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PRICE FIVE CENTS

TOKIO IS SWEEPED BY GREAT FIRE

Panic Seizes City; Loss Is \$12,500,000.

MANY LEFT HOMELESS

Flames Driven Toward Center of Town for 4 Hours by Violent Wind.

4000 TROOPS AID FIREMEN

Streets Choked With Despairing Fugitives and Scenes of Terror Follow.

TOKIO, March 27.—(By the Associated Press.)—Fire, which for a time imperiled the entire city of Tokio, last night destroyed a thousand houses in the northwest part, injured 133 persons, made thousands homeless and caused a loss estimated at about \$12,500,000.

Included in the property destroyed were three hospitals, a bank and several large business houses.

For four hours a violent wind drove the flames toward the heart of the city, causing a panic. Four thousand troops aided the firemen, but it was only when the wind let down that their efforts succeeded. Scenes of terror were witnessed in many sections. Streets were choked with despairing refugees from the districts stricken, accompanied by carts loaded with furniture, the confusion being increased by sightseers.

Many of the half frozen persons carried infants. Mounted police had great difficulty in checking incipient panics.

The imperial gardens were opened to the sufferers. The fire burned so fiercely and with such brightness that the skies were illuminated by a fiery halo.

The fire, which occurred in the Yotsura district, was the worst that Tokio has experienced in a decade.

FIRE DANGERS GREAT

Dugouts for Protection of Families in Forest Are Advised.

ABERDEEN, Wash., March 27.—(Special.)—The damage done by the storm of January 29 to standing timber of the Olympic peninsula is so great in extent and the resulting menace from fire this summer will be so great that it will take the combined efforts of the state and federal authorities to rehabilitate the peninsula and make it safe for settlers, declared Governor Morris.

Morris suggested that each settler be required to construct dugouts sufficiently large to shelter entire families, in case of fire.

INJURED AVIATOR WORSE

Special Prayers Offered for Lieutenant Coney's Recovery.

NATCHEZ, Miss., March 27.—The condition of Lieutenant W. D. Coney, transcontinental flyer, showed a change for the worse today, and physicians announced they had little hope for his recovery. A bulletin said his temperature was 102½, with respiration embarrassed, and that a condition of pneumonia had been noted.

Special prayers for his recovery were offered at all the local churches today at the request of the Natchez chapter of War Mothers. Mrs. E. E. Coney, the lieutenant's mother, arrived today.

CAT AIDS WHISKY HUNT

Feline Yowl Leads to Discovery Inside Piano.

NEW YORK, March 27.—A cat in search of a lost chord today led to seizure of 24 bottles of whisky inside a piano aboard the Trinidad liner Mauret.

A prohibition inspector accidentally stepped on pussy's tail. Pussy yowled and jumped from the deck through a porthole into a cabin. She landed on what would have been the top of an upright piano had the top been closed.

But it wasn't, and amid a bit of feline jazz the "dry" agent caught the feline by the collar. Discovery of the whisky followed.

WILSON NAME HISSED AT DEBATE ON RUSSIA

SENATORS FRANCE AND KING ARGUE TRADE POLICY.

Mention of ex-Secretary of State Colby Also Causes Demonstration in New York Hall.

NEW YORK, March 27.—Demonstrations and hisses at the mention of ex-President Wilson and ex-Secretary of State Colby marked a debate here tonight between Senator France of Maryland and Senator King of Utah on changing the American policy toward Russia.

Further disorder occurred when the audience, believing a vote was to be taken after the debate, was informed that through a misunderstanding this would not be done.

At adjournment many persons rushed to the platform to threaten Rabbi Joseph Silverman, who declared such a vote would be un-American in the face of the government's stand. He charged that the meeting was packed and that persons in the audience had been heard to say that socialist newspapers had urged their readers to attend.

Senator King, after many interruptions, during which the ex-president's name was hissed and booed, denounced many of his hearers as being "bochevists" and recommended lessons in Americanism for them. Senator France advocated a change of policy, including "throwing open the doors" for trade with Russia.

The question in the debate hinged on the statements of Senator France that Russia has gold, raw products and concessions by which she could pay for trade; that the American policy has been warlike in all dealings with Russian armies, and especially in invading "the north of Russia, at St. Petersburg."

Senator King replied that the Russian gold, largely belonging to Roumania and other countries, would not be sufficient to start even a small amount of trade, and that trade with Russia has been largely impossible by the refusal of communists to allow goods to enter.

He denied that the United States policy has been one of war, declaring American troops were "invited."

A statement by Senator France that "America's waging war on Germany by invading Russia was as bad as Germany's invasion of Belgium" drew scathing rebuke from Senator King.

HIGHWAY WORK BLOCKED

Short Stretch of Right of Way Is Yet to Be Secured.

MARSHFIELD, Or., March 27.—(Special.)—A hitch has occurred in the plans of the county and government in the construction of the Hauser-Lakeside forestry highway of 3.3 miles extending from the town of Marshfield to the town of Lakeview.

It was supposed all right of way had been provided for but it now appears a short stretch belongs to the Buehner Lumber company, and the discovery has caused a halt in the plans of the county until such time as the county can arrange with the Buehner company for permission to cross the holdings or purchase right of ways. The contractors were prepared to start work early next week, and it is possible the obstruction may be removed by that time.

GREEKS REPORT ADVANCE

Capture of 200 Prisoners and Four Cannon Announced.

ATHENS, March 26.—Tonight's communique from Greek army headquarters on the campaign in Asia Minor said the Greeks had advanced eight miles toward Eski-Shehor and Afium-Karahissar, taking 200 prisoners, four cannon and a large quantity of material.

CONSTANTINOPLE, March 27.—(By the Associated Press.)—Fighting along the Broussa and Smyrna fronts is growing as the Greek offensive against the Turkish nationalists develops. General Ismet Pasha is making a determined stand on the Broussa front.

BUILDING REVIVAL SEEN

Permits Forecast Many New Residences at Aberdeen.

ABERDEEN, Wash., March 27.—(Special.)—Exceptionally good prospects for a building revival in Aberdeen were seen in preliminary contracts made and buildings upon which architects have been consulted. Twenty permits for residences have been issued since February 1, ranging in price from \$400 to \$15,000, and representing a total of about \$60,000.

A statement by W. H. Gibson, secretary of the Building Trades council of Aberdeen and Hoquiam, is to the effect that a revival would be welcomed by the carpenters, of whom about 200 were idle.

EGG-ROLLING TO RESUME

White House Grounds to Be Used After Lapse of 4 Years.

WASHINGTON, March 27.—After a lapse of four years, Easter egg-rolling will be permitted on the White House grounds tomorrow, and Washington youngsters will roam at will over the immense lawn.

The president and Mrs. Harding have signified their intention of passing part of the afternoon with the egg-rollers. The marine band will play.

The annual frolic was discontinued by President Wilson in 1917 after war was declared.

WOMEN ASK THAT WORLD DISARM

Easter Mass Meeting Is Held at Capital.

HARDING ASKED TO CONFER

Conference With Nations of Earth Requested.

BORAH IS FOR AGREEMENT

Warning Given That Propagandists for War Will Be Active Until Big Appropriations Pass.

WASHINGTON, March 27.—A resolution requesting President Harding "to call a conference of the nations on world disarmament" and asking that increased appropriations of congress for armaments be postponed pending such a conference, was adopted today at an Easter mass meeting held under auspices of the women's disarmament committee.

Senator Borah of Idaho again advocated an agreement between the United States, Great Britain and Japan to reduce naval armament and charged authors of the program for increased armaments with being "sedulous patrons of bolshevism, painstaking and industrious gardeners of unrest and misery."

"The ties which bind peoples to their governments are snapping because of the great burden of armaments," he said.

Many C. Berlings Held
The meeting, it was announced, was held simultaneously with others in 15 states.

Mrs. Florence Keller, of New York, who presided, said the meetings "mark the spontaneous uprising of women on the first Easter on which they have power."

Edward F. Grady of the American Federation of Labor said the federation joins "in demanding that the statesmen do something at once to bring about a definite programme for world disarmament."

"We, however, clearly recognize," he added, "that we cannot disarm while other nations are armed. But we want disarmament, the reduction to be gradual and by general agreement."

Among telegrams read was one from W. J. Bryan saying he was "heartily in favor of disarmament—for an agreement with our nations if possible, by our example if necessary."

"There is no way to bring about disarmament except through agreement," (Concluded on Page 2, Column 1.)

GIRL, 15, BREAKS VASE OVER BURGLAR'S HEAD

FATHER RESCUED FROM INTRUDER'S MENACING PISTOL.

Robber Flees After Attack When Surprised While Ransacking Victor Carlson Home.

Victor J. Carlson, building contractor living at 445 Vancouver avenue, escaped the menacing revolver of a robber last night when his 15-year-old daughter, Irene, entered the room and smashed a large vase over the intruder's head. The burglar fled.

Mr. and Mrs. Carlson and their family had been out for dinner. Returning about 10:15 P. M., Carlson went into his study and the other members of the family went upstairs. Their advent was followed by a commotion which drew the father to investigate. When he entered the dining room he was confronted by a masked man who ordered him to throw his hands up and his purse down. He did as ordered.

The burglar's attention was distracted for a moment when Carlson, at his bidding, moved to turn out the lights. Just then the daughter entered and swung her vase with telling effect. The man dashed out the front door and ran down Flint street. He obtained 50 cents which was in Carlson's purse. Carlson went upstairs for a rifle and gave chase, but did not have an opportunity to fire.

Police were notified and combed the district. The robber was said to have been cut on the side of the face by the vase. He was described as about 35 years old, black mask, slender, brown suit, black overcoat, black soft hat and carried a nickel-plated revolver.

Four other prowlers were reported to the police, but in no case was the amount of their loot given. At 312 East Fifteenth street North a prowler was frightened away while at work. Houses at 1136 Garfield street, 525 East Eighteenth street North, and 908 Vancouver avenue were prowled.

ALLOTMENTS GO DIRECT

Soldiers No Longer to Get Funds Intended for Dependents.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 27.—Legislation providing that all sums allowed to disabled soldiers for support of their dependents be paid directly to the designated dependents instead of to the soldiers will be recommended to congress, the federal board for vocational education decided Saturday.

Enactment of such legislation, board officials said, would obviate any possible misuse of allowance funds as is now possible under the system whereby the funds are paid to the disabled men.

WINNIPEG HAS 10 BELOW

Strong Wind Prevails on Easter at Manitoba Municipality.

WINNIPEG, Man., March 27.—Below zero temperature with a strong wind prevailed here today. Ten degrees below zero was registered this morning.

NOT EVEN SYMPATHY FOR HIM.

Man Found in Lonely Cabin, Apparently Committed Suicide.

HEPPNER, Or., March 27.—(Special.)—James Craig, 35, a homesteader living three miles east of here, was found in his cabin this morning with a bullet wound in his head. George Davis, who was herding sheep near the cabin, found the man still alive but unconscious. A revolver was grasped in his right hand and the wound was evidently self-inflicted.

Davis notified the sheriff's office and Sheriff McDuffee took a physician to the homesteader. The man was brought to a hospital where he died two hours later. He was a bachelor and his only known relative is Thomas Craig, who lives near Lexington. No cause is known here that would account for the act.

LOOKOUT IS ORDERED FOR TONG ASSASSINS

SAN FRANCISCO ADVISES SIX GUNMEN ARE ON WAY.

Bing Kung Party of Sharpshooters Believed Sent North to Re-open Chinese War Here.

Extra precautions were taken last night by Chief of Police Jenkins to prevent possible hostilities in Chinatown. Forecast when a long-distance telephone message was received from San Francisco that six Bing Kung tong gunmen, all heavily armed, had left San Francisco for Portland Saturday morning.

Chief Jenkins notified authorities at Eugene and Salem to search all north-bound trains for the Chinese and to notify the Portland police if they are found. Officials in the valley towns also were requested to watch to see if the gunmen left the trains and attempted to reach Portland by automobile. Indirect word reached by police headquarters was to the effect that the highlanders would leave the train at Salem or Eugene and come into Portland by other means.

Although the heads of opposing tongs in Portland are doing everything possible to prevent another tong outbreak here, it was admitted yesterday that if the long leaders in San Francisco had ordered gunmen to Portland with instructions to kill, nothing the local tongs might do could prevent a resumption of the tong war locally.

Information that the Bing Kung gunmen had left San Francisco for Portland was received indirectly from the Hop Sing and Suet Sing tongs, hated rivals of the Bing Kung tongs.

SACRAMENTO, March 27.—Over 50 shots were exchanged in a street fight between Chinese at Locke, near here, early today. No one was injured. According to information given Sheriff Ellis Jones, five Chinese entered the town in an automobile and opened fire on Chinese members of the Bing Kung tong. The raiders escaped.

According to information given police the Hip Sing tongmen have informed the Bing Kung that "this is a war of extermination and we will get our enemies if we are compelled to shoot white police officers."

HOMESTEADER IS SHOT

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Public Expense Obviated.
All of the street would be opened over property owned by the various railroads concerned, chiefly the Spokane, Portland & Seattle, and all of the improvements thereon would therefore be paid out of railroad funds. It was pointed out yesterday.

This would obviate any public expense or the levying of the costs on any private property. It is contended by railroad officials that, by opening this street, a splendid thoroughfare leading to the waterfront would be provided, with a minimum of danger, as there are but three tracks over which it would pass. All of the streets now used for this purpose carry large numbers of trucks, necessitate the employment of numerous watchmen, and constitute a dangerous situation, it was explained.

This would be eliminated under the plan to be submitted to the council.

Portions of streets also embraced in the plan to be submitted are those which have never been used for any other than railroad purposes, and it is the contention of railroad officials that, by vacating them for the purpose of enabling the various companies concerned to execute the proposed terminal plan, the city would not only be losing nothing, but would be well compensated for the vacation privileges sought, inasmuch as approximately \$1,000,000 is to be expended in the construction of the projected freight tracks at Quill's lake.

Mr. Gray Makes Announcement.
Great interest in the project was aroused by the announcement by Carl R. Gray, president of the Union Pacific system, that the terminal plans have progressed to the point where formal submission to the council will be made within 30 days, so that the mayor and commissioners may have sufficient time in which to consider the proposals of the railroads. That all possible speed will be made in the effort to get the plans to the council at the earliest possible date, was declared yesterday. Mr. Gray reached Portland on an inspection trip last Saturday, will leave for Seattle at 9 o'clock this morning, accompanied by Judge Robert S. Lovett, chairman of the Union Pacific's executive board, and party of officials.

While Mr. Gray was unable to fix a definite date for a meeting of the executives of railroads concerned in the union terminal project, he announced that it would be within 30 days and just as soon as is possible. The only delay will be with regard to the approval of tentative plans by certain executives necessary to the conclusion of the agreements and contracts binding the roads in the terminal situation.

Voters May Decide.
Judging from a statement given out by A. L. Barbur, commissioner of public works, yesterday in answer to an inquiry as to his attitude on the question of vacation of streets, there is little reason to believe that the city council will do other than to refer the subject, if it is approved by the members after its features are submitted, to the voters. Whether this will be at the election scheduled for early in June, when state measures will be passed upon by the people, is largely for the railroad officials to say, it now appears.

As Mayor Baker said in a statement published yesterday, the proposals of the railroads should be submitted quickly if they wish the council to consider referring the street (Concluded on Page 2, Column 2.)

NINTH STREET KEY OF TERMINAL PLAN

Roads to Ask Vacation of Thirty Avenues.

MAP OF PROJECT IS DRAWN

Work to Start in 2 Months if City Agrees.

ELECTION MAY BE HELD

Referring of Guild's Lake Scheme to Voters Is Talked Of by Councilmen.

Opening of Ninth street from Irving street to Front street, the hard-surfacing of this as a main artery for traffic across a minimum of the city, has been completed for some time, and details have been put into form and sent along to various of the executives who must approve them before they may be submitted formally to the city council. According to these maps, the proposal of the roads to open Ninth street and to make of it a main artery for travel across the freight yards becomes a chief feature, insofar as affording a means of ingress and egress to the waterfront in that section is concerned.

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EASTER BONNET JOYS IN PERFECT WEATHER

GAY COLORS ACCENTUATED BY BRIGHT SUNSHINE.

Ideal Day for Displaying Finery of Season Brings Crowds to Churches and Outdoors.

The sunshine was real and it was warm. It came not for a few minutes yesterday, but for hours, to bring along with the blue of the sky, happiness to churchgoers, picnickers and children everywhere.

The Easter bonnet had a glorious time, for the sunshine gave added color to the gay flowers and floating ribbons and feathers. An Easter bonnet is not happy, you know, unless it can look its best and so yesterday was a joyous occasion.

The Easter bonnets nodded to each other gayly as they went down the church aisles. They condescended, indeed, to speak to some of their fellows who were not brand new, but so cleverly retouched that none but an expert could tell the difference.

All the hats didn't go to church. Many of them tried and failed, because the Easter crowds at all the churches yesterday were phenomenal. The hats then went for a promenade or a drive into the country or a walk in the city park.

Children squealed with delight when they awoke bright and early yesterday morning. They didn't have to put on rubbers before they ran out to play in all corners of the yard for the egg which the Easter rabbit had left for them.

After Sunday school the little boys sneaked off for a game of catch. Some of their big brothers and fathers did too, and had a wonderful game of ball.

Many motorists chose yesterday morning to shine up the old car and in the afternoon took the whole family for a ride out into the country. Some took along picnic suppers, made some over a campfire and felt that spring had most certainly arrived.

The hikers who are out in every kind of weather were in evidence, returning on the streetcars from a day's jaunt "next to nature." Several organizations took hikes beginning Saturday afternoon and ending last night.

PAYMASTER'S AID SOUGHT

Ensign Who Disappeared Reported \$22,000 Short in Accounts.

BOSTON, March 27.—The disappearance a week ago of Ensign Joseph J. Lyman, assistant paymaster of the scout cruiser Chester, was followed Saturday by the discovery that he had left a shortage of \$22,000 of naval funds.

Orders were issued to department of justice and naval intelligence agents to seek him on charges of embezzlement and absence without leave.

Lyman, who rose from the ranks, enlisted from Portsmouth, but in recent years his family had made their home at Newport, R. I. He has a wife and two children there. He is 31.

Naval investigators are understood to be checking up South American routes in their efforts to trace Lyman's movements.

EXPRESS EARNINGS CITED

Railroad Commission Says Company Will Get 10 Per Cent Return.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 27.—Instead of being faced by a deficit, as it contends, the American Express company has effected contracts with the railroad commission to the Interstate commerce commission today to contract establishment of higher state rates for the company.

The figures are part of the railroad commission's defense in an action brought by the company to compel it to grant a 13½ per cent rate increase in California.

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SUNSHINE SMILES ON GLAD EASTER

All Portland Churches Are Filled by Worshipers.

SICK HEAR SPECIAL SERVICE

Hospitals and Homes for Aged Are Visited.

FINE CLOTHES ON DISPLAY

Sunny Weather Attracts Many City Residents to Countryside—Few Persons Stay at Home.

The Christ, triumphant over sin and death, was proclaimed in song and sermon throughout Portland yesterday, with the glad, brilliant rays of the sun reflecting the Easter glory and brightening everything.

It was a perfect day, with a perfect beginning and a perfect ending. Not once did the sun hide behind the clouds, for there were none, and the people, awakening to the gladness of the Easter day, found themselves favored with Oregon's most beautiful weather, arose and went to church—nearly all of them.

So great were the multitudes congregated in the churches that it seemed none but the sick were outside sacred walls—and to the unfortunate Christians, whose people carried the glad story of the Easter day.

Hospital Services Held.
For it was decreed by the churches that none should be forgotten and so, throughout the afternoon in particular, bands of cheerful youths held services in hospitals and homes for aged persons.

Records were broken in church attendance in all of the many denominations, especially at the morning services, when the largest edifices were filled to overflowing and thousands were unable to gain entrance. Hundreds of men, women and children faced with the impossibility of obtaining seats, maneuvered for standing room, but even this was not to be had in the downtown section of the city, where special Easter programmes of music, sermons and baptismal ceremonies had been arranged.

Easter Lily Predominates.
Everywhere, in all of the churches and in countless homes, the beautiful Easter lily predominated in floral decorations. The lily seems so appropriate and timely at Easter, and every one is so glad to see this lovely flower blooming as it does the arrival of gladness spring and the joyous approach of the most jubilant day of all the Christian calendar save perhaps Christmas.

Yesterday's perfect weather was an easy victor over drowsiness and even that indifference which sometimes seems to overcome people. It was simply irresistible. People could not remain indoors at their homes on any pretext; they simply capitulated, put on the best clothes they possessed and went to church, for the most part.

Christ's Example Noted.
That Christ overcame sin and death on the cross, not because he could not have as efficaciously accomplished his God-given errand of salvation in any other manner of self-abnegation than the yielding up of his life and that he did it to prepare the way for all mankind, were thoughts put to the fore by one of the city's chief ministers. We should be like him, it was pointed out, always living for the best.