

ANOTHER VICTIM OF EUGENE FIRE DIES OF BURNS

Eugene, Dec. 11.—With the death of Mrs. James Church at noon Sunday from burns received in the fire here Wednesday night that had already taken seven lives, with the death Sunday morning of William W. Meade, logger, crushed when a heavy sawlog rolled over him Friday in the Sitkum country, and with the recovery in the afternoon of the body of Henry Nestle, drowned Thursday morning in the Willamette river with David Linn, this city was plunged deeper than ever into black mourning. In all 11 human lives were lost through accidents here within a week. It is the most terrible toll ever taken of Eugene.

Press and pulpit reflect the saddened public mind. In local churches Sunday morning and evening the fatal fire, the double drowning, and the logging accident were the themes of sermons.

CRUSHED BY LOG.
Mrs. Church, 23 years of age, had just four small children, William, Leonard, Hazel and Ida; a sister-in-law, Mrs. Iver Johnson, and two nephews, Marvel and Leroy Johnson, in the household caused when gasoline was poured from a five-gallon can on a stumbling fire. Her husband will survive, say hospital authorities, as will Iver Johnson and his 1-year-old son. The baby, however, is threatened with pneumonia from exposure.

Meade, 39, is survived by his wife and numerous relatives in the Mapleton district. He was a hooktender for Kirby Bros., logging firm operating in that vicinity. A heavy log got away from the rigging crew Friday and crushed his left side badly. An operation was performed Saturday in an attempt to save his life, but to no avail. Arrangements are being completed for funeral services in Mapleton Monday.

The body of Henry Nestle was recovered early Sunday afternoon after grim and determined rivermen had dragged the stony bed of the swollen Willamette for three and a half days. It was found about 400 yards down stream from the gravel plant, opposite which he met his death when the boat containing him and Linn overturned. The body had been washed into a position opposite the municipal auto camp, in the water used as a swimming pool by townspeople and tourists during the summer time. The search is still going on in the hope that Linn's body also may be found.

DUMMY GIVES CLEW
M. B. Robinson, working in a small boat with Harold Waggoner, held the

grappling hook that became entangled in Nestle's clothing. They were working on the clog furnished by a dummy, made of burlap in three sections to correspond with the joints of a human body, which floated out of several feet to a point opposite the auto park when released from the place the boat overturned. Each time it came to rest in this section. It was within 20 feet of the spot from which the body was removed. Watchers were enabled to trace the course of the dummy, which floated along the gravelled river bed, by means of a tin can float attached to it by a short piece of line. An odd incident in connection with the Linn drowning came to light here this week-end when Corinne, Linn's sister, living in Seattle, declared that Wednesday night she dreamed her brother had died. The same night, Fletcher Linn, Portland, brother of the drowned man, dreamed that a dear friend passed away and he spent anxious hours, in his dream, trying to obtain a coffin for the remains. Linn met his death Thursday morning. Funeral services for Mrs. Church will be held Tuesday morning at 10:30 o'clock from the Brammister chapel. She will be buried in the O. W. cemetery by the side of her four children who perished in the fire.

ASTORIA NEEDS AID, NOT TEARS

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hospital, Lovell's garage, the Y. M. C. A. and the telephone office; on the west by the courthouse, the Spexarth building and city rooming houses of that section; and on the north by the railroad tracks, beyond which are the docks and warehouses.

Astoria is an aged city and a large number of the buildings in this burned area were old wooden structures. Among these, however, were fine new buildings of brick and stone and cement—the newspaper office, bank buildings, theatres and new stores.

CARRIED IN VIADUCT
The main street of the city, Commercial street, running east and west, was a wooden viaduct paved over. Lateral streets running off from Commercial were also viaducts. When fire was discovered in the Thiel pool hall a little after 3 o'clock Friday morning, the fire department did its best to check it. But the Bee Hive department store, which caught next, made a giant blaze, and from it the flames swept along the viaduct streets. The air currents under these viaducts carried the fire along, east south and west, and at times it broke out more than half a block ahead of where the firemen believed it centered.

Finally, when the viaducts and buildings had been dynamited, the fire was stopped after 11 o'clock Friday

morning. More than 2000 people were then homeless—those who had lived in their shops and in hotels and rooming houses.
Hasty and inadequate relief work began as the fire still advanced, and Friday morning a coalition of church people gathered and elected E. R. Gray, ex-mayor, as chairman of a committee to take charge.
In the afternoon this committee gathered in the council chambers of the city hall with Mayor Bremner and was made official, after being enlarged to 50, it was called the "relief committee." Mayor William Gilbert was named chairman to take Gray's place. This committee went ahead and thought it was still hampered because of the rapidity of organization, did its best to establish places to eat and distribute relief to the hungry, clothing to the cold and warm rooms for those without shelter.

DECIDE ON TEN
Saturday morning at 11 o'clock the committee of 50 met again. G. C. Fulton, a local attorney, made a talk in which he said the large committee was unmanageable. He moved that Mayor Gilbert appoint a committee of 10, including Gilbert as chairman, to take charge of the entire city administration during the process of reconstruction. This committee was to have autocratic powers. The motion carried. The men appointed have been named several times in the dispatches.

This "committee of public safety," "vigilance committee," or whatever it may come to be called, met in the courthouse in the afternoon. The members decided that without the approval of Mayor Bremner and the council they would be powerless.

Mayor Bremner said he would sign a proclamation giving all power to this committee if Mayor-elect Setters, who takes office January 1, would also sign it. Setters refused until he got the approval of the new councilmen, taking office tomorrow. The motion carried and the activities of the committee were temporarily halted. Full sanction of the committee was given Sunday afternoon, however, and the committee took charge of city affairs.

Meantime the burned out business men had held several meetings, with Lee Drake, president of the Chamber of Commerce, in the chair. The meetings were attended by hundreds and an indomitable determination and enthusiasm for rebuilding was shown.

TEMPORARY DISTRICT
It was determined to establish a temporary business district in the vicinity of the Y. M. C. A., where the merchants could erect booths in which to display goods saved from the fire and goods hastened from Portland to meet the needs of the residents of the city.

What makes this rebuilding process a difficult and pitiful one is the fact that insurance rates in Astoria were so high that few of the property owners were insured up to anything near the value of their property. However, the adjusters for the various companies are almost all on the scene now,

and what insurance there is will be paid as quickly as possible, according to promises made by the business men.

The bankers' committee has established temporary headquarters in the Y. M. C. A. building and is handling the relief funds received. The needy are being modestly supplied, and the still hot wants and cries in the ruins of the city can be opened, credit can be extended and checks cashed.

The situation in general. The public outside of Astoria is now particularly interested in quick and efficient relief.
The headquarters for relief has been established in Lovell's garage, a large concrete structure on the edge of the burned area, centrally located.
In the show room of the garage are being stored the clothing and other articles that the needy citizens may require. Relief officials appointed under the direction of the committee of 10 are caring for the distribution.

GUARD OPERATES KITCHEN
In the basement there is a big dining room, operated by the Oregon National guard, with Major Shur in charge. The guardmen also care for the community bedroom in another section of the basement, where cots shipped from Vancouver Barracks have been set up for those without shelter. However, the Red Cross, which has had charge of listing rooms and those who need them, reports that the homes of the city have been thrown open and there are plenty of rooms for all.

All of Portland's contributions to Astoria are being sent here by the Portland Chamber of Commerce, which is represented on the scene by Frank Andrews, vice president, and E. N. Weinbaum, assistant secretary. Thousands of dollars in cash and other thousands in needed articles are pouring into the city. The work of distribution is being aided, so that the people in need are now getting what they need.

IMMEDIATE NECESSITIES
Food, clothing, fuel and shelter are, of course, the immediate necessities. Neighboring towns, large firms, and Portland in particular, appear in a fair way to nurse the stricken city through the crisis. But there can be no let-down in contributions, for there is a long battle ahead before Astoria can have money of its own with which to buy supplies. Money will be especially necessary, so that the banking committee, by judicious distribution, can encourage the rejuvenation of business.

Otherwise it will be just like meeting a man on the desert, giving him one sandwich and wishing him well on his trip.
Astoria has a long desert to plod across, and one sandwich will not give strength enough.

U. S.-JAPAN TRADE FUTURE OPTIMISTIC

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with automobiles instead of horses and the new skyscrapers.

He is seconded by Nishikawa, who himself has not been in Portland for 23 years. "We are going to look at your city this morning and find out what has really happened to it," he said.
Returning to the question of business relations between America and Japan, Suzuki declared:
"With your lumber, your grain and other food products, the Pacific Northwest has an unusual opportunity for trade with Japan. We are importing more and more foodstuffs every year. Our forests are becoming exhausted. Oregon products are bound to go to Japan. We have many things to return."

"During the war Japan experienced an unusual boom of business activity. After the war came the reaction. But we have passed the depth of the after-war depression and are again approaching normal conditions.

"Building has started again in Japan, which takes more of your lumber. Factories are being built to some extent, taking machinery. A more friendly feeling towards America is being experienced in Japan.

U. S. TO PARTICIPATE
"United States is bound to participate in Japan's growing commerce." In company with K. Nakagawa, local manager of Suzuki & Co., and Mrs. Nakagawa, Suzuki and his party visited terminal No. 4 and other docks and wharves this morning, and planned to ride over the Columbia highway this afternoon. They will leave Tuesday for Vancouver, B. C., to sail for Japan December 19.

The party has spent several months traveling in Europe, Asia and America, visiting many ports where Suzuki & Co. maintain agencies. Suzuki combined business with his trip to Paris, where his daughter Chiyo was married to S. Takahada, European representative for Suzuki & Co.

Suzuki is senior partner of the shipping concern and is likewise interested in other big business interests, being

Negro, Accused of Threatening to Rob Chinaman, Is Shot

Leon Jackson, negro, was beaten up, shot in the hand and arrested shortly after midnight this morning when he threatened to get funny with the cash register in George Jung's restaurant at No. 293 1/2 North 16th street. Jung is a Chinese.

Jung was about to close up for the night and he told Jackson to get out. The negro is reported to have looked around and said:
"I'm goin' to go through the cash register's foot."

Jung, in anguish at the thought, leaped upon him with both feet and both arms. They fought until they were out in the street. The negro then yelled, according to the story:
"I'm goin' for a run."
The Chinese ran back through the door, got his own pistol and returned. The negro ran but Jung brought him to a halt with a bullet through his hand.

Jackson was subdued by that time and quietly climbed into an automobile and went to the police station with the Chinese. There police listened to the story and arrested the negro on assault and battery charges.

SUPREME COURT RESTS
Washington, Dec. 11.—(U. S. S.)—The United States supreme court recessed today until January 2, 1923.

MACHINE GUNS USED IN WAR ON MOONSHINERS

Mount Sterling, Ky., Dec. 11.—(U. S. S.)—Desperate moonshiners, armed with high powered rifles, today are holding at bay prohibition forces many times their number in the mountain fastnesses on the east fork of Slake creek, Menifee county, Kentucky. The battle has been raging three days.

So far the casualties are two dead—both government agents.
Preparations were made this morning for another invasion of the moonshiners' stronghold.

Governor Morrow has been notified of the situation, but as yet no request for troops has been made.
The prohibition forces are armed with machine guns and are led by U. G. McFarland of Louisville, augmented by Sheriff Ben Wells and a posse of deputies.

One of the government agents was killed Saturday, the other on Sunday. In Saturday's raid, Robert E. Duff was shot down and stripped of his clothing and badge. The body was found to have been pierced by 12 bullets, most of them fired after Duff fell.
Sunday morning the prohibition forces returned to the scene and destroyed two stills near the spot of Duff's murder. They were again fired upon from ambush and Dave

Kiao Chou Port Is Returned to China

Tien Tsin, China, Dec. 11.—Kiao Chou, the Chinese port which was wrested from the Germans by the Japanese at the outbreak of the World War, has been formally turned back to China. The Chinese flag was hoisted over the city whence it was removed when the Germans took possession 24 years ago. Japanese and Chinese officials took part in the ceremony of restoring the port. The treaty of Versailles and negotiations at the Washington arms parley provided for the return of Kiao Chou to China.

LIQUOR CASE DISMISSED

Centralia, Wash., Dec. 11.—The case of the city of Centralia against Tom La Belle, charged with having intoxicating liquor in his possession, was dismissed from the Lewis county superior court Saturday. The court found that the authorities had no search warrant at the time the arrest was made.

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