

CIRCULATION Average for seven months ending July 31, 1923: Sundays only 5941 Daily and Sunday 5457

SEVENTY-THIRD YEAR

SALEM, OREGON, FRIDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER 7, 1923

PRICE FIVE CENTS

17 HOP KILNS ARE DESTROYED

EYE WITNESS TELLS STORY OF DISASTER

Hell Only Word Which Depicts Scene in Tokio During Earthquake Says Account

SHOCK CAME EARLY IN DAY SAYS REPORT

Correspondent of Honolulu Paper Tells of Crazed Refugees

TOKIOKA, Japan, Sept. 7.—(Via Radio Corporation of America to the Associated Press.)—Three American destroyers arrived in Yokohama at noon yesterday and took 300 Americans aboard.

Pestilence Threatened LONDON, Sept. 6.—A Central News dispatch from Kobe dated today says:

"It is reported here but not confirmed that cholera has broken out in Yokohama. This probably is true, since the people are drinking muddy water from the ditches and eating foul food to stave off starvation.

"A spread of pestilence would increase the difficulties of relief work, as otherwise supplying food and shelter would be comparatively easy."

HONOLULU, Sept. 6.—(By the Associated Press)—No other word but "hell" can depict the scene in Tokio during and after the earthquake, according to the Tokio correspondent of the Hawaii Shinto, who today sent from Sendai, Japan, an "eye witness" story of the disaster.

"The first great quake came at 11:55 a. m. Saturday last," the correspondent said. It was without warning. Most of the buildings of Tokio collapsed at the first shock. The center of the quake seemed to be in Tokio and Managawa, but it was felt throughout the entire region between Naozono on the northwest and Aomori on the north, a region comprising virtually the northeastern half of the island of Honshu.

Landslide Comes First "The earthquake was preceded by a tremendous landslide along the Sagami coast. Fires which followed in the wake of the quake were partially due to the incendiary of Koreans who applied torches to fallen buildings.

"With the proclamation of martial law, General Fukuda was appointed emergency commander of the Tokio area. Admiral Nomaguchi, commander of the Yokosuka naval base was appointed commander of the area including Yokohama and Yokosuka.

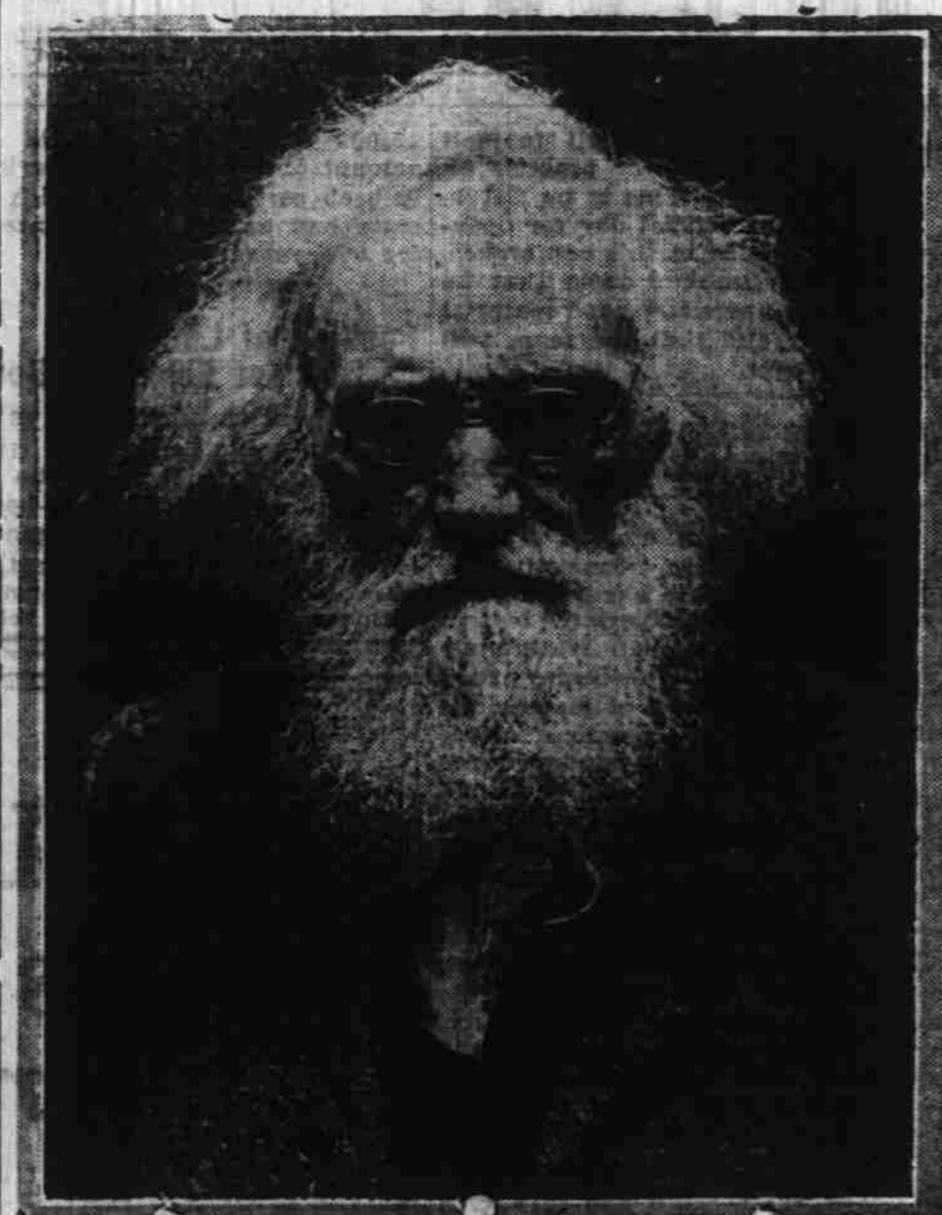
Tokio Living Hell "After the earthquake Tokio was a living hell. Crazed, horrified refugees stormed the parks to escape the flames. Those who were too slow or too weak from exhaustion and excitement were soon overtaken by the flames which engulfed them.

"In the chaos and pandemonium children were torn from their parents and wives from their husbands. The surviving populace ran wildly about, helter skelter. Their screaming mingled with the crackling of mountainous flames, explosions and other thunderous noises.

Bodies Strew Streets "In a short time thousands of bodies were strewn about the streets. The imperial gardens and the military barracks throughout the city were opened to refuse." (Continued on page 2)

THE WEATHER OREGON: Friday fair and continued warm. Local Weather: (Thursday) Maximum temperature, 92. Minimum temperature, 52. Rainfall, 0. River, —1.6. Atmosphere, clear. Wind, northwest.

Ezra Meeker, Famous Pioneer, Who is Planning Film History of Old Trail Was Brief Visitor in City Yesterday



EZRA MEEKER

RED CROSS WILL CALL MEETING

Salem Relief Committee to Discuss Japanese Aid at Chamber Today

The relief committee of Willamette chapter, American Red Cross will meet this morning in the Chamber of Commerce rooms to consider ways and means of meeting the Marion-Polk county quota for Japanese relief.

Other members of the committee are Mrs. E. E. Fisher, Mrs. W. Carlton Smith, U. G. Shipley, William Gahlsdorf and Frank Wrightman.

The quota for Willamette chapter, which included Marion and Polk counties was fixed at \$10,050 by San Francisco headquarters. The chapter is authorized to appropriate funds from what it has on hand, according to the message received Wednesday night by H. W. Meyers, president of the local chapter of the Red Cross.

The relief fund being raised now in the state is part of the \$5,000,000 fund being raised in the United States for the relief of the Japanese earthquake victims.

BLACK LECTURER IS CALLED FAKIR

Negro Who Appeared Before Salem Audience in Multnomah County Jail Charged with swindling hundreds of his race through a fake benevolent society, Prince Wizzard Solomon Jeremiah Chaloughidzigie, negro scion of a one-time royal family of Uganda, British East Africa, is in the Multnomah county jail. He addressed a Salem audience several months ago.

Immigration authorities, because of whose investigation the prince is now in jail, claim that he has operated in Canada, Illinois, Oklahoma, Michigan, Colorado and California, and was starting to operate in Oregon with his "International Ethiopian Rescue and Relief Conference of South Dakota."

STATE PRISON HELP WANTED SIGN IS OUT

Warden Smith Says He Thinks He'll Borrow Some Labor From Walla Walla

"So acute is the labor shortage at the state prison that I am thinking of writing to Walla Walla where I understand they have 500 idle prisoners," Warden Johnson Smith said yesterday.

"In all seriousness," the warden continued, "we need about 100 men at present. We could use at least 50 to help harvest the Lake Labish hemp crop while all activities within the prison are being slowed up on account of the lack of labor. All outside men have been called back to the prison, including those at work at the fairgrounds, the tuberculosis hospital and the wood camp. The men from the logging camp may be next."

MEADE ELLIOTT RESIGNS PLACE

Willamette Students to Do Part-Time Service in Y Boys' Department The resignation of Meade Elliott, boys' work secretary of the Salem YMCA, was presented and accepted at a meeting of the board of directors yesterday.

It was announced that the six months for which the federal government appropriated money to maintain a branch of the federal employment service at the Salem association had expired, and so successful has been the bureau that a resolution was adopted calling upon the government to make the bureau permanent in Salem. Secretary C. A. Kells submitted a report showing that last month 672 persons were furnished employment through the bureau, and that the demand for laborers is as big as ever. It is mainly for farm labor.

The directors voted to put on the annual financial campaign the first week in October. Simultaneously there will be a campaign to raise money to pay off an outstanding amount of \$8500 that is due on the association's new lot on Court street. The regular association budget has not yet been made up.

Ezra Meeker, famous pioneer, who has crossed the United States repeatedly, by ox-team first 71 years ago, and later by automobile, was in Salem yesterday to confer with Governor Pierce relative to a project Mr. Meeker has launched to preserve the history of the Oregon trail in films. The governor was not in the city, however, and Mr. Meeker returned to Portland where he had an appointment with the Progressive Business Men's club.

Mr. Meeker, who is 93 years old, is president of the Pioneers of America, Inc., which has headquarters in New York city. "How old are you?" Mr. Meeker was asked yesterday. "I rather object to that question," replied Mr. Meeker, "but I don't mind being asked my age. I am 93, but don't feel old at all."

The pioneer is devoting himself to the Oregon trail filming project, but wants it done accurately and without fiction woven into the narrative. He objects to the Emerson Hough story, "The Covered Wagon," because of the fiction accompanying it. Seventy-one years ago, Ezra Meeker, accompanied by his young wife and child, traversed the Oregon Trail with an ox team and safely reached the Oregon country, where he settled as a farmer in that portion of it created as Washington Territory in 1853.

Mr. Meeker, the only man now living, it is believed, who as an adult participated in founding the commonwealth known as the state of Washington, is in vigorous health at 93. In addition to his first trip in 1852, he crossed over the Oregon Trail with an ox team in 1906-07, and again in 1910-11, erecting granite monuments to preserve the memory of the pioneers who traversed it.

No man in the nation, from personal experience, can portray more accurately the scenes of pioneer days on the Oregon Trail, than can Mr. Meeker. He has recorded these scenes with fidelity in various volumes, with an eye single to historical accuracy. The latest of these, an epitome of the whole, has been edited by Professor Howard R. Driggs and published by World Book Company, Yonkers, New York, under the title of "Ox-Team Days on the Oregon Trail."

The Pioneers of America, Inc., has been formed for the special purpose of portraying in moving pictures, with the same fidelity to historical accuracy shown by Mr. Meeker in his written works, the scenes on this great world's highway, the Oregon Trail, and pioneer incidents and experiences resulting in the expansion of the nation to the Pacific.

Mr. Meeker has for years been collecting information on this great theme from all available sources, and has placed the accumulated data in the hands of this corporation for the purpose of producing the film referred to; and he will cooperate with the corporation to make it a standard work of history in moving pictures.

Realizing the responsibility resting with the organization and the importance of the work, the scenes will be re-enacted wherever possible upon the spot where the incidents represented occurred. It is considered by many historians a marvelous drama that should be preserved and handed down to future generations, and it is the purpose of this organization to present this history with fidelity, that the future citizens may know of the struggles of the pioneers who made possible the greater nation by advancing the boundary to the Pacific.

TULSA HORROR LAID TO KLAN BY WITNESSES

Military Court Holds Investigation Following Many Terrible Floggings in District

BRUTAL REFRAIN LED ALWAYS TO KU KLUX

Counselor Says Full Story of Savagery Will Never Be Told

OKLAHOMA, Okla., Sept. 6.—(By the Associated Press.)—Unfolding the "story of Tulsa," as gleaned from sworn testimony taken before a military court, Aldrich Blake, executive councillor, presented to the press tonight an account of some of the brutal floggings that led Governor J. C. Walton to invoke martial law in Tulsa county.

Detailing a series of whippings, only a few of those that have spread terror for more than a year in many Tulsa homes, Mr. Blake said: "Through the 1200 pages of testimony runs the same brutal refrain. It's always the Klan or some members of the Klan. No Aliens Accused "In every case thus far examined, except two which have not proceeded very far, the evidence has led straight to the doorstep of the invisible empire, known as the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. Not an alien has been accused; not a breath of suspicion against a single Tulsa citizen except members of the imperial organization.

"No arrests had ever been made until the military court convened," he said. "Except in one or two instances where the police called and immediately returned to the station, no investigation has ever been made of any one of these dozens of other cases now under investigation. This is according to the sworn testimony."

Only First Chapter Told Declaring that the expose was only the first chapter of the "story," the executive councillor promised revelation in the near future of "other phases of the conflict between visible and invisible government."

"The whole story of Tulsa will never be told," he said. "Men flee from savagery and torture. Scores of Tulsa victims fled. The average man is pretty apt to change his address after his skin has been whipped until it is raw and then he is threatened with death if he tells. That is exactly what happened in Tulsa, not once but many times. Say fifty times." (Continued on page 3)

CHAMBER DEMANDS IMPROVEMENT MADE AT TOURISTS' CAMP

Resolution Asks City Council to Act—Money Appropriated for Rooming Bureau During the State Fair—Corn and Industrial Show Voted—Want Employment Bureau Kept.

At a special meeting of the board of directors of the Salem Chamber of Commerce held last night the question of handling rooms for visitors during the state fair was settled, and a booth will be run at the Marion hotel during fair week and for several days before, to list rooms and supply all visitors with rooms during that week.

BIG FIRE YESTERDAY LICKS UP DRYERS ON M'LOUGHLIN RANCH IN POLK COUNTY; LOSS \$50,000

CORVALLIS HAS DAMAGING FIRE

Rickards Garage and Four Residences Destroyed Late Yesterday

CORVALLIS, Or., Sept. 6.—(Special to The Statesman.)—Rickards garage was completely destroyed by fire this evening following an explosion in the rear of the building. The fire spread to nearby property. Four residences were included in the property destroyed before the fire was brought under control. The roof of the Beaver Laundry was destroyed. The laundry building was burned last winter and later rebuilt of brick.

For a time it was believed the entire city was in danger because of low water pressure, and a call was sent to Albany for additional fire-fighting equipment, but later it was believed that this was not needed.

Several families whose homes were in the path of the fire began moving out, and several business houses made efforts to get out as much of their stock as possible.

The total loss by the fire was estimated tonight at \$50,000, with partial insurance. The principal loss was to automobiles stored in the garage where the fire originated.

New Deposit of Radium Found; Prices May Tumble

NEW YORK, Sept. 6.—(By the Associated Press.)—Discovery in Ferghana of what is reported as probably the world's largest deposit of radium, announced in Petrograd today by the radium institute, will prove a "tremendous advantage to science and a boon to the masses," it was declared at the office of the New York Radium Institute today.

Belief was expressed that the price of radium, as a result of this discovery, might be brought to the point where it could be put into every hospital in the land and made available to the masses. More than 30 states, it was said, have no supply of radium, and it was estimated that the element is not used in more than 10 per cent of the cancer cases it might check.

Last fall radium prices tumbled from \$110,000 a gram to \$75,000 when it became known that radium bearing ore in extensive quantities had been discovered in the Belgium Congo, Africa.

Seven Thousand Boxes of Hops and Cooling and Baling Houses Also go—Workmen Unable to Check Flames—Salem Pumper Answers Call—Some Insurance Held by Owner

Fire destroyed 17 hop kilns and other buildings belonging to C. A. McLoughlin, two miles north of Independence, at an estimated loss of \$50,000 early yesterday afternoon. Practically nothing was saved from the blaze.

In addition to the kilns, two cooling and baling houses, one 100 by 60 feet, and the other 130 by 30 feet; 7,000 boxes of hops; 8,000 yards of hop cloth and eight tons of sulphur were entirely consumed.

FIRST STATE SILENT AT CAR CONVENTION

Beginning of the End Is Seen When Arizona Sends No Report

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Sept. 6.—The department of Arizona has dropped out of the ranks of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Simple, white marker, which was to have indicated the location of the Arizona delegation in the convention meetings, stood in one corner of the auditorium hall unclaimed today. Against the wall it rested and each time the roll of departments was called there was no answer from Arizona.

There was significance in the failure of Arizona to report. It signaled the beginning of the end of the Grand Army of the Republic. Never before in the history of the encampments has any department failed to send delegates to the encampment or report to the officers the reason for such failure. No report has come from Arizona.

Gaylor M. Saltzberger of Van Wert, Ohio, was unanimously elected commander in chief of the national Grand Army of the Republic shortly before 7 p. m. today after announcement had been made earlier that the election had been postponed until tomorrow morning.

A heated debate developed following introduction of a resolution sponsored by the New York department, which when finally adopted will permit the Sons of Veterans to attend post meetings, but will not permit them a vote in the deliberations of the organization.

Pointing to the flag of the department to Arizona which stood in one corner of the platform, where it had been placed at the opening of the encampment still waiting to be unfurled marking the first time in history that a department flag has not been carried in the annual parade, Commander in chief James W. Willett urged the adoption of a resolution which would care for the Arizona situation.

"The flight of time has taken with it so many members of the Arizona post," he said, "that the post flag stands furled, because of the scattered handful of comrades in that district are not numerically strong enough to support a post. We have before us a resolution asking for the revision of rules to enable the formation of a provisional department under the direct jurisdiction of the national body, that the comrades may be taken care of, and the Arizona flag unfurled."

Vote on the measure was unnecessary and in next year's parade the flag of the department of Arizona will again float over the blue of the regular army uniforms of the Civil war.

SILVERTON, Or., Sept. 6.—(Special to The Statesman.)—Those going from Silverton to Seaside to attend the American Legion convention were Carl Moser, commander of the Silverton Post, Lewis Hall; Mr. and Mrs. C. Johnson, John Elder, George Anderson, George Towe, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Rosheim.

A loss of \$50,000 is the estimate made by Mr. McLoughlin. Others familiar with hops declare that each of the kilns would represent a loss of \$3,000, making \$51,000 for the kilns, while 7,000 boxes of hops, with 12 pounds to the box, would represent a loss of about \$42,000, making the total loss \$93,000 or more.

Though there were 20 men employed and working around the kilns at the time the fire started, they were unable to stop the spread of the flames owing to the excessive dryness of the buildings. The fire is believed to have started in some dried hops in one of the kilns. All of the buildings were equipped with fire extinguishers and buckets and barrels filled with water were at hand. Fanned by a small breeze the flames soon spread and kilns after kiln caught from the flying sparks. An independence, otherwise reported picking up a handful of cinders in his front yard, two miles away.

Both the Independence and Salem fire departments responded to the emergency call that was sent out. The Salem pumper made the trip to the conflagration in just 15 minutes, and backed the pumper to a near-by creek. Its work was confined chiefly to wetting down the smouldering piles of debris and to extinguishing several large piles of cordwood that were ablaze. Between 40 and 50 acres of grassland surrounding the hop kilns were burned over before further spread was prevented.

In speaking of his loss after the fire, Mr. McLoughlin said that he was partially covered by insurance, and would begin making plans for building next spring as to be in readiness to handle the 1924 crop of hops. He estimated that it would cost at least \$30,000 to replace the buildings destroyed, and that the remainder of his estimated loss of \$50,000 was represented by stoves, pipes, supplies and other incidental equipment. Mr. McLoughlin was sitting in a bank in Independence when he was notified of the fire.

Heat from the burning buildings was so intense that the pavement, several hundred feet away, was sticky, a stage driver reported when he reached the Salem stage terminal station.

NEW STREET WILL OPEN SEPT. 12

Ceremony to Accompany Dedication of Way Thru Highway Addition

The highway addition road will be formally opened at 6 o'clock Wednesday, Sept. 12. The paving is completed and on that day will be dry enough for traffic. The completion of this road marks a two-year campaign on the part of the Chamber of Commerce, at the time Fred Erickson was appointed chairman of the committee to secure this much desired improvement. He has worked for two years and on next Wednesday will see the completion of his work. The celebration will only last a short time, but will be in keeping with the spirit of the occasion. Mayor Giesy will make a short talk, as also will Roy Klein and J. C. Perry, president of the Chamber of Commerce. Along the new street one house is already being constructed, and at least a dozen more are in contemplation.