

WEST SIDE MILL AND BOX FACTORY LOSS IS \$10,000

Sparks From Donkey Engine Are Believed to Have Started Big Blaze on Waterfront Sunday.

NEARBY SHIP CATCHES FIRE

Half of City's Fire Apparatus Is Called Out; Guardsmen Help to Keep Back the Crowds.

Fire presumed to have been started by sparks from a donkey engine destroyed the plant of the Northwest Box company and the old building of the West Side Lumber & Shingle company Sunday afternoon, causing a total loss, estimated by the city fire marshal today at \$10,000.

The first alarm was turned in at 4 p. m. by Joseph Mosca, watchman of the Portland Lumber company, from an A. D. T. box. Later three alarms from the regular department fire boxes were turned in. Half the city's entire fire apparatus was turned into action.

Nearby Ship Takes Fire The fireboats did valiant service from the river front. Engine No. 2 broke a wheel in making a sharp turn.

A wooden ship built by Kiernan & Kerr Shipbuilding company stood just north of the fire and caught fire from sparks several times, but these were put out by the police officer.

Multnomah guardsmen driving in from Clackamas saw the fire and voluntarily took up poles to keep back the crowds, thereby saving great damage to the police. The fire occurred at a time when the police were changing shifts and only a few could be sent to the fire.

Site of First Big Mill The destroyed plant was built on the site of one of the first large sawmills in Portland—that of Smith Brothers. The late W. K. A. T. and Joseph Smith were the original owners of the property and were widely known throughout the Northwest. The first mill was destroyed in 1888 but a second was soon erected. Later this passed into the hands of the Ukase investment company, of which W. K. Smith Jr. is president.

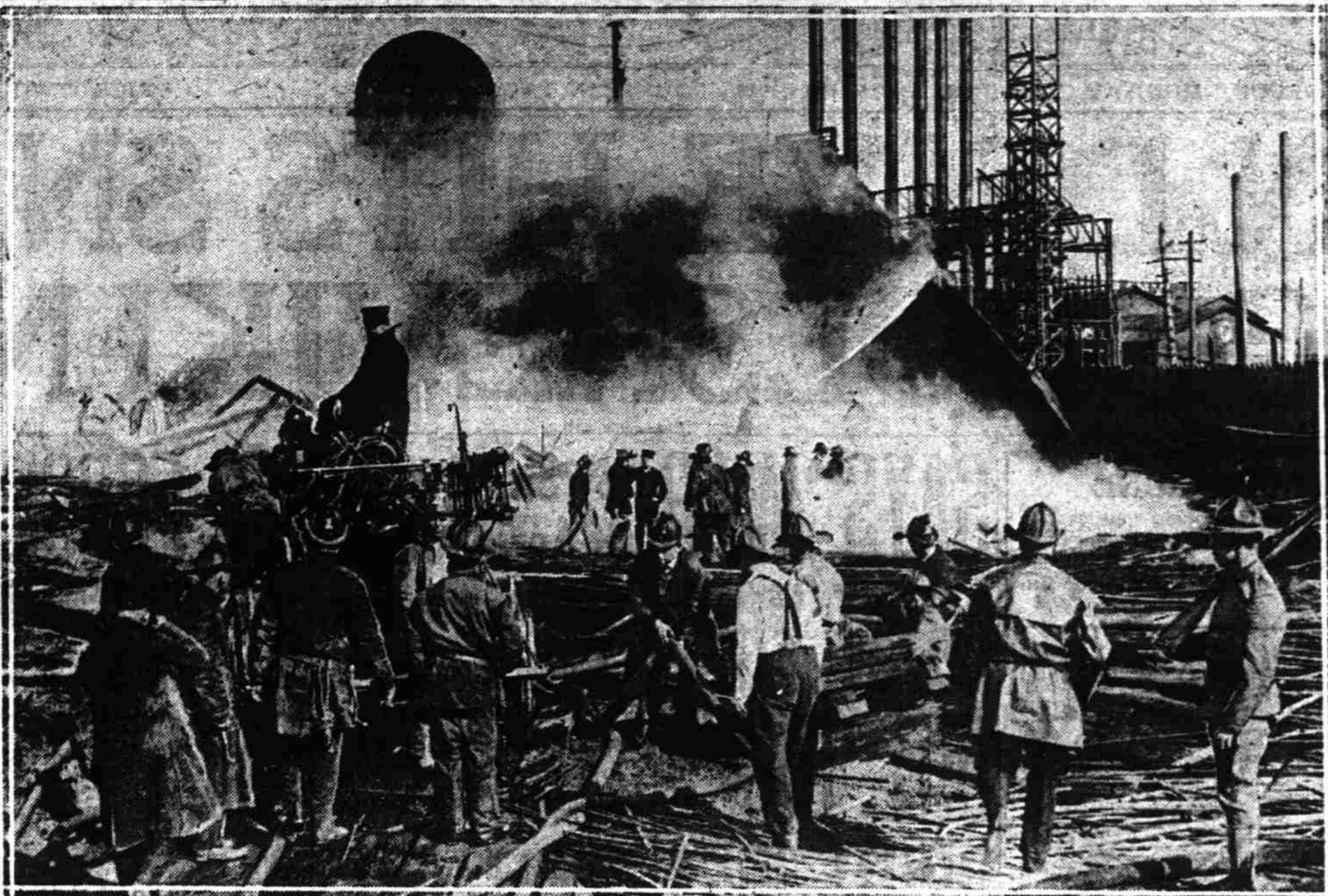
The Northwest Box company was using the area at the foot of Lincoln street for manufacturing boxes for berry fields. The Kiernan & Kerr shipbuilding company had just leased the remaining part and had already started to remodel the place. Old boilers, furnaces and engines were completely destroyed.

A houseboat, owned by the Overall Laundry company and operated by it as a laundry, was ruined, many workmen losing all their extra clothes. C. C. Markin, a horseman, and Lieutenant Lehman received slight injuries when they were struck by burning parts of the framework.

The shingle mill had recently been used temporarily by the Central Door & Lumber company, which was making tent poles for the government. An agreement was made between the city council and W. K. Smith about a month ago to remodel or tear down the fire-traps within 60 days, according to Mr. Smith, but now neither will need to be done.

Mill Men Are Given Warning Because of numerous destructive fires in the lumber mills of Oregon and Washington in the last few weeks, the military intelligence branch of the war

CAMERA CATCHES FLAMES AND FIRE FIGHTERS



Picture shows battle with flames at waterfront mill fire Sunday, firemen and home guards in prominent place. Flame, smoke and water made spectacular conflagration.

department has advised all sawmill and logging operators to exercise extreme precaution in admitting strangers to their plants. Strangers claiming to be government officials are to be excluded unless they carry proper letters of identification.

The war department has perfected the organization of the plant protection and military intelligence branch, whose duty it will be to inspect industrial plants engaged in government work.

Every officer engaged in such inspection work will have in his possession an identification card bearing his photograph, the impression seal of the military intelligence office and the signature of Colonel R. H. Van Deman on one side, and an extract from the espionage law, together with the bearer's signature, on the reverse side.

Managers are requested to notify the war department by telegraph of any attempt to gain admittance to a plant through pretense of being an officer. While it is not known that any of the recent fires in lumber mills were of incendiary origin, circumstances in several cases are said to be suspicious and investigations are under way.

All plants recently visited by fire are being rebuilt. The Northwestern mill at Hoquiam already has the site cleared of debris and will have work on the new buildings under way within 10 days; the Siler mill at Raymond

and the Clear Lake mill at Clear Lake have full crews engaged in reconstruction work. Mill owners and logging operators are being advised to take every precaution to guard against fire. Most of the mills are working on government orders and disastrous fires will have a direct effect on the war program.

Eleven Other Fires in City Several other fires occurred in Portland over Sunday. The daughter of A. E. Rogers set fire to her tent home at 5023 Sixtieth avenue Southeast Sunday afternoon while playing with matches. The loss is about \$25. A spark from the flue of the home of A. Hughes, 292 East Seventy-sixth street, burned a hole in the roof. Damage about \$35. A careless passerby threw a lighted match or cigarette stub in the yard of the Arleta school and set fire to one of the portables. The fire charred the outside wall.

Ice Machine Catches Fire A spark from a rubbish fire set the roof of H. R. Burrett's home on fire and did about \$10 damage. Burrett resides at 387 East Main street. An electrically operated ice machine froze up at 201 Albee street Sunday afternoon and the friction set the belt on fire. The motor did not stop when the machine froze up. Officer Trout saw smoke emerging from the windows and called the department. This is the second fire at the service of the fire department to quench the blaze.

Smokers Blamed for Three Fires attributed to smokers' carelessness occurred at 424 Washington street, in a stable at 240 East Eighth street, 208 1/2 Third street and at 349 Stark street. Three of the fires started from loggers throwing cigarettes out of hotel windows upon awnings or roofs.

apology," said Mr. Lansing. "The very bluntness of this message shows he was sure his superiors would not take offense at the assumption that their work was valueless and had only been given to gain time, and that, when an increase of Germany's submarine fleet was warranted, the promise would be broken without hesitation or compunction."

Degree Awarded Lansing Secretary of State Lansing and Major General Peyton C. March, chief of staff, were awarded the degree of Doctor of Laws. An escort of 1000 guardsmen made up of units of the Tenth and Second regiments, New York state guard, formed a guard of honor for General March. Thirty-eight students of Union college and 11 graduates of the Albany Medical college were also awarded degrees. Thirty-seven of this year's class are now in the service of the United States, having completed three years of college work.

Interpreted as Advance Reply Washington, June 10.—(I. N. S.)—America has entirely rejected Germany's contemplated peace suggestions in advance. No offer that Prussianism can make, other than complete surrender, will be considered by the United States. That was the conclusion of official Washington this afternoon placed upon the address delivered today by Secretary of State Lansing at Union college, Schenectady, N. Y.

Union college on Saturday recalled its honorary degree conferred upon former German Ambassador Count Johann von Bernstorff. Today it honored with degrees Secretary Lansing and General Peyton C. March, acting chief-of-staff of the American army. And it was considered highly significant here that Secretary Lansing, in the presence of the supreme army head, should have boldly discussed the only way which the world war can end and with the consent of the United States.

Probably no state document of the present war, excepting possibly some of those personally prepared by President Wilson, has stirred official circles in Washington as much as did the address delivered by Secretary Lansing today. In official and diplomatic quarters it was accepted as an official notice to Germany that her planned sowing of peace seeds in connection with her present military offensive will fall upon barren ground.

PLOTS FOR NEW DEAL IN RUSSIA BREWING

(Continued from Page One) casarism in an effort to preserve itself, is universally hated. The plot is leaving the Bolshevik enmase.

Factory Workers Organize All factory workers in Petrograd have organized. Their conference demands a reunited, democratic front, abrogation of the Brest-Litovsk treaty, and formation of a nationalist, Socialist Russia, in order to restore industry, inaugurate social reforms and end civil war.

The Bolsheviks planned to dissolve the conference, but got cold feet. The conference is planning a general strike unless the Bolsheviks yield. There is no doubt that the Russian revolution is facing its final battle, in the counter revolution and German intrigue. This will decide the fate of democracy in Russia. Forces at the disposal of the soviet are too weak to meet the situation. Both the proletariat and the peasantry are deserting the Bolsheviks, they finally realizing the terrible consequences of the Brest-Litovsk peace.

There is complete disorganization of Russia's financial and economic life in most districts, the Bolsheviks remaining in power only because of their hired bayonets. It is as clear as daylight they will be unable to solve the colossal economic problems.

Only the combined democratic elements will be able to organize a real army to end disorganization of the whole of Russia. It is not too late to accomplish this, through a united democratic government, but the Bolsheviks prefer to swallow daily ultimatums from Germany. The Bolshevik press also has surrendered, concentrating its attack on the members of the Right and the Mensheviks, knowing the peasantry and workmen are flocking to the latter.

Petrograd and Moscow are quiet. The former is virtually giving, the population getting about an eighth of a pound of bread a day. Soon, however, something will burst.

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The workmen themselves are preparing to overthrow the Bolsheviks to save the republic before the growing counter revolution restores the monarchy.

RUSSIAN MESSAGE IS ENCOURAGING TO U. S.

By John McHugh Stuart Washington, June 10.—(I. N. S.)—The most encouraging word from Russia since the fall of Kerensky has just been received by the state department. Ambassador Francis forwarded for transmission to President Wilson a pledge of loyalty to the allied cause, a hope for "victory over the militaristic caste of Germany," and an appeal for economic aid from America from the Russian-American chamber of commerce at Moscow.

The message to the president was occasioned by the death of Madden Summers, American consul general at Moscow, and one of the most influential foreigners in Russia. It was as follows:

"The general meeting of the Russian-American chamber of commerce, deeply conscious of the inestimable loss which has befallen us with the death of our prominent worker and co-member, Mr. Summers, devoting such noble efforts in the great enterprise of strengthening the friendly relations between the United States and Russia, is sending you, Mr. President, the assurance of our deepest devotion to the American people of unlimited sympathy and esteem over the militia for a complete victory over the militaristic caste of Germany. "The Russian people, after being inflicted with such serious wounds in such a tragic manner, temporarily paralyzing their country, firmly rely upon actual support from the allies in an economical sense, which may prove of special importance in the restoration of normal conditions of Russian life, for the reconstruction of the power of Russia, so that she again may find herself in the ranks of brave friends and allies, and uphold the ideals of human righteousness and liberty so roughly trampled under foot. Signed, Russian-American Chamber of Commerce.

"N. Gotthoff, president." As its name implies, the Russian-American chamber of commerce is a body of men who maintain cordial relations between the two countries. But it is said in well informed quarters here that the organization to which Consul General Summers had given much of his time has become one of the most influential in Moscow. It numbers among its members most of the important business people of the city.

Through its correspondents and agents maintained by Mr. Summers throughout Russia the chamber of commerce also is a large factor in all Russian commercial affairs. The telegram received is believed to voice the universal fear among Russian merchants and business men that if the country is submitted to German domination they will be wiped out by the government fostered competition of the German merchants.

Counter Revolution Opposed London, June 10.—(I. N. S.)—Reuter's Moscow correspondent telegraphs in a message dated on May 31, delayed in transmission, that the Bolshevik commissioners have issued a manifesto to the people summoning them to war against the counter-revolution. The appeal reads in part: "Last heroic efforts are necessary. The enemies of the people have raised their heads too early. Cut off the criminal hand of the counter-revolt with the merciless sword of the revolution. Forward for bread and for your starving children, fathers and mothers. Forward against the counter-revolutionaries and conspirators."

St. Bernard Monks Part With Big Dogs Berne, June 10.—(I. N. S.)—Owing to the food shortage the monks at St. Bernard monastery, have killed all of their famous St. Bernard dogs but six. The monastery is situated in an Alpine pass between Piedmont and is famous the Canton of Valais and is famous the world over for its dogs. It was founded by Bernard DeMenthon in 983 for the succor of travelers and the dogs were trained to search the trails for travelers who had been overcome by the cold.

Winnipeg Paper Suspends Winnipeg, Man., June 10.—(U. P.)—The Evening Telegram, whose building was destroyed by fire on Saturday will not resume publication. It was announced today, Hon. Robert Rogers, was the principal owner.

Commencement of H. M. A. Wednesday

Music, Drills, Addresses and Dancing on Program for Graduating Exercises; Dr. Hill leaves for Washington, D. C. Commencement exercises at Hill Military academy will take place Wednesday night when diplomats will be given to William Young, Portland; Dexter Packard, La. Conner, Washington; and George Hartness, Portland. Headmaster J. W. Daniels and members of the faculty will welcome friends and relatives of the cadets. Music, competitive drills and an address will be followed by dancing. Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Irving and the Misses Rose and Louise Irving entertained a house party at their home near Oswego, Saturday, in honor of the cadet officers and members of the graduating class. Dr. J. W. Hill left for Washington

S. P. Trestle Near Isadora Is Burned

Roseburg, Or., June 10.—(U. P.)—Fire of mysterious origin destroyed 40 feet of an 80 foot bridge on the Southern Pacific at Isadora, north of here, Sunday. New stringers were placed in the bridge early today and trains were moving again. San Francisco train No. 14, due at Portland at 10:30 p. m. Sunday, was four hours late leaving Isadora. Colored Soldier Ends Life Tacoma, Wash., June 10.—(U. P.)—Sandy Ward, a colored soldier, who came to Camp Lewis from Colorado, ended his life with poison today as the result, the police say, of a love affair.

Crops in Iowa Are Damaged by Floods

Levee Gives Way and 10,000 Acres of Farm Lands Are Inundated—Business Suspended. Muscatine, Iowa, June 10.—(U. P.)—More than 10,000 acres of farm land are inundated and approximately \$500,000 damage has been done to crops as the result of floods caused by the overflowing of the Iowa river at Wapello, Columbus Junction and Knoxville. The levee at Wapello yielded before the immense pressure of the flood early Sunday. All business had been suspended in Wapello Saturday to permit the entire community to help fight the flood. Railway service has been seriously crippled, practically all trains being detoured through Muscatine. She also serves who stoops and weeds.

Mid-Month List

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This simple song of sentiment is a new vein for Jolson, but it merely gives him an opportunity to prove his versatility. A rarely beautiful song that promises to be even more popular than "A Baby's Prayer at Twilight." The hit of "Sinbad." A2542—75c

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"General Pershing will cross the Rhine"—that's the rapid-fire refrain of 'his smashing patriotic hit. Arthur Fields and the Peerless Quartette sing the stirring lyrics with a quick-march swing that makes this record simply irresistible. A2545—75c

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