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EXILES RETURN TO BLAST AREA

Dazed Refugees From Little Towns in Jersey Go Back to Ruined Homes

3 TOWNS DEMOLISHED

Many Buildings Torn to Pieces When Arsenal Explodes; Bewildered Exiles Seek Possessions

DOVER, N. J., July 13.—(By Associated Press.)—The roads in Jersey's shell shattered area to night led back to the abandoned homes of Mt. Hope, Hibernia, Pickett and the smaller communities nestled along the narrow hillside roads and every vehicle carried worn-out refugees returning.

In fire trucks, under the canvas covers of the motor transport service; in private cars and in chartered buses, whole families, bewildered by three days of dazed exile, found themselves going back to their broken little homes abandoned in hurried flight from the terrors let loose by Saturday's arsenal explosion.

They knew that in nearly every case all windows in their homes had been shattered by the first warning blast.

Many knew that walls of their homes had crumbled in that shattering blast and floors had dropped into cellars. Few had made exploratory visits in search of possessions and realized the ruin to which they were returning.

But like the peasant population of the great area, the destruction of their homes was not enough to keep them away, and this afternoon with the coming of General Drum's official declaration that it was now safe to permit the passage of civilians into the blasted sections, a few miles beyond the arsenal in every case the refugees asked anxiously to be taken home.

All afternoon the Red Cross workers relief headquarters in Morristown at the United States hotel were kept busy loading their three days' boardings into the odd and various conveyances that carried them. From temporary shelter in the rectory of the Redeemer church, from the American Legion rooms, Market street mission and from the Women's community club roads of women, children, boys, babies, went out. The task at Dover was completed earlier in the day.

The last few days of shelter at Morristown had been a dizzy round of caring for the homeless and bewildered for the workers of the Red Cross and the American Legion, marvelously aided, said H. C. Jeffers, treasurer of the Red Cross and service officer of the legion, by warm heartedness with which an entire community had come to the rescue of a people who touched their hearts.

Ever since the first clumsily established headquarters in the armory which Saturday night's frightened arrivals turned into a bedlam, people of every class and nationality have come to help.

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Today's Reasons For Driving Carefully

Raymond Knupp of Portland was fined \$15 and James Hickey of the same city paid a fine of \$25 in the justice court here Tuesday when they appeared following their arrest on charges of speeding.

M. Brown of Portland, arrested by Capt. Kenneth Bloom of the state traffic division, on a charge of operating a car without possessing a drivers' license, will appear in the justice court this week for hearing.

Herbert Jewel of Portland was arrested last night by local police officers on a charge of speeding. He was released on \$10 bail.

Ruth Taylor of Salem reported to the local police that her car was involved in an accident yesterday at Nebraska and Capital streets. No details were given in the report.

loyd Larson forfeited \$5 bail yesterday by not appearing in police court to answer a charge of speeding.

A. M. Stewart of Route 2, Salem, was fined \$5 in police court yesterday on a charge of driving with four persons in the drivers' seat.

Albert Hamilton of Route 8, Salem, was fined \$5 in police court yesterday on a charge of speeding.

Cars driven by S. A. Hughes of Salem and D. Ritchie of Kelso, Wash., collided at Church and Cottage streets Monday, according to reports turned in to the local police. No details of the accident were given.

Owen Catterman of Highland reported to the Salem police yesterday...

Drivers Held Unjustly, Or Is Prosecution Weak?

Facts Only Wanted as Problem of Many Arrests and Few Convictions Draws Attention of Citizens Who Seek Reasonable Protection

Are the police of Salem arresting innocent persons, and charging them with driving while intoxicated? If so that fact should be brought out. Is the city attorney failing to prosecute persons against whom the police have good evidence? If so, that fact should be brought out.

On June 1, Mrs. _____ was arrested on the charge of driving while intoxicated. That arrest was made seven weeks ago. According to report made out by police officials, at request of those responsible to the people for law enforcement, this woman has not been given a chance to clear her name by being acquitted by jury trial, and charges brought against her by police have not been followed by prosecution in court.

Facts, Only, Wanted

COLUMNS OF STATESMAN OPEN TO FRED A. WILLIAMS

Fred A. Williams, city attorney, under fire for what is termed feeble enforcement of law, knows he has a chance to present his own case in the columns of this paper. When his prosecution record was first being investigated, a representative of this paper, sitting in Williams' office, said:

"If we print any statement concerning your record which is not fact, and not fair, we want you to know that the columns of this paper are open to you. If the printed stories are unjust, say so, and you will get a square deal."

That offer is again renewed. Fred A. Williams, for whom The Statesman has a friendly feeling, personally, knows his own explanation of his record will be published if, and when, he cares to offer it.

Police are unjustly accusing persons driving while intoxicated, or the city attorney's record in connection with those cases is open to severe criticism. Which is true?

LAND GRANT BILL SIGNED

MARION COUNTY TO GET APPROXIMATELY \$40,000

WASHINGTON, July 13.—(By Associated Press.)—President Coolidge has signed the Oregon-California land grant tax bill, it was learned today in advices from Paul Smith's, N. Y., where the chief executive is vacationing.

The measure, which was passed in the closing hours of the last congressional session, would authorize the government to pay to the 18 Oregon counties and one county in Washington taxes which they have been unable to collect since 1916 on land which congress took away from the Southern Pacific railroad and which has been included in a land grant.

The bill would reimburse the government for about \$5,000,000 in taxes advanced to the counties out of money derived from the sale of the land.

Marion county should receive approximately \$40,000 and Polk county approximately \$165,000 from the measure in refunds to Oregon counties in place of taxes which would have been paid by the railroads on the re-vested grant lands, with the provision that 40 per cent of the money shall be set aside for school and road districts and 60 per cent go into the general fund of the county. Polk county expects about \$60,000 for roads and schools.

WORKERS' NAMES GONE

TRANSIT COMPANY REMOVES 688 FROM ITS PAYROLL

NEW YORK, July 13.—(By Associated Press.)—Officials of the Interborough Rapid Transit company erased 688 names from their payrolls today. They announced that as far as they were concerned, the subway strike was all over.

The strikers had been given up to noon today to go back to work on penalty of losing their jobs permanently. Some took advantage of the offer, but the majority stayed out in the hope that they might still be able to enforce their demands for higher pay.

The strike began last Tuesday and on the first day cut subway service down two thirds. Since that time service had steadily improved, according to company reports, until at the present it is virtually back to normal.

CHILD DROWNS IN LAKE

FALL FROM PIER FATAL TO THREE-YEAR-OLD TOT

SEATTLE, July 13.—(By AP.)—John Stuart Knowles, age 3, was drowned when he fell from a pier into Lake Washington here today.

COOLIDGE LANDS BASS

PAUL SMITH'S, N. Y., July 13.—President Coolidge today added a small mouth bass weighing 1 1/2 pounds to his piscatorial trophies of this summer. His decision to go a-fishing apparently was a sudden one, the start being made just before darkness fell over the surrounding Adirondacks.

TAX RECKLESS DRIVERS, PLEA

Make Every Traffic Violation Boost Next Year's Fee Is Suggested

PENALIZE RECKLESSNESS

P. R. Harrild, Salem Contractor, Would Shift Traffic Officers' Pay Onto Drivers Who Need Them

Amendment of the existing state traffic laws which would reduce annually the cost of motor vehicle licenses issued to persons who comply strictly with the traffic regulations and add to the cost of licenses sought by drivers who violate the traffic code, is being advocated by P. R. Harrild, prominent Salem contractor.

"A subject in which every American citizen is or should be interested is the degree of safety with which a motor vehicle should be operated on the public highways, together with the best method by which traffic violations caused by careless or incompetent drivers can be reduced to a minimum," read a letter prepared by Mr. Harrild yesterday.

"In my opinion the following plan would secure the best results," (Continued on page 2.)

ASK BOARD FOR \$25,000

MONEY FOR JUSTICES AND CLERKS SALARIES NEEDED

The state emergency board which meets in special session here today will be requested to authorize a deficiency appropriation of approximately \$25,000 to cover the salaries of justices and clerks of the state supreme court during the last five months of this year.

The deficiency appropriation is necessary, it was said, because of salary increases for the justices and their clerks by the last legislature and the failure of the legislature to authorize a corresponding advance in the amount of the biennial allowance for the department.

FIRE LOSS IS \$513,690

THREE INCENDIARY BLAZES REPORTED IN JUNE

Fire losses in Oregon exclusive of Portland during the month of June aggregated \$513,690, according to a report prepared here yesterday by the state fire marshal. There were a total of 39 fires, of which three were of an incendiary origin.

WOULD ABANDON AGENCY

EXPRESS COMPANY WOULD DROP STAYTON STATION

The American Railway Express company has petitioned the public service commission for permission to abandon its agency at Stayton.

—WHILE THE SUN SHINES!



LINEN INDUSTRY TOUR TO TAKE PLACE TODAY

EDITORS AND BUSINESS MEN TO SEE FLAX PULLED

Publicity for Enterprise Assured as Moving Picture Men Are Booked

An excursion of prominent business men from the Portland chamber of commerce will assemble at the chamber of commerce rooms here at 10 o'clock this morning to take an inspection trip through the flax district and linen plants. A caravan of automobiles will be ready to take them around.

They will leave first for Aumsville, where they will be shown through the flax fields, and then go to the other nearby flax growing districts. From there they go to the P. E. Thomason farm for a flax pulling demonstration.

The Perfection flax pulper will be demonstrated by W. Bartram of the Oregon Linen Mills, Inc.

After the demonstration a dinner will be given the visitors at the Thomason home. Thomas B. Kay, president of the Oregon Linen Mills, will be toastmaster.

Efforts are being made by the Portland chamber of commerce to have leading Portland editors on the excursion and to bring representatives from leading moving picture corporations, including both the Portland screen reviews, in order to give the flax industry as much publicity as possible.

On the return trip the visitors will be shown the plant of the Miles Linen company and the state penitentiary flax plant. Among those expected to be present on the excursion are Governor Walter M. Pierce, Thomas Kay, Sam A. Kozor, secretary of state, Julius Meier and Nathan Strauss of Portland, directors of the Oregon Linen Mills, Inc.

BOEHRINGER GETS HONOR

IS ELECTED PRESIDENT OF ENGINEERS LOCAL

F. J. A. Boehringer was elected president of the International Steam and Operating Engineers' local No. 378, at its last meeting when E. A. Beach was named vice president; E. L. Stow, recording secretary; G. W. King, financial secretary; L. C. Prime, conductor, and A. C. Harp guardian.

Classes conducted for engineers by Professor Boals of OAC, under the auspices of the Oregon state board of vocational education, will be conducted again this fall, all engineers, whether members of the local union or not, being invited to attend.

"Y" TANK OPENS TONIGHT

PUBLIC INVITED TO COME WITH BATHING SUITS

Tonight is the date set for the big opening of the YMCA's new swimming pool, to which all the public is invited to come with bathing suits. Tom Gawley of the Portland YMCA will be there with a trained group of swimmers and divers, and a program has been arranged for the children who attend. The first ladies' day at the tank will be one week from today, it was announced, and they will be held every Wednesday after that. Today could not be used for the women because of the opening day program.

TIMBER SWEEP BY BAD FIRES

Flames in National Forest Reserves in Washington Take Added Life

CONQUER OREGON FIRES

Situation in This State Much Improved Although Several Small Blazes Are Reported in Mountains

SPOKANE, July 13.—(By Associated Press.)—More than 200 new forest fires were ignited last night in eastern Washington and northern Idaho by lightning, forest officials reported here today.

In the Kankum national forest 94 fires were caused by lightning late yesterday afternoon and last night and forest officials believe there are many more not yet discovered. More than 1,000 men are fighting blazes throughout this district, the official said.

PORTLAND, July 13.—(By Associated Press.)—Although the forest fire situation in Oregon improved today, stiff winds and low humidity have lent new zest to the fires in the Chelan national forest in Washington, according to reports received at the forestry department here.

The Twisp fire in the Chelan forest reported this morning to cover 1,500 acres, has spread and now covers about 2,700 acres. The location is high in the mountains and on a valuable watershed area from which comes a vast amount of irrigation water. Sixty men are working in an effort to check the fire which has "crowned."

Another bad fire in the Chelan forest was reported here today, already it covers 1,000 acres and is being spread rapidly by a stiff wind. It is threatening a valuable stand of yellow pine and the north twenty mile lookout station.

A dry electric storm in the Chelan forest, today started four class "C" fires, or fires of more than 10 acres, and eight class "A" fires, those less than a quarter of an acre.

One of the most serious fires in Oregon was that which entirely destroyed the large camp of the Deer Island Logging company on Carcaas creek in Columbia county. Damage was estimated at \$150,000.

In addition to about 6,000,000 feet of down timber, the mess house, bunk houses and three railway trestles, the machine shops and nine donkey engines were burned.

A stick of dynamite that burned instead of exploding caused a fire about a week ago. It was held under control until last night when a whirlwind scattered embers over the slashing. The loss is said to be partly insured. The Butte Falls fire in the Crater national forest is now in good shape, being entirely surrounded. In the last two days 24 fires were reported to have been started by lightning. None of them is over ten acres and all are under control or being brought under control.

Both fires at Mitchell Point in the Mount Hood national forest are completely surrounded and under control, although by no means out of danger, according to the reports received tonight.

The first fire, originally estimated at 500 acres, is now thought to be only about 200 acres.

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13 PLOTTERS TO HANG

TURKS CONDEMNED FOR PLOTTING AGAINST KEMAL

SMYRNA, Turkey, July 13.—(By Associated Press.)—Smyrna, Turkey, to which thousands fled to escape the wholesale tragedy of the burning of the city four years ago, will witness another tragic scene at dawn tomorrow. Fifteen persons were condemned to death today for plotting to kill Mustafa Kemal Pasha, president of Turkey, on his arrival at Smyrna, and at dawn thirteen of them will be hanged from tripods at duty separated points of the waterfront. Two were condemned by default. The condemned men include six members of Turkish parliament, among them General Ruchdi Pasha.

MINING COMPANY FORMS

1,000,000 SHARES AT \$1 EACH BACK ENTERPRISE

A new mining company, to be known as the Northwest Copper corporation, has filed articles of incorporation here. The first meeting of the stockholders was Monday night. Incorporators are E. G. Bowersox, W. I. Staley and T. G. Donahue.

The company was incorporated for 1,000,000 shares at \$1 each. The board of directors is composed of W. I. Staley, George Shand, F. G. Bowersox, D. F. Eastburn, A. C. Carty and T. G. Donahue. The properties to be operated are situated on the Little North Fork of the Santiam river.

"GRASS"

"Grass," the epic of the old East, the "Covered Wagon" of the Orient, said to be the greatest picture ever put on the silver screen, will be at the Oregon theater today and tomorrow.

This is an educational picture; and it is gripping in dramatic interests. And it is big; big as the bigness of 50,000 people on a trail, with 500,000 cattle and camels. "Grass" is a book of an epoch, and a play of a whole people; real people, not actors and actresses. No one can afford to miss it.

"The Gold Rush," Charlie Chaplin's newest and greatest screen effort, will be at the Oregon for a week, starting Saturday, the 24th. This is the most expensive screen ever brought to Salem.



"YES, WE HAVE NO" ROME.—Muscoli seems to have no end of strange items in his repertoire. His latest move is toward a gradual substitution of potatoes for macaroni and spaghetti. Imagine that, in Italy of all places—Italy where daily mileage of mac-



roni is as much a part of the average man's regular routine as causing the traffic cop in America. So far, the dictator's strategy has not set off a revolution. But the idea hasn't set in, as yet, perhaps.

600,000 MILES ON \$7.61

NEW YORK.—For years, Leon Livingston was one of the best known vagabonds in the United States. It is said that he negotiated some 600,000 miles at a total cost, for fares, of \$7.61.

He made a kind of art of doing a "blind" case a plain business case. He wore heavy overalls, his hands were protected with heavy gloves and on his head he wore a hard derby, to protect his head from the ordinary "mishaps" of vagabondage.

He was awarded the coast to coast tramp with such a Jack Frost, then a degree in the world of a wanderer. Mr. Livingston has given up rambling as a career, but the road still holds a lure for him.

"S. S. MAYFLOWER"

LONDON.—Lord Birkenhead, the Secretary of State for India, enjoys kidding Americans, and particularly those who trace their ancestry back to the



"Mayflower." According to a "deep study" he is said to have made of the subject, the ship was carried at least 185,000 on that historic voyage.

WINS DUKE SCHOLARSHIP

SEATTLE, Wash.—The Eleanor Duse Scholarship, founded in honor of the great Italian actress by such folk as Mrs. Fluke, Walter Damrosch, John Dewey and Antonio Scotti, has been awarded for this year to Miss Jeanie Black of Seattle, who is a graduate of Mount Holyoke college and a degree student at Michigan University. Under the terms of the scholarship Miss Black is to spend a year here, studying philosophy and language. She is an excellence in these subjects which won her the scholarship.



VETERANS ELECT TODAY OFFICERS CHOSEN AT MEETING ON TUESDAY

BAKER, Or., July 13.—(By Associated Press.)—Nomination of officers by the Spanish war veterans and their auxiliary were the outstanding features of the second day of the state convention in session here.

More than 300 persons are in attendance. La F. Manning and R. A. Sawyer, both of Portland were nominated for commander. For vice commander Lee Hust of Albany was nominated. Robert Campbell of Portland and E. A. Kirkendall of Baker were named for Junior vice commander.

President of the state women's auxiliary nominations were Minnie A. Glessner, Portland; Edna M. Carr, Portland; Senior Vice President, Lula Brotherton, Albany; Helen Hoberg, Baker; Junior Vice President, Jessie Bertleson, Salem; Chaplain, Emma Manning, Gresham; and Bertha Atkinson, Albany. Both orders will elect tomorrow morning.

BOARD DIVIDED ON ARCHITECTS

Knighton and Howell, Freeman and Struble Asked to Collaborate

COMPROMISE ENDS SPLIT

Tuxedo Park School Deadlock Is Ended When Secret Session Results in Asking Firms to Work Together

After debating an hour in a heated secret session last night, the school board decided to ask two firms of Knighton & Howell, and Freeman & Struble to combine in preparing the plans for the proposed Tuxedo Park school building. Only one of these firms, Freeman & Struble, submitted sketches for the building.

In case these firms are not willing to work together in preparing plans, the negotiations with architectural firms will be reopened. The board's decision represented a deadlock between directors, who were unable to decide on one firm of architects. The decision came as a compromise.

The sketches submitted by Freeman & Struble are not the completed plans for the building, but merely a diagram from which the plans will be worked out. The sketch consists of drawings and floor plans of the building.

The five firms of architects who bid for the work of preparing plans were Freeman & Struble, Knighton & Howell, James & Bartholomew, J. L. Dougan, and Tourtelotte & Hummel. The sketches submitted by Dougan were second choice of several members of the board.

The building, as shown in the tentative sketches made by Freeman & Struble, consists of two floors and a basement. If these sketches are adopted, they will be much revised when the plans for the building are drawn up.

The structure as drawn is shaped roughly like a letter T, facing on Howard street, with the stem in the rear. This will house the gymnasium. Additional units on both sides are provided for.

Corridors will run lengthwise on each floor, with classrooms on each side. The entrance, which is from Howard street, is double, with the office between the two doors.

Besides the office and the gymnasium, which is two stories high, the first floor will have six classrooms. The second floor will have six classrooms, with a library above the office on the first floor.

The basement will have separate play rooms and dressing rooms for both boys and girls, according to the sketches, with separate rooms for sewing, manual training, domestic science, and drawing. A small boiler room is in the rear of the gymnasium.

The two additional units shown in the drawing call for 15 additional classrooms on each floor, besides an auditorium two stories high. This auditorium will seat 800 persons on the floor and 350 more on the balcony.

The board voted to grant a year's leave of absence to Miss Ruby Kennedy, who has been a teacher in the local schools for 11 years. Resignations of Misses Ethel McGlechrist, Anna Johnson, and Grace Lick were accepted. Miss Johnson resigned because of ill health.

E. B. Davidson, representing organized labor in Salem, addressed the board before it went into secret session. He asked that the work of drawing up the plans be given to a local architect, urging that if this were done, a local contractor would be given the job of building the new school, and that local labor would be employed in the work.

The firm of Freeman & Struble is of Salem, while that of Knighton & Howell is of Portland.

F. L. LEHMAN RESIGNS WILL DEVOTE MORE TIME TO RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES

F. L. Lehman, of the Associated Stores Co. Inc., better known as the Lehman Grocery, has resigned as manager in favor of Arthur Ness of McMinnville, who will take up the management here under the direction of the Associated Stores company, it was announced yesterday.

Mr. Lehman, an ordained Baptist minister, expects to go more extensively into religious and educational work.

SUSPECT IS ARRESTED

WANTED FOR SLAYING OF THREE PERSONS IN OREGON

CHICAGO, July 13.—(By Associated Press.)—James Granville Griggs, sought in connection with the wanton slaying of three persons in Clatsop county Sunday night, was caught by the police tonight while in the act of holding up a pedicarian. He was reported to have confessed the slayings.