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THE WEATHER.

Thursday, fair and warmer; moderate westerly winds.

STEAMER WRECKED AT ASTORIA

Fireman Lost, Six Men Injured When Boiler Explodes and River Boat Sinks in Columbia Near Port

FRANK HOWE MISSING OTHERS BADLY SCALDED

Pilot House and Bridge Blown to Atoms—Craft Goes Down Almost Immediately

ASTORIA, Or., June 23.—The river steamer State of Washington was wrecked by a boiler explosion on the Columbia river near here late today.

The missing man is Frank Howe, fireman on watch when the explosion occurred. The injured are Percy Crawford, the pilot; Irving Davis, 13-year-old brother of First Mate Davis; John Nelson, watchman; Paul Henderson and William X. Stinson, deck hands; and Ernest Swanstrom, deck boy.

The State of Washington was towing oil barge 93 en route to Portland when the explosion occurred. Captain H. L. Chase had just gone off watch, leaving Pilot Crawford in charge, and stepped on board the barge to visit with the master of that vessel when the explosion came.

G. A. R. LEADER ILL. SYRACUSE, N. Y., June 23.—Daniel C. Hall of Columbus, O., national commander of the G. A. R., about to retire from office, was taken seriously ill here this noon. Little hope is entertained for his recovery.

YESTERDAY WAS BIG DAY AND ANOTHER IS COMING

The Gathering on July 10th Will Be a Combination Picnic in Which Business Will Play the Most Prominent Part and Every Store and Business House Will Provide Interesting Numbers on the Program from Early Noon to the Closing Hour.

- men's clothing and furnishings. H. L. Stiff Furniture Co., house furnishings. Busick & Son, staple and fancy groceries. Scotch Woolen Mills Store, men's made-to-measure clothes. Rostein & Greenbaum, dry goods, millinery, shoes, men's furnishings. Hartman Bros., jewelry. Buster Brown Shoe Co., shoes. Valley Motor Co., trucks and motors. Roth Grocery Co., staple and fancy groceries. Geo. C. Will, music and musical instruments. The Remnant Store, dry goods, hosiery, notions. Chambers & Chambers, furniture. The Spa, confectionery. Steusloff Bros., meat market. Midgett Meat Market, meats. The Needlecraft Shop, embroidered and stamped articles. Mrs. M. E. Blower, drugs, toilet articles, stationery. The French Shop, millinery. P. R. L. & P. Co., electric goods. The Salem Electric Co., electric goods. Dr. C. A. Eldridge, dentist. Salem Baking Co., bread, cakes, etc. C. S. Hamilton, furniture. Vick Bros., tractors, trucks, automobiles. Anderson & Brown, sporting goods. Welch Electric Co., electric fixtures and supplies. Paris Bros. Shoe Store, shoes. Perry's Drug Store, (The Revall Store). Chery Variety Hotel. Chery Variety Store, millinery, notions, etc. Shaffer's Harness Store, leather goods, robes, brief cases, etc. Buttercup Ice Cream Co. Tom Cronise Studio, photography. Cross Market, meats, etc. Daniel J. Fry, drugs, paints, etc. Max O. Buren, furniture, carpets, etc. H. D. Gilbert & Co., groceries, paints, glass, etc. West Fur Co., dealers in furs. Wm. Gahlsdorf, crockery, glass and kitchen ware. W. W. Moore, dry goods, millinery.

SHRINERS SELECT NEW HIGH OFFICIALS

ESTEN A. FLETCHER OF ROCHESTER IMPERIAL OUTER GUARD

Huge Parade Brings Second Day's Celebration to Close—Streets Filled With Hosts of Merry Makers

PORTLAND, June 23.—Esten A. Fletcher of Damascus temple, Rochester, N. Y., was elected today to be imperial outer guard of the Shrine, at the annual imperial session in progress here. Ellis Lewis Garretson, Attili temple, Tacoma, was elected imperial potentate, and the other offices were all filled by order of succession, each officer moving ahead one place in the imperial divan.

Only one contest developed, aside from that for imperial outer guard. It was for the office of imperial assistant rabban. Conrad V. Dykman of Kismet temple, Brooklyn, N. Y., defeated John T. Jones of India temple, Oklahoma City, Okla.

A great parade tonight brought the second day's festivities to a close so far as scheduled events were concerned, although informal merry-making continued much later.

Patrols, bands and Shriners in evening attire marched, and there were floats and special features in line also.

The place for holding next year's imperial session will be selected tomorrow. Atlantic City was favored in tonight's prognostications, but New Orleans was said to be a contender.

Rinehart Elected Head of Marion Democrats

At a meeting of the Marion county Democratic Democratic central committee yesterday for reorganization preparatory for the fall campaign, T. A. Rinehart was elected chairman.

Other officers elected were: W. E. Purdy, Salem, secretary; John Hayne of Salem, treasurer, and George Custer of Silverton, state committee man.

Several of the members made special speeches.

WOODMEN ELECT OFFICERS. CAMP CURRY, Cal., June 23.—The head camp of the Woodmen of the World, in annual convention here, elected the following head camp officers today:

Consul, I. I. Boak, Denver; advisor, John Wisnom, San Francisco; banker, A. E. Sunderland, Fresno; auditor, F. P. Bertschy, Denver; clerk, Thomas M. Robinson, Oakland; managers, J. O. Wilson, Portland; W. C. Hawley, Salem, John Pattison, Spokane, F. P. Hawke, Pueblo, Colo., and H. J. Raymond, Denver, escort, Thomas J. Lawson, Salt Lake City; watchman, H. I. Jacobs, Bozeman, Mont.; sentry, P. O. Thompson, Rexburg, Idaho.

DEMOCRATS WHITTLING OUT PLANKS

Volunteer Committee Busy Forming Platform Which They Maintain Will Solve Questions of Election

CUMMINGS BELIEVES PROHIBITION BIG ISSUE

Only Measure, He Says, Which Will Be Carried to Convention Floor

SAN FRANCISCO, June 23.—A volunteer construction corps of platform builders was busy today whittling out planks which they believed would meet the needs of the Democratic national convention in expressing its views as to prohibition enforcement. Leaders including Chairman Cummings of the national committee, were in agreement that this question would monopolize the center of the convention stage until it was settled. Mr. Cummings expressed the opinion that it would be the only issue to be carried to the convention floor.

Informal discussion by delegates shows several methods of thought among the anti-prohibition advocates as to how the question should be approached. They vary from the states rights stand taken by Governor Edwards of New Jersey to proposals that congress be urged to proceed directly toward modifying the central of one per cent alcoholic content restriction of the Volstead enforcement act so as to lift the ban from beers and light wines. The most pronounced movement at the moment, however, and the one which appeared to have taken the most definite shape was that organizing in Washington and designed to offer a basis on which anti-bone dry forces could concentrate. Personal liberty will be the slogan of advocates of this compromise plank.

Mr. Cummings was emphatic today in defining the question to be solved as not a prohibition issue but merely expression of the party's attitude as to the Volstead enforcement act. There were numerous other issues on which there would be difference of opinion before the resolutions committee. Mr. Cummings thought including prohibition in the industrial plank touching relations between capital and labor, the Irish question and others; but no present prospect that they could not be harmonized in committee. A minority report is to be expected only on the so-called "beer plank."

It was agreed, and that will throw the fight into the convention itself.

The Washington enforcement platform was drafted in great detail in close touch with the administration. It is understood to have been drawn from the personal liberty angle and to advocate in general terms a liberalization of the Volstead act. Specific mention of wine, beer, or any other beverage by name was omitted.

The plank will be put forward as representing the opinion of many senators and representatives and its framers hope to be able to claim for it the backing of President Wilson himself. It was drawn after a conference in which more than one member of the cabinet share it was said and in which anti-bone dry senators took a leading part.

Avoidance of specific mention of beverages proponents of the Washington plank argued, and an appeal for an enforcement policy more in harmony with American ideas of personal liberty would serve to prevent alienation of sentiment which a more direct push might push into the bone-dry ranks. By such a course also, it was added, the party's stand could be in strict accordance with the ruling of the supreme court in confirming the authority of congress to fix permissible alcoholic content under the prohibition amendment.

It was questionable tonight whether any direct reference to the Volstead act would be urged on the platform framers. There are pro and con to be thrashed out in that respect. The plank to be urged by the anti-bone dries, however, is expected, whatever it may say otherwise, to rap the Republican congress sharply for enactment of the enforcement measure in its existing form. Probably, it was said, the attitude of Postmaster General Burleson in his statement at San Antonio yesterday assailing as "absurd" provisions of the Volstead act and contending that they were calculated to defeat the purpose of the prohibition amendment would be reflected in the platform language proposed.

IRISH TOWN SUFFERS NEW REIGN OF TERROR

LONDONDERRY CONTROLLED BY EXTREMISTS—NO ONE SAFE

All Residents Keep Indoors to Avoid Sharpshooters—State of Siege Exists—Many Persons Shot

LONDONDERRY, Ireland, June 23.—The outside world has little idea of the reign of terror Londonderry has been experiencing without respite since Friday last. The casualty figures from day to day are alarming enough, but they picture only the shadow of the grim reality. The truth is none of the 10,000 inhabitants has been safe since the rioting began.

The city is virtually controlled by extremists of the unionists and nationalists, who probably number under 500. They fire volleys down the streets without warning and the citizens are thus put in a state of panic, sailing back and forth only when the procurement of food becomes absolutely necessary. Many shopkeepers have suspended business and have taken refuge on the top floors for safety.

Men sleep in their offices there rather than stepping into the streets. The postoffice force has been reduced to a mere handful. The military so far has confined its efforts to keeping the two sides apart but without great success. Evildoers arriving in the city are challenged for credentials and searched for arms and ammunition. The real test for a visitor, however, comes when he is held up by either the Sinn Feiners or the Unionists. With hands in the air staring into the muzzle of a revolver, he is thoroughly searched. Some have come out of this examination rather badly.

Each morning the engagement of the night before is resumed. Heavy barricades have been thrown up and groups of armed men move about, either on the offensive or defensive. How many persons have been killed is not known now. A proclamation was issued by the magistrates tonight warning all citizens to keep indoors. The constabulary and military, the proclamation announced, have received instructions to disperse any assembly, necessary all assemblies. The magistrates strongly condemn Dublin castle's inactivity.

Scenes of the most terrible description were enacted here last night and today. Many streets were swept by a murderous fire for sixteen hours continuously. One man was killed and ten dangerously wounded in one section of the city. Several bodies are reported to be lying in Bishop street. Among the wounded was a young girl, "Snipping" was indulged in on a large scale. The principal conflict took place in Bishop street, where there was a large concentration of Sinn Feiners in the neighborhood of St. Colman's Catholic college, and Nazareth home. Sandbags were thrown up from which a strong fire was directed at the Unionists in Barracks street. Many casualties resulted on both sides.

Meanwhile trouble had broken out on an extensive scale in the region of Long Tower street and Bishop's gate, where there were fierce and prolonged exchanges. Sinn Feiners occupied positions on roofs sniped isolated Unionists. The soldiers and police were unable to intervene effectively.

The police in Bishop street barracks, within the battle zone, were virtually besieged. Many passers-by were wounded and it is reported some were killed. A confectioner named Mcenna was killed at the corner of Henrietta street. Five or six were wounded while a priest administered the last rites. Among today's casualties was an elderly man named Whiteside, who was accompanied by his son and daughter.

During the night there was savage fighting in the waterside district. The rival factions were entrenched in Cross street and Bond street.

Largest Water Plant in Eastern Oregon Starts

ENTERPRISE, Or., June 23.—Construction of what is expected to become the largest hydro-electric plant in Eastern Oregon will be begun in a few days by the Enterprise Electric company using the waters of the Wallawalla river above the lake, it was announced today. The first unit to be put in will develop 1500 horse power against about 400 horsepower now actually utilized at the three present plants at Joseph, Enterprise and Wallawa. Additional developments up to a possible 15,000 horsepower can be made as the demand arises.

Former Ambassador To Germany Is Candidate

SAN FRANCISCO, June 23.—Campaign headquarters were opened here today for James W. Gerard, former ambassador to Germany, as a candidate for the Democratic convention's nomination for president. L. T. Jones will direct Mr. Gerard's campaign here, it was announced. Ten members of the South Dakota delegation to the convention are pledged to Mr. Gerard. Mr. Jones stated. This was the only state in which his name was entered in the primaries.

HARDING IS IN SYMPATHY WITH IRISH

Letter to Frank P. Walsh, Former Chairman of Industrial Relations Commission Shows Feeling

ALL LIBERTY LOVING PEOPLE WANT NATION

Senate Demonstration Insincere When Members Refuse to Vote for Treaty

KANSAS CITY, Mo., June 23.—Frank P. Walsh, former chairman of the federal industrial relations commission tonight made public what he said was a copy of a letter Senator Warren G. Harding, republican presidential nominee, wrote to him, expressing "a very sympathetic feeling for the movement to bring about the independence of Ireland." Senator Harding's letter, as given out by Mr. Walsh, dated March 24, last, read as follows:

"I have a very strong conviction myself of the very great part played by the Americans of Irish birth and ancestry in the winning of independence and the making of our own great United States. More than that, I have a very great sympathetic feeling for the movement to bring about the independence of Ireland and the establishment of Irish nationality which is the national aspiration of any liberty loving people."

"I must confess I did not think well of the insincere demonstration in the senate recently in handling a reservation in behalf of Ireland in the reservations of the league of nations treaty. The insincerity of it was made manifest when 14 senators who pressed the Irish reservation refused to vote for the treaty after it was incorporated."

"I had the satisfaction myself of casting a favorable vote after the incorporation was made."

Mr. Walsh also made public a letter to Senator Harding asking the senator to "correct the erroneous impression which may have been created by the qualified denial of yourself and secretary that such a letter had been written by you."

Announcement was made at Senator Harding's office in Washington on June 19 that a search of the files there failed to disclose a record of any letter to Mr. Walsh expressing sympathy for the independence of Ireland and Senator Harding said he had no recollection of having written such a letter.

The purported letter had been published in the Westminster Gazette of London.

Besides the letter quoted and Mr. Walsh made public one he wrote on March 26 last to George Gavan Duffy, representative of the "Irish republic" at Paris, France, which read in part:

"I thought it might interest you to read a copy of the letter which I received today from Senator Harding of Ohio. I think he has the best chance of any yet mentioned for the presidency. It looks as though the other candidates were stirring up the big fight and that Senator Harding, a very sympathetic feeling toward the Irish independence movement," was said to be "undoubtedly authentic" by George Christian, the senator's secretary, tonight.

Declaring that he was speaking for Senator Harding, Mr. Christian said: "Mr. Walsh simply gave out a copy of a letter written to him by the senator. When the matter regarding the letter came up some days ago we tried to find a copy of the letter in the office files but could not locate it. There was no hedging and no attempt to cheat about it. The letter is undoubtedly authentic."

BOATS SWAMPED WITH LISTS

PORTLAND, Or., June 23.—Steamships operating between here and California reported today that they were swamped with applications for passenger accommodations on vessels going to San Francisco this week. The City of Tokopa left tonight with every berth taken and the Rose City, which is to depart tomorrow has been sold out for a week past. Many of the people who seek to make the trip to California by the water route are Shrine visitors returning home that way.

TENNESSEE SOLONS HAVE EXTRA MEETING

GOVERNOR TO CALL SPECIAL SESSION FOR SUFFRAGE VOTE

State to Comply With Wish of President Wilson; Legislation Will Take Place Prior to November

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., June 23.—Governor Roberts of Tennessee announced tonight that he would comply with the desire of President Wilson that a special session of the Tennessee legislature be called to act on the federal suffrage amendment.

The legislature will be called to meet, the governor said, in plenty of time to permit the women of the United States to vote in the November election provided ratification of the suffrage amendment is completed through favorable action by Tennessee.

Governor Roberts tonight had not received the telegram sent to him earlier in the evening by President Wilson who urged that the Tennessee legislature be called to act on the suffrage question. Governor Roberts announced his intention after reading the president's message and the Associated Press dispatch. The governor declined to comment on the action which in event of ratification would hinge on a clause in the state constitution which provides that any action of a federal amendment must be taken by a legislature, the members of which have been elected after the amendment was submitted to the state. The members of the legislature to be called in special session were elected previously to submission by congress of the suffrage amendment. The recent decision of the supreme court in the Ohio referendum case has been interpreted by some legal experts however, as invalidating the clause.

AIR STATION FOR MEDFORD

Forest Patrol to Erect Headquarters in City

MEDFORD, Or., June 23.—Before flying for Eugene today Captain Lowell H. Smith, who will have charge of the forest airplane patrol service in Oregon and northern California, completed arrangements for this service. The captain's party, which consisted of Lieutenant H. C. Goldsborough, Sergeant Ambrose and an enlisted man, arrived here Tuesday from Mather field in three planes.

The new county fair grounds which are being transformed into a landing place has been leased as the headquarters building. At this base will be constructed seven hangars to house the seven planes which will be stationed here. A wireless station will also be constructed. A crew of 20 army men will be stationed at the Medford base, including seven officers, enlisted aviation and signal corpsmen and one medical officer. While flying in daily use. One plane will make a round trip patrol south to Alturas, Cal., daily, and the other will make a round trip daily patrol to Klamath Falls and vicinity from Medford. One of the planes from the Eugene base will make a round trip patrol to Medford daily. The service will begin on July 1.

League To Be Successful Say British House

OTTAWA, Ont., June 23.—British members of the league of nations despite obstacles to be overcome, was prophesied in the house of commons today by Sir Herbert Ames, financial secretary of the league. He declared Canada had made no mistake in accepting the league without reservations. He described her position as unique, having joined, he said, not for what she could get but for what she could give.

"The league of nations is no longer a dream," said Sir Herbert. "It is a reality, it has being, it has form, it has organs, it functions."

Sir Herbert said Canada had accepted the pact "in its fullness, believing that the interpretation of the obligations involved would be reasonable, willing to trust and be trusted."

Beyond the approval of conscience and the esteem of the world, there would be no immediate return for the dominion, he said, but the return would be a hundredfold for what she is now giving.

The speaker expressed the opinion that the failure of the United States to enter the league "was responsible for similar action" by Cuba, Haiti, Honduras and Nicaragua.

SALEM HAS GREETINGS FOR NOBLES

Four Thousand Shriners Estimated to Have Motored to Capital City From Portland Yesterday

DIVERSIONS HERE FOUND NUMEROUS

Luncheons Served—Hundreds Go Into Dome to Enjoy Great Panorama

"They're all right!" "Who's all right?" "SALEM."

They shouted it from the state house—they gathered in yellow and green and red velvet-lined groups on the lawn about the capital and in Willson park while they cried their spontaneous praises of the hospitality of the Capital City to the high nobles. There were nearly 4000—50 automobile loads of Shriners in Salem yesterday and, according to every indication, they were more than pleased with the city and enjoyed themselves to the limit during their brief visit.

Most of the cars arrived about noon, although the first load reached the city at 10:45. They were welcomed by Secretary of State Sam Koser and other local Shriners, on the steps of the capitol, and were escorted inside the building where Governor Olcott met them in the rotunda.

Luncheons Are Welcomed. The travelers were quite ready to be served with luncheon on the state house lawn and in Willson park. Sandwiches and pickles were handed each visitor in convenient paper plates, while loaf Flier, Loja and Apple flowed freely from bags slung on the 25 or more long tables scattered about the grounds.

Y. W. C. A. girls, assisted by 10 girls from Mrs. Ralph White's dancing class, served the luncheon, while another group of Salem girls placed roses on each guest who came their way.

The visitors nobles and their wives and families were more than enthusiastic over the reception Oregon has given them and the beauty of the country. One man, who crossed the hot sands from Ohio to join in the convalescence, produced a small nut from his pocket and explained:

"I carried this all the way from the Buckeye state for good luck, but it can't come up with your Oregon roses. I wish I could carry some of them back with me."

A group of guests from Le-Lu temple of New Orleans adopted a new sort of headgear. Beneath their regulation fur protruded a large open-work straw hat of the variety often seen in the windows of the 15-cent stores. These in turn were weighted down with roses of all colors and the wearers were displaying pep and happiness with lavish hands.

View Valley From Dome. Nearly 1000 of the visitors grasped the opportunity to look at the city and valley from the dome of the capitol building, the reception of what Oregon has done for them during their week here. The governor's office was open for an informal reception.

A large floral piece, made especially for the occasion by one of the patients at the state hospital, was on display in the corridor near the secretary of state's office, and brought forth such favorable comment from the visitors. An Oregon Blue Book was given each guest by the automobile department of the secretary of state's office so they might become better acquainted with the state and might perhaps decide to return at some time.

"Do you know," said one visiting woman from New Mexico, who wore a bouquet of real roses on her hat, "I have had a fresh bunch of roses every day to wear on my hat and I just took the artificial ones off. One can always buy artificial flowers, but this is the first time in my life I ever saw so many real ones."

Following Is Program. Yesterday was a day ideally suited to picnicking. The sun shone with just enough warmth to be pleasant and bring out the gorgeous coloring in the suits of the visitors. Ray sweaters and sport costumes worn by maids and matrons served to add to the attractiveness of the setting for Salem was at its best.

Police experienced no trouble in keeping ordinary parking away from the blocks about Willson park and the capitol, and Shrine cars found plenty of parking space without difficulty.

A number of the guests were taken to the city hall for a tour. (Continued on page 6)