

2000 ASTORIANS HOMELESS

Detroit-Niagara Road Contracted LONG BREAD LINES FORM IN STRICKEN CITY, 24 BLOCKS IN RUINS, LOSS IS 12 MILLION

MINTO TRAIL WILL BECOME FINE HIGHWAY

Project to Cost \$100,000 Will Be Constructed by Government and County Cooperation.

NEGOTIATIONS OVER 2-YEAR PERIOD ENDED

Length to Be Thirteen Miles—Federal Funds Three-Fourth of Total

After two years of constant negotiations between the government and Marion county the government has at last entered into a contract for the building of the long hoped for road between Detroit and Niagara, according to information released from the county roadmaster's office yesterday.

Forest Reserve Penetrated

The road will be built at a cost of about \$100,000 and will be approximately 13 miles in length. Marion county will stand about one-fourth of the cost while the government will assume the balance, due to the fact that land in that vicinity is government forest reserve land. The road will be built along what is familiarly known as Minto trail. The government survey will probably commence some time in the spring after which the work is expected to progress rapidly. The contract was closed yesterday with the secretary of agriculture.

Special Taxes Voted

Citizens in the vicinity of Detroit and Niagara have been voting special taxes on themselves for the past two years in order to provide the amount which the county must furnish under the terms of the contract.

MME. MATZENAUER CHARGES CRUELTY

Well Known Opera Star Files Cross Complaint to Suit of Husband

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 8.—Madame Margaret Matzenauer, opera star, in first formal answer and cross complaint to the divorce suit of her chauffeur husband, Floyd Glotzbach, filed here late today, entered a decree on the grounds of cruelty and infidelity.

J. J. Lerman, attorney for the diva, announced he would introduce in court three canceled checks for a total of \$357.50 which, he said, were given by Madame Matzenauer to Glotzbach and forwarded by the husband without the singer's knowledge, to Mrs. Lottie Frates of Carmel, Cal. One \$100 check, it is set forth, was sent to Mrs. Frates by Glotzbach six days before he and the opera star were married on June 18, 1921.

Glotzbach's alleged relations and correspondence with Lottie Frates were responsible for the marital troubles and eventually led to the separation, Madame Matzenauer asserted.

THE WEATHER

OREGON—Saturday rain in west portion, rain or snow in east portion not so cold.
LOCAL WEATHER (Friday)
Maximum temperature, 40.
Minimum temperature, 33.
River, 7 feet above normal level, rising.
Rainfall, .35 inch.
Atmosphere, cloudy.
Wind, south.

EDITORIAL

Company M, that was recruited to war strength in Salem for the World war, held its annual reunion last night. The boys were not nearly all there. Some of them never came back, at all, and others came to die in the peaceful life of the civilian.

A brave man, a patriotic man with a heart in a strong body and a soul in a strong mind, may come from the field, the factory, the store, even from the bar room or the haunts of vice, and make good in the finest, most unselfish fight. But it wrongs no one else to say that the finest things that Salem ever saw, was back on March 25, 1917, when practically the whole junior and senior classes of Willamette university came down in a body to enlist in Company M for service under Old Glory. It really was "Old Glory" to these boys, brought up as they had been in an atmosphere of reverence for the finer things of life. And they came as volunteers—they didn't wait for the draft to do it—they set out to do it themselves.

Three of them were sons of spectacled, devout professors in Willamette; others were themselves religious and social workers, almost through college, and with promise beckoning them on. But the call of duty, so much stronger than the call to profiteering and ease and ignoble safety, gripped them—and they went. They served all over Europe as replacement units for other organizations that were deficient. They did not have the poor privilege of sticking together as perhaps they had hoped to do. But it is the testimony of military authorities all through the army, that they "made good" in a splendid manner.

Willamette has bred up a spirit that carries on, in peace, in war, in service to humanity. A tradition like that is a priceless heritage.

Willamette needs, desperately, the support that the present endowment campaign will give, to give room to grow in service. These young men and young women of Willamette, and their traditions and ideals of service, are of priceless worth.

Let's raise the money and keep Willamette going straight ahead on the old, sublime path of service.

FUND SHOWS MORE GROWTH

Willamette Endowment Has Pledges of \$914,414, Records Show

Willamette now has \$914,414 pledged on the \$1,250,000 endowment campaign, although the gain from the last previous report was not proportioned to the needs as expressed in terms of so much per day. Salem provided most of the gain from the Thursday report, a total of \$12,613 being added from all sources, and almost one-half of this being local money.

The campaign committee has just finished crediting some miscellaneous local subscriptions and yesterday apportioned \$14,435 to be divided equally between the two local canvassing armies. This, however is not that much additional money for the one day's work. The money actually raised and reported yesterday as

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WANTED HER TO CHOKO ON FISH

Ellen Lavina Hartley Tells Why She Wants Divorce from Husband

A "loveless marriage" was revealed in the complaint filed by Ellen Lavina Hartley against Arthur Hartley in the circuit court yesterday for divorce.

According to the complaint, immediately after their marriage, which was only in July, 1922, her husband assumed a domineering attitude toward her, telling her that since she had married him she must obey his every wish. As a result she was forced to do the family wash on Sunday, work in the hop yards and was prevented from visiting her parents.

Upon one occasion, the complaint alleges, he informed her that other women wanted her to eat a fish and choke on it so that they might marry him. At one time he told her to go home and stay there. So cruel and inhuman was his treatment, the complaint alleges, that in October he left her and had since failed to support her.

A divorce and alimony of \$25 a month is asked.

HOUSE LIQUOR FIGHT WARM

Prohibition Factions Make Clean Sweep in Knocking Out Amendments

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—Friends of prohibition, in complete control in the house, made a clean sweep today in knocking out amendments to the prohibition section of the treasury supply bill which they claimed were designed to weaken enforcement of the Volstead law.

Hill Stands Alone

Standing alone at times, Representative Hill, Maryland, sought to limit the money spending activities of the prohibition unit. His proposals were thrown out bodily after thirty minutes of bitter debate in which the manner of the law's enforcement was commanded and condemned.

The bill stood like a stone wall against attacks by Mr. Hill's group. It had not reached the point of passage tonight because of an agreement to defer until tomorrow, action on a provision for substituting fast power presses for hand presses on which the government's money has long been printed at the bureau of engravings.

Representative Tincher, Republican of Kansas, declared the Hill amendments were in keeping with the attitude of those who had attempted to defeat prohibition enforcement. He said he did not know why Mr. Hill should object if the Ku Klux Klan tried to suppress moonshiners.

Yearnings All Drink

Characterizing Mr. Hill as the minister plenipotentiary of the association opposed to prohibition, Representative Crampton, Republican of Michigan, declared the Maryland representative was helping the organization in an effort to nullify the eighteenth amendment by hamstringing the enforcement unit. Representative Thorpe, Republican of Nebraska, objected for the short time ending in March, said he was proud to vote with the friends of prohibition.

Representative Knutson, Minnesota, Republican whip, told the house he voted for the eighteenth amendment and the Volstead law but found now that "as the appropriations for enforcement go up, whiskey prices come down." He asserted that thousands of illicit stills flourished in the country and that girls and boys in their teens were coming home drunk.

HARDING TALK TO CONGRESS TO CONGRESS DIVERSIFIED

President Puts Transportation, Prohibition and Farm Credits Problems at Head of List.

CRITICS OF FOREIGN PROCEDURE RAPPED

Would Give Federal Tribunal Authority to Enforce All Decisions

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—President Harding addressing congress in person today on the state of the union, placed the transportation situation, prohibition enforcement and farm credits in the forefront of the national problems pressing for solution.

Raps Critics

Also he took occasion to reply directly to those whom he said had assumed that the United States had taken itself "aloof and apart, unmindful of world obligations." He declared these gave "scant credit" for the "helpful part" America had assumed in international relations, referring particularly to the arms conference.

Of the prohibition situation, the executive asserted there were conditions of enforcement which "savor of nation-wide scandal." He made no recommendations on this score but announced his purpose to call an early conference of the governors of the states and territories with federal authorities to formulate definite policies of national and state cooperation in the administering of the laws.

Transportation Important

Declaring there was no problem exceeding in importance the one of transportation, Mr. Harding told congress there was need to begin on plans to coordinate all transportation facilities—rail, water and motor. As to the re-

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CITY OF ASTORIA IMPORTANT IN NORTHWEST DEVELOPMENT; FOUNDED BY JOHN J. ASTOR

Astoria, the oldest town in Oregon, was founded April 12, 1811, by John Jacob Astor, American merchant, who opened the first American fur trading post in the Pacific northwest. Prosperity loomed for the little city, but the war of 1812 stopped his enterprise.

The English took possession of the post in 1813, re-named it Ft. St. George, and held it until 1818, though until 1845 the Northwest company, an English company of fur traders, continued to occupy it.

The natural antipathy between natives of the British empire and the United States is believed to have made impossible the successful establishment of Astoria as a fur trading post operated by Americans, for the inbred national prejudice of the Britisher for anything American was too powerful to go unnoticed.

Held by British

The British government transmitted orders to the agent of the Northwest company to deliver the post of Astoria as "one of the places captured during the war," and as a result the post, founded by Americans, passed out of American command.

Although Astor urged the government to re-possess Astoria, and intended to resume operations in the territory, the Pacific Fur company started by him was never revived. Even following the war no attempt was made by the capitalist to return to the post, which remained for some time under the control of the Northwest company.

NO LAW BARS GUARD WHEN DUTY CALLS

General White Will Carry Relief to Stricken Astorians if Necessary

Federal law will be disregarded by the Oregon national guard, if necessary to carry relief to the fire-stricken people of Astoria, Adjutant General George A. White said yesterday, while making preparations to send men and equipment to that city.

Men, tents, cooking equipment, blankets and overcoats sufficient to administer comfort to 2000 persons can be sent at once if necessary, the adjutant general said. In such a case, said General White, damage to equipment will necessarily run into the thousands of dollars. This will create a deficiency in the state national guard funds which the legislature would be called upon to meet by deficiency appropriation. Adjutant General White expected to complete the biennium without a deficiency.

PRISON SHOWMEN AT THEIR BEST

Finishing Touches Being Put on Rehearsals for Minstrel Nights

The troupe of players at the state penitentiary who are to participate in the annual state prison minstrel show which runs throughout next week are working hard putting on the finishing touches, and dress rehearsals are now the order.

Some more than ordinarily fine song hits and jokes have been worked up that are likely to be disconcerting to some of the celebrities who are to be present in the audiences. This is always one of the best features of the show.

The show Monday night will be for inmates of the prison only, and all the other performances of the week, which run every night, including Saturday, will be open to the public.

SALEM OFFERS ASTORIA AID

City and Red Cross Stand Ready—Knights of Columbus Send Purse

Willamette chapter of the Red Cross, and the city of Salem offered their assistance to the fire-stricken people of Astoria yesterday, and at a special meeting called for the purpose last night the Salem lodge of the Knights of Columbus collected a cash donation and forwarded it to Astoria for the general relief fund.

Mrs. Arthur S. Benson, executive secretary of the local chapter of the Red Cross, early in the day telegraphed the superintendent of the Pacific coast bureau of the Red Cross at San Francisco a brief description of the fire and offered the aid of the local chapter. The superintendent replied, thanking Mrs. Benson for the information and said he had ordered the superintendent of the northwest division at Portland to go to Astoria to ascertain the need. He said further that Willamette chapter would be called upon if necessary.

Mayor George E. Halvorsen and Mayor-elect John B. Giesy sent the following telegram to the mayor of Astoria:

"We are shocked beyond words to hear of the devastating calamity which has befallen your beautiful city. The citizens of Salem extend to your citizens their heartfelt sympathy for the irreparable loss which they have sustained on account of the fire which is raging in your city. If we can be of assistance to you in any way command us."

TAXPAYERS MIGHT BE GIVEN RELIEF

Clatsop County Court Could Order Refunds to Fire-Stricken People

Prior to the great fire loss of yesterday at Astoria that city's loss by fire this year aggregated \$1,020,830, according to A. C. Barber, state fire marshal. This was an increase of \$723,915 over the loss for 1921, which was only \$296,915.

Oregon fires this year exclusive of Portland have aggregated \$4,265,503, and in Portland the loss up to November 30 was \$1,258,304.53, making a total for the state of \$5,523,807.53. The Astoria disaster of yesterday will add possibly \$15,000,000 to this amount.

The fire loss in Oregon exclusive of Portland for November was \$309,880. Fires of \$10,000 loss or more were:

Haines, milk plant, \$40,000; Hood River county, store and contents, \$15,000; Jefferson, saw mill, \$11,000; Oregon City, Elk's temple, \$50,000; Powers, pool hall and hotel, \$20,000; Salem, rug manufacturing plant, \$30,000; Union county, barn and contents, \$15,000.

Taxation experts here yesterday said it would be possible for the Clatsop county court at Astoria to grant some relief to taxpayers who are losers in the fire. Whether this would be feasible or not would be a matter for the court to decide.

While the assessment rolls are completed and accepted by the county board of equalization it would be possible, it is said, for the county court to allow refunds on property that no longer exists if such were petitioned for by the taxpayers. The law allowing the court to order reassessments, it is said, would not exactly apply in this emergency.

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INCENDIARISM SUSPECTED

'Incendiarism was responsible for the conflagration, according to opinions of both Mayor Bremner and Chief of Police Carlson, and local radicals are under suspicion the two officials said.

Investigation proved that the fire at the outset began in two separate places, simultaneously according to Chief Carlson.

A dozen citizens who were in the vicinity of the Bee Hive department store when the conflagration started, said they were certain that two restaurants—one at either side of the department store—were raging furnaces, while the store showed no sign of fire.

"I am certain that the fire was incendiary," said Mayor Bremner, "and I am likewise certain that radicalism is responsible. Of course there will be a more thorough investigation than has been possible today. When it is over I am sure it will be established that the fire was set."

ASTORIA, Dec. 8.—Its heart eaten out by flames which raged through it for hours today, Astoria took time tonight to compute its losses at \$12,000,000 which city officials estimated to be the toll of the blaze which swept away 24 blocks of the city's business district, destroying every department store, hotel, bank and scores of small business establishments.

Two thousand people were homeless tonight. The city was cut off without banking facilities. No food was obtainable except from a central distributing station established by a swiftly organized committee of 50 business men who had been at work for hours. Relief was arriving hourly by train and automobile from Portland and other points. As nightfall the situation was in hand. Beds had been provided for all without them and hot meals were being served at several stations.

COMPANY M IS REUNITED

Annual Homecoming of Salem's Famous War Unit Held Last Night

Five years ago, on December 10, the boys of Company M, Salem, sailed from New York for the No Man's Land of the World War. They didn't know exactly where they were going, but they were on their way, with the fire of service burning in every heart. They didn't expect that all of them would ever return. Some of them did not, and never will. But those who did return, came as visitors, after the job was all done.

They Ate Turkey

Last night the survivors held their annual reunion to celebrate the event. They met at the Gray Belle where they dined on turkey—not the kind of blood-sucking, Christian hating turkey that they set out to fight five years ago—but Oregon turkey, fattened on grasshoppers and grain, instead of on Christian blood—any they made it a feast for the ages. The old flag of their 162nd infantry regiment was brought from the state capitol to grace their table.

Some of them had shed blood under its folds, and it was their very own flag, loaned to the state.

Some Not There

Owing to the bad weather not all the boys were present who had been expected, though 50 were there in spite of the storm.

Capt. Roy Neer, now of Portland, was present again to command his boys, as chairman. He spoke briefly, as did Paul Wallace, Louis Compton, Rodney Alden, Capt. Conrad Stratton of Dallas, Col. Carlie Abrams, and every soldier as he responded to his name in roll call. Some story or sentiment, some bit of prophecy, some patriotic appeal, some reminiscence of those who did not come back—there were many kinds of stories in the brief thumbnail speeches that the boys made.

Memorial Is Held

A memorial service for the departed was held, led by Rev. David Hassel, one of the soldiers who enlisted and later came back and was graduated from Willamette. This closed with a salutat, at attention, while Edwin Payne, the old company bugler, played "To the Colors." The list of local dead is growing. It now has the names of Maurice Lawson, graduated from Willamette; Welcome

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