

ASTORIA FACES NEW HAVOC

CROWD CHEERS WHEN SUCCESS OF DRIVE TOLD

Guests at Willamette Luncheon 'Enthusiastic Over Passage of the Million Dollar Mark.

SPEAKERS THINK HUMANITY IMPROVING

\$5000 Collected in Salem Since Monday Noon — Morris Army Leads

More than 100 committeemen, guests and Kiwanians were there to cheer when the announcement was made at the Tuesday noon Willamette luncheon, that the endowment fund had crossed the million dollar mark. They have that much money in sight, pledged and the notes in the big safe. It was something to cheer about and they cheered.

The main address was made by Rev. Ward Willis Long, pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Salem, one of the Willamette canvassing army. He was the high man today with \$2200 in pledges to report toward the endowment fund.

Rev. Long Optimistic
The speaker spoke feelingly of the growing social conscience that can not tolerate the "It's none of my business" spirit of selfishness. "It is up to us as a community to say, with Kant in his categorical imperative, 'Let the order of your conduct be such that, if your conduct were made the standard of universal conduct, it would be for the best of all.' We can't clear our consciences before man or God if we don't live up to that standard. Some say, 'Oh, yes, these things—like the Willamette endowment—must be done, but let George do it.' If we will only pledge ourselves to do what we believe others ought to do, in this campaign, the Willamette endowment will go over."

High Tribute Paid
The speaker paid a high tribute to the Kiwanis ideals, saying that he had seen a marked change in the social conscience of many men since their going into the organization which is founded on service to humanity. He was cheered heartily at the close of his address, and the campaign committee took occasion to thank him in person for his splendid assistance and profound argument.

Chairman Dr. Steeves, who served in place of John McNary, campaign chairman, spoke briefly but pointedly on the change of feeling that had come to him since the campaign got fully under way. At first he had not thought it possible that the money could be raised; but now he foresaw complete success, he said.

Dr. Franklin Speaks
Dr. E. T. Franklin of Union college, Barboursville, Ky., spoke briefly of how the people in his own little community gave. Young professional men put down \$500 to \$1000 apiece; settled business men subscribed \$1000 to \$5000 apiece, and they bought themselves spiritually and socially rich through giving. He urged that the philanthropy of Salem be allowed to keep pace with the other material demands.

"This giving is a matter of education," he said. "You canvassers will have to fight like tigers; it takes real distress of soul to fear that we might fail, but when this feeling grows into our lives it will bring victory."

Many Officials Present
A number of state officials were present. One was acting

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THE WEATHER

OREGON — Wednesday fair, except rain or snow in south-west portion.

LOCAL WEATHER

(Tuesday)
Maximum temperature, 31.
Minimum temperature, 20.
River, 5.6 feet above normal level. Falling.
Rainfall, none.
Atmosphere, clear.
Wind, north.

WYNDHAM BUREN IS DEAD BY OWN HAND; WELL KNOWN IN CITY

Wyndham Buren, about 22 years old, son of Mr. and Mrs. Max O. Buren, killed himself with a pistol on East Center street, between Commercial and Liberty, shortly before 10 o'clock last night. It apparently was a case of suicide.

His father has for many years been a prominent Salem merchant and the son was employed in the store on North Commercial street with his father.

The young man had just escorted to her home Miss Edna Howd, a young woman with whom he had been keeping company for some time, and who lives at the home of Mrs. J. E. Godfrey at Center and Liberty streets.

Miss Howd had just entered the Godfrey house when she heard a shot. Hastening to the street she found her recent escort lying on the sidewalk. She hastily summoned neighbors and a physician. The bullet had entered the head just under the chin and emerged above the right eye. It was said death was doubtless instantaneous.

J. WANAMAKER DIES AT HOME

Famous "Merchant Prince" 85 Years Old, Active in Business Until End

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 12.—John Wanamaker, internationally famous merchant and former postmaster general, died at his home here today. He was 85 years old.

Interment Private

Funeral services will be held Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock in Bethany Presbyterian church at 22nd and Bainbridge streets, a neighborhood once prosperous but no longer suggestive of either beauty or wealth. In that edifice, which long has been familiarly known both by those who worshipped there and others as "John Wanamaker's church," the body of the merchant prince will lie in state Thursday morning from 10 o'clock until noon. The interment will be private, in the family vault in the picturesquely situated cemetery of St. James the Less. Rev. A. Gordon McLennan, pastor of Bethany church will conduct services both in the church and at the vault.

Activities Lauded

Mr. Wanamaker had preserved himself in a remarkable manner and his active participation until a few months ago in affairs, civic, political, industrial and religious, was regarded as almost without parallel.

Although he had not been in his usual vigorous health in the last year, Mr. Wanamaker was identified prominently with the movement to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the signing of the declaration of independence with a world exposition in 1926, having been a leader in the exposition in 1876 which marked the 100th anniversary of that same historic event.

EDITORIAL

The first million dollars in the present Willamette University campaign has been pledged. That's fine; it will help a lot. But they need it all; just as a man who runs a mile to catch a train needs to make the last few feet or he loses it all; or the man who almost puts out the fire that threatens his home, needs the last pailful to quench it utterly and leave no spark alive. The things that have "almost" succeeded, are the terrible tragedies of life.

This Willamette campaign is vital to every one in Salem. It has paid tens of thousands of dollars in printers' wages; scores of thousands to carpenters; multiplied thousands to every honest business and trade in Salem. Apart from every civic value it pays in money. To raise this endowment, means to double the student body and the Willamette direct and indirect payroll; twice as much business as the best Salem has ever known from the university.

One keen observer said Tuesday: "It's money in Salem's pocket to do it now. You know you'll pay rather than lose the university; at the last-day of the campaign. Why not pay now, and challenge the outside friends to come through? They wait for you; if you hold off too long they'll leave it for you. 'Do it now!'"

"PAY FOR MY TRIAL" SAYS ACCUSED WIFE

Mrs. Ford Wants Husband to Advance Cash for Defense on Death Plot Charge

DETROIT, Dec. 12.—A petition by Mrs. May Blenn Ford that her husband, Ney J. Ford, be ordered to advance \$5,000 attorney fees for her defense on a charge of plotting his death, was taken under advisement by Judge Harry J. Dingeman, in circuit court today. Similar action was taken on Mrs. Ford's request for an additional \$1,000 with which to contest Ford's suit for divorce which was pending prior to the filing of the attempted murder charge against her.

If Mrs. Ford is found not guilty of the criminal charge, Judge Dingeman said he would order Ford to pay her money to fight the divorce suit.

Mrs. Ford's examination on a charge of plotting with detectives, masquerading as professional gunmen, to slay her husband, has been set for Friday. She has not yet posted the \$15,000 bail required and is held in jail.

MANY DIE IN BOILER DISASTER

HAVANA, Dec. 12 (By the Associated Press) — One hundred workmen were killed or injured today in a boiler explosion which wrecked the Estrella sugar mill, near Camaguey.

Thirteen bodies had been recovered up to 7 o'clock this evening and 40 injured persons were being cared for in Camaguey. Most of the victims are Spaniards.

Two of the Central's big battery of boilers are reported to have exploded simultaneously. At least 25 of the men employed in the boiler room are thought to have been buried under the wreckage or killed by flying debris.

The Estrella Central is owned by the Compania Central Azucarera, an American corporation having headquarters in Havana. Last year the Central produced 227,000 sacks of sugar.

PHILLIPS CAPTURE IS FALSE ALARM

Resemblance of Woman Taken Into Custody to Hammer Slayer Close

CASPER, Wyo., Dec. 12.—Police today after a thorough investigation decided that the woman arrested Monday night on suspicion of being Mrs. Clara Phillips was not the escaped Los Angeles hammer slayer.

In many respects, points of resemblance between the woman at headquarters and descriptions of Mrs. Phillips were striking.

Newspapermen were given an opportunity for the first time today to talk to the woman. When first taken into custody by the police she had refused to answer any questions and appeared to be either mentally unbalanced or worried. After close questioning and investigation today, she was definitely identified as Beatrice Craig of Kirby, Wyo. Even with these facts at hand, police only were convinced after checking up her fingerprints with those alleged to be taken from the escaped murrider.

Since publication of word that Mrs. Phillips had been seen near Idaho Falls, Idaho, officers here had been on the watch for Mrs. Phillips, as this city is on the natural route to the east from Idaho. The arrival of the woman from the north, her striking resemblance to Mrs. Phillips and refusal to talk were the main facts leading to her arrest.

IMPEACHMENT OF DAUGHERTY BEFORE HOUSE

Judiciary Committee Clash Often With Keller Counsel—Procedure and Testimony Rule.

CONGRESSMAN FROM MINNESOTA SCORES

First Evidence on 3 of 14 Counts to Be Taken up — Taft Excused

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—The hearings on impeachment proceedings brought against Attorney General Daugherty by Representative Keller, Republican of Minnesota, were opened today before the house judiciary committee. They were marked by frequent clashes between members of the committee and Jackson H. Ralston, counsel for Mr. Keller, first as to the method of procedure and second as to the relevancy of testimony. The Minnesota representative won the first skirmish, the committee voting in executive session after an hour and a half of wrangling to hear first evidence on three of the 14 specifications designated by Mr. Keller, instead of taking the charges up in the numerical order in which they were presented originally.

Taft Not Wanted

Another decision was against the summoning of Chief Justice Taft, whose presence had been requested by Mr. Ralston for the purpose of confirming a letter which Mr. Taft wrote in 1912 while president to then Attorney General Wickersham and which was read into the record during the day.

The committee held that confirmation would be unnecessary. This letter and one written to Mr. Taft by Mr. Wickersham constituted the principal evidence submitted today. They both dealt with a pardon for Willard W. Jones, convicted in Oregon in 1907 of alleged land frauds and referred to alleged activities of William J. Burns, appointed last year by Mr. Daugherty as chief of the bureau of investigation of the department of justice in connection with the drawing of the jury in the Jones case.

Jurors Names Obtained

The purpose of their introduction into the record, Mr. Ralston explained, was to support the charge in the impeachment specifications that Mr. Daugherty had appointed to positions "of great importance and large financial and moral responsibility" men who are "untrustworthy, corrupt and dangerous to the liberties of the people of the United States."

In the Wickersham report to the president, it was set forth that Mr. Burns, who then was employed by the government under Francis J. Heney as special prosecutor in the land fraud cases, obtained in advance a list of prospective petit jurors who were to be called in the trial before Judge Gilbert and that after 600 of the 2600 names had been found satisfactory from his standpoint, their names had been allowed to remain in the jury box.

Charges Denied

President Taft, in replying to Mr. Wickersham and approving a pardon for Jones, declared the methods described constituted "the most barefaced and unfair use of all the machinery for drawing a jury," which had been disclosed to him in all his long experience in the federal courts. He added that this condition gives sufficient reason to justify a pardon for Jones, as well as "justifying condemnation of the methods of Heney and Burns."

Paul Howland of Cleveland, who appeared as personal counsel for Mr. Daugherty, developed from James A. Finch, pardon attorney for the department of justice, who prepared the report in the land fraud case, that both Mr. Burns and Mr. Heney had denied the charges with regard to the drawing of the Jones jury. Mr. Finch testified also that Judge Gilbert had denied the

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25 SAFES OPENED SHOW ONLY ASHES, MANY ACCOUNTS LOST, PEOPLE'S HONESTY RELIED ON

ROBBERS GET \$96,000 LOOT

Employee Shot in Spectacular Bank Holdup—Escape With Entire Amount

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 12.—In a spectacular holdup in the main lobby of the Livestock exchange building here late today, three unmasked bandits obtained \$96,000 and shot Thomas F. A. Henry, credit manager of the Drovers' National bank.

Will Recover

Henry is expected to recover. He was in charge of a detail of five men sent by the bank to get the money from a postoffice substation in the Exchange building. They received the money in five packages. Joined by Jack Kelley, house detective, they started back to the bank.

At the bank messengers entered the main lobby three bandits waving menacing revolvers, commanded them to hold up their hands.

All complied except Henry who carried the largest package of money, said to have contained \$40,000. Henry clutched the package of money and tried to escape the holdup men.

Make Good Escape

One of the bandits pursued and fired. Henry fell to the floor. The bandit grasped the package and joined his companions who had taken money packages from the other messengers. One package, containing \$4,000, was overlooked.

The bandits retreated to the street where one accomplice was waiting in a motor car and another was standing guard to prevent outside interference. The five drove south at high speed. Pursuit was not attempted. The bandit car was found later abandoned several blocks away.

W. M. HAMILTON IS ELECTED KING BING OF THE CHERRIANS

W. M. Hamilton was last night elected King Bing of the Cherrians for the year 1923.

The new king will be installed at the annual banquet and high jinks of the Cherrians, to be held at the Marion hotel on the evening of January 2.

The committee in charge of the banquet, installation of the king, and initiation of new members is King Bing McGilchrist and his retiring cabinet.

PEN ACTORS CROWD HOUSE

First Minstrel Performance for Public Proves Unusual Entertainer

Playing to a crowded house the Oregon State Penitentiary minstrels opened for the 19th season last night. Not only was the house crowded but it was a happy and appreciative audience which enjoyed every minute of the fun until the last march by the prison band under the direction of William Y. Arthur.

Many old favorites were seen again last night by those who have attended the minstrel show in years past.

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The opening of the safes in the buildings destroyed by the fire was an important event to many Astoria businessmen. It meant disappointment for a number. Of the 25 safes opened today under the supervision of the naval guards, the contents of the majority were found to be only ashes. The heat had been so intense that all papers and currency had been destroyed.

As a result of this havoc wrought by the heat, a new problem faces the merchants of the city. Many have thousands of dollars in outstanding accounts, but not so much as a scrap of paper to show the names of their debtors. It was pointed out that the commercial rehabilitation of the city will depend to a great extent on the honesty of the townspeople.

For two days after the fire the citizens of the city did little else than gather in groups on the edge of the burned area and gaze mournfully at the ruins of their city. Today they are changed. There is a bustle and excitement in the air, busy men, hurrying about, officials and committees functioning perfectly, jobless men going back to work, and a general attack made on the debris and wreckage which still litters some streets.

The ruined area, for four days a place forbidden, was reopened to workmen, property owners and merchants. The work of reconstruction was started.

Building Commenced
City officials laid plans for the re-opening of Commercial street, the principal artery of traffic from east to west. The Y. M. C. A. conducted a free employment bureau and brought the jobless into contact with the man who wanted to rebuild. In that district, along Grand and Astor streets, carpenters were tearing out the fronts of the old buildings and preparing the interiors of the ramshackle structures for occupancy by business houses. Along the edges of the burned area mushroom structures commenced to appear, knockdown houses and garages which will be the temporary homes of stores until such time as the newer and greater Astoria is built. Commercial saloons are filling the town. The representatives of the jobbers, the wholesalers and the manufacturers of building supplies, the dealers who handle building material are descending on Astoria in force. Astoria wants supplies and is ordering in large quantities.

British Ship Is Said Total Loss
Orteric, on Rocks off California Coast, Pounded in Deeper by Surf

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 12.—The British tramp steamer Orteric, which went on Kiah rock, a jagged point on the California coast line 70 miles north of here in a dense fog last night was pounded deeper into her rocky cradle tonight by heavy ground swells and surf, while the steamer Claremont was steaming to San Francisco with 54 members of her crew. Twelve of the crew, including Captain Vincent Harper, remained on board to await an appraisal of the damage to the vessel by government experts on board the coast guard cutter Shawnee. It is believed that they will return to San Francisco on the Shawnee.

Wireless messages sent out by the Orteric today indicated that she will be a total loss. She lies in an exposed position, and while the sea has been calm, there is apparently no likelihood that she can be pulled off. In an early wireless message today she said that attempts to tow her or drag her from the rock would be useless.

ASTORIA TO SEEK RELIEF

Congressional Appropriation of \$5,000,000 to Be Asked Says Committee

ASTORIA, Dec. 12.—A congressional appropriation of \$5,000,000 will be sought for relief work in Astoria as a result of the fire which destroyed a large part of the city's business area, the rehabilitation committee of ten decided this afternoon.

ASTORIA, Or., Dec. 12.—The committee of ten, in whose hands has been placed public safety, health, finance and banking, relief work, supplies and labor, business and city rejuvenation and publicity work, is an executive group of the citizens' committee of 50, which assembled immediately after the fire at the call of Mayor James Bremner. The executive committee, headed by the Reverend William S. Gilbert, has been sanctioned by the present city council and by a majority of members-elect of the incoming council.

How Would You Spend \$50.00 for Christmas?

Salem's Leading Merchants

Are going to help you solve this problem, and earn the \$50.00.

For the solution see page 5.

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