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Flames Are Raging in All Pacific Coast States; Lightning Cause

HIGHWAYS ARE BLOCKED

Road Between Spokane and Newport Barred; Tourists Pressed Into Service in Aiding Fighters

PORTLAND, July 15.—(By Associated Press).—Serious forest fires were raging in all the Pacific coast states, Idaho and British Columbia tonight with high temperatures and low humidity continuing. The blazes from the most part have been started within the past week by lightning.

Fresh winds which arose last night swept a large fire in the Kaniku national forest north of Spokane out of control. Road traffic between Spokane and Newport was stopped and tourists pressed into service in battling the flames. Smoke today prevented forestry officials from determining the extent of the flames. The situation in the Colville national forest, north central Washington, was serious, fifty fires having been reported in that area. High winds carried one blaze across the Canadian border in the national preserve. One fire covered between 1500 and 2000 acres.

Sixty state fire fighters reinforced by fifty sailors from the navy yard today checked the advance of a fire near Port Orchard, Wash., which for a time threatened the town.

Severe electrical storms started 55 fires in the Umpqua national forest, Oregon. Six of them are burning over areas of about 10 acres each and another, covering 500 acres, is still out of control. A blaze is out of control on Monger creek in the Siskiyou mountains in southern Oregon. A strong east wind is preventing a crew of 19 men from checking the blaze.

Forty or fifty spot fires were reported along the Oregon, Washington Railway and Navigation company's line in the Pendleton district. Fighting a fire all last night 200 orchardists succeeded in saving their farms and a sawmill near Parkdale in the upper Hood River valley.

One hundred and fifty men controlled a blaze on property of the Silver Falls Timber company about 25 miles east of Silverton, Ore., today. The flames swept an area burned over two years ago.

The Dooley mountain fire, near Baker, was reported out of control today with hot rocks rolling down the mountain side and menacing motorists.

A blaze on Clear lake near Bellingham, Wash., was burning over a three mile front tonight and threatening Sedro-Wooley's water supply pipe lines. Holdings of the Clear Lake Lumber company and thousands of acres of timber were in danger. Five hundred men were called on to fight the flames.

Missoula, Mont., reported a fire in the Blackfoot forest covering 1,900 acres, bringing the total area burned in Montana to 5,000 acres. Fires in the Coeur D'Alene forest were under control after sweeping 2,500 acres. Lightning storms in northern California have set more than 70 fires in the Klamath and Trinity national forests. Five of them are out of control. Three of the blazes are in the Klamath forest, one sweeping along Bogus creek in the Yreka region and the other two in the Happy Camp district.

Thursday In Washington

Representative Oldfield blamed President Coolidge and Secretaries Mellon and Jardine for defeat of farm relief legislation.

Financial institutions which had refused to honor checks on Florida banks agreed to discontinue practice, officials announced.

Foreign trade of 55 countries, constituting nine tenths of the world's commerce, increased in 1925 to \$58,500,000,000, commerce department announced.

Astoria to Honor Heroic Efforts of Its Founders

Three Day Celebration Starts Tuesday, July 20; Magnificent Monument Is to Be Dedicated in Honor of John Jacob Astor, City's Founder

ASTORIA, Or., July 15.—(Special).—In recognition of the heroic events which entered about the mouth of the Columbia river in the days when sovereignty of the Pacific West hung in the balance between the United States and Great Britain, in tribute to the giants who at Astoria won the Oregon country for America, the Astoria Founders celebration will be held July 20 and 22 at the oldest American city west of the Mississippi river.

Climaxing the celebration will be the dedication of the magnificent monument erected at Astoria by Vincent Astor, great grandson of the city's founder, and the Great Northern Railway, which touches the Pacific at Astoria.



ABER JA! ADMONTON, Canada. — The German it appears, take their "penney dreadful" seriously. A popular German novelist has been making much of wild and woolly Canada, stressing par-



ticularly the great number of wild hair which infect the country. So, five German immigrants have arrived, full of bear stories, and equipped with seven rifles and three barrels of ammunition. They expect to bag about 500 brains a day.

LABOR LEADER

NEW YORK. — Edward P. Lavin was once an immigrant boy. The order which gave the daily lives of the four million. Mr. Lavin is head of the newly organized Consolidated Railway Workers Union of New York and as such, wields tremendous power. It is part of his policy that there shall be no violence, no sabotage in connection with the strike.

SUCH A PLEASURE

BROOKLYN. — A recent ruling of the Motor Vehicle Commissioner classifies the motor vehicle as a pleasure vehicle. Henceforth the motor vehicle is privileged to travel on the pleasure lanes heretofore reserved for pleasure automobiles and democratic you-know-whats.



passenger in one of the better hearses, when interviewed, said, "Certainly I am using this pleasure vehicle. My relatives are paying for the ride and there's nobody talking to me about golf. Also, it's cool in here. Thank you." Fortunately, he did not add, "for the buggy ride."

MAN-MADE TREES

BERLIN. — German scientists are heading for America with a new chemical process by which the wood of living trees may—and can—be stained any desired color. They claim it is only necessary to bore a hole near



the base of a tree trunk, inject the dye, and then let the flow sap carry the color up into the whole tree, inasmuch as the process takes only about a day, garden party hostesses may have the trees in their gardens colored to match their party frocks. More salams to science.

DEPARTMENT WILL MOVE

MOTOR VEHICLE CORPS TO TAKE COLLEGE SPACE

The state motor vehicle department which has occupied the house of representatives and state senate chamber during the past two years, will be moved into the building occupied by the Capital Business college, according to announcement made by the secretary of state yesterday. It was said that the action was necessary to provide quarters for the state legislature which convenes here next January. The secretary of state intimated that no effort would be made to return the motor vehicle department to the state house until a new building is constructed.

FLIES FROM CITY TODAY

STATE FORESTER TO TAKE AIR ON BUSINESS TRIP

F. A. Elliott, state forester, will leave Salem today by airplane for Klamath Falls where he will spend a few days looking after official business matters. He will make the flight in a forest fire patrol machine.

DRIVERS CRASH TOTAL FALLING

"Today's Reasons for Driving Cautiously" Cuts Accident List

TRAFFIC JAMS ANALYZED

Sudden Backing from Curb and Failure to Use Simple Hand Signals Head List of Collision Causes

With the number of automobile accidents in Salem falling to new low levels daily, drivers are entering into the safety campaign launched recently by police officials and this paper through the medium of "today's reasons for driving cautiously," which yesterday listed the fewest number of crashes recorded during the past two weeks.

Former records of from 10 to 18 accidents every day of the

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Satisfied, or Not?

WILL CITY COUNCIL ACT AT MONDAY'S SESSION?

Fred A. Williams' drunken driver prosecution record, presented in this paper, remains brief and uncontradicted.

It can be summarized as follows: Of 11 cases reviewed in reports, one man was acquitted by jury decision, one man was turned loose when the first jury was "hung" three to three, one man pleaded guilty and took the minimum sentence, one man forfeited \$500 bail.

Of the seven cases remaining, disposition of two are not shown on police books, though 19 weeks have passed in one instance, and seven weeks in the other, since the arrest was made. Five others, arrested, charged with drunken driving, have paid fines but served no jail sentence, despite the law which fixes the minimum penalty for persons guilty of drunken driving at \$100 fine and 60 days behind bars.

Fred A. Williams has not denied these statements, despite invitations to do so extended by this paper.

CITY COUNCIL MEETS ON MONDAY

Is city council, to whom Fred A. Williams is responsible, satisfied with this record? Few Salem residents are.

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Help to "Initiate" New YMCA Swimming Tank



Hundreds of Salem youths are visiting the newly opened tank here each day, while plans are maturing whereby days will be set aside for women swimmers. Expert instruction will be offered. In the picture above are some of those who attended the formal opening.

DIVORCE COURT ENTERED BY SEBASTIAN C. KRESGE

PROMINENT MILLIONAIRE WOULD BREAK NUPTIALS

BILL of Complaint Suppressed, Suit Thought Based on Recent Action

DETROIT, July 15.—(By Associated Press).—Sebastian S. Kresge, who as a Tennessee insurance salesman invested \$8000 in a five and ten cent store business that developed into a great national chain and earned for him an estimated fortune of \$150,000,000 has come to the parting of the ways with the second Mrs. Kresge. He is suing the former Doris Mercer in circuit court here for divorce.

His bill of complaint has been suppressed, locked in the vaults of the court; and his attorney, Paul W. Voorhies, refuses to say on what grounds Mr. Kresge seeks the divorce.

Existence of the suit became known today when a circuit court order was issued for Mrs. Doris Mercer Kresge, a non-resident, to appear here in answer to the bill of complaint within the next three months. Mrs. Kresge has been living in New York.

Mrs. Anna Harvey Kresge, to whom the chain store operator was married the same year that he purchased his first store in Tennessee divorced him in 1923. She has since been living here with her four children. Only one

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WATER IS CHANGED FOUR TIMES DAILY

Standard Size Pool, 60 by 20 Feet, Holds 55,000 Gallons

The new YMCA swimming tank, which was formally opened to the public Wednesday night, has received high praise from those who have seen it. It already has proved popular for throngs of boys visit it daily.

"This is the finest pool I have ever seen," said one citizen of Salem who has inspected pools in many places throughout the country.

"The pool is worth twice as much as we paid for it," is the statement made by one prominent Salem merchant who was a heavy contributor of funds for erecting the present YMCA building and pool.

More than 500 boys and girls were taught to swim in the old YMCA pool in the last two or three years, and the management hopes to graduate a far greater number with the new equipment. As many as possible will be given instruction daily. The classes for boys will be in the afternoons, while those for women and girls will last all day every Wednesday.

The tank holds 55,000 gallons of water, being 60 by 20 feet in size. This is the national standard size for swimming pools. It has two first class filters of large dimensions, so that all the water can go through the tank four times in 24 hours. The cost was about \$23,000.

The tank is lined with ceramic, non-skid tile. The gutters and water lines are made from Sparta glazed tile.

WOULD REWARD HEROINE

WOMAN WHO SAVED AVIATOR'S LIFE TO GET MEDAL

PORTLAND, July 15.—(By Associated Press).—Mrs. Ola Reick, Portland matron who saved Lieut. William J. Knauf, reserve officer of Newport, Or., from death yesterday when the airplane in which he was riding with Raymond P. Parshal, crashed into the Willamette river in flames, will be given a Carnegie hero medal if plans set on foot today materialize.

Harry Coffin, head of the local public safety commission of the National Safety council, tomorrow will write a letter to the Portland chamber of commerce asking that organization with the aid of other civic clubs to sponsor a petition to the Carnegie hero medal commission to obtain for Mrs. Reick the medal and the \$1,000 which accompanies it.

M'CORMICK MADE DEAN

WILL BE ACTING HEAD OF KIMBALL COLLEGE STAFF

Dr. J. D. McCormick who has been an instructor at Kimball College of Theology here for several years, has been promoted to dean, and will succeed E. C. Hickman, president of the institution, pending the selection of a permanent head of the college. This was announced here yesterday by Dr. G. Louis Tufts, field secretary for the school.

Dr. Keefer of Boston, an alumnus of Willamette university, has been added to the faculty of the Kimball college. He will succeed Dr. Riddle who has resigned.

LIGHTNIN' WILL BE GIVEN AT CHAUTAUQUA TONIGHT

LARGEST HOUSE OF SEASON GREET'S ENTERTAINERS

Mason Jubilee Singers Delight Audience in Series of Song-Acets

TODAY AT CHAUTAUQUA

Forenoon Junior Chautauqua

Afternoon "Rip Van Winkle," Famous Stage Classic

Evening "Lightnin'" with its record of 1291 performances on Broadway and its lovable "Lightnin'" Bill Jones.

The largest crowd that has been present at any Chautauqua so far this week attended the performance last night. The seats were filled and several had to stand in the rear. The afternoon performance also drew a record crowd, giving proof of the increasing popularity of such programs.

The Mason jubilee singers, a mixed colored quartet, appeared in both afternoon and evening entertainments. The program they put on was varied, containing the whole range of negro music, humorous numbers, spiritual songs, lullabies, plantation songs, camp meeting shouts, and grand opera.

This group of singers is considered one of the foremost companies of negro musicians in the country, and lived up to its advance notices very well, judging from the shouts of laughter and loud applause with which it was greeted repeatedly. An individual number in which one of the singers gave an imitation of an old negro wailing his small boy was especially popular, together with a similar one in which the old man caught the small boy stealing.

TITLE FIGHT POSTPONED

BERLENBACH-DELANEY GO TO BE HELD TONIGHT

NEW YORK, July 15.—(By Associated Press).—Rain late today quenched for at least 24 hours the fires of enthusiasm that had risen about Paul Berlenbach-Jack Delaney light heavyweight championship contest, scheduled for tonight.

Threatening clouds hovered over Ebbets field in Brooklyn, scene of the conflict, throughout the day but promoters had declared that only a cloudburst could prevent the hostilities. After long hours of apprehension, the "cloudburst" came just under the shadows of evening. In half an hour the seats around the ring were awash.

A few hundred intrepid fans had moved into the arena before the down-pour came, rushing for the low priced seats. They were notified that their ticket stubs would be honored tomorrow night in case of another postponement, the fight will take place Saturday night.

Berlenbach, the champion, weighed 174½ at the official tests three hours before the postponement.

Delaney, the challenger, tipped the beam at 166½, six pounds under what had been predicted.

NEW ANGLE IS HEARD BY JURY

Mrs. McPherson Seen on Day of Her Disappearance, Witnesses Say

TWO AFFIRM TESTIMONY

Evangelist Declared to Have Been Seen in Automobile by Four Persons, Grand Jury Is Informed

LOS ANGELES, July 15.—(By Associated Press).—O. A. Vick of Culver City and his wife confronted Aimee Semple McPherson before the county grand jury here late this afternoon and positively identified her as a woman they saw in an automobile passing through Culver City in the direction of Los Angeles from the ocean beach at about 3 or 4 p. m. on the day the evangelist disappeared while bathing at Santa Monica.

The testimony of Mr. and Mrs. Vick was similar to that of police Captain M. O. Barnard and Mrs. Barnard of Culver City who previously told the jury of seeing Mrs. McPherson driving through Culver City.

As the grand jury adjourned it was learned that District Attorney Asa L. Keyes had received a telegram purporting to come from Ormiston in which the radio operator said he was sending to the district attorney by air mail important documents on the McPherson case. The telegram was sent from North Carolina where, it was reported, Ormiston has been heard from recently by his friends here. The district attorney, however, refused to disclose the contents of the telegram.

Milton Carlson, handwriting expert, was said to have testified during the half hour he was before the grand jury today that the telegram sent from Oakland to Mrs. Minnie "Mother" Kennedy, Mrs. McPherson's mother, three days after the evangelist's disappearance, and telling her that her daughter was safe, was undoubtedly written by Ormiston.

He said that an attempt had been made to disguise the handwriting, but that the resemblance was clear.

The telegram figured also in the testimony of Chief of Detectives Cline, who denied that Mrs. Kennedy had turned the telegram over to the police at the time she received it. This was in direct contradiction to the statements of Mrs. Kennedy given to newspapers. The detective chief also was

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Today's Reasons For Driving Carefully

Charles Casto of Portland and his nephew, 14 years old, were injured Thursday night at Woodburn when a motorcycle they were riding was struck by an automobile. The boy received serious injuries, it is said, and is now in a hospital at Woodburn. Casto received cuts and bruises but was not seriously hurt.

Joe Killian of Salem was arrested by local police yesterday on a charge of driving with defective brakes after his car had bumped into the rear end of a car driven by T. M. Bleason of Yakima, Wash. Mary Bleason was slightly injured in the accident, according to a report Bleason turned in to the local police.

Fred Head of Portland was fined \$5 in police court yesterday for speeding.

M. Brown of Portland paid a fine of \$10 in the justice court Thursday when he appeared in answer to a citation for speeding. He was arrested July 13 by Capt. Kenneth Bloom of the state traffic department.

An unknown boy suffered cuts on the head when he ran his bicycle into a car driven by J. W. Edgar at Commercial and Center streets, according to a report turned in at police headquarters by Edgar yesterday.

Mrs. Vernal Pickens was bruised yesterday when a car she was driving was forced off the road by an unknown truck driver and turned over, according to a report she turned in at police headquarters. The amount of damage was not mentioned.

"AND GLORY GUARDS WITH SOLEMN ROUND, THE BIVOUAC OF THE DEAD"

