

BLOOD OF BOILER KILLS ONE

Explosion in Corbett Building May Prove Fatal to Engine Room Assistant and Fireman.

Elevator Girl Almost Suffocated by Dense Clouds of Smoke; Tenants Compelled to Flee.

JAMES ASHER, chief engineer, is dead and George Udy, assistant engineer, is said to be on the brink of death, and Claude Hoffman, fireman, was perhaps fatally scalded at 11 o'clock this morning as the result of the explosion of a boiler in the basement of the Corbett building, Fifth and Morrison streets. The three men, scalded from head to foot, were taken to Good Samaritan hospital by the Ambulance Service company, where Asher died early this afternoon.

The explosion was due to lack of water in the boiler, in the opinion of Night Engineer Ed Munson, who was called by the building managers when the explosion occurred. The explosion blew out both ends of the boiler and crushed the steel lining of the firebox together like paper. Bricks were blown about 20 feet to the end of the basement and the building was shaken to the south side. The smoke from the furnace was heavier than that on the first floor.

GOVERNOR OLCOTT ASKS FOR OPINION

Seeks Determination of Question as to Resigning Secretaryship and Urges Haste.

Salem, March 13.—Governor Olcott today made a written request of Attorney General Brown for his opinion as to whether he may resign the office of secretary of state and still retain the office of governor, and also for information as to how to obtain the speedy determination of this question. Governor Olcott's letter to the attorney general says: "In light of the fact that the state is facing great problems which are of a nature to require the attention of the executive office, and also in view of the fact that I believe the law contemplates there should be three active minds sitting upon the important questions which these problems, rather than two minds with three votes, may I request you to inform me as to whether I may resign the office of secretary of state, without my so doing automatically surrendering the office of governor along with that of secretary of state.

Soviet Societies Forming on Coast

Lieutenant Dunn Is On His Way Home

Lieutenant John Dunn, son of Judge and Mrs. Edward Dunn, formerly of Corvallis, but now residents of Portland, landed in New York city today with a casual company from the hospital ship Comfort, according to a telegram received from him by his parents.

Own Records Show Germany to Blame For Starting of War

Berlin Cabinet Minister Admits Documents Have Been Compiled; Bernstorff Says Old Archives Should Be Burned

By Alfred G. Andersen (Copyright, 1919, by the L. N. S.) Berlin, March 12, via Copenhagen and London, March 13.—(L. N. S.)—The archives of the foreign office conclusively prove that Germany was responsible for the war. This information comes from no less a personage than Karl Kautsky, under-secretary for foreign affairs in the cabinet set up by Philip Scheidemann and Frederick Ebert, after the revolution.

Those in High Places Blamed A report has been compiled and the documents will be ready for publication before the end of this month. If the government is able to print them, I first want to see Dr. Kautsky at his home in Charlottenburg on Saturday, but he told me he had been sworn to secrecy. However, when I asked him point-blank what the archives proved, he admitted that the diplomatic correspondence between July 1 and August 4, 1914, definitely established who had caused the war, adding that his opinion held before he entered the foreign office, had been confirmed.

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TAX RULING IS NOT LAW OF CONGRESS

Salaries of Officials Subject to Income Tax According to Law, but the Department Says No.

Wild consternation has seized the hearts of numerous state, county, municipal and district officials and employees, because of the statement published in The Journal of Wednesday that, under the written terms of the federal income tax law of 1919, they no longer enjoy tax exemption. The statement was thrown around them by former income tax statutes.

Income From Salaries Taxable Under this ruling of the department, which Mr. Miller says is binding upon the office of the collector of internal revenue here, the compensation paid by a state or any of its political subdivisions for services rendered is exempt from taxation. It is to be borne clearly in mind, however, that this exemption is not only with the compensation paid to an official, but also with any other income derived by an official or employee from any source separate and apart from the official compensation.

Bondholders Clip Coupons Saturday The semi-annual interest period on Liberty loan bonds of the third issue falls on Saturday, March 15. Interest is due on the bonds of the third issue should clip their coupons and present them to their bankers to be cashed. More than 25,000,000 of the bonds of the third issue were sold in Portland and it is estimated that more than \$300,000 will be paid out to holders of these bonds Saturday.

Howard S. Merriam and James Jordan Meet With Many Thrilling Experiences. Howard S. Merriam and James Jordan, Portland marines, inseparable buddies throughout the war, each decorated and cited, are parted, but both have arrived in America.

Plebiscite on League of Nations Issue Now Stands 17,825 to 109. Washington, March 13.—(U. P.)—An immediate out of 80 per cent in the United States employment service was ordered today because the company, one of the largest shipbuilding and operating concerns in the United States, new impetus is given to this phase of port development.

Do You Favor a League of Nations to prevent future wars, such as President Wilson and Former President Taft are working for? Enclose this coupon in an envelope addressed to "League of Nations Edition, Care The Journal, Portland, Oregon," or bring it to The Journal business office and drop it in the ballot box. Only persons of voting age should send in a ballot.

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CLOCKS TURN BACK JUST AS SUN COMES UP

Second Visit of Wilson to France Is Expected to Shorten Work of Peace Conference.

Washington, March 13.—(U. N. S.)—The U. S. S. George Washington with President Wilson and party arrived at 6:40 p. m. today—French time—in the harbor at Brest just three months to the day—his lucky thirteenth—after his arrival on his initial voyage.

Orientation Line to Have Big Send-off Schools Will Be Closed and General Jollification Will Mark Sailing of First Steamer. Inauguration of the Portland-Oriental steamship service, scheduled for the middle of April next, will be the occasion for a big celebration at the St. Johns municipal terminal, in which Portland will give a rousing send off to the first steamer to leave this port with full cargo of freight for the Far East.

McArthur Denies He Was Defeated For G. O. P. Whip. Washington, March 13.—(U. P.)—Senator Arthur MacArthur, Jr., today denied the charge that he was defeated as a candidate for Republican whip of the new house by Knutson of Minnesota.

Wood Ships Pass Preliminary Tests Underwriters Recommend Slight Alterations in Change to Flour Carriers. Oregon built wooden ships have stood the test of a preliminary survey as to their fitness as flour carriers and, with certain alterations, their use by the federal food administration is recommended.

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LUCKY 13 IS AGAIN ON TOUR WITH WILSON

Streets Filled With Wreckage Caused by Artillery Fire; Condition of Populace is Pitiful.

London, March 13.—(U. N. S.)—By a surprise attack the German government troops have outflanked and driven back the Spartacists at Lichtenberg, an eastern suburb of Berlin, said a Central News dispatch from Amsterdam this afternoon. The Reds fell back in panic, abandoning material.

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