

CHAMBER PROMPT IN RESPONDING TO ASTORIA'S APPEAL

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Newlander Bros.	500
Hazelwood Restaurant company	500
M. L. Kline	500
The Journal Publishing Company	500
Portland Corrugated company	500
Portland Flouring Mills	500
Veer Gifford	500
Ben Sealing	500
Goodman Hardware company	500
Blake, McFall company	500
Oregonian	500
Dunsmuir Press company	500
Doornbecker Manufacturing company	500
Powers Furniture company	500
Portland Gas & Coke company	500
M. Sells & Co.	500
Widemann Iron & Steel company	500
Eastern & Western Lumber company	500
Truman, Poolton Lumber company	500
Homesite Hardware company	500
Swift & Co.	500
Crown Mills	500
Zellerbach Paper company	500
R. Gill	250
Washburn & Company	250
Hammann & Company	250
Portland Pacific	250
Pacific Coast Biscuit Company	250
Tri-Blu Biscuit company	250
Cantelino Company	250
Chasnet & Devers	250
Whitfield Whitecomb company	250
Tracy, McLean & Pree	250
King Food Products	150
Cervoni company	100
Zay Bros.	100
Stark-Davis & Co.	100
Trident Food company	100
The Vogan Candy company	100
Eastern Dairymaking company	100
Diamond company	100
Beil & Co.	100
Portland Seed	100
Mrs. F. R. Strong	100
Charles Berg	50
Dunsmuir Hotel	50
Oregon Voter	20

ASTORIANS ARE GRATEFUL. ANDREWS TELLS CHAMBER

That the people of Astoria are grateful for the assistance offered the stricken residents by Portland, was the message brought back to the Chamber of Commerce Sunday by Frank E. Andrews, vice president, who had been in the fire-swept town since Friday afternoon. He was accompanied by E. N. Weinbaum, also of the chamber.

When the acceptance of relief by the mayor of Astoria reached Portland, the two men immediately set out in an automobile for Astoria. Upon their arrival there they made a careful survey of existing conditions and then notified the Portland chamber of what was needed in the way of relief. Conferences were held with Astoria business men and the committee of 10.

Andrews was enthusiastic over the response to the relief call and the quick dispatch of the special train for Astoria Saturday.

OREGON CITY OFFERS TO TENDER HELP TO ASTORIA

Oregon City, Dec. 11.—With an executive organization perfected to take whatever steps are necessary, Oregon City today is ready to extend the helping hand to Astoria. Saturday a telegram was dispatched to the Rev. W. S. Gilbert, head of the temporary relief committee of the stricken city, to the effect that this municipality would do whatever was in its power to give help, and asking the details of assistance necessary.

The executive committee named at an impromptu meeting of business men representing the commercial organizations of the town was composed of M. D. LaTourrette, O. D. Eby, William Andresen, E. Charman, Charles Shields, Harry Greaves, T. W. Sullivan and J. A. Ream.

The committee discussed the matter of canceling the bridge celebration and putting the funds at the disposal of the relief committee. It was stated that should Astoria want money, subscriptions larger than the amount pledged to the bridge opening fete could be immediately secured. The funds for the bridge program are not sufficient to be of material aid, it was pointed out. The committee, however, emphasizes the fact that though Oregon City intends to fittingly observe the opening of the new Pacific highway span, this matter will not deter the giving of the fullest measure of aid to the stricken town.

KNIGHTS OFFER AID

Oregon City, Dec. 11.—James McNeill, representing the Dr. John McLoughlin county, the local Knights of Columbus, has left for Astoria in response to a telegram from the supreme secretary of the order naming him as one of the committee to administer the lodge's donations of \$10,000 toward the Astoria relief work. The local lodge donated \$500 toward the fund.

Echoes of Astoria Fire Heard in U. S. Court Proceedings

"I am a policeman," said Charles Robinson, Astoria lawyer, in a message sent United States Attorney Humphreys this morning.

Robinson was supposed to appear in federal court to defend T. Okawa of Wauna, charged with having rice mash and saki in his house. Robinson's request that the trial be postponed until he is released from guard duty was honored by Federal Judge C. E. Wolvertown.

Frank C. Hesse, a member of Astoria's relief committee, appeared on time this morning, but minus the usual array of brief cases and law books.

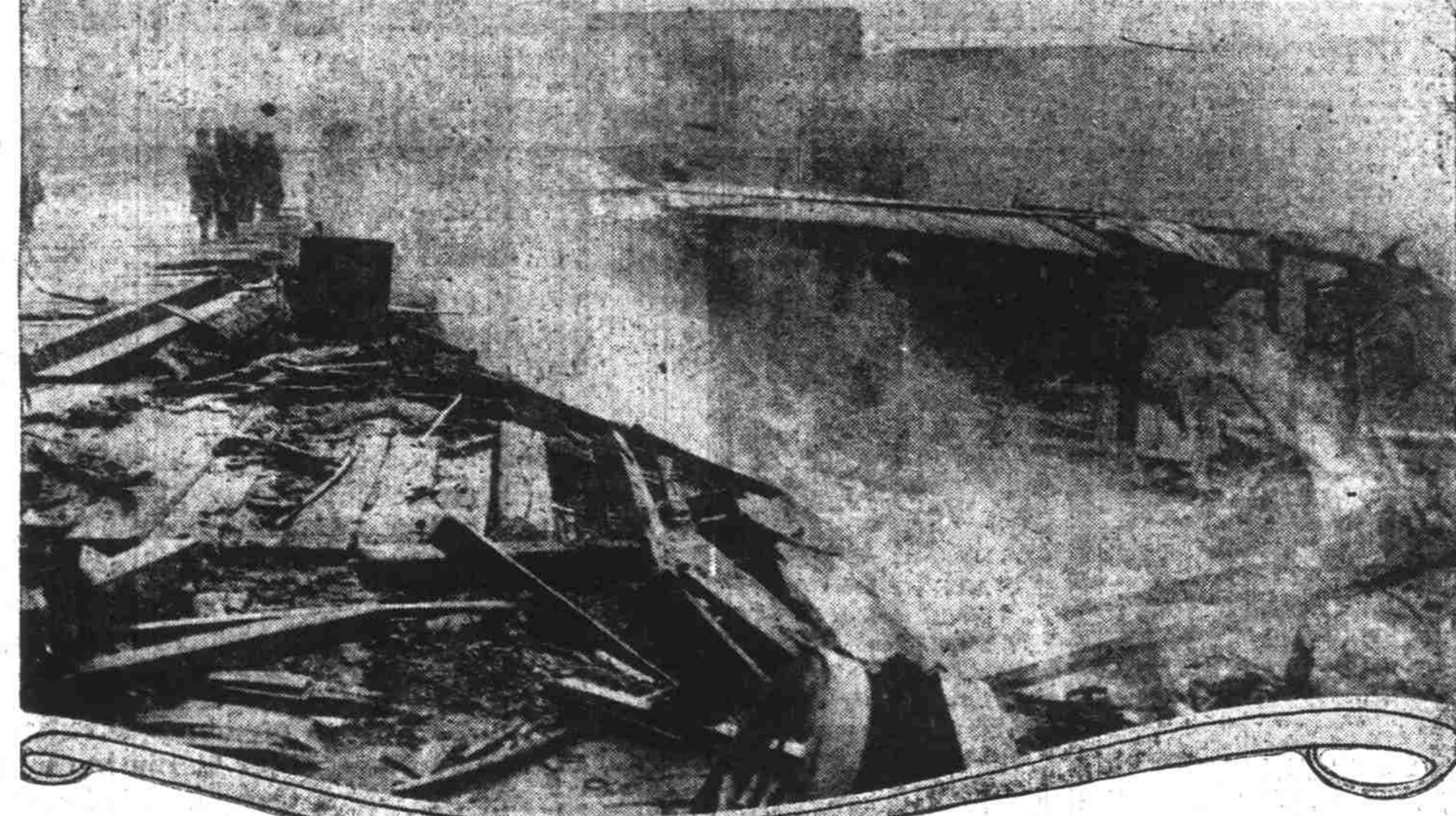
Hesse told the court he had been burned out in the fire, and wanted to argue his case ex-parte. Briefs which he had been weeks in preparing were destroyed, he said. The court offered to allow Hesse time to draw up new briefs, but Hesse said the press of other business would not permit it. He had a narrow escape from the fire. Hesse was here for the Union Fishermen's Co-Operative Packing company, which is trying to prevent the collector of internal revenue from collecting a 48-cent tax against a \$450,000 sinking fund, which the concern set aside for improvement purposes.

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Doughboys and Boy Scouts Who Feed Fire Refugees



This detachment of National Guardsmen, under command of Major Joseph V. Schur, who is about to light a cigarette in the center of the top picture, is still smiling in spite of many weary hours supplying food to thousands of refugees. In the center picture three Boy Scouts are seen distributing coffee to civilian guards on duty. The lower picture shows one frame house destroyed by dynamite to prevent the flames spreading.

BITS OF RELIEF FOR ASTORIA FIRE VICTIMS

A fund of \$500 for relief at Astoria was raised by the First-Baptist church congregation at services Sunday. The money was turned over by the Rev. Thomas J. Villers to the Rev. E. A. Gottberg, pastor of the Astoria Baptist church, for distribution.

"Draw on us for \$25," the New York Stamping company wired to Julius L. Meier when he heard of the Astoria fire.

A shipment of four cases of rubber boots, 100 slickers and 100 sou'westers was sent to Astoria for the use of guards in the burned area, on receipt of an emergency call from W. S. Gilbert, chairman of the committee of 10. W. H. Crawford, executive secretary of the Portland Chamber of Commerce, got the call. He aroused officials of the Goodyear Rubber company and Fire Chief Young had his men take the goods to the railroad station in trucks.

A. L. Tetu, potentate of Al Kader Temple of the Shrine, asked this morning that any member of Al Kader temple in Astoria who are in need make their needs known to John Tait of Astoria, personal representative of the temple on the scene. They will be cared for, Tetu said.

The Vogan Candy company has donated 1000 boxes of candy to the relief fund to be used in the Christmas for Astoria kiddies, sponsored by the Portland lodge.

Fred R. Curry, state deputy for the Modern Woodmen of America, and Ben P. Sherwood, representing the Portland camps of the order, went to Astoria today to look after relief work for Woodmen and others in need.

Easily replaced hard rubber treads have been invented for the endless tracks of a light tractor for industrial purposes to prevent the damage done to floors by steel treads.

ASTORIA BANK TO BE REOPENED

Astoria, Or., Dec. 11.—The Astoria National bank will open temporary headquarters in the Elmore building, according to an announcement Sunday by C. E. Higgins, president. Business will be resumed in a limited way. Higgins said he had been told by a dozen or more former patrons that they wished to make deposits.

Immediate relief through the temporary bank established by the officials of the five banks here is being given through certificates issued to needy persons against a fund supplied by relief organizations or in cases of former depositors of the five banks issued on checks drawn by the former depositors. In some cases, the committee has given cash to needy persons.

The certificates issued by checks are debited to the account of the depositor, the checks to be held until banking is resumed and then balanced against the old accounts.

C. E. Higgins, president of the Astoria National, is chairman of this committee and J. E. Roman, cashier of the Bank of Commerce, is secretary.

Chinese Boy Would Return Pay Check To Fire Sufferer

The day before the fire in Astoria, John Seid, a Chinese boy, was given a check for his week's wages by his employer, E. W. Downing, proprietor of the Bakerite bakery. When the fire was at its height Friday morning Seid went to his employer, whose place of business was completely destroyed. Seid held the check in his hand. The

boy tried to say something but was either too embarrassed or too frightened to articulate.

"I know, I know," Downing told him, "just keep it, Seid, I haven't got any money and I guess nobody has now, but you will be able to cash it sometime."

"I no want to get money," replied Seid, "you lost too much already, you take this, I give it back to you, it help you."

Evening Budget to Rebuild at Once, Full Policy Paid

Astoria, Or., Dec. 11.—The Astoria Evening Budget, a local daily newspaper, following the receipt Saturday

from Ormond Rankin of Portland, special agent for the Phoenix Assurance Co., Ltd., of London, of a draft in full payment of the loss sustained by the newspaper whose two months old home on Exchange street was destroyed by fire Friday, immediately announced plans for erecting another plant subject to the laying out of the new business district.

The loss on the plant of the Evening Budget was the first adjusted by the Phoenix Assurance company, whose representatives were first in the field issuing a large number of drafts in payment of losses on local property. The Phoenix company has also paid to the Cann Studio of this city its insurance in full, amounting to \$1500. The company, a few hours after the fire started here, sent messages to its local representative, expressing sympathy for the fire victims and announcing adjusters were starting for Astoria at once.

LOOTERS ACTIVE IN EARLY STAGES OF ASTORIA FIRE

Hundreds and perhaps thousands of dollars' worth of merchandise was stolen from Astoria stores during the early stages of Friday's fire, according to G. C. Howe of Portland, an eye witness to the catastrophe. Howe is signal bell supervisor for the S. P. & E. railroad company.

Howe said he was helping his friends in the electric industry move their stocks to safety when he saw the crowd pilfering in stores, stealing clothing, foodstuffs, candy, or anything else they happened to see and want. At one point where a showcase filled with hats had been shoved out into the street he watched men after men approach the case, try on hats until they found ones to fit, leave their old hat in the case, and walk off with the new one.

Curiosity seekers were also a great hindrance to the salvagers, he said. Pedestrians would not get out of the way unless virtually shoved along, and drivers of private automobiles refused to give the right of way to trucks loaded with merchandise which were trying to make their way out of the burning area.

ALL ORDERED OUT

From the outset, Howe said, the fire was too large for the Astoria fire department. After a short fight the firemen realized this and devoted their energies to checking its spread. Spectators thought the fire checked at 12th street, but soon smoke started pouring out through the pavement, between 12th and 14th streets, and in a minute the flames seemed to appear in about 15 places at once. At this juncture several firemen quit their hose and ran down the two blocks ordering everybody out, including those who were salvaging their stocks.

The next stand was made on 14th street, Howe said, but again the firemen found themselves surrounded when the Megler house burst into flames. The fire burned both ways from the Megler house.

Among the queer sights witnessed was the burning of the pavement and a sheet iron wall. Aged men were seen with tears in their eyes, and business men bewildered by the disaster were carrying worthless articles out of their buildings in preference to the more valuable stocks. Howe referred to one merchant who took particular pains to save a blackboard.

DYNAMITE LEFT GO

The most spectacular scene of the entire fire was the dynamiting of the old Astoria hotel. After many other buildings had been dynamited the firemen decided to raise this historic structure in an effort to check the onward sweep. They had plenty of dynamite, but had used up all their caps. Two boxes were put in the basement of the building which was already afire, so that the dynamite would explode as soon as the flames reached it. When the explosive let go the embers and the roof boards were shot high into the air. This was the last building blown up, and shortly thereafter the fire was brought under control.

Howe also was near the Astoria Hardware store when the ammunition stocks in the basement began to explode. He vacated his place soon, after that when he discovered that a sheet iron wall between himself and the hardware store was being punctured. Police were not needed to clear that section of the street when this discovery was made.

Minister, in Fight With Flames, Wins And Saves Church

With only a felt hat, faith, energy and determination, the Rev. E. A. Gottberg battled for four hours against endangering sparks which fell upon the roof of the first Baptist church from nearby buildings caught in the destructive flames of the Astoria fire, and, virtually unaided, saved the building from ruin.

The windows of the church were shattered by blasts of dynamite used to destroy other buildings in the path of the fire in an effort to check the spread of the flames. The paint upon

the building was blistered by the heat from burning structures across the street. Because of weak pressure it was impossible to throw a stream of water to the roof of the church, but the front facing the burning area was kept soaked with water.

When the sparks began to shower over the roof Gottberg climbed up and using his felt hat, beat out the sparks as fast as they fell, crawling and jumping from place to place without regard for the danger to his own life. His church now stands as the northwest landmark where the fire ended, not far from the Clatsop county court house.

Details of the heroism of the minister were brought to Portland by the Rev. O. C. Wright, No. 540 East 20th street, who heard the story from friends of Gottberg.

Portland Elks to Send Santa Claus To Astoria Needy

Astoria, Dec. 11.—Santa Claus has decided not to eliminate distressed Astoria from his itinerary. As jovial old soul as he is the portly gentleman in fur and red likes prosperity, joy abundant and untroubled.

When it was first learned he had been badly frightened by the special reports which reached his workshop in the northern hills from this devastated city, a deeper gloom of doubt, no less than the depression of loss caused to the elders by the fire, settled over the children of the city. The Elks of Portland heard of this in some mysterious way. Announcement was made Sunday by George Walters, secretary of the Portland lodge of Elks, that special arrangements were being made with old Santa, who agreed to visit Astoria after all, when he learned the true facts.

When he was told that every boy and girl in this city old enough to do anything at all has been as busy every second as any man, woman or automobile, he said to tell the children of Astoria: "I will come. I am sorry I was frightened at first. I have appointed the Elks in Portland my local agents to handle all correspondence and receive all donations."

Astoria Would Give Red Cross Control Of Family Relief

Astoria, Dec. 11.—Recommendations to give the Red Cross absolute control in directing family relief was adopted at a special meeting of the general relief committee Sunday afternoon. Authorization of the city and its civic organization was signed to a telegram sent to the division manager at San Francisco Sunday evening.

An acceptance of the offer will arrive Monday, according to Earl Kilpatrick, detailed to Astoria to give any assistance the national organization could offer.

Kilpatrick stated that additional

funds would be allotted the city by the division chapter.

F. A. Parson and Miss Eleanor Thompson of the University of Oregon Portland school of social workers arrived here Sunday to assist the Red Cross in its rehabilitation work.

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