

ASTORIA IS FREE OF CRIME DURING ITS CATASTROPHE

Those Suspected Are Hurried Along by Police, Sailors and the Civilian Guards.

Astoria, Dec. 16.—Despite the unprecedented rush of men of criminal tendencies to Astoria when the news was flashed to the world December 8 that the business district of the city, embracing more than 23 blocks, had been destroyed and "good pickins" awaited the burglar, footpad, stickup man and other gentry, the city since the fire has been remarkably free of crimes.

This is due in a large measure to the efficient work of Chief of Police Carlson and the regular police force, Sheriff Harley Slusher and his deputies, and the civilian guard, the latter organization composed of several score of former soldiers, sailors and marines, who, recognizing that in the burned area were hundreds of thousands of dollars' worth of city hall, where, under the direction of Charles Robison, a local attorney whom Chief Carlson named assistant chief of police the day of the fire, they were formed into a military organization.

The actual organization of the civilian guard was effected by Dr. Ross Hoskins, a local dentist, who was a commissioned officer in the tank corps in the World war. Hoskins selected Tom Wilkinson and Horace Trotter, two overseas veterans of the coast guard cutter Albatross and the United States destroyer Yarrow, the regular police force and the sheriff's department in running down law violators, preventing looting in the ruins, directing traffic and performing myriad other duties in safeguarding property and human life.

Not a few floaters who, if left to their own devices might have looted residences during the excitement of the fire and afterward, were arrested and sent out of town by the civilian guards.

The guards maintained their own mess in the basement of the city hall, the official headquarters of the organization. Dave McCroskey has been in charge as mess sergeant. The cooks include Oscar Gustafson, W. S. Wray and W. J. Driscoll, the kitchen police include H. Wilson, E. Wentz, R. Carlson, F. O. Westburg, A. Kiljunen, E. C. Posa, P. Turpin, George Henderson, R. E. Erickson, A. B. Cooper and J. E. Goldbeck.

PERSONNEL OF GUARD
The police court, where under ordinary circumstances Judge Gearhart passes upon the cases of persons arrested by the regular police, was turned into a barrack, where most of the guard members have their bunks. A few sleep in the dormitory of the Y. M. C. A. and at Love's garage, where the national guard under Major Schur has its headquarters.

The remainder of the personnel of the civil guard:

Orderlies and special messengers—
Ted Wilkinson, R. A. Roberts, G. E. Peterson, Alvin Wherry and Frank Bowen.
First relief—Nick Cassella, R. Fredrickson, D. Edwards, Harry Eddy, C. Taylor, Mort Brown, E. Hansen, G. F. Stevens, G. Bosarth, C. H. Eesmer, P. J. Robinson, J. C. Anderson, H. P. Cork, C. Cole, C. R. Miles, W. Patterson, J. C. Smith, C. H. Eesmer, Bartlett, A. Mitchell, F. C. Koler, J. Henningsen, N. Skou, M. Grande, J. A. Nichols, Ed Fransen, Morris Olson, W. Davis and George Beard.

Second relief—W. Phillips, O. Y. Schmitt, A. Kallagou, L. Johnson, L. C. Carlson, Chris Sagen, J. F. McMullen, C. Hansen, Clarence Oakes, E. Harris, Jack Beall, R. P. Kiski, E. W. McGee, J. M. Levitz, L. C. Dunn, Veris Studley, O. Brown, S. Olson, W. Matt, G. Sanderson, J. T. Christensen, W. W. Palo, G. G. Zarrhos, A. Matthews, A. Sator, L. Swedrup, C. E. Kisti, F. Warmoth, L. V. Lampan and E. A. Landy.

Third relief—J. Sanvato, J. L. Dolan, G. Pawley, A. Martin, D. Ballan, N. E. Richardson, J. Lipka, L. Wilson, E. Sagen, J. Lindstrom, S. Pedersen, E. Howe, J. J. Monroe, D. Starns, A. S. Page, Otto Hansen, Otto Cole, L. Trapp, Lee Ambrose, H. E. Snyder, Voss Aytha, A. Ruma, C. Collins, F. Laubscher, L. C. Thiel, A. Toppala, H. J. Allister, A. G. Whistler, H. G. McAllister, L. L. Orwing, C. L. Fisher, Stub Taylor and C. D. Benward.

All of these men, while on guard, carry loaded United States magazine rifles and pistols, and they worked in three reliefs four hours on and eight off all 24 hours of the day. The highway guards were under command of Walter Smith, former cavalryman. These men stopped every automobile entering the city, questioning the driv-

ers and occupants before giving them permission to enter the city.

Many automobiles were turned back at the city limits and not allowed to come into town. All car drivers, local and visiting, were required to go to the city hall and obtain personal passes and passes to be placed on their windshields. Thus every guard kept track of every car that came into or left the city. Car numbers were taken before passes were issued.

Chief of Police Carlson maintained a splendid city police organization during and after the fire, and was assisted by a special squad of picked officers from the Portland police department sent to Astoria soon after the fire by Chief of Police Jenkins.

Washington Will Act to Prevent New Coal Strike

Washington, Dec. 16.—(L. N. S.)—Unless bituminous coal operators and miners arrange a wage scale before the expiration of their present contract to prevent a possible strike next April, the government "undoubtedly will take drastic measures," John Hayes Hammond, chairman of the federal coal commission, declared today.

This warning has been conveyed to the representatives of the operators and miners, Hammond said. "The American people," he declared, "will not stand for another strike."



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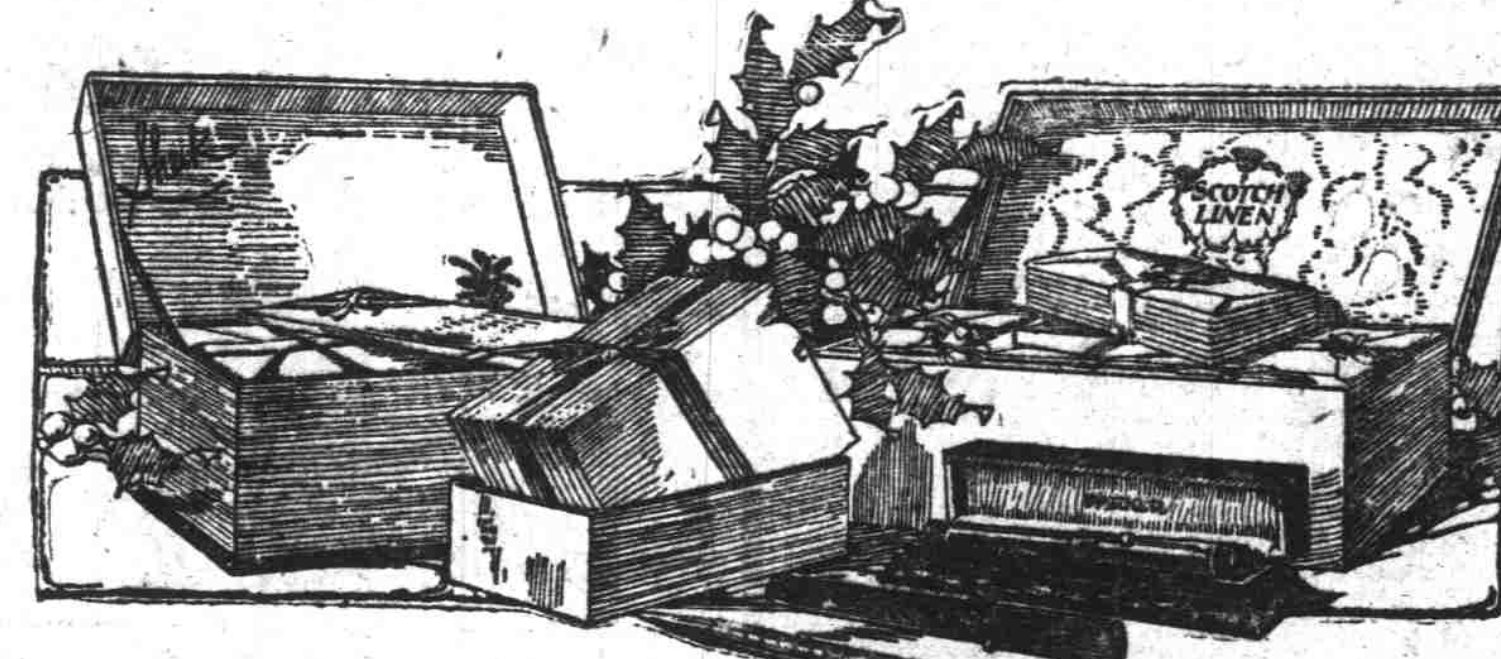
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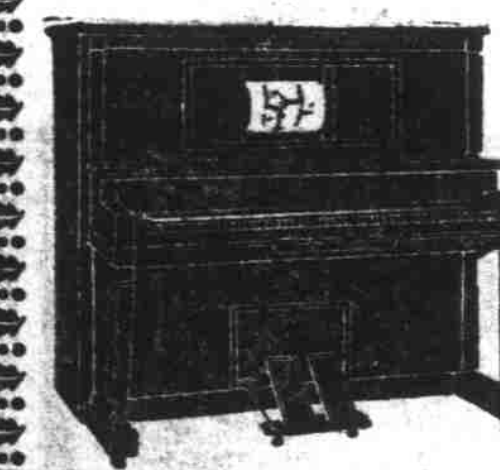
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