

## JAPAN'S NAVY MAY BE RUINED

### Five-Million-Dollar Relief Fund Is Asked by American Red Cross

### LATEST ESTIMATE OF DEAD IN EARTHQUAKE IS FROM 200,000 TO 320,000; NOBLES KILLED

#### PRUNE YIELD IN STATE IS 45 MILLIONS

Carry-Over From Last Season Is 5,000,000 and 10,000,000 Is Cut From California Estimates

#### TREMENDOUS TONNAGE SHORT OF LAST YEAR

California Growers Holding Back On Opening Quotations for Season

Oregon's prune crop will be 45,000,000 pounds this year, with a carry-over from last season of 5,000,000 pounds while 10,000,000 pounds has been cut from the first estimate of the California prune crop, according to a bulletin issued by the California Prune and Apricot association. The figures were quoted after the estimate of the 1923 crop had been revised.

This bulletin shows that there will be a decline of about 85,000,000 pounds from the crop of 1922. Last year the total prunes crop was 510,000,000 pounds while this season the best estimate that can be made gives a yield of but 225,000,000 pounds. First estimates of the California crop, carried in an earlier bulletin issued by the same company, placed a total of 160,000,000 pounds upon the California crop. This was cut to 150,000,000 by the second bulletin. The latest bulletin restated the stand taken by the association that it would hold off on its 1923 opening prices until after the deliveries had proceeded sufficiently to develop accurate information as to the total crop.

#### SMALL FARMERS LOSING MONEY

High Labor and Low Crop Prices Reason, Says H. O. White, Dealer

High labor and low prices for crops are making farming an unprofitable occupation in the valley, according to H. O. White, of D. A. White & Sons. Only when large scale production has been followed have the financial returns been very much over the actual cost of production. Farmers and fruit men who are in business on a small scale will be hit the heaviest this season, he said. About 60 per cent of the wheat yield has been sold, Mr. White said. This figure does not include the farmers who have disposed of their crop through the association.

The hay market is said to be in bad shape and the quality poor, owing to a great portion of the hay being out and lying on the ground when early rains fell before it could be stacked or placed in sheds and barns. Oats in the valley promises a large crop, but is moving slowly at present.

#### THE WEATHER

OREGON—Fair Wednesday; moderate westerly winds.  
LOCAL WEATHER (Tuesday)  
Maximum temperature 84.  
Minimum temperature, 48.  
Rainfall, 0.  
River, —1.6.  
Atmosphere, clear.  
Wind, northwest.

#### COAST AIDS JAPAN QUAKE SUFFERERS WITH LARGE QUOTA

Seven States and Alaska Assigned \$400,000—Cash Contributions Essential—Destruction of American Embassy Confirmed, But Woods and Family Are Reported Safe.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 4.—As the federal government continued its effort to provide prompt and effective aid to earthquake sufferers in Japan and endeavored to obtain information as to the whereabouts and conditions of Americans in the zone of disaster, American Red Cross officials decided today to conduct an immediate campaign for a \$5,000,000 relief fund. Contributions already are being received at headquarters here.

#### BOYS ARE KEPT OUT OF PRISON

Patton Puts Up Bail for Portland Youths Nabbed Following Races

Hal Patton provided the "when" in the expression of "when a feller needs a friend" when he was able to keep two Portland boys from spending Monday night in the city jail by advancing \$100 bail. The Portland youths, with two boy companions, came to Salem to see the auto races. While wandering around the streets early in the evening they were picked up by Officer Olson when he observed a flask being carried by one of the boys. He took the quartet to the station, where two of them were found to have liquor in their possession. Bail of \$50 each was demanded. The boys had but a few dollars on their person and no one to identify them in order to cash a check.

Patton dropped into the station about this time, and when he learned that the boys would lose their jobs in Portland if they were not on hand Tuesday morning, and that they were more worried about their mothers learning of their trouble than they were over the \$100, he suggested they telephone their fathers for the money. This was done and the money wired to Salem.

However the telephone station was closed and the manager could not be located. Mr. Patton had one of the boys give him a check for the \$100, which he indorsed and gave to Sergeant Minto, who released the boys, who had tears of gratitude in their eyes as they bade goodbye to Mr. Patton. Mr. Patton gave them some good fatherly advice before they left. An order for the \$100 was given to Mr. Patton, who obtained the money from the telephone office Tuesday morning. This he gave to the police department, receiving his check in exchange.

The boys did not appear in police court yesterday, forfeiting their bail.

#### Voluntary Wage Increase Granted Railroad Workers

CHICAGO, Sept. 4.—Voluntary wage increases affecting approximately 3200 maintenance of way and railway mechanical department employees were reported to the United States railway labor board today by the Denver & Rio Grande Western railroad. The increases represent an approximate total cost to the carrier of \$135,000, according to J. R. King, statistician for the board. They range from 1 cent to 3 cents an hour and in the case of certain foremen and engineers, from \$2.04 a month to \$4.05 a month. The increases are effective as of August 1 and 15, 1923, and affect employees reported by the United Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way employees and Railway Shop laborers.

#### HOSPITAL NOW HAS FULL SUM FIXED AS GOAL

Returns From Automobile Races Monday Bring Total to \$35,000—Some Materials Yet Needed

#### ERIXON GIVEN CREDIT FOR EFFECTIVE WORK

Committee Named By Kiwanians to Help Find Rooms for Visitors

With the Labor day races bringing in between \$700 and \$800 net, the \$35,000 goal for the completion of the Salem hospital has been reached, Dr. H. E. Morris told the Kiwanians at their luncheon at the Marion hotel Tuesday noon. Prior to the races, he said, the fund was short about \$650.

Though the amount set in the drive has been obtained, he said, there still remains one item before the hospital is ready for occupancy in about 60 days. This is what is known as battleship linoleum. The lowest bid for this purchase was \$2200. The excess from the races will be devoted to this purchase, Dr. Morris said. In speaking of the hospital Dr. Morris gave most of the credit for the success of the campaign to Fred Erixson.

May Aid Visitors. Ten Kiwanians were appointed to constitute a state fair committee to cooperate with any agency that may find itself in need of assistance in finding rooms for visitors. Those appointed were Fred Erixson, Cook Patton, Oliver Myers, Nate Elliott, Bert Forbes, James Nicholson, Scott Page, Otto Paulus, Dr. C. W. Southworth and R. C. Kells.

Observance of Constitution day, September 17, was also urged, and it was pointed out that the Kiwanis clubs of the country would observe the week of September 16 to 23 for this event.

#### Brief Talks Heard.

Short talks on various meetings were given by members. N. D. Elliott, Dr. Morris and Bert Forbes spoke about the Astoria convention, giving highlights and work planned in the future by the organization. The general trend will be toward working in closer harmony with civic clubs while Kiwanis clubs were urged to erect a sign on the highway telling of the date and place of meetings.

Mr. Elliott spoke briefly of the presentation of the charter to the Oregon City club, which has a membership of 56. He was followed by Cook Patton with a few remarks upon the banquet given in Portland to International Secretary Parker and of his impressions of Long Beach, Calif., Kiwanians.

Earl Peary was the winner of the attendance prize, presented by Jim Nicholson.

#### Veteran Racer's Neck Broken in Track Mishap

ALTOONA, Pa., Sept. 4.—Howard Wilcox, veteran Indianapolis automobile racer, was fatally injured in the inaugural 200-mile race on the new Altoona speedway this afternoon, when his car skidded and overturned on the 117th lap. His neck was broken. Wilcox died a few minutes later as he was being taken to an emergency hospital at the speedway grounds. Wilcox was in third place when the accident occurred. Driving the 200-mile grind without a stop, Eddie Hearne, another veteran driver won the race. His time was 1:47:37.35 at the rate of 111 1/2 miles an hour. Jerry Wonderlich was second, Dave Lewis third, Fred Dornier fourth, Benny Hill fifth, Frank Elliott sixth, Lon Duray seventh and Tommy Milon eighth.

#### VISITORS TO FAIR TO GET ROOM SERVICE

Some Plan of Listing and Assigning Will Be Determined Upon Immediately

Notwithstanding refusal of the state fair board to shoulder responsibility of listing rooms for visitors at the state fair this year, which fact was published exclusively in the Statesman, the listing of rooms and assignment of state fair visitors to them will be taken care of.

This became apparent yesterday when several organizations, including the Kiwanis club, which appointed a committee to assist, made known their determination that it should be done, so visitors to Salem will not go away dissatisfied. Just how it will be arranged has not yet been determined.

#### 800,000 SALMON ARE LET LOOSE

Little Fellows Pass Through Salem On Way to Ocean, Back in 4 Years

Eight hundred thousand young salmon were released into Stout creek from the state hatchery above Stayton a few days ago. From Stout creek they pass into the Santiam, then the Willamette, then the Columbia and finally into the Pacific ocean, to return in four years for spawning purposes.

The Santiam hatchery is at present producing fish only for the state fish commission for commercial purposes. The hatchery has been in operation only a few years, but formerly was utilized jointly by the state fish commission and the state game commission, producing trout as well as salmon. The trout were available for the smaller streams of western Oregon.

#### DEDICATION OF FARM HOME TODAY

New Institution for Children Ready for Useful Service to State

The dedication of the first two cottages of the Children's Farm home will take place this afternoon from 2 to 4 o'clock at the farm home, which is three miles north of Corvallis, on the Albany road.

The cottages are completed and free of debt, and filled to capacity with 20 children in each. The sod will be broken today for a third cottage, which is to be built with the fund of \$25,000 raised by the city of Portland. One of the cottages to be dedicated was built by the state of Oregon and the other by the people of Oregon.

Governor Walter M. Pierce will take a place in the ceremony. In his speech he will endeavor to outline the part that the state played in the realization of the children's home. He will also dedicate a fireplace in one of the cottages to Oswald West.

The project of the farm home has created much interest throughout the state, and a large audience is expected to witness the exercises.

There will be an adjourned board meeting this morning at the home. Judge Walter H. Evans of Portland is president of the board of directors, and Mrs. Ada Wallace Unruh is financial secretary.

#### RELIEF URGED

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 4.—Prompt measures for the relief of the inhabitants of the stricken cities of Japan were urged at a meeting of the Chamber of Commerce this afternoon.

#### COUNCIL STEPS ON TAXI FEE

No Increase During Fair Week to Keep Outside Cabmen Out—City Budget Board Appointed By Aldermen Last Night—Tangeman Pleads With Officials But Probe Not Finished

Taxi licenses will not be raised during fair week for the purpose of protecting local drivers. The city council last night refused to pass an ordinance providing for increased licenses. It has been customary in the past to raise the taxi license fee just before fair week and then reduce it later.

The ordinance last night, by a suspension of the rules, passed to the third reading but failed to receive a majority vote. W. W. Rosenbraugh led the fight against the raising of the license fee. He said that from his own experience he knew that Salem's guests during previous fair weeks have not always received good service from taxis, and said he did not consider it was a step in the right direction to restrict the number of taxis.

General Service Needed. Alderman Simeral said that he understood the street railway company planned to bring in extra cars to care for the traffic to and from the fair grounds, but it was pointed out by other members of the council that this did not help the guests regarding service to other parts of the city, and that the service to the fairgrounds was not being criticised, anyway. It was also contended that taxi drivers concentrated on fares to the fair grounds, neglecting the other parts of the city.

Alderman Patton said he was in favor of throwing the city wide open, to try it once anyway. He went on to say that while considering Salem's guests at the fair the council ought to take some action regarding the hotels which "gouged visitors" last year at fair time. While he said he understood, he has not yet received any replies.

#### American Consul Kirjasoff and Wife Believed Dead in Ruins—New Islands Formed—Rivers Clogged With Bodies—Help Rushed to Stricken Area.

MOSCOW, Sept. 4.—According to the last information received here from Vladivostok, the belief prevails here that many vessels of the Japanese war fleet have been lost.

Although dispatches from various points have mentioned the overwhelming of Japanese naval stations by the tidal wave following the earthquake, none of them contained any reference to the loss of warships.

OSAKA, Sept. 4.—By Associated Press.—So vast an area of Japan has been devastated by the greatest earthquake in the history of this country that it will be long before the actual loss of life is known. The most reliable estimates of the deaths up to the present reach from 200,000 to 320,000.

Tokio and Yokohama, with surrounding towns, which formed the center of the disturbances, are almost completely in ruins. For two days Tokio was swept by flames, and a part from the loss of life caused directly through the falling of the buildings thousands must have perished in their attempts to make their way through the fire zones and other thousands from exhaustion.

Yokohama, Tokio's busy port, is a city destroyed. Probably more complete destruction has been wrought there than in the capital itself, for its great docks were torn asunder, its shipping wrecked, its public buildings and homes leveled to the earth.

#### CLEAVER SEEKS J. J. SULLIVAN

Man Who Mysteriously Disappeared From Newport Is Object of Hunt

George Cleaver, state prohibition commissioner, said yesterday that he has instituted an investigation to determine, if possible, what became of J. Jay Sullivan, who disappeared mysteriously from Newport, Ore., last January. Sullivan was reported to be a prohibition agent, but a quantity of his correspondence that has been turned over to Cleaver does not indicate that he was connected with that work, but seems to show that he was a mining man with interests at Gold Hill, Ore. One of the letters, which had been written and addressed to W. D. Edmunds of Gold Hill, but that had not been mailed, relates to a placer claim at that place.

Sullivan first registered at the Abbey hotel at Newport, but later transferred to another hotel in the city. After his disappearance a number of letters and telegram, some of which had not yet been mailed, were found in his room. Cleaver has written to Edmunds and other persons whose names are mentioned in the correspondence, but has not yet received any replies.

All advices received here indicate a succession of earth disturbances in that area extending for many miles inland and to the north and everywhere the first destructive forces were augmented by explosions, the bursting of water mains, the overflow of rivers and the terrible overpowering rush of tidal waves.

New Islands Formed. Details of geographical changes are lacking, but it is reported that new islands have been formed up from the bed of the ocean, while whole sections have disappeared. Rivers are said to have changed their courses, and volcanoes are erupting in various districts.

The disaster spared none who stood in its path. Many members of noble families have perished, but thus far the only notable foreign resident in the list of killed is the American consul at Yokohama, Max D. Kirjasoff, who, with his wife, is believed to have been killed in the ruins of the consulate.

Cyrus Woods Alive. The American ambassador, Cyrus E. Woods, and all the members of the embassy at Tokio, are known to be safe, but many of the diplomatic representatives of other nations have not been accounted for, nor has any word been received of their fate.

The newspaper, Osaka Asahi, estimates the earthquake dead at 250,000, which included 150,000 dead in Tokio, 100,000 in Yokohama, and 60,000 in Yokosuka. Word was received that the fires in Tokio burned out Monday night but at the same time couriers carrying appeals for food supplies and medical supplies and assistance for the hundreds of thousands of homeless refugees, who, unless succored speedily, cannot survive.

For the moment all efforts are being directed, first, to ascertaining the extent of Japan's vast losses, both in citizens and foreign residents and material damage to its cities, and, secondly, to rushing all assistance in every form to the stricken districts.

#### Accuracy Lacking

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 4.—(By the Associated Press.)—The havoc wrought by earthquakes, fire, tidal waves and storms in Tokio, Yokohama and vicinity since last Saturday noon remained tonight as far from being accurately estimated as at any previous time, due to the isolation of the locality, to the excited condition and the sad plight of most of the survivors, and to the difficulty with which such an estimate can be made. Brief reports and messages from various sections of Japan and the Orient have made their way to the Associated Press. Estimates of the casualties during the day ranged from 100,000 to 500,000. The former figure was reported from Moscow, where it was said higher estimates were believed to be exaggerations. The latter figure came to the Associated Press from (Continued on page 2).

#### FRED JOBELMAN IS SAFE INFORMATION RECEIVED IN SALEM

Fred W. Jobelman, Jr., Salem youth, who was believed by his father, night clerk at the Bligh hotel, to be in the danger area in Japan, is safe, according to information received by Mr. Jobelman yesterday from Portland and also according to dispatches in afternoon newspapers.

Young Jobelman is a cabin boy on the Wawaloma, a liner, and was believed to have arrived in Yokohama several days before the catastrophe. The information received yesterday, however, was that the Wawaloma had been delayed and was still 500 miles away from the Japanese coast. Mr. Jobelman called up Mayor Baker of Portland yesterday, asked him to get in touch with port officials and ascertain the position of the ship. This brought the good news, and was confirmed by dispatches which said the Wawaloma was not due to reach Yokohama until September 6.

Volney Shepard, well known pianist from Oregon Agricultural college, is among those who may be in the danger zone. He was due to arrive at Yokohama August 30 on the liner President Madison, the same vessel that carried Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Wiggins. Mr. Shepard is a member of the ship's orchestra.