

SHIP PLANTS NEED MORE PROTECTION

Blaze at Northwest Steel Works Starts Move for Better Conditions.

FIREMEN ARE HANDICAPPED

Lack of Water Shows Need of Main Council Some Time Ago Proposed Laying—Companies Fail to Take Desired Action.

FIREBOATS MUST STAY IN CITY LIMITS.

Orders were issued by City Commissioner Bigelow yesterday against the city's fireboats leaving the city to fight fires. The order was issued as a result of one of the boats being out of the city in response to a call from St. Helena Friday night at the time of the Northwestern shipbuilding plant fire. Mr. Bigelow says conditions existing on Portland's water front are such as to necessitate the fireboats being kept in the city ready for duty at all times. Heretofore the boats have been subject to call from outside.

The serious fire of Friday night at the Northwest Shipbuilding plant renewed activities yesterday for increased fire protection for the West plant and the Columbia River Shipbuilding Corporation plant adjoining on the south.

About two months ago the fire dangers were pointed out by Fire Chief Dowell, and a campaign was started to bring about better conditions. City Commissioner Mann, who has charge of the water bureau, agreed and the agreement was concurred in by the majority of the City Council to extend a 12-inch fire main to the plants, provided a right-of-way were granted and eight-inch laterals constructed by the shipbuilding companies.

Commissioner Mann said yesterday that, while the city has been ready to go ahead with construction of its 12-inch main, the plans have been held up on account of the failure of the companies to agree to install the eight-inch pipes. As a result of this controversy, Fire Chief Dowell said yesterday the fire department was seriously handicapped in fighting Friday's blaze because of lack of water.

Increased Protection Urged.

Chief Dowell yesterday sent a letter to City Commissioner Mann, who has charge of the fire department, renewing the recommendation that the city take steps to force the issue of requiring increased protection at the plants. He says there have been about 30 fires at the plants and that some time a blaze is liable to get beyond control.

In describing the work of the firemen at the fire, Chief Dowell said yesterday that auto apparatus saved the day. "The horse-drawn machines," said the chief, "failed because of the slippery streets, and the motor equipment had to tow the horse machines, with one exception. One horse-drawn engine at Front and Gibbs streets had a straight downhill pull and reached the fire. The horse-drawn engine from Third and Ollian streets had to be taken in tow by a motor and pulled nearly all the way to the fire."

Cause of Fire Revealed.

Chief Dowell said yesterday that investigation of the cause of the fire has revealed the fact that men eating lunch on top of a machine jumped down and in so doing struck a pipe through which oil was being forced under pressure. The oil caught fire and enveloped the shop, he says, and there was no way of putting it out. Chief Dowell said the use of the pressure is contrary to law and he is at a loss to know how this equipment has been allowed. The law, he says, permits oil to be used only when pumped. Gravity or air pressure systems of forcing oil has been forbidden because of the danger of fire and the inability to shut off the flow of oil under such conditions.

White Salmon Boy Loses Chance.

WHITE SALMON, Wash., Feb. 2.—(Special.)—Walter M. Wilkie, who enlisted in Battery B-246, Field Artillery, and has been stationed under training at Camp Lewis, has been honorably discharged on account of defective feet. He has returned to his home in White Salmon. He is considering entering the shipbuilding industry or employment with one of the power plants.

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DISTINGUISHED BARITONE IS BOOKED FOR CONCERT HERE

Reinald Werrenrath Will Sing at Heilig Saturday, February 16.



REINALD WERRENATH, BARITONE.

THE distinguished American baritone, Reinald Werrenrath, known throughout the country's musical circles as one of the finest artists of the present generation, has been engaged by Steers & Conan to give a concert at the Heilig on Saturday, February 16.

Commenting upon Mr. Werrenrath's sole appearance with the New York Oratorio Society last Spring, the New York Evening Mail said: "Reinald Werrenrath has established himself as the leading American baritone on the concert stage," and a quotation from the New York Times states that his work "was notable both for his beautiful singing and for the attributes that go to make up a finished style. It was singing," declared the Times, "such as is heard only once in a great while."

When the New York critics grow warm in praise of an artist it is proof positive that he or she is a polished and intelligent performer. New York bears nearly 400 concerts every season, and only those singers whose gifts are extraordinary can hope for more than passing notice. In the case of Mr. Werrenrath, who gave three recitals in New York last season, the press has paid him rich compliments, and the critics are unanimous in saying that his appearances are among the few artistically important events in the metropolis.

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JEWIS IN DISTRESS

Thousands in War-Ridden Lands Homeless, Helpless.

RELIEF WORK IS STARTED

Fund of \$10,000,000 Being Raised in America for Benefit of Sufferers—Portland Is Expected to Contribute \$53,000.

Thousands of America's Jewry are being asked, or will be asked within a short time, to help raise a \$10,000,000 fund with which to render some degree of assistance to 2,000,000 of their homeless, helpless brethren in the war-torn lands of Poland, Galicia, Lithuania, Russia, Palestine and Turkey, caught, as they are, between two forces and driven back and forth by the opposing armies. The committee for the campaign in Portland is headed by Ben Selling.

Henry Murgenthau, ex-United States Ambassador to Turkey and chairman of the American Jewish Relief Campaign Committee, writing of what he has personally seen or has been informed of, says: "Old men are dying, mothers are wandering homeless, with babes in their arms, and thousands of 'Dorcas' of little suffering children are there, with feet, arms and little faces swollen from hunger; all of these are looking for help to God and to America. For every Jew who does not meet this call, quickly and generously, someone dies. No one can give your share."

The Jewish population of the territories of Poland and Lithuania occupied by Germany is about 1,300,000. Before the war there were 1,600,000 in Poland and 700,000 in Lithuania. From the latter country 550,000 were deported by the Russians, so only 450,000 remain. Only 150,000 left Poland, so 1,450,000 are still there. Of these more than half are dependent on public relief.

There is no overhead expense, as all money necessary for that was subscribed by one man, a resident of Tulsa, Okla. Of the \$10,000,000 to be raised New York has cheerfully subscribed its \$2,000,000; San Francisco, \$2,000,000; and several other cities all that they were asked to give. Portland's share is \$53,000, and this the local capitalists and their teams hope to secure in a lightning campaign, starting Monday.

Rabbi Wise Active Worker. Stephen S. Wise, former rabbi of Temple Beth Israel, of this city, and now at the head of the Free Synagogue, New York, leaves shortly, or perhaps already has some abroad, to give his personal attention to work connected with this fund.

The local executive committee which will handle the subscriptions in Portland includes: Ben Selling, chairman; Adolph Wolfe, treasurer; Max R. Hitchcock, secretary, 265 Burnside street; Edward Khrumen, C. F. Burg, A. Rosenfeld, L. W. Felschner, Nathan Strauss, Joseph Simon, Julius I. Meier, I. Lang, P. M. Sells, M. Siegel, Joseph B. Isaac, Isaac Sweet, Joseph Shmolsky, Roscoe C. Nelson, D. N. Moesselsohn, R. Abrahamson.

MEN'S CLUB IS FORMED

Christian Workmen Name of Society in East Side Church.

The men of the East Side Christian Church held a meeting on Wednesday

evening at the church, at which time they completed their organization for a men's club, called Christian Workmen.

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Collectors Ask City to Split Profit on Reclaimed Foodstuff.

Garbage collectors now want the city to split 50-50 with them on profits from the sale of food-stuff reclaimed from garbage sent to the city incinerator.

A petition was filed with City Auditor Funk yesterday by the garbage men asking that the city give the collectors half of the amount derived from the sale of the food. The collectors maintain that they are required to separate the food from trash and that the process requires much work and should be accompanied by some compensation. They say they have to work from 10 to 14 hours a day and make less than workers working eight hours a day. They say there is no reason why they should have to do all the work and the city derive all the profits. The food reclaimed is being sold for hog feed.

Cove Baptist Church Elects.

COVE, Or., Feb. 2.—(Special.)—The annual election of Calvary Baptist Church officers for 1918 took place at the last monthly business session of the regular covenant meeting. Rev. A. H. Pengra, moderator; two trustees, L. R. Howe, J. D. Broughton; clerk, Miss Sander Johnson; treasurer, Mrs. J. B.

Buxton Grange Installs.

BANKS, Or., Feb. 2.—(Special.)—At the recent meeting of the Buxton Grange the following officers were installed for the coming year: L. L. Caldwell, A. Masquard, secretary; Mrs. McFarland, secretary; Mrs. Caldwell, treasurer; Mrs. Caldwell, lecturer; Mrs. Caldwell, granary treasurer.

Normal to Furnish Aid

Demand for Teachers so Great That Some Schools Are Closed.

OREGON NORMAL SCHOOL, Monmouth, Or., Feb. 2.—(Special.)—In order that the Oregon Normal School may know what to expect in furnishing teachers to meet the state demand, President Ackerman is asking all Oregon districts who will have an opening for a teacher next Fall to lay their needs before him at an early date.

The alumni members also have been asked by the president to help gather information on the teacher demand. The aim is to minimize the difficulty in adjusting the supply to the demand in the best possible manner before the Fall sessions open.

The demand for teachers in country districts is marked and several Oregon communities have been obliged to discontinue school because no instructor is available.

BANKS WILL BACK HUSTON

Precinct Almost Unanimous in Favor of Senatorial Candidate.

BANKS, Or., Feb. 2.—(Special.)—Friends of E. B. Huston, of Portland, got together Tuesday and formed the "Huston-for-Senator" Club. It has already met of the representative voters of the vicinity as members, and this precinct will be practically unanimous in his favor.

Mr. Huston was formerly a resident of Washington County and is well known here, and it was here that he made his debut into public life. The officers of the club are W. L. Moore, president; M. Turner, secretary, and Harold L. Jensen, treasurer.

Ketsu Children Active in Red Cross.

KELSO, Wash., Feb. 2.—(Special.)—Since last October the children of the Kelso School, under the direction of Miss Gertrude Sears, principal, and others of the teachers have been active in the Junior Red Cross work. In December the school was organized into

regular Junior Red Cross, and since then the upper grades have given their time to making Belgian babies' outfits, complete, of which they have completed about 20. In addition to this work the children of the school have made a number of knitted sweaters and other knitted articles, hospital supplies, quilts, pillows, gun wipes, etc., in large quantities.

Love, Sunday school officers, also elected by the church: Superintendent, Mrs. Clarence Richards; assistant, Mrs. A. H. Pengra; secretary, Miss Sander Johnson; treasurer, Martin Broughton; librarian, Mrs. Walter Richards; custodian of all church properties, C. H. McClain. This is an unusually interesting election, as it is the first following the return of the church from the hands of the regular "landmark" Baptists, who captured it in 1898-99, to the "alien" Baptists, who do not require that persons who have been immersed by other than Baptist ministers shall be re-baptized before admission to membership in Calvary Baptist Church at Cove.

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