

CAPTAIN OF VOLTURNO TELLS MODEST STORY OF COURAGE OF CREW

Praise Showered on Youthful Commander. Embarrasses Him; Denies Using Pistol.

(Special Press Landed Wire.)
New York, Oct. 17.—Captain Francis Inch of the lost steamship Volturno seemed rather embarrassed when gratified by the praise showered on his conduct during the burning of Mr. and Mrs. ...

Mr. and Mrs. ... concerning the disaster, all he could be persuaded to do was to hug his dog, Jack, and answer with the blindest and most unvarnished narrative. His eyes, which suffered severely from the heat and the glare of the fire, were still troubling him, but his physicians said they were confident his sight would not be impaired permanently.

The captain was completing his report today to the Uranium Steamship company, which operated the Volturno. It will embody a compactly written account of the ship's loss, with tributes to the courage of the crew, a word for the excellent behavior of the passengers and an expression of the highest gratitude to the distressed company's rescuers.

NO CHAINS NEEDED FOR OLD TIME FIRE HORSES

Walla Walla, Wash., Oct. 17.—With the fire auto stalled in the mud a dangerous blaze in the David Rhea home here came near causing the loss of the dwelling and the death of Mrs. Rhea, who was carried on her sickbed to a neighbor's home. The chains had not been put on the auto truck, and the big machine slipped into a mudhole in the side of the road and stuck. However, the horse apparatus extinguished the blaze.

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CRAWFORD WILL DEFEND MINIMUM WAGE LAW

(Salem Bureau of The Journal.)
Salem, Or., Oct. 17.—Attorney General Crawford has been requested to defend the minimum wage commission in the injunction suit brought to restrain the commission from enforcing its order regulating the wages of women employed in factories. He expects to go to Portland tomorrow to confer with the commission about the case, which will test the constitutionality of the law creating the commission.

COMMISSIONER WATSON IS AFTER ST. MARTIN

Steps Taken to Have United Christian Conference Incorporation Dissolved.

(Salem Bureau of The Journal.)
Salem, Or., Oct. 17.—Acting upon information received from Deputy District Attorney J. A. Collier of Portland, Corporation Commissioner R. A. Watson has taken steps to have the attorney general bring a suit to cancel the articles of incorporation of the United Christian conference of the Church of Christ.

"From the evidence I have no hesitancy in saying the whole scheme is a fake and fraud organized for the purpose of deceiving the people in the name and under the cloak of religion," states Collier in his letter to Watson.

The president of the corporation and chief operator in the scheme is St. D. Martin. Collier reported that Martin and his wife and secretary a short time ago were convicted of vagrancy and given a jail sentence and fine but were paroled from the bench by Judge McGinn. He said their principal vocation was obtaining ministers of the most illiterate type, charging \$2.50 each. He said these fake preachers would take up collections once a month for the support of Martin and his wife.

Last June Martin and his wife were arrested while conducting a "tag sale" on the streets in Portland. Collier said they used three different pretenses for selling tags, one being that the money was for the benefit of the World's Christianity conference, another that it was for the Baby Home, and another that it was for an Old People's Home. He said the "conference" which authorized the sale was composed of five or six members of the hobo type, and was held in a small room over 253 Fifth street.

The matter of cancelling the organization's articles of incorporation was first taken up with the corporation department by George A. Thacker of Portland, who said that the office of the "director" was in a cluttered basement on Fifth street.

WOMAN WHO GOSSIPED PLEADS GUILTY; FINED

Appleton, Wis., Oct. 17.—Mrs. Rosa Lehn, first person punished under the anti-gossiping law, pleaded guilty and paid \$21.50 fine and costs.

GOVERNMENT ACCEPTS PORTS' OFFER OF COIN

Half Million Will Be Used to Expedite Construction of North Jetty.

Acceptance of the offer to the government of \$500,000 made by the Ports of Portland and Astoria to aid the rapid extension of the north jetty at the mouth of the Columbia river has been communicated to Major J. F. McIndoe, corps of engineers, United States army, from the office of the chief of engineers. Acceptance of the offer was recommended by Brigadier General W. T. Russell, when he was a chief of engineers, and has been approved by Secretary of War Garrison.

Of the amount mentioned as an emergency fund, \$475,000 was voted by the Port of Portland and \$25,000 was contributed by the Port of Astoria. There is now available from the federal appropriation for the north jetty work about \$750,000 which would have been sufficient to run the work until July 1, 1914, had it not been for the desire of the Ports of the Columbia to have work pushed. The \$500,000 is expected to keep the work going under high pressure until another appropriation by congress is available.

Major McIndoe will formally notify the two commissions interested of the decision of the government and specify that the funds are to be deposited in the United States treasury.

CENTRAL LABOR COUNCIL PROTESTS ONE CONTRACT

(Salem Bureau of The Journal.)
Salem, Or., Oct. 17.—The state printing board has received a protest from the Central Labor Council of Portland against the state entering into a contract with a printing firm outside of the state for any printing, saying that just as capable firms are in the state as may be found at San Francisco.

The protest refers to the contract made with Bancroft-Whitney company of San Francisco for publishing the supreme court reports for the next five years. The printing board decided that such a contract, one feature of which is to be an exchange of new reports as issued for the accumulation of old reports the state now has on hand, would affect a material saving to the state and the contract has already been signed. The printing company has put up a \$19,000 bond to carry out its part of the agreement.

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