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Aftermath of Fire

The lessons are not new, but until complete investigation has been made of Thursday's disastrous fire in the Schaefer Bldg., two aspects stand out, and it will do no harm to repeat them, because it is easy to forget fundamentals.

There is no more effective way to combat fires than to prevent them from happening. That is the purpose of the fire hazard inspection service which the city now maintains. Recommendations and orders of the fire inspector have resulted in removing scores of fire hazards in Eugene and probably prevented many costly blazes.

Correction of some conditions in the basement of the building in Thursday's fire had been ordered by the inspector and he reports that work had been under way to comply. There is no way of knowing at present whether this has any bearing on the situation and it is useless to try to form definite conclusions until all facts are in. But it is obvious that fighting a fire in a basement is difficult enough, even under perfect conditions.

This blaze was reported at 7:45 a.m., before business hours. Youngsters on their way to pick beans noticed smoke and gave the alarm to a policeman. By 8 a.m. smoke was billowing out of the building on Willamette St., and shortly thereafter it was pouring out on Tenth Ave. and into the alley at the rear. The fire must have gained considerable headway, building up pressure which finally forced smoke out in clouds. By the time the fire fighters were able to get at it, flame was spreading all through the basement.

These facts suggest that the first little flicker of flame threw its tiny red glare into the darkness of the basement hours before. Perhaps the flames smoldered and spread while the city slept. During this period it might have been a comparatively easy job to prevent the \$100,000 loss which occurred. But, like many other fires, this one was working quietly behind walls for a long time before the fire department had a chance at it.

Early discovery and reporting of fires is essential if losses are to be minimized. Vigilance is costly, but so are fires.

Not all the Eugene equipment was used in this case, but most of the manpower was on the job, including the top men. Competent direction of fire-fighting is essential. Even though some equipment could have been sent to another blaze, there would not have been enough men to go around, if the second one was a bad outbreak.

Eugene could not have sent much help to Springfield, for instance. As a matter of fact the Danebo fire equipment came to Eugene to stand by for us during the emergency, for which we owe gratitude. Physically Eugene, Springfield and the communities around them at once. All that separates them are imaginary lines which no one can see. Presence of the Danebo crew and truck is evidence that we look at fire as a menace to our whole area, not just to that part in which it happens to break out. At such times we are likely to feel and act as one community.

Growth of this area has been so great that actually we do not know what our combined population is. It is questionable whether we know how adequately our combined fire equipment and crews are to provide adequate protection for the area. We would hate to see two really bad fires at the same time.

Kilian Fined \$500

GI veterans who were predicting that Col. James A. Kilian would receive little more than a slap on the wrist, if convicted by court martial of permitting cruel and in-

Trial of Russian Semenov Recalls Conditions of 1917

By JAMES D. WHITE
Associated Press Staff Writer
SAN FRANCISCO—(AP)—It may be only coincidence that the Russians are trying Ataman Semenov just at this time, when there are loud cries from Moscow that western powers are ganging up on Russia.

That they would try him some time is certain, because he admits he plotted with Japan against the Soviet regime. However, Moscow has taken roughly a year to get around to the trial, so it may be no accident that the details emerging in the evidence will recall vividly to the Russian people—if not to the world—the era when other powers really did gang up on Soviet Russia.

That era went like this: The shaky new Soviet government in 1917 proposed a peace conference to end World War I. This was ignored, so early in 1918 the treaty of Brest-Litovsk was signed with Germany in order to

human punishment of American soldiers, probably felt like holding their noses when the verdict was announced Thursday.

Although found guilty of permitting cruel and unusual punishment of American soldiers in the depot guardhouse, the former commander of the Army's replacement depot at Lichfield, England, was not sentenced to serve time himself; nor is the \$500 fine he was given in the same class with long terms meted out to GIs during the war for offenses of seemingly less serious nature.

The inclination of the GI veteran will be to lift his eyebrows, then draw them down with a scowl and grunt: "Sure, he was a commissioned officer. He's got powerful commissioned buddies to go to bat for him. What do you expect?"

The court martial cleared Kilian of knowingly permitting cruelties; but he was the responsible officer. If he did not know that American boys were being mistreated cruelly, as he testified, he was confessing that he failed in an important way to discharge his duty. It was his job to know, and to put an end to such acts at once. The very fact that he says he did not know is perhaps the most serious indictment against him and it came from his own lips.

No, the GIs will not call this a step toward greater democracy in the Army.

WASHINGTON LETTER

By PETER EDSON
Register-Guard Washington Correspondent

Unfinished Shipping Business

WASHINGTON, Aug. 30—(NEA)—On Sept. 1, the War Shipping Administration will begin to furl its sails for good. It will pass out with a number of black eyes and bruises, as well as with a chorus of "Well Done."

Organized in February, 1942, it operated the world's largest tramp steamer service throughout the war. Its principal business now is hauling relief and essential cargoes on government accounts. It has until Dec. 31 to clean its decks and docks, turn into the Treasury any unobligated funds, and turn over to the Maritime Commission all unfinished business.

At the peak of its operations, WSA had a fleet of over 5000 ships, owned outright by the government or under charter from private owners. Today nearly all the ships of this merchant marine fleet have either been sold, returned to former owners, chartered for operation by private shipping agents, or placed in the reserve fleet. This reserve fleet will number several thousand vessels of all types not needed for America's peacetime shipping.

Before the war two-thirds of the U. S. ocean-borne commerce was in coastwise or territorial service to Hawaii, Puerto Rico, and Alaska. All ships in this trade were privately owned. Except for captive fleets of the oil and fruit companies, none of the lines made much money, even though foreign competitors were frozen out by law and the trade was restricted to U. S. flag vessels.

WSA Put Private Lines Back Into Operation
Submarines and the pressure of war business put all lines out of operation, so after the war one of the first acts of the War Shipping Administration was to get them going again. Since many of the ships had been sunk, it was a government responsibility to rehabilitate the business for the private operators.

WSA ran the lines at first, then gradually began turning ships back to their former operators. There are, however, a couple of catches. The principal one is that ship operating costs in labor, food, and cargo-handling went up during the war, while shipping rates have been held at prewar levels by OPA. While this situation exists, no private shipping operator or agent has wanted to get back into operation.

The other big factor holding up the return of ships to private operation has been the difference between rail and ocean-borne freight rates on coastwise traffic. During the depression the railroads were given permission to lower their rates between Gulf and Atlantic ports. It was plainly a move to take business away from the competing coastwise shipping lines. During the war the railroads and motor truck carriers got all this business.

As the depression rates remained in effect throughout the war, it is now cheaper to handle some cargoes by rail than by water, though normally just the reverse would be true. To remedy this situation, the War Shipping Administration last March made an appeal to the Interstate Commerce Commission to review domestic rates of competing land and water carriers. This covers practically everything moving between the Pacific, Gulf, and Atlantic ports, and as far up the Mississippi as Memphis.

After hesitating over this request for four months, ICC decided it would have to hold hearings in which all interested parties could speak their pieces. The result was an order that briefs be filed Sept. 16. Hearings will begin Sept. 30.

It will probably be months before there is any decision. That's the way ICC works. In the meantime, the coastwise and territorial shipping lines will have the alternative of staying out of business, or losing their ships. Or else the government, through the Maritime Commission, will have to keep them in business by operating the ships under charter to the private shipping agents.

As far as coastwise and territorial shipping is concerned, this is bad business. It may be the beginning of government subsidy to maintain coastwise shipping. That has never been necessary.

This is by far the most important piece of unfinished business which the War Shipping Administration leaves behind it, as it prepares to go out of existence on Sept. 1.

Japanese pay, and after Japan's ambitions to take all of Siberia east of Lake Baikal became obvious, the allied occupation turned into something of an operation to curb Japan.

In the meantime the white leaders under Kolchak (such as this same Semenov) engaged in much plunder and butchery. The people suffered terribly, and gradually found themselves under Communist control.

All Russia was in much the same fix, ridden with famine and plague, and Communist authority grew under such conditions by the time the Allied occupation ended, the Bolsheviks had won Russia by default if nothing else.

This is the confused era recalled by the Semenov trial. You may have forgotten it, but the Russians have not, and the Russian government doesn't want them to.

HEADS BETA THETA PI
SALEM—(AP)—Dr. G. Herbert Smith, president of Willamette University, was elected president of Beta Theta Pi national fraternity Thursday at Mackinac Island, Mich. He was general secretary of the fraternity since 1935.

SOCIETY, WOMEN'S ORGANIZATIONS

By ANN CONNELL

Former Eugenean Takes Washington Bride Recently

Miss Zelda Johnson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Johnson of Silvercreek, Wash., and Ronald L. Schmel, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. Schmel of Seattle, formerly of Eugene, were married Saturday, August 3, at the St. Francis Mission at Cowitz, Wash. The double ring ceremony was performed by the Rev. Father Raymond.

Mr. Johnson gave his daughter in marriage. Carrying a white prayer book upon which rested a purple orchid, the bride wore a white mousseline-de soie gown, with a halo headpiece. Her only attendant was Mrs. B. Smith of Seattle, who was gown in pink tulle and carried a bouquet of white and pink gladioli.

Best man was Richard Maxwell of Eugene, a school friend of the bridegroom.

Mrs. Johnson, mother of the bride, wore a black-and-white crepe with white accessories and a corsage of pink and white carnations. Mrs. Schmel, mother of the bridegroom, was dressed in aquamarine crepe and her accessories were black. She also wore a corsage of pink and white carnations.

Following the wedding, a reception was held at the home of the bride's parents. Approximately one hundred and twenty-five guests were present for the reception, including many relatives and friends from out of town.

For a going-away outfit, the bride wore a green gabardine suit, with brown accessories.

The bride was graduated from Mossyrock High School at Silvercreek, and the bridegroom was a graduate of St. Mary's High School in Eugene. Following a motor trip south the couple will make their home in Seattle.

BROTHER AND SISTER PIONEERS OF EUGENE VISIT AT LOCAL HOME

Guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jess Hayden are her mother, Mrs. James J. Lamphire of Burns and uncle, Elbert K. Brown of Philadelphia. Both are natives of Eugene, members of a pioneer family, Mrs. Lamphire the former Grace Brown, and both were early students at the University of Oregon. Both also now are in business as the result of a hobby.

Mrs. Lamphire has built a successful florist business because Burns people enjoyed her beautiful flower garden, and Mr. Brown is director of the Cortisoz School of Dance Arts. He took over the school because he liked to dance, having learned the art himself after he was fifty years of age. He is well known to many Eugene residents, and is an honorary life member of the Eugene Lodge of Elks. He served in the Spanish-American war, the Philippine Insurrection and World War One.

For the past twenty-two years he has been director of the school with which he is connected, and also is vice-president of the Philadelphia Dancing Association, and both a member of the executive board and chairman of the membership committee of the American Society of Teachers of Dancing in America. Both classical dancing, such as authentic Spanish dances and ballet, as well as modern dancing is featured. Mr. Brown's specialty is the Latin American dances, such as tango, samba, rumba, danzon and son. For some years, before the war, he made yearly trips to Cuba to study new dance trends.

Mr. Brown leaves for Portland at the end of the week for his home in Philadelphia, while Mrs. Lamphire will remain longer at the Hayden home.

WSSC MEETS

Women's Society of Christian Service of the Methodist Church met Tuesday with Mrs. F. A. Martin presiding. Mrs. Charles Denison led devotions. Letters were read from persons receiving food boxes. Mrs. Glenn Griffith and Mrs. George Blunkhorn had charge of the program, stressing need for more teachers and missionaries in schools sponsored by the WSSC.

Tra was served by Circle One, with Mrs. Frank Seibert and Mrs. Fred Kyte pouring.

VISITOR LEAVES

Mrs. Archie T. Rowe, formerly Mildred Clark of Eugene, recently returned to her home at Sacramento, Calif., after spending a week at the H. F. Bond home here. While she was here, Mrs. Bond gave a small luncheon for her, at which other guests were Mrs. George Churchill of Drain, Miss Shirley Hamilton of Glenoma, Wash., Mrs. Joe Crandall and son, Ronald, of Eugene.

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Spinsters Clear \$50 For Cancer Society

Fifty dollars was realized, above a total of more than two hundred dollars expenses, by Eugene Spinsters for the American Cancer Society. This is the second event given by the group this year for the same cause.

A meeting of Spinsters was held Wednesday evening at the home of Miss Doris Holland, at which were present Misses Susan Huffaker, Mary Aldrich, Betty Bushman, Patricia Colerick, Luana Hollis, Martha Thorsland, Virginia Murphy, Betty Bennett, Dorothy Carlson, Marjorie Thomason, Ann McGillicuddy, Janet Tugman and Barbara Harr.

New members are to be elected and there also will be election of officers at the next meeting of the group, September 18, which will be at the home of Miss McGillicuddy.

BRIDAL SHOWER HELD FOR MISS WENDEL

Honoring Miss Lorayne Wendel, who is soon to be married, friends gave a bridal shower Wednesday evening at her home. Miss Arletta Wendel served refreshments, after gifts had been opened. Invited guests were Misses Margaret Carroll, Joyce Sorbel, Rita Shirey, Elmae Wendel, Louise Korkeler, Kay Spies, Marge Whaley, Betty Veden, Mrs. John Hinkley, Mrs. John Wendel, Mrs. Ray Cuculicelli, Misses Gertrude Gent, Marie Gent and Mary Jane Nugent.

FAMILY GOING SOUTH

Mrs. Helen Rayburn will accompany her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Caswell, and the latter pair's two sons, Dwight, Jr., and Philip, to Palo Alto next week. Mr. Caswell will start his studies at Stanford University this month.

Mrs. Rayburn will be on vacation for three weeks from the Kennel-Ellis studios, and will assist the Caswells in getting settled in their new home.

MRS. ENDICOTT ILL

Mrs. S. C. Endicott is ill at Sacred Heart Hospital, where she underwent an operation a week ago. Her condition Thursday evening reportedly showed improvement, but she is not permitted visitors as yet.

Paris Fashions Show New Ideas

PARIS—(AP)—Paquin's collection Thursday showed no brazen ideas and, compared with Schiaparelli's and Fath's the days before, seemed almost classical.

Ideas widely used by other dressmakers, such as the 1920 silhouette, the hobbled skirt, and impressive collars were displayed in some models, but generally speaking, tailored-suits remained very neat, some with fur pockets and turn-over sleeves, and marked waists.

Noted: A yellow jacket with set-in sleeves, in the dropping 1925 shoulder-to-hips line, fastened tight with a double row of buttons, six of them straight down and six others just under the round collar of black astrakhan.

Paquin experiments with the short jacket, with swing-back and front of extreme width. One of them is of black, red and white checks, and a large black furband all around, considerably shortening the silhouette. Another of these jackets is bright red, with pagoda sleeves, and a third is in black, wooly material, lined with velvet at the hems.

Paquin remains faithful to checks, and indulges in Scottish plaids for some practical little dresses. He saves his slightly flaring skirts and tight bodices for them. Other checks are of more daring effect; mauve against lemon-yellow, beige and white over-checked with red.

Also noted: Two beautiful astakhan coats with an original sleeve effect; they are tight around the wrist and flare from the shoulder in two or three deep folds.

Some very smart black dresses, adorned with paillettes of a special reddish-pink hue. These dresses are much longer and some reach the ankle and others the ground.

MISS CARLSON HONORED AT BREAKFAST SHOWER

Miss Dorothy Carlson, bride-elect, recently was honored at a bridal shower and breakfast given by Miss Marilyn Rowling at her home.

Guests, who were Gamma Phi Beta sorority sisters of Miss Carlson, were Mrs. John Craig, Miss Dorothy Kienholz, Miss Christiane Lamoreux, Mrs. Robert Jackson and Mrs. John Cramer.

Miscellaneous gifts were presented Miss Carlson.

WILDERS RETURN

Mr. and Mrs. William Wilder and son, Darrell, of Route One, Eugene, returned Monday after an extended visit in the east and midwest, going as far as Cleveland, Ohio. They returned by way of the Black Hills, S. Dak., and the Yellowstone National Park.

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Recipe

- Planked Broiled Sweetbreads
- 2 pair sweetbreads
- Boiling water
- 2 tablespoons vinegar
- 1 teaspoon salt
- Pepper
- 2 tomatoes
- Melted butter or margarine
- 8 mushrooms
- Mashed potato
- Bacon curls
- 2 tablespoons butter or margarine
- 1½ tablespoons lemon juice
- 1 teaspoon chopped parsley
- Green pepper

Place sweetbreads in cold water and let stand one hour. Cook slowly for 20 minutes in boiling water to which has been added the vinegar and one teaspoon of salt. Drain and plunge into cold water. Remove tubing and membrane, split crosswise and sprinkle with salt and pepper. Place on rack of broiler. Cut tomatoes in slices, sprinkle with salt and pepper. Brush with melted butter or margarine and place on rack with sweetbreads. Remove stems from mushrooms and brush with melted butter or margarine and place top side up on rack with sweetbreads. Broil all seven minutes, turning once. Place on large plunk and garnish with a border of mashed potatoes and bacon curls. Combine two tablespoons of butter or margarine with lemon juice and chopped parsley. Spread over sweetbreads. Garnish tomato with strips of green pepper. Place in hot oven until heated through.

FORMER MUSIC STUDENT MARRIED AT LOS ANGELES

Announcements have been received of the marriage of Miss Emilie Beatrice Chan, daughter of Mrs. Chan Gow Why of Los Angeles, to Harry Fong. The marriage took place late in July at Immanuel Presbyterian Church in Los Angeles, and the young couple will make their home in that city. Mrs. Fong is an accomplished pianist, and was outstanding in the music field when a student at the school of music of the University of Oregon.

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