

SAWMILL AT DALLAS DESTROYED BY FIRE

\$200,000 Loss Estimated to Willamette Valley Plant.

1000 FIGHTERS RESPOND

Citizens of Town Aid in Saving Cars of Logs and Neighboring Manufacturing Structures.

DALLAS, Or., July 10.—(Special.)—Fire originating from a hot box on a slab conveyor broke out in the Willamette Valley Lumber company's sawmill here during the noon hour today and completely destroyed the engine room and main sawmill, entailing a loss estimated at \$200,000. The mill was built 14 years ago and was considered one of the largest in the state. Its daily cut was 150,000 feet.

Citizens of Dallas responded for the emergency and, combining with the fire department and employees of the mill, made nearly 1000 persons engaged in fighting the flames and saving valuable cars of logs, the lumber yard and neighboring manufacturing plants.

Trouble Had With Water.
Trouble was had at first with the water, the supply of the city proving insufficient. But the pump of the mill was got going and with the water pumped from the mill pond 12 streams were obtained.

It is believed this additional supply of water was what saved Dallas manufacturing district, as the Mountain State Light & Power company's plant, the Southern Pacific roundhouse and railway shops and the Dallas Iron & Locomotive works, besides a small fruit-packing plant, were threatened. At one time the slab conveyor from the sawmill to the power plant was on fire, but heavy wettings given the buildings prevented the flying embers from catching hold and being fanned into flames by the east wind.

The wind proved a factor in saving the planing mill and box factory branches of the sawmill, as it swept the flames away from the buildings.

Flames Flare Suddenly.
The fire started about 12:30 o'clock and was first noticed by some workmen who were eating lunch. The flames flared up suddenly as though fed by timber, and before the observers could make any combating efforts the heat was so intense they were forced back. They then turned in the alarm.

The only logs burned were two on the carriage left over from the morning's sawing. Nearly 2,000,000 feet on cars were saved by the volunteer fire fighters.

There are about 200 men employed at the mill. It is not expected they will be thrown out of employment, as it is the intention of the company to rebuild at once and the men will be employed in the construction work.

The mill is owned by the Gerlinger and Pittcock interests. George T. Gerlinger is president.

JAPANESE PROBE ASKED

Governor Suggests That Congress Body Visit Hawaii.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., July 10.—A request will be made by Governor W. D. Stephens to the congressional immigration and naturalization committee, which is in California to investigate the Japanese problem, that the committee visit Hawaii after completing its investigation in the state to get first hand information as to the alleged overrunning of the island by the Japanese.

This announcement was made today by Governor Stephens, who declared he will make his request to the congressional committee when it holds its first public meeting in the senate chamber at the capitol next Tuesday morning.

In making the announcement the governor said:

"The Hawaiian Islands, American territory, are being conquered by the Japanese without opposition. I am informed, and it is California's plea to the nation that this state shall not be conquered as Hawaii is being conquered by a foreign race."

DRILLING IS RESUMED

Petroleum Expected When Greater Depth Is Reached.

PROSSER, Wash., July 10.—Drilling operations have been resumed on well No. 3 of the Walla Walla Oil Gas & Pipeline company. The utmost care is being taken and small progress made, as the flow of gas is so heavy there is fear of cutting it off by running the casing through it. At the same time, however, the drill is penetrating strata of oil sand that give promise of petroleum at a slightly greater depth.

The gas flow from well No. 3 gives promise of being greater than well No. 2. It is said that it is more than sufficient to supply the entire need of a city as large as Seattle. The company in charge of operations contemplates piping gas to Spokane, Portland, Seattle, Walla Walla, Yakima and Tacoma, as well as through the Yakima valley.

NON-PARTISAN IS CHOSEN

Unofficial Returns From North Dakota Primary Complete.

FARGO, N. D., July 10.—The complete unofficial returns of the North Dakota republican primary election give Lynn Frazier, non-partisan, 59,446 for governor, and William Langer, independent, 44,172.

The returns on state treasurer, with four precincts out, give John Steen, independent, 53,019, and R. H. Walker, non-partisan, 52,915.

For state railroad commission, N. McDowell and Frank Mithollen, non-partisans, and J. Williams, independent, have been nominated on the face of almost complete unofficial returns.

"COWBOYS" ARE SOUGHT

Humane Society Charges Cruelty to Animals at Show.

CHICAGO, July 10.—Warrants were issued today for "Tex" Austin, manager of the cowboy show conducted in connection with the Elks' convention and for "John Doe," a cowboy.

The warrants, issued on complaint of the Illinois Humane society, charged that the cowboys mistreated the steers and other animals in connection with their performances in violation of the laws preventing cruelty to animals.



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PENITENTIARY HAS BLAZE

Fire Causes Considerable Loss at Washington Prison.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., July 10.—(Special.)—Fire at the penitentiary early this morning did several thousand dollars' damage, burning about 40 tons of coal, a shed 50x300 feet, the sidewalk along the shed, the upper part of a gondola car and for a time threatening the prison shops. Spontaneous combustion is believed to have caused the fire. Coal was being placed in bunkers and some of the slack was watered last night to keep down the dust. There were 1200 tons of coal in the bunkers and hard work was necessary to prevent its burning. About 40 tons of coal was consumed in the blaze.

BOY BATHER DROWNED

Karl A. Jarnstrom, 9, Sinks in Sight of Young Companions.

ASTORIA, Or., July 10.—(Special.)—Karl Aron Jarnstrom, the 9-year-old

son of Mr. and Mrs. Karl Jarnstrom of Chinook, Wash., was drowned at that place yesterday.

With several young companions, the lad went bathing from the beach adjacent to the Chinook cannery and ventured into deep water. The alarm was given by the other boys and a search was made, resulting in the finding of the body about an hour later.

CANADIAN ROADS HARD UP

20 Per Cent Increase in Freight Rates Held Necessary.

MONTREAL, July 10.—The Canadian Railway association, representing all lines in the Dominion, today applied to the railway commission for a 20 per cent increase in freight rates.

The association announced that the application was based entirely on the present cost of railway operation, including labor and materials. These increased costs, according to the application, exceed by enormous sums increased revenue obtained from the rate advance granted in August, 1918.

FUGITIVE BANKER CAUGHT

Kansas Financier, Short \$180,000 in Accounts, Arrested.

TOPEKA, Kan., July 10.—August Jaedicke, Jr., fugitive president of the defunct Hanover (Kansas) State bank, due he claimed, to loans on which he could not realize. It was revealed within a few weeks he had sent large sums to a Chicago bank, and there were indications that Jaedicke had been victimized by sharp dealers.

The capture of Jaedicke concludes a nation-wide search of seven weeks. He left Hanover, hatless and coatless, in his automobile upon being informed that his bank had been or-

dered closed on the morning of May 17, and drove to Beatrice, Neb., where he left his car and took a train. Examination of the bank's accounts revealed a shortage of \$180,000, the banking department reports.

Soon after his departure a letter was received from Jaedicke by his wife, purporting to describe his losses, due he claimed, to loans on which he could not realize. It was revealed within a few weeks he had sent large sums to a Chicago bank, and there were indications that Jaedicke had been victimized by sharp dealers.

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