

OREGON CITY ELKS LOSE HALL IN FIRE

Loss Put at \$40,000, With
\$4,000 Insurance.

FIREBUG IS SUSPECTED

Several Notice Odor of Kerosene
Shortly After Outbreak of
Flames in Basement.

OREGON CITY, Or., Dec. 2.—(Special.)—The Elks' temple at Seventh and Water streets was destroyed by fire this morning. It was the work of an incendiary, according to a declaration by Fire Chief Friebe. The entire building was burned, \$40,000 loss, covered by but \$4,000 insurance. Both floors of the building and the roof fell in, leaving only the four walls. Only the records in the rear of the structure were saved. The blaze broke out at 2:30 o'clock in the southwest corner of the basement, near the bowling alley. The blaze was discovered by Elbert Blair, lodger in the Welch rooming house. As there is no telephone in the building, he called Mrs. De Haupte of the Holman & Pace undertaking parlors, who turned in the alarm.

Kerosene Odor Noted.
The first theory held by the officers was that the blaze had been started by a careless smoker, as there had been meetings in the lodge quarters and the alley had been in use. The building, however, has cement floors and the polished alleys are not believed subject to such ignition. Mrs. Myrtle Bolin, who lives in the Welch house, and one of the first on the scene, declared that there was a strong odor of kerosene.

John A. Moore, caretaker of the building, said that at 1 o'clock, when he made his last rounds, everything in the building was in order and all of the windows were latched. The fire was first discovered pouring out of a broken basement window, and the fire chief decided that it was not situated so that it could have been broken by the fire itself. Several who were at the fire before the engine arrived reported odors of kerosene.

General Alarm Sounded.
A general alarm was sounded in at 2:45 o'clock, bringing out all of the volunteer firemen and a crowd of more than 1000. No one was injured. The front corner of the building fell into Water street, but the firemen had cleared the thoroughfare in anticipation of its fall and were out of the way themselves.

The Elks' temple was erected here in 1913. The lodge has since then held an elaborate celebration when the last bond issued for its construction was redeemed. The building was well furnished and had a large library. Plans for reconstruction of the building are expected to be taken in a few days.

NEIGHBOR ELKS CONDOLED
State Association and Portland Mayor Offer Services.

Following the destruction by fire of the Oregon City Elks temple, an expression of sympathy and condolence was sent by the state association to George R. Gardner, exalted ruler of the Oregon City lodge, as follows:

"We are directed by President McKenny of the Oregon State Elks association to express to you and through you sincere regrets over the loss of your home. Can the association be of service in rebuilding or refinancing a greater Oregon City temple?"

Monroe Goldstein, secretary of the Oregon state lodge, signed the message.

E. V. Morrow, exalted ruler of the Portland lodge, explained that the doors of the local lodge would stand open in welcome to members of the Oregon City temple and that any needed services would be bestowed.

Major Baker also sent a message to the Oregon City lodge. It was as follows:

"Sincerely grieved to learn of the destruction of your local home, I know that the indomitable spirit of Oregon City lodge will cause a better and bigger temple to rise, phoenix-like, from the ashes. If I can be of service in any way you have but to command."

STATE WILL MAKE INQUIRY
Ten Fires in Oregon City Charged Against Incendiary.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 2.—(Special.)—A. C. Barber, state fire marshal, said tonight that his department would make a complete investigation of the fire which destroyed the Elks' temple at Oregon City with a loss of approximately \$30,000. Two deputy fire marshals probably will be assigned to this investigation.

Reports received at the state fire marshals' office indicated that the blaze was of an incendiary origin. This is the tenth fire in Oregon City and vicinity during the past 18 months that has been charged against a fire bug. The losses resulting from these fires aggregated \$230,000, the state fire marshal said. Investigation of other fires in Clackamas county has been made by the fire marshals' department, but the guilty person has not yet been caught.

POINCARÉ FRAMES PLAN
ALLIED CONTROL PROPOSAL PUT UP TO BELGIUM.

Six Measures Outlined to Be Accepted by Germany in Return for Moratorium.

HAMBURG, Dec. 2.—(By the Associated Press.)—The programme of M. Poincaré, the French premier, for submission to the Brussels conference comprises six definite measures of allied control to be accepted by Germany in return for a three-year moratorium, according to information the Fremdenblatt asserts it has received from a Dutch banker who is prominently associated with high financial circles in France. The newspaper says its informant states that the plan already has been submitted to the Belgian government. The six prerequisites to a moratorium are declared to be:

First, the creation of a customs

boundary eastward of the occupied territory, with the establishment of a mixed customs commission, based on the number of troops and allied officials in the occupied area.

Second, participation by allied capital in all chemical and metallurgical factories in the occupied areas having more than 500 employees, to the extent of not less than 45 per cent and not exceeding 75 per cent.

Third, allied control of indirect taxes in the occupied territory.

Fourth, special measures against the flight of German capital abroad, with taxation of such funds in foreign money values.

Fifth, stabilization of the mark through an international loan secured by the reichsbank's gold reserve.

Sixth, an increase in coal deliveries by 25 per cent and an increase in reparations wood deliveries 20 per cent.

According to information received by the Fremdenblatt the Belgian government objected, stating that the amount of the customs income was doubtful, while the cost of the allied control organization would be great and also that the proposed boundary would be harmful to the trade of the western powers and apparently aid former neutral states.

The Belgians, the newspaper adds, favored the centralization of customs control in Berlin.

RAIL DIVORCE FAVORED

DIFFERENT PARTS OF WEST
PRESENT TESTIMONY.

Stone and Other Labor Officials
Are Called in Support of
Plan for Merger.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 2.—Testimony favoring the separation of the Southern Pacific railroad from the Central Pacific began coming into the interstate commerce commission hearings on the subject today from an array of individuals and communities in different parts of the west.

Warren S. Stone, grand chief of the brotherhood of locomotive engineers, and other officials of labor unions were also heard, however, as the concluding witnesses called by Southern Pacific counsel in their preliminary presentation of evidence and argument supporting the company's application to perpetuate the merger.

Mr. Stone and the other labor spokesmen objected to the breaking of the merger, they said, because older men in railroad train service would lose seniority, would be obliged to move from home, they have established and also might lose present employment completely.

Among witnesses called to argue for the separation of the two roads was F. C. Richmond, Salt Lake City, as a business representative and community official. "The Central Pacific, associated as it now is with the Southern, is not a constructive road," said Mr. Richmond, "and is not developing the latent possibilities of its territory as much as it would were it an independent line. I believe that the opinion among the older business men of our territory is generally in favor of compliance with the supreme court mandate ordering the dissolution of this association."

BANDITS RAVAGE CHINA

Four Americans Among Foreigners Held by Outlaws.

BY CHARLES DALEY.
(Chicago Tribune Foreign News Service. Copyright, 1922, by Chicago Tribune.)

HANKOW, Honan, Dec. 2.—The Chinese bandit situation is beyond control and a military force, including airplanes, has been sent against the bandits. Seven foreigners, four Americans, are still held in captivity and are suffering severely. The bandits are laying waste to the southern half of the province in ruins, murdering, pillaging and attacking women. All missionaries have fled, only those on the railway have remained, and these are preparing to move.

The bandits have notified General Wu that he must pay \$1,000,000 or they will destroy even his camp, while the latter has proof that General Chang Tso Lin is sending emissaries to encourage the bandits.

VICTORY NOTES RETIRED

Interest to Cease December 15 on
Securities Called.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 2.—The treasury has retired \$22,000,000 in victory notes since the call for the redemption of part of that issue went out July 24, Secretary Mellon announced last night in a statement in which he called to the attention of holders of such securities that interest on them would cease December 15.

The victory notes affected by the call include those bearing the signatures of Jettens A. B. C. D. E. or F, prefixed to the serial numbers. Seven hundred million dollars of the notes called for redemption are still outstanding, according to Mr. Mellon, who explained retirements had been accomplished through exchanges, advance redemptions and purchases for the sinking fund.

German Living Cost Rises.

BERLIN, Dec. 2.—The cost of living in Germany continues to mount. The index figure for the necessities of life rose 102.2 per cent in November as compared with October.

CANDY IS ISLAND MONEY.

Sweets Induce Natives of Rapa to Do More Work Than Gold.

(Chicago Tribune Foreign News Service.)
HONOLULU, Dec. 2.—Orange jam and candy are the currency of Rapa, a South Sea island of delight where the women greatly outnumber the men.

Compliments of The Season

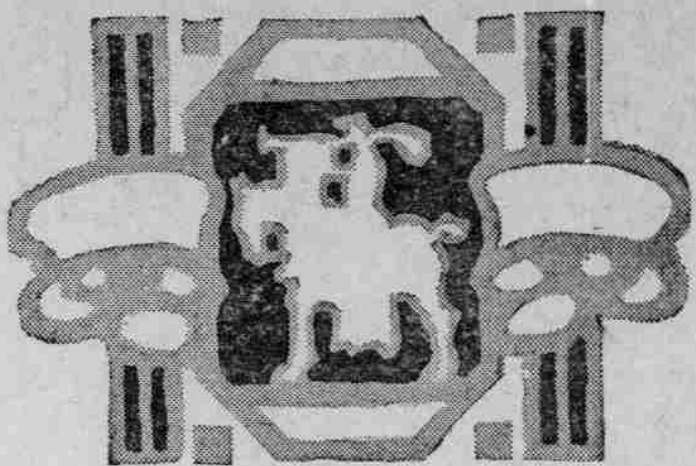
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CHICAGO EXPOSITION BEGINS
WITH 10,000 ENTRIES.

Nearly Every State in Union and
Canada Vie With Europeans
at International Event.

CHICAGO, Dec. 2.—The 23d annual international livestock exposition swung into action at the union stockyards here today with 10,000 entries.

The head of blooded cattle, horses, sheep and hogs competing for honors. Stock raisers from nearly every state in the Union and many Canadian provinces were included among the exhibitors and a number of Europeans had stock scheduled.

Tonight, designated as Chicago night, was given over to the horse show, equine aristocrats from Chicago and vicinity being on exhibition. Judging already had been started to determine the blue ribbon winners in the 200 classes entered which will participate in the \$100,000 in premiums.

Prominent among arrivals here today were ministers of agriculture from various Canadian provinces, as well as stockmen from Mexico, South America and Europe. Georgia has entered her hogs against the best Minnesota can produce; shepherds from the Atlantic and Pacific coasts are pitting their sheep against each other, while Maryland's draft horses are competing against entries from Nebraska.

Lulu Mayflower, last year's grand champion heifer, is again competing for the honor. The California heifer was the first to win the grand championship which heretofore had fallen to a pampered steer.

The hay and grain show held in connection with the exposition includes entries by the Duke of Sutherland, the province of Alberta, Canada, and other Canadian provinces, as well as most of the grain producing states of the Union.

J. W. Lucas of Gayley, Alta., who won last year's oats championship, and W. Kraft of Bozeman, Mont., last year's wheat sweepstakes winner, are back seeking further honors.

TWO MEN ARE PAROLED
Statutory Offender and Clothing Thief Receive Leniency.

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CLAMATH BUDGET INCREASES.

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., Dec. 2.—(Special.)—The county budget committee in a report filed today fixed the necessary tax for the coming year at \$549,956, an increase of \$2760 over last year.

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GIRL, 18, ASKS DIVORCE

Bride Started to Night Parties
Day After Wedding, Says Mate.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Dec. 2.—(Special.)—Mrs. Sylvia Christensen, 18-year-old bride of two months, who had her husband, Peter Christensen, arrested a few days after their marriage here, is plaintiff in a divorce suit. Christensen is 38 years old. In an answer and cross-complaint filed today, the defendant said his wife started going to night parties with other men the day after their wedding and that a few days after the marriage he followed her to a Vancouver restaurant.

The couple live at Camas. Before her marriage Mrs. Christensen was Miss Sylvia Douglas of Washougal. They were married by Judge George R. Simpson September 25, 1922.

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