

\$750,000 FIRE BURNS DOCKS AND 2 SHIPS

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 property. Completely destroyed Columbia dock No. 2, and Montgomery dock No. 1. Ruined, with water, \$375,000 worth of grain belonging to Max Houser.

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.

Grain valued at \$375,000, belonging to Max Houser, the barley kind which was stored in the warehouse on the docks, was reduced to a parched and soggy mass by fire and water.

Policeman Discovers Blast. The first alarm was given by Officer Robert B. Snedden at 4:10 o'clock this morning, the policeman having seen a small blaze between the steamer Glenroy and Columbia dock No. 2.

One Is Seriously Injured. P. L. Sanders, first officer of the Royal Mail steamer, is the only one to be injured in the fire.

FAVORABLE REPORT IS AUTHORIZED TO SPEED UP REPEAL OF TOLLS

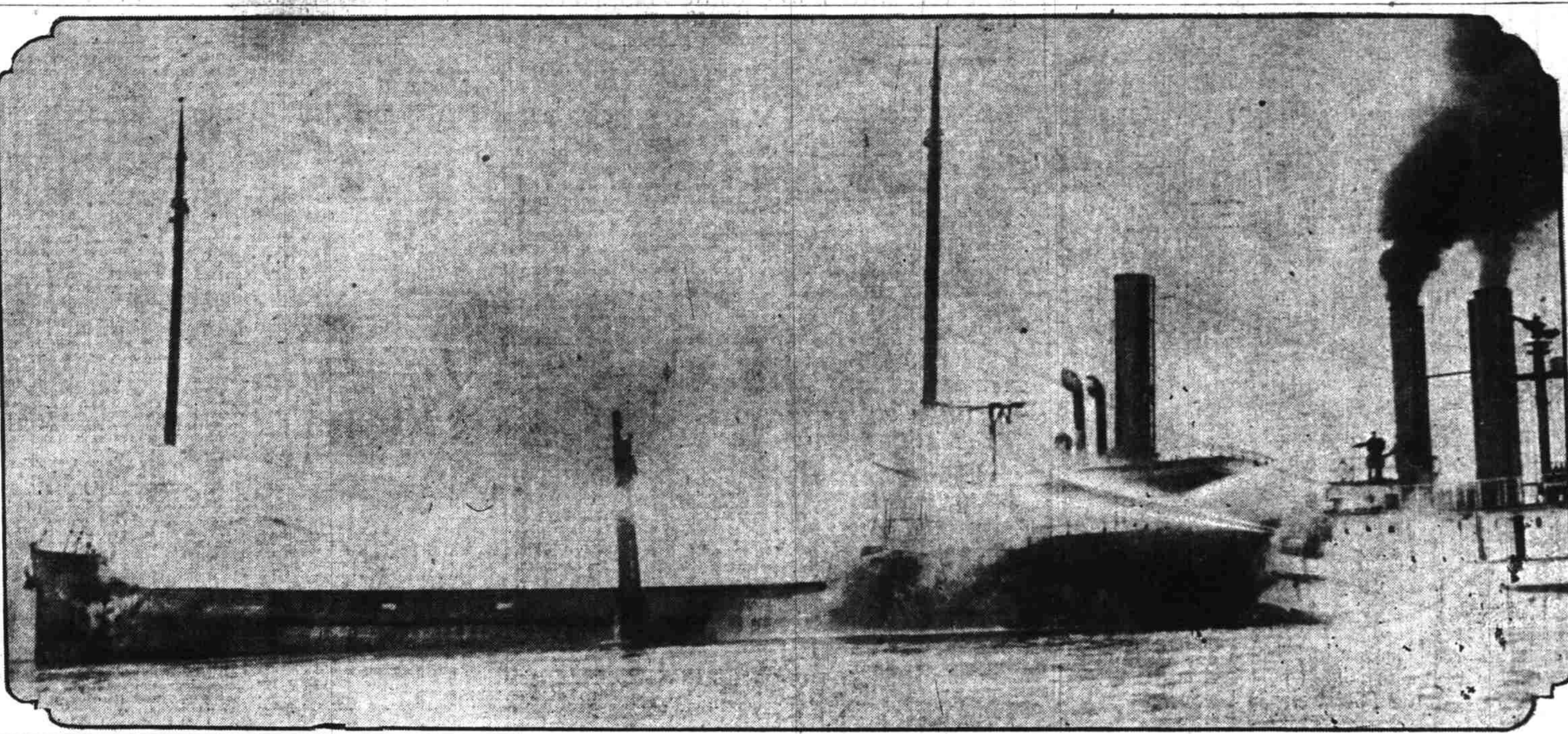
Bill to Be Presented as Soon as Rivers and Harbors Bill Passes Congress.

Washington, March 12.—With hardly a note of objection, the house rules committee today authorized a favorable report on Congressman Adamson's resolution for early consideration, by a special rule, of the Sims bill repealing American shipping's exemption from Panama canal tolls.

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

It was intimated that the usually curtailed debate on the adoption of the rule to make the repeal bill special privileged business, will be extended.

WATERFRONT BLAZE WHICH DESTROYED DOCKS AND ATTACKED SHIPS REPLETE WITH MANY THRILLING INCIDENTS



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.

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.

Although their vessel was moored to Montgomery dock No. 1 when this morning's disastrous fire broke out, Captain John Wehman of the steamer Cricket and his crew had to seek the safety of the river side. Five of the 27 men, all told, leaped into the river. The others got away in the steamer's lifeboat.

On board the harbor patrol boat were Night Engineer Harry Jaekel and Harbor Policeman J. D. Webster. Webster had been picked up by Jaekel 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 Jaekel.

Jaekel, who was alone on duty at the boat station at the foot of Stark street, lost no time in hastening to the river. His first signal was the whistle of the fireboat David Campbell when it received the alarm.

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 watchman on Montgomery dock No. 1 turned in the first alarm.

By Bryan and Garrison Argue Copperfield

At Luncheon for Governor West, Former Upholds, Letter Denies Use of Militia in Closing Saloons.

Washington, March 12.—When Governor West was here he lunched with Secretary of State Bryan, Secretary of Labor Wilson and Secretary of War Garrison of the cabinet.

POOR LAWYERS IN FRISCO

San Francisco, March 12.—"Not a lawyer in this town knows how to examine witnesses in the probate department," complained Superior Judge Coffey from the bench today.



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

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

Table listing estimated fire loss for various items: Grain stored in Columbia No. 2 dock, \$375,000; Cricket, cargo and boat, \$175,000; Columbia No. 2 dock, \$80,000; Royal Mail steamer Glenroy dock No. 1, \$50,000; Montgomery dock No. 2, \$40,000; Freight in Montgomery dock, \$30,000; Albina Fuel Co. wood dock, \$3,000; Albina Ferry Hotel, \$1,500; Montgomery dock No. 2, \$100; New Ferry Hotel, \$100. Total: \$754,700.

The total fire loss, according to close estimates made by owners and appraisers of the estates that suffered from the dock conflagration today, was \$754,700. This figure includes 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 damage done to the New Ferry hotel, across the street north from the Albina Fuel company's wood dock.

\$257,700,000 for British Warships

Germany's Rejection of Churchill's Proposed "Naval Holiday" Brings \$25,000,000 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 afternoon.

McCreery Restored by Court's Order

San Francisco Millionaire Sportsman Declared Competent and Guardian Losses Management of Properties.

Friend Parts With Wilson on Tolls

Senator Martine of New Jersey, President's Confidant, Says It Would Be Little Short of Imbecility to Retreat.

BRAZIL SENDS MORE TROOPS TO CAERA TO QUELL INSURRECTION

Daily Fights Occurring Between Blacks and Whites and With Strikers.

Rio De Janeiro, March 12.—Strong reinforcement was ordered by the war office today of the troops in the state of Ceara, where it was admitted the anti-government revolt was reaching revolutionary proportions.

Mutilator of Venus Removed Shrieking

Prosecutor Doubts Sanity of Miss Mary Richardson, Who Is Sentenced to Six Months at Hard Labor.

SLIDE BLOCKS S. P. LINE

Redding, Cal., March 12.—A landslide, four miles north of Dunsmuir, blocked the Shasta route of the Southern Pacific railroad from 9 o'clock last evening until 3:30 this morning, when a track around the slide was completed.

VILLA TO DROP BOMBS INTO TORREON; HUERTA AIDS FOREIGNERS OUT

Rebels Will Use Aeroplanes in Attacking Federal City, He Announces.

Mexico City, March 12.—General Villa having announced his intention of sending aviators aloft to drop bombs into Torreon, President Huerta sent orders today to the garrison's commandant to furnish facilities for foreigners to leave immediately.

5000 Men to Attack Torreon.

Chihuahua City, Mexico, March 12.—General Villa was entraining troops and guns here today for Torreon. He had 38 cannon and 225 home-made shells for each of them.

To Increase Texas Rangers.

Austin Texas, March 12.—That Governor Colquitt intended to increase the force of Texas Rangers as a step toward better protection of the Mexican border, was understood here today.

CARRANZA TAKES SECOND THOUGHT, GROWS FRIENDLY

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 Lease Wire.) Washington, March 12.—Reconsideration by General Carranza of his refusal to negotiate with the United States concerning any but Mexican-American affairs expected today.

United States Consul Simplic telegraphed from Nuevo Laredo that Carranza had taken the letter 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.

Administration officials continued to emphasize that the strengthening of the border patrol was not meant as an act of war, but was simply to reassure Texans living near the frontier.

WOMEN MISSIONARIES ARE MISSING FROM SACKED CHINESE CITY

Two English Women Gone From Inland China Mission at Lao Ho Koy.

(United Press Lease Wire.) London, March 12.—Misses Dr. Froyland, the Norwegian missionary known to have been killed by bandits when they sacked Lao Ho Koy, Hupeh province, China, two young women—Misses E. 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 outbreak of banditry had carried them away as prisoners.

Astor Wedding April 30.

Statenburg, N. Y., March 12.—It was announced that Vincent Astor and Miss Helen Huntington would be married April 30.

Business Chances

Partner wanted in a blacksmith shop. Must be a good, live man. Ice cream parlor, fruit, confectionery and cigar business for sale. Partner wanted in safe, cash business. Established dry goods and shoe business for sale, some trade. Location is on main street of small eastern Oregon town. The commercial job in a small town claims there is a splendid opening for a general store. You can have 500 business cards printed for 50c. Lunch room, bakery, delicatessen, confectionery, etc. One chair barber shop, established location, \$8. New fireproof store building at 5c station with bargain. Partner wanted in a good paying lunch counter. These items appear in the Business Chance column of today's Journal. Write "Ads." The date of following issue column is profitable—acquire it.

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