

FOURTH SUSPICIOUS FIRE DEVASTATES; MAN IS ARRESTED

Centralia, Wash., Oct. 25.—Fire, believed to be of incendiary origin, late Sunday night destroyed the dance hall, a combined confectionery store, pool hall and lodge room, and the dwelling of Mrs. Clara James in Rochester, about 12 miles northwest of Centralia.

While a dance was in progress in the hall fire was discovered three different times burning at the corner of the foundation, and three times extinguished. The fourth time the fire was too far under way to be put out. As there is no fire department in Rochester, call for aid was sent to Centralia, but it came too late.

Allen James of Rochester was arrested on a charge of incendiarism and taken to Olympia for trial. This fire followed one on Friday night which destroyed buildings occupied by the People's Cooperative Telephone company and a shoe shop, which is also believed to have been started by James, who, Rochester people say, had for years harbored an imaginary grudge against the people of the town. The store building burned Tuesday night and was owned by Ralph Whitcomb and was valued at about \$4000.

COX OUTLINES HIS POLICY FOR TREATY

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socialists in the league the limitations of our constitution, beyond which we cannot go.

"With the least senatorial conversation possible consistent with the great interests involved we will begin the actual work of reaching an agreement on ratification. I intend, if elected, to sit down with the senate soon after the fourth of March and to stay there until the time has come to act; we have had enough conversation. The people have spoken their mandate and they want us to go into the League of Nations."

"What steps would you take between November and March to win over a sufficient number of the senate opposition to assure prompt action on the problem of peace after March 4?"

Answer: "You ask me what steps I would take between November and March to win over a sufficient number of votes to secure ratification. The senatorial candidate said at Des Moines: 'The Democratic candidate favors going in; I favor staying out. I am not interested in clarification; I am interested in rejection. That is the issue, and under those circumstances my election would be a mandate from the American people to the senate to approve the entrance of the United States into the league with the reservations I have outlined. For the senate to do otherwise, regardless of past actions, would be to treat the mandate of the people with contempt. During this period I intend to confer with the president, Elihu Root, ex-President Taft and all others who have a sincere purpose and who are equipped especially as advisers in this work.'

"In this interval would you get into touch with foreign governments on the question of acceptable reservations or an entire change of plan? If so, how would you establish this contact?"

Answer: "I would not make an attempt to get into touch with foreign governments on the question of accepting the reservations or as to change of plan. I would, however, make use of all information which has been gathered from whatever source; and I would respectfully urge and request that information be sought

RAILROAD MEN STUDY IMMIGRATION



From left—E. F. Benson, manager department of immigration and industry; C. E. Arney, immigration agent, Spokane; F. Benz, agricultural agent, Toppenshaw; F. J. Elliott, agent, St. Paul; O. L. Stark, agent, Kansas City; George A. Jobs, agent, St. Paul; John F. Fox, agent, Chicago; and H. W. Byerly, general immigration agent, St. Paul.

through our state department concerning reservations which would be acceptable. As a matter of fact there has been indication that the Hitchcock reservations which I favor would not be unacceptable to the allies.

"4—Between November and March, would you recommend any course of action for your party to take toward the treaty of Versailles now at the White House?"

Answer: "I do not look upon the League of Nations or the treaty of Versailles as a matter of partisan consideration. It never should have been in politics and I, therefore, would not seek to secure any party alignment between November and March. I want to see the United States a member of the league at the earliest possible moment and I am sure that consummation will come very shortly after March 4, 1921, as the joint action of both parties representing all the people of the country."

"5—Would you personally address a joint session of congress or send a message to that body in presenting your program for meeting the international problem?"

ANSWER: "The observation is pertinent; and on matters of importance in my executive experience I have always gone in person to a joint session of the Ohio legislature. In connection with the program for meeting our international problems, which is certainly one of the most important things before us, I would consider it not only highly proper, but emphatically necessary to go before a joint session of congress that not only might a message be presented, but there we might properly counsel together."

Marriage Licenses
 Vancouver, Wash., Oct. 25.—Marriage licenses were issued Monday to Lydas Hacke, 28, and Alata Barlett, 28, Portland; Lee Jack Heller, 28, and Pearl Emma Laskey, 18, Portland; Cecil Lamb, 26, Woodland, and Nugget Goynes, 19, Alaska; W. F. Kelley, 33, and La Rue Krimmensen, 28, Tacoma; Curtis Bowman, 25, and Helen Wagner, 19, Portland; Edward Lynn, 26, and Hazel Tulk, 21, Portland; Fay Wise, 21, and Grace Knickerbocker, 22, Portland; Clifford Tice, 26, and Myrtle Pickens, 16, Sandy.

PRINCE PAUL IS TO SUCCEED ALEXANDER

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1893 and ascended the throne on July 17, 1917, three days after the expulsion of Constantine from Greece by the allies. His official designation was "king of the Hellenes." The Greek crown prince, George, was not allowed to succeed his father because of his pro-German sympathies.

Alexander was bitten by a monkey on October 2 while protecting a pet dog from the Simian. Blood poisoning developed. Professor Vidal, a noted French specialist, was rushed to Athens to consult with the physicians already in attendance.

MORGANIC WIFE NURSES
 The king's morganatic wife, Aspasia Manos, arrived in Athens recently and was installed in the royal palace where she nurses her husband.

The Greek general elections have been postponed a week.

LOGGED-OFF LAND PRICES ARE SCORED

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they should sell at low enough a price to enable development companies to prepare the lands in this manner.

LANDS USELESS NOW
 "In their present status the lands are almost worthless for settlers. If a portion of each tract were cleared so the settler could have a space to do some gardening, raise chickens and do small farming, then he could make a living and stay on his land while he gradually cleared up rubbish. A logged-off land settler now has a millstone around his neck."

Interest which Benson manifested in the proper development of logged-off lands was also manifested in a general way by his statement on satisfactory immigration which follows.

"We are not satisfied to send out settlers for land in the West and turn them loose. We want to see them satisfied. We have as much interest in the welfare of the settler as any community in the West and unless he is satisfied and stays we have lost our traffic possibility which, after all, is the interest of any railroad in land settlement.

INSPECTION ORDERED
 "For this very reason we have brought our immigration men out over Oregon station by a committee from each district so they can give the best of information to prospective settlers."

Benson has been with the N. P. for 25 out of the last 35 years, but for the past four years has been commissioner of agriculture in the state of Washington. He took his present post October 1.

As former commissioner of agriculture in Washington, Benson is thoroughly familiar with the gigantic Columbia basin irrigation project, and upon this subject he said:

"I don't think there is any question that the Columbia basin project will be built some time. How soon depends upon two questions. The first is that of finance and the second that of settlement.

"Any development demands a tremendous effort for land settlement, otherwise the interests would run too high on the acreage. No irrigation district was ever successful until prosperous settlers were on the land.

COMMUNITIES MUST AID
 "This project requires the support of every community in the Northwest. Any development of such magnitude could not help benefiting every community in the Northwest, either directly or indirectly.

Members of the party, in addition to Benson and Byerly, were traveling immigration agents, as follows: R. E. Goodemote and John F. Fox, Chicago; E. K. Katz and O. L. Stark, Kansas City; George A. Jobs and F. J. Elliott, St. Paul; C. E. Arney, Spokane, and F. Benz, Toppenshaw.

At 9 o'clock the party was met at the Union station by a committee from the Chamber of Commerce, headed by E. E. Paville, and local N. P. officials. They were taken to the Oregon exhibit in the Oregon building and then convened in the green room of the Oregon building, where they heard addresses from the following:

Mayor Baker, welcome; J. W. Brewer, Oregon; President F. L. Campbell of U. of O.; educational system; C. C. Chapman, development; President W. J. Kerr of the O. A. C. agriculture; education; Paul V. Maris, county agent system; C. I. Lewis, cooperative marketing; C. H. Wheeler, logged-off lands; W. W. Harwood, Pendleton, grain raising; R. A. Ward of Bond, Central Oregon; T. Stanley of Klamath Falls, Southern Oregon; W. E. Meacham of Baker, Eastern Oregon; H. P. Boardman of Boardman, John Day project; H. M. Parks, mineral resources; Alfred A.

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interest of the people of the United States.

Senator Chamberlain also paid his respects to Montaville Flowers, representing the California-Oregon Power company and R. N. Stanfield, the California spellbinder, who has been sent up from Los Angeles to campaign against him and who has boasted that he was sent into Oregon to insure Chamberlain's defeat. Chamberlain told how, when the California-Oregon Power company, a California corporation owned and controlled by the Fishbacker interests of California, had sought to secure a contract permitting it to build a dam across Klamath lake, he had opposed the contract. He related how he had protested to Franklin K. Lane, then secretary of the interior, also from California, and he told how, in spite of his protests, Lane had signed the contract.

BIG GRAB IS HALTED
 The senator explained to his audience how, under the Lane contract, the California Power company was proceeding to inundate 15,000 acres of valuable land in Klamath county sought by returned service men and others for homes, in order to irrigate a vast tract of arid land in Northern California belonging to powerful financial interests of that state. And the senator told how he had carried his protests to John Barton Payne, the present secretary of the interior, who, on Chamberlain's showing, had ordered the power company to stop the construction of its dam.

"Now," Senator Chamberlain said, "Montaville Flowers has come to Oregon from California, boasting that he has been sent here to defeat me. Why has he been sent here, from another state, to campaign in Oregon and to tell Oregon voters whom to elect to represent them in the United States senate? Who in California has so much interest in the senatorial election in Oregon? It is my belief that the campaign tour of Montaville Flowers is being financed by the California-Oregon Power company and the associated financial interests that want to use Oregon's great natural reservoir in the Klamath lake to irrigate California lands owned by them."

Turning from Flowers to the recent invasion of Oregon by ex-Senator Sam Piles of Washington, Senator Chamberlain said that while the power interests of California had sent Flowers into Oregon from the south, Seattle commercial and shipping interests had sent Piles down from the north to work against him.

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Wild Ducks Dying By Thousands From Alkaline Poisoning

Lakeview, Oct. 26.—The strongly alkaline water of Dobson lake, a small lake in Warner valley 40 miles east of Lakeview, is causing the death of thousands of ducks, according to reports from residents in that district. The ducks light in the water and, either through swallowing the water as they feed or drinking it, they are left in a weakened condition unable to fly and are gradually dying by the thousands.

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