WILLAMETTE DRIVE IS NEAR SUCCESS

Million Mark Is Passed in Big Campaign.

WORKERS ARE OPTIMISTIC

Committees Redouble Efforts to Reach Goal of $1,250,000 by December 20.

Willamette university is well on the way to victory in its forward movement campaign for an endowment of $1,250,000. It was officially announced yesterday by Dr. John W. Hancher, councillor in finance of the Methodist Episcopal church, here on duty for the board of education, that a trifle more than $1,000,000 had been pledged up to and including yesterday noon reports.

There was great rejoicing when the announcement was made simultaneously in Salem and Portland at luncheons, which the workers are holding daily in those cities. The word was flashed all over Oregon to the field workers, who were told that it meant certain success if the task is bent to determinedly until December 20, as they have bent to it during the first portion of the active drive for the endowment fund.

Cheers Greet Statement.

"Dr. Hancher authorizes the statement that we have passed the $1,000,000 mark," said Dr. A. L. Howarth, in charge of the city-wide campaign in Portland, at the close of the noon luncheon at the Seward hotel yesterday. Prolonged applause greeted the announcement, Bishop Shepard presiding and all the ministers and laymen joining in.

Dr. Hancher has had great experience in this sort of campaign and has met with remarkable success. He came to Portland yesterday for the purpose of taking active part in the forward movement, with which he and his staff are dealing along general policy lines, as in a number of other larger campaigns for colleges and other institutions throughout the country.

Workers Feel Optimistic.

All of these are going on to success it is reported, and Dr. Hancher, upon his arrival in the city from Tacoma, was in an optimistic spirit concerning Willamette's campaign. He and his coworkers have just closed with victory a campaign for an endowment for the College of Puget Sound at Tacoma and have moved to Oregon to assist in this work.

Under the policy adopted for this and the other educational campaigns, no pledge given toward the endowment fund is binding until every cent of the amount sought is obtained. Therefore, if anything less than the $1,250,000 is subscribed December 20, all of the sums pledged will automatically be released. That feature is giving friends of the university forward movement real concern, but they are working all the harder to put over the drive and provide the famous old school with better equipment, so that it may expand and become of even greater helpfulness.

ASTORIA BUILDINGS RISE

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will depend to a great extent on the honesty of the townspeople.

The Astoria Abstract company which had offices on the ground floor of the Spearth building, moved into its old establishment today. Through th sprompt work of G. C Paulding, the manager, several truck loads of records were moved from the office on the morning of the fire. These valuable papers were transported to Mr. Paulding's home in a small coupe. As the company was one of Astoria's leading insurance agencies and hundreds of duplicate policies were on file in the office, the saving of the records has proved invaluable in the rapid adjustments of insurance claims.

Credit Offices Established.

G. W. Ingram, representing the Portland Association of Credit Men has established offices on the second floor of the courthouse, in conjunction with the insurance adjusters. The local association is furnishing proof of losses through invoices kept by Portland commercial houses. This work is also an important factor in speeding up insurance settlements.

Orders for every kind of merchandise are now being given to the corps of commercial salesmen in this city. A representative of a leading Portland wholesale grocery house was hunted up today by an Astoria merchant, who ordered $2500 worth of goods. Representatives of firms dealing in portable and ready-built structures are being swamped with orders.

The date of the formal reopening of Astoria banks will be decided at a meeting of the banking committee of the general relief committee tomorrow morning. Two of the institutions will receive in the courthouse, the county court being designated as one of the temporary banking houses.

Sign Man Busy Person.

About the busiest man in Astoria today was the owner of the Astoria Sign company. He was being swamped with orders for cloth and canvas signs. Carpenters were also in great demand.

Because it was learned that it will require two weeks' time to repair St. Mary's hospital for the use of the sick, arrangements were made today by Dr. Nellie Vernon, local health officer, through Earl Kilpatrick of the American Red Cross, for the use of supplies from the army hospital at Fort Stevens.

The work of rebuilding and overhauling the presses of the Astoria Budget was begun today. The newspaper, which was housed in a new building at the southern limits of the fire zone, will be running in its own shop in a month, Lee Drake, the publisher, announced. It was discovered by workmen that many parts of the presses could be salvaged and used.

STATE ROAD AID ASKED

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edge that the necessary official approval of the legislature will be obtained at the coming session.

The big problem Astoria now faces, the committee explained to Mayor Baker yesterday, is re-establishment of its street system. The problem is a serious one because prior to the fire property abutting on the principal streets had been bonded as heavily as possible for improvement work and as a result it will be impossible to raise money for reconstruction work in that manner. Construction of a main street through the city as a section of the state highway, which has been built to the city limits, would solve the problem in a measure, it was explained.

Fund Exceeds $40,000.

The relief fund being raised by the Portland Chamber of Commerce relief committee passed the $40,000 mark yesterday, William H. Crawford, acting executive secretary of the commission, announced yesterday. Only a little more than $13,000 had been received in cash, however, and Mr. Crawford again urged the need of greater speed in payment of pledges. Among contributions received yesterday was a check for $5000 from the Standard Oil company and $500 from Lipman, Wolfe & Co.

The appeal of the Astoria relief committee for indorsement by the Portland Chamber of Commerce of the plea for a congressional appropriation of $2,000,000 for reconstruction will be acted upon at a meeting of the full board of directors of the Chamber of Commerce at noon today, Manager W. D. B. Dodson said last night.

Naval Base Work Urged.

Construction of the Tongue Point naval base with all possible speed was urged in a message sent to Senator Senator C. L. McNary by the local Chamber of Commerce yesterday morning. The telegram was as follows:

"In regard to relief situation at Astoria as a result of the fire, we are informed that specifications for construction of the naval base at Tongue Point are being prepared and should be available soon. Astoria relief committee urges that all possible dispatch be observed in expediting plans and specifications for construction of the naval base. It is felt that the government could possibly render very great assistance to sufferers in the stricken city by getting started on its work at the earliest practicable date and we would deeply appreciate the maximum effort on your part to have relief of this character extended, as it is the type of service that Astoria needs now."

All differences of opinion have been settled and work of reconstruction will proceed smoothly, Chairman Gilbert of the Astoria relief committee informed H. B. Van Duzer, chairman of the Portland Chamber of Commerce relief committee of five, when Mr. Van Duzer tendered the services of his committee yesterday. Mr. Van Duzer informed Mr. Gilbert that the Portland men will hold themselves in readiness to go to Astoria or confer with Astoria relief workers in Portland whenever the need arises. Hearty appreciation of the offer of aid was expressed by Mr. Gilbert and it is probable that the Portland committee will be consulted before the actual work of reconstruction starts.

Portland Committee on Job.

In the meantime the Portland committee of five will keep in touch with the situation at Astoria so that an appeal for assistance can be met promptly.

The McCormick Steamship company notified Mr. Van Duzer yesterday that the steamer Georgina Kolph of the McCormick line, scheduled to sail from San Francisco on December 18, will carry to Astoria free of charge all relief supplies gathered in San Francisco.

A moratorium of three months on debts owed by Astoria fire victims was declared yesterday by the Collection Agencies' association of Oregon. The Portland Association of Credit Men took such action immediately after the fire.

The Progressive Women's league of Portland has begun work on clothes for needy Astoria children, measurements and other details having been furnished by Mrs. W. S. Kinney, state senator and head of the Astoria Woman's Civic league. A contribution of $50 was wired Mrs. Kinney yesterday by Mrs. Ernest Crosby, president, in behalf of the Progressive Woman's league.

The Multnomah County Woman's Christian Temperance union is preparing to aid in the relief work, but will not act until the first rush of assistance passes.

Cash receipts yesterday, including pledges paid, follow:

Ira E. Newsome, $2.50; N. G. Longsworth, $5; John Matheson, $5; Henry Weinhard Estate, $250; Powers Furniture company, $500; Roberts Bros., $250; Samuel Rosenblatt & Co., $50; T. W. Jenkins & Co., $100; Joseph Simon, $200; Lane, Miles Standish Co., $25; Gervurtz Furniture company, $50; Mish Furniture company, $25; Levin Hardware & Furniture company, $25; Sundon, Rudeen & Streibig, $25; Owl Furniture company, $10; Feldstein Furniture company, $10; Standard Furniture & Hardware company, $5; D. Memerovsky Furniture & Hardware company, $5; Portland Furniture Exchange, $5; Crown Furniture company, $5; Star Furniture company, $25; J. Rosen, $5; M. Duvis, $5; Pacific Coast Biscuit company, $200; Doernbecher Mfg. Co., $500; Theo. Bergman Shoe Mfg. Co., $50; Freeman, Smith & Camp Co., $50; Hogh B. McGuire (special), $100; Olds, Wortman & King, $1000; Dorothea M. Perts, $5; Dwight Edwards company, $100; Wadhams & Kerr Bros. (benevolent association), $100; George L. Baiser, $25; Kelly-Clark Co., $50; E. M. Marston, $5; Gunthers, Inc., $5; Davis & Holman, Inc., $25; Everding & Barrell, $250; Shope Brick Co., $25; H. H. Northrup, $5; Brenneman Sommers Co., Inc., $75; R. D. Smith, $5; Maude B. Wills, $10; E. C. Griffin, $10; McCalant & Thompson, $100; Exile Burkett, $25; J. C. Mann, $5; Frederick M. Dempsey, $5; R. A. Morrison, $5; Hawley Pulp & Paper company, $250; West Oregon Lumber company, $100; Alice J. Wilhelm, $10; H. S. Wilson, $25; F. C. Sankstand, $10; J. H. Nevins, $10; Clarke, Woodward Drug Co., $250; K. H. McClung, $25; Lincoln & Allen, $10; J. H. Bexel, $25; Boston Packing Co., $500; John Deere Plow Co., $100; A. E. Doyle, $20; W. S. Kirkpatrick Adv. Service, $50; S. A. Unna, $10; Hexter & Co., $100; W. F. Pable, $20; Cora E. Wheeler, $50; Charles W. Bartlett, $5; J. K. Gill & Co., $250; W. C. Winks, $25; Healy Bros., $100; Lillian Porter, $2; Clossett & Devers, $200; Edwards Co., $150; Stark, Davis Co., $100; Goodyear Rubber Co., $500; Sarah A. Evans, $5; Cash, $2.00; Ira Johnson, $2.50; Columbia Mills, $100; E. R. Edson, $25; Della D. Griffith, $2; James B. Gordon, $10; Willapa Lumber Co., $100; Stewart Belcher, $5; Schwab Printing Co., $50; Allen & Lewis, $1000; West Made Desk Co., $25; American Can Co., $1000; Ukase Investment Co., $50; Glass & Prudhomme Co., $100; E. R. Balsinger, $25; Oregon Journal, $500; V. O. Robertson, $15; J. R. Rogers, $25; Blumauer & Hoch, $50; Ballou & Wright, $100; Wallowa Huntington, $5; R. W. Myers, $10; Pithian Barker Shoe Co., $200; C. P. Bishop & Sons, $100; Portland Linotype Co., $25; Clark & Wilson Lumber Co., $100. Total, $10,651.69. Previously reported, $2918. Total to date, $13,569.69.

Contributions pledged yesterday follow:

Carman Mfg. Co.	200
Henry Jenning & Sons	200
Heywood Bros.	150
Gadsby & Sons	150
King-Fisher Matt. Co.	100
Pettit Feather & Bedding Co.	50
Webster Chair Co.	50
Standard Oil company	5000
Russell & Gilbert	40
J. B. Yeon	500

Moving Picture News

TODAY'S FILM FEATURES.

Columbia—"The Light in the Dark."
Liberty—Jackie Coogan in "Oliver Twist."
People's—"When Knighthood Was in Flower." Third week.
Majestic—Harold Lloyd in "Dr. Jack." Third week.
Rivoli—Wesley Barry in "Rags to Riches."
Blue Mouse—Jane Novak in "Thelma."
Hippodrome—Tom Mix in "Up and Going."
Circle—Herbert Rawlinson in "Confidence."

HOPE HAMPTON in "The Light in the Dark" is the current attraction at the Columbia theater. She is supported by E. K. Lincoln and Lon Chaney. There must have been a shortage of stars when Miss Hampton was picked for the featured player. The work of Lon Chaney alone, and he has not a great deal to do, lifts the picture from sheer mediocrity.

The story concerns itself with Bessie, played by Miss Hampton, a poor girl in New York who becomes acquainted with a wealthy woman through an automobile accident. At the woman's home she meets her brother, who quickly professes love for her, but the girl is later stung by the insincerity of his subsequent action. She runs away from the home of luxury, reaching a cheap boarding house almost penniless. The man seeks forgetfulness in a hunting trip. There were not enough hunting grounds in America, so he went to England to shoot. While thus engaged he discovered a buried cup. Returning home, it is found that the cup glows in the dark. Subsequently it is intimated that it is the famous cup of religious fame, the Holy Grail. Considerable publicity is entailed.

Bessie by this time is half starved in her cheap boarding house. There also lives Tony Pantelli, who has a bad habit of taking what does not belong to him. Learning Bessie's story, he goes to the home of the hero and demands that she be taken care of. In the fight that ensues the hero is knocked flat and Tony, played by Lon Chaney, who does the only acting in the picture, helps himself, taking the supposed Holy Grail to cure Bessie of her illness.

The police are brought into the case, and through tracing the cup the hero also again finds the girl, whom he discovers he really loves. The crook, who also loves her, keeps his secret locked up in his heart and urges the girl to return to her wealthy admirer.

Screen Gossip.

Guy Bates Post in the Richard Walton Tully super-production of

Virginia Brown Faire in "Omar the Tentmaker," coming to the Rivoli with Guy Bates Post.

"Omar the Tentmaker" will open at the Rivoli theater Saturday. During the filming of this feature an oriental city was constructed. Thirty-eight buildings were erected on the studio lot. Three thousand players take part in the production.

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Charles Ray in "A Tailor-Made Man" will be the feature attraction at the Circle theater beginning next Sunday. This is one of the best pictures that the popular star has made.

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Thomas Meighan recently had another town made over for motion picture purposes. This time it was Sag Harbor, L. I., which was used as the locale for "Back Home and Broke," a George Ade story, produced for Paramount by Alfred Green.

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James Young, who has returned to Los Angeles to direct "Trilby" for Richard Walton Tully, was taken seriously ill a few days ago. He is reported better but is still confined to his bed.

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Allen Holubar's cast in "The White Frontier," the star of which is Dorothy Phillips, will present a young English actor, celebrated abroad but a stranger to the American screen. Lewis Dayton is his name.

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Jack Mulhall has won the distinction this time. He will be Norma Talmadge's leading man in the forthcoming Schenck production of "Within the Law." In this pleasant capacity, Mr. Mulhall succeeds Eugene O'Brien and Conway Tearle as Norma's heroic lead.

ROTARY CLUB GIVES $3000

Amount Pledged in Five Minutes for Astoria Aid.

Personal subscriptions for a total of $3000 to assist in the Astoria relief fund were pledged in five minutes at yesterday's luncheon of the Rotary club at the Benson hotel by Portland Rotarians. President J. Roy Ellison called for the volunteer donations and members who could give from amounts of $10 to $100 arose to their feet until it was ascertained that the $3000 had been raised. The fund is to be placed at the disposal of the Astoria Rotary club and may be used as they see fit to use it.

The practical business returns of the $300,000 development fund which the chamber of commerce is now raising was stressed by A. J. Bale, chairman of the campaign committee, in a brief address before the Rotarians.

FOOD SERVICE AUGMENTED

More Supply Sergeants and Cooks Are Sent to Astoria.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 12.—(Special.)—An additional detachment of ten supply sergeants and cooks was ordered to Astoria Monday by Brigadier-General George A. White, adjutant-general of the state, to meet the heavy demand for meals at that place. More than 1700 meals were served today from the emergency military kitchens sent by General White to Astoria following the destruction of the business section and of all restaurants.

The report received at national guard headquarters from Major J. V. Shur, in charge of the supply and commissary detachment of the guard now at Astoria, said that 1150 meals were served Sunday and 1700 yesterday, with the prospect that there would be no immediate decrease in the number of persons who would have to be cared for. The supplies are being provided from the relief sent by various institutions and agencies and no charge is being made for those eating from the national guard emergency kitchens. Half a dozen experienced military cooks are in charge of the cooking and full meals are being served.

ELKS TO AID CHILDREN

CHRISTMAS GIFTS PLANNED FOR ASTORIA VICTIMS.

State Association Will Provide Tokens of Good Cheer for All Fire Sufferers.

The great heart of Oregon Elkdom has responded to the call of stricken Astoria and the Oregon State Elks' association will act as Santa Claus for the hundreds of children of the seaport city who would have an empty and cheerless Christmas otherwise. Every little boy and girl of the prostrate community that the Astoria lodge of Elks finds will not have a plump and well-filled stocking, will be provided for, and Santa will dole out his tokens of good cheer and remembrance to the children with the same free-handed generosity with which he distributes his bounty to the children of Portland when the Portland Elks hold their great community Christmas tree here.

All arrangements for giving Astoria's little folk what probably will be the most memorable Yule celebration in Oregon history were completed at noon yesterday at local headquarters of the state association.

The Portland lodge, through its Christmas tree committee, of which S. S. Pier is chairman, and Monroe Goldstein is manager, will purchase all the nuts, candies and other goodies that will go in the Astoria baskets, and Manager Goldstein announced last night that the committee of 150 women of the Elks auxiliary will have charge of filling the baskets. The entire consignment will be shipped to Astoria ready for the local Elks to distribute December 23, the day set for the celebration.

Many volunteer offers of donations of cash and supplies to the Astoria Christmas celebration have come in since the movement was started a few days ago, and these will be referred to the state association, which will handle the Astoria department in connection with the work of preparing the big Portland municipal Christmas tree.

The following women were added yesterday to the committee of ex-Astoria women organized by Mrs. Willis Duniway and Mrs. C. W. Fulton to assist in any way possible in the Christmas celebration preparations:

Mrs. James Fox, Mrs. J. H. D. Gray, Miss Louise Gray, Mrs. E. W. Smith, Mrs. E. R. Blair, Mrs. F. D. Kuettner, Mrs. J. T. Lighter, Mrs. Kate Lighter, Mrs. Charles R. McClure, Mrs. G. A. Nelson, Mrs. Walter Carey, Mrs. Frank Pantier, Miss Daisy Stockton, Miss Hazel Stockton, Mrs. Frank Taylor, Mrs. W. G. Currier, Mrs. E. B. Hazen, Mrs. Albert Dunbar, Mrs. N. McGowan, Mrs. William Smith, Mrs. Frazier Cameron, Mrs. Charles Cleveland, Mrs. J. D. Sutherland, Mrs. Roland Mills, Miss Frances Mills, Mrs. Howard Knight, Mrs. Charles H. Brink, Mrs. O. B. Prael, Mrs. O. G. Frael, Mrs. R. F. Prael, Mrs. H. C. Thompson, Miss Edwina Thompson, Mrs. Henry Harrison, Mrs. A. G. Bates, Miss Thera Yocum, Mrs. Fred Symington, Mrs. Oscar Symington and Mrs. John Symington.

ASTORIA ASKS U. S. AID

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equals that caused by the tidal wave which devastated Galveston, and the San Francisco holocaust of 1905. We deem the situation so critical that we feel it is necessary to appeal to the congress of the United States for immediate aid, such as was granted Galveston and San Francisco. It is believed that it will require at least $3,000,000 to afford anywhere near adequate relief."

It was pointed out by Astorians that the city is bonded up to its legal limit and that the work of refilling and rebuilding the streets will be necessary before any permanent reconstruction work can proceed far. The appropriation asked for would be used in filling in the streets which before the fire were viaducts and which were largely responsible for the spread of the blaze.

Astoria once attempted a general movement toward filling in all elevated streets, but this work was stopped, some six or seven years ago, when certain property owners objecting to costs, obtained an injunction against such work.

Other relief work in Astoria was well in hand today. The three principal agencies, the general relief committee, the American Red Cross and the national guard municipal kitchens were functioning perfectly. Because of the lack of restaurants, transients and many of those burned out had no means of purchasing meals. These have been provided in the guard kitchen. The distribution of clothing was conducted in a storehouse alongside the kitchen. Because a few undeserving persons were taking advantage of the situation, a requisition system was put into effect, whereby the needs of the applicants were reviewed before clothing was given.

Some 40 aged and destitute Chinamen, burned out by the fire, were comfortably installed in a house at 318 Bond street today, by Soo Moy of Portland, representative of the Chinese Free Masonic association. Three cooks were hired, 500 pounds of rice, together with other foodstuffs, were supplied, necessary bedding furnished and the Chinamen well cared for by their more fortunate countrymen in Portland.

A donation of $5000 from the Standard Oil company for relief work was announced today at the relief committee's meeting. The Larkin Green Logging company, operating at Blind Slough, notified Astoria banks that it had $25,000 in cash at the disposal of these institutions.

The rent hog, that harpy that thrives on disaster, has come to the front in this city; but official Astoria is not going to temporize with the creature, and swift and stern repressive measures are being planned.

Reports of the activities of the rent hogs came to the attention of the general relief committee today. It was declared that a few—a very few—property owners were attempting to dispossess families living in rented homes and apartments because they saw chances of getting greater incomes on their property from persons rendered homeless by the fire and who could be forced to pay exorbitant prices for shelter. F. J. Dunbar appointed chairman of a committee with instructions to throughly investigate these reports and plan action.

Because of the almost total destruction of the business section, Astoria has not been worried much by the profiteer.

Taxicab men, aware of the poor and unlighted streets, the circuitous routes offered pedestrians and the average citizens' fear of the unsettled conditions existing here, have been making the most of it and charging 75 cents for the 2-minute ride from the railroad station to the city hall.

In order to protect the city from commercial adventurers and fly-by-night merchants, the city council is considering a strict license ordinance which will grant permits only to persons in business here before the fire. It has been pointed out that with the general demend for supplies the city offers a fine opportunity for the mendicant merchant who would come in with a small stock of goods, sell at exorbitant prices and then disappear.

Hood River Club Elects.

HOOD RIVER, Or., Dec. 12.—(Special.)—Leroy Childs, superintendent of the Hood River experiment station, was elected president of the Hood River Commercial club for the ensuing year. F. S. Kelly, merchant, was named vice-president. The employment of joint executive secretary of the club and manager of the Hood River traffic association, recently organized by apple shippers, is planned. It is contemplated that a fund will be raised to attract a capable man. C. H. Castner and O. C. Hughes were elected to the club directorate.

Damages Sought in Deal.

KELSO, Wash., Dec. 12.—(Special.)—Mrs. Myrtle Dunn of this city has brought suit for $6125 damages against Dr. J. Ballard of this city alleged to be due her by reason of the sale of property by Dr. Ballard which she had under lease with an option to purchase.

Eastern Star Officers Elected.

KALAMA, Wash., Dec. 12.—(Special.)—Unity chapter No. 73, Eastern Star, of Kalama, has elected the following officers. Mabel C. Brown, worthy matron; R. R. Solemink, worthy patron; Anna Fogarty, associate matron; Alice Crevelling, secretary; L. P. Brown, treasurer; Cecil Creveling, conductress; Rena McKenzie, associate conductress.

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Sterling Knives and Forks Set of 12	44.00	30.00
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Platinum and Diamond Ring	85.00	60.00
Platinum and Diamond Ring	155.00	99.00
Platinum and Diamond Wedding Ring	105.00	65.00
Platinum and Diamond Wedding Ring	275.00	195.00

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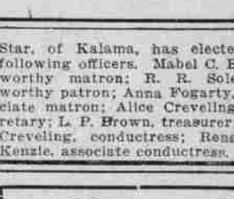

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