

ARMY POST IS THREATENED

COMMENT IS HEARD FOLLOWING EXPOSE OF PARK CONDITION

If Tourist Camping Grounds Are Not What They Should Be, They Should Be Made Better, Citizens Say—Improvements Would Cost Little, Inquiry Shows.

The Statesman park story Friday morning has stirred up considerable comment. Some believe that the Salem park is absolutely beyond criticism; some know it is not; some do not care; some know nothing whatever of the case, and they may believe either way, now that the matter has been called to their attention.

The Statesman repeated, first, the comment said to come from hundreds of tourists who had stopped in Salem, or who had investigated and had not stopped, or who had heard others talk of Salem and took no chances here, but helped spread the story of "Keep away from Salem."

Case Honestly Presented

A Statesman representative went through the park, in view of these criticisms, not only once, but several times, to analyze the good and the bad. The good things have been told, and also the bad. Both speak for themselves—to anyone who will visit the place, for they stand out, boldly, unchanged. It would be worth any Salemite's while to go down and see for himself, or herself, whether the tourists' stories, and the Statesman's investigations, are correct. It will take no one in Salem as much as an hour to visit the place and walk over every foot of the park, and check up on the things that are and are not there, according to the tourists' indictment.

Entrance Distressing

It cannot be denied that the park entrance on Oak street is distressing. It would take only a little money to move the office building out of the Deaconess hospital grounds, on which it has trespassed, and put it where it belongs, right at the entrance. It would cost only a little money to buy enough hose and water to keep the place wet down, and to get grass and some flowers started in the street entrance on either side of the gate. Probably \$25 or so spent, with maybe \$5 or even \$10 a year for the water for ten thousand dollars difference in the first and last impression on the tourists. One touch of beauty would work real magic on the souls of the visiting thousands—and it wouldn't cost half a cent per soul for the installation, or a mill per soul per year, for its subsequent maintenance. As a sociological investment in advertising, this much of the park revenues properly belongs to the park. To have thousands of people every year blackguarding Salem to thousands of other people for this \$25 failure is a bad investment in publicity.

Grading Would Pay

It might not cost more than \$50 or at the most \$100 to grade properly all or most of the park after the rains come and the park is empty. This should give at least twice the possible number of camps, and five times as many really good, comfortable camps as there now are on the grounds, exclusive of the one big, bare central plaza. The man or woman who doesn't sleep comfortably has an unconquerable grouch. To spend \$100 of the park revenues in better sleeping accommodations and send 10,000 people away happy and rested every year, ought to be easy, and a duty and a Christian privilege and a good business investment—if the park revenues could pay \$800 for a water survey on the Santiam.

Some new sheet steel stoves, four in number, have recently been installed that are much superior to the old ones. They are short-piped, however, and so are sooty for the cook. They are

not covered for use in bad weather. A little more spent on stoves or covered kitchens, and enough tables for all, would add tremendously to the comfort of the travelers.

Most Travelers Appreciative

It is the testimony of some who have observed carefully that there are some traveling people who look on everything they find away from their home as a new Columbus discovery that is theirs by divine right. They steal things from the camps; they hog the tables, the mirrors, everything that is either free or hired, and they show themselves as precisely the kind of degenerates they are at home. But these are in the very small minority. Most of the travelers are appreciative of every courtesy shown them, either what is free or what is sold to them at a fair rate. If they pay 50 cents for the use of the camp, they are entitled to 50 cents worth of service, and to spend less than all their modest revenues in serving them is to deprive them of what is theirs by moral right.

Central Hall Needed

A central hall, with books, magazines, writing material, is not too much to offer these visitors. It wouldn't cost much. The \$800 already discussed hasn't been nearly exhausted by the other improvements mentioned. Wouldn't they appreciate it? Wouldn't you? The park revenues make it possible; the social needs of mankind make it desirable; the advertising it would give makes it a golden investment. And it wouldn't cost the local taxpayers a cent—it pays for itself. A few of these little things should double the park revenues, and make far greater improvements possible.

The Salem auto park is honestly run. It is splendidly located in the heart of the city. It is beautifully shaded. It ought to be a perpetual dream in the memory of those who travel through Oregon, as the finest, most courteous, most homey park they found anywhere on their travels. It should be the epitome of community advertising that attracts. It could be—for no higher price than spending its own money on itself; so little money, that it

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LARGE NUMBERS AT BAND CONCERT

Miss Lena Belle Tartar Contributes Solos for Entertainment of Crowd

With the prospect of many long weeks to come when there will be no band concerts, Salem folk went to Wilson park last night in large numbers to hear the Cherrian band play. Three more concerts will be given this season according to the terms of the city's contract with the band.

Miss Lena Belle Tartar sang three solos as part of the evening program. The summer concert season has been divided between Miss Tartar and Oscar Gingrich, each singing in nine of the 15 concerts.

Another concert will be given Tuesday and Friday of next week and the last one, August 28, according to present plans.

CHOIR SINGER ENDS IT ALL NEAR PULPIT

Young Denver Electrician Shoots Self in Temple; Leaves Farewell Note

DENVER, Aug. 17.—Standing behind the pulpit of the Messiah Lutheran church, J. Carrick Trost, 21, an electrician and a member of the choir of the church shot himself through the right temple and died almost instantly shortly after 7:00 o'clock tonight.

His health as a result of an attack of influenza last winter is believed to have been the cause of his act.

He left a note saying: "God Almighty, forgive me for what I am doing. Good-bye, mother, dear, and God bless you."

As the sound of the shot rang through the church the youth's father who had become alarmed at his absence, broke through the door of the church with police officers he had summoned in a search for his son.

This evening Trost called upon Miss Effie Cline, a school teacher. After leaving her at her home he apparently drove his car to the church, went in and killed himself.

RIOTS CONTINUE AROUND MYENCE

Unrest Leads to Death of Police; Many are Wounded During Clashes

MAYENCE, Aug. 17.—(By The Associated Press)—Unrest, accompanied by rioting, continued throughout the grand duchy of Hesse and clashes are reported between Communists and police at Langen, Russelsheim and Grossgerau, three towns on the right bank of the Rhine, in North eastern Hesse. At Langen the revolutionary committee of unemployed, in reprisal for the arrest of six workmen, kidnaped 12 members of the bourgeoisie and are holding them as hostages. One member of the security police was killed, a number were wounded and many disarmed in clashes with the unemployed. Several of the latter were wounded.

Salem Man Injured; in Hospital at Marshfield

MARSHFIELD, Or., Aug. 17.—Frank Councilman of Salem was brought to a hospital here Thursday suffering from a broken foot, broken shoulder and other injuries. An automobile which he was driving went over the grade at Camas mountain on the Coon Bay-Roseburg highway. He blames the driver of another car he was passing for the accident.

WHEN THE PRICE OF "GAS" GOES DOWN—OR UP; THUMB NAIL SKETCH TELLS STORY

The Standard Oil company makes Salem a distributing point. This company employs directly 25 men in Salem. And the Rockefeller educational foundation gave Willamette university \$350,000, towards its million and a quarter endowment and building fund, besides contributing \$17,500 a year for three or four or five years, towards the support of the institution.

So the Standard Oil company is a Salem institution; or at least near enough to one to be entitled to a decent hearing now, or at any other old time. This company is issuing a series of folders on the present price situation. The fourth of the series is under the title, "When the Price of Gas Goes Down—or Up," and it is worth reading. It is a thumb-nail sketch full of fundamental and everlasting truth. It is as follows:

When the price of "gas" goes down or up, you wonder why. Every now or then you have observed a change in the price of gasoline. It has gone down, or up. For the last three years the changes—there have been six of them during this period—have all been downward. No doubt you wonder why the change, especially if the price goes up. One day a gallon of "gas" costs a certain number of cents—the next day it is more, or less. Naturally you wonder why.

WARSHIPS TO BE SCRAPPED IMMEDIATELY

Completion of Negotiations Results in Junking of 750,000 Tons of Fighting Craft

PACIFIC WAR CLOUDS DISPERSED FOREVER

Anglo-Japanese Alliance Also Terminated; Ceremonial Pomp Lacking

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17.—Seated about a table in the state department today, five men recorded the final approval of the powers for the treaties drafted by the arms conference to end naval competition, terminated the Anglo-Japanese alliance and sweep away the war clouds that have hovered for decades over the Pacific.

It was an epilogue to the Washington negotiations at which it had been planned to give the place of honor to President Harding at whose call the conference assembled; but instead the formal deposit of ratifications was performed almost without ceremony.

Secretary Hughes and his colleagues met in the diplomatic reception room, in the presence of only a handful of spectators, including officials of the department, messengers and representatives of the press. Ambassador Hanhara acted for Japan and the other powers were represented by the charges of their embassies here, H. O. Chilton, for Great Britain, Captain Andre De La Boulaye, for France and Augusto Rosso for Italy.

Navy Receives Word

Mr. Hughes sat at the head of the table with the foreign diplomats facing each other at the sides. Without preliminary the secretary stated the purpose of the gathering and added that at a preliminary meeting in his office the ratifications had been examined and found complete. He then held up a paper embodying the American ratification and placed it in the center of the table.

"I herewith deposit the ratification of the United States," he said.

The others followed suit, each pronouncing the same formula. Then documents constituting a record of the day and the hour at which the treaties became effective.

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MINE OWNERS TOLD TO MAKE NEW CONTRACT

Coal Commission Demands That Boards Must Reach Wage Agreement Effective September First

CONFERENCES WILL RESUME ON MONDAY

Settlement Declared Chief Aim of Operators; Will Keep Running

NEW YORK, Aug. 17.—(By the Associated Press.)—At the direct demand of the United States coal commission, miners' union officials and representatives of mine owners in the anthracite region today to go back into the joint conference to seek terms for a new wage contract that may become effective Sept. 1.

The whole complicated fabric of the controversy which has separated the mine operators and the spokesmen for their employees was temporarily set aside by the decision. Notwithstanding, coal commission members held themselves from expressing an over-optimism as to the prospects of keeping the anthracite mines running after September 1. John Hays Hammond, its chairman, and his associates, it was said, would return to Washington and report the results attained to President Coolidge.

Three Questions Asked

The commission early today called in Samuel D. Warriner, chairman of the operators' policy committee and John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers. The two leaders were presented with a letter which pointed out that the public mind "is beginning to be seriously alarmed over the question of whether there is to be another suspension of anthracite mining September 1."

Three questions were asked in the letter, the first as to whether the operators and miners could reach an agreement fixing terms of a new wage contract before September 1, while the two other were directed to bringing out the attitude of each party on the general proposition of keeping the mines running after that date, even if the terms of the projected new contract were still unsettled.

Reply Is Made

Mr. Lewis and Mr. Warriner, summoning their associates, soon agreed on the terms of a letter of reply. Jointly the miners and operators said they would resume conference at Atlantic City Monday and "earnestly endeavor to reach an agreement by September 1."

Falling in such an agreement, the operators said, they would seek an understanding that the mines should be kept running while the wage conference proceeded with the terms of its final form to be retroactive to September 1. The miners asked that this matter be left to the joint conference. The operators further urged, the reply letter said, that the parties to the wage contract negotiations "agreed to arbitrate remaining parts of the 11 union demands not otherwise disposed of."

But the miners contented themselves by stating this subject to be superseded by the joint action in agreeing to confer.

Hornets Force Timbers To Abandon Operations

NELSON, B. C., Aug. 17.—Hornets have forced the cessation of timber operations in the region around Erie, B. C. The principal camp affected is at Fruitvale, which was forced to close down. The insects not only made conditions unbearable for the workers but created a great accident risk.

PRIESTS ESCAPE

HANKOW, China, Aug. 17.—(By the Associated Press.)—The Rev. Michael McHugh and the Rev. Daniel Ward, Catholic priests who were kidnaped Thursday at Tsao-shih by Chinese bandits who looted the town, have made their escape.

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USE OF DRUGS AGAIN GRASPS CHINESE RACE

Farmers Forced to Cultivate Poppy; Soldiers are Said Paid With Opium

SEATTLE, Aug. 17.—That China, under pressure of internal strife, has relapsed deeply into the thralldom of narcotics, is the report brought by the Reverend Dr. H. H. Gowen, professor of Oriental languages and literature in the University of Washington, who has just returned from a tour of the Orient.

"Farmers in many districts have been practically forced to return to the cultivation of the poppy," said Dr. Gowen today, "because the military governors have assessed their lands on the basis of what they will produce in opium. Military governors in other districts are actually paying their soldiers in opium."

Not since 1907 when the powers made their first efforts to release China from narcotics has the habit of their use been so firmly fixed as now according to experts interviewed by Dr. Gowen. He said that morphine had been introduced and was having an effect many times worse than that of opium to which the Chinese had become accustomed.

SOUTHERN PACIFIC MAY BUILD HERE

Tenant of Building on North Commercial Ordered to Vacate at Once

Some little business curiosity was aroused over a report Friday that the Southern Pacific company has served notice to tenants on its North Commercial street property, that they must find other locations immediately.

This property was bought by the Southern Pacific about 10 years ago, for a central union depot. It is the block between Center and Marion streets, on Commercial, and the Steinbock junk store and a Japanese pressing shop are among the buildings standing thereon.

The Statesman carried the story, Friday morning, to the effect that the new Southern Pacific general agent to be stationed in Salem had not been able to find an office location, because all the stores are full and nobody will sell or divide a lease. It was thought that this condition might have brought about a determination of the Southern Pacific to build its own headquarters, and to carry out the old plan of a down-town station for Salem, with a regular swarm of feeder electric lines radiating out from this new hotbed of transportation.

There is a belief that this is going to happen though local Southern Pacific men claim the only notice to vacate was issued to the Steinbock Junk company, that occupies the corner building. This is notoriously the worst looking building in Salem. It looks so bad that recently the city council fought against issuing it a permit for an electric sign, saying that it was a shame to illuminate such a building at night when merciful darkness ought to hide it from public gaze.

The Southern Pacific, which, according to Manager Billingsley of the Salem Southern Pacific Street Car company, has a certain amount of civic pride, has stood the old building as long as it dared. Now, says Billingsley, it is ordering the place utterly destroyed.

The company, according to Mr. Billingsley, has no announced plan for rebuilding, either the Steinbock corner, or the rest of the block that has not been disturbed. The company will burn up its rents in the bonfire that destroys the unsightly old rookery, and sacrifice its cash on the altar of aesthetics.

The historic old building will soon be no more than smoke and memory.

FOREST FIRES BAD

KELLOGG, Idaho, Aug. 17.—Reports from Pine Creek late today state that forest fires in that vicinity which have been burning the last week are now at their worst.

BURNING OIL FLOWS AROUND RESERVATION MENACING MUNITIONS

Fort MacArthur in Track of Fiery River; Origin of Blaze Said Incendiary; Houston, Texas, Reports Four Million Dollar Oil Fire Loss Caused by Lightning.

SAN PEDRO, Cal., Aug. 18.—The fire in a sump adjoining the burning 500,000 barrel tank of the General Petroleum company which subsided shortly after 10 o'clock last night, flared up again about 12:30 o'clock this morning when a 20-inch feed pipe from the tank gave way, releasing several thousand barrels of oil.

SAN PEDRO, Cal., Aug. 17.—The fire which started early today when a 500,000 barrel tank of the General Petroleum company burst into flames after an explosion, subsided at least temporarily shortly after 10 o'clock tonight after causing damage estimated at \$1,000,000 and establishing itself as one of the worst in the history of the oil industry.

Before subsiding, giving firemen a welcome respite from terrific heat and labor, the burning oil had boiled over into a canyon behind the military reservation of Fort MacArthur, surrounding the barracks and batteries and threatening to engulf the entire post.

Eventually, the river of fire flowing down the canyon to the ocean had apparently burned itself out, leaving a smouldering trail of embers, more than a mile long and several hundred yards wide.

UNDERSEAS CRAFT SUNK BY TYPHOON

British Submarine Unable to Withstand Force of Chinese Storms

HONG KONG, Aug. 17.—(By the Associated Press) One of the most disastrous typhoons in the history of Hong Kong struck here today causing tremendous property loss and, it is feared, many lives.

The British submarine L-9 was sunk in the harbor, unable to withstand the force of the storm.

Many steamers have been wrecked, the numbers and damage not being ascertained as yet.

The typhoon was continuing with fury at 1 p. m. today. No estimate can be placed on the number of vessels that have gone down or the lives lost in the storm.

FIRE BOSS BLAMED FOR MINE DISASTER

Attempt to Re-light Lamp Held Cause By Kemmerer Coroner's Jury

KEMMERER, Wyo., Aug. 17.—Kemmerer held the last sad rites today for the 99 miners whose lives were snuffed out in the explosion at Frontier Mine No. 1 of the Kemmerer Coal company last Tuesday.

At almost the same time a coroner's jury returned a verdict, finding that the blast was the result of an attempt by the fire boss in room seven, of the thirteenth entry, to re-light his safety lamp.

With the arrival of District Judge John R. Arnold of Evanston here today, the payment of compensation to the survivors of the blast victims is expected to begin at once. He will start hearing and passing upon claims of dependents at once, in accordance with the Wyoming law relating to workmen's compensation. It has been estimated that with the workmen's compensation fund will be depleted at least \$200,000 by the explosion.

Temporary aid is being given widows and orphans since the explosion by a big relief organization, comprised of Kemmerer townspeople and it will continue to function until the survivors of the blast victims all have been cared for, it was announced.

ELECTED DEAF HEAD

ATLANTA, Ga., Aug. 17.—Arthur I. Roberts of Chicago was elected president of the International Association of the Deaf here today.

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 17.—That he believed the fire in the 500,000 barrel tank of the General Petroleum company at San Pedro today was of incendiary origin, was the statement made tonight by J. L. Martin, superintendent of pipe lines for the company.

CAMPERS IN PATH

SAN PEDRO, Cal., Aug. 17.—The stream of fire swept rapidly through the canyon and covering an area about one mile in length and several hundred yards across, passed within a few feet of a colony of campers between Point Fernin and White Point. As it neared the bluffs overlooking the ocean it spread out in fan-shape and in another instant the sea was afire.

ONE MAN BURNED

SAN PEDRO, Cal., Aug. 17.—The half-million barrel oil tank of the General Petroleum company here, which caught fire from an explosion this morning, believed to have been caused by static ignition, boiled over the flaming edges of the cauldron late today and filled the emergency dikes on the hillside on which it is located with lakes of liquid fire.

TANK FARM MENACED

HOUSTON, Tex., Aug. 17.—Defying all efforts of fire fighters who have been battling the blazes for nearly 24 hours, flames were raging fiercely late Friday in two huge oil storage tanks of the Humble Oil and Refining company at Webster and a 6,000 barrel gusher in the Hull field belonging to the Republic production company.

The fire at dusk Friday was threatening the entire farm at Webster. The blaze at Hull, although shooting a giant column of flames many feet in the air, is not endangering nearby wells.

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THE WEATHER

OREGON: Saturday unsettled and occasionally threatening weather Saturday; cooler east portion.

LOCAL WEATHER

(Friday)
Maximum temperature 88.
Minimum temperature 58.
River, —1.4.
Rainfall, none.
Wind, west.
Atmosphere, clear.