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# \$750,000 FIRE **BURNS DOCKS**

Montgomery No. 1, Columbia No. 2, on East Side, Thousands Tons of Wheat Destroyed: Steamers Cricket and Glenroy Damaged.

SO FAR AS IS KNOWN NO LIVES WERE LOST

Spectacular Flames Attract Great Throngs of Spectators to the Riverfront; One Man Is Injured, While Many Others Narrowly Escape.

What the Fire Did.

Destroyed, at a conservative estimate, \$754,700 worth of Completely destroyed Columda dock No. 2, and Montgom-

ery dock No. 1.

Ruined, with water, \$375,000 worth of grain belonging to Max Houser.
Reduced the steamer Cricket
to a charred and blackened

hulk, and turned her cargo of asphaltum, worth \$11,000, into Seriously damaged the su-perstructure of the British steamer Glenroy and part of her cargo.
Caused slight damage to the woodyard of the Albina Fuel

First Officer Sanders of the Glenroy injured in attempt to extinguish flames.

Columbia dock No. 2 and Montgomery dock No. 1 were completely destroyed early this morning in the worst waterfront fire Portland has experienced in years.

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Grain valued at \$375,000, belonging to Max Houser, "the barley king," which was stored in the warehouse on the docks, was reduced to a parched and soggy mass by fire and water. Four thousand barrels of asphaltum in the hold of the American steamer Cricket, valued at about \$11,000, were totally consumed and the steamer edly damaged.

British steamer Glenroy of the Royal Mail line, which was moored to the Columbia dock, suffered the loss of her bridge, deck and damage to her

The total losses amount to about The origin of the fire is as yet unknown. It is believed to have started in grain chaff stored at one of Columbia docks, either through spontancous combustion or from a lighted eigarette. Once started the flames spread over the whole length of the two docks from Albina avenue to Harding street, four blocks, setting the two wooden docks into a great

Policeman Discovers Blaze.

The first alarm was given by Officer Robert B. Snedden at 4:10 o'clock this morning, the policeman having seen a small blage between the steamer Glenroy and Columbia dock No. 2. An alarm was also given from the Irving dock farther up the river, while John Versteeg, a retired fireman, sleeping in the offices of the Northwestern Door company, also gave an alarm by telephone.

The whole waterfront was one mass of flames when the first apparatus of the fire department reached the scene Four alarms in all were sounded, Chief Dowell giving the fourth on his arrival. Ten engines, five trucks and the fireboat David Campbell were called out.

The Glenroy, moored to Columbia dock No. 2 and fastened by nine stout two inch steel cables, was in the very thick of the flames. Unable to fight the fire, her officers and crew numbering 49, made their escape by jumping overboad into a scow. Thirty-two Chinese sailors are being detained by the United States immigration service, One Is Seriously Injured.

P. L. Sanders, first officer of the (Concluded on Page Four, Column One)

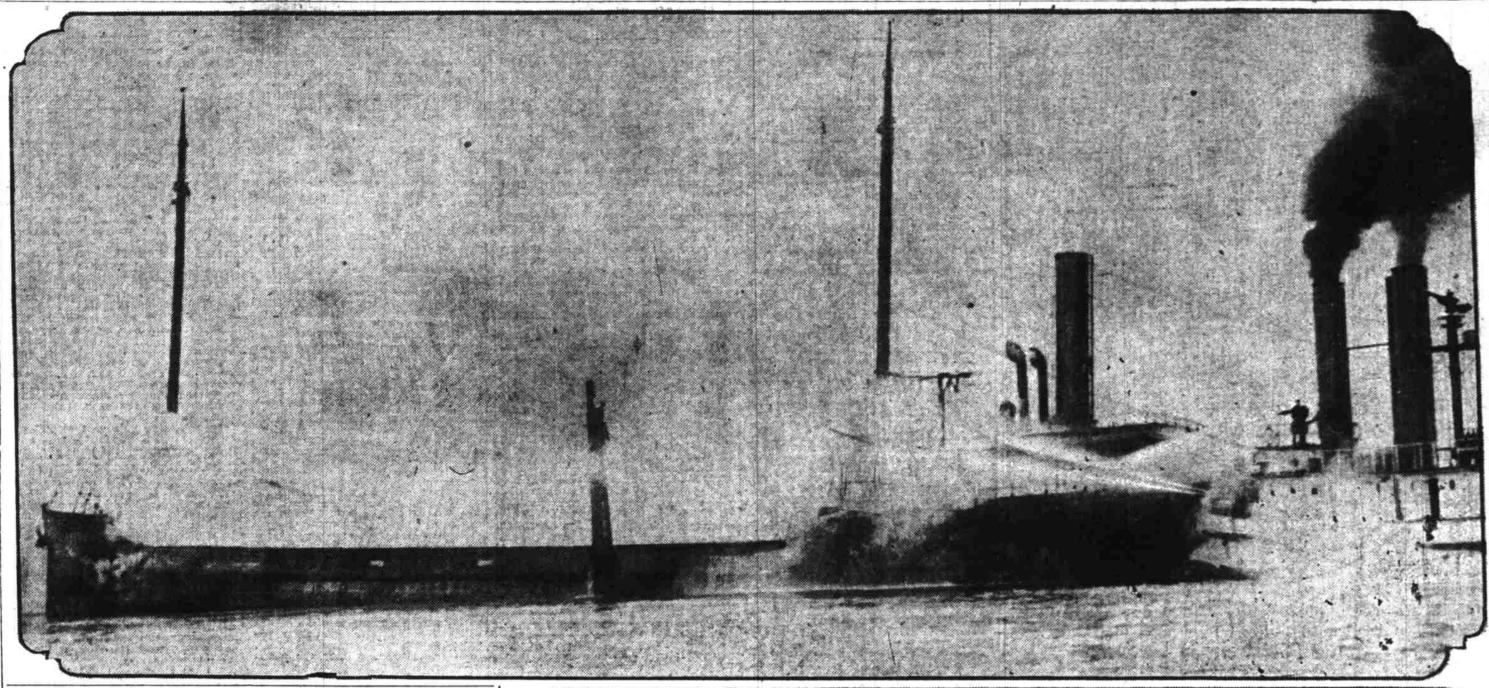
# FAVORABLE REPORT IS **AUTHORIZED TO SPEED**

Bill to Be Presented as Soon as Rivers and Harbors Bill Passes Congress.

Washington, March 12 .- With hardly note of objection, the house rules ommittee today authorized a favorpealing American shipping's exemption from Panama canal tolls.

The bill will be presented, said Chairman Henry of the rules commitee, immediately after the rivers and rbors bill has been passed, either the latter part of next week or early in the

It was intimated that the usually curtailed debate on the adoption of the WATERFRONT BLAZE WHICH DESTROYED DOCKS AND ATTACKED SHIPS REPLETE WITH MANY THRILLING INCIDENTS



## FIVE OF BURNING STEAMER'S CREW LEAP INTO RIVER AND ARE SAVED BY HARBOR PATROL; CHINESE RESCUED FROM DEATH

Daring Work on Part of Rescuers Snatches Imperiled Men Away From What Appeared to Be Certain Death; Pet Puppy Among the Saved; All Men Are Accounted For.

afire.

Montgomery dock No. 1 when this ble that for a time threatened to remorning's disastrous fire broke out, captain John Wehman of the steamer of every man aboard. Cricket and his crew had to seek the able to move under her own power the safety of the river side. Five of the craft drifted towards the dock within 27 men, all told, leaped into the river, reach of the flames that swept far The others got away in the steamer's out over the river. Engineer Jackel lifeboat.

Two of the men who leaped overboard to escape the flames were Andrew Vardelle and Thomas Burke. They were picked up by the harbor patrol boat. One of them was nearly exhausted and was lifted with difficulty from the water. mass of flames almost instantan-

The other three were picked up by the crew of gasoline towboat Bessie, which reached the scene of the fire, with some logs in tow, a few moments before the harbor patrol boat arrived. All Accounted for.

Captain Wehman said at noon today that all of his men have been accounted for. For a while this morning it was feared that possibly some of them had been drowned. The men rescued Stark street station where he at once by the harbor patrol boat were placed on board the gasoline boat Butterfly, he was rescued, or who happened to moored near the east side landing of the ferry 'V. S. Mason.

On board the harbor patrol boat were Night Engineer Harry Jeackel and Harbor Policeman J. D. Webster, Webster had been picked up by Jaeckel a few minutes before at the west side landing of the ferry Mason, where he was signaling with his electric flash light as the harbor patrol boat came speeding down the river in charge of

Engineer Jackel. Jaeckel, who was alone on duty at the boat station at the foot of Stark street, lost no time in hastening to the fire. His first signal was the whistle Tate re-marries the wife that divorced of the fireboat David Campbell when it received the alarm. This, Jaeckel said, was about 4:15 a. m. Looking out over the river the highly illuminated sky indicated the location of the Royal Mail steamer, is the only one to blaze and in about seven minutes the harbor patrol boat was within sight of Patrolman Webster, who had also rushed to the river as soon as he saw the reflection of the fire in the sky. Harbor Patrolman R. N. Tilton was on the east side of the river and was probably the first outsider to reach the scene of the fire after the watch-man on Montgomery dock No. 1 turned Bryan and Garrison

man on Montgomery dock No. 1 turned in the first alarm. But even then the blaze was so flerce and the heat so intense that it was extremely danger UP REPEAL OF TOLLS intense that it was extremely danger-ous to reach the steamer Glenroy, for which Tilton immediately made, in lopes of assisting the men on board of her. He reached her in time to shout to the confused and frightened Chinese sailors and stokers to come ashore over the gangplank, which was already beginning to burn. There were 32 of them, and Tilton aided the War Garrison and Secretary of Labor officers in getting them all safely Wilson of the cabinet, ashore. Several of them fell in the Garrison, strongly scramble and were bruised and slight- West's action in closing the Copperly burned, but none was seriously in-

First Officer Sanders of the Glenroy slipped and fell and with a disable report on Congressman Adamson's located shoulder he was taken in the could not get a word in edgewise. This resolution for early consideration, by harbor patrol boat across the river to incident leaked out today. to the Good Samaritan hospital. The Chinese were taken first to the POOR LAWYERS IN FRISCO

police station and later to the office of the United States immigration service, where they were detained until noon, when they were taken back to the Glenroy on the customs boat H. W. Scott and the harbor patrol boat. Puppy Is Rescued.

In rescuing the three of the Cricket's the appraisers appraised correctly, rule to make the repeal bill special crew who had leaped overboard, the Harvard law college is almost as bad

Although their vessel was moored to | Johns Towing company, got into trou-

of the harbor patrol saw her predicament quickly, however, and took her in tow. In doing so he had to run the engine and the steering wheel with onhand while with the other he picked up and threw overboard huge sparks that fell in a shower all over the boat and threatened every minute to set her

A rescue that was accomplished in some way, but no one seems to know how, or when, was that of the little mascot, "Sweepstakes" on the Glenroy. "Sweepstakes" is a puppy only a couple of months old. Some one stopped long enough in the flight from the burning vessel to bring him ashore and turn him over to the harbor patrol boat. In it he was brought to the made himself perfectly at home. How think of the little dog, seems to be a mystery that may never be solved.

### \$40,000 Awaits His Re-Marrying Wife : \*

Darwin Tate Will Receive That From Grandmother's Estate Provided He Weds Woman Who Divorced Him. Los Angeles, March 12.-If Darwin him within two years he can collect \$40,000 from the estate of his grandmother, who died recently in Milwaukee. Word that such a provision was contained in the will reached here today. Mrs. Tate divorced her husband three weeks ago, alleging that he had shown attention to another woman. Mrs. Tate is a sister of Mrs. Orval Overall, wife of the former big league baseball pitcher.

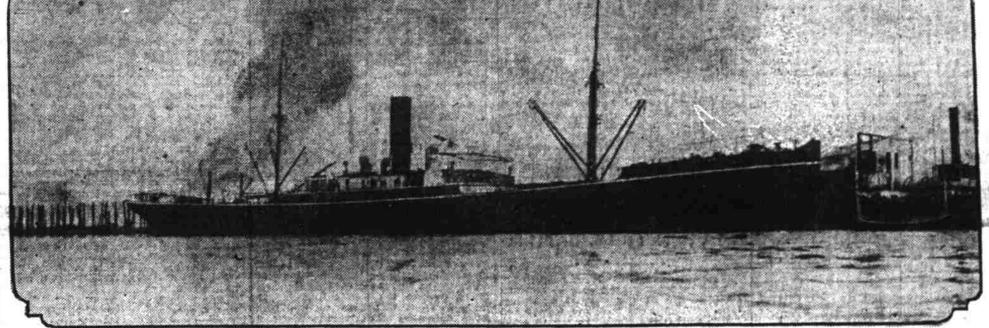
# Argue Copperfield

mer Upholds, Latter Decries Use of Militia in Closing Saloons.

Washington, March 12 .- When Governor West was here he lunched with Secretary of State Bryan, Secretary of Garrison strongly dissented from

field sploons Bryan stoutly and vigorously approved his course. In the joint debate from the dock conflagration today, between Garrison and Bryan, West was \$754,700. This figure includes

San Francisco, March 12.—"Not a lawyer in this town knows how to examine witnesses in the probate de partment," complained Superior Judge Coffey from the bench today, "and I never found an appraisal yet in which



Top-American steamer Cricket, beached and on fire on east side of river, between Oceanic dock and the Portland Flouring mills, and fire boat, David Campbell, in action, Bottom-British steamer Glenroy of Royal Mail line, at ruins of Columbia Dock No. 2.

## INSURANCE COVERS MORE THAN HALF OF \$754,000 FIRE LOSS

Docks and Vessels Fare Badly: Much Grain Is Found Unhurt by Flames.

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Estimated Fire Loss. Grain stored in Columbia No. 2 dock, owned M. H. Houser (fully covered by insurance) .....\$375,000 Coasting steamer Cricket, cargo and boat (partially cov-owned by Lewis estate (fully covered). 80,000 oyal Mail steamer Glenroy ..... Montgomery dock No. 1, owned by Montgomery estate and leased to O.-W. R. & N. Co., (insurance \$20,000) ... reight in Montgomery dock, owned by O.-W. R. & N. Co. (not in-dock (not insured) ... Ferry Hotel, (partially insured).. Montgomery dock No. 2 insured) New Ferry Hotel (not insured)

The total fire loss, according to close estimates made by owners and managements of the estates that suffered every item from the \$375,000 estimated loss sustained by Max H. Houser as a result of the destruction of 12,000 tons of grain in the two docks, and covered by insurance, down to the \$100 bina Fuel company's wood dock.

Over half of this loss is covered by insurance, according to the statement

Loss of \$175,000 was sustained by the coasting steam schooner Cricket of (Concluded on Page Four, Column Three)

### \$257,700,000 for British Warships

Germany's Rejection of Churchill's Proposed "Maval Holiday" Brings \$15,000,000 Increase Over Last Year. London, March 12 .- Such a warship building program as even England had hardly expected was laid before the house of commons by First Lord of the Admiralty Winston Churchill this Daily Fights Occurring Be- Rebels Will Use Aeroplanes afternoon,

His estimate provided for four new dreadnaughts, four cruisers, 12 destroyers, submarines and vast stores of munitions. The appropriation desired to cover the construction of the proposed new vessels was \$257,700,000, an increase over last year's naval allowance of \$15,000,000.

The ambitiousness of the admiralty's program was the result mainly of Germany's rejection of Churchill's proposal of a "naval holiday."

## McCreery Restored

San Francisco Millionaire Sportsman

Declared Competent and Guardian Loses Management of Properties. San Francisco, March 12.-Walter A. McCreery, broker, sportsman and millionaire, was legally restored to competency today. The decision was rendered by Judge Dunne, acting for Mutilator of Venus Judge Graham, who was ill.

Judge Graham declared McCreery incompetent in August, 1912. H. H. McPike, who was appointed his guardian, took him to live on a ranch in San Bernardino county. From there he made a sensational escape a few months ago, turning up in England. There he established his competency, so far as the British courts were con-

### Friend Parts With Wilson on Tolls

Senator Martine of New Jersey, President's Confident, Says It Would Be Little Short of Imbecility to Retreat. SLIDE BLOCKS S. P. LINE Washington, March 12 .- Advocates damage done to the New Ferry hotel, of Panama tolls repeal were almost across the street north from the Al- swept off their feet today when Senator Martine of New Jersey, the president's closest friend, and whom the president made a senator, came out

## BRAZIL SENDS MORE TROOPS TO CAERA TO QUELL INSURRECTION

tween Blacks and Whites and With Strikers.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Rio De Janiero, March 12.-Strong the anti-government revolt was reaching revolutionary proportions.

The disorders are partly racial, partly industrial and partly political. They undoubtedly began with a series of strikes, which spread until they inby Court's Order volved practically the state's working population. Fights between blacks and whites and between government troops and strikers are occurring daily and there has been considerable loss of

> The situation here was comparatively quiet today, although martial law prevailed, and a number of suspected anti-government agitators were in

Prosecutor Doubts Sanity of Miss Mary Richardson, Who Is Sentenced to Six Months at Hard Labor. London, March 12.-Sentenced to six

months' imprisonment at hard labor. Miss Mary Richardson, who mutilated Velasquez' "Venus" in the National gailery with a meat ax, was carried from the court room today shrieking that she would be glad to be martyred as a protest against the slow murder of Mrs. Pankhurst. Her plea was guilty. She already has declared a hunger strike. The prosecutor ex-pressed some doubts of her sanity.

Redding, Cal., March 12.—A land-slide, four miles north of Dunsmuir, blocked the Shasta route of the Southern Pacific railroad from 9 o'clock last evening until 8:30 this morning, when against repeal. "For my part," he said, a track around the slide was complet-"I feel that it would be little short of The northbound Shasta Limited and the Portland Express were held all imbecility to retreat from the position night at Dunsmuir.

## VILLA TO DROP BOMBS INTO TORREON; HUERTA AIDS FOREIGNERS OUT

in Attacking Federal City, He Announces.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Mexico City, March 12. - General reinforcement was ordered by the war Villa having announced his intention office today of the troops in the of sending aviators aloft to drop state of Ceara, where it was admitted bombs into Torreon, President Huerta sent orders today to the garrison's commandant to furnish facilities for foreigners to leave immediately. It was understood that he acted on a request from Washington. Fighting was in progress in Tor-

eon's vicinity, but the wires having been cut, few details were known United States Charge d'Affaires O'Shaughnessy was told by Huerta himself that 2000 rebels had captured the town of Carneros, in the Torreon district, as well as two passenger trains and one freight in the same dis-

5000 Men to Attack Torreon. Chihuahua City, Mexico, March 12 .-General Villa was entraining troops Removed Shrieking had 38 cannon and 225 home-made shells for each of them. "We're all ready for Torreon. He and guns here today for Torreon. He

told the newspaper correspondents, "and if our gunners are careful of their ammunition we have enough of it to blow the town off the map. Of 5500 men here I shall take 5000 with

To Increase Texas Rangers. Austin Texas, March 12 .- That Govrnor Colquitt intended to increase the force of Texas Rangers as a step toward better protection of the Mexican border, was understood here today. "Do you intend to consult with President Wilson concerning the proposed

increase?" he was asked, "Washington has absolutely nothing o do with the Rangers," answered Colquitt. "I will consult none of the fed eral authorities."

### DYER GOES TO ANNAPOLIS

(Washington Bureau of The Journal.)
Washington, March 12. — Senator
Chamberlain today designated for appointment as principal cadet at An-napelis Naval academy George C. Dyer of 1264 East Everett street, Portland

Bryan's Letter, Explaining Why U. S. Must Speak for \* Foreign Countries, Mollifies Rebel Commander.

WILL PERMIT U.S. TO **GUARD ALL FOREIGNERS** 

Strengthening of Border Patrol Not Meant as an Act of War.

(United Press Lessed Wire.) Washington, March 12,—Reconsideration by General Carranga of his refusal to negotiate with the United States concerning any but Mexican-American affairs was expected today, It was known that he was considering Secretary of State Bryan's letter to him explaining whys the Washington administration is interested concerning the lives and moperty of foreigners other than Americans in Mexico. The secretars frankly referred to the general'ardemand the powers deal with hem directly, as

United States Consul Simpleh telegraphed from Nuevo Li redo that Car-ranza had taken the let ar in a friendly spirit and predicted that henceforward the general will permit United States consuls in Mexico to safeguard all foreigners, regardless of their nationality. Should he do so, it was said one great source of possible complications would be cut off.

Army officers here believed all the cavalry in the United States would be dispatched to the Mexic n border soon. It had been definitely Recided not to disturb the regular array division at Texas City, as it would be needed for a dash on Mexico City in case of intervention.

Administration officies continued to emphasize that the strengthening of the border patrol was not meant as an act of war, but was simply to reas-sure Texans living near; the frontier. That an important development was imminent in Mexico Cife was reported, but details were lacking and government officials were sker tical.

# ARE MISSING FROM SACKED CHINESE CITY

Two English Wemen Gone From Inland China Mission at Lao Ho Kow.

(United Press Least) Wire.) London, March 12.—Besides Dr. Froyand, the Norwegian missionary known to have been killed by bandits when they sacked Lao Ho Kow, Hupeh province, China, two young women-Misses L. and J. Black — attached to the English Inland China mission at the same place are missing, according to dispatches received by the Central News today, and it was feared the outlaws had killed them or carried them

Troops Sent After Bandits. Peking, March 12.—Lroops were on their way from here and from Hankow

away as prisoners.

today to exterminate the bandits who looted and burned Lao Ho Kow, Heuph province, recently, destroying much foreign property and killing, among other persons, Dr. T. Froyland, a Norwegian missionary.

The outlaws' disregard of foreigners lives and interests greatly incensed President Yuan, who assured the interested diplomats here that the losers would be recompensed, and gave orders for the most energetic military meas-ures, intimating, it was understood, that trouble would follow for his responsible subordinates unless condi tions speedily improved;

Astor Wedding April 80. Staatsburg, N. Y., March 12 .- It was nnounced that Vincent Astor and Miss Helen Huntington would be married

### **Business Chances**

Partner wanted in a blacksmith shop. Must be a good, live man. Ice cream parlor, fruit, confectionery and cigar musiness for

Partner wanted is safe, cash Established dry goods and shoe

business for sale, some trade. Location is on main street of small eastern Oregon town. The commercial clab in a small

town claims there is a splendid opening for a general store. You can have \$00 business cards printed for 500

Lunch room, bakery, delicatessen, confectionery to trade. One chair barber shop, estab-

lished location, \$8. New fireproof stone building at 5c station at a bargain, Partner wanted in a good pay-

ing lunch counter. These items at year in the Business Chance of umn of to-day's Journal Wan- "Ads. The habit of following this column is profitable—acquire it.