

# FIRE DAMAGES FLAX AT PEN

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**LEAD IS TAKEN BY CHINESE DELEGATES**

Open Sympathy with Their Position Manifested by United States

WASHINGTON, Nov. 16.—(By The Associated Press.)—The Washington conference today turned to consideration of Far Eastern questions with almost the same momentum with which it tackled naval armaments.

It was the Chinese delegates who led the way this time, in the committee of nine, at which all nations participating were represented, the produced a basis for discussion which represents their views.

**Situation Vaguely Defined**  
The open sympathy of the United States with their position was at once manifest. British delegates expressed it in many respects. The positions of the others were not so clearly defined, although members of the Japanese delegation have given expression of approval, in part at least, of China's "bill of rights."

In brief, China wants guarantees for territorial integrity and political and administrative independence; she proposes the open door for all in all parts of the country; she wants all spheres of influence relinquished; she wants no treaties made affecting her without being consulted.

**China's Position Broadened**  
The full extent of China's position is much broader than this, but these are the essentials. The last feature may be construed as affecting the Anglo-Japanese alliance, although the British take an opposite view.

Today's session of the big nine was occupied with the presentation of China's views. Immediately afterward it became known they command the moral support of the United States. The British viewpoints were made known a little later. The Japanese did not state their reason, but previous pronouncements by some of their representatives have put them in line with some parts of China's proposals.

**Continuation Today**  
Discussion of the Far Eastern affairs will be continued tomorrow. Meanwhile the committee of nine will continue its examination of the American naval proposals.

**Britain for Open Door**  
WASHINGTON, Nov. 16.—(By The Associated Press.)—Four features of the official British viewpoint on China's proposals on the Far Eastern question were emphasized tonight by the highest authorities:

Great Britain reiterates that she is in full agreement with the open door policy.

She regards the "spheres of influence" as antiquated and unsuitable to modern conditions.

The Panama Canal is not regarded as a specific question and will not be urged on the consideration of the conference.

**Alliance Not Involved**  
The Anglo-Japanese alliance is not regarded by the British as directly involved in the Chinese proposals for settlement of the Far Eastern question, although it may be drawn into the discussion later.

By the same authority it was said consideration of Far Eastern questions will proceed at once upon the basis of the proposal submitted today by the Chinese delegates. Topics set out for the Chinese plan will be referred to experts.

## BLAZE STARTS IN STOREROOM; LOSS IS ABOUT \$17,000

Fire which broke out in the flax plant of the Oregon state penitentiary at 6:30 o'clock last night resulted in damage to one building and contents estimated by prison officials at approximately \$17,000. The flax fibre and seed were fully insured.

The fire started, prison officials said, near a chimney in the storage quarters of the flax plant, and when discovered by trustees was spreading rapidly to other parts of the building. The prison alarm was sounded, and with the assistance of all available trustees, the penitentiary fire fighting apparatus was brought into play. This was augmented by the Salem fire department which made a quick run to the scene of the blaze.

Because of the inflammable character of the contents of the building the heat was intense, and it was nearly an hour before the fire was under complete control. The interior of the structure was gutted and it probably will be necessary to replace most of the roof. Warden L. H. Compton said the damage to the building probably would exceed \$2000.

**Flax Product Valuable**  
Other losses include 30 bales of flax fiber which was to have

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## MISS WHEELER SAYS TODD TOOK SCHOOL RECORDS FROM CITY

PORTLAND, Nov. 16.—State school and secretary to the defendant while he was associated with Carlos L. Byron in the sale of alleged contracts to Salem people for timber tracts.

Miss Wheeler said in substance

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## ONE JUROR REMAINS TO BE EXAMINED IN TRIAL OF ARBUCKLE

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 16.—The third day in the manslaughter trial of Roscoe C. (Fatty) Arbuckle found the entire jury temporarily selected five times, but with the final selection held up because of the exercising of five peremptory challenges.

The prosecution challenged Mrs. Edith Unsworth, a prospective juror, who it accused at the opening of the day's session of making statements in the box contradictory to certain previous statements she had made. Mrs. Unsworth, a housewife, admitted the prosecution charge that she had expressed a desire to sit on the jury, but denied further charge that she had expressed an opinion as to the guilt or innocence of Arbuckle.

Mrs. Unsworth was allowed to remain in the box until late in the day when she was excused on the challenge. This challenge, which was a peremptory one, exhausted three such challenges by the prosecution. The prosecution had

two peremptory challenges remaining at the close of the day and the ceremony ended.

**Routine of Little Interest**  
The routine of jury selection

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## ORGANIZATION IS PERFECTED BY FLAX AND HEMP GROWERS

The Willamette Valley Flax & Hemp Growers association was organized yesterday at a meeting of a majority of the flax growers of the Willamette valley, at an all-day session at the Salem Commercial club. The association is to be a non-profit marketing organization.

There was also organized the

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## Japanese Ask World to Probe Their Policies in the Far East

### SCOUT EVENTS MUCH ENJOYED

Indian Troops Unable to Be Present Because of Chemawa Meeting

SEA SCOUT IS GUEST

Ben Scovell Captivates Lads—Chief Moffitt Receives Applause

The Court of Honor of the Boy Scouts, called especially to receive the Chemawa Indian Battalion of four troops, was in session at the armory last night. At the last minute, after the crowd had gathered, word was received that because of an order for all the federal Indian school employees to participate in a service meeting at the school, the new Scouts were unable to come. It was Hamlet with the hamlet out.

But it wasn't all left out, for there were other things in store. The first was an address by Sea Scout Wilder, of Honolulu. He's a royal good sport, one of the fellows if ever there was one, and the enthusiasm he aroused when he told of the Scouts of the mid-Pacific, where they climb volcanoes and pluck sharks out of the ocean for breakfast every morning, was unbounded. Commodore Wilder saw the Scouts in England, and he saw them here in Salem, and heard them too, for they yelled for him like Comanche Indians.

**Honors Awarded.**  
The Court of Honor, prior to this, awarded second class scout honors to Scouts Paul Jory, Purvine and Lester Morris; first class to Scouts Gould, Morehouse and Teddy Leonard; merit badges to Scouts Herbert Erickson and L. F. Edlundson for bee-keeping and to Edmundson for first aid work. The Indians had not arrived from New York, so could not be distributed, but it will be given the candidates in due form on its arrival.

Ben Scovell, Shakespearian artist, war correspondent, soldier of fortune in many lands, who helped outline the first Scout organization and constitution just after the Boer war, gave a brief but captivating address. He knew up under all the hardships possible to an orphan lad in England of the older generation. There were no Scout organizations to give a lad a lift in those days now so happily gone by. It was a stern, but hopeful story that he told of what the Scout oath now means in keeping any boy straight, and in giving him help when he needs a friend. Mr. Scovell has the heart of every Salem Scout in his keeping.

**Chief Moffitt Speaks**  
As a result of his brief but inspiring address, Chief of Police Moffitt outlined a plan whereby he expects to take the Scouts in to his official force for the betterment of Salem.

"I'm a Scout too," he said, "for I see what a splendid organization it is, how it develops better citizenship and makes for law and order."

He plans to take a number of the approved Scouts actually into his city force for traffic officers, for fire training, for various apprenticeships in civil service. If a Boy Scout calls an offender to time and demands respect for the rights of others, it may be well to heed his call; for he may be a genuine officer, with the power to compel, as well as urge. The chief's confidence in the organization was roundly cheered.

A series of indoor games was put on for the several hundred guests besides the Scouts themselves. All nine of the troops marched for military drill, and reported roll call for points. Two troops, 2 and 3, reported 100 per cent attendance. In the "stunt" part of the program a number of interesting things were staged—pyramid building, wrestling, rooster fights, opening flag drill, and the "don't let him fall" circle stunt. A semaphore contest with three team entries, was won by Scout Edmundson, giving a 10-word message with only one letter wrong, in 48 seconds elapsed time. The one mistake was penalized one second, making it a record of 49 seconds.

**Reverse Race Big Event**  
The Paul Reverse race was the big event of the evening, with a team from each troop. One rider

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## ROY GARDNER TAKEN AND MUST SERVE AT LEAVENWORTH PEN

### BOY FREED ON INQUIRY BY JURORS

Walter Winters of Tillamook, However, is Deprived of Use of Firearms

TILLAMOOK, Or., Nov. 16.—A coroner's jury today exonerated Walter Winters, 16, from blame in connection with the death of Roy Ward, 20, who was fatally shot three days ago while the two were hunting.

Young Winters said he had accidentally shot Ward; that he left the wounded youth to go for help and that when he returned he found Ward had again shot and killed himself.

The jury held that circumstances upheld Winters' version of the tragedy, but recommended that he be deprived of the use of firearms until he reaches the age of 21 years.

### ANNIVERSARY TO BE CELEBRATED

Salem Heights Community Club Soon to Observe its Tenth Birthday

Salem Heights Community club is to hold its 10th anniversary celebration at the community hall, Friday night, November 18. It isn't really the exact anniversary, for that would be November 27, but next week is Thanksgiving, the birthday is being put forward a little.

A catereria supper is to be held at the hall, beginning at 6 o'clock. Following the supper, program, with some speaking, some singing, and probably a lot of other fully satisfying things, including games, will be served a la carte.

The Community club has stood as a model for a fine co-operation of the usually difficult problem of the neither country-nor-city suburbs; too far in to be country, too far out to be sophisticated, self-satisfied metropolitans. The members have made their club a center for a community pride that some have said could not be aroused in a maintained in the suburbs. The Salem Heights have done it, and they're going to celebrate the birthday of their dreams of the long ago.

### Cabinet Member May Eat Corned Beef and Cabbage

WASHINGTON, Nov. 16.—Eggs, Secretary Davis said today, "are going sky high" and like wise turkeys. These two commodities, contrary to the general trend of food prices, are being boosted prior to holiday demands, he said, "by the cupidity and short sightedness of the storage warehouse people."

"When the warehouse people get all the eggs gathered they jack up the price until nobody can buy but the rich," he declared. "Then in the spring, they have nothing on their hands but cold storage eggs they are obliged to sell below cost."

Commissioner of Labor Statistics Stewart tells me that Thanksgiving turkey in Washington may go up to 79 cents a pound. "I know for my part, if turkey goes to 79 cents, I'll eat corned beef and cabbage for my Thanksgiving dinner."

### Laborer is Murdered in Hotel in Portland

PORTLAND, Nov. 16.—Swan Swanson, a laborer, was found shot to death in the lavatory of a hotel tonight. A revolver was found under an outside stairway nearby. The police and coroner said murder was indicated. Axel Swanson, brother of the dead man was taken into custody and held for investigation.

Stalwart Mail Clerk Overpowers Notorious Bandit While Attempting Mail Robbery in Arizona.

LEAVENWORTH, Kas., Nov. 16.—Roy Gardner, mail robber, recaptured at Phoenix, Ariz., will be assigned to duty in one of the shops of the federal penitentiary when he is brought here to serve out his sentence, W. I. Biddle, warden of the prison said tonight. Mr. Biddle said he had received a telegram from Attorney General Daugherty, directing that Gardner be received at the penitentiary.

PHOENIX, Ariz., Nov. 16.—Roy Gardner, who was captured by Herman F. Inderlied, a mail clerk, in a mail car at the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe railway station here last night, will not be tried for the attempt to rob that car but will be sent to Leavenworth, Kas., to finish serving sentences which were hanging over him when he escaped from the federal prison at McNeil Island, Wash., on September 5, according to an announcement made tonight by Thomas Flynn, United States district attorney here.

Mr. G. Flynn said he had asked the department of justice at Washington whether to prosecute Gardner for last night's affair and had been instructed to have Gardner transferred to the federal penitentiary at Leavenworth.

Gardner was formally arraigned today before J. B. Henke, United States commissioner and was held to await action of the United States district court.

**Bond Figure Heavy.**  
Commissioner Henke fixed Gardner's bond at \$100,000 and then asked him the customary question regarding his ability to furnish that amount.

"I think I can make it," Gardner replied.

The United States district court room where today's hearing was conducted was packed with men and women anxious to see Gardner while he was in the building and outside the federal building for a glimpse of him.

**Prisoner His Own Attorney**  
Gardner told the commissioner that he had no attorney and no money with which to employ one, but that he would like to have counsel. The commissioner told him he was not authorized to appoint counsel, but he would be entitled to free legal advice in the district court. Then Gardner said he would waive the right to counsel if the section of the law under which the complaint against him was drawn was read to him. The complaint charged him with attempting to rob the United States mails and with assaulting a United States mail clerk.

The prisoner acted as his own attorney at the hearing and questioned all but one of the prosecution witnesses. He said he did not want to offer any evidence in his own behalf.

**Indrilled Tells Story**  
Herman F. Inderlied of Phoenix the mail clerk who was in charge of the car and who captured Gardner, was the first witness. He told of going to the car to urinate to go out on his run. He said he got in and helped put the mail on board. Then he changed his clothes, laying his revolver on a table while he did so. Afterwards, about 10 minutes before the train was due to leave for Los Angeles, he got out to get the mail from a drop box at the station, leaving his revolver on the table.

When he returned to the car, he said, he was confronted by a masked man who pointed a revolver towards his head and ordered him to hold up his hands and to back into the corner.

"I started backing but didn't

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### SALEM YOUTH HAS LEAD IN COMING SHOW

Willard Hall, Son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hall, Began Stage Career Here

When Victor Herbert's latest musical comedy, "Angel Face," comes to Salem next week many members of the audience will be present to welcome Willard Hall on the occasion of his return to Salem.

Mr. Hall, who is one of the four leading men with the company, is very well known here. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hall. As a boy singer, Willard first faced the footlights at the Liberty theater in 1912 when he started a stage career which has been gradually leading to higher places on the billboards. Mr. Hall's last appearance in Salem was several years ago when he appeared in his own dapper skit in which vehicle he later made the first class western circuits.

Mr. Hall was given one of the leads with Producer Goldstein of the "Angel Face" company after his successes on the Orpheum circuit last season.

The former Salem boy will sustain one of the most active roles, his leading song number being "Sow Your Wild Oats Early."

Mr. Hall's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph C. Hall, live at 706 North Commercial street.

**Eastern Oregon Farmer Is Killed in Pool Hall**  
FOSSIL, Or., Nov. 16.—Louis Toney, a rancher, was shot and killed tonight in a pool hall at Mitchell, Or., according to information telephoned to county officers here.

Harry Eller, a neighbor of Toney, was being charged with having slain him.

The sheriff's informant said that Toney and Eller had quarreled on many occasions.

**BOY SHOT**  
RAINIER, Or., Nov. 16.—Chester Girt, 18, was shot through the lungs today by his uncle, who mistook the youth for a bear while both were hunting. It was said the victim's chances for recovery were slight.

**THE WEATHER**  
Unsettled, probably rain west, snow flurries east portion; light westerly winds.

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## MR. HOFF DEFENDS RECENT TRANSFER OF BOARD'S FUNDS

In reply to an attack by the industrial accident commission because he transferred \$76,000 from the commission's segregated accident fund to the industrial accident fund, O. P. Hoff, state treasurer, in a letter yesterday declares the transfer was made after a full discussion on the subject with a representative of the commission. The letter is signed by James W. Crawford, deputy state treasurer and secretary of the bond commission.

Further, the letter points out that it has been the policy of W. A. Marshall, chairman of the accident commission and member of the bond commission, to favor investment of the commission's funds up to the last notch.

The letter also points out that receipts of the accident commission have fallen off nearly \$800,000 for 1921 as compared with last year while the warrants have increased about \$400,000.

It is declared in the letter that there is no law against the transfer as made.

The letter in full follows: "I acknowledge receipts of your

## OPEN SESSION PLAN FAVORED BY NIPPONESE

Procedure in Conference Advocated by Orientals Designed to Prevent All Ill-Feeling.

### BRITISH OCCUPANCY IS NOT QUESTIONED

International Control of China is Declared to Be Undesirable

WASHINGTON, Nov. 16.—(By The Associated Press.)—As many public sessions as possible are desired by the Japanese in the discussion of Pacific and Far Eastern questions, Japanese delegates declared today. They added that the Japanese would welcome open discussions because they wanted the world to examine Japanese policies in the Far East.

It was intimated Japan would like to adhere to her attitude voiced at Tokio recently that questions affecting particular states be left as far as possible to direct settlement between those states and that no efforts be made to discuss the past in connection with the general examination of the situation in the Far East.

Japan stood ready, it was insisted by her spokesmen to admit her faults, but if the conference were to plunge into history, she feels it would prove endless and probably stir up ill-feeling. Such an examination, they point out, would logically include conditions under which Great Britain occupied Hong Kong and Wei-Hei-Wei and France Indo-China, not to mention the spheres of influence of those countries in the Yangtze valley and Yunnan province, respectively.

Japan does not expect to raise the question of British occupancy of Chinese territory and apparently does not expect other countries will question her right to the leased territory of South

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