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MILLION-DOLLAR FIRE SWEEPS EAST PORTLAND WATERFRONT

Steamer Cricket and British Liner Glenroy and Big Warehouse Burn

COLUMBIA AND MONTGOMERY WHARVES DESTROYED

Big Wheat Warehouses in it—Several Injured While Fighting the Flames

PORTLAND, Or., March 12.—Portland's harbor front suffered the most devastating conflagration in its history early today when two mammoth grain docks, laden with wheat, were completely destroyed and two large vessels ruined almost beyond repair, and a dozen buildings damaged.

Scores of the Chinese members of the crew of the Royal Mail steam packet Glenroy, had narrow escapes, many of them jumping into the river in scant attire and being picked up by crews of the fire boat David Campbell and the harbor patrol launch.

Four firemen barely escaped death under the collapse of a huge bulkhead and one of the fire-fighters was seriously injured when carried down by crumbling timbers.

First Mate Saunders of the Glenroy broke an arm when he fell down a hatchway.

The aggregate property loss is estimated at a million dollars.

Two great wharves, Columbia No. 2 and Montgomery No. 1 are nothing but charred piling and smoking grain.

The Glenroy is but an empty shell with her inner works gone and the steamer Cricket, with a cargo of 4000 barrels of asphalt was cut adrift and burned to the water's edge. A hotel and numerous other buildings were damaged and occupants had narrow escapes.

The fire is believed to have been caused by a tramp throwing a lighted cigarette in the shaft on the Columbia dock. Soon after the fire was discovered the flames spread until the whole stretch of wharves for a thousand feet were a blazing mass.

Every effort to cut the Glenroy loose and haul her to a safe anchorage were fruitless. She caught fire and soon a tremendous explosion occurred in the hold and the straggling squadron was compelled to pull away. The Cricket was cut loose and started drifting down stream. The cargo burned like a torch and as she bumped along the wharves she started new fires. She was finally beached and burned to the water's edge. She was a 773-ton steam schooner belonging to Fred Linderman, of San Francisco. The Glenroy was a British steamer of 3141 tons.

At noon the flames were under control.

PORTLAND, Or., March 12.—Fire early today swept all that section of the Portland waterfront on the East side from the upper to the lower Alhambra ferries, completely destroying Columbia dock No. 2 and Montgomery dock No. 1, the steamships Glenroy and Cricket and much other property, entailing a loss estimated at \$1,000,000.

WESTINGHOUSE PASSES AWAY

Noted Manufacturer of Electrical Machinery Succumbs Today

NEW YORK, March 12.—George Westinghouse died today of heart failure, after three months' illness.

MILLIONS TO WOMEN. George W. Vanderbilt Left \$20,000,000 to Wife and Only Daughter.

NEW YORK, March 12.—The will of George W. Vanderbilt, filed for probate, leaves his entire estate of \$20,000,000 to his widow and only daughter, Cornelia.

FEAR WOMEN LOST. English Missionaries in China Are Missing Now.

LONDON, March 12.—A dispatch from Shanghai says two English women attached to the station of the China inland mission at Lao Hokow have been missing since that town was sacked by brigands yesterday. The women are Miss E. Black and Miss J. Black.

WILL REBUILD LONG BRIDGE

Coquille City Council Discusses Improvement—Improve Water System

(Special to The Times.) COQUILLE, Or., March 12.—The Moulton street bridge was the first thing on the program at a meeting of the Coquille City Council last Monday night and although the matter was given a lengthy discussion, nothing definite was accomplished.

This bridge, better known here as the T bridge, comes into town from the north and is about a quarter of a mile in length and about 15 feet in height. It forms a part of the Coquille-Marshfield road, thus bearing a very heavy automobile traffic for a big part of each year.

The foundation is in fairly good shape, but the decking is bad and City Engineer P. M. Hall-Lewis submitted a report showing that the old decking could be replaced at an expenditure of about \$1000, which would last in the neighborhood of two years. The report also stated that to build an entirely new bridge of wooden material would cost approximately \$4500. Coming at this time the Councilmen thought the expense of a new bridge would be heavy on the taxpayers and this plan was deemed inadvisable.

The matter was laid over until the next meeting for definite action.

For Water System. Preliminary investigations were also started at the meeting Monday night in regard to the reconstruction of the city waterworks. City Engineer Hall-Lewis having prepared a report, and recommendations pertaining to the proposed system.

The present supply comes from Matt Rink Creek about four miles up in the hills and is inadequate to supply the increasing demands during the summer months. The plan proposed by the City Engineer would be to build a dam at the intake of Rink Creek or one of the other supply creeks that will retain enough water to maintain a gravity system, thus doing away entirely with pumping machinery.

MISSING GIRL LONG SOUGHT

Harry Lashway, of Marshfield, Thought He Had Clue to Indiana Case

Harry Lashway, a well-known Marshfield man, was given a little start the other night when he thought that he recognized a young girl he saw here as the missing Katherine Winters of New Castle, Ind., whose disappearance a year ago has been one of the big mysteries of that section.

He has just received a letter from his mother saying that no trace of the girl, who is now about ten years old, has been found.

He is interested in the case because the missing girl is a niece of his brother-in-law, E. H. Whisiter of Missoula, Mont.

It seems that on March 29 last year, Katherine Winters disappeared suddenly from the streets of her home town while selling needles in a school girl competition. Several caravans of gypsies had been camped there and they are suspected of having made away with the girl. The gypsies were later traced and followed but one of the five wagons had left the others and could not be located.

The girl's father is Dr. W. A. Winters, a prominent Indiana physician, and he has spent about \$6000 in the search for his child so far. A reward of several thousand dollars is offered.

Mr. Lashway is securing a detailed description of the missing girl to see if the child he saw in Marshfield could possibly be the same one.

COQUILLE MAYOR'S OFFICE KINDERGARTEN (Special to The Times.) Novel use has been made of the Mayor's office at the new city hall. The Mother's Club of this city organized a kindergarten for the little tots, but there being no room at present in the public schools the city dadda kindly gave them the use of this room for the present.

The kindergarten is in charge of Mrs. Frank Leslie and at present there are enrolled 15 pupils.

TWO AERONAUTS LAND IN SEA

Turkish Aviators Swim Ashore But One of Them Dies From Injuries

JAFFA, Palestine, March 12.—Two Turkish army aviators, Nuri Bey and Ismail Bey, fell into the sea when their aeroplane broke. They were able to disentangle themselves and swim ashore. Both were in the extreme stages of exhaustion and Nuri Bey died.

LITERACY TEST WILL BE KEPT

Senate Committee Decides to Insist on it in New Immigration Bill

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 12.—The much-discussed literacy test bill will remain in the Burnett immigration bill when it is presented to the Senate for action. This was decided today by the Senate immigration committee, which will report the bill favorably.

M'ADOO TO WED MISS WILSON

Rumor Engagement of President's Daughter and Secretary of Treasury

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 12.—Prospects for another White House wedding became more definite today with the persistent renewal of the report that Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo and Miss Eleanor Randolph Wilson, the youngest daughter of the President, were engaged, their marriage to take place in June.

RECEIVER FOR LOGGING FIRM

R. Stanley Dollar in Charge of Seeley & Anderson on \$110,000 Mortgage

R. Stanley Dollar was today appointed receiver for the Seeley & Anderson Logging Company of Bandon. There was no opposition to the action by the company.

The appointment was made in the case of Robert Dollar vs. the Seeley & Anderson Logging company to foreclose three mortgages aggregating \$110,000. The company confessed the debt. The company has thirteen miles of logging road and much equipment.

The action was taken as the result of a labor lien being filed against the Seeley & Anderson company.

R. Stanley Dollar is now trustee of the Johnson Lumber company, for which the Seeley & Anderson company does the logging.

TRY TO SETTLE EVERETT STRIKE

Endeavor Will be Made to Arbitrate Lumber Mill Troubles

SEATTLE, March 12.—Secretary Reid, of the International Union of Shingle Weavers, said the settlement of the strike in the mills at Willapa Harbor was satisfactory to the union men, who demanded only the right to organize. Commissioner Boyce, of the Department of Labor said the success of mediation justifies the policy of Secretary of Labor Wilson. Boyce went to Everett today, where the union men in the mills are on strike and will attempt mediation.

HUNGER STRIKE IS STARTED

May Richardson Gets Six Months' Sentence for Ruining Picture

LONDON, March 12.—Miss May Richardson, the militant suffragette who hacked with a knife the Velasquez Rokeby Venus in the National Gallery, was sentenced to six months' imprisonment, which is the limit for vandalism. The prisoner has already started a hunger strike.

PAID TO GET TOLL EXEMPTION

Fore River Shipbuilding Company Head Accused of Lobby Method

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 12.—That he contracted with former Rear Admiral Bowles, president of the Fore River Shipbuilding Company, for \$1000 and a contingent fee of \$4000, to work for toll exemption for American coastwise ships in the Panama Canal, was charged by Clarence W. DeKnight before the Senate Lobby Committee.

ROB NATIONAL GUARD ARMORY

Burglars Get Twelve Rifles and Much Ammunition at Woodland, Cal.

WOODLAND, Cal., March 12.—The armory of Company A in this city was entered by burglars believed to be members of the unemployed army early today and 12 rifles and several hundred rounds of ammunition stolen. Militiamen are camped in Sacramento. The officers have started a country-wide search.

ALASKA RAIL BILL SIGNED

President Wilson Approves \$35,000,000 Railroad Measure Today

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 12.—President Wilson signed the bill authorizing the expenditure of \$35,000,000 for the construction of a Government owned railroad in Alaska.

DYNAMITE PLOT AT SACRAMENTO

Claim I. W. W. Are Planning to Blow up Engine Houses—Package Not Found

SACRAMENTO, Cal., March 12.—Detectives are searching today for a camera box containing dynamite believed to have been sent from San Francisco to one of the leaders of the army of unemployed camped just across the river, which, it is said, was to be used in blowing up Sacramento's fire engine houses. The information as to the shipment of the dynamite is said to have come from United States secret service operatives. Negotiations to get rid of the army were resumed today.

FIND FOURTEEN BODIES. Only Ten Victims of St. Louis Fire Have Been Identified.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., March 12.—Three more bodies have been recovered from the ruins of the Missouri Athletic Club, making fourteen so far recovered. Ten have so far been identified.

UNITED STATES HAS LARGE FORCE ON MEXICAN BORDER

GRANT KILLED IN PORTLAND

Well-known Employee of Smith-Powers Camp 2 Drowned—Brothers Leave

Frank Grant, foreman of the Smith-Powers camp on South Inlet, and Jean Grant, foreman of Smith-Powers camp 7 near Coal-do, left overland this morning for Portland in response to a telegram announcing the drowning of their brother, Mike Grant, there. Mike Grant was employed for a long time by the Smith-Powers Company and for the past year had been a scaler at camp 2. He left about two weeks ago for a little vacation in Portland. News of his tragic death will be received with intense regret by the friends of the Grants in this section.

A Portland paper gives the following particulars of the accident. Michael Grant, of Marshfield, fell from the dock at the foot of Taylor street at about 2 o'clock Tuesday morning and was drowned. Two of the crew of the steamer Grahamona heard the splash, and started to the rescue in a small boat, but when they reached the scene, the unfortunate man had gone down for the last time. The harbor patrol service was notified of the accident and Hugh Brady recovered the body. It was taken to the morgue, where it was found that the victim's watch had stopped at 1:50 a. m., the exact time, it is believed, the drowning occurred. A note to Gene Grant, of Minneapolis, was found in his pocket. At the coroner's it was stated that they were certain they prepared the body of a brother of Grant for burial there about a year ago. It is said that Michael Grant at that time came there and made arrangements for the funeral. He was about 45 years of age.

Additional Troops Are Being Rushed There Today by United States

WAR DEPARTMENT SAYS PURELY PRECAUTIONARY

Force Now 3000 Larger Than General Shafter Had in Cuban Campaign

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 12.—Two more regiments of United States troops were moving to join the border patrol today. Two battalions of the Ninth Infantry at Fort Thomas, Ky., and Fort Logan H. Roots, Ark., and the Seventh Infantry at Fort McPherson, Ga., were loading baggage trains and assembling their field equipment to move to Laredo and Eagle Pass to become part of the military force in Texas. It is now larger by 3000 men than the one General Shafter led in Cuba.

The border patrol is being increased in numbers at the request of Senator Sheppard and Representative Garner of Texas, who pointed out to Secretary Garrison that the Vergara incident had caused a great deal of uneasiness. They pointed out that cattle were being stolen from ranches and inasmuch as the American banks along the border were full of cash, confidence would be restored in a great measure by the presence of more troops. At the White House it was stated that such was the only significance of the troops movement. Brigadier General Bliss will assign the new coming regiments to locations. They will relieve the six troops of cavalry, which will then be free for active border duty.

IS FOUND DEAD IN COQUILLE

A. Hardison Succumbs in Room to Pneumonia—Was Member of I. W. W.

COQUILLE, Or., March 12.—A. Hardison was found dead in his room at the Baxter Hotel this morning. It has not been decided whether an inquest will be necessary but Justice Stanley will probably not hold one, as Dr. Richmond said that death was plainly due to pneumonia. It is stated that Hardison contracted pneumonia while lying out somewhere recovering from a spree. A letter was found on him showing that he had a sister in British Columbia. An I. W. W. membership card was also found on him. He had no money and will be buried as a county charge. He was about twenty-five years old and a half-breed Indian.

NEW SERVICE ON SATURDAY

Nann Smith Will Resume San Francisco Run, Making 3 1/2-Day Service

It was announced today that the Nann Smith would be put back into the Coos Bay-San Francisco service next Sunday after having been remodelled, making her one of the best passenger boats on the North Pacific coast. She will sail from here at 11 o'clock Saturday night, using the Smith mill dock this time, but in the future will land at and sail from the Alliance dock.

A new schedule has been perfected by the Inter-Ocean Transportation company which will provide a three and one-half day service between Coos Bay and San Francisco, the Nann Smith and Redondo making seven-day trips.

THE TIOGA will make a special trip to the DANCE at SUMNER SATURDAY night. Leaves EASTSIDE 7:30 and Market avenue dock, Marshfield, at 8 o'clock. RETURN after DANCE.

CANAL SPEECH CAUSES STIR

Ambassador Page Called on to Explain Talk in London—Chamberlain Angry

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 12.—Resolutions calling on Ambassador Page for an explanation of his Panama Canal Speech, which he is reported to have delivered last night before the Associated Chambers of Commerce in London, was adopted by the Senate, in a resolution introduced by Senator Chamberlain of Oregon, an opponent of the repeal of the free tolls provision. The resolution specifically asked for an explanation of that portion of the speech wherein Page is alleged to have said it added greatly to the pleasure of the people of the United States in building the canal to know that the British would profit most by its use. Senator Chamberlain asked for immediate consideration of the resolution and it passed without debate.

F. A. WARNER IS ON FAST TRIP

Smith Company Arrives on Adeline and Will Leave Tonight—News of Plant

F. A. Warner, of the C. A. Smith Company, arrived here on the Adeline Smith last night and plans to leave again tonight on the vessel for Oakland. He is making a flying trip to confer with Arno Mersen, A. H. Powers, Vernon Smith and other officials of the company.

He said there wasn't anything particularly new in the business. The Nann Smith is to make her initial trip after being overhauled next Sunday. The Eastside mill is to start operation again about April 1.

In regard to the Smith-Powers logging road south from Myrtle Point, Mr. Warner said that they were rushing it as rapidly as possible. How soon it would be ready for operating he did not know, but said that Mr. Powers would make a trip over it soon. Plans for establishing and naming the stations along the line have not been completed.

Mr. Smith, who was planning to come to the Bay soon, will have to postpone his trip as he and Mr. Warner will leave for Oakland in a few days for an extended eastern trip.

GOOD MUSIC AT SONS OF NORWAY DANCE, EAGLE'S HALL, SATURDAY, MARCH 14.