circuit of Wires, Sweeps Palace Garage Company.

Fire of an undetermined origin which burst out last night at 8 o'clock in the building occupied by the Palace Garage company at Twelfth and Stark streets, damaged the contents of the building to the amount of \$25,000, and the building to the amount of \$10,000. The fire for a time threatened damage to the Nortonia hotel on Eleventh street, immediately east of the garage building. Before the arrival of the fire department the entire upper story of the garage was a raging furnace from the fire which had eaten its way through the flooring and then, fanned by a slight wind and the suction formed by the flames, raked the contents of the second floor. The shop of the garage was located.

Four new trucks, which were being assembled on the second floor, valued at \$4000 each, were totally destroyed by the flames, and a large amount of damage done to the smaller cars which were being set up in the shop.

Dense clouds of smoke rolled from the windows and the fire belching from the upper story frightened the guests of the Nortonia hotel, who at first believed that the hotel was on fire.

L. M. Mills, proprietor of the Blackstone hotel, immediately opposite the garage, first noticed the flames. He at once turned on the alarm. Mr. Mills said that the flames seemed to burst all at once from the first floor in the section occupied by the garage.

G. Goodson is president and C. W. Filchard secretary-treasurer of the Palace Garage company, owners of the stock and tenants of the building. The building was owned by Louis G. Clarke of Woodard, Clarke & Company, is fully covered by insurance. Mr. Goodson said last night that the cause of the structure and the cars were partially covered by insurance.

Chief Young said that he could not determine the cause of the fire, although a short circuit may have caused the blaze. Witnesses who first noticed the fire say it started on the lower floor.

Festival Floats Lost.
The four trucks destroyed took part in the Rose festival parade and carried logs representing the spruce that was furnished the government by the state of Oregon. A tiny aeroplane which occupied a prominent position in the parade was not damaged by the flames or water.

The flying machine was in the office of the main building when the fire broke out. Fire Marshal Grenfell directed the firemen in fighting the blaze, with Chief Young and McDowell. The apparatus which was used in the fight included engines 1, 2, 3, 21, 4 and 22; trucks 2, 3 and 4, and chemical 1. A number of firemen were cut by falling glass. Aside from the fire damage much office equipment was deluged with the flood of water that was poured into the building.

EDITORS TO BE HONORED

Ship Launching to Be Feature of Seattle Convention.

SEATTLE, Wash., June 16.—In honor of the National Editorial Association convention in Seattle in August, the Skinner & Eddy corporation announced today a special launching of a 9600-ton steel vessel on August 15.

KEYMEN APPEAR HOPEFUL

John Train Dispatchers' association, announced definitely tonight that the 5000 members of that organization will not handle commercial business while the strike is in progress.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., June 16.—The strike of electrical workers on the Pacific coast today, despite the fact that the general strike order has been cancelled, due to slowness in transmission of the cancellation order, according to Charles P. Ford, secretary of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers.

Mr. Ford declared that messages calling off the strike were sent out yesterday and that official orders to that effect would go out today. He added that in cases where local managers refused to obey the order of Postmaster-General Burleson in which the workers' demands were granted, strikes would result.

Mr. Ford stated that in the cases of walkouts reported from Denver, St. Louis, Los Angeles and other cities, union members would return to work by tomorrow morning, by which time they will have received the cancellation order.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 16.—More than 1500 telephone operators, linemen and other electrical workers went on strike early today in San Francisco, Long Beach, Santa Ana, Riverside and San Bernardino. R. E. Swain, president of the Pacific district council, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, said that the strike was a result of the refusal of the telephone companies to grant the workers' demands for a 50-cent increase in wages.

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ATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF ELECTRICAL WORKERS Strike Follows Conference.

The strike followed an eight-hour conference of Los Angeles operators and southern California linemen at Los Angeles yesterday, Mr. Swain said.

"The workers are going to remain out until their demands are granted," Mr. Swain said. "I expect to hear from them later in the day, but until then I will issue no orders."

There were no strike movements in central and northern California or Oregon, Washington and Nevada, the other states under Mr. Swain's jurisdiction, Mr. Swain said.

Telephone operators here have served notice on the company that their full demands must be granted by July 1 or "drastic action" will be taken, it was announced by Postmaster-General Burleson.

Executives of the company today notified the unions that in conformity with the postmaster-general's order their demands for collective bargaining and the right of organization had been granted, Miss Schultz said.

WASHINGTON, June 16.—Postmaster-General Burleson issued an order today requiring telephone companies under government control to designate an official spokesman for collective bargaining. He may be presented by employees or their representatives.

ADS TO SELL U. S. SPRUCE

GOVERNMENT WILL ADVERTISE NORTHWEST HOLDINGS.

Foreign Buyers Will Also Be Told of Opportunity to Buy Materials.

By nation-wide advertisement, the United States spruce production corporation, successor in interest to the activities and properties of the spruce production division of the army, will seek the most advantageous sale of its northwestern railroads, sawmills and timber properties. The properties consist of 75 miles of completed permanent main line railroad, two large sawmills, and a 12,500-acre tract containing over 800,000 feet of virgin timber, all of which will be offered for sale. The property lies largely in Clallam county, Wash., and in the town of Buxton, B. C.

"Some tentative offers have been made for these properties," said Colonel C. P. Stearns, president of the spruce production corporation, "but we propose to advertise them extensively, both in this country and abroad, so that lumbermen will have full opportunity for investigation of the ground before bids are called for September 2, 1919.

The location of our properties at seaports, combined with rail shipping facilities, affords an attractive opportunity to the timber and lumber operator. Here he will find the preliminary development done and a ready-to-operate property, with which he can begin to get returns on his money in 90 days. Because of these features we anticipate bids approximating reproduction values of the properties and we will positively refuse to sacrifice them."

COMMISSION DENOUNCED

RECALL OF OREGON PUBLIC SERVICE BODY URGED.

Attack Charging Inefficiency and Favoritism to Railroad Made in Salem City Council.

SALEM, Or., June 16.—(Special.)—Denunciation of the Oregon public service commission as a "railroad protective association," coupled with a demand that its members be recalled for gross inefficiency, featured a meeting of the Salem city council tonight.

This attack against the commission, led by Aldermen Weist and Vandervort, came as a result of a recent commission order in which the city officials were scored for alleged laxity in enforcing speed ordinances. The city recently filed a complaint with the commission demanding that the Southern Pacific company be required to place warning signals on North Capitol street, where the west side Southern Pacific tracks cross the street. The commission denied this application, with the assertion that enforcement of the speed laws was more needed than signal boards.

Alderman Weist declared the commission's order a most violent distortion of facts and declared the present an appropriate time for use of the recall.

"It should be called the Railroad Protective association rather than the public service commission," said Alderman Vandervort.

More than 520 individual contributions have been received for the women's building fund since commencement in 1918, according to a report just issued from the university business office.

The total number of contributions to the fund is now approximately 700.

Under the building plan as proposed every person making a contribution to the fund for the construction of this building will have his name placed in a panel of artistic lettering in the memorial tablets in the building for himself or someone of his choosing. Thus far there have been 36 gifts of \$500 or over.

The alumni organization, headed by Homer D. Stage, newly elected president of the State Alumni association, is planning to wage a determined campaign in Portland and throughout the state this summer to raise the \$2,000 needed for the completion of the building.

WEIMAR WANTS NO SOVIET Proposal for Red Constitution Gets One Vote in Congress.

WEIMAR, June 16.—The socialist congress has rejected a proposal for a red constitution for Germany. The proposal received only one vote.

The congress adopted a resolution declining to give pensions to members of former royal families.

SPIRITED TALK LOOMS IN SCHOOL ELECTION

Three Candidates File for Office of Director.

BOND ISSUE IS FEATURE

Dr. E. A. Sommer Says District Is in Urgent Need of Funds to Enlarge Facilities.

Three candidates for the office of school director and a proposed bond issue for \$2,500,000 appear on the ballot of the Portland school election which will be held Saturday. Preliminary public interest is quickening in the prospect of a lively electoral tilt between the contesting candidates, but by far the greater interest is manifested in the proposed bond issue, which the city a comprehensive building program for its crowded schools.

When the time for filing expired yesterday morning the school ballot went to press but a trio of citizens had expressed their intention to run for the directorship made vacant by the expiration of Dr. E. A. Sommer's term of office. One of these is Dr. Drake himself, present chairman of the board, who feels that his record entitles him to present again his claims for re-election. The others are A. C. Newell, president of the Oregon Civic league, chosen candidate of a women's committee, and D. G. Tomasi of 249 Jackson street.

New Schools Are Needed.
The case for the \$2,500,000 bonding issue is summed up by Dr. E. A. Sommer, director of the school district, in a thoroughly conversant with the present and future needs of Portland schools and with the congested condition brought about by the rapid population increase due to the unprecedented growth of local industries.

"The question is up to the patrons of the school," said Dr. Sommer last night. "The 5 per cent limitation provision has curtailed the amount of money available for school purposes and has put a decided crimp in the building program. Before the era of high costs we were able to get along with building appropriations made from the regular budget, but since that time we have been forced to dip into our building fund."

"Consequently there has been no money in the school funds for building purposes since the war. Then, too, we needed the government's request during the war period to use no labor not urgently necessary in order that the same might be applied to war work. What has been the result?"

"We were obliged to resort to the use of a number of portable schoolhouses, and in certain sections were obliged to overcrowd our rooms. The account of the abnormal increase brought about by shipbuilding and various other growing industries in Portland and vicinity."

"It was not that, when the war ceased, the school population would fall away and would return to the old status. But such has not proved to be the case. We are still in the high water mark and bid fair to remain there."

Remedy Held Important.
"The school board at this time to raise its building budget by direct taxation. A special election would be necessary, anyhow. But a direct tax sufficient to cover the construction of urgently needed schools would be an injustice upon the patrons of the present. Their proper share of the burden should be passed along, through the medium of the bond issue, to the patrons of the future."

"At any rate by direct taxation to obtain \$2,500,000 we would have to more than double our present tax. That is \$2,000,000, a large part of which is derived from state funds. If the building fund were to be raised by direct taxation, the rate would be 14 mills, or 14 cents on every \$1000 of property value. We are in dire straits now for school building facilities. If the citizens do not ratify the present bond issue, the remedy will be delayed for two years, as it will take a year, at any rate, to put the building program in effect."

Saving Is Pointed Out.
"Crowded to the limit now we would be forced for two more years with the problem of taking care of the normal increase of 5 or 6 per cent in pupils. Our schools would be in a very deplorable condition."

"The tendency of the past few years to patronize the high schools more and more in the past few years has led to overcrowding. At St. Johns we are operating with a cheaply constructed high school, absolutely unsafe and inadequate for the statistics show—and here is a lesson in permanent economy—that it cost us \$120.22 per capita to take care of the St. Johns pupils last year, whereas in the new high school, for example, the cost was but \$84.92. Right there you have a difference of \$35 per pupil. Something is wrong with such conditions exist."

"If Portland is destined to be the great manufacturing city that we believe it will become, then there will be an accelerating program in the peninsula, where the terminal facilities and mills are located."

St. Johns Logical Location.
"There is no question about it. St. Johns is the logical location for the next big school building. It is not only answer the requirements of the future, but it would instantly relieve the pressure on the overcrowded high schools nearer to the heart of the city."

The committee of 100, a citizens' organization with the purpose of lending counsel and effect to school progress has investigated the proposed bond issue through the mediumship of a special committee headed by B. S. Josselyn.

While asserting that the expansion of the school building program is urgent, Mr. Josselyn said yesterday that, in the opinion of the committee, several misleading statements had been made in the propaganda for the bonds. A statement that 6500 children were being cared for in the portable schoolhouses, declared Mr. Josselyn, was exaggerated by two-thirds.

Dr. Drake Is Candidate.
Dr. Drake, in his candidacy for re-election, will make no active campaign and tersely puts his position as one of "no cards, no talks, no campaign." He was originally elected for a five-year term, but subsequent legislation cut this tenure to three years, a move which Director Drake brands as having been inspired by the desire to "get" the school superintendent, Alderman—a consummation later realized.

Various members of the women's committee, which sponsored Dr. Sommer, after that gentleman had declined the nomination of the committee of 100, have called on Dr. Drake, he says, and sought to secure his agreement to retire and leave the field to Mr. Newell. This arrangement was instantly vetoed by the intended victim, who cited the praise that the pe-

tioners had for him as excellent proof of his availability for re-election.

Tax Limitation Hinder.

"Ordinarily I would not be in favor of bonds," said Dr. Drake, speaking of the proposed issue. "But the 5 per cent limitation and the fact that the board members are not in office long enough to draft a definite building policy have virtually forced the bond issue upon us. If our present school patronage is to be permanent, if shipbuilding and other industries are to continue and maintain the existing state of affairs, then the bond issue will be badly needed for school expansion. And I am not, why, then, it won't be necessary to sell the bonds or spend the money. I am for the bond issue because it is urgently indicated, but I wouldn't be in favor of spending any money not absolutely necessary."

No action was taken, as had been previously reported, in favor of the proposed school bonds at the recent session of the Oregon Civic league, according to A. C. Newell, president, one of the candidates for school director.

"Mr. Pike gave on this occasion a very forceful and interesting talk on the subject of the proposed school bonds, but no action whatever was taken by the Oregon Civic league," said Mr. Newell.

CLUB WOMEN MEET TODAY

WASHINGTON FEDERATION TO MEET IN CENTRALIA.

Delegates Representing Approximate- ly 20,000 Club Women of State Are Expected.

CENTRALIA, Wash., June 16.—Delegates representing approximately 20,000 club women of Washington will meet here tomorrow at the opening session of the 25th annual convention of the State Federation of Women's Clubs. The convention will adjourn Friday night.

Mrs. M. C. McCready, Snohomish, president of the federation, will call the convention to order at 2 P. M. tomorrow. Mrs. Kate Robinson, secretary of the Centralia chamber of commerce, will welcome the club women to Centralia. Mrs. R. J. Thompson, Spokane, will respond. The afternoon session tomorrow will be given over to officers' reports.

Dedicated to the club women's husbands and sons who gave their lives in the war, a tree will be planted by the delegates Wednesday and will be given to the city of Centralia. Mrs. G. A. Smith, Seattle, will direct the planting. Officers will be elected Thursday.

PEDESTRIAN HURT BY AUTO

Herbert O. Rima Suffers Fractured Skull and Bruises.

Herbert O. Rima, 46, of 1515 Minnesota avenue, was knocked down and injured seriously yesterday by an automobile driven by R. L. Smith of 416 Willamette boulevard, on Albina avenue near Lombard street. Mr. Rima's skull was fractured.

Mr. Smith reported to the police that Mr. Rima had descended from a street car and was crossing the street in front of the Arrow automobile took Mr. Rima to the Good Samaritan hospital.

Motorcycle Patrolman Van Deusen said the automobile was in contact with a pedestrian in a collision with an automobile at East Sixty-second street and Sandy boulevard. The accident had not been reported to the traffic office at a late hour. Lieutenant Lewis, head of the traffic squad, sent Van Deusen home.

TEEL PROJECT TO START

Bonds for Undertaking to Be Certified by State Commission.

BENDLETON, Or., June 16.—(Special.)—The Teel project, which will commence next week, according to reports here, it is understood that the bonds to be issued for the construction of the project will be certified by the state board to the extent of \$100,000, providing the holders of that amount of bonds issued against the district turn them in and accept, in lieu, certificates of the state board against the project amounting to second mortgages.

The construction will mark the watering of 16,000 acres lying south and west of Echo Water will be furnished from Hilday and Camas creeks.

It is understood that the board has indicated that it will approve bonds sufficient to construct a 31,000-acre reservoir near Lehman Springs.

TEXAS GETS HEAVY RAINS

Crops in Some Sections of State Re- ported in Danger.

DALLAS, Tex., June 16.—Reports today from points in central southern and eastern Texas indicate extensive rains are threatening to damage crops in some sections, particularly cotton and truck.

The federal weather bureau at Houston recorded a rainfall of 7.5 inches from 7 P. M. Saturday to 5:45 A. M. today, and from Friday afternoon until 7 o'clock this morning 9.55 inches had fallen at Galveston.

OFFICER IS FOUND DEAD

Major T. B. McCown Discovered Lying on Floor of Office.

EL PASO, June 16.—When his orderly went to his office at military headquarters here today he found Major T. B. McCown, district surgeon, lying dead on the floor of his office. He was last seen alive at 11:30 P. M. Sunday.

It was stated at headquarters today that the excitement due to the military expedition against the Villa forces in Mexico probably caused his death from heart disease. Major McCown was unmarried and came here from Fort Huachuca, Ariz.

HEPPNER WOOL SALE HEAVY

Fifty-Seven Thousand Pounds Bring 50 1/2 Cents; The Dalles Mill Buys.

HEPPNER, Or., June 16.—(Special.)—A heavy wool sale of the season held in Heppner today the following:

New summer classes for beginners started Monday and Tuesday evening this week; advanced classes Tuesday and Friday evenings. All dances guaranteed 40 cents. The Dalles Scouring Mills, gentlemen \$5 to all calling this week. THE ONLY SCHOOL teaching each lesson and desirable partners. No embarrassment. Separate hall and over 1000 select classes and the social feature alone is worth double the price. We do not desire our profits from public dances. We are professional instructors. Our method, system and ability as teachers are different from others and, no doubt, one lesson from us is worth six in the average school. Join these classes, take one or four lessons a week. Private lessons all hours. Call afternoon or evening. Phone Main 7556. Tell your friends.

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That will make all your trips equal the "honeymoon"—because the end of your journey will find your clothes uncrushed and not dusty. See the Merdel-Drucker trunks.
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- Lingerie**
—Always a most important feature of the trousseau—care of fine underthings—and we've hundreds of new ones, exquisitely dainty. And the loveliest new hand-made Philippine garments.
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to grace milady's dressing table and enhance her beauty are here without end. The most exquisite perfume, the delectable cream and powder, the dainty and toilettries of all the best kind—domestic and imported.
- Jewelry**
—From the engagement ring and the wedding band that selection, to the simplest of gifts of jewelry for the bride—pins, novelty beads, rings, chains—all are here in artistic array.
- Of Leather**
you will find gifts without parallel—the most delightful purses with all the necessary fittings and compartments to make a journey more pleasant, and all sorts of handsome novelty purses—beaded ones, too.

HESE but touch upon the "high spots"—should we attempt to tell you of all the lovely things we have to make a bride's trousseau and home more attractive, we would talk for hours and even then would not have exhausted the gift possibilities. Our Home Floor—Our Gift Floor—both are full of gifts for the bride—every sort of apparel for every hour of the day—here in abundance and beauty! And, then, we make a real specialty of engraving artistic wedding invitations and announcements and individual monogram dies. Come in and "browse around" a bit—you will find this a real bride's store.

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- Hoover Suction Sweepers**
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sales and buyers are reported: John Kilkenny, 27,000 pounds, 207 cents; Clemons & Pierce buyers; Frank Monahan, 11,300, 45 1/2; Clemons & Pierce; L. Sweet, 24,700, fine 43 1/2; Paul Webb, 15,000, fine 48, coarse 50; Koshland; C. Jackson, 15,500, fine 50 1/2; coarse 51 1/2; Clemons & Pierce; Jackson; Ward, 15,000, 50 1/2; Clemons & Pierce; J. E. Johnson 4300, 47; Jones; William Killeup, 4800, 51 1/2; Dufour; O. M. Whittington, 1200, 47 1/2; Livingston; L. D. 18,000, 48; Jones; John Kilkenny, 24,700, 43 1/2; Koshland; Martin and Kunsman, 21,000, 47; The Dalles Scouring Mills; Guy Boyer, 15,000, 49, Koshland.

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