

4 LOSE LIVES DUE TO GOLD

Report Prepared by Clare A. Lee, State Fire Marshal Yesterday

Four persons, a child of five years and another an aged woman who was crippled and unable to walk, lost their lives and 15 others, three being children, were burned or injured in fires resulting from overheated stoves, defective chimneys, open fires, explosions and accidents, in Oregon, during the recent cold spell. These casualties were outside of Portland.

Another man succumbed to smoke suffocation in a Portland lodging house fire caused by a careless smoker. This information was contained in a report prepared here Saturday by Clare A. Lee, state fire marshal. Included among those who lost their lives were Robert Weber, aged 5 years, Eugene, whose nightgown caught fire from an open fire place. Mrs. Alexander Graham, Baker, died from injuries when a stove in her kitchen exploded. Mrs. Fred Grenhemer of Hillsboro, also died as the result of stove explosion. Charles Weiberg of Portland lost his life because of a careless smoker.

Among those burned seriously were Arlene Baker, b. Vernonia, whose nightgown ignited from a fire. Martha Pankratz, 18, Vernonia, was burned when a celluloid comb caught fire from a lamp. A gasoline explosion was responsible for burns suffered by Allen Griffith of Hood River. Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Fulton of Salem suffered burns when their home caught fire from an overheated stove. Mr. and Mrs. Darrel Thompson, Deschutes county, also were burned from a defective chimney which set fire to their home.

Mrs. Tom Johnson, Birkenfeld, suffered burns when a stove exploded. Similar injuries were suffered by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Whittier of Milton. Explosion of fumes from an over resulted in injuries to Charles Geis, Tillamook. Morton Lump of Portland had his feet frozen while turning in a fire alarm, while C. A. Tyler of St. Johns was cut by flying glass at a dwelling fire. F. H. Graber, chief of the Baker fire department, fell into an open coal chute during a fire.

The total estimated fire loss in Oregon, outside of Portland, during the month of January was \$651,000. There were 132 fires reported. The loss was the heaviest for any January in the history of the state fire marshal's department.

Seventy-one fires, or 54 per cent of the total, were caused by the use of blow torches in thawing out water pipes, explosions, open fires and overheated and defective flues. These fires were responsible for losses aggregating \$154,000 or 23 per cent of the total. Sixty fires destroyed city dwellings and contents with a value of \$77,215.

REDS AND POLICE ENGAGE IN FIGHT

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 15. (AP)—A crowd of about 200 men and women marched on city hall today and were halted in a skirmish with police on the north plaza of the building as several of them endeavored to force their way upstairs to the office of Mayor Harry A. Mackey.

In the clash, a score of marchers, including several girls, were knocked down; several policemen were tripped, some lost buttons from their uniforms, one marcher was hurt and 17 persons, including three women, were arrested on charges of inciting to riot. Police said they had advance warning of the march. Patrolmen were assembled outside and inside the city hall when the demonstrators began marching about five squares away. They arrived at the north plaza of the municipal building carrying placards

protesting against unemployment and industrial conditions. As they marched they threw out circulars which read: "The communists' party of the United States had called for unemployment demonstrations in every city in the country on Wednesday, February 26. Have all the unemployed join councils of the trade union league and join this demonstration at factory gates and civic centers."

COPENHAGEN (AP)—Prince Axel and Princess Margaretha of Denmark are planning in the near future to pay semi-official visits to Siam and other eastern countries. They will be accompanied by Prince and Princess Viggo.

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James E. Peebles, Once Salem Boy Named Trade Commissioner, Australia

Another Salem boy is making good. James E. Peebles, Salem born and reared, son of Albert W. Peebles of 1085 North Cottage street, and formerly a carrier for The Statesman, has been sent to Sydney, Australia, as trade commissioner of the United States department of commerce. Mr. Peebles has been district manager in Portland of the bureau of foreign and domestic commerce. His work was in the direction of trade promotion and his success in the Portland field won him promotion to overseas duty.

The U. S. Department of commerce has been expanding its force and its services in recent years, opening many offices at home and abroad and calling into service men who are skilled in the development of America's commerce. This is the service in which Mr. Peebles is engaged and which now takes him to the opposite side of the globe.

James Peebles was born in Salem and grew up here. He attended school here and graduated from the high school. During his school days he carried papers for The Oregon Statesman. He took his college work at Stanford, where he graduated, and then went to the University of Washington for post-graduate work in law and

economics and later supplemented his education with work in Lyons, France. He served during the war with the 91st division of the A. E. F. and later was attached to the first aerial squadron as observer. After the war he was appointed assistant manager of the Seattle office of the bureau of foreign and domestic commerce in 1921. In 1925 he was transferred to Portland to open the office there. Businessmen of the northwest credit Mr. Peebles with having greatly increased Portland's export business.

The announcement of his transfer drew forth many favorable comments from business leaders in Portland including Raymond B. Wilcox, president of the Portland chamber of commerce, W. D. B. Dodson, general manager, and L. W. Hartman, chairman of the maritime commerce committee of the Portland chamber.

NEW DROP TAKEN BY STOCK MARKET

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—(AP)—The stock market turned emphatically downward today, closing a week of rather laborious maneuvering toward higher levels. A technical reaction had been regarded as overdue in several quarters, and week-end profit taking was heavy.

The day's decline, running from 2 to 6 points in more than a score of leading shares, reduced the price index of 90 leading stocks to approximately the level of a week ago. The bullish operations of the week, however, have been highly selective, and a considerable group of leading shares, including several leading utilities and industrials, closed the week with large net gains.

The downturn was in the face of the most cheerful week end industrial and trade reviews in several weeks. The majority of active traders appeared to feel, however, that the recovery of business had been amply discounted for the moment in the almost steady stock market advances of the past few weeks. It was particularly notable that improvement in retail and wholesale trade was mentioned in the reviews for the first time in weeks, although the betterment was acknowledged to be slight.

Reports from the steel industry were somewhat more confident. While it was felt early in the month that the sharp increase in ingot promotion during the last half of January was probably due to a rush to replace stocks, and that February might see a slight decline in activity, trade reports now indicate that orders are keeping pace with output, and it is felt that a gradual acceleration may be looked for until the spring peak is reached.

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OFFICERS ELECTED
McCoy Feb. 15 — Bethel high school was the scene of a student body meeting Monday for the purpose of electing officers for

the purpose of electing officers for the second semester. Those elected were: president Kenneth Babcock; vice president, Donald Shields; secretary, Madeline

Rhode; boys athletic manager, Donald Shields; girls athletic manager, Madeline Rhode; news reporter and sergeant-at-arms, Herbert Parr.

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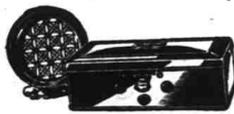
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