



FIRE AT SEA

Report Steamer Columbia Burning.

NEWS VERY MEAGRE

She Left Astoria Sunday Morning and Had About Fifty Passengers.

NEWS FROM CRESCENT CITY

Telegraphic Inquiries Received Last Night Asking for Particulars. News Comes From San Francisco Via Crescent City.

The Associated Press reported that word had been received from San Francisco, via Crescent City that the steamer Columbia was on fire off the coast. The wires were down between Portland and Crescent City and there seems to be no doubt but a large steamer is on fire opposite Crescent City. Captain Bailey was reached by phone and stated that the steamer left Astoria Sunday morning about 5 o'clock and would be just about off Crescent City early this evening when the news was first received. Crescent City is on the California coast about 75 miles from the Oregon state line in the vicinity of Cape Blanco.

A telephone message was sent to Mr. Roberts, agent of the O. R. & N. Co. of this city. He stated that he had heard of the fire but had received nothing definite. He stated that there were about 50 cabin passengers from Portland, but only three stowage passengers from Astoria.

Judging from the meager reports received, the steamer must have been enveloped in flames, and if true, there can be no doubt but she will burn to the water's edge.

LATER REPORT.

A Collier and Another Steamer Appeared off Crescent City.

Crescent City, Feb. 27.—Late this afternoon two steamers, one of them a collier, arrived off this port. The collier's company had list and presented the appearance of being on fire. The passengers were transferred to the collier and to steamer Del Norte which went out from this port. The collier put to sea today and will probably be followed by other vessels. The Del Norte will come to this harbor in the morning when the particulars will be obtainable.

Columbia Arrives.

San Francisco, Feb. 27.—The steamer Columbia, which it was at first believed was the vessel on fire, passed into port at 9:15 tonight. Her arrival places another phase on the dispatch received from Crescent City. Shipping men are endeavoring to discover the identity of the steamer reported in distress off that harbor.

Believed to Be the Oregon.

San Francisco, Feb. 27.—It is believed at the Merchants Exchange of this city that the steamer reported on fire opposite Crescent City is the steamer Oregon, which left here yesterday for northern ports.

REVOLT IS SPREADING.

Socialists Inducing the Peasants to Join the Strike.

Warsaw, Feb. 27.—According to reliable information reaching Warsaw today the Poland peasants are in a state of revolt. In view of the fact that the peasants number nearly 7,000,000 out of a total population of 10,000,000, will, if it spreads, result in a disorder far greater than anything arising during the present agitation. Peasants heretofore have not figured to any extent in the agitation. The socialists recently sent emissaries into the country districts for the purpose of stir-

ring up the villages. According to reports they met with a speedy success.

PERJURED HERSELF.

To Save Her Daughter From Portland Dives.

Portland, Feb. 27.—Mrs. Lillie Berkman of Vancouver, Wash., was arrested in Portland this afternoon on a charge of swearing a girl was 18 years old, when, it is said, she was only 16 years old. The purpose of the testimony was that the girl might be allowed to marry.

The story of the case is that Mrs. Berkman swore falsely in order to prevent the girl from going into one of the dives in the North End. It is said the girl in question has a sister in the North End, and that unless the marriage took place she would go there also. For that reason it is said Mrs. Berkman swore the girl was of age.

ACTRESS MURDERED.

Miss Mary Catherine Muleville Killed by Policeman.

Chicago, Feb. 27.—Miss Mary Catherine Muleville, the actress, was murdered today by Daniel Herman, a policeman, whose love she refused. The crime was committed in the most fashionable part of Michigan boulevard at the time when the avenue was filled with pedestrians and carriages. Herman, after killing the young woman made his escape and tonight committed suicide, in a lodging house on Archer avenue, shooting himself through the brain.

Missouri Senator.

Jefferson City, Feb. 27.—At a caucus of the republicans held tonight, Nefflinghaus released his supporters on condition that they agree upon some man besides R. C. Kerens for United States senator.

CAPTURED STEAMER

British Steamer Carlisle Tied Up at Manila.

CHARTERED BY THE RUSSIANS

When 300 Miles Out From Vladivostok, She Lost Her Propeller and Contrary Winds Carried Her to the Philippines.

Manila, Feb. 27.—The British steamer Carlisle, which has been chartered by the Russian government, and which when about 300 miles out from Vladivostok lost her propeller, was compelled to resort to sails and was carried by contrary winds and currents to the Philippines where she anchored off San Miguel bay February 10. She was towing to this port today. The custom authorities took possession of her, sealed her hatches and she will probably be detained here until the conclusion of the war. The Russian government has been notified.

FIRE AT THE DALLES.

Fire in Crosby's Drug Store Causes Considerable Damage.

The Dalles, Feb. 27.—A fire originated from an unknown cause at 4:30 last evening in the rear of A. E. Crosby's drug store, located in the Vogt block, the principal business block of the city. The fire originated when the chemicals and oils were stored and soon crept up the walls to the second floor to the banquet hall of Friendship lodge, K. of P., which is immediately over the drug store. The fire was extinguished, although most of the stock was removed the greatest loss being from smoke and water.

BONDS WILL BE ISSUED.

Bonds for the Kansas Oil Refinery Have Been Sold.

Topeka, Feb. 27.—It was decided today that the bonds for the state oil refinery will be issued in ten days. As soon as sold, work on the refinery will begin. Miss Ida M. Tarbell, a magazine writer, will be here next week, and will make a thorough investigation of the Kansas oil fields and the events up to the fight against the Standard Oil Company.

OLYMPIA WINS

Tacoma Will Not Get the Capital.

VETO IS SUSTAINED

Governor Mead Vetoes Bill to Remove Capital from Olympia to Tacoma.

THE VOTE STOOD A TIE

Governor Meade Says the Taxpayers Should Not Have an Additional Burden and There is no Demand for Removal.

Olympia, Feb. 27.—Governor Mead today vetoed the capital removal bill providing for transfer of the state capital from Olympia to Tacoma. The veto was heard in grim silence, and after reading a vote on sustaining the governor was taken, resulting in 19 to 19. As it takes a two-thirds majority to pass over the governor's veto, the bill is "dead as a nail."

Baker of Kluckit, though, is not through fighting, and introduced a concurrent resolution to submit the removal of the capital to a direct vote of the people. Ruth of Thurston county, moved to indefinitely postpone, but President Coon ruled the motion out of order, and Olympia's enemies will now carry on the fight along the line of concurrent resolution. The passage of the railroad commission bill in the house Saturday will leave the members free, and there is no possibility to secure house votes sufficient to adopt the concurrent resolution. It takes a two-thirds vote to carry a motion to submit a constitutional amendment to the people.

Governor Mead's veto is based upon the grounds of no demand for capital removal on the part of the people at this time, especially as it entails an additional burden of debt upon the taxpayers, where already the people are barely able to bear the burden of taxation to maintain the state government and its institutions. He reviewed previous attempts to remove the seat of government to Tacoma at three previous sessions. As Wright Park could be used for capital building purposes only, Governor Meade holds that this gift would prove a white elephant to the state.

The veto sets forth the fact that if the bill is passed over the veto, the state will at once enter upon a period of capitol building construction with all its attendant extravagancies, expense and evils. "Where are the funds to come from to build a new building?" asked the governor. The veto message carries a summary of the capitol building fund at present, showing that the charge against the land grant is \$676,154, on which the state pays \$38,974 interest annually.

SALOONS CLOSED.

Saloons Closed on Sunday in City of Salem.

Salem, Feb. 27.—For the first time since the municipal election in December, Salem was truly a closed town yesterday. All the gambling games had been stopped by Chief of Police Cornelius, and in accordance with orders given on the night previous all of the saloons were tightly closed.

This act on the part of Chief Cornelius came somewhat as a surprise to many of the saloonkeepers, as they claim it was understood when they gave Mr. Cornelius their support for his election, and that he was to let them quietly alone so long as they maintained order. Chief Cornelius, such understanding through his friends it was a mistaken, because he intended when he accepted the nomination to enforce ordinances to the letter. Some of the saloonkeepers went to

him and remonstrated, but the chief stood his grounds, and stated that if the city council saw fit to pass an ordinance according to the provisions of the city charter it was his sworn duty to enforce it.

FROM OLYMPIA.

Substitute Railway Commission Bill Killed in Senate.

Olympia, Feb. 27.—The senate substitute for the railway commission bill, which was a compromise measure, was defeated in the senate today. The friends of the house bill succeeded in breaking the alignment on the senate bill by gathering in the lumber votes in the senate for the house measure. Later the bill which passed the house came to the senate and an effort was made to refer it to the railroad committee, but failed. The bill was considered in the committee of the whole this afternoon and reported on with the recommendation that it pass. This will place the bill on the calendar where it must remain for 24 hours before action can be taken.

STATION ABANDONED.

Esquimalt Naval Station Will Be Abandoned Tomorrow.

Victoria, Feb. 27.—The Esquimalt naval station will be formally abandoned tomorrow when Commodore Goodrich hauls down the flag. The Bonaventure, the only remaining cruiser, will leave for a China station.

Will Spend Two Millions.

Seattle, Feb. 27.—The Northern Pacific Railway Company announces that it will immediately begin the construction of eight, six-story buildings, each occupying half a block, all to be erected upon railroad property in the heart of the wholesale district in this city. The improvements will cost \$2,000,000.

JAPANESE FIGHTING

Advance Checked by the Russian Artillery.

JAPANESE CROSSED SHAKHE

Fighting Being Continued on Russian Left Flank and Indications Are Japanese Are Planning Demonstration Against Center.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 27.—According to the Associated Press dispatches from Mukden, the Japanese crossed the Shakhe river Sunday, but the place of crossing is eliminated by censor. The advance was checked by reinforcements and Russian artillery. This is the most important news from the scene of war tonight.

Fighting is continuing along the Russian left flank and the indications are that the Japanese are planning for a demonstration against the Russian center, but the Russians claim the position is impregnable. A big battle is in progress and thousands of lives have been lost on both sides.

Mukden, Feb. 27.—The Japanese crossed the Shakhe river last evening, having driven in the pickets of the Russian vanguard. The Russian supports came up and stopped the Japanese advance. On the right flank all is quiet, but movements of the Japanese indicate the intention of attacking the Russian center, at least in the way of a demonstration. Heavy firing continued today to the eastward. Soldiers of Tsinkhatchen division are in good spirits, in spite of heavy losses sustained and the necessity which compelled them to retreat. They are encouraged by the news brought from the Japanese, whose bodies are piled in heaps around the redoubts of Berensoff hill and the trenches at Tsinkhatchen yesterday afternoon. A violent storm of heavy wet snow is falling. The temperature during the night moderated.

Girls Strike.

Kieff, Feb. 27.—The maid servants went on a strike today and paraded the streets. The Cossacks were called out and dispersed them, arresting a large number.

JURY ACQUITS

Judge Swayne Acquitted of Charges.

VOTE ON PARTY LINES

Twelve Ballots Were Necessary to Dispose of All the Charges.

SWAYNE NOTIFIED OF RESULT

Highest Vote for Impeachment was 35 and the Lowest Against Was 47—He was Acquitted on Every Count in Indictment.

Washington, Feb. 27.—The senate today concluded the impeachment trial of Judge Swayne of Florida by acquitting him on all the charges made against him in the articles of impeachment presented by the house and then passed the naval appropriation bill.

The voting on the Swayne case began at 10:10, 20 minutes after the senate convened, and continued until 11:45. There was no discussion, all the time being occupied taking the 12 votes necessary to dispose of each article. The highest vote for impeachment was 35 votes and the lowest against was 47. On two articles charging him with the use of private railroad acres were the only votes cast for conviction. The larger votes were along party lines. On some of the charges democrats voted with republicans and republicans with democrats. Most of the Democratic votes were cast in favor of impeachment, and those of not guilty were cast by the republicans.

ELEVEN PERSONS KILLED.

Collapse in Floor of African Methodist Episcopal Church.

New York, Feb. 27.—Eleven persons were killed and more than 50 injured, some probably fatally, by the collapse of the flooring of the Fleet Street African Methodist Episcopal church in Brooklyn last night. Of those killed three are women, two men and one child. Death in nearly every case resulted from suffocation. The building was an ancient ramshackle, frame structure erected 60 years ago in the heart of the colored section, and had been condemned as unsafe for several years. Arrangements have been made tonight to hold funeral services in the house of Sidney Tainter, one of the oldest members of the church, and the auditorium, which is on the second floor of the building was crowded with more than 300 persons, a majority of whom were women. The congregation was waiting in silence for the arrival of the body when splintering timbers were heard, and in an instant half the auditorium nearest the door collapsed carrying down more than 100 persons. A great volume of dust for a few moments hid them from view. The remainder of the audience, finding themselves cut off from the door and expecting every minute the rest of the floor would collapse under them fought madly to reach the windows and in some instances leaped from them and sustained serious injuries. On the arrival of the police and firemen the rescue work was begun. Those lying in the mass of wreckage could only be reached after the firemen had hewed a way with axes. Eight bodies were recovered and taken to the station house and about 30 were removed to the Brooklyn hospital, where three women died soon after being admitted.

BURTON CONTROLS CONGRESS

Secured Several Amendments to Sundry Civil Appropriations.

Washington, Feb. 27.—With a handful of republicans, aided by the democrats, Representative Burton of Ohio today gained a complete victory in

the control of the house and forced several amendments to the sundry civil appropriation bill, requiring granite in the construction of the public building at Cleveland, his home town. Hemenway of the appropriation committee, was put to rout while the unusual spectacle was witnessed of the presiding officer being twice overruled on appeal from his decisions. The amendment, however, was not agreed to until Hemenway had unsuccessfully exhausted every means at his disposal to check the tide against him. Seeing that he had been out flanked, Hemenway several times sought to secure an adjournment after the bill had been reported to the house for favorable action, but the motions were voted down. So clearly were he and his followers in the minority that Hemenway interrupted the roll call to move the passage of the bill, which carried amid loud applause. The bill carries a total of \$45,250,000.

Hot Springs Suffers.

Hot Springs, Ark., Feb. 27.—Contributions continue to be received from outside cities for the benefit of those rendered destitute by Saturday's great fire. It is now generally accepted that only three persons perished in the flames. The identity of these victims has not been established. The relief committee, with Mayor Belding at its head, is doing splendid work, and all sufferers have been temporarily provided for.

Released and Arrested.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 27.—Maxim Gorky had a short glimpse of liberty today. He was released on \$5000 bonds, and then the noted author was immediately rearrested and conveyed to a place of confinement pending deportation to some distant city or province where continued resistance, though not so dangerous for the welfare of the government as here in St. Petersburg.

NEW ORLEANS FIRE

Loss is Over Three Millions of Dollars.

TWO MILLION IN COTTON

Fire Makes a Clean Sweep of Elevators and Sheds Valued at \$2,500,000 and Destroys Thousands of Bushels of Grain Stored.

New Orleans, Feb. 27.—The fire at the Illinois Central terminals in this city had burned out by 1 a. m., having made a clean sweep of elevators and sheds from Louisiana avenue to Napoleon avenue. The smoldering ruins will, of course, burn for a day or two. The estimated losses are: Wharves, \$312,000; two elevators, old and new, \$150,000; cotton seed cake, 130 carloads, \$97,000; lumber, \$16,625; cement, \$58,250; mail, 20 cars, \$10,000; sundries, \$150,000; 500 freight cars, \$375,000; ships damaged, \$50,000; city fire department, two engines and four horses, \$15,000; private property and other damage, \$216,000.

It is estimated that the insurance on stored freight, etc., will approximate \$4,000,000.

Two persons were injured, neither of them fatally.

New Orleans, La., Feb. 27.—Within a few hours after the great Illinois Central wharf fire had been brought under control, another fire started in Alline street and was reported to be spreading early today. The scene of the new fire is three miles from the business district and details were difficult to obtain.

Gas Plant for Aberdeen.

Aberdeen, Wash., Feb. 27.—C. E. Barrows has paid the \$500 required to secure a franchise for the cities of Aberdeen and Hoquiam to operate a gas lighting and heating plant. The proposed enterprise means an investment of between \$40,000 and \$50,000 for these two places. Work will commence as soon as the necessary machinery and pipes arrive, probably within four or six weeks.