PETITIONS READY

onalaught of the State Hotel Men's asso-ciation ready to launch, that rate regu-latory body is facing troublous times.

W. E. Richardson, attorney for the public service recall committee, new has more than enough signatures locked up in a safety deposit box to put Fred Wil-liams on the grill and, he reports, suf-ficient names are on positions either in in a safety deposit box to put Fred Wil-liams on the grill and, he reports, suf-ficient names are on petitions either in his office or in the hands of circulators

much attention to the Corey petition up to this time, but the first of April a circulator will be sent out to Baker, La Grande, Pendleton, The Dalles' Hood River, Bend and probably to other Eastern and Central Oregon points to pick up enough names to get Corey's name before the people along with the other two. UP TO VOTERS

It requires, under the law, approxi-mately \$2,000 signatures to put Buchtel into the recall, and the committee now has upwards of 29,000 signatures in the office, with petitions having some 3000 names in Portland, but not turned into the office. In addition there are quite a number of petitions in the hands of columteer circulators over the state which soon will be called in.

Richardson says that the action of the State Hotel Men's association will have no effect on the organization be repre sents, but that the recall petitions will PROPOSES NEW BODY

L. A. McNary, attorney for the Hotel Men's association, has completed the of the constitutional amendmen and the complementary statute called for by that organization, and these two ssures will be submitted to the people at the November election.

The amendment proposed, if adopted. would cut off the tenure of the present commissioners as soon as it became effective upon the canvas of the vote by tion which followed governor. It would, in effect, abolish the present commission and create a new one, the members of which would be appointed by the governor. These new officials would be subject to the recall and also subject to removal by the governor for cause.

With the constitutional amendment will be submitted a proposed statute giving to the public service commission power to investigate, modify and readjust the rates of the telephone company new commission to institute an investigation into the telephone rate situation is soon as it goes into office, and gives it the authority to suspend or modify existing rates pending its investigations. These two measures will be put into initiative form at once and given to members of the Hotel Men's association over the state at large for signatures.

FLAMES WIPE INSIDE

greed, almost scraping along the sides as it moved further and or. The hose line was cut off reached the toppling point. The ladder was cracked by the accident.

The firemen encountered great difficulty in fighting the fire for several reasons. In the first place, they were to get at the seat of the fire on the fifth floor until they had raised the aerial ladder and obtained high pres-

sure pumps in play. Then they discovered that the floors of the building were wooden, which were termed in fire parlance, "slow burning floors." Numerous explosions made it danger-ous for men to enter the part of the building where the fire was worst, or even discover its source for some time after the first alarm was turned in.

The first alarm received at the central fire station was an American Dis-trict Telegraph call turned in from the mill at 6:56 a. m. A third alarm was turned in by Assistant Fire Chief Laudenklos at 7:09, as soon as he arrived and saw the extent of the This third alarm called out fighting apparatus from all over city. From central fire station all off shift firemen were called in to their respective stations for fear a general alarm might be furned in.

The fire started a short while before the workmen for the day had arrived. If the fire had occurred an hour or so later great difficulty would have been experienced in getting the employes to

Dozens of young girls employed by he firm stood all morning and watched burning building. Heavy fog ob-

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FOR RECALL OF

Three Southern Pacific main-line trains were delayed by the litter of hose run across the track and the imminent danger for a short time that the huge electric sign towering 150 feet above the right of way might collapse.

Train No. 23, leaving Portland at 5 a. m. for Eugene, was delayed one hour and 20 minutes, and train No. 16, Portland bound, was delayed 20 minutes. South-bound through train No. 15 was held at the Union station for 25 minutes. The hose was finally run through tunnels under the track and overhead streams were stopped until the trains had passed.

There was shout 4000 tons of grain and manufactured products in storage in latery body is facing troublous times.

liams on the grill and, he reports, sufficient names are on petitions either in his office or in the hands of circulators to entitle Pred Butchel's fate to a place on the recall ballot.

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> Work of rehabilitating the mill will be begun as soon as possible, according to the executive committee, which is com-posed of three men representing the creditors. They are W. H. Foster of the P. N. Gray and company, Ernest Reiner, general manager of the Gray-Rosenbaum grain company, and J. N. Frankel, comp troller of the Gray-Rosenbaum company. A cursory estimate of the building and stock places the value of the building at \$1,000,000 and the stock in cereals flour and grain at \$500,000.

J. P. Hoben, formerly associated in the executive office of Max Houser when he was in control of the Olympic mill, and be filed within 20 days prior to the pri-mary election and the question of recall-ing the entire commission will be put up to the voters on May 19.

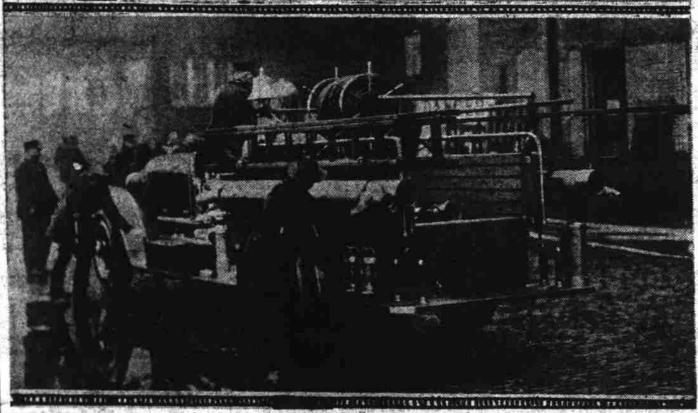
was in control of the Crympic mill, and now associated with the Eastern inter-new associated with the Eastern inter-ests in control, placed the loss at not less than \$250,000. Hoben, who is in charge of the insurance department of the mills, stated the loss was fully covered by insurance.

The building was threatened with destruction one night about two years ago, before it was completed, when the old East Portland police station, which was on adjacent property, burned. Bethat fire occurred, it was feared at first that the building had been materially damaged by the excessive heat, but this fear was not borne out in an investiga-

Cereal Mill in Flames

SCENES of fire at East First and Stark streets early today, when Olympic mill was gutted, involving loss estimated at \$250,000. Upper picture shows firemen battling with stubborn and inaccessible flames, with nearly all downtown equipment on hand. Lower picture shows firemen pushing away city's new \$13,000 pumper which "went dead" when the emergency was greatest.





Semenoff Can Enter U. S. for Brief Stay

Vancouver, B. C., March 22 .- (I. N. S.) General Gregorie Semenoff, anti-Bolshevik leader in East Siberia, was officially advised today by the American immimirred the fire so that it could not be temporary sojourn. His departure will be delayed until tomorrow, due to the delayed. Several thousand persons heard illness of his wife.

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OPERA OPEN TONIGHT

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gration authorities that he would be per- land season Directress Mary Garden mitted to enter the United States for a found a place for every one of the big temporary sojourn. His departure will artists in the casts, so that if one person attends all the five performance, Monna Vanna," "Lohrengrin," "Romeo and Juliet" and "Thais" and "Aida," that person will hear every artist carried on

the company's roster.

The company carries two conductors, Giorgie Polacco and Pietro Cimini, both world famous, and they will alternate. The famous Jacques Coini will have charge of the huge stage and the ballet is led by the distinguished Virgilio Lazzari. The orchestra consists of about 70, so it was learned today, and the in-strumental music in itself will be an un-

The night performances will begin promptly at 8 o'clock and by that time it is expected that everybody will be seated, for late comers will not be ad-mitted during the progress of an act. OPERA IN THREE ACTS

The opera "Monna Vanna" is in three acts, music by Henri Fevrier and libretto by Maurice Materinek. It will be sung in French. The story is different from the conventional grand opera in that all the principals survive, although some of them suffer mental torture perhaps more cruel than death. The only blood spilled is caused by a slight scratch on the arm of Monna. Vanna, who in this instance is Mary Garden herself.

The story deals with war and love. A city is besieged and starving and a woman is willing to sacrifice even her honor to save her husband, commander of the besieged army, and her friends. She does not have to do so, however, because the leader of the besieging army himself is in love with this particular woman, and his love for her is greater than his hatred toward the enemy. RELIEF OFFERED .

valli, captain of the Florentine troops,

rives Monna Vanna succeeds in making Prinzivalli, her way to the tent, occupied by Prinzi- the drams. who on this occasion is Lucien Muratore. Guido Colonna, commander of the be-Guido Colonna, commander of the he- Nicolay, Etienne Contesso and Desire sieged army, is Georges Baklanoff, the Defrere, all illustrious names.

Time Schedule March 18 to 24

Inclusive Continuous I to 11 P. M. 1st SHOW | 2nd SHOW | 3rd SHOW NEWS AND COMEDIES 8:55 BERT LYTELL THE RIGHT THAT FAILED' 9:00 9:10 9:20 3:40 3:50 MARGOT & FRANÇOIS
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Paris, March 22.—(U, P.)—The Temps this afternoon announced authoritatively that a partial moratorium had been grapted Germany by the allied repara-tions commission.

A provise in the allied note preserves the Reichsbank's autonomy, according to the Temps, but informs the German government it must contract internal and external loans to meet payments required for 1922.

MARY GARDEN KISSES MAYOR AND GOVERNOR

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and the admiration of every citizen of Miss Garden nodded and tears again filled her eyes. Nearby three small cadets of the Hill Military academy Paul Noble Jr., Joseph Hill Jr., and Peter Connacher, stood and she voiced her emotion by taknig each in turn into her arms and kissing them.

her arms and kissing them.

Then she whispered to the mayor, who announced to the throngs of admirers that Miss Garden had told him that she had lost her voice and feared that she would be unable to sing tonight because she was so overwhelmed with the enthusiasm of her welcome.

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Miss Garden stepped into a waiting auto nobile and was taken to her hotel suite.
"My, but I am glad to get back to

Those were the first words spoken by Miss Margery Maxwell, petite and charming little member of the Chicago Grand Opera company, when she stepped from the train at her home town today. While the crowds were gathering around the big stand to welcome Mary Garden, a coterie of friends and relatives gathered around the little person who charmed audiences at Jefferson high school a decade ago with her silvery voice. She was glad to see them and was not afraid to show it. There was none of the "high brow" element in her greetings, but a good, wholesome

INTRODUCED HUSBAND

After the first bustle of greeting was over she naively turned to a man by her side and introduced him as her husband. This was a surprise, for while she was married a week ago in St. Paul, few of her friends in Portland knew of it. C. W. Felder kept close watch over his pretty bride and yet kept himself in the background, for surely it was Margery's day.

tow by Hopkin Jenkins of Jefferson high and taken to the Multnomah hotel, where she will stop during the visit.

Thursday Miss Maxwell will be given a public reception at noon in the main lobby of the Multnomah hotel. Here she will have the opportunity of meet-ing her Portland friends and admirers. She will be introduced by Jenkins and

In the forenoon she will visit her old school and has promised to sing for the pupils. Her return will mark an ambition gratified, for in her class prophecy it was stated that her aim in life was to ne a primadonna. As one she will re-

mzy, as probably all husbands would do, when he learns that his wife, Mon-

NEW STORM BREWS In the meantime members of the Flor-

entine army have learned that supplies have been sent to the besieged by their mander and they declare him a fraitor. Things become very exciting for him and implored by Monna Vanna, who has found Prinzivalli's love as strong and pure as when they were playmates years before, he concludes to seek safety in the folds of the enemy. They escape and reach the garrison of the Pisa, the besieged city. When Guido Colonna learns the facts.

new storm begins to brew, and it is then up to Monna Vanna to save Prinsivalli, who is completely at the mercy of her husband. She tells Commander Colonna that Prinzivalli had not harmed her, but this he will not believe and orders Prinzivalli placed where he will be onger a source of danger. Wishing to save Prinzivalli's life, but still remaining true to her husband, Monna Vanna resorts to trickery and says that her husband's suspicions are correct and that she is not only willing but very anxious to deal out justice to Prinzivalli. He is chained and placed in a plies to the starving and save them from death. Carefully this message is delivered to the father of Monna Vanna, who in turn, is willing to do anything for relief, and when the appointed hour arrives Monna Vanna succeeds in making Prinzivalli, as they do, and there ends the drame.

Other members of the east are Edouard Cotreuil, Jose Mojica, Constantine

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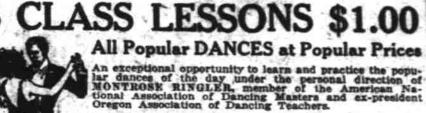
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