

FIRE LOSS AT FAIR

Missouri Building With Contents Totally Destroyed.

ART COLLECTION A VALUABLE ONE

One of the Finest Structures on the Grounds Now a Heap of Blackened Ruins.

Portland, Oct. 14.—Missouri's state building is the first of the edifices of the Lewis and Clark fair to meet an untimely fate at the hands of the destroyer. It was not a wrecking crew which totally demolished Missouri's magnificent representation at the Western World's fair, last night, but it was fiendish, relentless and unfeeling flames, which tore and burnt their way through the building from one end to the other, devouring the rarest treasures of art, almost invaluable exhibits, costly fixtures, leaving in their wake a path of destruction, a vivid reminder of the awful power of fire.

The fire began apparently from an unknown cause at 8 o'clock last night, presumably in the rear end, and within 15 minutes the whole of the building and all of its contents had been utterly destroyed. A desk, a trunk and three chairs were the only things that were saved. The statue, representing the state of Missouri, which stands in front of the building, and which was presented to the state of Oregon this week, was untouched. The Missouri building was sold yesterday by the Missouri wreckage company, a local concern, for \$2,000, but was not to have been delivered until today. The erection of the building resulted in the expenditure of \$12,000, and the cost of installing the exhibits amounted to about \$5,000 more. While the loss of the art gallery is commercially estimated at \$20,000, most of the paintings and statues were owned by art admirers, and could not be bought for the mere sake of money. The total loss of the building, art gallery and exhibits is estimated at \$50,000. Of insurance there was a meager sum of \$5,000 on the art gallery.

All that remains of the Missouri building is a ghastly and heart rending pile of blackened boards and twisted ironwork, where until last night stood one of the most beautiful buildings of the whole Lewis and Clark exposition, and which contained an art gallery of beautiful paintings, and masterpieces of noted sculpturers, which can never be replaced.

The art gallery was the feature of the building, nearly all the noted artists of Missouri contributing to the assemblage of the paintings and statues for the express purpose of having them exhibited at the Lewis and Clark exposition.

FREER TRADE THE ONLY RELIEF

Senator Long Predicts Much Distress in Philippines Otherwise.

Washington, Oct. 14.—In the opinion of Senator Long, of Kansas, who made the trip to the Far East with Secretary Taft and party, the greatest need of the Philippines is freer trade with the United States. The senator talked with the president today about the needs of the Philippine islands. He told the president that, in his judgment, the islands would be in serious financial condition until a reduction of duties on their products entering the United States was made.

"Recently," said the senator, "the Philippines have suffered from the typhoons and drought. As a consequence, their crops have either failed or been wiped out, and they are becoming discontented. Their discontent does not take a revolutionary form, but is simply the result of existing conditions."

Mr. Long discussed railroad rate legislation with the president briefly. He expressed the belief that the matter would be disposed of early in the approaching session.

Wright Will Soon Resign.

Washington, Oct. 14.—By reason of what appears to be dissatisfaction with the situation in the Philippines, Luke E. Wright, governor general of the Philippines and president of the Philippine commission, will retire from that position about December 1. General Wright is expected to arrive in the United States during that month, and is entitled to six months' leave of absence prior to the formal relinquishment of his labors as governor general. It is understood that he expects to return to Memphis, Tenn.

Chinese Army Maneuvers.

Peking, Oct. 14.—An imperial edict has been issued establishing a new board dealing with police matters, which have hitherto been left in the hands of local officials of the various provinces. They will henceforth be regulated from a central department. Much curiosity is felt regarding the forthcoming Chinese military maneuvers. These will be conducted in the neighborhood of Paoingfu from October 23 to October 26.

British Railroad in China.

Hongkong, Oct. 14.—The government will introduce a bill in the legislative council providing for a \$2,000,000 loan for the Kowloon-Canton railway and other purposes.

BIG STICK READY.

America and France Will Apply It to Castro, of Venezuela.

Washington, Oct. 13.—Venezuela, was the subject of an important conversation at the State department today between Secretary Root and Mr. Jusserand, the French ambassador. The latter has been awaiting the arrival here of the report of Mr. Calhoun, the American special commissioner, before reporting to his government a course of action. Mr. Calhoun has reported verbally to the president and the secretary, but he has not yet completed his formal report upon the conditions he found existing in Venezuela.

Enough is known, however to show the similarity between the grievances of the Paris and Washington governments. Whether this similarity shall find a corollary in a parallel action on the part of the two governments to right their grievances has not yet been decided. France has lately informed the United States that the course she has shaped is one of extreme patience, but of even greater firmness.

It can be announced that the French government already has considered several courses of action, any of which, it is believed would bring President Castro to terms. None will be adopted, however until Mr. Root and Mr. Jusserand have further considered the report of Mr. Calhoun. In the meantime both governments will bide their time, letting it be known that both are equally determined to obtain early justice for their citizens.

SETTLES FOR FRIAR LANDS.

Taft Compromises Dispute With Dominicans at \$2,050,000.

Washington, Oct. 13.—Secretary Taft has approved a settlement arranged by the Philippine government which completes the purchase of the Dominican friar lands in the Philippine islands. These lands include nearly half of those purchased from the friars and amount to about 200,000 acres. After the contracts were signed, it was found that a mistake had occurred by reason of a difference in the English and Spanish versions of surveys. The Spanish version made the price \$200,000 more than the English version. It also was found that the titles to eight different tracts were defective.

While Mr. Taft was in the islands he effected a compromise by which the titles were to be made complete and the purchase money paid according to the English version, while the \$200,000 in controversy was to be submitted to arbitration. Since his return the secretary has received a cable from Governor Wright saying that the Dominican agents have offered to compromise by accepting \$50,000. Mr. Taft today cabled Governor Wright approving the compromise.

The total amount to be paid to the Dominicans is \$2,050,000. The money will be paid in New York about October 20.

MARKEL IS SHUT OUT.

Canal Commission Cancels His \$50,000,000 Hotel Contract.

Panama, Oct. 13.—The last act of the Panama Canal commission before sailing for New York was the annulling of the contract awarded to J. E. Markel, of Omaha for feeding and caring for the employees of the canal. The reason for this action is that Chief Engineer Stevens, through the department of materials and supplies under Messrs. Jackson and Smith, is handling the commissaries successfully, rendering unnecessary the arrangement with Mr. Markel. Protests made by the employees against the arrangement it is believed also influenced the decision.

Governor Magoon's annual report is in course of preparation. Its most interesting part will relate to the work of sanitation, following the new plan which was put in force immediately on the arrival of the governor here.

The cases of yellow fever in June numbered 60; in July 42; in August 27; in September 5, and so far this month there has not been a single case reported.

Cruiser Galveston Stood Test.

Washington, Oct. 13.—According to the report of the Board of Naval Inspection and surety, the final 48-hour trial of the cruiser Galveston was satisfactory in every way. The average speed for a four-hour run under forced draft was 16.56 knots an hour, the speed which the vessel was designed to make being 16.5 knots. She made an average of 14.3 knots an hour for eight hours under natural draft, and for the remainder of the 48 hours maintained an average of from 10 to 12 knots with four boilers.

He Finds Defects.

Chicago, Oct. 13.—The hearing of arguments on the demurrers to the indictments returned by the Federal grand jury against five of the big packing concerns and 17 of their employees was closed late this afternoon, and, if Judge Humphrey, before whom the arguments have been made, retains his present impression of the case, one half of the indictments against the packers will be sustained and the remaining counts overruled.

Arrange to Ratify Treaty.

Washington, Oct. 13.—Baron Rosen, the Russian ambassador, called at the State department today and discussed with Secretary Adee the arrangements for the exchange of ratifications of the Russo-Japanese treaty. Telegrams of authorization for the exchanges may be expected almost any day.

OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

HIGH PRICED PEARS.

Fruit of Rogue River Valley Secures Record Figure in New York.

Medford—Telegraphic advices from New York state that a car of Medford pears, from the orchard of J. W. Perkins, sold for \$3,429, the highest price ever realized for a carload of pears in America. Part of the car brought \$7.70 per box, the highest price ever recorded for single boxes of the fruit.

They were the Doyenne du Comice pear, of which not more than 15 cars are as yet grown on this continent. The variety has for two or three years been in vogue at the leading metropolitan hotels. It has proven especially well adapted to Southern Oregon, and, while the orchards are yet young, the quality is unequalled and the yield is heavy.

The average price for the entire car was \$5.40 per box. The pear box is 50 pounds, but, realizing he had something strictly fancy, Mr. Perkins used clear half-boxes and wrapped the tender pears in paper with lace border and a lithographed "top knot." He also had lithographed end labels on the boxes, which were made of clear lumber. His success justifies, in his mind, the expenditure necessary to effect this fancy pack.

WEED ROAD IN NEW HANDS.

Lack of Laborers Delays Extension Toward Klamath Falls.

Klamath Falls—The Weed railroad has passed into other hands. Theodore Saul, of Weed, a large stockholder in the Weed Lumber company, the former owner of the road, is authority for the statement. The purchasing company is a corporation known as the California Northeastern Railway company. This sale not only includes the present Weed railroad, which extends 24 miles this way from Weed, where it connects with the Southern Pacific with eight miles more graded, but the Weed project to extend the road to Klamath Falls.

Work just now is almost at a standstill on the extension of the road to this city, owing to the scarcity, it is said, of laborers, but men are being sought and a large crew will be put to work at an early date when the road will be pushed to this city rapidly.

E. D. Dunn is manager of the California Northwestern, and he, with a staff of assistants, is now at Weed, where he has taken the management of the road from A. D. Evans, former manager, and who is also manager of the Weed Lumber company's interests.

Work Mines All Winter.

Sampter—Since the strike made in the Gold Nugget group, in the Bald mountain district, a few weeks ago, there has been much development done on the property by the locators, Essler and Dunn. Cabins for use during the winter have been erected, and the main tunnel or drift started on the ledge. An creaser and track have been delivered and extensive work will be done this winter. Supplies for a long period are on the ground. The Sunnybrook group, an extension of the Gold Nugget, is also being developed.

New Reduction Plants Installed.

Sampter—Extensive improvements at the standard mine are under way. A large crew of carpenters has been employed there for some time past on sawmill construction, and lately on the reduction plant building. The Imperial, in the Cable Cove section, is also employing a crew of carpenters on a new reduction plant. This property has been an extensive shipper for several months past, and bids fair to become one of the largest producers in this district.

Typhoid Charged to Milk.

Oregon City—Alleging that a dozen cases of typhoid fever in Clackamas county are due to infected milk served hoppers from the dairy of Charles Beck's farm at Aurora, Dr. H. S. Mount, of this city, will register complaint with the State Board of Health and demand that an investigation be had of the situation. While all of the patients are doing well, it is alleged that Beck's gross carelessness is responsible for a majority of the cases.

Oregon's School Debt \$764,664.50.

Salem—The secretary of the state and board reports the total loans and interest bearing indebtedness of the various educational institutions of the state, outstanding October 1, as \$764,664.50, divided as follows: Interest bearing school land indebtedness, \$562,128.85; college lands, \$23,560.57; university lands, \$688; school farm loans, \$167,575.08; college farm loans, \$7,085; university farm loans, \$3,456.

In Weston Grain Fields.

Weston—Farmers in this vicinity are getting well along with their summer fallowing, and the land is in prime condition for seeding since the recent rains. The seed drills will follow closely the last cultivating and will begin work about the middle of the month. About one half of the wheat lands in this locality are summer fallowed each alternate year, except lands near the foothills, which are put into winter wheat every third year.

Big Wheat Sales at Adams.

Adams—Three hundred and twenty thousand bushels of wheat has been handled through warehouses here. Over one-half of this has been sold at an average price of 61 cents per bushel—about one half going to the Athens mill and the balance to Portland.

WATER USERS WANT ATTORNEY

Milton and Freewater Settlers Make Move of Precaution.

Milton—A meeting of the users of water on all the streams and ditches in Milton and Freewater, excepting the Tumalum river and Hudson Bay ditch, was held here to formulate plans for the employment of counsel to look after the interests of all parties interested. A committee of three was appointed, William Nichols, S. A. Miller and J. H. Piper. Attorney Stillman, of Pendleton, submitted a proposition to take the case and look after every right and secure a record for such. He wants about \$600. It was decided that the committee should have full power to act for and determine, by the assistance of the individuals, each one's claim, whether it be riparian or right by appropriation. The papers in the case must be prepared by October 15.

CANNOT CANCEL LICENSE.

Oregon Law Prevents Exclusion of New York Life From State.

Salem—There is no authority in the Oregon statutes for the cancellation of a life insurance company's license because of mismanagement is the reply made by Secretary of State Dunbar to a request for such action against the New York Life. The request was made by C. H. Yenner, a New York banker, who has asked all insurance commissioners to revoke that company's license unless John A. McCall resigns the presidency and George W. Perkins the vice presidency. Mr. Dunbar explained in his reply that the Oregon law authorizes cancellation for only two reasons—non-payment of money due on a policy or inability to pay losses—and that he is not advised that the New York Life comes under either case.

Experts Report Small Shortage.

Pendleton—The experts now auditing the county books are declared to have found a small shortage in the clerk's office. However, according to Expert Beckwith, there has been no failure on the part of anyone to turn over money received; but there has been failure to charge for some things which, under the law, should have been charged for. Also, he says, that subsequent findings may offset the shortage that has been found. Under whose regime the irregularities come will not be divulged, nor the amount of the deficiency.

New Mill Satisfactory.

Albany—The new Huntington mill at the Great Northern mine in the Blue river district has been installed, and reports are that it is surpassing all expectations of the promoters in the amount of ore it will handle in a day. A new ledge in the lower tunnel of the mine, reported some time since, has a full ten foot face of rich ore, and under the work of the new mill something of the real value of the mine can be ascertained.

Freewater's Big Crop of Hay.

Freewater—In addition to the excellent fruit and grain crops raised upon winter and spring irrigated lands in this locality a large amount of hay is grown. The crop of alfalfa last spring was light, but the two last cuttings have made a good yield, aggregating seven tons to the acre, worth in the local market \$5 per ton. Without irrigation this land is practically worthless.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Club, 72c per bushel; bluestem, 75c; valley, 71c to 72c.
Oats—No. 1 white feed, \$24.24 to \$24.50; gray, \$24.24 to \$24.50 per ton.
Barley—Feed, \$20.50 to \$21 per ton; brewing, \$21.50 to \$22; rolled, \$21.50 to \$22.
Rye—\$1.40 to \$1.45 per cental.
Hay—Eastern Oregon timothy, \$14.15 per ton; valley timothy, \$11.12 to \$12; clover, \$8.09; grain hay, \$8.09.
Fruits—Apples, \$1.17 to \$1.75 per box; peaches, 65c to \$1 per crate; plums, 50c to 75c per crate; cantaloupes, 75c to \$1.25 per crate; pears, \$1.25 to \$1.50 per box; watermelons, 1/2 to 1c per pound; crabapples, \$1 per box; quinces, \$1 per box.

Vegetables—Beans, 1c to 4c per pound; cabbage, 1c to 1 1/2c per pound; cauliflower, 75c per dozen; celery, 75c per dozen; corn, 65c per sack; cucumbers, 10c to 15c per dozen; pumpkins, 1 1/2c to 1 1/2c per pound; tomatoes, 30c to 40c per crate; squash, 5c per pound; turnips, 90c to \$1 per sack; carrots, 65c to 75c per sack; beets, 85c to \$1 per sack.
Onions—Oregon Yellow Danvers, \$1.25 per sack.
Potatoes—Oregon fancy, 65c to 85c per sack; common, nominal.
Butter—Fancy creamery, 25c to 30c per pound.
Eggs—Oregon ranch, 27c to 28c per dozen.

Poultry—Average old hens, 11c to 12c per pound; mixed chickens, 10c to 10 1/2c; old roosters, 8c to 9c; young roosters, 10c to 10 1/2c; springs, 11c to 12c; dressed chickens, 12c to 12 1/2c; turkeys, live, 15c to 16c; geese, live, 8c to 9c; ducks, 13c to 14c.

Hops—Oregon, 1905, choice, 12c to 13c per pound; olds, 10c to 12c.
Wool—Eastern Oregon average best, 19c to 21c per pound; lower grades down to 15c, according to shrinkage; valley, 25c to 27c; mohair, choice, 30c.

Beef—Dressed bulls, 1c to 2c per pound; cows, 3c to 4c; country steers, 4c to 4 1/2c.
Veal—Dressed, 3c to 7c per pound.
Mutton—Dressed, fancy, 6c to 7c per pound; ordinary, 4c to 5c; lambs, 7c to 7 1/2c.
Pork—Dressed, 6c to 7 1/2c per pound.

EXTEND TO COAST.

New Through Road From St. Paul to Puget Sound.

Chicago, Oct. 11.—At the general offices of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway, the report from Tacoma was confirmed that the company had just purchased 160 acres of tideland property on the Tacoma water front, for which about \$775,000 was paid. The St. Paul company has now secured \$1,000,000 worth of terminal property in Tacoma.

It is now admitted by officials of the company that its plan is to extend the St. Paul system to Tacoma as rapidly as is warranted by the development of the country between South Dakota and Puget sound. From present indications, within five years the extension to Tacoma will be completed. Several surveys have been made from Chamberlain to Tacoma, and the engineers are still in the field. Construction of a line running northwest from Chamberlain for 75 miles is in progress, but the complete route to Tacoma has not been fixed.

Charles Pfeiffer, townsite agent for the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway company, at Tacoma, announced authoritatively that the Milwaukee road is to build to the coast. He said denials were now useless, in view of the publicity given the purchase yesterday of terminals involving more than \$500,000. Mr. Pfeiffer also stated that the Milwaukee has surveyors and right-of-way agents at work in Eastern Washington at the present time.

Plan for the terminals in Tacoma, says Mr. Pfeiffer, include docks larger than any here at the present time. Mr. Pfeiffer leaves tomorrow for Chicago for a conference with A. J. Earling, president of the Milwaukee, who has just returned from Europe.

BRITON HELD FOR RANSOM.

British Consul Starts Post Haste to Save Prisoner From Death.

London, Oct. 11.—Much anxiety is expressed here regarding the fate of Wills, the Englishman, recently employed by the Turkish tobacco revenue department, who, as announced yesterday in a dispatch to the Associated Press from Salonica, European Turkey, had been captured by brigands. The Salonica dispatch said that the British consulate at Monastir had received a package containing a human ear, which a letter accompanying the package declared had been cut from Wills. The letter threatened that Wills would be murdered unless the brigands were paid a ransom of \$5,000 not later than October 14.

Mr. Wills, who is about 27 years of age, disappeared last July. He is an son of an engineer who for many years has been engaged in work in Turkey, and a brother of Percy Wills, the British consular agent at Lemid, Asia Minor. He served as a volunteer in the British army during the Boer war, and was returned invalided, afterward securing a position in the Turkish tobacco revenue department.

CHINESE SUSPEND BOYCOTT

If Congress Does Not Act, They Will Make It Stronger.

Washington, Oct. 11.—News that the merchants of China, who have been prosecuting the boycott against American goods, have decided to suspend temporarily that movement to await possible action of the United States congress in softening the exclusion laws, is contained in official dispatches received today from Peking. The information comes from the merchants' guild of that place, and is to the effect that this course has been decided upon by merchants throughout the empire.

The action follows the advice of the Chinese government in the matter which was given as a consequence of the attitude of President Roosevelt. Should congress fail to take the desired action, the boycott will again become effective, and will be pressed with renewed vigor.

Banker a Cattle Thief.

Fargo, N. D., Oct. 11.—Stockmen of Montana and North Dakota are interested in a big cattle stealing sensation brewing in the northwestern part of this state near the Montana line. The most sensational feature of the deal is the arrest of a banker in connection with the affair. He is said to have furnished the brains for the outfit and a cloak of respectability, under which the gang operated. It is said that a full exposure of the deal will involve dozens of men, one of whom is a government official.

Hyde Out of Union Pacific.

Salt Lake City, Oct. 11.—James H. Hyde, of New York, was dropped from the board of directors of the Union Pacific railroad at the annual meeting of stockholders held here today. P. A. Valentine, of Chicago, was elected to the board as a new member. With these exceptions all members of the former board were re-elected. The Harriman interests were in complete control, no opposition whatever being voiced.

Great Increase in Registration.

New York, Oct. 11.—The total registration of yesterday and today in Greater New York was 347,309, as compared with 308,142 for the corresponding days of 1903.

ARMS FOR REVOLUTIONISTS

Revolutionists Preparing for Break Throughout Russia.

ALL DECLARE WAR ON COSACKS

Moscow Municipality Refuses to Receive Them, as They Commit Robberies and Atrocities.

Moscow, Oct. 12.—The serious internal situation increases throughout the provinces. Everywhere there is a general outbreak. Last week at Kiev, Riga, Odessa, Moscow, St. Petersburg, Saratoff, Baku and Batum. At the same time the czar's officers seized explosives in Northern and Central Russia and Poland.

In the Caucasus the revolutionists have declared war on the Cosacks. From Tiflis there comes an account of wholesale killing of people during demonstration at the town. Among the slain was a Russian woman of rank, who was trying to help a girl wounded by soldiers. Explosive bombs were thrown in one day and the Cosacks who were patrolling the situation there is more alarm than ever before.

At Moscow the municipality has refused to receive any new recruits Cosacks, because it has been proved that a great number of robberies, rapes and atrocities have been committed by Cosacks throughout the country.

DEFENSE HAS INNING.

District Attorney Henny Conducts Fiery Cross-Examination.

Portland, Oct. 12.—Now it is the fence that has its inning in the espionage case of Jones, Potter and Charles B. Moores, who was registered the Oregon City Land Office from 1901 until 1903, was the first witness called by the attorneys for the defense. A direct examination was brief, but he fell into the hands of District Attorney Henny he was subjected to vigorous cross-examination.

Mr. Moores in the course of his cross-examination of the land office, Thaddeus S. Potter's final proof, Mr. Henny produced a great mass of letters that had passed between Potter and Mr. Moores. Potter had taken up a homestead and had sworn, under oath, to actual and continuous residence on the homestead. Mr. Moores testified on direct examination that he was rigid in following out a rule of his office and that the clerk filled out the answers on the final application always had the preliminary making the final proof say that questions had been read to him in presence of the clerk. Mr. Henny endeavored to show that when Mr. Potter passed upon and signed the final proof of the Potter claim, he knew by the actual residence of the latter in Portland and not on the claim the Siletz reservation.

ALLIES JOIN HANDS.

British Fleet Receives Great Welcome in Japanese Waters.

Yokohama, Oct. 12.—The British squadron of 12 vessels, under the command of Vice Admiral Sir Gerald Balfour, arrived here this morning, and were officially welcomed amid some great enthusiasm by Vice Admiral Yamamura. The squadron formed in single column, the torpedo destroyers leading, and took up an anchorage along the shore. Salutes were exchanged between the Japanese flagship and the British flagship Diadem. Vice Admiral Shimamura then went aboard Diadem, accompanied by the governor and other local authorities and a representative of Sir Claude MacDonald, British minister at Tokio. Admiral Noel later visited the Diadem.

After these ceremonies had been concluded, Admiral Noel and his officers and men landed and participated through a cheering multitude to a garden party given by the municipality.

Lumberman Endorse Him.

Washington, Oct. 12.—President Roosevelt today received further endorsement of his attitude toward enactment of railroad rate legislation from the big lumber interests of the country. Lewis Dill, president of the National Wholesale Lumber Dealers' association, and George S. Gardner, of the Yellow Pine association, representing the lumber industry, told the president that their associations approved heartily of his course in the matter.

Judge Violates Law.

Washington, Oct. 12.—The charge of soliciting and accepting campaign contributions in the campaign of 1903 made against United States Judge Baker, of Indiana, by the Civil Service commission, has been referred to the department of Justice by official statement of the case, in which it was said: "The statute of limitation is the only defense which can be offered to the charge."

Seek Refuge in Japanese Ports. Vic'oria, Oct. 12.—A Nagasaki reports, will go to Nagasaki to seek refuge in Japanese ports.