TOWN GUTTED

Business Section of St. Helens Practically Wiped Out.

FEW HAVE ANY INSURANCE

Property Destroyed Is Valued at About $50,000 — Modern City Will Arise From Ashes.

St. Helens, Or., Sept. 15.—A fire which wiped out the greater portion of the business section of this city started in the Taylor Hotel, at the corner of Cowiltz street and the Strand, at about 2:40 yesterday morning, when everything in the village was in peace and sleep. The fire is supposed to have been incendiary in its origin, though there is no clew either to the perpetrator or the motive. It was at first thought by those awakened from their slumbers that some evil-minded person had fired the courthouse, and all knew that this meant the destruction of the entire town.

The town has a gravity system of waterworks and a pumping system that forces water from the Columbia river, and two streams were soon playing upon the flames, but owing to the extremely inflammable condition of the wooden buildings, they were of no avail in preventing the work of destruction, and nothing could be done to save anything in the path of the conflagration, although the citizens worked like seasoned fire fighters, taking every possible risk in endeavoring to save their neighbors' property.

The buildings destroyed were: The Taylor hotel, the general merchandise store of M. C. Gray, the residence of W. H. Dolman, the Oriental hotel, the Cruiser saloon, the St. Helens hotel, the abstract office of E. E. Quick, the law office of W. H. Powell, the residence of Jack McKie, "Tammany Hall," three dwelling houses belonging to Muckle Bros., a blacksmith shop and lodge hall, and the residence of Lops Bros., the sawmill and dock of Muckle Bros.

There were no lives lost, but there were several very narrow escapes. Two young men, rooming in what was known as Tammany Hall, were cut off by the fire from the staircase, and were compelled to jump out of a window. A new building, just erected by Dr. Ross for a pharmacy and lodge room, was saved by the most heroic work of the volunteer firemen. The entire front of it was scorched black. It is now being used as a temporary postoffice by M. C. Gray, the merchant who sustained the heaviest single loss.

It is the general opinion here that a new and modern city will arise from the historic ashes of the old town that once rivaled Portland as the seat of commerce on the Columbia river.

The entire loss will probably amount to $45,000, with comparatively no insurance.

PANAMA PROTESTS IN VAIN.

Walker Says America Will Keep Two Open Ports in Canal Zone.

New York, Sept. 16.—Rear Admiral Walker, the head of the Panama commission, declared today on his arrival from Colon that the United States intends to keep two open ports in the canal zone, in spite of any protests which might be made by the Panama government. He added that he did not anticipate any trouble over the making of Ancon, on the Panama side of the isthmus, and Cristob, near Colon, free ports of entry.

"The unfortunate part of the affair," he said, "is that it has got into local politics Of course, the 'outs' have to protest against what has been done by the 'ins.' I do not think that the establishment of free ports will mean that the Panama government will have to patrol both sides of the canal strip with customs officials. I think an agreement will be made with them so that we wil help them out. Goods brought into the strip will not be allowed to enter Panama territory."

Rear Admiral Walker said that the work of excavating is now proceeding twice as fast and with fewer men and at half of the cost as under the French administration.

Ousted From Office.

Oyster Bay, L. I., Sept 16.—Robert M. McWade, United States consul general at Canton, China, was removed from office by President Roosevelt today. Charges made against him recently were investigated by Assistant Secretary Pierce, who went to the Orient to make an investigation of several of the United States consulates in China and Japan. Secretary Pierce in his report to the president, strongly sustains the charges made against Consul General McWade. The order went forward this afternoon.

Part of Cargo Confiscated.

Vladivostok, Sept. 16.—The prize court has decided to release the British steamer Calchas (captured while bound from Puget sound ports to Japan by the Vladivostok squadron) and also the neutral portions of the vessel's cargo. That part of the cargo consigned to Japan consisting of flour, cotton and timber is confiscated. The Calchas will be detained three months in order to allow its owners time for an appeal from the prize court's decision.

Nearly Certain She Must Dismantel.

Oyster Bay, N. Y., Sept. 16.—It seems reasonably certain that the Russian vessel Lena will be dismantled and ordered to remain where she is now until the conclusion of the Russo-Japanese war. Final decision on that point, however, may not be reached for a day or two.

SHIP IN BAD WAY.

Russian Transport Lena Is Not Now Seaworthy.

Washington, Sept. 15.—The development of the day in the case of the Russian cruiser Lena at San Francisco was the clearing up of the official muddle arising out of the doubt as to which of the five departments of the government should deal with it. It was finally decided by the president that the state and navy departments should treat the case, acting jointly, a decision calculated to greatly simplify its handling.

Over night came a telegram from Admiral Goodrich, at San Francisco, showing that on his own initiative he had caused one of his expert officers to make a preliminary examination of the Lena, and that temporary repairs would occupy six weeks' time, and that new boilers would involve eight months' delay. The president approved the admiral's action.

Agreeable to the president's instructions, Acting Secretary Adee, for the state department, and Captain Pillsbury, for the navy department, had two conferences during the day, and the result was the preparation of instructions to Admiral Goodrich, which it is understood were wired to the president first for his approval. There is good ground to believe that these instructions contemplate the allowance of sufficient time to the Lena to make temporary repairs. However, there is a growing belief that the vessel will be obliged to intern in the end, for it is altogether probable that by the time she could be made ready to go to sea one or more Japanese cruisers would be off the Golden Gate, ready to sink or capture her. Foreseeing such an event as a request for the right to intern, the officials have been considering what shall be done with the crew, whether they shall be allowed to return to Russia on parole, or must be interned on their own ship in San Francisco harbor. On this point no decision has been reached.

FAST STRENGTHENING PORTS.

Japanese are Working Night and Day at Port Arthur.

Chefoo, Sept. 15.—In its issue of September 8 the Port Arthur Novikrai remarks upon the energy of the Japanese, who continue the work of strengthening their forts near Rihlongshan night and day.

Outpost skirmishes at Port Arthur are still going on. On September 6 some Russian scouts stealthily approached the Japanese lines and kidnaped five Japanese sentinels. Later they inadvertedly ran into some wires hung with bells which the Japanese had strung up in order to sound an alarm. When the bells began ringing the Russians charged forward, firing the while. A Japanese detachment in a trench returned the fire wildly for a moment, and then retreated. The Russians gained the trench and found 46 Japanese dead there.

Two junks arrived here today from Port Arthur. One contained villagers from Polantsu, which has been destroyed, and the other brought 187 Chinese deported by the Russian authorities. They reported that a junk, carrying three Russian officers, had been captured by the Japanese and taken into Port Dalny.

The villagers of Polantsu complain that it is the practice of the Russians to commandeer everything obtainable in the way of eatables. They say the soldiers often entered their houses and took meats which had just been cut for themselves.

It is reported that the Russian are having difficulty with the powder they manufacture at Port Arthur. A shell fired from Golden Hill recently failed to carry the proper distance and dropped among some Russian troops, killing four of them.

End of Lumber Combine.

Vancouvr, B. C., Sept. 14 —The lumber combine in the Canadian Northwest is practically at an end. All mountain mills in British Columbia, numbering 50, have refused to sell exclusively to retailers in the Northwest, and say they will start yards of their own and sell to any consumer who has the cash. The provincial government refuses to have the prohibitive tax removed on logs exported to Washington State, and one-third of the loggers of British Columbia have gone out of business.

Falling Back to the Pass.

St. Peterbsurg, Sept. 14.—It is now generally conceded that Genreal Kuropatkin is falling back to Tie pass, and no serious stand is expected at Mukden. This movement is confirmed by the Associated Press dispatches from Mukden, which indicate that the Russian movement is being effected slowly but in an orderly manner. The two armies are merely keeping in touch with each other, no fighting of consequence being reported.

Fire Burns Large Winery.

Sacramento, Cal., Sept. 15.—The Natoma Vineyard winery, 15 miles northeast of this city, on the American river, together with the fermenting plant and distillery burned to the ground tonight. The Natoma winery was one of the largest in the state and the loss probably will reach $300,000.

STRIKE RIOTS

Two Nonunion Women Severely Beaten by Men.

AIDED IN ATTACK BY WOMEN

In Other Savage Attacks and in Fights Following Six People are Injured, Two Severely.

Chicago, Sept. 14.—Two savage attacks were made upon nonunion workers at the stockyards tonight, and in the fights that followed eight people were injured, four of them so severely that it was necessary to take them to the hospital.

The first disturbance occurred at the intersection of Halstead and Root streets. Two young women, Annie Cook and Mattie Jasper, were on an east bound Root-street car, and when it reached Halstead street, several men and boys, with the aid of two or three women, dragged the young women to the street. Both were badly beaten before the police arrived. They were taken to the hosiptal. Mattie Jasper was struck with a brick, and her face and forehead badly cut.

The mob remained at a short distance from the car track and continued to throw stones. A west bound car, which happened to pass during the trouble, was struck by several of the missiles, and two of the passengers, Fremont Sloan and Annie Crodone, were insured.

Anton Ahutra, a driver for a brewery, tried to drive through the crowd and was hit in the back of the head with a brick and knocked from his wagon. His scalp was badly cut, but otherwise his injuries were not severe.

A call for help had been sent in by one of the officers, and Lieutenant Prim and six policemen soon arrived, and at once charged the crowd, which scattered. Policeman Chris Lyons was knocked down by a stone, but was not badly hurt.

A second riot took place in Root street, near Princeton avenue, where seven colored men employed in the stockyards were attacked by a large crowd of sympathizers with the stockyards strikers. John Sims, one of the colored men, was knocked down and nearly kicked to death. His kneecap was fractured, his jaw was broken, and he was badly injured about other portions of his head and severely hurt in the chest. The police finally dispersed the mob and several arrests were made.

AMERICANS WATCH THE LENA.

Patrol-Boat Will See No Fanatic Repeats the Maine Incident.

San Francisco, Spet. 14.—Early today the hestroyer Paul Jones, Lieutenant G. C. Davison commanding, was sent to an anchorage off the Union Iron works, close to the Lena. Later, the Paul Jones was reinforced by a steam launch from the Marblehead, in charge of Midshipman Davis, with an armed crew and four marines with loaded rifles and belts filled with ammunition. Assisted by the launch as a picket and patrol boat, the Paul Jones will keep a close watch over the Lena as long as she remains in port to see that the neutrality laws are rigidly enforced both for and against her.

Vigilance is being exercised that no fanatic, Japanese or other, creeps upon the Lena for the purpose of doing her harm and possibly repeating the Maine incident in this port, and equal vigilance is being exerted to see that she herself receives no military help in the shape of arms, ammunition, men or equipment, or any coal beyond the quantity to which she is entitled, namely, enough to carry her to the nearest home port. Every boat that approaches the Lena is arrested by the launch until the officers in charge are satisfied that the boat's errand is legitimate.

Californians Will Come.

San Francisco, Sept. 14.—An official invitation has been received by the California Promotion committee from President Goode, of the Lewis & Clark expcsition, to visit the Portland fair next year. In the invitation the suggestion is made that the Californians arrange to visit the fair in a body, and to that end extend the annual business men's ecxursion to the Oregon metropolis in 1905. As this coincides with the original plan of the Promotion committee, efforts will be put forth to make it a noteworthy event.

Mrs. Flagler Robbed.

Newport, R. I., Sept. 14.—Word was received from New York today that a robbery by which Mrs. H. Flagler, of that city, lost a chatelaine bag containing money and jewels aggregating several thousand dollars in value, at Newport, was being investigated by detectives. The date of the robbery was not given, but as Mrs. Flagler has not been here since the middle of August it is thought it might have occurred at that time.

Only Half of Men Taken Back.

Chicago, Sept. 14.—It is estimated that about 10,000 men applied for work at the stockyards today. About 4,800 of the applicants were taken back by the packers. Many of the nonunion men failed to report for work, but a number appeared on the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern and other railroads, giving rise to much dissatisfaction among the union men.

SEEKS FOR PREY.

Russian Vessel Puts Into San Francisco for Repairs.

San Francisco, Sept. 14.—The Russian transport Lena, Captain Berlinsky, put into this port today for repairs. The Lena is 31 days from Vladivostok via Bayaniwa, Sakhalin islands.

She made the run from Bayaniwa in 19 days, which is considered fast time, showing that the Lena possesses speed qualities. The Lena has a crew of 497 men and 21 officers, and carries 23 guns. She has three funnels and three masts. Captain Berlinsky, who officially declares the Lena to be a transport, states that her engines and boiler are in need of repairs. After passing quarantine the Lena anchored off the Union Iron works, where she now lies.

According to Brasseys'Navy Annual, the Lena was formerly the Kherson, of the Russian volunteer fleet. Brassey refers to her as a "volunteer cruiser" and also as a "transport vessel." The Lena has a speed of 19½ knots. Her hull is of steel, and her displacement is 10 225 tons. She is 493 feet long, 54 feet 3 inches wide, and has a draught of 24 feet. She has two propellers. Her indicated horsepower is 12,500. She was built at Hebbum, England, in 1895. According to Brassey, the Lena carries three 4-inch quick firing guns and 20 of smaller cailbre.

The arrival of the Lena has been reported to Washington. Instructions are expected from the Washington authorities tomorrow as to the length of time the Lena may remain in port.

OREGON IRRIGATION CONVENTION.

Association Will Hold Meet in Ontario September 19, 20 and 21.

The convention of the Oregon Irrigation association, to be held at Ontario, Oregon, September 19, 20 and 21, promises to be of the greatest interest of any yet held in the state. What irrigation can do for a country will be there given a practical demonstration when worthless sage brush land will be shown side by side with land worth $300 per acre.

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The O. R. & N. and Oregon Short Line have made a rate of full fare going and one-third fare returinng. The city of Ontario is well prepared for the accommodation of all who attend the convention and the association promises that all will be more than paid for the trouble and expense they may be put to.

CANADIAN TRAIN HELD UP.

Six Masked Men Make a Haul of About $7,000.

Vancouver, B. C., Sept. 14.—The transcontinental express, due here at 7:45 last night, was held up 35 miles from Vancouer by six masked men and $7,000 taken. The train was flagged and some of the men got on the tender with rifles. At the point of guns the engineer and fireman were compelled to take the baggage and express cars two miles away, where they were rifled. The train arrived at 12 o'clock. A sepcial train with a large posse of policemen immediately left for the scene. This is the first holdup in Canada.

It is supposed that the train robbers expected to intercept the clean-up from the Consolidated Cariboo mines, amounting to $60,000, and which was expected to be sent here about this time. It is said a cipher telegraph message was sent to the express messenger telling him to have his safe open, to be searched by an inspector, and that therefore he was off his guard. The authorities are now investigating this rumor.

Shop Was Blown Up.

New York, Sept. 14.—The barber shop of Joseph Stravelli, on Third avenue, was wrecked by an explosion just before 1 o'clock this morning, and 20 families living in the house were thrown into a panic, in which six tenants were hurt. Six weeks ago Stravelli received a letter crudely drawn by a "Black Hand," in which he was ordered to deposit $500 between two stones at First avenue and Thirty-eight street. The letter closed by saying: "If you do not leave the money you take care of yourself."

Jews' Shops Pillaged.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 14.—Anti-Semitic rioting took place at Rovno, in the government of Colhynia, September 4, during which many persons were injured and shops pillaged. A similar outbreak occurred at Smela, in the government of Kieff, where the troops were called. Ninety-eight houses and 14 shops were pillaged, and several persons were seriously injured by the troops. Many of the rioters were arrested. The affair lasted for

Protest of Great Britain.

Maidid, Sept. 14.—The Heraldo says that Great Britain has protested against Spain for having acceded to the request of France to permit the Russian Baltic fleet to coal and remain at Corunna for a longer period than that permitted by international law.

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