

JAPANESE CAPITAL BURNING

Fair Board Turns Down Room Listing System Successfully Used Heretofore

LEAGUE MAKES NO DECISION IN GREECE

Officials Uncertain Whether Conflict Really Officially Before Tribunal; Action Postponed

CORDIALITY SHOWN AMONG DELEGATES

Representatives Feel That Critical Period of League Has Arrived

The Italian government is actively engaged in military movements to exact reparations from the Greeks for the killing of the members of the Italian delimitation mission in Greek territory. In addition to the bombardment and seizure of Corfu, where 5,000 Italian soldiers are reported to have landed, the Italians have occupied the islands of Paxos and Antipaxos, of the Ionian group, lying to the south of Corfu. Italian warships are moving to strategic points and Italian reservists in various cities have been ordered to hold themselves in readiness for a call to the colors.

Italy Opposes League Greece has placed her case in the hands of the league of nations, but the council of the league has postponed discussion of the question until next Tuesday. In the meanwhile the Scandinavian and Anglo-Saxon delegates at Geneva have expressed themselves strongly in favor of the league, asserting its full prerogatives conferred on it by the covenant and taking over the settlement of the controversy.

The Italian government is opposed to the controversy going to the league of nations for decision, asserting that it is a subject to be settled by Italy and Greece themselves.

Uncertainty Exists

GENEVA, Sept. 1.—(By the Associated Press.)—Uncertainty as to whether the Greco-Italian conflict is really officially before the league of nations is causing much discussion tonight among the delegations here for the assembly. There is some disappointment that the council did not take a more definite stand this afternoon with respect to the situation than merely postponing discussion of the matter until next Tuesday and expressing the hope that the two countries would commit no acts of a nature to aggravate the situation.

On the other hand there are many delegates who hold that the league council as an executive body acted wisely in consenting to a brief adjournment. In any case there is considerable uncertainty, as the council's action in no wise commits to intervene.

Is Critical Time

The delegates generally are of the opinion that the critical moment of feeling has arrived and that the supreme test of its efficacy in preserving peace is furnished by the Greek appeal, submitting the controversy to the league's decision.

The attitude of the Italian members of the council is much commented upon. It is noted that while the discussion went on in friendly tone and that M. Politis and Signor Salandra, Greek and Italian delegates, respectively, (Continued on page 7.)

STATE OFFICIALS THINK CITY OUGHT TO TAKE OVER JOB

Objection Made to Paying Small Amount For Service That in Previous Years Has Found Shelter For Many Hundreds—Business Men May Be Asked to Come to Front.

The system of listing rooms in the residential district of Salem to shelter visitors at the Oregon state fair when hotel accommodations have been exhausted was turned down by the state fair board at a meeting yesterday. This comes as a surprise because of the success that has attended the system in the last two previous years, and because of the fact that there is no other successful way now apparent to handle the crowds.

The method used during the state fairs of 1921 and 1922 was to station an expert clerk in the lobby of one of the local hotels to list the rooms and assign the visitors who logically go to the hotels first upon their arrival in the city. The expense to the state fair board has been small, and this year it is said the work could have been done for not more than \$100, since there are probably enough listing cards on hand to last through the state fair season.

So successful has been this system the last two years that many hundreds of people have been assigned to rooms in the residential districts without complaint coming back, and with prices so regulated that the visitors have had fair treatment.

It is the idea of the state fair board that the housing of the visitors is the business of the city of Salem and not the business of the state fair board, and that the Chamber of Commerce should do the work and stand the expense of listing rooms. This was tried once—without much success.

Because of the refusal of the fair board to shoulder this responsibility, it is probable that visitors will be allowed to shift for themselves. There is some talk of putting the matter up to the Business Men's League and the hotel men and ask them to shoulder the responsibility—though they may think it unjust—rather than have state fair visitors go away in a knocking mood.

ENTRY LIST LARGE FOR AUTO RACES AT TRACK HERE MONDAY

Benefit Sport Event for Salem Hospital Expected to Bring Heavy Attendance—Lott is Extremely Busy Signing up Contestants to Drive Specials on the Rapid Speedway.

If entries count for anything, and they generally do, the automobile races in Salem tomorrow afternoon will rate as about the biggest events of the kind ever seen in the state of Oregon. This was forecast yesterday when the list of entries for the races was announced by George Lott, head of the Oregon-Washington Racing association, who is in charge of entries. The race program is being held under the auspices of the Salem Hospital association, being a benefit for the hospital fund of the city, and Frank Wagar, prominent insurance man of Portland is in charge.

PROCLAMATION BY MAYOR

To the People of the City of Salem and Vicinity: I wish to call the attention of all citizens to the fact that one of the committees of the Salem hospital drive, is promoting some automobile races to be held at the State Fair Grounds on Monday, September 3rd, Labor Day. I respectfully urge as many citizens as possible to attend these races as the profits realized therefrom will complete the amount required to finish the hospital and no further drive for funds will be necessary. The Salem hospital has been before the citizens of Salem for three years and I consider it vital to the best interest of the community that it be finished without further delay. Here is an opportunity presented where pleasure may be combined with the privilege of giving to an undertaking well worthy of the support of all.

JOHN B. GIESY, Mayor of Salem.

Officials and track officers for the Labor day races are: Promoters: Hospital campaign committee, with Hal D. Patton, William Bell, Alton D. Hurley and Frank L. Wagar. Treasurer, Charles A. Park, Salem. Representative of racers: A. W. Walker of Medford.

NURSE TAKES PORTLAND LAD FROM PARENTS

Daniel Dalton Madden Jr., Five Weeks Old Son of D. D. Madden, Kidnapped; Maid Suspected

TRACED TO STAGE TERMINAL ENTRANCE

Miss Mamie Moore, Nurse, Hired in Answer to Advertisement

PORTLAND, Or., Sept. 1.—Daniel Dalton Madden Jr., five weeks old son of Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Madden, prominent residents of Portland, was kidnaped from the home of his parents early tonight and authorities were searching for Miss Mamie Moore, nursemaid, who was missing. The parents charged that the nursemaid had taken the child from their home and thorough search was made shortly after the report of the alleged kidnaping was received the police failed to discover either the child or the maid. The maid and the baby were traced to the municipal stage terminal where they had been taken by Dr. William Campbell, Portland physician who said that a woman who answered the maid's description had hailed him and requested that he take them to the stage terminal in his automobile, which he did, not suspecting anything.

From Southern Oregon The Maddens said that they hired Miss Moore as nursemaid when she answered an advertisement requesting the services of a maid. She came to the house Friday noon. No motive for the alleged kidnaping was known, according to the boy's parents. They said that they did not know anything concerning her except that she had worked at Grants Pass and Medford.

COAL MEDIATORS RECESS FOR TIME

Pinchot Asks That People Make Will Known Thru Discussion

HARRISBURG, Pa., Sept. 1.—(By Associated Press.)—Governor Pinchot found his work as mediator in the anthracite wage controversy temporarily at a standstill by the recess until next Wednesday to which representatives of the operators and officials of the miner's union agreed to day, appealed tonight to the people "to consider their own interests also and to make their will known through the fullest public discussion."

In a statement in which he said "the essential and encouraging fact that the negotiations which yesterday were lagging were still going on," the governor declared he welcomed the breathing spell for the hard pressed leaders of both sides and urged them to "use it in acquiring a realizing sense of the public point of view."

With mining operations throughout the anthracite regions halted by the suspension order which went into effect at midnight last night, representatives of the opposing sides here since Monday when Governor Pinchot called them together and told them their differences must be settled, left Harrisburg, declaring the situation unchanged. The governor, outside of his formal statement, confined himself to an expression of encouragement.

PONY EXPRESS DASHES ACROSS PRAIRIE LANDS

Riders Ahead of Schedule Despite Heavy Rains Near Topeka

SALINA, Kas., Sept. 1.—(By the Associated Press.)—Over the broad reaches of rolling prairie in western Kansas, a rider on horseback is tonight spurring westward on the second night's journey of the revival of the Pony Express, which started Friday morning at St. Joseph, Mo.

When dusk fell tonight, more than half the distance across the broad state of Kansas had been covered by the riders, who have been traveling in relays as they did back in the '60's, when the pony express was begun. Late today the "express" passed through Wilson, Kas., nearly in the middle of the state. At that time the rider was far ahead of schedule, despite heavy going between Topeka and Manhattan, due to the heavy rains.

The Kansas state line will be crossed at Kanorado, whence the express will proceed to Denver.

UNITED STATES HOPES FOR PEACE

Washington Official Circles Feel That Adjustment Is in Prospect

WASHINGTON, Sept. 1.—Belief held in Washington from the first that a solution of the difficulties between Italy and Greece would be reached by peaceful means was even stronger today as a result of the reports received from European capitals. Official advice, it was said, were similar to those received by the press and were considered hopeful.

Although it was admitted that the situation holds potential dangers, the views generally expressed in diplomatic circles was that an adjustment was in prospect either through the league of nations or the good offices of some power such as Great Britain. Even if some further military moves were made, it was said that the trouble would in all probability remain localized.

OFFICIAL STAGES FAKE BANK HOLDUP

Helps Friend in Need of Money Then Reports "Holdup"

LONG BEACH, Cal., Sept. 1.—A daylight holdup that police said proved to be not a holdup after all, resulted in the arrest here late today of Charles M. Talbot, a teller in the local branch of the Pacific Southwest Trust and Savings bank, and Murdock Kelly, oil promoter.

Just before closing time at the bank today Talbot reported that he had been held up by an unmasked bandit who appeared at his window, commanded him in low tones to turn over all the money within reach and be quiet about it, and then walked out of the bank with \$5900. Detectives who investigated were not satisfied with this explanation. Under rigid questioning, they said, Talbot broke down and confessed that he had taken \$5900 of the bank's funds to help Kelly, who he explained was in danger of financial ruin unless he could obtain that sum at once.

Unable to make good the deficit before the bank's monthly audit began, Talbot, according to the police, devised the phantom "holdup" as the easiest way to explain the shortage.

ONE IS DEAD, OTHERS HURT IN ACCIDENTS

Joseph Caterer of Moosejaw Killed on Highway Near Hubbard, and Colored Man Is Mangled

WILLAMETTE FACULTY MEMBERS IN SMASH

Professor Ebsen Has Severely Lacerated Face; Miss Harding Injured

Yesterday was a bad day for automobile accidents on the Pacific highway between Salem and Portland, and one death and several persons seriously injured were authoritatively reported.

As a result of one accident, Joseph Caterer of Moosejaw, Sask., is dead; his brother, Thomas Caterer, also of Moosejaw, is seriously injured and for a time was crazed; Guy Robbins, colored, of Portland, is mangled and perhaps fatally injured; Ralph Robbins, colored, brother of Guy and a resident of San Francisco, is slightly bruised.

As a result of another accident, which was a collision, Prof. Gustav Ebsen, head of the department of foreign languages in Willamette university, is very severely cut about the face and head; Mrs. Ebsen has a wrenched back; Miss Mina L. Harding, head of the department of public speaking at Willamette, is cut about the face.

The cause of the accident that caused the death of Joseph Caterer is not known. It was first reported to have been caused by the steering gear giving away, but it is now believed one of the colored men who was driving the car may have dozed for a moment, causing the car to crash into a telephone pole. The Robbins brothers were on their way to Portland. They had picked up the white men near Sacramento. The accident happened a mile south of Hubbard. The dead man was left at Woodburn. The injured were taken to Portland.

The accident in which Professor Ebsen and the other Salem persons were injured came while they were on their way to Mt. Hood for a week-end outing. They collided with a car driven by N. Porteff, 489 Hancock street, Portland, who was on his way to Newport. It was believed the accident was caused by negligence on the part of Porteff. Professor and Mrs. Horace Williston were with them, but neither was hurt.

A third accident was reported from the same district, but no one was hurt.

COUNTERFEIT BILLS BEING CIRCULATED

Spurious Currency Carries "Very Bad Portrait of" Cleveland

OMAHA, Neb., Sept. 1.—Counterfeit \$20 bills "bearing a very bad portrait of Cleveland," issued on the federal bank of San Francisco and described as "C No. 57083384-A" are in circulation, according to Dave Dickenson, chief of the United States secret service, local bureau. The amount of spurious currency in circulation was not stated.

NEW YORK, Sept. 1.—Wall street bankers expressed deep concern today over the Italian military operations against Greece and all cables were carefully scanned for latest developments.

ALL PARTS ABLAZE MANY LIVES LOST PALACE IN DANGER

Communication Cut Off—Messages Come From Point 144 Miles From City—Number of Lives Lost Said Incalculable—Tidal Wave Follows Quake.

MAY BE IN DANGER ZONE

Miss Esther McCracken, Willamette university graduate and well known in Salem, is due to reach Yokohama, Japan, about Tuesday or Wednesday of this week, according to friends in Salem, who are familiar with her schedule.

Miss McCracken sailed from San Francisco for missionary work in China, on August 21. She was in Honolulu last Sunday and was due in Japan in 10 days.

Fred Jobelman Jr., son of Fred Jobelman, night clerk at the Bligh hotel, is believed to be in Yokohama. He sailed August 16 from San Francisco as cabin boy on the Wawaloma of the North China Steamship company. The boat was to go from Yokohama to China and return by the Philippine islands. He is 17 years old and was a page in the senate at the last session of the legislature.

Miss Denton, well known in Salem, is a teacher in the Doshisha university just outside of Tokio. She is working for the American Board of Foreign Missions. Miss Denton has visited at various times in Salem.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 1.—(By Associated Press.)—At 8:20 o'clock tonight the Radio Corporation of America received a message from its station at Tomioka which said that 700 persons were reported killed when the 12-story tower at Asakusa fell.

Many boats sank in a tidal wave in the bay of Suruga. Most of the houses at Namazu collapsed, the message said. In Tokio the imperial railway station was swept by fire and the imperial theatre collapsed. The railway station at Ueno burned. It is rumored the imperial palace is in danger.

The Manseibashi railway station, mentioned as being destroyed, was the terminus of the government operated electric train line to Nakano, eight miles distant, and not to be confused with the Shimabashi station, through which travelers usually enter Tokio.

The Mitsukoshi store where fire broke out after today's earthquake, is the principal department store and the building it occupies is one of the most notable in the city. The establishment in size and variety of merchandise displayed is comparable to a large American store. It is on the Ginza.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 1.—(By the Associated Press.)—The Radio Corporation of America here tonight received from its station at Tomioka, Japan, a first-hand story of the earthquake and fire in Tokio from a refugee. The refugee said that at the first shock fires broke out at various places in the city.

The flames originated in the Mitsukoshi department store and spread to the metropolitan police board's building and the Imperial theatre. These were burned to the ground as were many other large buildings.

City in Flames The city, the refugee said, is still in flames and the fire is spreading from Senjui to Shinagawa. The flames can be seen seven miles away from Tokio. All railway bridges are destroyed and in places there is no traffic at all. The refugee said the number of dead and injured was incalculable.

The Radio corporation's superintendent said he obtained his information from a morning paper and Zenda, a large seacoast town about 200 miles north of Tokio. Tomioka is about 144 miles north of Tokio.

Message Given The message said: "Severe earthquake Tokio and vicinity at noon yesterday, railway stations near Tokio collapsed and no means to reach Tokio. Heavy damage in Tokio. Water system destroyed and many big buildings collapsed with outbreak of fire in various places. Flames spreading toward Asakusa, Kanda, Hongo, Fukagawa and Shitaya. Heavy casualties reported. Rumor afloat that all traffic suspended throughout Tokio. Refugees running all directions. City presents scene like hell.

"Principal buildings burned down are Matuzakaya department store at Ueno; 12 story tower at Asakusa; Manseibashi railway station at Kaijo; the building occupied by the Peers' club and the Tokio arsenal.

"Many disastrous accidents have been reported, a number of trains running to Tokio having been wrecked during the quake. It is also reported that a severe tidal wave struck the coast at Yokohama. No damage western side of Shizuoka."

Densely Populated Tokio, the capital of Japan, with a densely populated area of 40 square miles, is one of the world's largest cities. Conditions in it approximate more nearly both the crowded conditions of occidental cities and their architectural development than any other of Japan's cities.

Until the restoration, the city was called "Yedo" and it became the capital of Japan only in comparatively recent years, the old capital being Kioto, not far distant. It is perhaps the city of (Continued on page 7)

PASTE THIS ON YOUR WINDSHIELD

Today is Sunday, the 2nd. The sun rises at 5:24 a. m., and sets at 6:34 p. m. Some motorists will be alive when it rises, and also when it sets. Still others (not so numerous to be sure) will live to see the sun rise on the morning of the 3rd. Many motorists at tomorrow's sunrise will be where there is no need of moon or stars by night or sun to shine by day.

They will fail to beat the train to the crossing

Sunday is the day for motor accidents. Sunday night is a night of crash and terror for hundreds. When you approach a railroad—

Stop, Look and Listen

That you may be long-lived upon the earth.

THE WEATHER

OREGON — Sunday fair; moderate westerly winds.

LOCAL WEATHER (Saturday)

Maximum temperature, 89
Minimum temperature, 53
Rainfall, none
River, —1.5
Atmosphere, clear.
Wind, northwest.