

## ENTIRE BLOCK IS WIPED OUT AT SILVERTON

Loss Estimated at \$75,000 From Fire Originating in Billiard Room

Old, New Theatres, Former Printshop, Restaurant Go Up in Flames

SILVERTON, April 23.—(Special)—Fire which broke out at 2 a. m. back of the Club billiard hall razed virtually the entire old opera house block here this morning, for a loss estimated at nearly \$75,000.

The Digness store, a small building standing in one corner of the block, was the only structure saved in spite of the work of Silverton and Mt. Angel fire fighters who brought 10 hose lines and six hydrants into use. The fire was the most disastrous since the blaze of 1907, which swept North Water street, leveling the buildings between the present Starr hardware store and the Olson pharmacy.

Buildings and businesses swept by the fire this morning were: The old Palace theatre and the new theatre under construction by Alfred Adams, Kelly's Club billiard hall, B. Fenelde's Duck 'n' Swallow restaurant, Kottke's old Tribune print shop, the Webb Transfer company buildings, the American Transfer company, Brandt's second hand store, Lester Geer's sign painting shop, Pete Schmidt's shoe shop and two barber shops. A truck and trailer in the transfer building were also destroyed.

Wife of Theatre Man Carried Down Ladder  
Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Adams, owners of the theatre buildings, were asleep in their apartment above the theatre and did not get out until the fire was well under way. Adams jumped from the window and Mrs. Adams was carried down the ladder. Nothing was saved from the apartment. Adams went to Portland early this morning and could not be reached during the day for a statement on his side of the heaviest loss.

Firemen reported that the new mains put in on North Water and East Main streets were of great assistance in augmenting the supply and force of water. The telephone cable also melted and a large portion of Silverton was cut off from telephone service throughout the day. Telephone repair trucks and men from Corvallis and Portland came in and were busy assisting local telephone people in repairing the damage. Several thousand feet of motion picture film exploded in a damp weather and lack of wind assisted in keeping the fire.

## Clipper Back Home; Flight Held Epochal

ALAMEDA, Calif., April 23.—(AP)—The flying clipper, conquering adverse ocean winds, arrived here at 2:58 p. m. today, completing a leisurely 2400-mile return flight from Honolulu in 20 hours and 59 minutes.

First to make the round-trip between here and Hawaii, the big monoplane swiftly approached her base from the hills south of San Francisco.

Some 10,000 spectators watched as the 10-ton flying boat alighted perfectly on the sun-lit waters.

The fliers appeared slightly wan, but otherwise gave no indication they had just completed the 2400-mile journey.

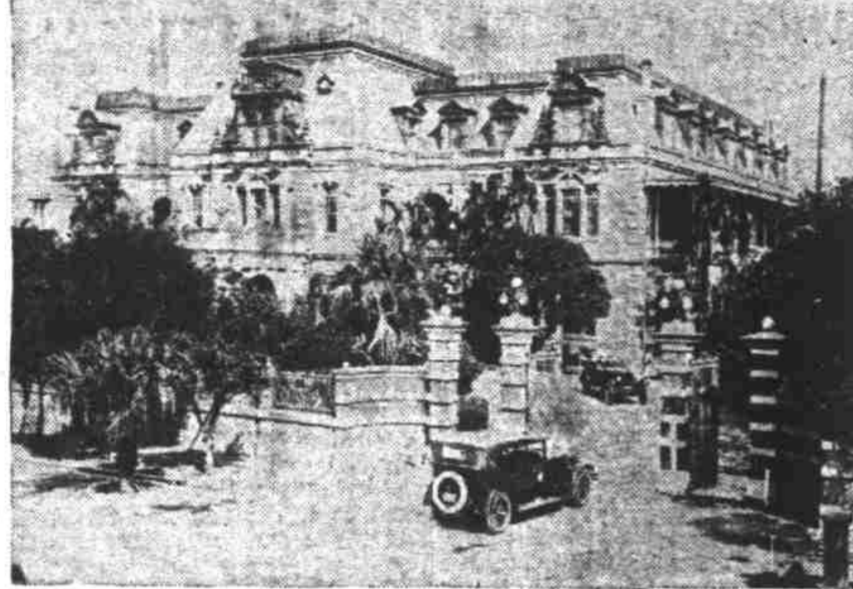
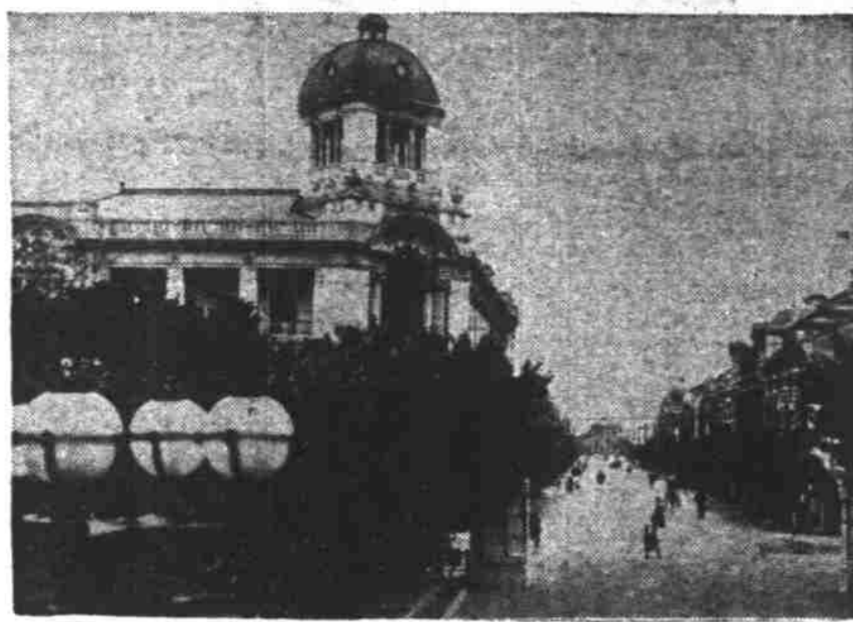
"The big thrill in the trip," Captain Musick declared as he stepped ashore, "was the fact it was negotiated without a thrill."

"I think this flight has largely removed the element of chance in the transpacific journey, although it is the largest commercial over-water flight ever attempted."

## Adams Plans to Resume at Once On New Theatre

SILVERTON, April 23.—Alfred Adams, theatre owner here, said tonight he would at once resume construction on his new theatre here. A crew of men will begin Wednesday morning to clear debris from the lot where Adams had already begun erecting a new theatre building. The two new walls already erected, were only slightly damaged by the fire.

## Scenes in Capital of Formosa Before Disastrous Earthquake



According to the latest count, 3152 persons were killed and over 10,000 injured in the disastrous earthquake which struck the island of Formosa, off the southeastern coast of China, Sunday. Above are two scenes in Taikohu, capital of Formosa, taken before the quake. Above, parked street leading to the city museum. Below, prefectural administration building.

## RELIEF RUSHED TO FORMOSA VICTIMS

Agencies Have Hard Tasks Due to Extent of Area; Death Toll at 3152

TAIHOHU, Formosa, April 23.—(AP)—Agencies of mercy were taxed to the limit today in rushing supplies of food, water and medical necessities to the distant sections of the island where survivors of Sunday's tragic earthquake were in sore need.

While the scarcity of water in one part of the island lent terror to the populace, people in another section were imperilled by flood possibilities. Tropical heat brought suffering to many whose homes were

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## Dionne's Cousin Also Father of Multiple Babes

NEW YORK, April 23.—(AP)—Frank Dionne, of the Bronx, cousin of Olivia Dionne, father of the famous Ontario quintuplets, became the father of twins today.

Mrs. Gertrude Dionne presented her husband with a seven pound boy and a baby girl weighing six and a half pounds. Both mother and babies are doing nicely.

The Dionnes also have four other children, three boys and a girl, ranging from five to 11 years old.

## 2 Men Arrested In North Salem

T. Haworth was booked at the police station Tuesday night on a charge of vagrancy, declared by officers to have resulted from complaints that the man was looking into windows in the vicinity of North Fourth and Pine streets. A Tracy was arrested in the same vicinity but in an entirely different case, on a charge of drunkenness.

## Playground Season Plans Started by School Board

Preparations for the 1935 summer playground season began last night when the Salem school directors adjourned to open bids on repairing Olinger swimming pool next Tuesday, arranged for wood to heat the two tanks and heard a report on outlining of supervision plans. Salem contractors will be given preference in bidding on the Olinger pool job, which consists in part of re-plastering the tank walls. Bids will be opened at 5 p. m. next Tuesday. Plans may be seen at the office of Lyle P. Bartholomew, 318 United States National bank building. That a SERA school for playground instructors is contemplated was revealed by Director F. E. Neer. It would precede the opening of the playground season. He also said the physical education department had been asked to outline the needs for playground instructors for submission to the county relief committee as an SERA project. The directors decided no additional wood would have to be

## M'KAY ELECTED HEAD OF GROUP TO AID VALLEY

Boosting Population Here by 100,000 Goal, Says Governor Martin

Disposal Project and River Revetment Plan Given Board's Approval

PORTLAND, Ore., April 23.—(AP)—With Governor Martin's enthusiastic favor ringing in their ears, members of the state planning board met here today with members of the Willamette valley project committee to discuss ways and means of popularizing the Willamette valley for thousands of additional families.

Termining the valley one of the world's "garden spots," Governor Martin declared that "it will care for 100,000 persons without congestion when it is put into shape." "There is room for 37,000 more families, many of them to come here from the drought stricken areas," the governor declared. Senator Douglas McKay, chairman of the committee; John Thornburg, Forest Grove, was elected vice-chairman; and R. H. Kippe of Portland was named secretary.

A \$12,000,000 sewage disposal project, which was a portion of the Willamette valley project discussed, was approved by the committee, as was a plan calling for revetment of the Willamette river from Eugene to its source, which would cost about \$300,000.

The committee also studied a recommendation that an unofficial planning commission for commercial and recreational development of the Gold Beach area in Curry county be formed. Because the recent session of the state legislature turned down a plan providing for county planning commissions, the Gold Beach board would necessarily be unofficial.

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## PROVIDE CARS FOR BLOSSOM VIEWERS

Cars will be provided for all citizens of Salem and visitors who have no available transportation to take them over the Blossom day route next Sunday, according to King Bing Schlitt. Following precedent, the cars will be on hand at the chamber of commerce headquarters, North Liberty street, from 9 a. m. to 4 p. m.

The traditional route for viewing the best blossoms will be laid out Saturday by the Cherrians who will place printed markers at all turns. Boy Scouts under the leadership of J. E. Monroe are to act as guides for the Blossom day crowds. The Scouts will be stationed on North Capitol street, at State and Center streets, at the chamber of commerce headquarters, at the Polk county bridge and on various turning points on the route through the country.

State institutions are to be opened for inspection and working mills, following last year's practice, will also be open to the public. Publicity material for newspaper and radio use was being prepared yesterday by the Cherrian committee which has charge of Blossom day.

## IRAN QUAKE TOLL REPORTED HEAVY

TEHERAN, Iran, April 23.—(AP)—A series of earth shocks rocking northern Iran (Persia) since April 12 continued tonight after killing an undetermined number of persons and doing unestimated damage.

Reports from Masaderan province said 483 persons died in that division alone. Lack of communication facilities prevented any accurate survey of the devastated regions.

(Dispatches from Teheran published in Paris said 600 persons were reported killed and thousands injured in the Iran quakes, which destroyed the towns of Dandaguch, Tchdanguch and Lesard-Jarb and caused widespread panic.

The Paris advices said the quakes, continuing, were impeding rescue efforts, racking buildings as rescuers penetrated them in search of victims. The Iran press reported the heaviest damage was done at Sudeh, where many buildings were destroyed and most of the populace left homeless.

## Faces Charges Of Bilking U. S.



E. C. SOLINSKY

## FICTITIOUS NAMES ON PAYROLL CITED

Eleven Hiring Cards Made for Non-Existent Men, Solinsky Jury Told

PORTLAND, Ore., April 23.—(AP)—A federal court jury, sitting on the case of E. C. Solinsky, ex-superintendent of Crater Lake national park, who is charged with conspiring to defraud the government, late today heard Isaac Davidson, ex-construction foreman at the park, relate the manner in which he made out eleven fictitious hiring cards.

According to Davidson who, with A. R. Edwin, ex-special disbursing agent at the park, was jointly indicted along with Solinsky, money obtained as salary for the fictitious park employes was given to him by Solinsky in payment for sums advanced by him for the construction of a boat at the park.

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## SUSPECT IN MAIL ROBBERY CAUGHT

PORTLAND, Ore., April 23.—(AP)—Rocco J. DeGrasse, 40, long wanted for questioning in connection with the robbery of a federal mail carrier in Chicago, was arrested while asleep in his apartment in one of the better residential districts here tonight.

Although surrounded by loaded firearms when police entered the apartment, DeGrasse had no opportunity and, apparently, no inclination to use them.

He was taken completely by surprise when Portland policemen, led by DeGrasse's four-year-old son of whom they inquired the way, entered his apartment.

After arresting DeGrasse, police returned to the apartment about an hour later and arrested his wife and brother, George DeGrasse, who were held as material witnesses in the city jail tonight.

DeGrasse was indicted in Chicago March 1 on charges of possessing unlawfully negotiable securities taken in the holdup and robbery of a United States mail carrier in Chicago December 6, 1932.

When questioned by police here tonight, DeGrasse denied participation in the robbery. He said that he was living in Cicero, Ill., in December, 1932, and denied any first-hand knowledge of the affair, according to Captain of Detectives Keegan.

## Late Sports

CLEVELAND, April 23.—(AP)—Max Baer, heavyweight champion, grinned and pretended he was in danger several times as he clobbered his way through the greater part of a four-round no decision fight with Eddie Simms, Cleveland heavyweight, tonight.

In the last round, however, the champion hit Simms a right to the head that rocked the Cleveland fighter. Baer smiled frequently as Simms landed solid punches to the head and jaw. The slim crowd booed once when the champion wrestled with Simms. Baer weighed 216 pounds, Simms 199. Paul Pirrone, Cleveland, knocked out Benny Levine, 157, Newark, N. J., in the first round of their scheduled 10-round fight. Pirrone weighed 153.

## AUTO PLANT IS CLOSED DUE TO STRIKE ORDERS

Spread to Other Factories is Predicted; Tanker Walkout May End

Maritime Workers Reject Proposal for Union Political Party

TOLEDO, O., April 23.—(AP)—Approximately 2340 workmen lost their jobs indefinitely as officials of the Chevrolet Motor company closed its Toledo branch factory today when a strike was called by the United Automobile Workers' Federal union.

Fears of "grave danger" that the strike might spread to other automobile factories were expressed by William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor.

The exact number of men on strike was undetermined. However, James Rowland, chairman of the union's strike committee, said 90 per cent of the workers are union members.

Green in Washington added that in the recent automobile labor board election, 1800 of the 2200 men then employed in the plant favored the union as their bargaining agency.

This primary election showed the factory is one of the few in the automobile industry where a majority of the workers are union members.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 23.—(AP)—Prospects of settlement of the Pacific coast oil tanker strike were advanced late today when the six maritime unions involved submitted to the special federal mediation board a memorandum of suggested terms of wages, hours and working conditions.

The proposals setting forth the conditions under which union members "are willing to return to their positions" were said to differ from offers by the oil companies only in the request for a 44-hour week instead of 56 hours.

The 44-hour week was recently awarded by the seamen's arbitration board to unlicensed personnel of general cargo ships.

Submission of the memorandum by the unions followed a suggestion made by the mediation board at a conference with union leaders (Turn to page 2, col. 5)

## TRIO FEARED LOST, STORM UPON SOUND

SEATTLE, April 23.—(AP)—Fears for the lives of two Seattle boys and a Portland high school lad deepened tonight as darkness halted a beach patrol for them or their bodies after the coast guard found their broken outboard motorboat ashore in Useless bay.

The boys were last seen Saturday night when they set out in a high wind for Indianola beach, on the western mainland and 17 miles from where their skiff was found today.

The missing lads are: Hugh Andrews, 18, Portland. Al Erickson, 17, Seattle. Peter Ferry, 19, Andrews' Seattle host.

Friends tonight reported that Peter's mother, Mrs. Elizabeth H. Ferry, lost all hope for the boys' lives when told of the discovery of the broken boat. Al's father, A. E. Erickson, still clung to a faint hope that the boys may have gotten ashore from the boat and are at some isolated spot unable to communicate with their parents.

## Revised Hop Code Will be Acceptable is Belief Here

Within a few days copies of the latest revision of the hop marketing agreement will be received by coast spokesmen of the committees working on the code, Mathew O. Trobner, attorney for the AAA, and just back from Washington, D. C., told hop leaders here while yesterday on a brief visit.

Trobner expressed the opinion that this code will meet approval of the growers. Frank Needham, active in working on the code and who saw a draft of the revised agreement, declared "If this last one comes back from Washington like they say it will, all growers here will like it."

Most startling of provisions in this code is that which cuts out all grades and establishes a minimum price on a standard grade only.

However, if dealers buy everything on a basis to make the minimum price also the maximum price, the proposed code grants the industry board power to boost the minimum price overnight.

## Walker to Administer Four Billion Fund, is Decision of Roosevelt

Former Head of U. S. Emergency Board Called Again

Harrison Bonus Plan Placed Under Fire by Morgenthau

WASHINGTON, April 23.—(AP)—Lifting the lid for the first time on his plans for spending the \$4,000,000,000 work relief fund, President Roosevelt today set up, in effect, a funnel into which must be poured all plans for job-giving projects.

The chief executive named Frank C. Walker, of New York, former head of the national emergency council, to take that post once more. Particularly, he will direct a new "division of applications and information," created under the council to handle work relief plans.

If this division approves of an application for a project, and gains the endorsement of the particular federal department concerned as to its engineering feasibility and practical worth, it will be passed on to an allotment board to be created by the president within a few days. Mr. Roosevelt, as chairman of this board, will have a final say in how the money is to be handed out.

Morgenthau Objects To Harrison Scheme Elsewhere in the capital, meanwhile, Secretary Morgenthau served flat notice on congress that passage of any one of the three major bonus bills thus far proposed would have to be accompanied by the imposition of hundreds of millions of new inheritance taxes.

"The treasury," Morgenthau told the senate finance committee, "would view with great concern the enactment of any bill which calls for large expenditures without additional taxation."

Chairman Harrison of the finance committee said later, however, that he felt his compromise plan — exchanging negotiable bonds for bonus certificates — would not require new taxes.

The possibility of a new boost in the treasury's silver price was seen about the same time when the London figure for the metal moved up to 70.75 cents an ounce, as compared to the federal price of 71 cents an ounce.

Closing Loophole in Gold Bill Studied There was financial speculation also that the administration might seek to close the loophole in the Roosevelt monetary system left by the supreme court gold decisions. The government asked a month's stay in a suit brought in the court of claims seeking interest on a \$50 Liberty bond until its maturity date, since the government refused to pay its face value in gold. Congress, by the passage of a law, could forbid such suits.

The house during the day opened debate on the biggest regular naval appropriation bill in 15 years, a \$460,000,000 measure carrying an authorization for laying down 24 new ships. One house leader said the bill was drafted with an eye on "war clouds hanging over Europe."

## GAISER IS SENT TO RECREATION MEET

Salem school board last night sent Superintendent Silas Gaiser as its official representative to the conference of the National Recreation association which opens at Sacramento, Calif., Thursday. His expenses will be paid by the district, which is bearing the major share of the cost of conducting Salem's summer playground program.

Mr. Gaiser left by train last night with Dr. B. F. Pound, school director, and Mrs. P. O. Both men will take part in the conference, Dr. Pound to speak on "The Challenge of the New Leisure to the Schools." Dr. Pound heads the Marion county recreation organization.

The conference will last through Saturday.

## GOVERNMENT TAKES OVER LUMBER CODE

WASHINGTON, April 23.—(AP)—Under an order appointing Col. C. H. Crawford administrator of the lumber and timber products code, the government today undertook direction of the lumber industry as it is affected by the lumber code.

In the order of appointment, issued by W. A. Harriman of the national industrial recovery board, Crawford, who has been in the NRA since February, was authorized "subject to the general supervision of, and review by, the said board . . . to direct and coordinate all administrative activities of the national recovery administration in connection with the lumber and timber products industries, as amended, and such other codes for allied products as said board may from time to time designate, and to exercise all the powers and functions heretofore vested in said board relating to the administration of said code or codes."

Officials of the lumber code authority, heretofore the administrative agency of the lumber code, were unavailable for comment on the Harriman order, because either in or en route to Chicago to attend the annual meeting of the National Lumber Manufacturers' association and later a meeting of code officials.