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MOTHER AND CHILD ARE CRITICALLY BURNED TODAY

MRS. F. W. BERTRAM AND SON VICTIMS IN DONALDSON BLOCK

Child Lighting Candles on Old Christmas Tree Causes Disastrous Fire.

HEROIC WORK OF FIREMEN REDUCED LOSS

Damage Except to Building Comparatively Small—Stocks Moved to Street.

Fire, started by five-year old Lawrence Bertram's lighting candles on an old Christmas tree in their apartments over the Ladies' Emporium this morning, resulted in possibly the fatal injury of the lad's mother, Mrs. F. W. Bertram, in seriously burning the boy, practically the ruin of the Donaldson block at the corner of Broadway and Central avenue, and the rendering of several business premises homeless.

For a time, it was feared that the conflagration would sweep the block and possibly spread to other buildings, but by strenuous efforts, the fire department succeeded in confining the fire to the Donaldson building. The service of the two fire engines' plying four streams of salt water on the blaze was largely responsible for the disaster not being much worse than it was.

The first intimation of the fire came from Mrs. Bertram's appeals for help. When she discovered the fire had set fire to the Christmas tree in his endeavors to light the candles and that his clothing had caught, she immediately rushed in to extinguish them. The tree was like tinder and burst into flame and her clothing caught fire. Her hair and clothing above the waist were a mass of flames when help reached her.

She and the boy were alone in the apartments at the time. Mr. Bertram, who conducts a jewelry store in the Sengstacken building, underneath, and others quickly rushed to her aid. The blaze spread rapidly. There was a high some place in giving the alarm and before the fire whistle was sounded, some of the firemen and others had a hose cart almost connected up.

The fire engines were brought out immediately. There was a little delay in getting streams from them, a delay on the old engine hoisting, the steam not being quite enough to start the pumps on the new one.

Chief Keating soon had the four lines of salt water hose from the engines and several other lines of hose from the fire hydrants on the mains. The flames did not quickly burst through but the buildings and several store rooms were quickly filled with smoke.

Scores of men, who responded to the alarm, quickly set to work removing the stocks from the various stores and in a few minutes all of the rooms in the Donaldson building and also the Sengstacken building were emptied of all movable contents. Some of the goods were piled on stray wagons and trucks and carted to storerooms and the balance piled upon sidewalks, at a safe distance from the endangered area.

The immense volume of smoke made the fire most threatening for a little while. There was not much wind and this quieted the fears of many in the buildings in the vicinity of the fire.

The firemen fought the fire valiantly. The construction of the upper portion of the Donaldson building made it extremely difficult for the firemen to reach the heart of the fire, the dense smoke keeping them back. They first concentrated their efforts on preventing it from spreading and finally reached the worst of the blaze. Some of the boys were nearly overcome by the smoke and heat but valiantly held on and won out.

Many Pictures Taken. Many photographs of the fire and the firemen were taken during the blaze this morning, showing the fire engines in work and also the moving of the stock by the crowds.

E. C. Barker secured some of the best and he had some of his developed before the fireman had completely extinguished the fire.

Used Tug Powers. The tugboat Powers was brought into action this morning to aid in preventing a possible spread of the conflagration and incidentally it called attention again to the possibilities of a regular fire boat. The Powers has too small a pump for the regular fire hose but a string of small hose was run from it at the Central avenue wharf to the roofs of the C. A. Smith warehouses in that vicinity and all were wet down to eliminate the danger of flying sparks spreading the blaze to that section. F. A. Warner and Hugo Quist directed this work.

For Fire Boat. F. K. Gettins and others suggested that in case Marshfield or Marsh-

INSURANCE AND LOSSES TODAY

Most of Firms Affected Protected by Policies—Estimates of Property.

The actual loss in this morning's fire is difficult to estimate owing to so much of the stocks in the buildings being removed. The principal loss will fall on Capt. Adam Donaldson, owner of the building. Mr. Donaldson carried through his agent, Otto Schetter, \$2000 insurance in the New York Underwriters'. It is estimated that the building is worth \$8,000. The actual amount of damage to it is hard to estimate, but many consider it beyond repair.

The following figures on the property and insurance involved are as nearly correct as could be gathered today:

E. W. Kammerer—Carried about \$9000 stock of clothing, shoes and merchandise. Carried about \$1500 in Law, Union and Rock Insurance Company of London, and \$1000 in Oregon Mutual Fire Insurance Co. Mrs. Nellie Owen—Had about \$4000 stock of ladies' furnishings, including value of fixtures. Carried about \$1500 insurance in the Beaverton Mutual Insurance Company.

E. Don McCrary—Carried about \$4000 stock in Ideal Pharmacy, and carried \$1500 insurance in Horticultural Fire Relief Association.

August Frizeen—Carried about \$1500 stock of stationery and confectionery and had \$300 insurance in Norwich Union.

A. H. Lewis—Carries \$2000 stock confectionery, etc., and has \$600 insurance in the Globe and Ruiger's Insurance Company of the City of New York.

A. Hendrickson—Had about \$2,000 stock of shoes. Everything was saved. Carried no insurance.

F. W. Bertram did not carry any insurance on his jewelry stock of about \$4000.

Messrs. F. E. Allen, A. H. Stutsman & Co., and Attorney Miller, who had offices in the Sengstacken building did not sustain losses, although they removed all movable articles when it was feared that the fire would spread to it.

Ashman Lost Furniture. W. H. Ashman, one of the proprietors of the Blanco Billiard parlor, owned the furniture in the apartments occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Bertram, having sublet it to the Bertrams. His loss will amount to several hundred dollars.

Mr. and Mrs. Bertram lost all their clothing and personal effects. They carried no insurance. The loss will aggregate several hundred dollars.

Millers Lose Effects. Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Miller, who occupied the second apartment over the Ladies' Emporium, lost all their household effects. Mr. Miller is employed on the Smith-Powers launch Mabel H. and Mrs. Miller is employed in the North Bend telephone office. Both were absent at the time. The only thing saved was a box of silverware, their clothing and furniture being destroyed. Mrs. Miller estimated their loss at about \$450. They had no insurance.

CALIFORNIA IS FOR EXCLUSION

Legislature Passes Anti-Asiatic Resolution and Against Pauper Labor.

SACRAMENTO, Feb. 3.—The Asiatic Exclusion Act received the approval of the California legislature today when the lower house unanimously passed the senate joint resolution, calling on Congress to pass a bill introduced by Congressman Baker, excluding Asiatic and pauper labor.

LIBRARY BENEFIT DANCE at EAGLE'S HALL TUESDAY evening FEBRUARY 4, by BRIDGE CLUB. CARD TABLES provided for all who do not dance. Music by KEYSEY'S orchestra.

TURKISH WAR WILL BE RESUMED

Every Indication Is That Hostilities Will Begin Again This Evening—The Turkish Army in Revolt.

LONDON, Feb. 3.—War between Turkey and the Balkan states will begin at 7 o'clock this evening unless the peace efforts of the powers should succeed or Turkey shall decide at the eleventh hour to surrender. It has been decided who shall fire the first shot, as Turkey has stated she will allow her adversaries to take the aggressive. The immediate object of the armies of the allies is the capture of Adrianople. Upon this fortress the combined Bulgarian and Servian armies, the latter supplied with siege artillery, will concentrate their operations for the present. The Bulgarian generals will simply try to hold the Turkish troops at Tebatalla. The Turkish government, like that of Bulgaria, will not allow newspaper correspondents within 20 miles of the front.

Turkish Army in Revolt.

BERLIN, Feb. 3.—News dispatches received here today indicate that the Turkish army is in seething revolt as a consequence

of the assassination of Nazim Pasha, commander-in-chief. Enver Bey, a Young Turk leader, who took a prominent part in the recent events at the capital went today in an automobile to army headquarters at Pademkoul, in order to win the support of the troops but the soldiers forcibly prevented him from alighting. The Kurdish cavalry in the Asiatic section of Constantinople today formally demanded the execution of the murderers of Nazim Pasha. The men refused to obey the war minister's command to return to their quarters.

Outcome Eagerly Watched.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Feb. 3.—The outcome of representations made by the British and German ministers at the Bulgarian capital is awaited here today. Although the armistice is scheduled to end at 7 o'clock this evening the Ottoman officials have not lost hope that a resumption of hostilities may be avoided. The German communication declared they considered the new Turkish proposals adequate, while both Great Britain and Germany intimated that the intractability on the part of the Balkan states was not approved by the powers.

MRS. BERTRAM THIRD FIRE BADLY BURNED IN FEW YEARS

Woman Injured in Fire This Morning in Critical Condition at Hospital.

Mrs. F. W. Bertram is reported to be in a rather critical condition at Mercy Hospital from the burns she sustained in the fire this morning. Dr. Houseworth, who is attending her said that she was fearfully burned about the back, shoulders, arms and face. Practically all of her hair was burned off. In some places the skin came off when the remnants of her clothing were removed.

In addition to the injuries, the shock was severe, and her condition is very serious.

Lawrence Bertram, her little son, was badly burned and while in a serious condition, is not critically injured. Harry Winkler first administered to the little fellow to relieve the pain, his hands and face being badly burned.

A large amount of skin grafting will probably be necessary in Mrs. Bertram's case. She apparently was some better this afternoon and apparently did not sustain injuries to her lungs from the fumes or flames.

FOR LINCOLN MONUMENT.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3.—President Taft has signed the congressional resolution providing for the erection of a memorial to Lincoln in Potomac Park.

DIES ON SIRE'S SWORD.

NEW YORK, Feb. 3.—Louis Dur-yea, a Brooklyn youth, tied his father's sword to a chair and then lunged forward impaling himself on the blade. He was found dead, but no note explaining the suicide, was found.

Donaldson Building Unlucky; Effort to Repair to Meet With Opposition.

Today's fire was the third one that has damaged the Donaldson building within a few years. The first one spread from the Sengstacken building, when the structure was gutted by a fire originating in the McCutcheon restaurant, a couple of years ago. The second one did not attain serious proportions and was caused by some millinery samples being pushed over against a stove pipe in the sample room on the second floor of the building.

Otto Schetter, agent for Captain Donaldson, stated today that he could not estimate the damage to the building. He said that he and Contractor Savage would go over and figure it out.

Owing to the extent of the damage, it is not thought likely that it will be possible to repair the building, owing to the restrictions in the fire limit ordinance of the city.

If it is impossible to repair the old building, it is expected that Captain Donaldson will soon take steps to put up a modern, brick building on the corner. Captain Donaldson is quite well to do, it is said. The corner is a most valuable location.

Property owners in the vicinity will probably remonstrate if an endeavor is made to repair the building.

PRESIDENTS TO ATTEND.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3.—Taft and Wilson will be guests of honor of the National Woman Suffrage Association at the pageant March 3. They will occupy the same box.

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SOUTHERN PACIFIC SENDS MEN TO START WORK IN NORTH BEND

SHOE TRUST WINS FIRST

Supreme Court Knocks Government Out in First Round of Fight.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3.—The government suffered today its first big defeat in the recent anti-trust campaign when the supreme court held the officials of the United States Shoe Machinery Company had not violated the Sherman anti-trust law by organizing their company. The court, however, would not pass on the legality of the system by which the company leases machines on terms that no "independent" machinery can be used.

On account of the supreme court today annulling one of the two indictments against the company's officials, the Massachusetts court took the position that the indictment was not a state offense under the Sherman law. The government appealed to the supreme court by virtue of criminals' appeal act of 1907 on the ground it did the state an offense. The government in the indictment and annulment, which was proved today charged the officials with violating the law, first by organizing a company and second by a system of leasing machines whereby patrons were compelled to promise not to use any machinery made by independent companies, and to use only that made by the alleged combine. The shoe machinery officials declared the supreme court could not review the action of the Massachusetts court because the criminal appeals act was repealed by not being included in the judicial code of 1912 and also claimed that the organization of a corporation was formal trade development. They further urged that the defendant companies absorbed by the machinery companies were not competing and that the leasing of patents was justified by the patent law.

INCOME TAX IS NOW A LAW

Made Provision of Constitution by Ratification of Thirty-Six States.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3.—The income tax now is one of the provisions of the federal constitution. Wyoming's ratification today of the income tax amendment, completed the list of 36 states, three-fourths of the Union, which have approved the provision. Congress will now enact a law to levy the tax and it will probably become effective during the extraordinary session to be called by President-elect Wilson in March. The new law probably will supersede the corporation tax. Leaders estimate that the revenue from the income tax will be about \$100,000,000 the first year.

CHEYENNE, Wyo., Feb. 3.—Under the suspension of rules both houses passed today the joint resolution ratifying the income tax amendment to the federal constitution. When attention was called to the claim of Delaware to having passed the deciding vote of ratification, Speaker Pratt said "if it was passed at 10:05 their time they beat us."

The amendment passed the Wyoming legislature at 10:45.

ABOLISH PENSION AGENCIES

Dr. A. H. Thompson Will Pay Veterans Direct From Washington.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3.—When Dr. A. H. Thompson, for a long time an employe of the Pension Bureau, took the oath of office Saturday as disbursing officer of the pension agencies that have existed for years in several cities in the country, passed out. Hereafter, all pension payments will be sent from Washington. Altogether sixteen agencies are abolished under the consolidation reform, and their clerical forces have been established here. The reform was provided for in the pension appropriation bill.

Engineer Hindmarsh and Superintendent Dixon of MacArthur-Perks Co. Here.

TO MAKE CUT THROUGH SIMPSON PARK FIRST

Work to Be Started North from the Umpqua—Latest Developments.

J. M. Dixon, superintendent of the MacArthur-Perks Company, contractors for the Coos Bay-Eugene line of the Southern Pacific, Assistant Engineer Hindmarsh of the Southern Pacific, who is to have supervision of the construction of the lines in North Bend from the south approach of the bridge across Coos Bay to the waterfront, and six assistant engineers arrived in North Bend Saturday night. Today they are arranging to begin construction work on the big cut through Simpson Park in North Bend and it is expected that Supt. Dixon will have equipment and men on the ground within a few days to rush the work to completion.

Engineer Broughton of the Southern Pacific, who will have charge of the construction of the bridge across Coos Bay, will reach here within a few days. It is believed that the bridge will be constructed by the Southern Pacific Company direct.

A third engineer who will have supervision of the construction between the waterfront and the south city limits of North Bend, is expected here within a short time.

These are the developments in the local railroad situation since Saturday. Supt. Dixon of the MacArthur-Perks Company and Engineer Hindmarsh have opened temporary headquarters in the Palace Hotel building in North Bend. The MacArthur-Perks Company retained all of the contract from the south entrance of the big tunnel, No. 7, between Winchester Creek and Ten Mile lakes, when they sublet the work to Porter Bros. This means that they will build the lines in North Bend and on the Bay. It is stated that one reason they retained this for themselves was the expectancy of the possibility of construction on the road south from Coos Bay to Eureka would be started before the other work was done.

Work Near Gardiner.

It is announced that Copenhagen Bros. are rushing the work at Gardiner. The steam shovel, which has been working on the entrance to the tunnel has been turned and is now working back towards the Umpqua.

It is expected that a second steam shovel will be brought into Gardiner within a few days to start work on tunnel No. 6, known as the Jack Franz Creek tunnel. This is north of the Umpqua.

Marshfield Work.

The Southern Pacific is reported to be awaiting developments in their negotiations with the Terminal Railway before doing anything about work in Marshfield. While no official statement is given out, the company states that it either wants action on its old application to the Marshfield city council for a franchise on Broadway through the city or for a single track on one side of Front street.

It is understood that the negotiations for the acquisition of the Terminal railway by the Southern Pacific now hinges on the action of C. A. Smith, who holds a fourth interest in it. It is said that two of the owners of the Terminal are willing to turn the company over to the Southern Pacific with their franchise.

There is considerable talk around town about the matter, wondering whether or not Marshfield will not lose some of the boom anticipated by the starting of the work on the Bay as a result of the delay here. However, some of the Southern Pacific employes, who invested on the "tip" about the coming of the road have all their money tied up in Marshfield property.

HILL LINE PLAN.

Will Connect Up With Gould Road in California.

A Portland paper says: "From financial circles in New York comes a story of an alliance between Hill and Gould interests that indicates early entry of the Hill railroads into California. The combination was effected some eighteen months ago, it is said, for the purpose of admitting the Hill lines into California territory in exchange for allowing the Western Pacific to meet its competitors on an equal footing in Portland and Oregon."

"According to this information the route from Portland is to be by way of... (Continued on Page Four.)"