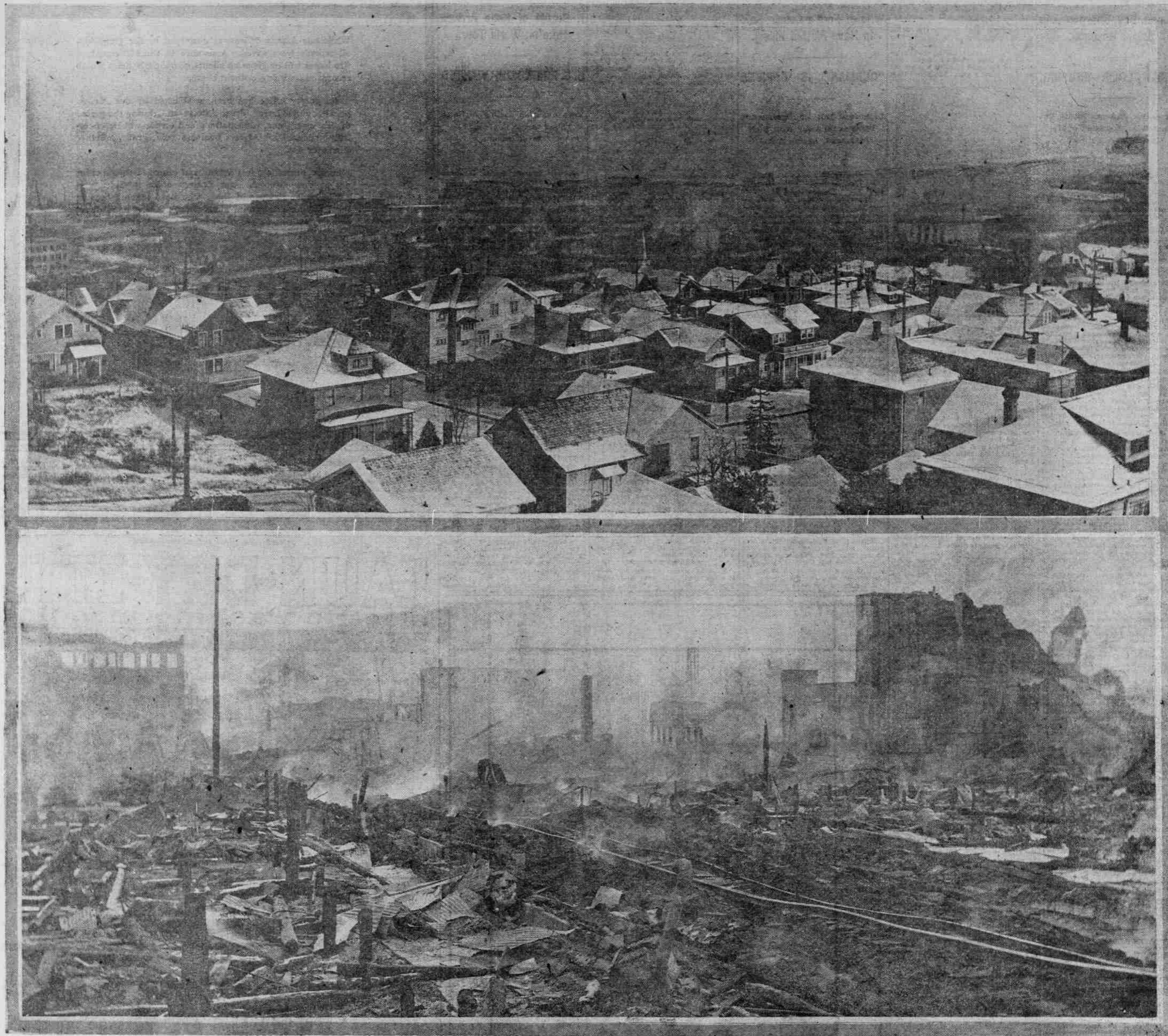


# STRIKING VIEWS SHOW RUIN WROUGHT BY ASTORIA HOLOCAUST

Veritable Destruction by Demon Fire Throughout Business District of Doomed City, Leaving Smoldering Ruins Where Tall Buildings Once Housed City's Commerce, Revealed by Panoramic Photographs



ABOVE—VIEW TAKEN FROM HILL OVERLOOKING PORTION OF CITY SWEEPED BY FLAMES. BELOW—PANORAMIC VIEW OF WHAT WAS ONCE ASTORIA'S BUSINESS DISTRICT, COVERING 24 BLOCKS.

—Photos by Woodfield for The Oregonian.

## ASTORIA BEGINS BUILDING

### SURVEY FOR TEMPORARY BUSINESS ZONE BEGUN.

### Factional Row Settled and Merchants and Committee Get to Work on Plans.

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Hand, it is possible for arrangements to care for the unemployed before the situation becomes acute.

### Adjusters Begin Work.

Insurance adjusters began work today and the first adjustment was made by Phil Grossmeyer of Portland, acting in behalf of Leo J. Markey, local insurance agent. The corps of insurance men who have been rushed to Astoria to care for this feature are confident that before the ashes are cold more than 50 per cent of the adjustments will have been made.

As a matter of fact, the insurance companies are making a supreme effort to rush settlements in order to aid in the general plan of building the new city.

Beginning tonight the entire patrol of the fire area was in charge of naval authorities co-operating with the general traffic committee. A part of the patrol in this area has been handled by the "gobs," and so satisfactory has been their work that the executive committee today decided to request an exclusive naval patrol within the fire lines.

In the residential district the civilian patrol, composed largely of overseas veterans, was being maintained. All of these men were heavily armed and had been instructed to arrest any stranger found roaming the streets after dark. Men so arrested will be turned over to district lieutenants, questioned, and if

unsatisfactory answers result, will be taken to the city jail.

The regular police force, together with Portland officers who will remain until Tuesday, were devoting their attention to the work of preventing the entry of undesirable citizens.

While occasional snow flurries occurred throughout the day the weather was clear and gave citizens and visitors alike the first comprehensive view of the ruined district.

The fire lines, closely guarded, were marked by large groups of people who had nothing to do but gaze at the smoke scented walls, the fallen streets and the flames that still flickered here and there as a reminder of the roaring fire that swept the district last Friday.

Tomorrow will probably see the beginning of the building of the temporary area, as well as the opening of many temporary offices outside the fire district. Before the middle of the week it is expected that plans will have been formulated for the actual reconstruction of the entire business district. No one had anything to worry about, so far as food or clothing were concerned, and housing facilities were more than ample. A cheerful spirit was universal throughout the city, and as a result all attention from now on can be given to reconstruction.

### Astoria Relief Fund Asked.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 10.—Mayor James Rolph Jr. of San Francisco last night issued a proclamation calling on the people of the city to donate money and imperishable goods to the people of Astoria, Or., who suffered loss in the fire there. The mayor said the situation was serious and that donations should be sent without delay to the city hall to be forwarded to Astoria.

Phone your want ads to The Oregonian. All its readers are interested in the classified columns.

## SIDELIGHTS AND INCIDENTS OF GREAT ASTORIA FIRE

### Taxi Drivers Reaping Harvest With Exorbitant Fares—Police Close Soft Drink Parlors for Time Being.

ASTORIA, Or., Dec. 10.—(Special.)—While all the world is extending sympathy and assistance to Astoria, there is one type of Astoria citizen who does not reciprocate. He is the taxi driver.

Lights are out of commission. The streets are covered with slush and snow. The pedestrian out after nightfall is constantly being halted by guards. And, as a result of these conditions, the fellows who operate taxicabs between the railroad station and the edge of the burned district, a matter of some eight or ten blocks, are reaping a harvest by charging 75 cents for the short haul. Jesse James had nothing on Astoria taxicabmen.

For weird, spectacular scenic effects, nothing more fantastic could be imagined than the aspect of Astoria's fire ruins by night. The destroyer Yarbrough, moored at Sanborn's dock, mounted a powerful searchlight on her mast and played the light over the destroyed area. Clouds of smoke, mist and fog, together with the powerful rays of light and the flames from the scores of small fires still burning, produced an effect beyond description. The light was used as a precaution against possible looting.

One optimistic Astorian opened up for business yesterday in an automobile. With a stock of candies, cigars and tobacco arranged on shelves built in the tannery of his car, he took up a stand at a street corner and did a brisk business. Another, a news dealer, filled his car with periodicals and copies of

The Oregonian and did a good business until he ran out of supplies. The Astoria Business college will reopen tomorrow morning in the basement of the Grace Episcopal church.

## ASTORIA UNDER GUARD

### 2 NOTORIOUS YEGGMEN ARE CAUGHT BY POLICE.

### Naval Men Watch Ruins While Civilian Patrol Keeps Vigil in Residential Section.

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by the streets swung abruptly at the edges of the ruined section. For the most part, there was no passage through this district, the elevated roadways having been the first to burn out.

Area Not Yet Explored. No one had yet investigated or explored the area of desolation. There was too much danger in the smoldering fires and pitfalls. Business men, whose fortunes were swept away by the conflagration, could only stand on the edge and look in the direction of what was once their holdings.

### Rubber Goods Sent to Astoria.

Chaplain W. S. Gilbert of the Astoria relief committee yesterday telegraphed the Portland Chamber of Commerce asking that four cases of rubber boots, 100 slickers and 100 sou-wester hats be sent to that city at once. W. H. Crawford, executive secretary, routed out members of the Goodyear Rubber company, who assembled the order, and Fire Chief Young conveyed the shipment to the Seattle, Portland & Spokane depot in a fire truck in time to catch the 6:30 train. The rubber goods were for the protection of guards in the burned districts. A heavy storm was reported to be prevailing in Astoria yesterday.

Though the Oregon Baking company lost its equipment in the fire, it has established temporary headquarters outside the burned area and will soon be ready to supply local needs. New equipment will be shipped from Portland at once.

is another class of safe operators who will be much in demand in a few days. The combinations and locking apparatus on the majority of the safes which passed through the fire have doubtless been damaged. A corps of safe experts is to be called here in a few days to begin the work of opening the hundreds of strong boxes which are so promiscuously scattered through the ruins.

Five Portland policemen, Motorcycle Officers Shaylor, Pierre, Smythe, Tauscher and Hill, have been assigned to duty with the Astoria police for the purpose of spotting Portland undesirables who may flock to the city.

Astoria authorities today began checking up on all automobiles. No one was permitted to leave by automobile without a permit from the police bureau. Incoming cars were also watched and those whose occupants had no business in the city were turned back at the suburbs.

### BAPTISTS TO AID ASTORIA

### Relief Fund of \$500 Collected by White Temple.

A relief fund for sufferers of the Astoria fire amounting to \$500 was obtained yesterday at church services at the First Baptist church (White Temple) by Rev. Thomas J. Villera. The money will be put into the hands of Rev. E. A. Gotberg, pastor of the Astoria Baptist church, who will use it to help his congregation and also for general relief.

Dr. O. C. Wright, Baptist state convention secretary, who visited the scene of the fire, said that although the general condition was well taken care of, Baptist people had lost their salaries temporarily and no doubt would need assistance. Heroic work in saving the new Baptist church now under construction in Astoria was reported on the part of Rev. Mr. Gotberg, who, spying the building in the act of catching fire, beat the flames off

with his coat. The old building, which was being occupied by the congregation pending completion of the new church, was so badly damaged by blasting that it is considered useless to repair it. Dr. Wright reported. One thousand dollars, given by the Baptist state convention, will be used for the completion of the new building.

### ELKS ORGANIZE RELIEF

### Delegation Goes to Astoria to Make Investigation.

To carry out the wishes of J. Edgar Masters, grand exalted ruler of the Elks, that an investigation be made to determine what relief is necessary in Astoria, W. F. McKinney, Monroe Goldstein, Charles Bradley of Portland and Frank D. Cohen of Marshfield, left for the stricken city yesterday. The Elks' lodge stands back of Astoria in its suffering. The grand exalted ruler has stated, and the local delegation will make a thorough investigation of the immediate needs of the citizens of the city before returning here. They carried with them \$250 cash, which was donated by J. H. and Gilbert Joyce of the Hazelwood restaurants, for the relief of the citizens whose homes were burned in the fire.

### HOQUIAM OFFERS TO SEND AID.

HOQUIAM, Wash., Dec. 10.—(Special.)—Expressing sympathy with the people of Astoria in the disaster which swept that city Friday, the Hoquiam Commercial club in a telegram sent to the stricken city asked to be allowed to render whatever assistance is possible when called upon. The motion of Samuel Ibbittson to such effect before the club was unanimously adopted.

The manager of a manufacturing plant in Cleveland has arranged a country estate on the roof of his