

ASTORIA STUNNED. GETS BIT OF REST

Citizens, After 18 Furious Hours, Relax.

RELIEF WORKERS GO ON

Woman Who From Home on Hill Saw Start of Blaze Graphically Describes Fire.

ASTORIA, Or., Dec. 9.—(Special.)—Darkness last night brought the first rest citizens of this ravaged seaport had known in 18 furious hours. Into that period a lifetime might have been conveniently crammed. Never again may the hours between sun-up and sun-down hold such labor for Astoria. Thursday and the old bustling town, the familiar outlines, were erased entirely from the minds of the harassed inhabitants when darkness came to slow down the work of relief, to send weary folk to bed.

For hours after darkness had brought the fear of the first night in ruins, with uncertain lights, broken communication, pain beating down in torrents, and the names of fire-horror, the committees labored. A sole bright spot in all the desolation was the Y. M. C. A. building, itself only saved when boys carried water from the swimming tank to quench the flames that started. In a dozen rooms toll went on, sub-relief committees in session, chairs of general relief bodies mapping plans for the morrow, Portland's enthusiastic meeting with grateful officials of the burned city, girls at feverish tasks pounding out on typewriters room lists, supply lists, bedding lists and all.

Boy Scouts in Service.
From a central desk Boy Scouts dashed out and back on countless errands, drenched in the skin. In the gymnasium a hundred or more more fire-fighters, whose hoses had gone up in the conflagration, tried to snatch a few hours of sleep. Army cots were spread out for them and for other weary, but happy, men less or far from their own abodes. In the basement sandwiches and that most priceless thing, hot, black coffee, were available throughout the night.

Quiet prevailed throughout the night except for the occasional crash of falling masonry or the rattle of trucks over the ruined streets.

For those whose homes were out of the path of the fire on the hills above the burned area sleep was only fitful, despite the fatigue from which all suffered. For in the low-hanging clouds was reflected an ominous cherry glow. It came from the 24 great sunken squares which had once been city blocks in the heart of the town, but had been eaten away by their own foundations many feet below street levels. Ruddy flames licked into the air there throughout the night and that reflected glow in the sky brought too many memories of those never-to-be-forgotten hours before dawn on Friday.

Trained District Guarded.
Guardia, sailors, soldiers, Portland police, Astoria regulars and volunteers patrolled the blackened district and no one without the red ribbon indicating official business was allowed to pass. It was grim business. There were many reasons for it. Valuables may yet come from the ruins. Great mounds, covered with bricks and mortar and twisted steel, represent all that is left of five Astoria banks whose deposits total \$7,000,000. From the night-shaking forces sent during the hours of the blaze warned authorities against possibility of the shoddy operations. No one who didn't know what was stolen, but everybody in Astoria today knows that 11 provokers were arrested in yesterday's early hours by watchful police.

For all the intermittent falling of bricks, the snap of expanding steel, the continual hissing of raindrops on heated metal, a strange quietness over all that ruined area. Uncanny, guards called it.

Night in France Recalled.

"Ugh," one said, as he shook himself as a dog would, "it gets on my nerves. I stood guard in France where things were like this but there you had an enemy. Here the things you can count on. Nothing. I wish there were." And then he started off to halt some late-comer who sought the forbidden street path through the ruined streets.

Fallen wires, great holes in the pavement, added to the peril of the night for those who ventured out. And perfume there were many. Only half of Astoria's telephones were working order and there were many calls to make the night a war of change remained open through the night to accommodate patrons desiring to get word out to relatives. Few failed to bring their messages recounting what had been on press wires and sold on streets all over the country for 12 hours or more. The same situation prevailed at the Western Union and Postal Telegraph offices, where forces were kept at work till daybreak.

Ships Provide Shelter.
On two ships, the *St. Nicholas*, owned by the Columbia River Packers' association, a score of destitute persons found bed and blankets. From a rear window in her home above the town near the high school Mrs. C. A. Lundberg described the blaze.

"I saw that red blaze when it started and it frightened me. We in Astoria had not yet recovered from the shock of the Hammond mill fire, you know. And then I saw it spring up in several places. They tell me that the honeycomb foundations of the streets were the cause of that.

"Along in the house, I sat there with my eyes glued to the window. I saw the fire in the Hammond mill—blazes here, a great blackness there and then a blaze in another place. It was not long until I knew that it was out of control. I could see crowds of men running about in the streets and when I opened the window once I had a closed it right away because of the rain. I could hear shoutings about the roar of the fire.

Red Inferno Develops.
"If you will read Dante's *Inferno* you will have some conception of what that awful red thing seemed to me. It was so terrible to describe. At times I think the flames went 200 feet in the air. The Columbia almost to the other shore shone red. Why, I could even see the waves, it was so light. But oh, it was awful. I never want to see anything like it again.

"I dressed and then came back to the window. Hours must have passed and then all of a sudden I

HUGE TRAIN OF SUPPLIES IS RUSHED TO ASTORIA FOR RELIEF OF FIRE VICTIMS.



Above—Work of loading supplies aboard special train before its departure yesterday afternoon. Below—Work of supplies alongside track ready to be put aboard train. Mayor Baker, who has taken leading part in relief work, on right.

SIGHTSEERS ARE BARRED

POLICE GUARD STATIONED AT ASTORIA ENTRANCE.

City Has Difficulty Caring for Homeless and Getting Food Supplies for Residents.

Sightseers and all others who are not on urgent missions are being barred from Astoria by a police guard which has been stationed across the main highway leading into the fire-scorched city. Ed M. White, private secretary to Mayor Baker of Portland, reported last night following his return from the stricken city, where he represented Mayor Baker. The guard will be maintained as long as the present emergency lasts, he said.

"Astoria does not want visitors," Mr. White said. "It is difficult enough to care for those made homeless by the fire and to keep sufficient food supplies on hand for the residents of the city. It is absolutely impossible to feed or house sightseers. Unless motorists can give a good reason for entering the city they will be turned back by the police guard which has been established about ten miles this side of Astoria. Many have already been turned back. Also, the road is dangerous, there being more than two feet of snow in the higher places."

Present needs of the city have been provided for and there is nothing that Portland or other cities can do to aid the wrecked seaport, Mr. White said. The most pressing work faced by the people of Astoria is cleaning of the sewerage system to prevent an epidemic disease, he believes. This work has already been started.

"The people of Astoria did not seem to realize the full extent of the disaster until this morning. Yesterday they seemed dazed by it. There is a general spirit of optimism, however, and all the business men are determined that a bigger and better city shall be built on the ruins of the old," said Mr. White.

ASTORIA SPLIT ON RELIEF

(Continued From First Page.)
Ident First National bank and Astoria city company; G. Fulton, prominent attorney; Mayor James Bremner, vice-president of Bank of Commerce; Charles R. Higgins, president Astoria National bank; John Tait, president of Troy laundry; Frank Parker, president Astoria hardware company; F. I. Dunbar, president Astoria abstract company and former secretary of state of Oregon; and George W. Sanborn, head of the Sanborn-Cutting cannery.

All present needs so far as relief is concerned, are cared for, the homeless have been provided with beds and sufficient food is now on hand to fill all needs for several days to come.

Deckhand is Drowned.
The third casualty caused indirectly by the fire was that of Jack

It's Neuritis!
Not Rheumatism
That sharp, stabbing pain in the upper arm, about the shoulder blade, in the space of the neck, along the forearm down the thigh and leg is often Neuritis—not Rheumatism.

Silverton Raises Relief Fund.
SILVERTON, Or., Dec. 9.—(Special.)—Shortly after 9 o'clock this morning Rev. George Henriksen, chairman of Silverton Community club, and Mayor Eastman called a meeting of Silverton business men to discuss measures for relief for Astoria. Within half an hour \$500 had been pledged. Mayor Eastman telegraphed Mayor Baker of Portland that the money was at the disposal of the Portland Chamber of Commerce and to telegraph Silverton if more were needed.

ASTORIA LAUNDRY
will be open and ready for regular service Monday morning. John Tait, Astoria Laundry.—Adv.

O. W. R. & N. company, who in a telegram to Mayor Bremner conveyed the sympathy of his organization. The loss sustains your city is deeply regretted," Mr. O'Brien said, "and we extend our sincere sympathies. Please do not hesitate to call upon us for any assistance we can consistently render."

ASTORIA CITIZENS PRAISED

Efforts of Many to Relieve Sufferings of Others Lauded.

Astoria's leading citizens are proving their worth by the manner in which they are rendering aid and helping their stricken and suffering neighbors, according to Dr. George Parrish, city health officer, who returned to Portland yesterday after having represented Mayor Baker in the afflicted city.

"Such men as Chaplain Gilbert cannot be praised too highly for the service they are rendering the sufferers," declared Dr. Parrish. "They have worked night and day since the fire and seem unwilling to rest as long as anyone needs assistance. Friday night those who were out of places to sleep were supplied through applications at the Y. M. C. A.

"In my opinion a large number, perhaps 1000 of those who have been rendered homeless, will move to Portland. It is the best thing that they can do. Their homes are gone. They have no money and all they can do is start all over again."

FIREBUG HUNTERS ARE SENT

Investigation of Astoria Disaster Is to Be Thorough.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 9.—(Special.)—H. H. Pomeroy and Lester B. Davis, arson investigators for the state fire marshal's department, will make a complete investigation of the Astoria fire in an effort to ascertain how it started.

This was announced here today by Chief Barber, state fire marshal. Mr. Pomeroy and Mr. Davis left for Astoria yesterday with instructions to remain there until the probe has been completed. They will file a report of the findings with the state fire marshal.

Reports received at the fire marshal's offices today from Astoria indicated that the blaze was of an incendiary origin, and probably was set by radicals.

OREGON CITY OFFERS AID

Business and Professional Men Seek to Help Astoria.

OREGON CITY, Or., Dec. 9.—(Special.)—Oregon City stands ready to give whatever aid it can to the people of Astoria. An impromptu meeting of business and professional men, representing the local Commercial club and the Clackamas County Business and professional men, held this afternoon. J. E. Hedges, president of the club, was instructed to get into telegraphic communication with Rev. W. S. Gilbert of Astoria and learn what assistance Oregon City could give.

M. D. Laourette was instructed to communicate with Astoria direct in order to learn what aid could be given.

Astoria Store to Be Reopened.
The Owl Drug Store, operated by the Heilberg Drug company, one of

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Mr. O'Brien Sends Message.
Among the many messages sent to Astoria yesterday with offers of aid and sympathy was one from J. P. O'Brien, general manager of the

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the establishments destroyed by the Astoria fire, will be reopened as soon as a suitable location can be found, it was announced by Peter Paulsen and S. H. Reeves, two of the members of the company, who were in Portland yesterday.

Y. M. C. A. to Give Aid.
Support will be given the Astoria Y. M. C. A. in its relief work by the interstate association of Oregon and Idaho and the Portland association until the emergency has passed, said H. W. Stone, general secretary for this city, last night. Harry L. Marshall, who was dispatched to the scene of the disaster to aid in relief

work, will remain there for some time.

The Y. M. C. A. building in Astoria, which was saved after a heroic fight of volunteers, has been made headquarters for temporary banking and for various gatherings to organize permanent relief.

Walla Walla Offers Assistance.
WALLA WALLA, Wash., Dec. 9.—A telegram offering any assistance Walla Walla can give was sent today to Astoria by Mayor Hill.

The message read: "Walla Walla at Astoria shock to Walla Walla. Advise if we can be of assistance. Trust cause will be thoroughly investigated and if radicalism is guilty hope that punishment will be equally severe."

St. Helens Sends Food.
ST. HELENS, Or., Dec. 9.—(Special.)—St. Helens, under the auspices of the chamber of commerce, has sent 1800 loaves of bread and 75 sacks of potatoes to Astoria for the relief of needy persons. More food will be sent if needed.

Mt. Angel Will Send Food.
MOUNT ANGEL, Or., Dec. 9.—(Special.)—The citizens of Mount Angel are busy today collecting a carload of potatoes and farm pro-

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