

HOUSING PROBLEMS BECOME DIFFICULT

Sanitation Develops Grave Concern at Astoria.

REFUGEES BEING FED

Strong Patrol on Lookout for Looters and Relief Work Assesses Definite Form.

ASTORIA, Or., Dec. 9.—(Special)—New difficulties are being met hourly in the well-nigh insurmountable task of providing adequate quarters for the proposed temporary business district for the city, which the relief committee turned to this morning. Sanitary conditions soon may prove to be serious, according to W. S. Gilbert, chairman of the housing and feeding committee.

Our sanitation in regard to providing proper sewerage facilities and the disposal of refuse may prove a real problem, said Chairman Gilbert this morning. Sewers in the territory adjacent to the burned-over areas naturally have been rendered useless, and we must take immediate steps to remedy any conditions which may arise.

Boy Scouts Are Active. Members of the Boy Scout troops of the city again will come to the fore in this work, as they have in relief measures which so far have been necessary. All members of scout organizations and those who have served as members at any time previous have been commended by the scout masters and have been active in the relief work, as well as assisting in all sorts of work.

Mess Tables Constructed. A force of volunteer carpenters and workmen started work immediately after the 2 o'clock mass meeting of the citizens yesterday and eight large mess tables, more than 50 feet long, were soon constructed and placed in the basement of the garage building where the feeding of the refugees has been carried on throughout the day.

Food and Shelter Given. Throughout last night temporary cooking facilities were provided in the basement of the Y. M. C. A. building, where relief headquarters have been established, and the hungry and homeless refugees found food as well as shelter available through the efforts of women of church organizations and Salvation Army members.

Guards Watch for Looters. Soldiers, sailors and police, who were patrolling the deserted and rain-swept streets keeping close vigilance for any possible looters who might attempt to loot any of the damaged structures, were brought to the Y. M. C. A. building to be provided with hot coffee.

Household Effects Damaged. Residents of the city awoke this morning to the fact that household goods which they had dragged to safety from the flames had been practically rendered useless through exposure to the driving rain during the night. One street near the outside of the burning area seven fine upright pianos were left standing in the rain throughout the day and well into the night. Household furniture was piled high in many of the streets with no shelter provided for it.

Relief Material Is Assembled at Dock. Steamer Lurline Is Due to Sail Tonight With Freight for Fire-Swept City.

One carload of restaurant ranges, with consignments of cooking utensils, mattresses, bedding and all manner of emergency gear was assembled at the Alder-street dock of the Harkins Transportation company yesterday to be sent to Astoria aboard the steamer Lurline last night, while the dock will be kept open all of today to receive relief freight for the steamer Undine, due to leave tonight.

Wind Saves Dock Property. Particularly fortunate has been the saving of the water-front warehouses and docks, although the credit for this can be laid to little else than the strong sea breeze, which kept the flames from jumping the railroad tracks. Of course, the efforts of the fire fighters were instrumental in preventing the spread to the very waters' edge, but the flames would have leaped across the tracks and to the frame water-front structures in spite of the efforts of the firemen with their apparatus had the breeze not been blowing.

The railroad tracks of the Seattle, Portland and Spokane company, which skirt the burned-over area on the north and are from 50 to 100 feet back of the water's edge, along the entire town, were practically undamaged by the destructive fire.

At the foot of Eleventh street a flaming warehouse side wall of the

CAMERA TELLS STORY OF RUIN WROUGHT IN ASTORIA BY FRIDAY MORNING'S CONFLAGRATION.



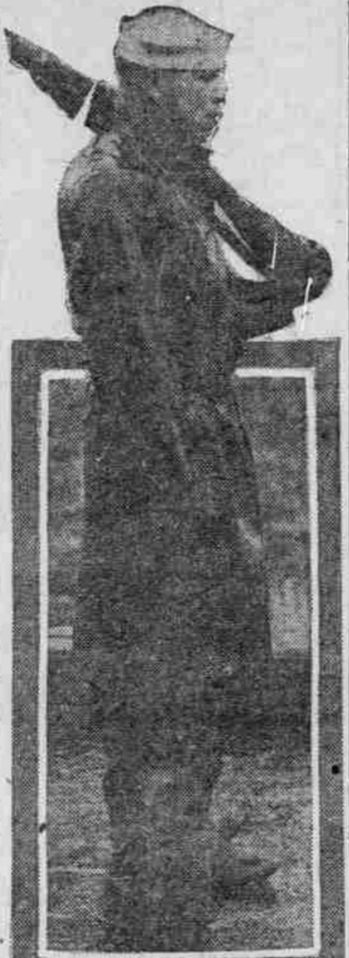
G. W. Sanborn company fell across the tracks and smashed the rails, but this damage soon was cleared away after the flames had been controlled and through rail communication to Seaside was maintained. Until late last night, however, no train service was possible on account of the hole lines from the river which the pumps were using to throw water on the flames and burning embers.

Reconstruction Is Planned. Under the direction of E. E. Grey, ex-mayor of Astoria and general chairman of the Astoria relief committee, a meeting was held at the Y. M. C. A. last night to ascertain immediate reconstruction plans. Representative business men present pledged that they would rebuild their structures at once. This committee of business men will attempt to ascertain definite buildings to be constructed at once and have started a movement for the securing of immediate reconstruction work on several large buildings in the area.

Banks to Resume Business. R. C. Higgins, president of the Astoria National bank and chairman of the banking committee, explained to the business men that temporary banking facilities would be provided in the Y. M. C. A. building and that when the vaults of the five banks destroyed in the fire could be opened, which he believed would be within a week or ten days at the most, all banks would begin business in their temporary quarters temporarily.

Committee Chairman Named. The following chairmen of committees have been appointed and are busily at work on their various tasks: General chairman—Astoria relief committee—E. E. Grey, attorney; Housing and feeding—Rev. W. S. Gilbert; Food supplies requisitions—Miss E. T. Walker, county nurse; Transportation—William Grathke, executive secretary Chamber of Commerce; Clothing—E. Grace Williams, general secretary Young Women's Christian association; Publicity—C. T. Diamond, architect; General secretary—Marjorie Pease, executive secretary American Red Cross; Food supply—E. B. Hughes; Requisition committee—E. T. Walker, chairman; Marjorie Pease, Mrs. Herman Prall, Miss V. Hancock, girls' work secretary, Young Women's Christian association; Mrs. L. M. Cherry, Mrs. F. C. Green, Mrs. W. H. Stevens, city school nurses; pastors of all churches, Mrs. G. W. Roberts, Captain Jorgenson, Salvation Army; G. C. Pauline; Fire—Christian Relief League—Mrs. C. Schmidt.

As a result of the fire the road



Upper—The bottom falls out of a street. The fire, attacking the pillars of the elevated street, quickly destroyed the roadway. Rules of Wenhart hotel on right and Covey Motor company on left. Below—Sailor on patrol duty in burned area.

way leading from the company's Astoria dock was destroyed, so the steamer's landing and freight is being handled at the Elmore dock temporarily. On the trip Friday morning, the Lurline brought a number of passengers and in her freight list was shown new automobiles that could not be taken care of because of the fire.

DREDGE HELPS AT FIRE

FEDERAL DIGGER CLATSOP FIGHTS ASTORIA FLAMES.

Pumps Throw Water on Burning Buildings Practically All Day, Saving Much Property.

To the government dredge Clatsop and her crew no doubt is due much credit for the part played in checking the Astoria fire in the vicinity of Eighth street, which marked the boundary of the devastating blaze on that side. With the arrival here yesterday of Chief Engineer Morgan the participation of the Clatsop as a fireboat was brought about.

However, the spread of the fire prompted a decision to "make a run for it" and on nearing the city and getting an idea of the extent of the area the dredge was headed for the foot of Eighth street. Showing that no time was lost getting into position, but six minutes marked the time from when she began to turn from mid-channel until she was fast alongside and her big pumps ready.

Much trouble was met with in trying to keep automobiles from crossing lines of hose and endangering them, one driver even appearing to defy the orders, but the determination of two of the Clatsop's company, who leaped on either running board, quickly prompted the driver to alter his attitude.

ASTORIA BANKS SOUND

ADVICE NEEDED INSTEAD OF FINANCIAL HELP.

Credit Balances of Burned Institutions Range From \$500,000 to \$1,000,000 Here.

Astoria banks, despite their losses by fire, will not require other than temporary financial assistance for some time to come. Credit balances of the Astoria banks in local financial institutions will reach a figure somewhere between \$500,000 and \$1,000,000 and this money can be transferred to emergency use with little difficulty.

For the present, according to E. C. Sammons, assistant cashier of the United States National bank, who returned from the stricken city early yesterday, the Astoria banks will act jointly and will issue certificates of credit through one man or a committee, representing all. These certificates will be issued for such amounts as are absolutely necessary to meet the emergencies as they may arise.

"For the present, the Astoria banks will make use of the banks in Seaside," declared Mr. Sammons. "Money will probably be kept in the bank of that city and carried back and forth as needed."

"While the Portland banks stand ready to do everything possible to aid the Astoria institutions, help is not being sent to them. The banks are all financially strong and have big balances in the Portland banks. Business men and citizens of all kinds need emergency money. That, however, will not be difficult to obtain, for it is but a simple matter to ship funds from the balances here."

Mr. Sammons said that the bankers held a meeting Friday, but that they were unable to do much, due to the fact that there was so much turmoil in the city. They will hold another meeting early in the week and thereafter will doubtless come here to meet with the members of the Portland Clearing House association and discuss methods of reorganization.

It would be dangerous, local bankers contend, to make any attempt to open the vaults of the destroyed banks for a period of not less than one week. They point to the fact that when the San Francisco fire bankers opened their vaults too soon. The money and books were when such a time as fire burst into flames and were destroyed. As a result, the Astoria bankers will exercise due care to have the vaults thoroughly cooled before opening them. Representatives of safe and vault companies from Portland were on the job in Astoria yesterday and were giving the bankers advice as to how to proceed.

As an example of how some of Astoria's leading citizens are pressed for money, Mr. Sammons told the story of one man who stood up in a meeting of friends Friday night and displayed 32 cents, his entire capital on hand. His credit is good and despite his losses through fire he is well fixed. What he needed was emergency money to tide him over until such a time as is required to adjust his affairs and salvage what he can from the wreck of a once substantial fortune.

The problem of meeting the needs of this man and also those of thousands of the citizens who have their funds tied up in the ruins of the banks, is the task that now confronts the Astoria bankers. It will be advice rather than loans that the banks will need for some days to come, Mr. Sammons said. He credits the Astoria bankers with the investment bankers' association have volunteered to aid Astoria in regaining its lost position. After a meeting yesterday, Willis K. Clark, president of the association, telegraphed the city officials that the local bond houses will market bonds issued by Astoria at no cost to the city.

The city is now heavily bonded, but in order to rebuild the destroyed streets and make improvements throughout the municipality the issuance of new bonds will be necessary. It is the disposal of these bonds that the Portland Investment Bankers' association stands ready to make without charges.

LA GRANDE READY TO HELP.

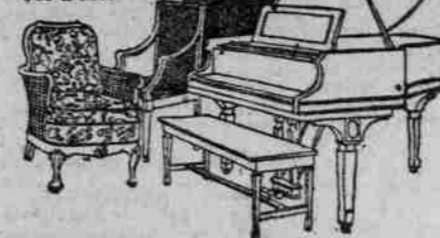
LA GRANDE, Or., Dec. 9.—(Special)—The La Grande council of the Knights of Columbus has come to the aid of Astoria with an initial contribution that will be followed with more contributions from other organizations at a later date. The Red Cross of this city stands ready to answer whatever calls for aid may come and other societies are

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