

HOTEL FIRE IS SET BY FIEND; EIGHT MEN DIE

Four Others Burned So Seriously That Recovery Held Doubtful

Man Observed Rushing From Building Just Before Flames Start

SEATTLE, Oct. 17.—(AP)—The blaze which swept through the Portland hotel, in the oldest section of this city this morning, burning eight men to death and causing injury to 14 other persons, was definitely established tonight as the work of a firebug.

Fire Marshal Robert Laing declared he believed the fire, one of the worst in the history of the city, was started by the same pyromaniac who set off a number of other suspicious fires below Yesterday during the past few months.

After a thorough investigation it was disclosed that one witness had seen a man rush out of the lodging house carrying a bottle and a few minutes after this incident several witnesses saw a wall of flame shoot out of the narrow hotel entrance, which leads directly to the second floor. Like a furnace door had been opened and with the suddenness of an explosion.

The fiend had soaked both flights of stairs in the three story building with gasoline and kerosene, trapping the score of people asleep in the building, firemen declared.

As the hotel was operated for flintless laborers by Japanese and as some of the victims were burned beyond recognition, difficulty was encountered in identifying the victims. After study of the charred hotel registers and discovery of personal identification, the coroner has given out list of seven of the dead, as follows:

- John Brink, Lynden, Wash.
- Harold George, Seattle.
- Patrick Holland, Seattle.
- James Little, Seattle.
- John Manick, Seattle.
- Thomas O'Malley, Seattle.
- Carl van Orman, 19, Battle Creek, Mich.
- Four so severely burned that hospital attendants doubted their recovery were:
- Robert Elms, 19, logger, Gigg Harbor, Wash.
- Henry Marsh, 60, laborer.
- John Miller, 59, rail worker.
- Chester A. Moore, 22, shipyard worker.

In addition to six other men tenants, the managers of the hotel, Mr. and Mrs. Mayeda, and two firemen were less seriously injured.

The stairway served as a flue sending the fire raging through the hotel. Firemen had to kick in locked doors to reach many of the tenants.

A coroner's inquest will be held as soon as the victims are able to testify.

RUSSIANS REFUSE MOVE FOR PEACE

MOSCOW, Oct. 17.—(AP)—The Soviet government today declined a proposal put forward by Germany, the latter acting as representative of both Russia and China in the present break between those countries, that the two parties to the Manchurian dispute cease arresting each other's citizens. The proposal was made with the idea of removing one of the many causes of the charges and counter-charges, that have been exchanging ever since the Chinese seized the Chinese Eastern railway.

Russia based her refusal of the German proposal on the ground that the Nanking government has failed to keep its pledges and obligations and thus far has declined to show any good will of readiness to adhere to existing agreements.

Central Station in Salem Headquarters for Large Efficient County Group

Editors Note: The Statesman today presents the fourth of a series of daily articles designed to acquaint the people of Marion county in a comprehensive sense with the program and accomplishments of the county child health demonstration and with the proposed manner in which the health program will be carried forward when the demonstration withdraws at the end of this year.

Like any efficient organization that serves hundreds of persons scattered over a large area, the Marion county child health demonstration functions from a central station—the child health demonstration headquarters at 434 North High street in Salem—through a series of local branches or councils scattered throughout the county.

Dr. Walter H. Brown, first director of the Marion county child health demonstration, arrived in Salem early in January, 1928, and from his arrival dates the organization of the health center in Sa-

Restitution Will Be Made By Boys In Paint Episode

Eugene Authorities Make Complaint About Job There Similar to Previous One Inflicted On Salem High School Building

SALEM high school boys, or at least boys who enrolled in Salem high school the first of this year, were responsible for smearing the walls and windows of the Eugene high school Wednesday night, Principal Fred Wolf said Thursday afternoon following an investigation into the case, which was called to his attention Thursday morning by Principal Harry Johnson of Eugene.

Johnson told Wolf over the telephone that unless Salem took steps to round up the boys who did the painting to the school building, Eugene would break athletic relations with Salem. Wolf immediately started an investigation and found names of six or eight boys involved in the episode. If the boys agree to do the proper thing in the matter, Wolf says the matter will be settled without more ado.

As soon as Wolf had data on the boys, he wired Johnson that he had the group in hand and that Salem would make restitution. Johnson's reply was favorable, and Wolf said last night athletic relations would carry through.

Wolf said that no members of the high school football team were involved in the episode, and that most of the group who made the journey had dropped out of school after the first week.

While Eugene has been stirring up a fuss over this matter, a similar smearing which occurred at the high school in Salem last week end, with indications that Eugene boys were instigators, was quietly

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PLANS ARE FORMED FOR ARMISTICE DAY

American Legion Post Makes Elaborate Preparation For Coming Event

He's allowed to use his own judgment about carrying the plan into effect, but at Thursday night's meeting of the Armistice day committee of the American Legion, Biddy Bishop, commander of Capitol post, was authorized to use all the steam he could muster in advertising the event scheduled for November 11. The idea is that he will noise the affair abroad with a steam calliope—the one now housed at the state fairgrounds.

Another publicity scheme involves the assigning of "minute men" to make brief addresses at the theatres on the three days preceding Armistice day. They will explain the program, and the necessity for purchasing legion tickets in order to assist the service men's program.

It was suggested at this meeting that more than the usual effort be made to arrange a demonstration of jubilation at the "zero hour," 11 a. m., comparable with same hour eleven years ago. It is probable that some of the mill whistles and other noise making devices will be "tied down" during that period.

Efforts will be made to stage the biggest parade ever seen here on an occasion of this kind. The Albany Legion band, other groups of veteran musicians, the Che-

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JOSEPH PLEASANT AT DISBARMENT ACTION

PORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 17.—(AP)—Declaring that he welcomed disbarment proceedings filed against him in the Oregon supreme court by Thomas Mannix, George W. Joseph, prominent Portland attorney, said today that Mannix' action "opened a way for me to tell the public the truth."

Mannix, another attorney of this city, filed disbarment proceedings against Joseph at Salem yesterday, charging that Joseph and Henry Hanzen, Portland newspaperman, conspired to plant liquor in the home of Associated Supreme Court Justice John L. Rand in an effort to make it appear that he (Mannix) was the carrier of the liquor.

More than a year ago Mannix filed disbarment proceedings against Joseph with the grievance committee of the Multnomah county bar association and recently Joseph took similar action against Mannix with the same committee.

GRAF REACHES HOME FRIEDRICHSHAFEN, Germany Oct. 17.—(AP)—The Graf Zeppelin landed here shortly after nine o'clock this evening, completing a flight of 48½ hours over the Balkans, Austria and Silesia.

HARVARD GRIMSON HITS DRUNKENNESS

BOSTON, Oct. 17.—(AP)—Drunkness and obscenity on the part of Harvard students during Hasty Pudding club initiations was charged today in an editorial in the Harvard Crimson, an undergraduate daily. The editorial, entitled, "Public Initiations," denounced initiation tendencies which it described as violations of "good taste and public decency."

Publication of the editorial followed upon a recent disturbance on the steps of the Fogg museum in which a young initiate was reported to have thrown a Chinese student down a flight of steps and to have shouted epithets at several Jews.

"There is obviously heavy drinking in connection with the Pudding running," the editorial said. "Women students are regularly seen in the yard and in the class room buildings. It is an affront to them and a slur upon Harvard that they are forced to run a gauntlet of drunken glances, bawdy ballads and obscene recitations in order to attend their lectures."

"Yesterday morning a man quietly mounting the steps of the new Fogg museum was thrown violently down the whole flight by one of these neophytes for no other apparent reason than that he was born and brought up in the Orient."

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BOOTLEG RING DOES IMMENSE RUM BUSINESS

Importations of Liquor are Found to Total \$2,000,000 in 6 Months

Two of Chief Leaders Escape Police Net; Data Found in Notebook

NEW YORK, Oct. 17.—(AP)—Operating all the way down the Atlantic seaboard from Maine to the Virginia Capes, the gigantic rum smuggling syndicate whose extensive properties here and in New Jersey were raided last night did a \$2,000,000 business in six months, federal officials revealed today.

To the office of William J. Calhoun, New Jersey prohibition administrator, in Newark, was taken today a little black notebook picked up last night in the mansion at Highlands, N. J., which was visited simultaneously with 31 other of the syndicate's centers scattered all the way from Sandy Hook to New York City.

In that notebook, government men said were set down the syndicate's transactions, indicating a \$2,000,000 turnover in a period of six months.

Quoting from the notebook, officials said the ring last March spent \$700,000 in Montreal "for hips, the purchase of merchandise, and operating expenses," during another month, the syndicate spent in Montreal \$200,000, and during a third month \$75,000.

The book revealed that heads of the syndicate declared weekly dividends of from 7 to 23 per cent. Nine men comprised the board of directors of the syndicate, and the Lillien brothers, William and "Al" were the actual heads.

Neither of the Lillien has been arrested, although both were secretly indicted by a federal grand jury in Trenton last Tuesday.

While the raid was actually in progress in the old mansion at Highlands, which was headquarters for the whole ring, William Lillien called up from Montreal, agents said. Deputy U. S. Marshal James J. Donnelly answered the telephone.

Lillien interested in Progress of Garage. Donnelly said Lillien inquired about the progress of a garage that was being constructed near the mansion—a garage with three 12-foot doors and a gas pump near its entrance.

"It's nearly done—we're putting in the plumbing," he said.

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REID MURDOCH TO MOVE TO SALEM

Headquarters of Reid Murdoch and company will be moved the first of next week from the West Salem plant to the former Kings Food Products buildings in Northwest Salem. It was announced Thursday by local officials of the big concern which will be housed in the local plant permanently.

Repair and improvement work has been under way for some time at the plant which the company will occupy here, with a large staff of men employed; but after the office staff moves in next week planning, alteration and installation of machinery will remain to be done.

The company still has a considerable quantity of fruit to be handled at the West Salem cannery, where its operations have centered during the present year.

Prune Dryer Is Taken by Blaze Early Thursday

MONMOUTH, Ore., Oct. 17.—The prune dryer on the Frank Lane farm, three miles southeast of Monmouth, was destroyed by fire this forenoon. The dryer building and equipment was estimated at \$4,500, and destruction of dried prunes representing an additional \$3,000 loss.

The plant was a converted dwelling, and had been in use steadily for six weeks. The dryer crew attempted to extinguish the blaze, but it spread so rapidly, an alarm was brought to Monmouth by a passing motorist and the fire department made a trip to the scene, but found that it had been called too late.

School Directors All Lose Places At Bridge Creek

Vacancies in all board offices for the Bridge Creek school district were declared Thursday morning by the district boundary board, in session at the court house. School is not in session this year nor was any teacher elected. Mary L. Walker, county school superintendent and secretary of the boundary board, has notified the Silverton bank to pay no funds for this district until notified to the contrary.

This district has been embroiled in difficulties within the district at various times. The school board did not hold an election last June, and the school law provides that in cases of districts failing to perform duties, the boundary board may declare vacancies on the board after 60 days.

CLAIMS OF PAPER FOUND ERRONEOUS

Construction of Local Building Held Not Contrary To Salem Code

Charges appearing in a local newspaper that the building code was being evaded in connection with construction of the Steeves building on Court street, are contradicted in an opinion obtained from the Pacific Coast Building Officials conference by City Attorney Fred A. Williams at the request of Earl C. Bushnell, local building inspector.

The claims published dealt principally with failure to construct a masonry division wall between this building, which will be occupied by the Halk electric company, and the one adjoining which is already occupied by that company.

The opinion returned by the building officials conference states:

"It is the custom of building departments generally to regard long term leases as ownership of the property in question. A building erected on property located as this is should be considered as a single building if this is the desire of the lessees, and should be designed and erected in all its parts in conformity to the uniform building code.

"Leases seem to show single occupancy for both properties. If combining building not over area for group F buildings suggest considering both properties single ownership.

"The building inspector has not yielded as to whether the structures to be joined fulfill the requirements of the code, but the issue raised as to the division wall appears to be answered fully in this opinion.

SOVIET FLYERS ARE DELAYED ONE DAY

SEATTLE, Oct. 17.—(AP)—Delayed one day because of broken control cables governing the stabilizers, the Russian fliers were confident tonight that they will be able to take their plane, "Land of the Soviet," into the air shortly after dawn tomorrow morning for their flight to Oakland.

The fliers are enroute from Moscow to New York on a good will tour. The broken cables were discovered early this morning shortly before the four Russians arrived at the Sand Point Naval air base to take off. They decided to postpone the flight until tomorrow when informed that it would take mechanics until noon to repair the cables, as they wished to arrive at Oakland in daylight. The Russians expect to make the flight of approximately 700 miles in eight or nine hours.

PROSECUTION EVIDENCE HIT BY PHYSICIAN

Eunice Pringle Not Attacked Says Dr. Peter Suden in Pantages Trial

Defense Continues Effort to Indicate Blackmail is Dancer's Plan

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 17.—(AP)—The defense rocked the trial of Alexander Pantages on a statutory charge late today with the curt testimony of a doctor that an examination he made at the request of the state produced no evidence of a criminal attack on the theatre man's alleged victim, youthful Eunice Pringle.

The physician, Dr. Peter Suden, was brought into the sensational proceedings while a storm was raging over the testimony of Leo Zlaket, a grocery man.

Dr. Suden said that on August 13 he was instructed by District Attorney Byron Pitts to examine Miss Pringle. That was four days after the alleged attack. He said he found no indications of an attack.

Physician Insists Fitts Asked for Examination. The state asked but one question in cross examination: "Was the examination made at my request?" Fitts inquired, "It was," the doctor replied quietly.

The defense followed with a motion to place the grand jury transcript of Zlaket in evidence. A 20-minute debate followed ending with the state's voluntary dismissal of its objection and the document was introduced.

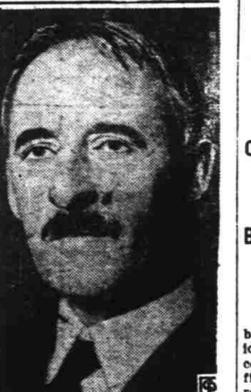
Zlaket had testified to a conference with Pantages before the trial, said today that he saw Nicholas Duneay, a playwright, "many times" at Miss Pringle's home in Garden Grove, a Los Angeles suburb. The defense has tried to establish that Duneay and the girl planned to blackmail Pantages.

Subsequent Talks With Pantages Are Admitted. When the witness was asked how he knew it was Duneay visiting at the Pringle home, he said: "Well, I had my own opinion." Later he amplified the reply, saying: "Mr. Pantages told me it was Duneay," admitting he had talked with Pantages at the theatre man's home sometime after the alleged attack.

The frequency of Duneay's visits as described by Zlaket is in direct contradiction to the testimony of Miss Pringle and her mother, Mrs. Lou Irene Pringle, who said he had been at their

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HENRY L. STIMSON

WASHINGTON, Oct. 17.—(AP)—Henry L. Stimson, secretary of state, has been determined upon by President Hoover as head of the American delegation to the London naval limitations conference in January.

OPEN HOUSE EVENT HELD BY ARTISANS

200 Attend Social Meet in Fraternal Hall Here Thursday Night

About 200 persons, United Artisans and other fraternal orders which meet in Fraternal hall on Center street, attended the "open house" for which the Artisans were hosts Thursday night.

Two high officials of the Artisan order from Portland were present and addressed the meeting. One was Jerry Saylor, supreme secretary of the Artisans of Oregon, who outlined the plan for the state wide competitive drill for all fraternal drill teams to be held Sunday, November 3, in the stadium of the Pacific International fair grounds. Some very fine cups are to be awarded winners by the Pacific International fair board.

Mr. Saylor, between jokes, spoke emphatically concerning the membership campaign which is being carried on in a competitive manner between California, Oregon, and Washington, which will close with January 1.

H. B. Hudson, supreme master artisan of Oregon, addressed the fraternal group on the value of fraternal insurance and fraternalism.

Mr. Hudson prefaced his talk by reminding his audience that the Artisan lodge was originated in Oregon 35 years ago and that its anniversary was being celebrated this year with a membership drive over a large territory which indicated the rapid spread of the order.

Among many other things Mr. Hudson emphasized the value, first of life insurance, which he said was "the greatest safeguard of the American people," and second, the value of fraternalism.

He said discount the value of fraternalism. Go down to the Shriners hospital for crippled children, to the Artisan home, to the Maccabees or the Odd Fellows home or any of the rest of like institutions and look around you at the folk there being cared for. Ask them about the value of fraternalism."

DEFEAT OF TARIFF MEASURE PROMISED

By JAMES L. WEST, Associated Press Staff Writer WASHINGTON, Oct. 17.—(AP)—Unless congress completed action on the tariff bill at this special session, it is quite unlikely that President Hoover will ask for such legislation at the regular session beginning in December.

With the senate and house already in deadlock on vital provisions, enactment of the bill before the special session of congress expires automatically at noon on December 2 is regarded here as practically impossible.

It is no secret that President Hoover is indifferent about the measure as the senate is shaping it and few leaders either of the senate or house expect him to sign any bill shearing the chief executive of the authority to increase or decrease tariff duties as the senate measure would do.

Educators Meet For Conference Of Principals

More than 200 prominent Oregon educators will gather here today for the annual high school principals' conference. The conference was arranged by Harry B. Johnson, chairman of the department of high school principals, and C. A. Howard, state superintendent of public instruction.

CLUB WORK OF YOUNG PEOPLE TO BE HALTED

County School Superintendent's Office Without Necessary Funds

Boys' and Girls' Organizations Will Receive No More Support

After carrying the burden of boys' and girls' club work in Marion county for nearly 12 years, the county school superintendent's office will end its work in this direction on November 1, the end of the club year. Announcement to this effect was made Thursday afternoon by Mrs. Mary L. Fulkerson, county school superintendent, after efforts had been made to secure some financial assistance from the 4-H club division of the extension service at Oregon State college.

In all the years that club work has been carried on in Marion county through the county school superintendent's office, the funds for it have been furnished by Marion county, with the exception of from April, 1926, to the end of that year when the extension service paid a part of the expenses. In this time, the county carried the burden without complaint. But when new requirements of the service, last spring, necessitated additional clerical work in the headquarters office here, Mrs. Fulkerson determined to ask for federal aid for a part time clerical assistant and for some consideration toward traveling expenses, a total amount of about \$500 a year. The request was flatly refused. Regret Expressed At Necessary Step

"I am sorry to make the announcement that the club work will no longer be handled through this office," Mrs. Fulkerson said Thursday, "but the county has been carrying the load all these years without complaint, either about the funds expended or the time the club work has taken from the regular school work in this office."

The superintendent said, with the need for more clerical help arising, she did not feel that she should ask an increase in the budget for her office, and that the only way to carry on was through financial cooperation of the extension division. When this failed, the only course open was to quit. Which means that after November 1, club work will be handled direct from the state headquarters in Corvallis.

Other counties in Oregon have been drawing some federal aid to

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Membership Drive Nets 250 Total

New members numbering 250 have been signed up by the Y. M. C. A. in the "enrollment week" campaign, the active phase of which closed Thursday afternoon.

In the men's division which was chiefly active in the campaign, 150 new members were signed, the teams falling short by 50 of the goal set. However, many more men have become interested, and the goal is expected to be reached within a short time.

Col. Carl Abrams scored the highest number of points in the men's division contest, 496½, signing up 16 new members and 13 continuances. Fred Duneay ranked next with 447 1/4 points, signing up the greatest number of members, 25 new and five continuances. The points were figured both on memberships and cash turned in.

Seth Dodge ranked third with 18 new members and 11 continuances; R. J. Roen brought in 15 new members and one continuance. A. P. Roen had 14 new members and four continuances. R. J. Hendricks led the field in signing up lapsing members, getting 25. Thirty-three men participated in the campaign, which was directed by Paul B. Wallace.

Dog Is Found Promptly Through Ad

LOST—Near Salem, white Collie brown eyes. Reward, Tel. 19722. The above ad ran in the Low and Found classification of The Statesman Thursday morning. Thursday evening the owner of the dog asked for have the ad discontinued. "Yes, we found Duke," she said, "the telephone number was in the answer to your ad shortly after the paper was out this morning." She sounded happy, and no wonder: The ad cost her 75 cents, and the dog which is highly valued by every member of the family, was found.

This is only one of hundreds of instances showing that Statesman classified and reader ads pay.

County Has 12 Health Centers



Here's a map drawn by a Commonwealth Fund artist to show his idea of the 12 health centers established in Marion county. Upper photo shows the Taylor school, one of the most remote schools to which the health program is carried. Below is the teacher and three of the pupils at this school.