

SAWYER IS AGAIN MADE TARGET OF LEGION OFFICIAL

(By Universal Service.)
Chicago, Aug. 7.—Charging that Brigadier General Charles D. Sawyer has ignored the most important facts in the problem of hospitalization of disabled service men, Col. A. A. Sprague today suggested that President Harding name an investigating committee of physicians to ascertain whether disabled veterans are receiving proper treatment at the hands of the government.

Colonel Sprague, who is the chairman of the national rehabilitation committee of the American Legion, recently challenged the statements of Brigadier General Sawyer, personal of President Harding, which he used to support his arguments "that we now have hospitals enough except in two districts."

General Sawyer replied to the earlier charges of Colonel Sprague in the congressional record of July 27. The Legion chairman today made public a letter which he sent to the president's physician.

"The situation that really exists," Colonel Sprague wrote, "is that many of the 99 hospitals listed as government hospitals are only emergency buildings leased from year to year, which the government abandons as soon as proper hospitals can be secured in government owned hospitals."

On a visit to a nearby hospital I found the following situation: "Three men were hospitalized in one room, one of them a mental case, another general surgical case, and the third suffering from tuberculosis. The mental case escaped one night and was recaptured wandering about the vicinity in his pajamas. He was put back into the room and the next night killed the tubercular patient with a chair while the surgical patient looked on helplessly."

"You have expressed strong convictions as to what kind of care disabled service men should have been quick to accept. With this the American Legion disagrees. We want the best for these men, not the cheapest or the most convenient for the government or the easiest way out for we realize that in many cases the life and future usefulness of the men depend on the kind of care they get and the spirit with which they get it."

"In order that this situation may be made clear, we suggest that the president select a group of medical men, preferably from the executive committee of the American Medical Association, who have no connection with the government service but whose interest in the sick and disabled service men is unquestioned, in order that they may investigate and report to the general public as to whether the sick and disabled men are now being properly hospitalized and are receiving the best treatment possible and, if not, whether adequate preparations are now being made for those who need it and those who are going to need it."

HARDING ASKS RAIL SHOPMEN TO RETURN

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the settlement of the pending railroad strike.

RECOGNIZE BOARD

"Inasmuch as I was acting as volunteer mediator, I confess to you the same disappointment which I have conveyed to the executives that the terms were not unanimously accepted. As you are already aware, the executives of the carriers declared their inability to restore seniority rights unimpaired."

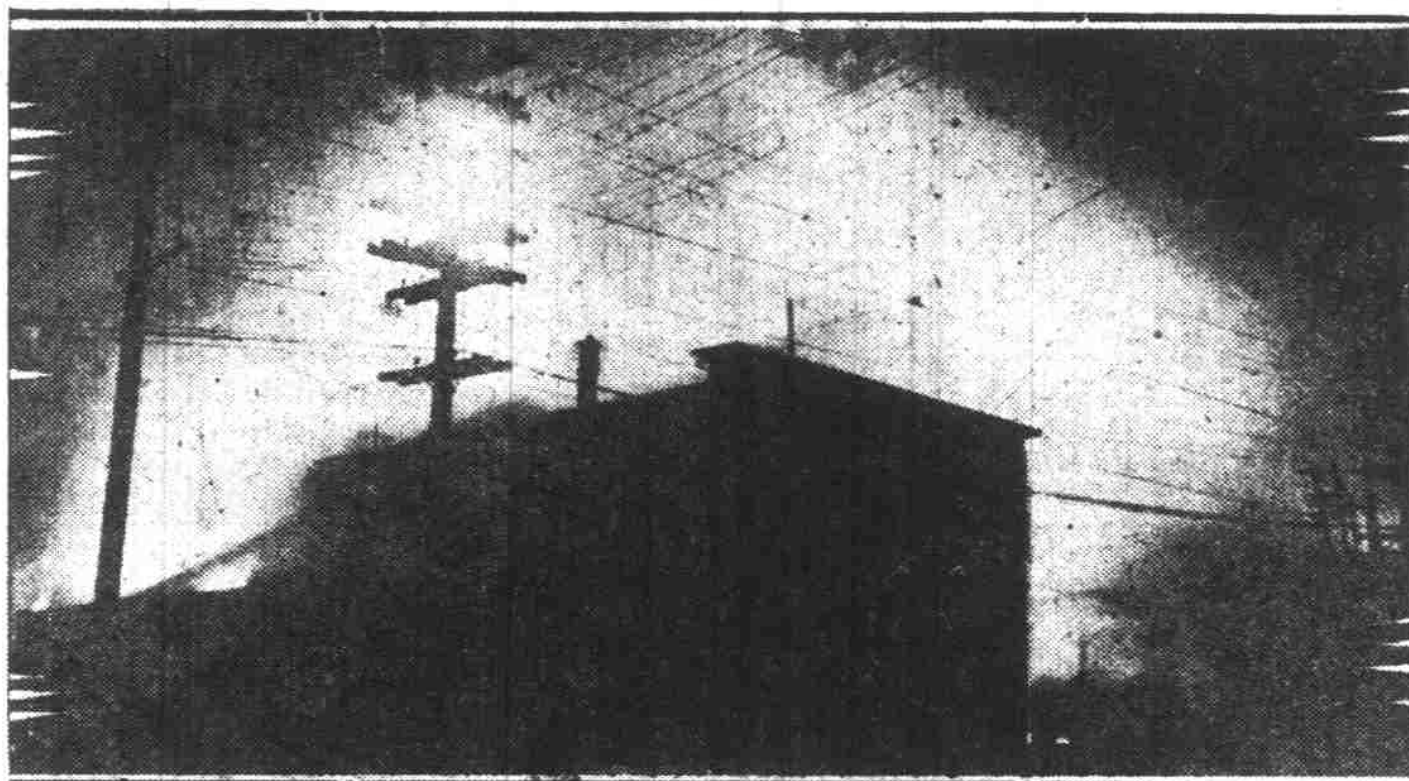
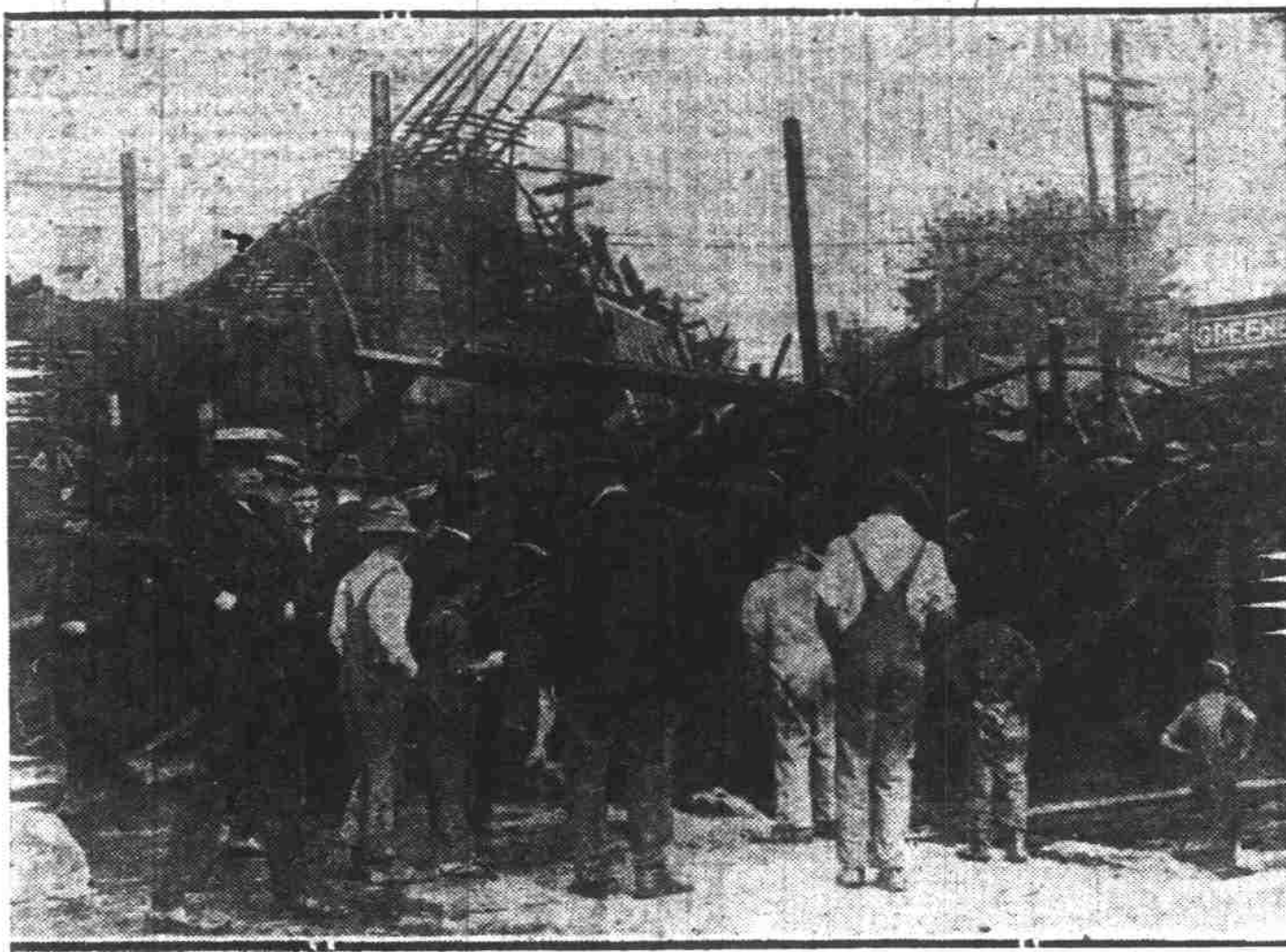
"It is exceedingly gratifying, however, that in responding to the terms which were proposed that both the spokesmen for the carriers and the spokesmen for the employees have pledged that they will recognize the validity of all decisions by the railroad labor board and to faithfully carry out such decisions as contemplated by the law."

"Moreover, spokesmen for the carriers and for the employees have approved the second paragraph of the proposal and in their approval have agreed that 'railway labor board decisions which already have been involved in the strike, may be taken in the exercise of common rights by either party to the railway labor board for rehearing.'"

APPEALS TO MEN

"Inasmuch as the employees have agreed to all the terms proposed and the executives have agreed to two of

BLAZE TAKES TOLL OF HOMES AND STOCK



Early morning conflagration, supposedly of incendiary origin, destroyed three homes, 15 horses and 150 rabbits on Hawthorne avenue today. Above, the charred ruins present a grim spectacle to men and boys of the neighborhood. Below, night picture of the fire as it ate its way into the dry timbers of the structures it consumed.

the proposals and rejected the third, there remains only the question of seniority to bar a settlement. Mindful of the pledge of both the executives and the striking workmen to recognize the validity of all decisions made by the railroad labor board, I am hereby calling upon the striking workmen to return to work, calling upon the carriers to assign them to work, calling upon both workmen and carriers, under the law, to take the question in dispute to the railway labor board for hearing and decision and compliance by both with the decision rendered.

(Signed)
"WARREN G. HARDING."

RAIL OFFICIALS BLAMED IN CONTEMPT ORDER CASE

Railroad officials were charged with taking advantage of the striking shopcraft employees by asking the court for a contempt order. In a statement made in open court this morning by B. A. Green, strikers' attorney.

"This order charges the men with contempt on August 1, the day they returned to the shops to get the amount of salary due them," Green told Federal Judge Wolverton. "Some of them loitered about the place, while others left immediately, but none remained for the purpose of pleading."

Attorneys John F. Reilly and Arthur A. Murphy for the O-W. R. & N. company claimed that the actions of the men were not in good faith. Judge Wolverton finally ordered that the contempt of court hearing be postponed until after several law questions were disposed of. This afternoon he agreed to hear argument on a motion to strike out certain parts of the contempt proceedings, after which Green is to present another motion to dismiss the entire proceeding. Murphy objected to the motion, contending that they were merely for the purpose of delay. He also charged that a striker was seen this morning standing on a streetcar corner near the shops with a club in his hand.

"I suppose if he were cited for contempt he would claim he had the club for self-protection," Murphy concluded. The contempt hearing would be held and that from three to five witnesses would be called in each case who could testify where these men were from the time they got up in the morning until they retired. To date but 14 of the 20 men have been served. The marshal complained he is having trouble in making service, as in nearly every case the alleged contemptors have denied their identity.

Green indicated that after the motions are disposed of he would ask the court to continue the contempt hearing for at least a week. There were 70 men and four women in the courtroom this morning to hear the proceedings.

ROADS REPORT CONDITIONS BETTER AROUND PORTLAND

Railroad shop forces in the Portland district were said by managers to be slightly better than 89 per cent of normal today, upon the opening of the fifth week of the national shopcrafts' strike.

In the face of this report of steady increase in shop forces, the strikers reported that their ranks continued unbroken. Many of the strikers have been placed at work in other industries through the strikers' employment committee and the commissary continued its distribution of relief supplies to families in need.

The Southern Pacific company reported a force practically normal at Brooklyn shops, although some trained mechanics were needed. Other applicants without the special training were being sent to the company's shops. The O-W. R. & N. reported an operating force 80 per cent of normal at the Albina shops. The S. P. & S. report showed 416 out of a

normal force of 502 working in the shops on that system.

While the strikers expressed the belief today that the strike would be settled soon, the managers were less optimistic than they were last week that a settlement was in prospect.

15 HORSES AND 3 HOMES DESTROYED

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were damaged by heat and water, which broke out all the windows facing Sixth street, opposite the two stables.

FAMILY NARROWLY ESCAPES
Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth McLeod, with their eight little children, were not aroused until the flames had already attacked their house, which is east of the burning stables.

They did not have time to dress or attempt to save anything, but ran into the street in their night clothes, barefooted and bareheaded. A neighbor saved a bureau, which was the only thing taken from the burning house.

TURN IN FOURTH ALARM

The headway of the flames, which were raging unchecked a half an hour after the first firemen had arrived, appeared to be so menacing that the men in charge of the fighting turned in a fourth alarm, which is the first time such an alarm has been turned in in the history of the fire department.

Immediately after arriving on the scene, Battalion Chief Lee Holden turned in a third alarm, skipping the customary second alarm because the third alarm called out more apparatus. A few minutes later he turned in the fourth alarm.

General alarms have been used on several rare occasions, the last time being the big fire a few blocks east of the location of this fire which resulted in the death of Chief David Campbell.

THREE HORSES RESCUED

James McCarty, one of the proprietors of the McCarty & Fielding stables, was sleeping in a room over the stables. When awakened by the smoke he called for help and managed to rescue three of his 18 horses from the stables. After getting the third horse out he started back, but the flames were seething about the door, causing the remaining 15 horses to stampede and making it impossible to get to them with any safety.

HAD \$1000 INSURANCE

McCarty carried \$1000 insurance, according to the fire marshal's office. The building is owned by Long & Silva. The roof of the Wayside garage on the southwest corner of the block was completely burned away. The building is of concrete, which prevented the flames from spreading across the street in that direction. Loss of the garage is covered by insurance, which totals \$1500, according to Roberts.

The building occupied by the Hawthorne stable, which is on the corner of Hawthorne avenue and East Sixth street, is owned by the James Olson estate, according to the fire marshal.

Twenty-two horses were saved from this stable before the fire had spread from the adjoining building. In the rear of the stable was located a rabbit hutch owned by Charles Kregler. Kregler reported 150 of his rabbits burned alive and over 2000 dried skins destroyed.

ASLEEP IN STABLES

C. F. Severns, Charles Kregler, J.

Little and W. J. Ritter, teamsters, were sleeping in the Hawthorne stables. Little discovered the fire burning directly behind the Hawthorne stable next to the Clay street stable, which joins the first stable in the rear.

The walls of the East side Vulcanizing works and much of their equipment were badly damaged.

Heat from the flames in the Hawthorne stable was so terrific the telephone poles on the east side of Sixth street were ignited, burning like huge torches.

During the progress of the fire a white hot iron wheel from a wheelbarrow dropped from the second floor of the stable and rolling down an incline from the Sixth street entrance, shot out into the crowd of spectators and firemen, scattering people in every direction.

BOOTLEGGERS SUSPECTED
The firemen reported they had heard rumors that the rear of these stables has been used as a bootleggers' rendezvous, and, working on this theory, they expressed the opinion early this morning that the fire may have been started by some drunken tramp.

Captain Roberts said most of the buildings in this block had already been condemned by the fire marshal's office and that condemnation proceedings had been started against several of the others. He said the buildings were of only slight value and that the loss from fire was mostly to the equipment.

Admiral Seabee Is Dead at Coronado

San Diego, Cal., Aug. 7.—(U. P.)—Rear Admiral Uriel Seabee, U. S. N., retired, is dead at his Coronado home today. Admiral Seabee, who was 74 years of age, was for years commander of the Pacific fleet. He entered Annapolis in 1883. The funeral will be held here tomorrow.

Home Shattered by Bomb; 3 Injured

Uniontown, Pa., Aug. 7.—(I. N. S.)—Dynamite placed under the home of Burgess Gabriel Sullivan of Mason town exploded with great force early today, wrecking the dwelling and slightly injuring three of the five members of the family. Windows in nearby houses also were smashed.

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SHIP SUBSIDY BILL IS HELD IN SUSPENSION

By Carl Smith

Washington, Aug. 7.—(WASHINGTON BUREAU OF THE JOURNAL)—The ship subsidy bill is in a state of suspended animation. Sidetracked at the White House by the railroad and coal strikes and sidetracked at the capitol by the tariff and soldier bonus, it floats as a derelict.

The president's time lately has been absorbed by the strike situation to the practical exclusion of other business, so much so that a number of senate leaders who planned to call upon him to discuss the legislative situation were asked to postpone the matter, and for several weeks have scarcely darkened the door of the White House.

HARDING TO BE TOLD

It was their plan to ask the president to relax his efforts in behalf of the ship subsidy bill. They will, in due time, tell him that it will be inadvisable to try to pass the shipping bill at the present session of congress. They regard it as politically inadvisable, and legislatively impossible.

Predictions as to the date of final passage of the tariff bill have gradually lengthened from July 1, August 1 and September 1. Now it looks as though the senate will be doing well to finish the bill by September 15. After that four or five weeks should be allowed for consideration in conference.

PLENTY OF WORK

If the tariff runs to the middle of September and the bonus bill is taken up with the river and harbor legislative bill and a miscellany which has been waiting for disposal of the tariff following along, the senate seems to have an abundance of work cut out for it to October 1. This is true even should the bonus be put over, as some of the senate leaders will urge. By October 1 the pressure of the campaign will be terrific, and it will be hard to hold a quorum until after election.

A likely program seems to be to send the tariff to conference, and clean up a job of waiting small measures, which the bonus is likely to be added, and then adjournment early in October, without touching the ship subsidy measure.

HOUSES NOT ENTUSED

Then it will be up to the president to decide whether he will call congress early in November with the hope of driving ship subsidy through between that time and the final adjournment in March.

Members of the lower house drifting back to Washington to make up a quorum for the reassembly of the house on August 15 display no great enthusiasm for pushing the ship bill, which has not yet passed either house. Members from the middle west in particular are wary of advancing the measure just before election time. They have many other troubles, and see no advantage in calling up another controversial subject until election day is past.

TWO GIRLS ESCAPE

Centralia, Wash., Aug. 7.—Margaret Willis, 17, and Pearl Short, 15, en route to the state school at Grand Mound from Everett, escaped while being taken from the train here.

37 Men Said to Be Members of Klan Go On Trial Today

Los Angeles, Aug. 7.—(I. N. S.)—With both sides ready to wage what is expected to be one of the most bitterly contested suits in the history of California, the trial of 37 men accused of participation in an alleged Ku Klux Klan raid at Inglewood in which one man was killed and two others wounded, opened today before Superior Judge Frederick W. Houser.

Flanked by their attorneys, the 37 defendants arrived at the hall of records some time before the hour of the trial and occupied the entire section set aside for attorneys, witnesses and defendants.

Attorneys representing the defense, as well as Deputy Prosecutor Asa Keyes and Deputy District Attorney Raymond A. Turney, indicated that great care would be exercised in selecting the jurors and much time would be consumed before a jury acceptable to both sides is passed.

Prominent among the defendants today were William S. Coburn, former grand goffin of the Ku Klux Klan; G. W. Price, king kleeagle, and Nathan A. Baker, kleeagle.

The charges against the men are rioting, assault with deadly weapons with intent to commit murder, conspiracy to commit illegal acts and kidnapping on two counts.

During the raid in question neighbors turned in a call to police and Night Marshal Frank Werner, responding, was stopped by some of the masked men. In an exchange of shots that followed, he killed one man who was found to be his superior officer, Constable Mariner Mosher, and wounded two, who were identified as Mosher's son, Walter, and Leonard Ruegg.

Mathilde Ardent To Marry Oser, Is Story at Paris

Paris, Aug. 7.—Emphatic protestations of her love for Max Oser, former Swiss livery stable proprietor, have won for Mathilde McCormick her father's consent to an immediate trip to Switzerland.

"Yes, father, but I love him so—and he loves me, too," is said to have been the constant reply of Rockefeller's plucky little granddaughter to all objections of John D. Rockefeller, Mathilde's grandfather, apparently were finally overcome by Mathilde's persistent avowal of love for the Swiss captain, for it has been announced that as soon as Miss McCormick is rested from her ocean voyage she will join Oser at the latter's home.

Paris still hopes for a double wedding sensation with McCormick and his daughter at the same altar, the former to marry the famous diva whose constant companion he has been since arrival of Mathilde to be wedded to Max Oser.

SHINGLE MILL BURNS

Centralia, Wash., Aug. 7.—The Brewster & Baldwin shingle mill, just south of Winlock, was destroyed by fire Friday night, caused by sparks from a burning slab pile. A favorable wind kept the flames from the big Veness mill, adjoining.

SENATOR BORAH URGED TO LEAD NEW PARTY MOVE

Washington, Aug. 7.—(U. P.)—Senator Borah of Idaho is becoming the involuntary center of a third party movement which is beginning to be marked by the insistence of its demands that Borah step out and lead a political revolt.

Letters are pouring into Borah's office from men and women of almost every shade of political opinion announcing their dissatisfaction with the two official parties and urging Borah to take the lead in uniting the politically restless in the United States under a new organization's banner.

The one respect in which all these letters always agree is in the statement that neither the Republican nor the Democratic party is longer capable of leadership.

"Political bankrupts" and similar phrases are employed by Borah's correspondents to describe their opinions of the two major parties.

Astute leaders of experience are also considering the third party idea. One of the best known Progressives of the 1920 revolt has already urged Borah to consider seriously the attempt to unite all the liberals and the dissatisfied Republicans and Democrats in a new party.

To the calls of individual citizens and political leaders alike Borah has

declined thus far any answer that commits himself. In urging a new party those who write Borah give these among other reasons: Dissatisfaction with congress, particularly with the leadership there. Apparent inability of the two old parties to formulate desirable policies based on the good of the whole people. High taxes. The tariff bill. Unemployment.

Mayor Will Plead Cause of Girl Held In U. S. Drug Case

Seattle, Aug. 7.—(U. P.)—When Nellie Hartford, star witness in the Legate murder case, appears before United States Commissioner R. W. McClelland Wednesday to answer department charges, she will be represented by Dr. E. J. Brown, mayor of Seattle.

Federal officials denied the mayor the right to see the girl Saturday, but he talked with her through the barred window of the county jail. "The gang at the federal building say that only Mrs. Hartford's attorney can talk with her," Brown declared. "Well, I am her attorney, and from now on I will conduct her defense."

The mayor said that he would ask the grand jury to investigate the failure of officials here to enforce the anti-narcotic laws.

W. C. T. U. SESSION CALLED
Vancouver, Wash., Aug. 7.—The W. C. T. U. will meet Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. F. E. Bunnell, No. 302 West 29th street.

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