

FORGED TELEGRAM FOUND

GREAT DAMAGE FOLLOWS FIRE IN TILLAMOOK

Forest Conflagration Sweeps Four Million Feet Felled Logs, Sawmill and Other Property

FLAMES NEAR VIRGIN TIMBER LINES HOURLY

Logging Camps Threatened By Blaze Which Has Swept 10 Miles

PORTLAND, Or., April 26.—A swath 10 miles long and one mile wide, including 4,000,000 feet of felled logs in Tillamook county, Oregon, a lumber mill valued at \$150,000, several dwellings, a schoolhouse and four ranches in Clatsop county, Washington, and at least a score of minor fires scattered over several Oregon and Washington counties is the toll reported this afternoon from early season forest fires.

With a strong wind blowing and the hygrometer at a record low level it is feared by forestry officials that some of the fires will reach in virgin timber stands before being checked.

From the Salmonberry river in Tillamook county to the tops of the mountains, one and one-half miles distant, a fierce fire was this afternoon reported sweeping over brush and logged-off land and starting to eat its way into dense timber. The flames traveled 10 miles since they first started Friday and were imperiling several logging camps.

Every man from the Gresham Logging company camp at Belfort, the Brighton mills camp at Recker, and the Clement Logging company camp at Elment is out battling the blaze, which is rapidly circling the camps.

The Salmonberry fish hatchery, further up the river is reported as being out of danger, but the fire this afternoon was entirely out of control and additional crews were being gathered by lumber companies interested in the district.

SEATTLE, April 26.—Forest fires threatening Seattle's high tension power lines from Cedar Lake sent officials, linemen and fire fighters from the city light department to the fire zone late today.

A timber blaze near Trude, three miles north of Barneston, was sweeping up a hillside and drawing near the power lines, according to telephone messages received by the city light department. Another fire was also reported spreading at Molasses creek near Swan lake, with the high tension line No. 1 in the path of the approaching flames.

Between Black River Junction and Steel station flames swept 300 acres, approaching the mouth of the Beason hill coal mine before they were finally checked. In the Lake Burien-Three Point region, residents succeeded in saving their homes after a hard fight.

Other forest fires were reported to be racing in northeastern Clatsop and southeastern Coville counties and the flames were being fanned by a high wind. A blaze was still burning at Tale, southwestern Coville county and where the North Fork Lumber company plant, schoolhouse and several residences have been destroyed.

THE WEATHER

OREGON: Cloudy and cooler Sunday with rain in west portion; moderate westerly winds.

LOCAL WEATHER

(Saturday) Maximum temperature, 83. Minimum temperature, 42. River 1.5; falling. Rainfall, none. Atmosphere, clear. Wind, northwest.

PUPPIES DESTROYED IN FIRE SATURDAY AT FLAKE'S PLACE

A distressing loss by fire occurred yesterday afternoon about 4 o'clock at the E. B. Flake place a mile and a half out on the Portland road when a large number of thoroughbred puppies and some of their mothers lost their lives in the flames and all outbuildings on the place was destroyed. The buildings were a garage, a wood-shed and the building that housed the dogs, a structure about 30 by 65 feet. The residence was saved. Mr. Flake believes the fire started from the explosion of an oil stove.

Mr. Flake is a dealer in birds, thoroughbred dogs and other pets, and has built up a lucrative business in Salem. He is unable to estimate the number of dogs that were lost, but there were several nests of very young puppies and the number will run a score or more. Several of the mothers that refused to leave their young died in the fire.

The financial loss, Mr. Flake believes, will run about \$1500. One truck from the Salem department went to the fire.

BUILD AT ONCE, SAYS GOVERNOR

Pierce Promises Club Women Immediate Action on Training School

That a site will be purchased at once and the new state training school for boys built this summer was the unqualified statement of Governor Pierce yesterday in addressing a delegation of 46 Portland club women whom the governor met in the offices of the state board of control. The women urged upon the governor that there be no delay in constructing the new school.

The women, represented various organizations affiliated with the Portland Federation of Women's clubs. They arrived in the city Saturday morning and spent the day visiting various state institutions. The party was under the leadership of Mrs. R. L. Buland, president of the federation, and Mrs. R. Bondurant, chairman of the institutional committee. The slogan which brought them to Salem to see for themselves was "Know Your Institutions." In addition to the club women, there were representatives of nearly all of the social workers' organizations.

The women are not taking an active part in the anti-capital punishment legislation this year, but the newspaperman was told, but they are making a concerted move toward obtaining greater appropriations for the deaf school and are taking a keen interest in the boys' training school controversy. The party were taken through the penitentiary during the afternoon and were shown the new flax plant. They returned to Portland about 5 o'clock.

SALEM HIGH WINS DEBATE CONTEST

Decision is 2 to 1 at Warrenton — McCroskey and Tibbets Speakers

Salem high school won the debate with Warrenton high school at Warrenton last night, according to word received in Salem. The debate was the semi-final inter-district contest. The vote was 2 to 1 for Salem. Members of the Salem team were Benoit McCroskey and Edgar Tibbets. O. H. Hornung, debate coach, accompanied the team to Warrenton yesterday.

CAMPS OPEN

SILVERTON, Or., April 26.—(Special to The Statesman)—The Logging camps in the Meham district opened during the past week. It is said that this company is in possession of some of the best standing timber in the Pacific northwest.

NEW TABERNACLE IS COMPLETED

Evangelists Commend Zeal of Salem Folk Who Built Structure

"Check your little children at Chresto hall" will be one of the unofficial directions at the new tabernacle, beginning with the services this afternoon. For with a crowd of 4500 people an irritable child is in a bad place, and the evangelical campaign management has provided a delightful spacious play-place and skilled attendants to make things right for the children and relieve the tired mothers for a blessed hour of spiritual rest. Chresto hall is at the northwest corner of the tabernacle.

A total of approximately 550 days of work has been used on the structure, which was completed at about 11 o'clock last night. Out of all that volume of work, only four days' time was paid for, and the men who drew that pay first gave as much time as was paid for. The value of the work donated is close to \$3,000, and much of it came from men who were able to give only because they felt it a moral duty to help make the city better. If those who have money and no time or skill to spare would only give money as liberally as the workmen have done with their time and strength, the committee would have enough money left to start a bank.

"It is the most wonderful outpouring of fervid zeal in a good cause that we have ever seen," said Rev. A. G. Wrenn of the Dearest party. "There was not a stick of lumber on the ground until Wednesday morning. Tonight the structure will be completed. Less than 1 per cent of the labor was paid for. The Salem tabernacle has had no counterpart in all our experience, and we desire to thank the royal good men and women who have made this work possible. The meetings ought to be marvelously successful with such a start."

Lights have been strung along all the entrances to the campus, and the whole ground will be vigilantly patrolled by detailed police. The building itself is well lighted for the night with electric lights and for the day by sunlit, screened panels around the side walls. These panels will also give perfect ventilation. The building has several stories set up inside to take away the possible chill of the night atmosphere, though it is not really "heated" to any painful extent.

The whole body of the united evangelical campaign committee joins in thanks to the building committee and A. A. Siewert, who laid out and superintended the work so admirably. A number of others joined him in giving their whole time since the work started on Wednesday morning, there being approximately 50 men who

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HONDURAN WAR REPORTS REACH SAN SALVADOR

Thirty-Two Women Among Those Fighting With Force Defending Capital City

SAN SALVADOR, Republic of Salvador, April 26.—The government buildings at Tegucigalpa, capital of Honduras, are reported to be on fire in a dispatch reaching here from La Union. Thirty-two women are said to be fighting with the forces of the de facto government defending the capital.

According to these advices, peace negotiations between the fighting factions of Honduras have been started on board the United States cruiser Milwaukee anchored in the bay of Amapala, with Sumner Welles acting as American mediator.

It is expected that there will be some difficulty in arriving at an agreement because of the absence of emissaries to represent General Gregorio Ferrera, who is leading one group of rebels in the attack on Tegucigalpa.

New Plan for Singers At Concerts This Year

A new plan regarding singers for the summer band concerts will be used this year, according to Oscar Steelhammer, director of the band for several years. Different soloists will be used at different times, while several times during the season a quartet will sing at the evening concert.

Other nights no vocal soloist will be on the program and special instrumental solos by members of the band will be featured. The band concerts will begin about the last of June.

Timber Faller Narrowly Escapes Death At Camp

SILVERTON, Or., April 26.—(Special to The Statesman)—Bert Neal, faller in the Silver Falls Timber company camp, narrowly escaped death Wednesday afternoon. A large limb fell catching him across the shoulder and back, breaking the collar bone and a rib besides causing several bruises. Mr. Neal barely dodged from the path of the limb in time to avoid more serious injury.

University Students Raise Fund Quickly

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, April 26.—(Special.)—The students at the University of Oregon went "over the top" in their campaign to raise \$200,000 to build the student union this evening, pledging \$218,750.

The drive sets a new record for quick campaigning, having out-cupped only three days. Almost every student on the campus subscribed to the \$200,000 fund, most of them pledging \$100, pay-able over a 10-year period. Many of the living organizations and clubs subscribed 100 per cent.

The campaign to raise \$200,000 among the students is the first step in the \$5,000,000 gift campaign which is to be carried on throughout the state from May 9 to May 31. The alumni at the university will conduct their campaign to raise \$1,000,000 to provide a library, men's gymnasium and a war memorial court in memory of the 47 University of Oregon men, who died in the World war. Next fall the campaign will be conducted among the citizens of the state.

FINAL FLASHES

LOWELL, Mass., April 27.—Fire early today swept through five buildings and threatened a congested district in the heart of the city. Five firemen were trapped in the Associate building when a wall collapsed.

FLORENCE, Ariz., April 26.—Frank G. Hutchison, confessed slayer of his wife, Nellie Hutchison, who was killed recently by an explosion of dynamite which had been placed under her bed, pleaded guilty in superior court today and was sentenced to life imprisonment in the state penitentiary.

GLOBE FLIERS' COMMANDER TO JOIN COMRADES

Major Martin Will Hop Off Monday Morning for Dutch Harbor

CHIGNIK, Alaska, April 27.—(By The Associated Press.)—Major Frederick L. Martin, commanding an aerial squadron of the United States army encircling the globe, who arrived here yesterday after hopping off from Kanatak in a blinding snow storm, spent most of the day in preparing for his trip Monday of 400 miles to Dutch harbor, Unalaska island, where he will join his three companions who landed there April 19.

Major Martin termed Kanatak as the "cauldron of winds" and he resolved yesterday to make the probable sole chance of leaving that point for many months. A special raft was constructed to take the flagplane Seattle out of shallow water and enable him to start. Low visibility caused Major Martin to halt at Kumlik bay for 30 minutes, where he checked his position before pressing on to this point. Reports received here from Dutch Harbor state that the other three aviators will continue the globe flight when Major Martin joins them as the three air cruisers have been completely overhauled. The next scheduled stop from Dutch Harbor is Atka island, 350 miles southwest.

Boy Scout Leaders Meet At Dallas to Make Plans

Members of the Willamette council of the Boy Scouts which includes Marion, Polk, Benton and Linn counties, met last night in Dallas. The Scout camp at Fish Lake will be repaired according to plans made so that it will be ready for the boys August 1. It is estimated that 120 boys will attend camp here in two groups.

George Bent, Chemawa, was named deputy scout master at the Salem Indian school where there are now 150 scouts. Field rallies will be held at Chemawa, May 23 and at Albany May 31. It was voted to investigate the possibility of a scout camp at the time of the state fair in the fall.

Among those attending the meeting from Salem were Elmo S. White, president of the Marion county council, K. L. Haga, scout executive and Howard Zinzer, deputy executive.

Stanley Emmel Elected Student Body President

Stanley Emmel of Salem was elected to the presidency of the Willamette university student body in the annual election Friday to choose officers for the coming school year. He was the victor in a close race with Dwight Finley, also of Salem.

Emmel is a member of Sigma Tau fraternity, a member of the Websterian literary society, and is this year's manager of the Wall-luh, college year book. Miss Adelia White of Portland was the winner in the race for the office of vice president. Miss White is a member of the Delta Phi sorority and is a member of the Philodan literary society. She has been prominently associated with many campus activities.

Miss Lucia Card, of Dallas, also a member of Delta Phi sorority, was chosen secretary for next year. Richard Briggs of Kennewick, Wash., received election as student treasurer without competition. Miss Juanita Henry of Salem was also elected without competition as the editor of the Collegian, college newspaper. She is a member of Alpha Phi Alpha sorority.

Members elected to the athletic council were Ruth Ross of Salem, women's representative; Herbert Booth of Salem, Paul Sherwood of Salem, and DeLoas Robertson of Portland.

NEW AERIAL ERECTED

SILVERTON, Or., April 26.—(Special to The Statesman)—The high school radio club has erected a new aerial, 133 feet in length at the high school. The Radio club is planning to have an outdoor meeting in the near future.

PORTLAND ENEMIES OF GENERAL WHITE HALT HIS ADVANCEMENT BY FAKE WIRE TO WASHINGTON

HARVEY OF EUGENE SCANDAL WITNESS

Oregon Man Among Those Testifying Before Senate Investigators

WASHINGTON, April 26.—Conflicting testimony as to the nature of the work Senator Wheeler, democrat, Montana, was to perform as counsel for Gordon Campbell, Montana oil operator, was given to the senate committee investigating the indictment of the senator by a federal grand jury in his state.

Senator Wheeler is charged with accepting a fee to prosecute land matters before the interior department for Campbell after he was elected to the senate.

H. E. Glosser, formerly private secretary to Campbell, testified Wheeler "had left the impression" upon those attending a conference in Great Falls that he "would fix up" one permit at Washington for the oil operator.

On the other hand, E. M. Harvey of Eugene, Ore., formerly a trustee of Gordon Campbell Syndicate No. 1, told the committee that the trustees had passed on the terms of Senator Wheeler's employment and that he was to represent the syndicate only in court matters.

CHILD LABOR LAW RESOLUTION PASSES

House Approves Proposed Amendment to Constitution By Big Vote

WASHINGTON, April 26.—A resolution proposing a child labor amendment to the constitution was passed late today by the house.

The vote was 257 to 69, or 53 more than the two-thirds required for passage.

Every effort to modify the measure, which now goes to the senate failed. It would empower congress to limit, regulate or prohibit the labor of children under 15 years of age.

Opposition was based chiefly on the ground that the proposed amendment made necessary if congress is to have authority to deal with the problem, by the action of the supreme court in twice declaring federal child labor laws unconstitutional, would constitute an invasion of state rights.

On the other hand proponents of the resolution contended that a federal standard might be set up to bring certain states which have been backward in the enactment of child labor legislation to a more rigid requirement.

WELL PLEASED WITH RESULTS

Classified Ad Rents House Advertised in Statesman; Also Another House

Statesman classified ad rents house advertised also another house. Mrs. Sarah Lansfield of Stayton, Oregon had excellent results from a classified ad in the Statesman. Says that she got so many replies that she couldn't handle them all and rented the house she had advertised and also another house that was not advertised. The house is located at 1562 Mission street. The new tenant has already taken possession.

Used Frank Sever's Name on Telegram—Missive With Salem Date Line Traced to Portland Telegraph Office—Charged to Account of Billiard Supply House—Inquiry Begun.

Federal investigation of fraudulent telegraphic reports to the war department were demanded of the government yesterday by Brigadier General George A. White, adjutant general of Oregon, it became known last night following a conference between the adjutant general and Attorney General Van Winkle. Complete documentary evidence of one counterfeit telegram bearing the forged signature of a well known Portland man has been turned over by General White to the government after the telegram had been thoroughly traced and the facts established by intelligence agents and the inspector general's department of the national guard.

GOLD HILL BANK TO REOPEN MAY 10

Depositors Will Be Paid 85 Cents on the Dollar—95 Cents in Prospect

MEDFORD, Or., April 26.—An announcement was made this afternoon that the Gold Hill bank, closed last March by the state banking board, when an alleged shortage of approximately \$10,000 was discovered in the accounts of the former cashier, P. H. Bell, would be reopened May 10, with a capital stock of \$15,000 and reserve fund of \$1500.

H. Zimmerman, an Idaho banker, endorsed and approved by State Bank Superintendent Bramwell, will be in charge, and has subscribed \$7000, and the balance was subscribed by citizens of Gold Hill.

It is said that the depositors will receive 85 cents on the dollar now, with the probability later of receiving 95 cents on the dollar. In the reorganization of the institution, \$16,000 in "slow and doubtful paper" was culled from the resources.

SATURDAY IN WASHINGTON

The house passed a resolution for a child labor constitutional amendment.

Senate and house conferees met on the immigration bill without reaching a final decision.

The McFadden banking bill was reported favorably to the house without substantial change.

The senate continued consideration of the revenue bill and acted on a number of minor amendments.

The senate adopted a resolution citing M. S. Daugherty, brother of the former attorney general for contempt.

Selection of representative Burton, Ohio, as temporary chairman of the republican national convention was indicated.

H. E. Glosser and other Montana witnesses testified before the senate committee inquiring into the indictment of Senator Wheeler.

Enforcement of Section 28 of the merchant marine act would be deferred until May 1, 1925, under a resolution reported by the house merchant marine committee.

James R. Garfield, former secretary of the interior told the senate agriculture committee the Ford Muscle Shoals bid was contrary to the spirit of the federal water power act.

The bogus telegram, one of a series making violent attacks upon General White in an effort to head off his possible transfer to line command and the establishment of an infantry brigade headquarters in Oregon, has been traced to the charge account of a North Portland business firm, and the identity of those responsible for sending it is being established. The name of Captain Frank Sever, former deputy state treasurer, was forged to the telegram.

Will Make it Sweeping Sweeping investigation of all telegrams and letters that have been sent to the war department and to state officials will follow the case of fraud already established, General White said.

"Both fraud and slander are involved in these cases and we are going to go to the bottom of them," he stated. "I have been the victim, along with others, of every sort of slander and misrepresentation that can be devised by irresponsible and unscrupulous political gangsters who have found themselves unable to bend to their will and I have not heretofore dignified the situation with the slightest attention. But now that signatures of reputable citizens are being forged to bogus messages to the war department, I am compelled to pay attention to the situation. In a general way, those interested in this case are among those who attempted to embarrass the national guard in the last legislature, and while that came to nothing, the methods of misrepresentation used were a disgrace to the state. When the grand jury in Portland goes through with the bridges, I believe it can find a fertile field among some of the rotten political rascals of the metropolis which specialize in underground intrigue, slander, and poison spreading against those whom they cannot control."

Sever's Name Forged The counterfeit telegram bearing the bogus signature of Captain Sever was sent to the secretary of war, April 14, and contains a violent attack on the adjutant general. The original telegram was dated April 13, the evidence shows, and this was marked out and the date April 14 written over it. Although it was sent by the North Portland branch of the Federal Telegraph company, it was dated "Salem" by the operator. The notation that the telegram was charged to the account of a Portland business firm dealing in billiard and pool tables is in original handwriting, which has been particularly identified, the message itself being typed. The signature leaves out the middle initial of Captain Sever, but identifies him with this title following his name: "Former assistant treasurer, late captain 91st division."

Detection Accidental Only by the merest chance did the fraud come to light. Captain Sever, a few days ago, it is shown, received a brief form letter from the secretary of war acknowledging receipt of Captain Sever's telegram from Salem dated April 14 concerning the transfer of General White. Captain Sever wrote in a close personal friend expressing surprise and enclosing a written

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