

A new departure in State news practice is the publication of a daily radio program on the feature page of each issue.

LARMER FIRE DAMAGE \$650,000

"Fire-Bug" Seen in 4 Blazes in 72-Hour Period

SEARCH IS ON TO SEE WHERE FLAMES BEGAN

Independence, Spaulding, Archerd, Larmer Losses Arouse Theories Fire and Police Leaders on Lookout; Mill Clues Add to Quandary

Aroused by four fires, all within a 72-hour period, and two most disastrous, the Salem fire department and the Salem police department were busy yesterday trying to ferret out some clues to the origin of the blazes.

Early Thursday morning a large mill at Independence went up in smoke. Almost 24 hours later, the Spaulding mill was threatened in a manner which yesterday appeared very clearly to be incendiary while early Friday evening the Archerd implement company started to burn only to be saved by the prompt action of the Salem fire department.

Climaxing the rounds of fires came the 6:30 a. m. disaster here which caused a loss to \$650,000 to the Larmer warehouse and contents.

Spaulding Fire Starts Suspicious A number of tell-tale circumstances lead the fire and police department leaders to feel that incendiary, the work of an agitator or a "fire-bug," had been responsible for all the fires.

The most potent reason for the suspicion was the highly unusual circumstances surrounding the Spaulding mill fire of Friday night. At first it was thought that the flames were confined to a spot near the "hog" in the lower level of the mill. Close investigation revealed that a second fire had started near the big saws, in oil and waste at the big belts and pulley which run the saws.

It was obvious that the blaze under the mill and in the main level had been started by different fires.

The fact that all four fires were on industrial or semi-industrial property and the added coincidence that the blazes all came within a 72-hour period also aroused suspicion.

Detection Hazardous As All Blazes Start A fourth cause for alarm was that in no instance could any definite cause for the fire be determined and that the blazes all occurred at a time of day when there was the small danger of detection.

One of the members of the fire committee on the council yesterday pointed to the fact that "fire-bugs" possessed of some degree of intelligence had been known to cause a succession of catastrophes before they had been located. At least one suspicious party was being observed yesterday pending developments.

One theory advanced here was that current depression, bringing an unusual number of transients into the vicinity and a type of men who are many times disgruntled with all forms of industrial endeavor, might have caused the fires with an idea of revenge or retribution against men more prosperous than themselves.

A definite loss of \$4000 was said yesterday by Walter Spaulding to have been the extent of the damage to their mill. This was principally occasioned by damage to electric motors, to electrical switchboards, to mill construction in both levels of the plant and to belting which operates the saws. It will be the middle or end of this week before the operation of the Spaulding mill can be resumed.

Troubles? At Least You Can Tell About 'em in Natural Way

McMinnville Orchardist Who Loses Larynx After Operation Speaks Through Outside Hole in His Throat

What would you do if you were suddenly deprived of your voice? Go speechless, maybe. Or possibly suicide.

Lost His Voice Speaks Anyway

George J. Swift, McMinnville orchardist, who lost the power to speak and his larynx in a cancer operation on his throat. He wouldn't be downed, so says he talks. He is shown using one of his devices to speak through outside hole in his throat.

Here's how Mr. Swift—who hasn't let his speech problems draw down the corners of a mouth that just naturally bursts into cheery smiles—speaks: Through a hole in his neck leading into the tubes of the lungs a rubber tube is inserted. It is through this hole he breathes. At the other end of the rubber tube is the artificial larynx, which Mr. Swift inserts in his mouth. In this artificial larynx and above where the tube connects with it is a tiny hole, through which air is drawn into the lungs, then sent back through the tube and into the mouth. As the air reaches the mouth, Mr. Swift moves his lips and tongue to form the words which he desires to speak.

ARMY 'GOOD WILL' FUND INCREASING

GOOD WILL FUND Previously reported \$68.14 Frances Graham... 1.00 I. H. Van Winkle... 5.00 No name... 1.00 Street Kettles Sat., Dec. 6... 40.25 Total to date... \$180.39

One of the greatest charity benefits ever staged in the United States will be the Army-Navy football game next Saturday at New York, the proceeds going to the Salvation Army.

Salem is to benefit with the rest of the entire country through the co-operation of the H. L. Stiff furniture store, Philadelphia Storage Battery company (Phico), and the National and Columbia broadcasting systems. The N. B. C. and Columbia are uniting with the Phico people in donating services for this nation-wide broadcast next Saturday.

In addition to this broadcast the local furniture store and the storage battery concern are giving a Baby Grand Phico radio to the Salem branch Salvation Army, to be disposed of to swell the Army "Good-Will Fund."

Other local business houses already lined up behind the Army's Christmas campaign are the Evergreen Golf course and the Hollywood theatre. The Evergreen Golf course is to be taken over Wednesday night from 5 to midnight by the Army and the proceeds are to go to the Christmas fund. The Hollywood theatre is also donating two matinees to the Army December 22 and 23, the admission to be by food stuffs suitable for Christmas baskets.

Cashier Fatally Wounded, Texas

TEKARKANA, Tex., Dec. 7.—(AP)—(Sunday)—R. W. Hanks, cashier of the Redwater bank at Redwater, Texas, was in a hospital here believed mortally wounded early today after being abducted by three men who demanded the combination of the bank vault and when it was refused, shot him three times in the head.

300 CHINESE SAID SUNK; MINERS DEAD

Unconfirmed Reports Tell of Steamer Sientao Sinking Near Sinti

Explosion in New Mexico Coal Mine Takes Lives; Cause Undetermined

SHANGHAI, Dec. 7.—(Sunday)—(AP)—An unverified dispatch from Hankow to the Shanghai post, American language newspaper, yesterday, said the Chinese steamer Sientao sank near Sinti, 100 miles above Hankow, drowning 300 Chinese.

Only five Chinese escaped, the dispatch, which was a translation from the Chinese press, said. The vessel was reported en route from Hankow to Changsha, Hunan province.

The dispatch said the cause of the catastrophe was not determined. "Owners of the steamer were not known here.

Usually reliable sources of information on the upper Yangtze river, in which the steamer was reported to have foundered, stated they had heard nothing of the sinking.

MADRID, N. M., Dec. 6.—(AP)—An explosion in the Lamb coal mine today killed three men and injured several others, all workers in the mine.

The dead: Tom Burke, foreman. Victor Liesse, electrician. Henry Grizzle, miner.

Rock dust barriers functioned perfectly and confined the explosion to the sixth left entry, its initial point. One hundred miners in other parts of the mine were not hurt and left the mine in an orderly way.

Rescue crews entered the mine and brought the dead and injured to the surface.

Officials late today had not established a cause for the explosion.

Wedding Ring is Dug up on Farm

GERVAIS, Dec. 6.—When Mrs. A. R. Siegmund was transplanting some plants in her garden Wednesday she dug up an 18-karat gold wedding ring. It was 12 inches below the surface of the ground and a root of the plant had grown through it. Mr. and Mrs. Siegmund have lived at this place 27 years and the ring must have been in the ground before they came there.

8 Million \$25 Autos Run Roads

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—(AP)—Taking the American automobile association's word for it, there will be 8,000,000 cars pounding the highways of the country at the end of 1930 valued at less than \$25 each.

The figures were made public today after a survey based on actual age of vehicles from registration tabulations and the average life of vehicles.

Highest prices listed for cars of the vintage of 1925 are \$25 and 8,000,000 cars, forming 25 per cent of the total registration, have passed their fifth birthday. The blue book of the automobile industry does not list as any value vehicles purchased before 1925.

Thomas P. Henry, president of the association said "the presence on our highways of so many worn-out vehicles during 1930 may well be reflected in the year's toll of accidents and fatalities."

COURT EXPECTED TO USE KEEN KNIFE

Budget Secrets Will be Revealed This Week; School Funds go up

"It won't be long now." The county court has kept its hand closed on the budget very successfully thus far, making few intimations of what will be presented to the people in the form of a budget. But this week will see the cut out of the bag because the budget has to be published 20 days before the hearing and the hearing must come this month.

Various rumors are afloat that the budget committee will deal rather drastically with recommendations. One person said the cut would reach \$100,000, but it is admitted that that is a large order for a court which has been as frugal in the past as the Marion county court. Well founded reports agree, however, that the budget committee is using a paring knife, and that reductions instead of increases will be in order.

The personnel of the budget committee has not been announced, nor would the public divulge when the budget committee would assemble. The final hearing on the budget will be a public hearing. The court has the final decision on the budget.

Thought to Have Failed With the court in the mood of reticence rather than increasing expenses, it is conceded that the county agent drive failed; and that those who look for benefits to the farmers from employing a

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TROY'S DREAMS ASHES BEFORE MAD RAMBLERS

Decisive 27 to 0 Victory is Hurried Over as 90,000 Fans Gasp, Moan

Southern California Never Gets Going Against Miracle Rockie men

By PAUL ZIMMERMAN Associated Press Sports Writer LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 6.—(AP)—Rockie's Roughriders from Notre Dame, prancing behind miraculous interference, staged their last wild charge today and trampled Southern California into a 27-to-0 defeat.

Paul "Bucky" O'Connor, transplanted from halfback to fullback and one of "Rockie's" few Irishmen, was the youth who spread the alarm to the Trojans, with Marty Brill and Marchmont Schwartz galloping closely at his side.

Their mad dashes struck terror in the ranks of Coach Howard Jones' valiant eleven and carried the invading troop from South Bend through its nineteenth straight triumph in two glorious seasons.

No Hector to Lead; Notre Dame Goal Safe Unlike their ancestors of mythology, the men of Troy could find no Hector to lead the vaunted offense, with the result that through 60 minutes of the nerve-shattering spectacle, Notre Dame's goal was never so much as threatened.

Defeat brought the number of reversals to four for Southern California against one victory in its Notre Dame series. It was the most decisive trouncing either team ever accepted in the annals of the inter-sectional play.

More than 90,000 frantic football followers shouted and groaned throughout the startling fray, which stamped Coach Rockie's ramblers as probably the greatest eleven the country has seen in a decade.

Southern California's dashing backs found their interference fragile before the rushing Rockie line, and their passing attack was pierced with constant interceptions by the secondary defense when touchdown marches seemed well under way.

Attack so Baffling Trojans Couldn't Solve It. Notre Dame's attack was so baffling that at no time could the Trojan defense organize itself against the unstoppable assault.

From the start the yardage was no doubt as to the outcome. Notre Dame walked right down the field from the opening kickoff. Southern California rose up to stop the threat and held for downs, but a bad pass from Trojan center Stanley Williamson was recovered by Alvin Culver, Irish tackle, on the first play.

Like a flash the Riders charged. Schwartz flipped an 11-yard pass to Frank Carideo, the unparalleled quarterback, who sauntered the running threat through untouched by Trojan hands, and the game was won.

It was only a few plays later that O'Connor's long eventful journey of 30 yards brought the second touchdown. Southern California had moved well into Notre Dame territory when the play was called.

Recovering a bad pass from center, and displaying a marvelous bit of headwork, quickly kicked over the goal line as the line rushed in upon him.

O'Connor Makes Brilliant Run for Second Touchdown The yard-saving feat was of no avail, for on the first play O'Connor broke away. It was a reserve and a lateral from Brill which pulled Troy's secondary defense aside.

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Coach Rockie, in a gesture of respect to Larry "Moon" Mullins, fullback whose injured knee prevented him from starting the contest, sent the South Pasadena Cal. youth into the game on the kickoff for one play and then replaced him. It was Mullins' last game for Notre Dame.

Then the parade of the Roughriders started again. Schwartz was lifted through for a run of 19 yards. An effort was made to take the ball on Troy's seven-yard line. One of those demoralizing laterals, Schwartz to O'Connor, brought the touchdown. That

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Spring, Fall, All Mixed; Imposing List Flowers Out

SILVERTON, Dec. 6.—Silvertown out-of-doors lovers have been reporting for the past few days that they were rather perplexed as to whether they were enjoying spring or autumn.

Gold finches and meadow larks have been heard; ripe raspberries have been discovered, and the following imposing list of flowers are to be seen blooming in Silvertown gardens: Delphiniums, anemones, roses, alyssums, larkspur, Michaelmas daisies, perennial phlox, gypsophylla, violets, primroses, chrysanthemums, asters, geraniums, sweet rocket, sweet williams and stocks, to say nothing of dandelions.

SCHOOL DIRECTORS DISCUSS TEXTBOOKS

Question Comes up at Last Minute of Annual Meet; No Action

A heated and lively discussion, precipitated by a last minute motion that the organization go on record as opposed to free textbooks, closed the annual meeting of Marion county school officers held at the court house all day Saturday. Sixty school board members attended.

The association did not pass the motion, it being tabled indefinitely. However, discussion arising from the motion kept the officers nearly an hour longer than the closing time and brought out some thoughtful ideas both for and against free textbooks.

Another matter in which considerable discussion was indulged but in which no action was taken was high school transportation. It was pointed out that legislation will be in session next month, the officers argued proposed changes to the present law, and it is probably these suggestions will be thoroughly considered by the legislative committee appointed at the meeting yesterday: J. W. Mayo, Stayton chairman; John Marshall, Swegline; and Charles Hottinger, Seaside.

During the morning session, much interest was developed in the discussion of school problem and particularly school sanitation. Harry Sinks, county sanitary inspector, was present to answer questions regarding any phase of his inspections to the schools. In the afternoon, main talk was given by Warren Crutcher, principal of Stayton, on the relation of the State Hughes program to rural schools. Crutcher emphasized the fact that the work helps encourage the farmer boy and girls to stay on the farm.

All three officers of the association were present at the meeting other year: Grant Murphy of Stayton, president; John Marshall of Swegline, vice-president; and Mrs. Mary L. Fulkerson, county school superintendent, secretary.

Mrs. Fulkerson declared this meeting to be the most successful of all annual sessions of school officers.

Bruenings Still Repulse Attacks Of Oppositions

BERLIN, Dec. 6.—(AP)—Four times today the Bruenings government repulsed the vigorous attack of the opposition in the reichstag, and at the end of the parliamentary session stood clearly victorious and still at the nation's helm.

With 40 votes to spare it defeated a motion to revoke the chancellor's decree of drastic financial reforms. By a margin of 35 votes it put down a "no confidence" motion. It won the edge of 65 votes on a proposal to table a motion of confidence ironically offered by the national socialists.

Finally, at the end of a long day, it got a majority of 72 votes against a communist motion demanding revocation of the emergency decrees in force since last June.

Russian Plotters Await Sentences

MOSCOW, Dec. 6.—(AP)—Eight engineers, confessed plotters for foreign intervention in Russia and the overthrow of the Soviet union, tonight awaited the sentences of the supreme court which will mean to them either death or imprisonment.

BIGGEST IN CITY HISTORY

Early Blaze Gutters Walls of Concrete; Control Fails

3 Trainloads of Paper Up in Smoke; Coverage Partial

The most costly and one of the most spectacular fires in the history of Salem swept the 176x170 foot Larmer warehouse early Saturday morning and left a loss, partly covered by insurance, which yesterday afternoon neared \$650,000.

The three-story and basement, reinforced concrete structure at North High and Liberty street was completely gutted by the flames and only a tottering south wall and a portion of the front of the warehouse was left guard over the burning remnants late last night.

The cause of the fire is as yet a mystery. Albit Fox, foreman of Larmer's trucking squad, was the first to the building at 6:30 a. m. yesterday. Through the base- windows he saw flames. Fox did not unlock the door of the warehouse where his truck was stored but dashed to Dan Larmer's house to summon the fire department.

So fast did the blaze sweep the basement of the huge warehouse that all efforts of the fire department to check the flames were unsuccessful and after a few minutes, their work was confined to protecting nearby structures.

Property destroyed by the fire includes: The warehouse structure a \$100,000 reinforced concrete plant, according to Larmer, who built the warehouse late in 1927.

Finished paper belonging to the Oregon Pulp and Paper company here and awaiting shipment, consisting of 15,000,000 pounds or three trainloads valued at \$150,000.

More than 6265 bales of hops, of an average value of \$32 a bale, a total of approximately \$200,000. Twenty-six barrels of peppermint valued at \$24,000.

Hundreds of miscellaneous groups of furniture and personal belongings whose owners, many of whom live in various parts of Oregon and the United States, cannot be fully known until re-covery of the flames progress, are safe are recovered. Larmer estimated yesterday that the value of this property was fully \$150,000.

Miscellaneous goods held for storage, the value running from \$10,000 to \$25,000.

The amount of destruction, from this summary, will run close to \$650,000.

Insurance was carried in varying degrees on the lost property. Karl Heinlein, office manager of the paper company here, said virtually all the coverage was carried on all the finished paper owned by his mill. While many growers owned the hops and the exact amount of insurance could not be determined yesterday, it was felt certain by growers such as T. A. Lively that the hop crop was well protected by insurance.

On the warehouse plant itself, Larmer carried only \$15,000. He estimated his lost yesterday at fully \$85,000.

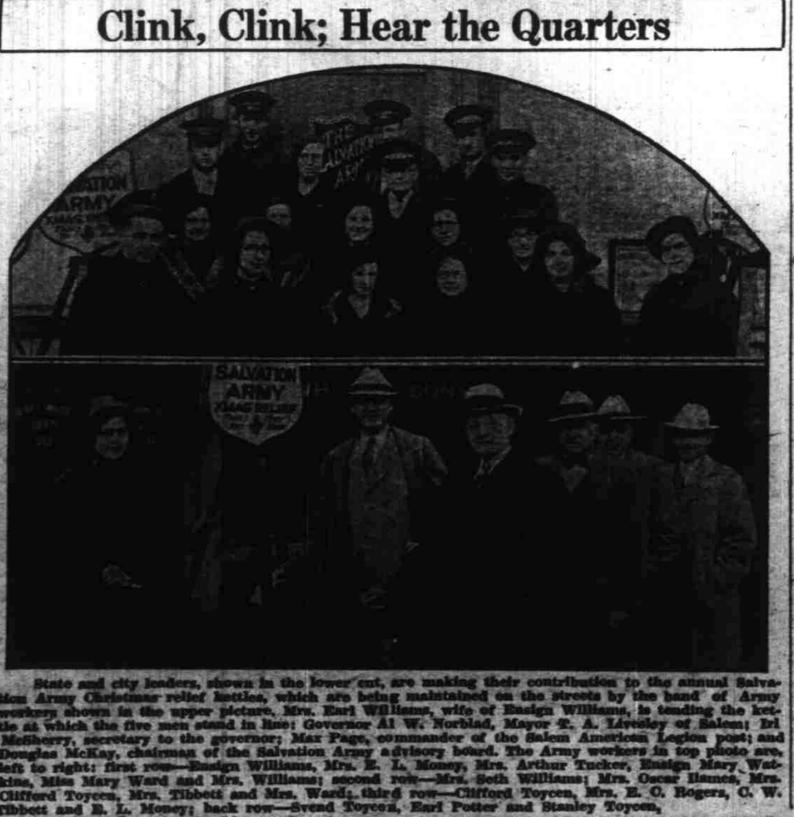
The amount of insurance placed on the hundreds of outfits of furniture and personal belongings, all of which were stored on the third floor, cannot be readily ascertained. Under the provisions crashed to earth prodded by tons of each owner assumed the liability for damage by fire.

As the flames progressed, trapped by the thick outer walls of reinforced concrete, they ate ravenously of the heavy timbers, posts and flooring which formed the three main stories and basement of the building.

The intense heat soon melted the steel joists supporting the heavy beams on which the floors were laid. As these beams started to fall under their heavy load, they buckled. This intense strain stove out the concrete walls as though they were paper and they crashed to earth prodded by tons of pressure from the falling floors.

Only the south and a portion of the east walls stood and the south wall last night was in imminent danger of collapse. It was tilted fully 15 degrees to the south and residents of the Virginia apartments, 20 feet from the warehouse, evacuated the property. Fire Chief Hutton said last night he had no assurance

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State and city leaders, shown in the lower cut, are making their contribution to the annual Salvation Army Christmas relief lecture, which are being maintained on the streets by the band of Army workers shown in the upper picture. Mrs. Earl Williams, wife of Eugene Williams, is leading the lecture at which the five men stand in line: Governor Al W. Noble, Mayor E. A. Lindsey of Salem, Ed Matthews, secretary to the governor, Max Fagan, commander of the Salem American Legion, post and Douglas McKay, chairman of the Salvation Army advisory board. The Army workers in top photo are, left to right: first row—Eugene Williams, Mrs. E. L. Money, Mrs. Arthur Tucker, Eugenia Mary Watkins, Miss Mary Ward and Mrs. Williams; second row—Mrs. Beth Williams; Mrs. Oscar Hames, Mrs. Clifford Toyce, Mrs. Tibbett and Mrs. Ward; third row—Clifford Toyce, Mrs. E. O. Rogers, C. W. Tibbett and E. L. Money; back row—Svend Toyce, Earl Potter and Stanley Toyce.