

PORTLAND FLOURING MILLS BURN---3 INCLUDED

FIRE STARTS IN REEL ROOM AND BURNS FAST

Fireboat Unable to Cope With the Situation Mail Building, Elevators, Packing and Other Houses Are a Total Loss—Plant Will Be Rebuilt at Once.

Fire starting from the spontaneous combustion of a grinding machine in the reel room on the third floor of the Portland Flouring Mills company, destroyed the main mill building, the elevators, the packing house, the oil house, the water tower and the machinery in the engine room this morning, entailing a loss of approximately \$300,000, which is fully covered with insurance.

The mills will be reconstructed as soon as the plans can be prepared and the money and men will allow. The new mills will be better and more modern in construction than the old, making them the most modern and best equipped on the Pacific coast.

Three Are Injured.

Three men, Thomas Gavin, driver of Chief Campbell's automobile, J. McKillop, a fireman, and Katoaka, a section hand, were injured slightly while Norman Krogh, head miller, W. D. McPherson and V. A. Rose were rescued from the burning mill by other employees who rushed to their assistance at the beginning of the fire.

The fire started at 3:35 this morning from the spontaneous combustion of a grinding machine in the reel room of the main mill building, which is in the center of the main building. Krogh, the head miller, McKillop and Rose were rescued from the burning mill by other employees who rushed to their assistance at the beginning of the fire.

Adjoining the reel room is the packing room, and in this N. Nelson, O. Hamilton, W. Wooten and N. Olson were working when the explosion shook the big building and filled the air with flames and smoke. They rushed to the reel room and dashing through the doors from which the smoke was belching, found and dragged the three imprisoned men to safety.

The fire started in the reel room on the third floor at the south side of the main building next to the bins. It is supposed to have started between 8 and 8:15 o'clock and was discovered by John Schram, one of the workers, as it was smoldering its way through the flour dust. For almost an hour it smoldered, along before it could be reached and before it broke outside. Then the flames completely enveloped the main plant before help could be procured.

The fireboat came up a little after 9 o'clock and its streams of water were put in play about 9:30. Captain Speer, harbor master, assumed practical control of the work of fire fighting and did most efficient work. He directed the men here and there, where they were most needed and wherever it was possible the flames were kept down. Luckily the boiler room was untouched and so the pumps were kept going for a time. The water tank, which is 90 feet high, and stands beside the new oil room, caught fire from the heat and was rendered useless, as the bottom was impaired.

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being rendered useless early in the course of the fire by the fierce heat burning the bottom out of the tank. The docks, adjoining the main mill building on the west, were saved by the wind which blew the flames the other way. The new \$5000 dynamo, the largest of its kind on the coast, was also saved.

As soon as the fire alarm was turned in the O. R. & N. sent a special engine to the mill and hauled away 40 loaded cars, thus saving not only its own rolling stock but a large amount of grain and flour which had been either received for grinding or loaded ready for shipment.

The fire was one of the most spectacular in the history of the city. The old wooden buildings, dried by long years of service and with every cranny filled with highly combustible flour and grain dust, fell a ready prey to the wind fanned flames. From the first it was apparent that the fire department was utterly unable to stop the conflagration.

Thomas Gavin, driver of Chief Campbell's automobile, was badly burned about the head and face during the early part of the fire and was taken to a near by drug store where his injuries were dressed.

J. McKillop, the other fireman injured, was badly burned on the hands and face, while his left hand was badly cut by flying glass. He stayed at his post, however, until after the fire had burned down under control, when he went to a drug store and had his injuries dressed.

The third man injured was a Japanese section hand, Katoaka, who slipped from a wet roof and fell to the ground, striking his head and becoming unconscious and taken to the St. Vincent's hospital.

FUTURE EFFORTS MADE TO SAVE PLANT FROM DESTRUCTION BY FIRE

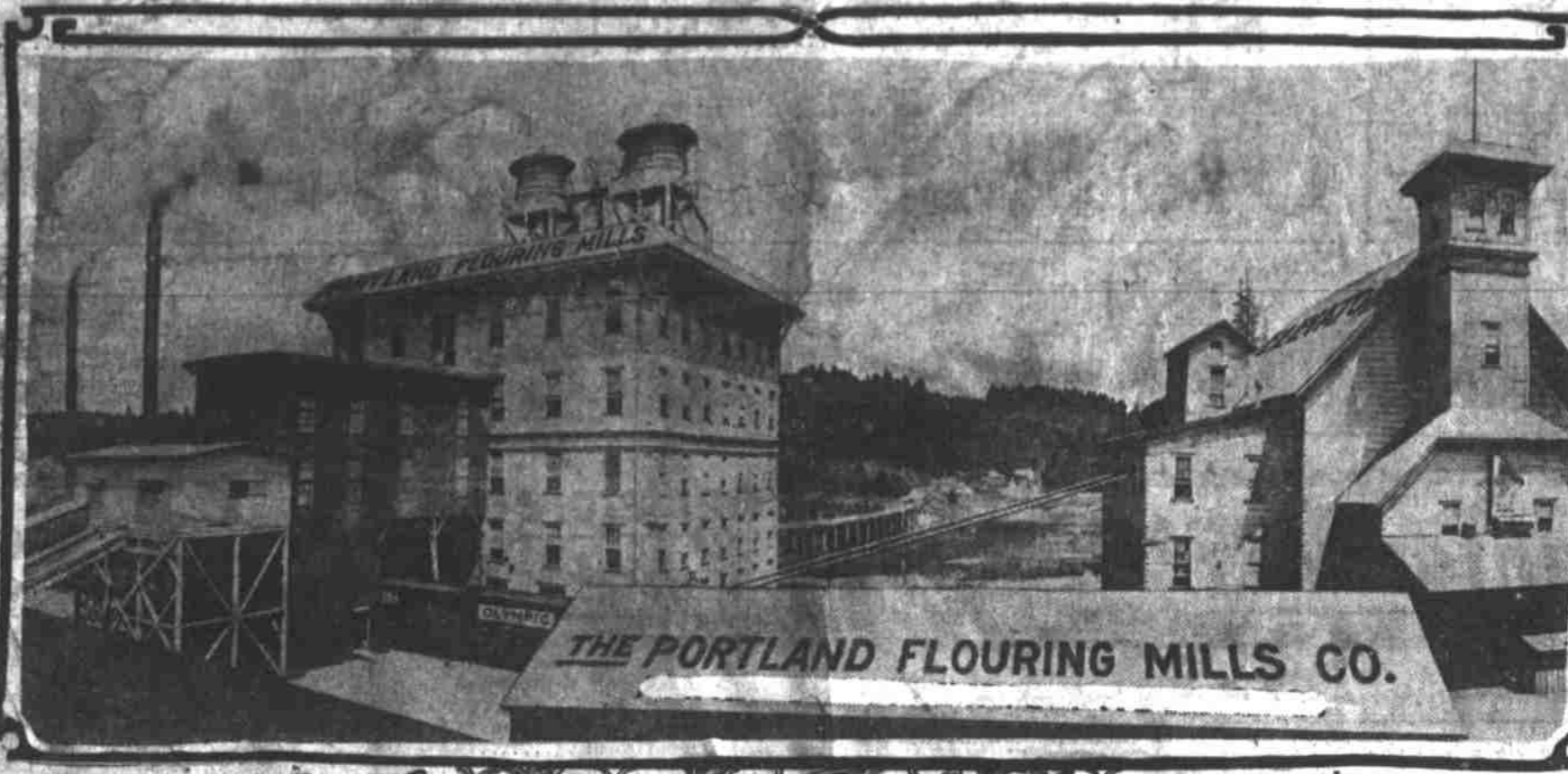
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Plant of the Portland Flouring Mills Company Destroyed by Fire This Morning.

IMPURE MILK OUT IN AUTO OPENS WAY TO LONG JOURNEY GOES INTO NIGHT OF BIG ANNUAL SAVING OF TAFT BEGUN

Inspectors Will Intercept Wagons on Daily Routes and Confiscate Product Not Up to Requirements of Health Office.

Complete listings of dairies in or near Portland have been commenced by the city board of health and the city health officer, under the guidance of Dr. Alan Welch Smith, chairman of the board. Dr. Smith outlining plans for milk purification adopted, said this morning: "Cleaning up Portland's milk supply is being reduced to rigid system. Inspection set under way today begins with the animals of the dairy herds, the stables where they are kept and the manner in which they are kept, and ends with the delivery of milk as to the vehicle, and the quality of the milk as to its richness and cleanliness and separation from contaminating influences. Inspectors have been ordered to throw into the street or otherwise destroy the product not found up to the standard. "If cows or dairies do not check up to the requirement of sanitation which we shall impose, and of which the dairy-

Witnesses Will Testify Before Grand Jury to the Intimacy Existing Between Frank Rodman and Mrs. Hazel Maddux.

Frank E. Rodman and Mrs. Hazel Maddux, now in the county jail, were out together in Rodman's automobile on the Linton road the night before Mrs. May Real was run down and killed, again on the night she met her death, and again on the following night. This is according to the stories of Rodman himself, made to witnesses who will tell what they know to the grand jury and on the witness stand. Not only did they ride together on these three and other nights, but Rodman took Mrs. Maddux to his cottage at 1114 East Morrison street and lived with her there, according to his own statements, the housekeeping arrangements being so permanent and complete that Mrs. Maddux moved her piano and other personal effects there.

City Attorney Credits Mayor With Power to Hold Paving Contractors Responsible for Imperfect Streets Within Three Year Limit.

Of great importance is the legal opinion just written by City Attorney J. P. Kavanaugh in response to a request from R. T. Platt, of the street committee, of the executive board. The opinion provides the administration of Mayor Simon with a powerful cudgel to be wielded against the paving companies of this city and opens the way to an annual saving of \$250,000 to taxpayers of the city in that it will enable the executive board to lop off the expensive maintenance contracts that have been a source of easy money for the big contractors of Portland.

President Rides Out of Boston Beaming Upon the Crowds That Shout Farewell—First Stop at Chicago—Hitchcock Precedes

Boston, Mass., Sept. 15.—President Taft began his 13,000 mile tour of the west and south at 10 o'clock this morning. The departure from the South station in this city was without incident. The president, accompanied by Colonel Butt, his military aide, and his assistant secretary, confidential messenger and secret service officers, reached the train five minutes before leaving time. The president was in happy vein. As he alighted from his carriage at the entrance to the train he smiled and raised his hat to the large crowd of spectators who had gathered to see his departure. In the station the public was barred behind the gates of the concourse, and those who surrounded the president's car of the special train were mostly officers and railroad employees. Just before the train moved out the president stepped from the observation room

DEATH LURKS IN ROSE CITY MILK CANS

National President of Mothers' Congress After Investigation Protests Against High Rate of Infant Mortality—Will Help Crusade.

"Organized effort alone can protect the people of today against impure milk or impure food of any kind. I have heard it suggested in Portland that the crusade for clean milk should be waged by the housewife, that officers of the law cannot be depended upon to do their duty. Such a theory, it seems to me, could not be more absurd or less based on common sense."

Mrs. Frederick Schoff, national president of the Mothers' Congress, so kindly in manner and so practical of mind that she seems an altogether natural choice for such a position, had no hesitation in expressing with vigor her opinion of the value of an agency to clean up Portland's milk supply.

Mrs. Schoff came to Portland from her Philadelphia home three weeks ago, but because she wished to make a study of local conditions, came without announcement and has made her visit a very quiet one.

"But I should like to add my testimony, now, to the permanent necessity for guarding the food supply of the people," she said while at the North station. Three weeks' observations in Portland have satisfied her a number of things about the Rose City which in the east I never would have learned. I have been disturbed to find that within the shadow of this city's beauty lurks the menace of altogether unnecessary death.

The Mothers' congress was organized to help mothers be real mothers. We want them to know the nature and danger of disease; we want them to save their babies; we want them to live. And we want that in Portland as much as anywhere. I am going to say frankly that it is a shame for a baby to die to every two born. It is a foregone conclusion that the mother's primitive instinct to protect her young would cause her to do as well for her baby as she can. But she cannot be expected to guard against the insidious dangers of bad milk. She must be protected by officials elected or appointed for that purpose and sworn to do their duty. It is a shame for a baby to become responsible for the lives of the babies.

Have Done Wonders in the East. "In eastern cities where bad conditions exist, the people have pressed home to the officials their obligations. These mothers have exerted themselves to have done wonders. They have constantly back of them the government with all its power and resources. With an ambition to do the work they have not lacked for help and approbation. The letter and spirit of the laws governing the food supply of Oregon make it certain that officials doing their duty will make both milk and food safe. My observations in Portland have shown me conclusively that conditions have not been misstated and that there is the basis of sound reason in the claim that officials should become active. I sometimes fear, though, that even among officers there are those who having eyes, see not ears and they hear not—noses and they smell not.

"I want to say to The Journal, keen on its splendid crusade for pure milk. Yours is a life saving service, the value of which the people can never repay. The high infant mortality can be decreased, will be decreased and must be decreased. Give children proper care and good milk and the death rate will be decreased 75 per cent or more. I have seen this testified in Philadelphia and in other cities. Isn't such a reward worth while?"

Use Every Influence. "Every influence must be made to contribute toward success in a pure milk crusade. Begin by seeing to it and teach the mother that milk she is (Continued on Page Three.)

TAFT TO SPEAK FROM BALED HAY

Novel Platform Planned for President's Reception at Ellensburg.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Ellensburg, Wash., Sept. 15.—When President Taft stops off in Ellensburg on his way to the Seattle exposition he will address the people from a specially built platform made of Kittitas valley hay if plans of the chamber of commerce are carried out. It is supposed to erect near the Northern Pacific depot a rostrum built entirely of compressed hay. This decoration will be Kittitas county apples, the red kind. The suggestion was made by Andrew Olson, a farmer of the valley, and his idea met with the enthusiastic approval of the club. He feels that the novelty of the idea will appeal to the president and make his reception in Ellensburg before any of the other towns which he visits.

North Yakima, Wash., Sept. 15.—North Yakima is laying plans for a reception to the president and a program for his entertainment during his half day's stay here on September 23. Precautions will be taken to protect the president and a company of the national guard will aid the police in keeping order. The city will be lavishly decorated.

President Miller of the North Yakima Commercial club today named Senator Wesley L. Jones, State Senator Samuel Freeman, Representative L. G. Meigs, Representative W. M. Cline, Mayor F. M. Ambruster to act with himself as a reception committee.



Mrs. Hazel Maddux, Patrolman's Wife, Charged With Driving Rodman Automobile When It Ran Down Mrs. May Real.

Indictments Are Expected.

The witnesses who told this story have been before the authorities and while at first they refused to make any statements, they finally told what they knew. This information adds the last link to the chain of evidence which binds the man and the woman to the Real tragedy and makes it certain that indictments will be returned by the grand jury, probably this afternoon, charging Rodman and Mrs. Maddux with responsibility for the death of Mrs. May Real on the Linton road during the early morning of August 5.

Deputy District Attorney Vreeland informed Judge Bronough in court this morning that the two prisoners now in the county jail would undoubtedly be indicted for homicide. The grand jury adjourned yesterday afternoon until 2 o'clock today when it will again take up the investigation. While no statement would be made by District Attorney Cameron, it is believed that he has been drawing the indictments which will charge the two prisoners with homicide and that the jury will make its report to the court this afternoon.

Ethel Voss Under Bonds.

Ethel Voss, the sister of Mrs. Rudolph Becker Jr., and the friend of Mrs. Maddux, to whom Mrs. Maddux told the story, The Real killing, was brought before the district attorney this morning and ordered held under bonds of \$500 as a material witness in the case. The district attorney desired to take no chances of losing her evidence when the case comes to trial, and therefore decided to put her under bonds to insure her appearance in court when the case is called.

Aside from the added evidence furnished by the witnesses who tell of the Rodman statement to them, there have been no material changes in the Real case since yesterday afternoon. Attorney George W. Caldwell, representing Rodman and Mrs. Maddux, filed a petition for a writ of habeas corpus in the circuit court this morning. He charges that the prisoners were deprived of their liberty without warrant of law and asked that they be allowed their freedom.

Judge Brings Against Prisoners.

Judge Bronough set the hearing of the petition for tomorrow morning at 9:30 o'clock, when the matter came up this morning. The order of the court was entered over the strenuous objection of Mr. Caldwell, who contended that his clients were held without warrant and were deprived of their constitutional liberty and were entitled to speedy relief. Judge Bronough, however, held that inasmuch as Caldwell had not filed his (Continued on Page Three.)



Frank E. Rodman, the Auto Driver in Jail Charged With Killing of Mrs. May Real on Linton Road.

BEAR MAKES AN INFORMAL CALL

Frightens Greek Section Hands From Meal, Then Eats It Himself.

(United Press Local Wire.) Summit, Mont., Sept. 15.—Just as the Great Northern section men here were sitting down to their evening meal yesterday, a large silver tip grizzly bear dropped around informally and announced his presence by scratching at the front door of the house. Peter Michas, section foreman, ran to the door and before he could recover from his amazement Bruin struck him on the left shoulder with a huge paw and smothered him the length of the room. Instantly there was a general scud of Great Northern laborers through the rear window of the shack. After patting the enemy to flight the bear turned his attention to the supper table and was calmly helping himself to a large plate of fried ham when William Morris, a trooper, attracted by the cries of his frightened Greek neighbor, and with a shot from his Winchester ended the bear's career. The bear's wounds were dressed by a local physician, who found it necessary to take the animal to the three grizzly made by the bear's claws.