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PITTOCK AND LEADBETTER MILL DESTROYED

LOSS WILL BE QUARTER OF MILLION

Vancouver, Wash., Visited With Early Morning Fire Which Ruins Big Lumber Plant—Throws Many Men Out of Work.

Insurance $100,000 Against Damages—Origin of Fire Not Known—Watchman's Rounds Just Completed When Flames Started.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Vancouver, Wash., June 9.—Fire which started in the center of the Pittock and Leadbetter mill at 3:35 o'clock this morning destroyed the main part of the plant. According to a statement made by Manager O. L. Commings, the loss is $250,000 with insurance of about $100,000. As yet the origin of the fire is a mystery. The fire throws 200 men out of employment.

The first intimation that anyone outside of the mill had of a fire was at 3:50 o'clock when the fire whistle at the mill blew an alarm. At that time the entire central portion of the main mill building seemed to be ablaze. Owing to the torn-up condition of the streets the fire department was slow getting into action, but did excellent work when they did. The only accident was when A. Bateman was struck over the head with a hose. His injury was slight.

Fire Discovered.

Manager Cummings said this morning: "I have no idea how the fire started. Night Watchman Snedden made his usual hourly rounds and just eight minutes before the fire was discovered, registered at the fire alarm clock."

Mr. Cummings gave the total loss at $250,000, with insurance of $100,000. All of the main buildings were totally destroyed. The boiler-room, storage-house for dressed lumber and the dry kilns were saved owing largely to the north wind which blew the flames directly toward the river.

So far as known there had been no fire left burning in that portion of the plant where the flames were discovered. Men were working at repairs until 11 o'clock when they went home and the mill was left in charge of Watchman Snedden.

The burned plant has had a varied career. Built by a party of Michigan lumber men in the '80s, it has fallen into the hands of receivers three times. It was Vancouver's chief industry. In the early '90s the plant was

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CONDITION OF SAILORS GRAVE

Three of Four Survivors of Tennessee Disaster May Not Survive Injuries.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Los Angeles, June 9.—Three of the four survivors of the explosion in the fire room of the cruiser Tennessee are in a critical condition today, and Dr. Brooks of the Angelus hospital stated at noon that their death might occur at any moment. These men are Walter Burns, coal passer, Brooklyn; A. Hayes, water tender, Brooklyn, and S. Stamatis, fireman, Norfolk, Virginia.

The injured men passed a very bad night, but their condition was slightly improved during the morning hours, although according to Dr. Brooks, little hope is entertained that any of the men except Henry Fitspatrick, fireman, of Brooklyn, will recover.

CHEERS FOR BRYAN HALT CONVENTION

Democrats Leap to Feet When Chairman Coshow Mentions Name of Nebraskan, in Predicting His Victory Over Taft.

State Convention Begins Sessions by Selection of Temporary Officers and Nomination of Committees—Would-Be Delegates

William Jennings Bryan is the idol of the Democracy of Oregon. Delegates to the Democratic state convention from every section of the state shook the Woodmen of the World hall today with wild cheers at the mention of the Nebraskan's name, drowning out the voice of O. P. Coshow of Douglas county, the temporary chairman, and turning pandemonium loose while the enthusiasts waved hats and canes and sent up cheer after cheer in honor of the man whom Oregon Democrats consider to be the one national leader of the party.

It all happened soon after the convention was called to order and Senator Coshow was making a few remarks as he took his place as temporary chairman of the convention. After Alex Sweek, chairman of the state central committee, had called the meeting to order, John B. Ryan, the secretary, had read the call for the convention and then Lark Bilyeu of Albany had placed Senator Coshow in nomination for temporary chairman. The nominee was elected by the unanimous vote of the convention and was escorted to the chair.

Democracy's Bright Future.

In taking his place at the head of the convention Senator Coshow made a few remarks, thanking the convention for the honor shown him and telling of the bright outlook of the Democratic party in Oregon.

"It is surely an inspiration to stand here and look into the faces of so many thorough-going Democrats," he said. "It reminds me that the unwashed and the unterrified have not all passed from the face of the earth. In my belief it shows that the Democratic party is on the upward trend.

"I believe that the Democratic party in the state is on the upward road, and I believe that there are very many of the voters of Oregon who are Democratic in heart, for it is shown by the votes that have been given to different men and to different measures involving Democratic principles. I believe that the Democrats are to again take their place as the party of right and fair play throughout the nation.

"This is shown by the fact that in time of stress when men have been wanted for issues of responsibility in this state the voters have chosen Democrats to fill them.

Predicts Bryan's Election.

"And there is one man who has been the leader of the party, a man who has borne the burden more than any other one man. I mean William Jennings Bryan. Conditions are rapidly shaping themselves so that it will be Taft on the one hand and Bryan on the other in the coming presidential election, and I firmly believe that Bryan will occupy the presidential chair on the fourth of March next."

At the mention of Bryan's name the voice of the chairman was drowned out and he was forced to stand smiling and silent while the delegates rent the air with their cheers for the Nebraska leader of their party. At the conclusion of the cheering and as soon as he could make himself heard, Chairman Coshow finished his remarks and put the convention to its tasks.

John B. Ryan was elected temporary secretary and Henry Stewart of Lane county temporary assistant secretary. A committee on order of business, consisting of S. M. Garland of Linn, Thomas E. McKnight of Malheur, W. M. Peterson of Umatilla and Alex Sweek of Multnomah, was appointed by the chair. A committee on credentials was appointed, consisting of J. C. Welch of Multnomah, W. W. Elder of Douglas, L. A. Munkers of Linn, Herman Wise of Clatsop and P. W. Todd of Tillamook.

Platform Committee.

A committee consisting of one delegate chosen by each county was appointed to draft a platform and outline the resolutions. This committee consisted of L. B. Bone, Baker; O. D. Eby,

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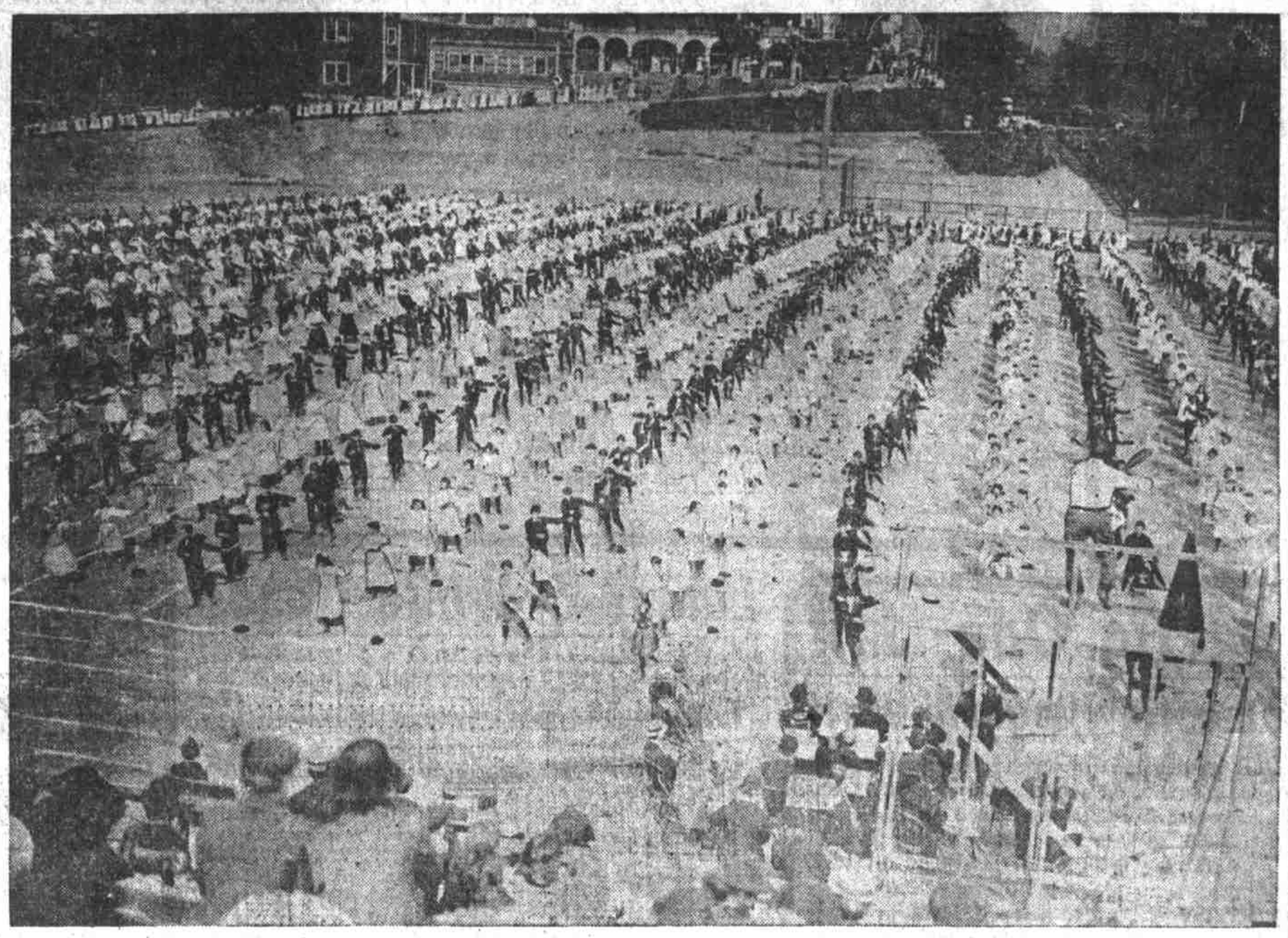
SCHOOL CHILDREN SHOW PERFECT DISCIPLINE IN ENTHUSIASTIC DRILL



School Children Drilling in Multnomah Field. One of the Prettiest Sights Ever Witnessed in Portland.

EDWARD KISSES CZAR NICHOLAS

King of England Receives Russian Ruler on Yacht in the Gulf of Finland.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Reval, Russia, June 9.—Traffic in the Gulf of Finland has been suspended today, and will be for 10 days following, to make way for the visit of King Edward to Czar Nicholas.

The czar and his retinue arrived by train this morning, having abandoned the trip in the imperial yacht Standart on account of rough weather.

Two hours later King Edward and Queen Alexandria, with their following, arrived in the royal yacht Victoria and Albert. No vessels were allowed to approach within a large circle surrounding the royal yachts.

Today's ceremonies were held aboard the king's yacht. When the czar came on board, King Edward kissed him affectionately on both cheeks, and the two monarchs remained in conference some time. Tomorrow Nicholas will act as host on board the imperial yacht Standart.

St. Petersburg, June 9.—The Russian press is unanimous today in viewing with joy the meeting between the czar and King Edward. Coming as it does shortly after the visit of President Fallieres, the papers here attach great political significance to the conference

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For Benefit of Athletic League, 4600 Pupils of Public Schools Make Remarkable Showing on Multnomah Field by Direction of Robert Krohn.

Good afternoon. Did you see the children at Multnomah field?

Over 4,000 of them in their white dresses and black suits, with their busy, tapping feet and their sunny smiles and their healthy, boisterous laughter?

Did you see them straighten up when they marched past that drummer boy standing just inside the gate; see how their feet kept step and time with the music; how they held their ranks as they came down the drive, wheeled at the bottom of the hill, and how the column spread into place, each regiment marching into its square on the big field, every one of them, boy and girl, Japanese, Chinese, pickaninny or just plain every day American feeling as big and fine and important as he had a right to feel?

4,600 Children There.

Too warm to go out, was it? Then you missed the the prettiest sight Multnomah field has seen since it became a field. For they were all there, 4,600 of them, and you couldn't tell whether there were more boys or more girls, and you didn't stop to worry over it, but you were sure that you had never seen so many happy children before in your life, and that some day every one of those 4,600 youngsters was going to be better and quicker and straighter and more graceful for the exercises he went through while you looked on.

They started marching in through the gate at 2:30—a line of white, and then a line of black, as first the girls and then the boys came through the entrance to the athletic grounds, a regiment at a time, until 1,000 children—and you haven't any idea how many children 1,000 stands for—took their places at the southerly end of the field, while Robert Krohn mounted his big pulpit before the grandstand and called out an order to the army. The band changed from the march it had been playing to a Scottish, and in an instant as the one, two three rhythm reached the kids out in the field they began their drill, raising the light wands they carried over their heads, bringing them down first on one side and then on the other, stepping in time with the music and the wand motions, now bending forward and now sideward in perfect accord—not like a machine, for the movement was far too graceful to be that of a machine, but full of life and motion and unconscious ease.

Second Army Approaches.

Then while they stood at attention at "shoulder wands" the band changed to a march again, and another army of kids—1,250 of them this time—led by R. B. Thomas and C. L. Strong, swung down the drive and into the field with the same careful orderliness and pride in their work that the wand drill pupils had shown, and took up their positions in the center of the parade ground

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JAPANESE KILL KOREAN REBELS

Guerrilla Fighting in Nearly Every District—Many Battles.

Seoul, Korea, June 9.—A terrific thinning out of the Korean insurgents by Japanese troops is continuing at a rapid rate, according to a statement given out by the officials of the Japanese army headquarters here today.

The statement says that between June 3 and June 7 the Japanese troops were engaged in 26 battles with the insurgents, killing 113 Koreans and wounding many more. The Japanese captured 26 of the insurgents.

Reports from outlying districts state that in many places, the Koreans have intrenched themselves and are making much trouble for the Japanese army. Guerilla fighting is going on in almost every district of Korea.

EIGHTY NATIVES LOSE LIVES ON "POY AN."

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Hongkong, June 9.—Later reports received from the scene of the wreck of the British steamer Poy An, which went on a rock off Lantao island last night, confirm the statement that 80 natives lost their lives. Over 90 European passengers and members of the crew were taken off in safety. The ship will be a total loss.

No trace of the orientals could be found today and it is practically certain they perished in the sea. The ship was in the service between Canton and Macad. She was a craft of 2,339 tons.

Forty Graduates at Boise.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Boise, Ida., June 9.—Exercises incident to the closing of the public and private schools in this city are being held and will continue most of the week. Forty students will graduate from the Boise high school this year.

DRAFT OF PLATFORM FOR G. O. P.

Administration Approves Planks Indorsing Policies of Roosevelt, Revision of Tariff and Changes in Anti-Trust Law.

More Battleships, Labor Protection, Admission of Territories and Ship Subsidy Are Urged—Monopolies Condemned.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Washington, D. C., June 9.—Wade Ellis, attorney-general of Ohio, returned from Virginia Beach today with a rough draft of the Republican platform to be adopted at Chicago in his pocket. He saw Secretary Taft and left later for Chicago.

The substance of the platform declarations he has drawn tentatively with the approval of the administration are as follows:

An indorsement of the policies of the present administration will be the central idea of the platform.

Tariff—An unequivocal declaration for revision.

Railroads—A declaration favoring amendments to the anti-trust law that will enable railroads to enter reasonable tariff agreements without fear of criminal prosecution. Will also pronounce in favor of national control as against national ownership.

Condemns Monopolies.

Trusts—A resolution condemning such combinations as create monopolies, limit production and control prices.

Finance—A note congratulating the country and congress on the passage of the currency bill.

Navy—A plank urging an increase in fighting ships.

New states—A recommendation for the admission of Arizona and New Mexico as separate states.

Shipping—Endorsement of the ship subsidy idea.

Labor—A recommendation for enactments that will insure labor or-

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JURY SELECTED TO TRY BARNES

Man Accused of Murder of Mrs. Anna Aldrich Faces Court at Walla Walla.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Walla Walla, June 9.—It took but 4 hours and 30 minutes actual time yesterday to secure a jury to try W. H. ("Bud") Barnes for the murder of Mrs. Anna Aldrich, the wealthy Dixie woman, on May 1. No witnesses will be called to the stand before Wednesday morning.

This afternoon attorneys for the state and defense will tell the jury what they expect to prove.

"Bud" Barnes' defense will be insanity at the time of the commission of the crime charged and now, though it will not be admitted that he committed the deed.

It is expected that the case can be given to the jury the latter part of the week.

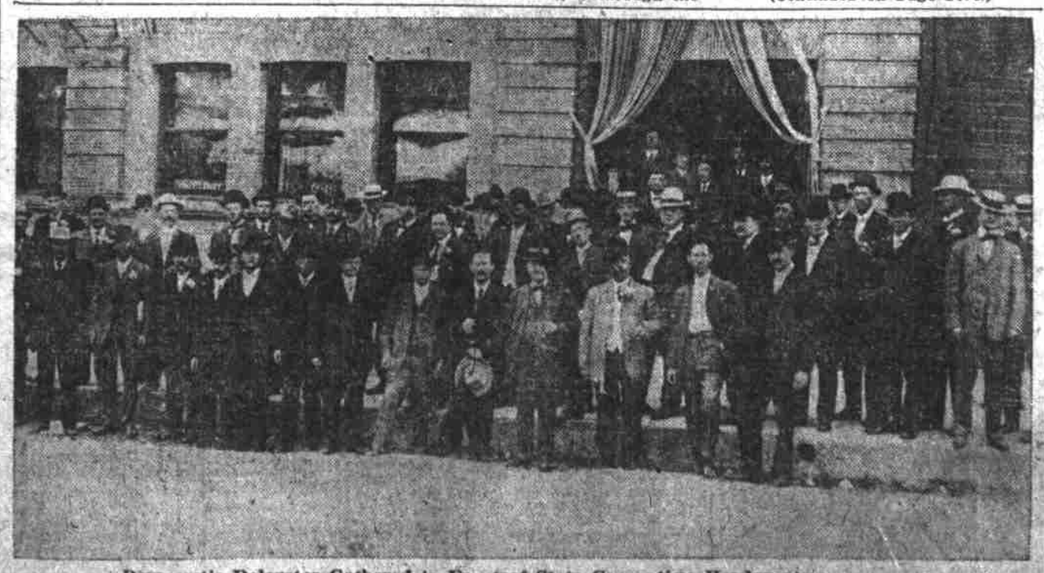
FOURTEEN PERSONS KILLED AND SIXTY INJURED IN WRECK

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Rome, June 9.—Fourteen persons were killed outright and 60 badly injured in a collision between a Pilgrim passenger train and a freight train today at Roccapietra station. Many of the injured are expected to die.

The freight train was running at a high rate of speed when it struck the passenger train and three coaches were telescoped, the occupants being killed or pinned in the debris and badly injured.

Fire broke out, but by quick work on the part of the officials it was extinguished and a much more horrible disaster was narrowly averted.



Democratic Delegates Gathered in Front of State Convention Headquarters.

FLOOD WRECKS LEVEE SUBMERGING 25,000 ACRES OF FINE LAND

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Shreveport, La., June 9.—Twenty-five thousand acres of fine plantation lands are submerged and thousands of dollars' damage has been done as a result of the breaking of the levee at Westdale plantation, 27 miles south of here, this morning.

When the levee broke under the enormous pressure of the flood waters of the Red river a wall of water swept over Westdale plantation, demolishing buildings and ruining crops. It was only by rare good fortune that no lives were lost in the flood.