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DESTRUCTIVE FIRE SUNDAY NIGHT

Astoria Exchange Warehouses Destroyed.

THEORIES AS TO CAUSE

Foard & Stokes and Ross, Higgins & Co, the Heaviest Losers—A Conflagration Which Threatened the Business Center.

The cause of the fire which destroyed on Sunday night the buildings belonging to the Astoria Exchange Company near the corner of Bond and Twelfth streets, continues to remain a mystery. Several theories have been advanced, but there is a wide divergence of opinion as to which is the most plausible. Nearly 200 barrels of lime belonging to Foard & Stokes were in the warehouse at the time and it is argued that the bursting of a water pipe or water from some other source might have been the cause. This theory is supported by the fact that in that particular part of the building where the greatest damage was done the lime barrels were located. Another theory is that of spontaneous combustion in a pile of coal which had been stored near where the lime had been placed. As to the fire having been due to incendiaries, there are few, if any, who entertain the idea. The conclusions of the authorities and those who have investigated the matter closely indicate an entirely different view.

The loss sustained from the fire has been variously estimated all the way from \$4,000 to \$5,000. It is reasonable to estimate the total loss at about \$6000. Foard & Stokes were the heaviest losers.

The main portion of the building had been leased by the firm as a warehouse in which to store farming machinery and rough supplies. A dozen new mowing machines, a number of hay rakes, 180 barrels of lime, among other supplies, were destroyed. Foard & Stokes estimated their loss at about \$1500, with \$500 insurance. Ross, Higgins & Co., had a large quantity of hay stored in the building, all having been destroyed.

The Alaska Fishermen's Packing Association occupied a corner of the building as offices. The association's loss was slight owing to the efforts of the fire department to save the safe and other valuable property from falling into the river.

The buildings were of comparatively small value, \$1,500 probably covering the loss. There was no insurance. The fire was discovered about 10 o'clock and before an alarm could be turned in the flames had burst through the roof of the main building and were leaping high into the air. The building being entirely of wood the fire had enveloped the structure before the fire department arrived. Several buildings on the opposite side of the street, Fisher Bros' store and the A. & C. railroad trestle were flickering at many points before the stream was turned on, and for a while it was feared that the fire had gained such headway that the department would be

utterly unable to control it and that the entire business portion of the city would go down.

The department managed matters most excellently, however, and succeeded in confining the flames to the buildings in which the fire was first discovered and those immediately adjoining. The regular department force was reinforced by a number of the old volunteers.

Much praise is expressed on all sides for the great work done by the fire ladders not only for the judgment shown in battling with the flames but for the heroism displayed, as well. Many of the men were badly scorched while making desperate chances to reach points of vantage in the operation of the hose lines and in their efforts to save property.

Several river boats had a narrow escape from destruction, as a number were tied to the dock immediately in the rear of the burned buildings. The T. J. Potter was among the number, succeeding in getting out of reach of the flames barely in time.

The fire department had men on the ground all day yesterday to guard against a fresh outbreak. The barrels of lime, which yesterday morning, plunged into the river, started a fire at the base of the piles which considerable work was required to extinguish.

A large force of men was employed all day yesterday in an attempt to save what they could from the ruins. Burning planks and stringers were torn away and thrown into the river, and drifted, smoking and sizzling, toward the sea.

NEW FILIPINO SCOUTS.

Four Troops Now Being Organized to Fight Insurgents.

Correspondence Associated Press.

MANILA, July 16.—The military authorities have ordered the formation of four troops of native cavalry, to be recruited from the Macabebees and offered by Americans. Major Batson, the originator of the idea of employing the Macabebees tribesmen as American scouts, is to be commander of the new squadron of Filipino horse. The officers will be: Captains, James N. Munroe, William C. Geiger, Francis H. Cameron; first lieutenants, David H. Biddle, James Conway, Clarence C. Culver.

The Macabebees have long been used as scouts and their value in such work has already been demonstrated. The present plan of mounting them is intended to render them more effective by increasing their mobility. Many of our army officers declare that we must eventually come to a very general use of native troops to preserve order in the provinces of Luzon and elsewhere. While several of our regiments are today using small details of Hocanos, Visayans, and even Tagalogs, as scouts and guides, the organization of native soldiers, with the notable exception of the Macabebees, has been objected to by the authorities in Manila.

When the Macabebees are controlled they do good work in their own line, but they are very hard to restrain from outrage, looting and indiscriminate killing. Several American officers have declined service with the Macabebees on the ground that it was impossible to restrain them in moments of excitement. The Filipino country people in certain districts remain in the mountains instead of coming back to their village homes, because of their fear of a visit from

the Macabebe scouts. The Tagalogs and Macabebees are separated by fierce tribal hatreds, and are always hostile to each other.

Each native cavalryman in the new mounted organization will take the following oath:

"We, the undersigned, do severally agree that we will well and faithfully serve the United States of America as scouts in the squadron of Philippine cavalry from this the day of 1900, until the 30th of June, 1901, unless sooner discharged. This contract is made with a full knowledge and in conformity of general order No. 25, all provisions of which, including the pay and allowances established therein, are hereby accepted and made a part of this contract. And we do further agree to obey and abide by such laws, orders and regulations as have been or may be hereafter prescribed."

The pay of Macabebe soldiers will be just one-half that given to American troops, owing to the fact that they are to be paid in Mexican silver, while the Americans are paid in gold.

NEW YORK, July 16.—A special to the Herald from Washington says: Secretary Root has received from Major-General MacArthur the orders under which a squadron of Filipino cavalry was organized in Manila for service against the insurgents.

Lieutenant-Colonel Wilder, forty-third infantry, commenced the organization of four troops of native scouts, with a maximum of 120 men to a troop, and a squadron of non-commissioned staff officers of one sergeant-major, one quartermaster-sergeant, and one commissary-sergeant. The men were enlisted to serve until June 1, 1901. The monthly pay allowances of the scouts range from \$30 Mexican money and \$3 Mexican money for clothing for a sergeant-major, to \$15 pay and \$3 for clothing for a private. The barracks in Calocan are the rendezvous of the squadron.

A general order has been received at the war department giving the facts in the trial of Roman Laesamanna, a native, charged with being a spy. He was a non-commissioned officer in the insurgent army, and it was charged, acted as a spy in and about the buildings in Batangas, occupied by the Thirty-eighth infantry. He was found guilty and sentenced to be hanged. General MacArthur disapproved the finding, because, in his opinion, it was not definitely established that the man was in the American lines with the intention of being a spy, and he declared that the Filipino be detained as a prisoner of war.

CHICAGO WEATHER.

Hail, Heat, Hurricane and Rain Visit the "Windy City."

CHICAGO, July 16.—Hail, heat, hurricane and rain struck various portions of Chicago Sunday, and gave the city one of the most fantastic days, from a meteorological point of view, that the weather bureau has ever encountered. Despite the fact that the mercury failed to climb within two notches of the record of Saturday, the heat was more severely felt and the suffering was greater. There were many prostrations during the day, but up to midnight only one death had been reported.

The dead: Paul Suckan.

Of those prostrated five are in a serious condition.

In the evening, though, the wind, which had been blowing from the west all day, increased in violence. It tore down signs, destroyed shrubbery and shade trees, made sport with porch furnishings, and played havoc with buildings under course of erection. In Lincoln Park many of the small boats were driven ashore before the blast, and their occupants compelled to wade to land. None of the boats capsized, although there were many narrow escapes. At Jackson Park two boys in attempting to jump from their boat at the landing slipped and fell into the water, which is deep at that point. The struggling youths were rescued by a park policeman. On the lake numerous and sudden squalls made boating unpleasant and even dangerous, and there were but few pleasure craft out.

The church of the Mystic Three, No. 2344 Wentworth avenue, was in the path of the storm, and was partly demolished. The heavy cornice was

Pears'

To keep the skin clean is to wash the excretions from it off; the skin takes care of itself inside, if not blocked outside.

To wash it often and clean, without doing any sort of violence to it, requires a most gentle soap, a soap with no free alkali in it.

Pears', the soap that clears but not excoriates. All sorts of stores sell it, especially druggists; all sorts of people use it.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE First National Bank OF ASTORIA.

At Astoria, in the State of Oregon, at the close of business, June 29, 1900.

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