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SALEM, OREGON, TUESDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER 4, 1923

PRICE FIVE CENTS

DEAD IN NIPPON NOW 160,000

Four Thousand Attend Races At Fair Grounds for Hospital Fund

FRANCIS M'GRATH KILLED AS HE RUNS ACROSS TRACK, ONE DRIVER MAY DIE FROM WOUND

MILLIONS STRICKEN IN JAPAN

Quadruple Catastrophe That Wreaks Havoc in Japanese Empire Said Greatest of Modern Times; Tidal Waves Follow Quake and Fire

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 3.—(By Associated Press.)—Every report received from Japan throughout the day confirmed or increased previous estimates of the havoc wrought in death and destruction by the quadruple catastrophe which has befallen the central eastern section of the Japanese empire. Beginning at noon Saturday with a series of earthquakes which razed most of the city of Tokio and large sections of Yokohama and other cities in the vicinity, the disaster was continued by fires which broke out in scores of places. Tidal waves followed, engulfing and washing into the sea hundreds of buildings. Then came a typhoon, adding a final and tragic touch to what is probably the greatest calamity of modern times.

Topping all previous estimates of death and ruin Ujiro Oyama, Japanese consul general in San Francisco, late today received from Shichitaro Yada, Japanese consul general in Shanghai, a report that 180,000 persons were killed or injured and 1,000,000 homeless in the Tokio-Yokohama sections.

Former estimates from various sources had placed the casualties as high as 150,000 dead in Tokio alone. One of these came from the Japanese minister of marine by way of Osaka. Other reports told of tremendous casualties both on land and sea.

Numerous reports depict Tokio and Yokohama as shattered wilderness of mortar, bricks and stone, where once stood some of the stately structures in the empire. Dead and dying are on every hand. The survivors who can grope their way about through the fire and smoke and rubbish are leaving the city for places of safety. Those who still live are threatened with starvation and many are trying to catch fish from ponds and lakes to ride them over until food arrives.

Much Rice Needed
It is estimated that at least one hundred thousand tons of rice (Continued on page 3)

CLARKE WALKER IS MAIN FAVORITE IN FAST AUTO EVENTS

GO TO ALBANY, URGES MAYOR

Giesy Asks People to Attend Linn County Fair on Salem Day

Mayor John B. Giesy yesterday issued the following proclamation urging the people of Salem to attend the Linn county fair at Albany on Salem day, Wednesday, Sept. 5

"To the People of the City of Salem:
Whereas; the Linn County Fair association has designated Wednesday, September 5 as "Salem Day" and has officially invited the Salem Cherrians to participate in the events of the afternoon, and

"Whereas; it is the duty of the citizens of Salem to take an interest in fairs held in nearby counties, and also aid in furthering the friendly feeling which now exists between the two cities,

"I hereby respectfully urge all citizens who can possibly do so to join the Cherrian caravan to Albany which will leave the Marion hotel promptly at 12:45 p. m. on the above date.

JOHN B. GIESY,
"Mayor of Salem."

RELIEF FUND IS STARTED

American Red Cross Will Contribute for Both Japanese and Americans

WASHINGTON, Sept. 3.—The United States moved swiftly today to bring the full force of the government and the people to the aid of stricken Japan.

While government executive departments were directed to assist in the work, the public was urged in an appeal by President Coolidge to contribute funds through the American Red Cross for aiding the unfortunate and giving relief to the people of Japan.

The Red Cross at once announced that it had started the fund with a contribution of \$100,000 for the relief of victims of the earthquake and in addition had appropriated from its reserve funds \$10,000 for the assistance of Americans caught in the disaster zone. Arrangements were made at the same time for ind-

MAYOR INVESTIGATES

Mayor John B. Giesy said last night that the accident at the automobile races yesterday that resulted in the death of Francis McGrath, a fourteen-year-old boy, was apparently due to poor patrol work and that he would investigate to see where the trouble lay.

SCHOOL BOARD IS RAPPED BY LOCAL PASTOR

Rev. Mr. Long Says New Members Needed; Church People Asleep at Election

Rev. Ward Willis Long, pastor of the Presbyterian church, in his Sunday night sermon took some vigorous prods at the Salem school board because of the board's attitude on the question of religious instruction for the school children as manifested by the board at its meeting last Tuesday night.

"The members of the board are ignorant or indifferent on these issues," said Mr. Long. "We have one member of the board who has not been through the grades in school."

"The church people of Salem were asleep at the last school election. It is my belief that we need some new members on that board, and the best interests of the city must see to it that they are represented on the board."

TOKIO SCENE OF FOOD RIOTS

Thousands in Extreme Misery Throughout All Parts of Oriental City

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 3.—(By Associated Press.)—Food riots have broken out in Tokio, according to a radiogram received by the Radio corporation from Iwaki station, 155 miles from Tokio. The gendarmierie are reported in these advices to have exercised the sternest measures to suppress the disorders, even attacking the rioters with their swords.

A number of Koreans were in the mob the advices said. The advices confirmed earlier reports of a great fire in Yokohama and an estimate that there had been at least 100,000 casualties there.

Explosion Caused Fire
The fires, the message said, were caused by or followed by the explosion of oil storage tanks in the city where reserves of fuel oil for the merchant and naval marine were kept.

Nogeyama, a better class residential section of Yokohama; Iseiyama, another section where stood a notable statue of Io Naosuke, prime minister of the Shogun at the time Japan was opened to foreign intercourse, and Kamomyama, a third section, all were destroyed, leaving thousands in extreme misery.

There has been no news received in Japan from the Bonin Islands, on which is located a cable relay station and it is feared, the advices declared, that the land there was submerged by the tidal wave following the tremor.

Schools Burn
The famous Ryogoku bridge, spanning the Sumida river in Tokio, collapsed at a time when a thousand refugees fleeing to the mountains were upon it, with a resultant loss of life described as "innumerable."

Meiji university at Tokio, the higher technical school, the Kuramae women's higher normal school, and the first high school have been burned.

Yotsuya, a ward of Tokio east of the imperial palace, was burning at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon, no further advices thence having reached the radio station.

FOREIGN PART SAID UNHURT; MANY SUFFER

Martial Law Proclaimed—No One Allowed to Enter City; Many Gather at Entrance Seeking News

RUMORS CIRCULATE THROUGH CITIES
Bursting of Gas Mains Is Cause of Conflagration; Water and Food Scarce

LONDON, Sept. 3.—"All the Europeans are believed to be safe, both in Tokio and Yokohama," reads a cable dispatch received by a London firm from an allied company in Japan, according to the Daily Express.

OSAKA, Sept. 4.—(By Associated Press.)—Almost the whole of Tokio and Yokohama have been destroyed by earthquake, followed by fire and the loss of life now is estimated at from 120,000 to 200,000 or more.

Two hundred thousand houses have been burned down in the two cities. Water mains have been broken and food supplies destroyed by the fire so that the people are near starvation and suffering much from thirst.

It is reported, but not confirmed that the section of Tokio where most of its foreign population resided is not greatly damaged.

Wild Rumors Afloat
Martial law has been proclaimed and no one is allowed to enter the stricken districts at the capital, although thousands whose friends or relatives resided there have gathered about the city seeking entrance that they may at least find the bodies of their loved ones.

Military and naval forces have been gathered at the imperial villa at Mikko for use in controlling the situation, and other forces are on duty in Tokio itself. The air is filled with wildest rumors, including one that the new premier, Count Yamamoto, was assassinated within a few hours after formation of his cabinet.

There is no confirmation of this, however. The reason for the rapid spread of the fire which took such an awful toll in Tokio, came to light today when it was learned that the pipes conveying gas for lighting and heating purposes throughout the city were broken by the earthquake, which shook and twisted the ground almost unbelievably. The escaped gas promptly caught fire in dozens of places, each outburst a torch that set alight dwellings on all sides of it.

Thus the whole lower section of Tokio was kindled at once into an inferno of flaring gas torches from the breaks in the mains, blazing wooden dwellings and glowing metal beams and girders from the newer and more modern structures, heated by the flames.

Air Filled With Dust
The air was yet filled with the dust of the broken buildings which had crumbled from the force of the earthquake when these fires broke out, bringing death to end the sufferings of many pinned beneath the wreckage and stop-

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George Tucker of Medford Receives Fractured Skull in Labor Day Auto Race Collision—Youth Steps in Front of Heavy Special as it Speeds Past Grandstand at mile a Minute, Hidden in Cloud of Dust—Dick Jones, Glenn Walker and Marion Ewen in Hospital—one Machine Hurtles Through Fence.

WIGGINS MAY BE IN DANGER ZONE

Brother of Salem Man, Representing Portland Port, Due in Japan

Hal F. Wiggins of the public service commission office, is anxious to receive information as to the welfare of his brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Wiggins of Portland, whom he believed may be in the danger zone in Japan.

Mr. Wiggins is representing the port of Portland in the orient, and with his wife sailed from Seattle on the steamship President Madison on August 18, expecting to reach Yokohama August 28 or 29 and then proceed to Kobe by train.

Mr. and Mrs. Wiggins went to the orient prepared to stay two years.

Up to an early this morning, Fred Jobleman, clerk at the Bligh hotel, had received no word regarding his son, Fred Jobleman, Jr., who sailed from Portland, August 16 on the North China steamer, Wawaloama.

Mr. Jobleman made every possible effort yesterday to find out where the boat was Saturday but to no avail. The steamship offices in Portland were closed yesterday because of the holiday.

Deane Curtis, son of Mrs. L. G. Curtis, is reported to have been in Yokohama. He was an engineer on the President Pierce, mentioned in Associated Press dispatches Sunday morning.

EXPRESS IN COLORADO

STEAMBOAT SPRINGS, Colo., Sept. 4.—Charles Tipton, famous northwest Colorado cowboy, was expected to bring the Pony Express pouch into Steamboat Springs at 1 o'clock this morning, contain time.

Bobbed Hair Refuses to Go Way of Bobbed Skirt, and is Still Very Much Present, Says Barber

In the words of the old song, every one is doing it. What? Why, bobbing her hair!

A local barber shop specializing in bobbing women's and children's hair reports that 200 new bobs were cut in a little over a week. Twenty-five of these were cut on one day, Monday. And still they come with long hair and leave with comfortable short locks.

Some folks say "How awful she does look in a bob," but then they must if they are honest, admit that many look much better, perhaps younger in their bob. Then of course those who criticize fail to take note of the fact that many look badly even with long hair.

Husbands, brothers and sweethearts are reported to object bobbed hair, yet the women and girls, and more and more it is the older women who bob their hair. That is their answer. Salem is said to be unusually strong on the bobbed hair. No one seems to know just why, yet it seems to be no over-the-top.

SETTLEMENT NOW SEEMS UNCERTAIN

Italy Still Holds Corfu Which Commands Adriatic; Protest Ignored

LONDON, Sept. 3.—Italy is holding Corfu, which commands the Adriatic, as a pledge for Greek reparations and is waiting grimly for Greece to comply with her ultimatum. Greece, having appealed to the league of nations, is also waiting and Italy thus far has ignored the protest of the council of ambassadors against her action in seizing Corfu.

The Greek legation here made public the text of the Greek reply to the ambassadors' council, proposing the appointment by the council of a commission consisting of three members for an inquiry into all the circumstances of the Janina crime and declaring readiness, if Greece is found in any way responsible, to grant all reparations decided upon by such commission. The reply requests the intervention of the council with Italy.

The prospects of an early settlement are not improved. The Italian government takes the stand that it did not sign the treaty of 1864, which confirmed the neutrality of Corfu and is therefore not bound by the treaty. Further, Premier Mussolini has instructed the Italian representatives at Geneva to abstain from further discussion of the affair, and the only hopeful aspect is that Italy seems disposed to deal with such an international dispute.

BREMERTON SELECTED
PUYALLUP, Wash., Sept. 3.—Bremerton was selected here today as the next meeting place for the Puget Sound conference of the Methodist Episcopal church before breaking up of the 40th conference.

Parents Are Called.
A machine was sent to Williams hospital to locate his father, M. F. McGrath, who with his wife was picking hops.

Four of the racing men were taken to the three Salem hospitals as a result of various accidents. George Tucker, of Medford, is at the Deaconess hospital with a fractured skull and a compound fracture of his right elbow. He may not recover. Tucker was one of the first drivers to come to serious grief, going through the fence on the northern turn early in the first race on the program, a six mile race.

With Tucker is Dick Jones, Seattle, with a deep cut in his lip and one tooth knocked out in a crash between two machines on the south turn during the 35-mile free for all, the last race of the day.

Others Are Injured.
Glenn Walker, owner of the machine that crashed with Jones, is at the Willamette sanatorium with a badly bruised back and a few other minor hurts. He is expected to be able to return to his home in Portland today. Marion Ewen, owner riding as mechanic in the other machine that featured in the collision, is at the Salem hospital with a cut his muscle and other bruises. His condition is not considered serious.

Death rode in the Labor day automobile races at the Linn Oak race course at the State fair grounds yesterday. Dead—Francis E. McGrath, 14.

Seriously injured—George Tucker, Medford, may die. Injured—Dick Jones, Seattle; Glenn Walker, Portland; Marion Ewen, Portland, Francis Elmore McGrath, 14, was struck by the Stephens special in front of the grandstand, during the 19th lap of the 35-mile free for all, dying about an hour later without regaining consciousness.

McGrath, with a companion, started to cross the race track at the southern end of the grandstand. Huge clouds of dust obscured the view and apparently neither of the boys saw the racing machines bearing down upon them at a rate of a mile a minute. McGrath was struck on the right leg by the right front wheel of the Stephens, his body thrown into the air, dropping beneath the rear wheel of the machine.

Bystanders pulled him to one side of the track, but medical attention was of no avail. Besides a badly crushed leg, his body was crushed. He was removed to the Deaconess hospital in a private automobile, dying about an hour later.

For nearly an hour after the accident no one knew his identity. The companion who narrowly escaped being hit, could not be found. Another lad, Henry Gerold, 2105 North Broadway, Salem, said he had come to town with him at noon from the Williams hospital, near Eola, and that his name was Frank. He was clad in a blue shirt and overalls and carried nothing that might serve to identify him.

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It was a coincidence that the races were a hospital benefit.

THE WEATHER

OREGON: Tuesday, fair; cooler eastern portion.

LOCAL WEATHER (Monday)
Maximum temperature, 81.
Minimum temperature, 52.
Rainfall, none.
River, —1.5.
Atmosphere, clear.
Wind, northwest.