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FIRE IN PORTLAND TAKES TOLL OF LIFE AND PROPERTY

FLAMES SWEEP SEVEN BLOCKS

Exposition, Multnomah Club and Other Buildings Burn, Several Lives Lost.

145 HEAD OF HORSES PERISH IN FLAMES

Fire Starts in Exposition and Spreads to Multnomah Club House—Five Residence Hotels Burn—Two Men Dead and Six Missing—150 People Homeless—Property Damage Amounts to Half Million.

Portland, July 14.—Two men are dead, six are missing, 150 people are homeless, and the loss of a half million dollars sustained are the results of a fire early this morning which started in the old exposition building on Washington street between 19th and 20th, and destroyed it, the Multnomah amateur athletic club house, five up town hotels and several residences and damaged several more. One hundred and forty-five horses in the two stables in the basement of the exposition building perished. F. R. Price, foreman of the United Carriage company, was sleeping in the barn, and on awakening, rushed through the flames, which burned him so badly that he died in the hospital. A man named Bout, a hostler escaped, but received fatal burns and died soon afterward. The missing men were hostlers employed in the stables, and three tramps, whom price had allowed to sleep in the building. The fire started in the basement of the building and its origin is unknown. The exposition building was a landmark built in 1887, a frame structure, four stories high and cost \$100,000.

The Glendora, a large family hotel on Nineteenth street near Couch, was burned to the ground. The Glendora was almost two blocks north of where the fire started. At 2:30 this morning the wind had increased and the fire was entirely beyond control. The Studebaker Automobile company had been burned out and the entire Automobile Row doomed.

Seven city blocks were burned. All telephone and electric wires are down and communication on the west side has been cut off. Sailors Fight Fire. Sailors from the gunboat Yorktown and the cruiser Marblehead, anchored in the harbor, did excellent work. Seventy-five of them handled the hose and worked alongside the firemen. They saved several thousand dollars worth of goods from burning buildings. The crowd applauded them for their bravery.

PYTHIANS ARE HURT IN AN AUTO ACCIDENT

Aberdeen, Wash., July 13.—While speeding 50 miles an hour along the ocean beach near Copalis this afternoon, an automobile containing the chauffeur, Earl Morningstar, and seven men, delegates to the convention of the Pythians which is in session here, struck a soft spot in the road and turned turtle, after the axles had broken. The injured are: Emmet Rowland of Camas, Wash., ribs broken; Grant Salisbury, Camas, ribs and collarbone broken; Walter Reed, Camas, injured about the head, otherwise hurt; Earl Morningstar, chauffeur, of Aberdeen, internally injured. Captain T. C. Wilson, Frank Cox and Charles Appleton, all of Camas were slightly injured. Morningstar, Reed and Salisbury were brought to this city and placed in a hospital.

RECENTLY FILED R. R. TARIFFS SUSPENDED

Washington, July 14.—The interstate Commerce commission will suspend the recently filed tariffs of the various railroads for the advanced rates. This decision was announced today. The suspension is sweeping and includes all general freight advances. The action was taken under the recently passed railroad regulation bill. The commission will hurry the investigation and each suspension will last 120 days from the date on which the tariffs went into effect.

Four of the injured men were imprisoned under the machine and were removed with difficulty by their more fortunate companions. A fast incoming tide threatened for a time to bury the heavy machine in the sand, but a second automobile party arrived on the scene at a fortunate period and rescued the machine from submersion.

SALEM MAN CAPTURES TROPHY IN O. N. G. SHOOT

Clackamas, Ore., July 14.—In the National Guard shoot the N. R. A. trophy was won by Sergeant Abrams of Company M of Salem; second, Corporal McCormack Eugene; third, the between Sergeant Ferguson, company E, and Sergeant Hopfield, company F. The winning score was 69. The Butterfield trophy was won by Sergeant A. A. Swartz, company K, Portland. This is skirmish run shooting at ranges of 600, 500, 400, 350 and 200 yards. Sergeant Swartz made a score of 74 out of a possible 100. The team shot Tuesday was won by company E, Fourth Infantry, Cottage Grove. The score Tuesday was 502; second, company L, Woodburn, 490; third, company K, K. Portland 498; fourth company B, third, 482; fifth, company B, third, 482; fifth, company M, Salem; sixth company A, Fourth, Eugene, 474. Highest individual score in the team shot was made by Sergeant P. A. Livesly. His total was 137. The individual match was begun Tuesday evening with a skirmish run. The governor's trophy will be shot for today. The trophy is now held by the Fourth Oregon. This match is between teams of eight men picked from each regiment.

GREAT FOREST FIRES RAGE IN MONTANA

RAIN ALONE CAN QUELL THE FLAMES

Scores of Men Fighting Flames Which Are Destroying an Immense Amount of Timber—Town of Whitefish is Threatened.

Kallispell, Mont., July 14.—Scores are fighting forest fires in the Flathead district and the valley with little hope of quelling them unless rain falls. There are no indications of rain. Government civil and private parties are combined in the fight. The Great Northern tie camps have been destroyed at several points, and also an immense amount of timber. Flames are on all sides of the town of Whitefish, and have been threatening it with destruction although danger is not imminent unless the breeze continues. Huge clouds of smoke obscure the sky and choke the fighters. Unless rain falls the loss will be the heaviest in Flathead history.

Libby, Mont., July 14.—Three forest fires are reported in this part of the state. The worst is at Leonia where a number of men are fighting it.

NOTORIOUS ARMY OFFICER CLOSURES OFFICIAL CAREER

Washington, July 14.—Major Frank Del Carrington, U. S. A., was today given notice of his retirement by the war department. This closes one of the most remarkable careers in army records. In 1903 Carrington served as a captain in the Philippines and was accused of misappropriating funds. He was presumed guilty till proven innocent, convicted and sentenced to prison. He appealed to the United States Supreme court, which presumed him innocent until proved guilty. This reversed the lower court. On retrial Carrington was found innocent.

Battle Creek Wins.

Detroit, July 14.—Yesterday the delegates to the national reunion of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks went almost in a body to Belle Isle to see Battle Creek, Mich., win the prize competitive drill. Los Angeles, Denver and St. Joseph, Mo., finished in the order named. The contest was for a \$500 cash prize. The business meeting of the grand lodge took place last night.

15,000 ELKS PARADE UNDER BOILING SUN

Detroit, July 14.—The Elks' parade one of the features of every convention, was witnessed today by a hundred thousand spectators. Fifteen thousand Elks were in line and the route extended eight miles through the streets. The day was the hottest, and ambulances and ice cream soda men were in evidence. Emergency hospitals were kept busy reviving wilted Elks and toasted onlookers.

JAPAN DENIES SECRET TREATY

Repudiates Statement That She Has Combined With German Empire.

ENGLAND WORRIED OVER PRESENT STATE OF AFFAIRS

Japan Denies She Has Been Attempting to Cancel Treaty With England—English Politicians Fear New Agreement Between Russia and Japan Will Make Latter More Aggressive Toward United States—Fears a World Storm.

Tokio, July 14.—An official denial was given the United Press today to the report that Japan had concluded a secret alliance with Germany as intimated in a dispatch from London. London reports were that Japan was attempting to cancel all alliance with England so she could enter into an agreement with Germany in order to harass the United States. It was shown that German commercial interests in South and Central America were handicapped by the Monroe doctrine and other American policies, while Japan's trade in the Philippines suffered on account of America's occupancy.

England is Worried.

London, July 14.—The political map of Europe and eastern Asia will become so changed by the signing of the Manchurian convention by Russia and Japan that diplomats are sorely pushed. British politicians want to learn the attitude of America. It is feared that since her alliance with Russia Japan will become more aggressive toward the United States and England fears to face the world storm that would follow should she support Japan against the United States under her alliance with Japan.

Ocean Race for Motor Boats.

Atlantic City, N. J., July 14.—Starting from the Seaside Yacht club early this morning, a fleet of cruising motor boats got away on the long ocean race which is expected to terminate about sunset this evening at Gravesend Bay, Long Island. The contest is for the Captain Morton Wistar Smith trophies.

Tornado in Dakota.

Pierre, S. D., July 14.—A tornado formed east of here last evening and was watched by hundreds. It tore down the house of Frank Lindsay, but the family took refuge in a cave and were uninjured. The tornado followed the river for more than a mile and carried up clouds of spray.

OREGON RAILROAD COMMISSION REDUCES EXPRESS CHARGES

Salem, Or., July 14.—A sweeping reduction of all Wells Fargo Express rates now in force in this state was ordered by the railroad commission yesterday which will take effect 20 days after the order is served on the express company. The order reduces about 30,000 rates in the state. The average reduction made is about 20 per cent.

The rate per hundred pounds from Albany to Portland has been reduced from 50 to 50 cents; from Woodburn and Salem to Portland from 60 to 40 cents; from Eugene to Portland from \$1.00 to 80 cents; from Roseburg to Portland from \$1.50 to \$1.20; from Medford to Portland, the reduction is from \$2 to \$1.50. Reductions to and from all points where the Wells Fargo operates, which is wherever the Southern Pacific company's lines touch, are made in conformity with those quoted.

Long Investigation Made.

The matter has been under investigation by the railroad commission for over a year. The history of the Wells Fargo company from its pioneer days, when it began business with two horses and a coach, has been gone into and its old accounts and earnings have been examined and analyzed. Every express rate in force in the United States was looked up and a comparison made. The rates affected by today's order are virtually all of the rates of the Wells Fargo company in Oregon and

LONDON MURDER IS UNEARTHED

England Metropolis is Stirred By Discovery of Body in Cellar.

BELIEVED AMERICAN KILLED HIS WIFE

Police Discover Body of Mrs. Hawley Crippen, Former Noted Singer and Member of Polish Aristocracy—Detectives at Work—Believed Her American Dentist Husband is Murderer and Has Run Off With Another Woman.

London, July 14.—Not since the infamous white chapel murders has London been so aroused as today following the discovery of a body believed to be that of Mrs. Hawley Crippen, formerly a noted singer, and the disappearance of her husband, an American dentist, who is charged with her murder. The police are believed to have discovered her body in the cellar of an old house occupied by Crippen at Islington. Scores of detectives have been detailed on the case. Authorities throughout the world have been telegraphed orders to arrest the man and a woman, who is believed to be his wife. Physicians declare his wife has been dead six months. The woman disappeared and soon after Crippen advertised she was dead, although he told neighbors she had gone abroad and then he disappeared with the other woman. The police charge Crippen slew his wife, told the neighbors she had gone to friends, then advertised her death. Mrs. Crippen was of the Polish nobility that fled from Poland to America to escape from persecution. She was born in Philadelphia, educated in America and Europe and became famous as a singer owing to her great vocal range.

STAVE CUTTING MILL MAY GO TO KELSO

Kelso, Wash.—An industry which would employ over 100 skilled workmen and produce business sufficient to add 500 people to the population of Kelso is what the Western Cooperative company expects to locate here. It is the intention of the company to build a stave-cutting mill at some point near the Columbia, where rail transportation can be secured. The proposed factory would require from 6 to 10 acres of land, with from 1000 to 1500 feet of waterfront. The company owns thousands of feet of spruce timber on the lower Columbia, which could be towed here cheaply.

NEW YORK BANKERS MEET IN CONVENTION

Cooperstown, N. Y., July 14.—Many millions of dollars are represented by the delegates to the annual convention of the New York State Bankers' association, which opened today at the O-Te-Sa-Ga hotel on Otsego Lake. A special train brought many of the prominent financiers of New York city, and Buffalo, Syracuse, Albany, Rochester and smaller are also well represented.

The program of the convention, besides the business sessions, includes a trip on a special steamer this afternoon to points of interest on the lake, the annual banquet this evening, a trolley ride to Richfield Springs on Friday afternoon, and a ball on Friday evening. Several men prominent in the financial world will address the convention at its business sessions and at the banquet. Golf and tennis tournaments will be held for the amusement of the women relatives and friends of the delegates at the convention.

Marblehead Race.

Boston, Mass., July 14.—Tomorrow will witness the start of the Marblehead-New York race for motor boats, always one of the most interesting of events for this class of craft. The start will be from Marblehead and the finish at Bay Ridge, Brooklyn, a distance of 285 nautical miles. While the race does not compare with the Bermuda contest as to distance, the much larger number of entries gives it greater interest.

CONSERVATIONISTS ARE QUARRERING

CHARGED THAT PINCHOTTES HAVE PACKED THE PROGRAM

St. Paul Board of Trade Alleges Followers of Ex-Forester Exclude Speakers Who do Not Agree With Them—Conference Today to Decide Matter.

Chicago, July 14.—President Taft will speak. Chicago, July 14.—President Taft will be invited to address the National Conservation Congress at St. Paul and any other speaker whom the president may name may speak. This decision was arrived at the conference when Pinchot found that opposition might cause disruption among the conservationists.

Chicago, Ill., July 14.—Charges that Pinchottes have packed the program of the National Conservation congress scheduled for St. Paul was threshed out today in a conference between Pinchot and E. H. Baker, Secretary Ship of the congress. Gov. Eberhart of Minnesota, and members of the Twin cities' convention committee and as a result the congress may be transferred to Denver or Kansas City. The St. Paul board of trade charged that Pinchottes control the program and are excluding speakers unfavorable to their way of looking at things. Pinchot backers stood pat today and as a result refused to change the program.

TERRIBLE COLLISION OF SHIPS ON BLACK SEA

Odessa, July 14.—Six hundred persons were killed on Saturday night in a collision between the ships Lovki and Wampoa in the Black sea, according to today's statement. Officials are investigating. The Lovki's boiler exploded and afterward blew the passengers into eternity.

FEARS EFFORT WILL BE MADE TO RESCUE LYNCHERS

Columbus, July 14.—Fearing an effort may be made to storm the jail and rescue the 14 men arrested for alleged participation in the lynching of Detective Etherton, Sheriff Slaught appointed to succeed Linche, has informed state officials that the situation is critical and is preparing to defend the jail. Assistant Attorney General Miller is en route to Newark to assist in the investigation of the riots.

Yakima Sees Freak Duck.

North Yakima, Wash.—A. S. Rightmire and W. S. O'Neil of the Cowiche brought to the city Monday as an evidence of the superior productive merits of their valley a three-legged duck. The duck was of the Pekin variety, very much alive and perfectly healthy. Mr. Rightmire says that since the waters of the Tieton are now coming down the Cowiche side hills the productivity of the land has become both novel and enormous.

JUDGE LANDIS AFTER PACKERS

Instructs Grand Jury to Follow the Trail Until they Find Real Offenders.

WANTS INDIVIDUALS AS WELL AS CORPORATIONS INDICTED

Judge Pleases Government Lawyers By His Explicit Directions to Federal Grand Jury—Instructs Them Not to Indict Packers Under Aliases and Not to Indict Corporations When Individuals Are Guilty.

Chicago, July 14.—The federal grand jury empaneled today was instructed to return indictments against leading packers as well as against certain corporations. "Don't indict mere aliases and don't indict corporations when individuals are responsible," were the instructions of Judge Landis. "Follow the trail down to the real offender."

The court's instructions pleased the government lawyers. More than 100 lawyers representing the government and the packing companies, were present when the instructions were given. After the instructions were delivered the jurors were dismissed to meet to begin their investigation tomorrow.

Judge Landis said in part: "Sometimes it happens that persons about to violate the law take names not their own. In this investigation follow the trail until you find the real identity of the offender."

He cautioned the jurors against being influenced by the argument that law enforcement unsettles business. He ordered the jurors to inquire whether the packers conspired or contracted or combined to destroy or restrict competition within three years."

TWO IN RACE FOR COAL LANDS

British Columbia Men Are Rivals for Valuable Prize. Vancouver, B. C.—Somewhere between the fourth cabin on the Dominion Telegraph line and Grandhog mountain, northern British Columbia, two men are now on the homestretch of a marathon race for one of the big prizes of the country—the possession of several sections of valuable coal land in the anthracite belt on the upper waters of the Skeena river. The men making the race are Constable C. E. Ellaby of Hazelton and George Belnes of the same town.

Although Ellaby started on the race, believing himself the sole man in it, the presence of his rival has been reported to him by the Yukon telegraph operators along the line and in turn the progress of Ellaby has been flashed to Belnes. This knowledge has resulted in each man lightening his pack and that of his dogs and increasing his traveling to day and night stretches.

REPORT GIRLS ARE SOLD IN MARKET

St. Petersburg.—The attention of the authorities at St. Petersburg is being directed to the fact that in several towns on the Volga M. has several girls have lately been sold in the open market. Inquiries go to show that the girls have been abducted and sold to agents from Turkey and Persia at prices ranging from \$20 to \$225, according to age and appearance. The local officials are said to have raised no obstacles.

New York Canal Bonds Sale.

Albany, July 14.—State Comptroller Clark Williams today placed on sale 11,000 four per cent canal improvement bonds. Mr. Williams in signing the bonds made a record for state controllers, affixing his signature to 2100 bonds in one day.

PINCHOT MAY ENTER RACE FOR GOVERNOR

New York, July 14.—That Gifford Pinchot may be the compromise candidate of the republicans for New York's gubernatorial nomination is the general belief among politicians. Pinchot's friends say he is not seeking the office but intimating he would not reject the nomination if it were offered to him. There is no doubt where Colonel Roosevelt would stand, although President Taft's endorsement is questionable in the light of the Ballinger affair.