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## BUILDINGS RISE IN RUINED AREA

### Astoria Hears Music of Hammers and Saws.

## PEACE SETTLES ON CITY

### Salesman Get Big Orders From Dealers Who Re-establish Selves.

## TRAFFIC IS MAIN PROBLEM

### Re-opening of Main Street Is Planned by Officials of City.

ASTORIA, Or., Dec. 12.—(Special.)—There was music in the air in Astoria today. It was neither classical nor jazz. It was the sweeter music created by hammers and saws and crowbars.

The ruined area, for four days a place forbidden, was reopened to workmen, property owners and merchants. The work of reconstruction was started. Complete peace and harmony existed in all circles of the city. Astoria settled down to labor in earnest.

City officials laid plans for the re-opening of Commercial street, the principal artery of traffic from east to west. The Y. M. C. A. conducted a free employment bureau and brought the jobless into contact with the man who wanted to rebuild. In that district along Bond and Astor streets, once shunned by respectable people, carpenters were tearing out the fronts of the old dens of infamy and preparing the interiors of the ramshackle structures for occupancy by business houses.

## Mushroom Structures Rise.

Along the edges of the burned area mushroom structures began to appear knock down houses and garages, which will be the temporary homes of stores until such time as the newer and greater Astoria is built.

Commercial salesmen began filling the town. The representatives of the jobbers, the wholesalers and the manufacturers of building supplies and the dealers who handle building material were descending on Astoria in force. Their wares were not in vain. Astoria wanted supplies and ordered in large quantities.

For two days after the fire the citizens of this city did little other than gather in groups on the edge of the burned area and gaze mournfully at the ruins of their city. Today they were changed. There was a bustle and excitement in the air. Busy men were hurrying about, and officials and committees were functioning perfectly. Jobless men were going back to work and a general attack was being made on the debris and wreckage which still litter some streets.

## Reopening Means Much.

To the average Astorian, the reopening of Commercial street will mean much. At present, traffic conditions in the city are bad. Pedestrians and vehicles must detour over the hills to the south of the burned area. Few of these streets are paved and the going is hard for vehicles. But with the reopening of the city's principal thoroughfare a connecting link between the east and west ends of Astoria will be created.

To the Y. M. C. A. has been delegated the duty of bringing the jobless men of the city in contact with the employer. Today scores of calls for help were received and scores of men were put to work. The most of the jobs were only temporary, but it was thought that, with the general reconstruction already under way, there would be plenty of work.

That another fatality might be added to the list resulting from the fire was feared today. John Carr, a saw filer, who had been employed at various logging camps in the lower river district for the last few years, was reported missing. He had a room at the Megier hotel on the night of the fire and no trace of him had been found since he went to his room that night.

The opening of the safes in the buildings destroyed by the fire was an important event to many Astoria business men. It meant disappointment for a number. Of the 25 safes opened today under the supervision of the naval guards, the contents of the majority were found to be only ashes. The heat had been so intense that all papers and currency had been destroyed.

## New Problem Is Faced.

As a result of this have a new problem faces the merchants of the city. Many have thousands of dollars in outstanding accounts, but not so much as a scrap of paper to show the names of their debtors. It was pointed out that the commercial rehabilitation of the city (Continued on Page 3, Column 1.)

## ACCUSER REQUESTED TO FINANCE DEFENSE

### WOMAN HELD FOR MURDER PLOT WANTS MONEY.

#### Husband Asked to Hire Lawyer to Fight for Wife He Charged With Attempt on Life.

DETROIT, Dec. 12.—A petition by Mrs. May Blinn Ford, that her husband, Ney J. Ford, be ordered to advance \$5000 attorneys' fees for her defense on a charge of plotting his death, was taken under advisement by Judge Dingsman, in circuit court today. Similar action was taken on Mrs. Ford's request for an additional \$1000 with which to contest Ford's suit for divorce, which was pending prior to the filing of the attempted murder charge against her.

Counsel for Mrs. Ford, formerly a Toledo nurse and masseuse, argued that Mrs. Ford had been "turned out of her home without a dollar to defend herself," and held it to be a husband's duty to provide funds for his wife's defense on any charge. Judge Dingsman replied that it was a "most unusual procedure," and asked: "Is it part of the husband's duty to put the weapon in the wife's hand?"

If Mrs. Ford is found guilty of the criminal charge, Judge Dingsman said he would order Ford to pay her money to fight the divorce suit.

Mrs. Ford's examination on a charge of plotting with detectives, masquerading as professional gunmen, to slay her husband, has been set for Friday. She has not yet posted the \$15,000 bail required and is held in jail.

## NEW PAY SCALES LIKELY

### Navy Yard Wage Boards to Reconsider Recommendations.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 12.—Wage boards at the various navy yards and stations throughout the country were instructed today by the navy department to reconsider their recommendations made recently on wage scales for employees the coming year.

The instructions were issued on the recommendation of the general naval board of review after hearings at which employees' representatives in most instances asked for approximately a 25 per cent increase in wages. Several boards had recommended decreases.

## BIG DRUG SEIZURE MADE

### Letters Found Involve Hollywood Motion Picture Actor.

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—Narcotics valued at \$50,000 and the names and addresses of about 1000 persons said by the police to be selling agents and addicts were seized early today by Deputy Police Commissioner Simon and a force of agents.

Among the seized letters and cards, Deputy Commissioner Simon said, was one from a well-known motion picture actor in Hollywood, Cal., indicating that the actor acted as a selling agent. California authorities were notified of the seizure and requested to make an investigation.

## MISSION WORKER FREED

### One American Released by Chinese, Three Others Held.

PEKIN, Dec. 12.—(By the Associated Press.)—Anton Lundeen of Newman Grove, Neb., a missionary kidnaped by bandits in Honan province October 13 last, has been released. Several other missionaries held at this time, was announced here today.

Three other Americans are still held captive and the diplomatic corps here has appointed a commission which will start for Honan province Thursday to negotiate their release.

## ROAD GETS TEN MILLION

### St. Paul System Borrows From To Pay Uncle Sam.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 12.—A loan of \$10,000,000 from the government to the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railroad was authorized today by the interstate commerce commission. The authorization is for a loan to run until March 1, 1923, and will enable the company to meet maturing indebtedness of a like amount which the government now holds against the road.

The company will deposit \$14,000,000 in its own bonds as collateral.

## STATE ROAD WORK IN ASTORIA ASKED

### Portland to Help Pay for Highway Job

## LAW EXCEPTION IS SUGHT

### Pledges for Special Legislation Desired.

## STREET IS BIG NEED

### Relief Fund Raised by Local Chamber Exceeds \$40,000; Naval Base Start Wanted.

## PUBLIC WARNED AGAINST BOGUS RELIEF FUND COLLECTORS.

Warning against bogus Astoria relief fund collectors was issued yesterday by Jay Smith, chairman of the Portland Chamber of Commerce finance committee. Reports were received that one man had been soliciting cash contributions. No collectors are being used. Contributions should be sent direct to the Chamber of Commerce Astoria Relief Fund, room 605, Oregon building. Checks should be made payable to the relief fund and not to an individual in any case.

Portland's first important step toward aid in reconstruction of Astoria's destroyed business section will be taken today when Mayor Baker will go before the state highway commission with a special delegation from Astoria to urge construction of a main street through Astoria by the highway commission.

Mayor Baker's aid was asked yesterday by the Astoria committee and he agreed to do all in his power toward securing the highway commission's help.

The highway commission is prevented by law from doing any road work within the corporate limits of a city of more than 2500 population without special permission of the legislature. Legal advice obtained yesterday indicates that this obstacle can be surmounted by obtaining sufficient pledges from members of the legislature to assure granting of such permission when the legislature convenes.

### Plans Are to Be Laid.

In the meantime, it is said, the highway commission could proceed with the work, secure in the knowledge that the legislature will (Continued on Page 3, Column 1.)

## \$3,000,000 U. S. AID WANTED BY ASTORIA

### TELEGRAM FOR HELP SENT PRESIDENT HARDING.

### Unless Immediate Assistance Is Given, Government Will Cease to Function.

ASTORIA, Or., Dec. 12.—(Special.)—Federal relief for Astoria, in the shape of a \$3,000,000 appropriation for the immediate rebuilding of streets, sewers and viaducts was asked today in a telegram sent President Harding and the Oregon congressional delegation by the general relief committee. Unless the city receives immediate government aid, it was pointed out, the city government will cease to function and bankruptcy of the people will result. That the situation is critical was the plea made in the telegram.

In addition to the message sent to official Washington, copies of the telegram were sent to the governors of all western states, the chambers of commerce of San Francisco, Galveston, Seattle, Los Angeles, Portland and all other north-west cities. The Portland Chamber of Commerce, through its official representative in Astoria, E. N. Weinbaum, promised to assist in obtaining the appropriation. According to the men who are responsible for the appeal, San Francisco received \$15,000,000 in federal aid following the disastrous fire and earthquake of 1906. Galveston received an appropriation of \$5,000,000 to assist in rebuilding after the tidal wave which swept that city, more than 30 years ago. In the telegram it was pointed out that the disaster which befell Astoria was as great, not counting the loss of life, as those which visited San Francisco and Galveston.

The following telegram was dispatched last night by Mayor Bremner:

"On Friday morning last, the entire business part of this city was totally destroyed by the most devastating fire in the history of the north Pacific coast. Streets, water system, sewer system and fire system in the entire devastated district were totally destroyed. More than 5000 citizens suffered the loss of their entire property and have been left without employment or means of subsistence. Business is paralyzed and the city wholly without adequate means either to furnish employment or sustain its citizens who have so suffered. Contributions have been obtained from coast cities and from individuals, but this cannot be employed to rehabilitate the devastated district. In order to rebuild, it will be necessary to fill by dredging the entire part of the city destroyed. Practically all of the streets and sewers destroyed were constructed on and under viaducts and costs assessed against the property. Such assessments have not been paid, which together with the enormous loss sustained, makes it impossible to reconstruct. The situation is serious and appalling. Unless the city receives immediate government aid, it seems that it will cease to function, and bankruptcy of its people, heretofore solvent, will result. The disaster, not counting loss of life, (Continued on Page 3, Column 1.)

## 16 DEGREES ABOVE FORECAST FOR TODAY

### THERMOMETER IS EXPECTED TO PASS YESTERDAY'S 19.

### Water Pipes and Auto Radiators Freeze in Coldest Weather of 1922 Season.

## WAVE OF COLD SWEEPS OVER NORTHWEST.

Ashland, 22 inches of snow, in Siskiyou. Hood River, zero weather. Parkdale, 4 below. Wallawa, 20 below zero. Goldendale, 10 below. Chehalis, 8 above. Roseburg, 3 above. Walla Walla, 10 above. Medford, 15 above. Astoria, freezing temperature. Olympia, 14 above. Vancouver, 15 above. Salem, 20 above. La Grande, 4 below. Meacham, 22 below. Eugene, 22 above.

Hourly temperatures in Portland yesterday were:

12 A. M.	29 1/2	1 P. M.	34
1 A. M.	29	2 P. M.	34
2 A. M.	29	3 P. M.	34
3 A. M.	29	4 P. M.	33
4 A. M.	29	5 P. M.	33
5 A. M.	29	6 P. M.	32
6 A. M.	29	7 P. M.	32
7 A. M.	29	8 P. M.	32
8 A. M.	29	9 P. M.	32
9 A. M.	29	10 P. M.	32
10 A. M.	29	11 P. M.	32

## ANTI-DAUGHERTY BATTLE IS BEGUN

### Action to Oust Attorney-General On.

## FIRST EVIDENCE SUBMITTED

### Appointment of W. J. Burns to Office Denounced.

## DETECTIVE HELD UNFIT

### Daugherty Held to Have Known of Sleuth's Character When Appointment Was Made.

BY ARTHUR SEARS HENNING.  
(By Chicago Tribune Leased Wire.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 12.—Sensational charges that William J. Burns, now chief of the bureau of investigation of the department of justice, packed a jury which sent a man to prison 11 years ago constituted the first evidence presented to the house judiciary committee today in support of the move to impeach Attorney-General Daugherty.

Mr. Daugherty, it is contended, had full knowledge of the alleged conduct of Burns and therefore demonstrated his unfitness for the office of attorney-general when he appointed Burns chief investigator, according to Representative Keller, republican, Minnesota, who introduced the impeachment resolution.

Two letters, one written by Chief Justice Taft when he was president of the United States in 1912, and the other by George W. Wickersham when he was attorney-general in the same year, bitterly condemning the conduct of Burns in the Oregon land fraud cases, were read into the record by Jackson Ralston, attorney for Representative Keller.

### Burns' Conduct Denounced.

Mr. Taft in his letter branded the conduct of Burns as "the most barefaced and unfair use of the machinery for selection of a jury that has been disclosed to me in all my experience in the federal courts," and proceeded then to grant a pardon to Willard M. Jones, who had been convicted in the Oregon land fraud cases, largely, it was alleged, as a result of Burns' activities.

Mr. Wickersham's letter recommending the pardon of Jones was an amazing narrative of the fixing of juries and the intimidation of witnesses. Investigators of the department of justice, sent to Oregon to investigate the charges of jury-fixing and intimidation of witnesses, reported widespread evidence of activities by Burns and Francis J. Heney, special prosecutor for the government, in the selection of the jury in the Jones case. Panels of prospective jurors were carefully investigated by Burns and his agents and each man was labeled before being selected, according to the Wickersham letter.

### Some Labels Recalled.

One prospective juror was labeled "Good man," "would convict Christ." Another was labeled as follows: "Would like to see defend an hung. . . . a fair juror." Others not so desirable were disparaged in emphatic language. Burns was also quoted in a telegram to F. Scott Smith, in Washington, as saying: "We're going to stack the cards against them this time."

The prosecution contended that Mr. Daugherty appointed Burns last year with full knowledge of the Taft and Wickersham letters. Guy H. Oyster, confidential secretary to Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, was placed on the witness stand to substantiate this contention. Mr. Oyster testified that he and Mr. Gompers called upon Mr. Daugherty a few days before the appointment of Burns and particularly called his attention to the Taft and Wickersham letters.

Mr. Ralston asked the committee to require the department of justice to produce further papers in its files which he said would reveal a letter written by Mr. Daugherty in which the attorney-general admitted he knew all about the charges against Burns when he made the appointment but expressed confidence, nevertheless, that Burns would make a good public servant.

### More Witnesses Asked.

Mr. Ralston asked the committee to subpoena both Chief Justice Taft and Mr. Wickersham, but after some members of the committee objected dropped his request as to Mr. Taft. Mr. Wickersham may appear tomorrow, as well as Mr. Gompers. The committee was also asked to subpoena Donald A. Richberg, Chicago attorney, who represented the railroad shophmen in the recent injunction suit, and other representatives of the railroad brotherhoods, who will present evidence of Mr. Daugherty's failure to enforce the safety inspection laws against labor railroad roads. They probably will be heard Thursday.

James A. Finch, pardon attorney in the department of justice, took the stand and told the committee that he personally had written the (Continued on Page 2, Column 1.)

## MOTHER, DERANGED, KILLS TWO CHILDREN

### WOMAN BELIEVED DYING OF GAS ASPHYXIATION.

### Mrs. George Feles Locks Herself and Babies in House Before Turning on Jets.

### After locking herself, her baby daughter and 4-year-old son in the kitchen, Mrs. George Feles, 473 Sumner street, turned on the gas in a gas stove last night, and when discovered by the father a short time later both children were dead and the mother was believed to be dying.

Neighbors told the police that Mrs. Feles had been mentally unbalanced since the birth of the infant daughter a year ago.

The mother was lying on a cot unconscious when her husband, a waiter at the Multnomah hotel, returned home from work about 9:20 o'clock, and the two children were stretched out by the side of the stove, both dead. Desperate efforts to resuscitate the son, James, were made by emergency hospital physicians.

Finding the door locked the father broke it down after noticing the odor of gas escaping from the kitchen. He immediately called neighbors who notified the emergency hospital.

## LAWYER DENIES CHARGE

### Mr. Edge on Stand in Codd Subornation of Perjury Trial.

SPOKANE, Wash., Dec. 12.—Denial that either he or George C. Randall, attorney, had "drilled" Beatrice Sant, or Bernard Collins, in testimony given by them in the Codd murder trial in Spokane last spring was made in superior court here today by Lester Edge, attorney, on the witness stand in defense of himself and 12 others charged with subornation of perjury.

Attorney Edge also denied previous testimony by Beatrice Sant alleging that he had promised to put words in her mouth with which she could answer questions put to her by the state in the Codd murder trial. He admitted having given Mrs. Sant \$30 at the close of the Codd trial, but said that he did it because she was in need of funds and had received witness fees for only one day during her trial.

## PROFESSOR BEFORE JURY

### Educator Reported Questioned Regarding Conspiracy.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 12.—Professor James Elyce of Stanford University was before the federal grand jury here this afternoon and is reported to have been questioned regarding an alleged conspiracy to aid the defense of Roy Wilmot, suspended prohibition agent, while the latter was on trial on charges of kidnapping and extortion. Wilmot was convicted and is awaiting sentence. The jury, which also is inquiring into a perjury plot revealed during the Wilmot trial, is scheduled to meet again next Friday.

## SPEEDER CURED, HE SAYS

### Ralph De Palma, Speedway King, Released From Jail.

MADEIRA, Cal., Dec. 12.—Ralph De Palma, speedway king and Madeira county jail inmate during the past five days, was ordered released this morning by the Madeira parole board, which cut 24 hours from his ten-day speeder's term for good behavior.

De Palma said he was through with speeding on highways.

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## CAPTAIN STICKS TO WRECKED SHIP

### Steamer Orteric Likely to Be Total Loss.

## 12 OF CREW WITH SKIPPER

### 54 of Men Are Rescued by Steamer Claremont.

## SURF POUNDING VESSEL

### Master and Party Expected to Stay Until Federal Appraiser Decides Damage.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 12.—The British tramp steamer Orteric, which went on Fish rock, a jagged point on the California coast line, 70 miles north of here, in a dense fog last night, was being pounded deeper into her rocky cradle tonight by heavy ground swells and surf, while the steamer Claremont was standing to San Francisco with 54 members of her crew. Twelve of the crew, including Captain Vincent Harper, remained on board to await an appraisal of the damage to the vessel by government experts on board the coast guard cutter Shawnee. It is believed that they will return to San Francisco on the Shawnee.

Wireless messages sent out by the Orteric today indicated that she will be a total loss. She lies in an exposed position, and while the sea has been calm, there is apparently no likelihood that she can be pulled off. In an early wireless message today she said that attempts to tow her or drag her from the rock would be useless.

## ROCKS PUNCTURE HOLES

The rocks punctured big holes in Nos. 1, 2 and 4 holds, while at noon today the engine room began to fill. Up to early this evening her wireless was still working, but it was a question as to how long she could continue this communication. The Orteric was on her way from San Francisco to Eureka to load lumber for the far east. She was a comparatively new boat, having been built in England in 1915, and was in excess of 6000 tons net register.

Transfer of the Asiatic members of the Orteric's crew to the Cotton-plant was completed at 3:30 A. M., but the white members of the crew stood by the ship, according to a radio message received by the marine department of the chamber of commerce here. The El Segundo, which had been standing by the Orteric, departed for San Francisco at 3:30 A. M.

Captain Harper of the Orteric directed the rescue work of the crew, and is keeping the relief vessels fully informed of the situation on the Orteric.

## TRANSFER IN ORDERLY

The sea was calm and the work of rescue proceeded in a satisfactory manner.

"The ship is high on the rocks with her holds filled," one message said. "We are preparing to abandon her as the damage is too serious to attempt a tow."

The message was unsigned and was apparently an answer by the Orteric to radio inquiries from other ships regarding her position and the chances of salvage. The Orteric was en route to Eureka, Cal., to load lumber for the orient.

## LAW IS HELD DEFECTIVE

### Bill Introduced in Behalf of Children of Aliens.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 12.—Children of aliens would be granted citizenship upon the naturalization of either parent under a bill introduced today by Representative Cable, republican, of Ohio.

Mr. Cable said he sought to correct a defect in the present law under which citizenship of children born abroad depends on the citizenship of the father.

## IRISHMEN IN AUSTRALIA

### Forty Members of Black and Tans to Settle on Farms.

SYDNEY, N. S. W., Dec. 12.—Forty members of the Black and Tans, the former royal Irish constabulary auxiliary, have arrived here with their families to settle on farms. They were given pensions when discharged from British service and assisted in settling overseas.

## OIL OPERATOR INDICTED

### Texas Held in Connection With Father-in-Law's Death.

FORT WORTH, Tex., Dec. 12.—J. Harrison White, prominent Texas and Oklahoma oil operator, was indicted here by the grand jury today on a charge of murder.

He is held in connection with the death of his father-in-law, J. H. Tuttle.

