

The Oregon Statesman

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

SEVENTY-THIRD YEAR

SALEM, OREGON, WEDNESDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER 19, 1923

PRICE FIVE CENTS

RUINED PARTS OF BERKELEY UNDER GUARD

Residence Section Now But
Heap of Water Soaked
Ashes—Soldiers Patrol
Ruins; Watch for Looters

FINEST HOMES BUT DREARY WASTE NOW

Priceless Libraries of Two
Nationally Known Schol-
ars Included in Lost

BERKELEY, Cal., Sept. 18.—Heaps of sodden, water-soaked ashes, broken chimneys pointing crazily at the sky, and jagged dead walls, are all that remained today of what was yesterday the residence section in the northeastern part of Berkeley. Soldiers and police patrolled the ruins tonight with fingers on ready triggers where supposed looters slipped about or searched with electric flashlights for hidden loot on the chance that all might not have escaped from the wind whipped inferno.

It was the belief of Acting Chief of Police C. D. Lee, however, that all escaped with their lives, as the district offered many broad avenues of exit. A number of children were posted as missing today but they were school children who were at their studies when the fire broke out and who could not get back to their homes.

Halls Crowded
The armory of the University of California, the big halls downtown, the nearby churches and many other public and semi-public places were crowded with refugees tonight. According to a police estimate, between 15,000 and 15,000 are homeless, the fire having swept a thickly populated area for 50 blocks or more.

Crucifixion, an exclusive residence section, the equally exclusive Euclid avenue with its rows of university fraternities and societies and the great hills sweep from this street to Shattuck avenue, the main business street, were a dreary waste tonight with searchers hurrying everywhere. The Red Cross maintained many stations on the edge of the district to care for refugees and workers alike. Hundreds of University students aided in the patrol. The fire apparatus remained, pouring many streams onto the glowing carpets of sparks here and there. Are lights were being rigged up and attempts were being made to clear dangling light and power wires and restore telephonic communication.

Libraries Lost
It was reported late today that the priceless libraries of Professor Alexis Lang, nationally known authority on education and Professor G. E. Chapman, prominent American history scholar, had been destroyed. Both are members of the faculty of the University of California.

The board of fire underwriters in San Francisco today appraised the damage at \$5,000,000 exclusive of personal belongings. It is expected that these will amount to at least \$2,000,000 more.

Mayor Eastman Still Without Successor

SILVERTON, Or., Sept. 18.—The Silverton city council is still in possession of the unaccepted resignation of Mayor L. C. Eastman. Mayor Eastman promised to stand by the council until another mayor could be secured. In speaking of the situation, members of the council remarked during the past week that always formerly everyone wanted to be mayor of Silverton. Now, when one is really needed, no one will consent to fill the place.

THE WEATHER

OREGON—Wednesday fair.
LOCAL WEATHER
(Tuesday)
Maximum temperature, 79.
Minimum temperature, 48.
Rainfall, none.
River, —1.5.
Atmosphere, clear.
Wind, west.

R. B. DABNEY OF SALEM IS BELIEVED VICTIM OF MURDER

Finding of Blood-stained Truck Near Oswego
Evidence That Man Who Started Highland
Jitney Met Foul Play—Willamette River is
Searched for Remains.

Alone, with the exception of their 14-year-old daughter, Mrs. R. B. Dabney, 1596 South Thirteenth street, is waiting word of her husband, around whose disappearance a veil of mystery has been woven and who is believed to have been murdered near Oswego, presumably early Tuesday morning. A blood-spattered truck was found above a high cliff at Elk Rock. A dead dog, the property of Dabney, was lying in the truck. A bullet shattered windshield and a white mask were indications that Dabney may have met with foul play. Both the Multnomah county officers and the Portland police worked on the case all day yesterday but no word had been received in Salem last night as to any developments in the case.

FINAL FLASHES

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., Sept. 18.—Re-enactment of the Battle of Chickamauga 60 years ago and an old-time southern barbecue were the outstanding events of the annual encampment of United Spanish War veterans here today.

SEATTLE, Sept. 18.—The Red Cross for the time being has ceased buying food for Japanese relief, according to a telegram received today by Frank Waterhouse, president of the Seattle Chamber of Commerce, from W. Gordon Brown, director of purchases.

CAMP PERRY, Ohio, Sept. 18.—Four world's records were broken at the National Rifle association tournament here today. Three went by the boards in the international free rifle match on the 300 meter range and the other in the Horvick trophy match on the 1000-yard range.

SEATTLE, Sept. 18.—Percy L. Sinclair, state senator from Pacific county, and his wife who were arrested here on charges of accepting deposits after they knew that the Southwestern Washington Bank of Ilwaco, which Senator Sinclair was president, was insolvent, were taken today to South Bend.

GENEVA, Sept. 18.—(By The Associated Press.)—The council of the league published tonight a communication from the United States government in which that government says it is unable to ratify the convention of St. Germaine for control of the traffic in arms and munitions.

PENDLETON, Or., Sept. 18.—The proposal that a tri-state council be formed of the druggists of the states of Oregon, Washington and Idaho to take joint action on matters of common interest to their business, was made today in the session of the Oregon State Pharmaceutical association.

JOHNSTOWN, Pa., Sept. 18.—Mayor Joseph Cauffiel of Johnstown announced late tonight that he had replied by telegraph and special delivery letter to Governor Pinchot's telegram requesting the reasons for the city executive's recent order that negroes who have resided here for less than seven years must leave. The mayor refused to say what he told the governor, but reiterated his order that the negroes "must pack up and go."

WASHINGTON, Sept. 18.—Complete rejection of the so-called Claiborne-Adams check collection plan and adoption with changes of the federal reserve board's "regulation J," penalizing banks failing to remain at par, was recommended to the board tonight by the federal advisory council at the conclusion of its fall session.

ROSEBURG, Or., Sept. 18.—John Russell, 53, a resident of North Myrtle Creek, was killed accidentally Sunday night while hunting. His body was found today by searching parties which spent 24 hours in the woods.

PHOENIX, Ariz., Sept. 18.—The town of Hoodbrook, Ariz., was reported flooded tonight following a cloudburst and at least one life was lost when the water swept through the town, according to reports received here tonight.

PHOENIX, Ariz., Sept. 18.—Northern Arizona is recovering tonight from the heaviest rain-storms in years.

OKLAHOMA NOT SURE WHO IS IN AUTHORITY

Adjutant General Ordered to
Appear in Civil Court—
Folk Perplexed as to
Jurisdiction

BUSINESS AS USUAL IN CITY OF TULSA

TULSA, Okla., Sept. 18.—(By The Associated Press.)—Under conditions defined by Sheriff Bob Sanford as one of "synthetic rebellion" Tulsa county went to bed tonight perplexed as to who rules the roost—the military or the civil authorities.

A district judge has ordered the state adjutant general to appear in a civil court tomorrow morning with three military prisoners. The summons, delivered to the civil sheriff, Sanford, has been commandeered by the military sheriff, Colonel E. L. Head, who, it is indicated, may or may not serve it upon his superior officer, General Markham. The situation is further complicated by a mystery surrounding the whereabouts of Adjutant General Markham since his departure for Oklahoma City Monday.

The first skirmish is scheduled for 9 o'clock Wednesday in the court of District Judge Albert C. Hunt, where the summons is returnable.

Town Folks Mixed
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VAUDEVILLE AT HORST HOP YARD

Beauty Contest, Supervised
Playgrounds, Kindergarten—
Other Features

Seven acts of vaudeville were presented last night at the E. Clemens Horst hop yard near Eola. Those taking part were all among the pickers at the yard, with the manager, an experienced vaudeville manager who is among those picking hops this fall. The talent was all from among the pickers, including a large number of musical features.

The Horst yard has provided a number of educational and recreational features for the pickers this year including a kindergarten where there are 60 children enrolled, a playground under the supervision of trained directors and entertaining recreation for the evenings. These include radio programs, a daily camp newspaper and other features.

Mrs. C. E. Lambert and Miss Caroline Lambert are in charge of the kindergarten and nursery, while Miss Loreta Colby is in charge of the playground work. J. C. Henderson, recreational director for the Portland bureau of parks, is in general charge of the whole program at the yard. Mrs. Henderson and Miss Emma Heitman are in charge of the camp fire and evening programs.

A beauty contest is being conducted at the yard and the winner will be given the title of Miss Eola. She will also receive a number of prizes offered by Independence merchants.

Heavy Prune Crop Is Report From Silvertown

SILVERTON, Or., Sept. 18.—(Special to The Statesman.)—In spite of the extraordinary dry season Silvertown has been so far comparatively free from disastrous fires. However, during the past week several stubble fires and a few brush fires have broken out. It is said that two or three fires have recently broken out in the Howell Prairie district, causing considerable alarm, but so far little damage.

According to L. L. Mann of Pendleton, who is in Salem, the people of eastern Oregon do not seem to be strongly in favor of the recall. Mr. Mann is representative of the 23rd district in the state legislature.

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RETURNS TO PRISON

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Sept. 18.—Although he was thousands of miles away, apparently safe from the grip of the law, A. E. Anderson, facing from one to 14 years in San Quentin, walked into the sheriff's office yesterday afternoon and surrendered, declaring that he had come from Siberia to serve his sentence.

RELIEF FUND CHECK GIVEN TO YAMAMOTO

Ambassador Presents First
Installment of Money to
Japanese Premier

WASHINGTON, Sept. 18.—Ambassador Woods at Tokyo handed to Premier Yamamoto yesterday a certified check for \$1,000,000 as the first large installment of the relief fund for Japanese earthquake sufferers collected by the American Red Cross. In reporting to the state department the ambassador said the premier was deeply moved and expressed his gratitude to the American people.

Mr. Woods retorted reports of choice outbreaks in Japan and transmitted the result of an inquiry made by Dr. Kibbe, an American physician doing relief work in Tokio.

Five hospital buildings for treatment of earthquake victims have been purchased by the Red Cross within the past two weeks and will be shipped immediately to Japan, it was announced today.

OREGON FOREST FIRES BURNING

Marshfield and Siskiyou Dis-
tricts Report Blazes Be-
ing Fought By Rangers

MARSHFIELD, Or., Sept. 18.—Fires were burning in many sections of Coos Bay timbered area today and according to Chief Warden J. A. Walsh, they are becoming troublesome. The state and Coos county fire patrol association have been fighting in widespread areas, six fires having been reported in the past two days besides one west of Marshfield, where 2000 acres were burned over. Eel lake, the Stout Lumber company camp, northwest of Lakeside, had a fire in the slashings yesterday which burned over 40 acres and was still threatening today. One hundred acres on Clear flat, a timber section near Camas valley, had burned over by last night and the fire was in the standing timber. Twelve miles, which is in the Camas valley territory, had a fire which was threatening green timber. A large force was engaged today in fighting a fire on Rink creek, near Coquille, the watershed from which the city obtains its water supply.

GRANTS PASS, Or., Sept. 18.—Two forest fires were burning in the Siskiyou National forest today. The worst is situated on Taylor creek about 25 miles down Rogue river from Grants Pass. A crew of eight men was fighting the blaze yesterday but last night it got beyond control and today it was found necessary to increase the fire fighters' force to 26. The other fire is situated about 18 miles above Gold Beach at the mouth of the Rogue river.

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RECALL PETITIONS STILL CIRCULATING

A. E. Campbell, Chairman of
Recall Campaign Com-
mittee Announces Result

PORTLAND, Or., Sept. 18.—Circulation of petitions for the holding of an election to vote on the recall of Governor Walter M. Pierce continued here today, according to A. E. Campbell, chairman of the state recall campaign committee. The announcement was made that two circulators of the petitions had obtained 200 names within a few hours work. Under the law governing recall 45,000 signatures must be obtained to the petitions to bring the question to the voters.

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PRESS STRIKE STOPS ELEVEN CITY PAPERS

Lots of Papers But None
Printed in English—Ital-
ian Publication Issues
First American Edition

COMPOSITE SHEET PUT OUT LATER

Metropolis Without News of
Self or World for Nearly
24 Hours Tuesday

NEW YORK, Sept. 18.—(By The Associated Press.)—New York went without its leading newspapers for the better part of 24 hours today when a strike of 25000 web pressmen prevented publication of a majority of the city's morning and evening dailies.

From midnight last night until this evening the city's millions, most avid newspaper readers of the world, practically were cut off from news of their own and the rest of the world's doings.

Post Issued
An early edition of the New York Evening Post, run off by a hastily recruited corps of pressmen, was the only one of the large afternoon papers to appear before noon and when that had been exhausted the news stands were bare and newsboys were mute.

Newspapers in nearby New Jersey cities, smaller local papers not affected by the strike, and foreign newspapers rushed thousands of papers and scores of emergency newsboys to the more important traffic intersections where they enjoyed an unprecedented sale at premium prices.

One Boston newspaper sent copies of a special addition to the city by airplane, while a local Italian paper, for the first time in its history, put on sale an all-English edition. Many news stands presented the unusual picture of newspapers in half a dozen foreign languages and none in English.

Composite Paper Printed
The newspaper famine was relieved in the late afternoon when a composite newspaper representing jointly the 11 afternoon newspapers affected, appeared on the streets.

The composite newspapers were distributed by the joint delivery forces of the 11 plants.

The strike was called a few minutes after midnight by Web Pressmen's union No. 35 after the organization had concluded a four hour meeting. President David Simons of the union declared that all but one of the members had voted for the strike, which, he said, grew out of inability of the union and the publishers to agree to a working contract to replace the one which expired September 1.

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and Departs

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The youth was described as being in the early twenties. He drove to the hospital in an automobile. With the girl in his arms he entered the corridor and laid the body in a wheel chair just inside the entrance. Without a word he ran from the building, jumped into the car and disappeared.

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RADIO COMPASS IMPORTANT ITEM

Investigation of Loss of U. S.
Destroyers Centers Around
Directions Given

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Sept. 18.—In the maze of technical testimony presented at today's session of the naval court of inquiry investigating the wreck of seven destroyers off Point Honda September 8, a radio compass on Point Arguello, not far from the scene of the crash, again played the pivotal role.

This time the needle of the compass seemed to point toward a logical explanation of the disaster and, according to officers prosecuting the probe, toward the person or persons on whom responsibility for the tragedy may be fixed.

Practically all of the testimony today concerned radio operations, and most of it centered on signals sent by the radio compass at Point Arguello to the flagship of the ill-fated destroyer squadron.

'NOTHER STACK OF WHEATS IS PRINCE'S CALL

Flap Jacks Before Work But
Work Before Play Pro-
gram of British Heir

HIGH RIVER, Alberta, Sept. 18.—"Nother stack of wheats!" was the call that went to the kitchen of the Prince of Wales' ranch house five minutes after his royal highness sat down to breakfast this morning. Lord Renfrew was preparing for a hard day's work in the fields and the royal stamp of approval was officially placed on the lowly flapjack.

Lord Renfrew was the first man up at the ranch and routed all the other "hands" out of bed. After breakfast, at which he surrounded several brook trout as well as a "double deck" of flats, the heir to the crown of Britain went to work at the sunflower silo. Until this job is finished there will be no recreation on the ranch.

As soon as he has a little free time, however, Lord Renfrew is looking forward to a fishing trip and maybe later a hunting expedition.

"But work comes first," he said.

OFFENSIVE OPENED BY LEGISLATORS

Oklahoma Solons Issue Call
for Meeting of Lawmak-
ers—Governor Firm

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., Sept. 18.—(By The Associated Press.)—Members of the state legislature opened an offensive today against the official acts of Governor J. C. Walton in connection with his decree of martial law throughout Oklahoma.

Plans took shape among certain legislative opponents of the executive to convene a special session in defiance of the governor to consider his official acts. Impeachment proceedings are considered certain if a sufficient number of the legislators can be rallied to the cause.

A call for an extra-ordinary session was completed tonight and is ready to be filed with the secretary of state as soon as a majority of the members of the house have signed a petition to convene the session.

On the other hand Governor Walton is firm in his determination to give his enemies in the legislature "no chance to interfere" with his declared intention to "revert the civil government from the domination of the invisible empire and make the visible government again supreme."

He reiterated that any lawmakers that attempted to hold a special session of the legislature would be sent to jail. "They shall not pass," was the deft that could be read in the presence of armed guardsmen posted before the doors of both the house and senate chambers at the capitol. Four soldiers with side arms held the entrance to each of the halls.

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All Buildings Poor
"We further find after looking the situation over carefully, that none of the buildings belonging to the state prison are what they should be. They have all been built years ago and are of old-style type of architecture, with absolutely no provision made for fire resistance.

"We also find that the water system and fire protection facilities are entirely inadequate for a place of this kind.

"We, therefore, recommend that on rebuilding the burned buildings or other buildings connected with the state prison, that they should be of modern fireproof construction with adequate system of water mains and hydrants, as well as fire pumps.

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"The fire pumps now in use are low speed and low pressure.

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BOARD LIKELY TO BE CALLED SAYS PIERCE

Reason for State's Inability
to Insure Its Buildings
Given—Committee Makes
Prison Probe

FIRE PROTECTION FOUND INADEQUATE

Governor Determined That
New Structures Must Be
of Modern Kind

The destruction of the industrial building and contents by fire at the state penitentiary with a net loss of \$125,000 has given rise to the inquiry as to why the state does not insure its buildings.

The reason back of the state's inability to insure its buildings appears to be that the cost in premiums would be greater than the fire loss, because of the large number of buildings involved, so the money which would be paid out in premiums is considered in the nature of a fund from which the state may draw to reconstruct buildings that are destroyed.

Governor PIERCE yesterday in conversation with other members of the board expressed a preference for the calling of the emergency board. Whether this will be done has not yet been determined.

Must Be Fireproof
Governor Pierce's preference for the emergency board, he explained, is the possibility that the public buildings commission would only have authority to authorize the reconstruction of the buildings exactly as they were, and the governor says he would not approve the construction of inflammable buildings. The attorney general will be asked to enlighten the board on this point.

Robert Crawford, superintendent of the flax plant, and Warden Smith have been requested to estimate their requirements as to space for the reconstruction, and then the special investigation board named by the governor, consisting of Will H. Moore, state fire marshal; Leo Holden, Portland fire chief, and Tom Graham, Corvallis fire chief, will again meet and further advise the governor and other state officials.

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