

3 DEAD; \$500,000 LOSS; PORTLAND FIRE

5 MISSING---EXPOSITION BUILDING IS DESTROYED

150 HORSES PERISH IN FIRE WHICH DESTROYS MULTUOMAH CLUB AND MANY BUILDINGS

COUNTY COURT AFTER DATA ON COUNTY ROADS

600 PEOPLE PERISHED IN SHIP WRECK

GUARD AGAINST JAIL DELIVERY IN OHIO TOWN

DEVASTATING CONFLAGRATION MONTANA FOREST

DEMONIACAL CRIME STIRS ALL LONDON

PORTLAND, Or., July 14.—Two men are dead, six are missing, 150 persons are homeless, and property worth half a million dollars has been destroyed as a result of a fire early today, which, breaking out in the old exposition building on Washington street, destroyed it, the Multnomah club, four uptown hotels, a number of shops and stores and residences. One hundred and forty-five horses were kept in the basement of the exposition building. All perished.

The dead: F. R. PRICE, Oregon, City, foreman of United Carriage Company stables.

— BOUT (supposed), who died from burns. The missing: Jack Morgan, employe Fashion stables. Two hostlers, employes United Carriage Company stables. Three tramps, allowed to sleep in building by Price.

Fire Starts at 1 o'Clock.

The fire was discovered shortly after 1 o'clock this morning in the basement of the exposition building. Before the alarm could be turned in the big four-story frame structure was afire throughout.

The flames quickly jumped the 100-foot space separating the Multnomah clubhouse from the exposition building, and in a few moments the clubhouse, bleachers and grandstand, valued at \$75,000, were in flames. A general alarm was turned in and every available bit of apparatus rushed to the scene.

Meanwhile the fire jumped across Washington street and enveloped the Angela hotel, a \$65,000 brick structure; the Howland hotel, a three-story frame building, and two smaller frame rooming houses, the Garland and Sangert. The buildings were destroyed.

Flames Jump Street.

Beyond the control of the desperately fighting firemen, the flames jumped across Nineteenth street and destroyed the McCommon pharmacy and a saloon before their progress was stopped.

Simultaneously the fire was spreading in other directions. The Multnomah club fire spread to three-story and a half residences adjacent. The structures were reduced to ashes and three other houses near by damaged before the firemen extinguished the flames.

On Stout street, west of the exposition block, two apartment houses, the Mercedes and Del Monte, caught fire on account of the intense heat. The buildings were saved after a desperate fight.

Although the buildings were badly damaged, insurance men estimate that not less than half a million dollars' loss was sustained.

Six Missing Men Believed Dead.

It seems virtually certain that the six missing men are dead. Soon after Price escaped from the flaming exposition building by running through a solid wall of fire, which burned the skin entirely off his body, he said that there was no chance for "the boys in there."

"I was awakened by the glare and fought my way to the back of the building," said Price. "There the fire shut me off, so I ran through. It was my only chance."

Price emerged from the building nude. He was hurried to an automobile and rushed to a hospital. He died as he was being carried into the operating room.

A man supposed to be named Bout received fatal burns when he jumped through a sheet of flame while escaping from the exposition building.

Origin of Fire Not Yet Learned.

The origin of the fire has not been ascertained. According to W. Lockwood, a stable employe who escaped just before the fire enveloped the front of the structure, the blaze started in the basement near the entrance to the two stables.

The exposition building was built in 1887 at a cost of \$100,000 and was one of the landmarks of Portland.

The first industrial fair ever held in Portland was housed in the building, and for a number of years it was the meeting place for the people. In recent years, however, the old building was rented.

Besides the two livery stables, an automobile garage, cigar store, tailor shop, skating rink, plumbing shop and several other small business concerns occupied the premises.

Was Tremendous Building.

The building covered an area of 400 feet by 200. It was one of the largest frame structures in the west.

Seventy-five sailors from the gunboat Yorktown and the cruiser Marblehead anchored in Portland harbor, did much to assist the firemen. Under the command of officers, the boys in blue handled hose, swung axes on the burning roofs and did everything possible to aid. Several thousand dollars' worth of property was saved on account of their activities.

As the husky sailormen formed in line and started on a dog trot for the docks, long after daylight, the crowd applauded them loudly.

Members of the Multnomah club have already started a subscription list in circulation to secure money to rebuild the clubhouse. While the fire was at its height \$8000 was pledged for the purpose. Most of the athletic trophies, badges, club records and some of the furnishings of the clubhouse were saved.

Enter Into Agreement With Jackson County Abstract Company for a "Road Book" Showing Every Road in County—Aid Laying Out Roads.

The county court has entered into an agreement with the Jackson County Abstract company to furnish to the county a "road book" similar to the present ownership books lately furnished the county, but not on such an elaborate scale.

The book is intended, however, to show the commencement and ending of every county road, with all its dips, spurs and angles, and will be of great aid to the commissioners in laying out the work. The making of the book naturally entails a resurvey of every road in the county and the permanent establishment of the highways.

Many new roads have been established during the past and a number of old roads have been abandoned. The records do not show all these transactions and it will be necessary that a survey of all the "live" roads be made.

It is the intention of the court to have the beginning of every county road marked with its number and every mile along the road posts will be planted marked with the number of miles from the commencement.

Should any trouble happen upon a certain road the number thereof and the miles from its commencement telephoned to the supervisor will enable him to locate it and make arrangements to remedy the trouble.

NATATORIUM IS TO BE OPENED TO PUBLIC TONIGHT

While It Was Not Planned to Open Plunge Until Other Attractions Were Ready, Directors Decide to Open, as Tank Is Necessity.

This afternoon the Natatorium company opens its plunge to the public, and those who have not been down to the grounds will have the surprise of their life when they see the tremendous scope of the enterprise.

The directors really did not plan to open any part of the building or grounds until the whole thing was completed. But a swimming rink seemed almost a public necessity now, so the plunge will be opened today, but the billiard rooms, bowling and shooting alleys, picture shows, Turkish and vapor baths, etc., will probably not be ready for another month. There will also be a dance each night for the rest of the week.

The Miller Carnival company will also open their engagement tonight on the Natatorium grounds. They have six big shows, four great outside free acts and a balloon ascension at 7 o'clock.

Misrepresentation in a store's advertising is as rare as murder. And no more profitable as a business policy.

Officials Issue Statement Regarding Collision at Mouth of the Dnieper River—Panic Follows Crash and Crew Is Powerless to Aid—Boiler Explodes.

ODESSA, Russia, July 14.—That 600 persons perished in a collision between the ships Lovki and Wampoa at the mouth of the Dnieper river is the official statement issued today by the owners of the vessels. The disaster occurred Saturday night. The shock of the collision was so great that the Lovki's boiler exploded and the ship sank almost instantly.

The vessels were loaded with passengers and a panic followed on board the Wampoa. Efforts were made to rescue the passengers and crew of the Lovki, but they were unavailing and most of those who went down with the ship were lost. It is believed that many persons in the engine room were killed by the explosion.

JACKSONVILLE WILL HAVE NEW WATER SYSTEM

City Council Calls Election to Be Held August 1 to Vote on \$30,000 Water Bonds—Will Build Gravity System.

At a meeting of the city council of Jacksonville Wednesday night it was resolved to call an election to be held August 1 for the purpose of voting an issue of \$30,000 in bonds for the establishment of a gravity water system.

The council was unanimous in voting for the election call, and judging from the expressed sentiment of the people the vote at the election will be practically unanimous also.

"Bids for the construction will be advertised for as soon as the matter is decided," said Councilman Dunford, "as we want to get this thing to moving as soon as we can, so that we can accomplish as much as possible this season."

SANDRY CATCHES ILLEGAL FISHER

SALEM, Or., July 14.—Master Fish Warden Clanton has received a telephone message from his chief deputy, Sam L. Sandry, at Roseburg, saying C. C. Clarke, a foreman at the power plant located near Roseburg, on the Umpqua river, was caught last evening taking salmon with a net from under the Winchester dam and was arrested on the charge of illegal fishing. The deputy warden confiscated several nets and boats belonging to Clarke. Master Fish Warden Clanton is pleased over the success of his deputy in apprehending Clarke. Being foreman of the power plant, which is situated on the river at one end of the dam from under which the fish were taken, Clarke has had every advantage over the fish wardens.

Fourteen Men in Jail for Rioting—May Make Attempt to Escape—Sheriff Fears Aid From Without—Inquests Are Postponed.

COLUMBUS, O., July 14.—Fearing an effort to storm the jail at Newark and take out 14 men, arrested for the participation in the riots of a week ago, Sheriff Slabough, appointed after the removal of Sheriff Lineke, is preparing to defend the jail today. He has informed the state authorities that the situation is critical.

Assistant Attorney-General Miller is on his way to Newark to assist in the investigation of the riots. It is reported that the state's detectives have a list of the persons who participated in the lynching of Carl Etherington and that numerous arrests will be made today.

The inquest over the body of Etherington and that of B. F. Howard was shot in the riot earlier in the day, has been postponed pending the action of the grand jury.

Cultivate a personal pride in your ability to write want ads that accomplish things.

Scores of Men Trying to Check the Flames, But No Hope Is Held Out Unless Rain Falls—Flames Metaphorize Valley Into Furnace.

KALISPEL, Mont., July 14.—Scores of men are fighting forest fires in the Flathead district today, with little hope of quelling the destructive flames unless rain falls. There is practically no hope that any rain will fall for some time.

Fanned by westerly winds, surging flames have metaphorized part of the Flathead valley into a seething furnace.

Men are fighting fires on all sides, some under instructions of forest officials, some for private lumber companies and others under sheriffs' orders. Every man possible is being sought here today for duty on the fire line.

Experienced timber men say nothing can check the flames but rain. Large numbers of Great Northern timber camps have been burned, together with immense amounts of cordwood and timber.

Flames are on all sides of the town of Whitefish, although the town is in no imminent danger yet.

POLITICAL MAP OF EUROPE IS VASTLY CHANGED BY NEW RUSSIAN-JAPANESE TREATY

LONDON, July 14.—The political map of Europe has been so changed by the signing of the Manchurian convention by Russia and Japan that diplomats are more puzzled than they have been in years. British politicians are anxious to know the attitude of the United States upon the new treaty. It is feared that since her alliance with Russia is known, Japan will become more aggressive toward the United States, and England fears to face the universal storm that would follow if she should support Japan against the United States under Britain's treaty with Nippon. English statesmen look

CHINESE STATESMEN FEAR EFFECT RUSSO-JAP TREATY

PEKING, July 14.—Chinese statesmen are divided over the new Russo-Japanese-Manchuria convention, made public yesterday at Tokio. The majority are openly in favor of the treaty, but secretly they fear for its probable effects upon Chinese influence in the northern province. It is believed that the diplomats have been instructed not to say anything at present that would arouse

JAPAN DENIES HAVING SECRET ALLIANCE WITH GERMANY

TOKIO, July 14.—Official denial was given the United Press today at the foreign office that Japan had concluded a secret alliance with Germany, as was intimated in dispatches from London recently. The London reports indicated that Japan was seeking to cancel her pact with Great Britain and was turning to Germany as a more aggressive ally. The inference was that Germany would enter into an offensive and defensive alliance with Japan in order to harass the United States.

Body of Noted Singer Found Beneath Cement Floor—Her Husband, American Dentist, Missing and Is Believed Guilty—Rivals the Charlton Crime in Italy.

LONDON, July 14.—Not since the infamous Whitechapel murders has London been so aroused over crime as it is 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.

Police investigation is believed to have uncovered two bodies in the dark cellars of an old house in Islington, occupied by Crippen. Scores of detectives have been detailed on the case and the police of European and American cities have been asked to arrest the missing man.

Beneath a cement floor in the cellar of the Crippen house at Islington the police came upon a body believed to be that of Mrs. Crippen. Decomposition had set in and the authorities were not able positively to establish identity. Surgeons declared that the woman had been dead six months.

Mrs. Crippen was lost to sight of neighbors last February. "Died—Mrs. Hawley Crippen, beloved wife of Hawley Crippen, at her home, 39 Hilldrop Crescent, Islington."

This notice appeared in a local paper and first aroused the suspicions of Crippen's neighbors. Previously the dentist had announced that his wife was visiting on the continent.

Absence Excites Suspicion. The continued absence of Mrs. Crippen and the arrival of a young woman who became known as "Mrs. Crippen" and was introduced by the dentist as his wife, increased gossip and the police were called in.

Scotland Yard men questioned Crippen closely. He was calm and imperturbable, answering all their questions so plausibly that they were

COLEMAN SAYS FOR ONCE HE IS EARNING SALARY

Doesn't Fancy Injunction Suits in Hot Weather — Emphasizes His Remarks With Violence to Make a Startled Office Clock Run.

"If I am not earning my salary during the hot weather I would like for you to show me the officer who is," said County Clerk Coleman Thursday morning as he stamped a legal paper with a power behind the blow that made the office force sit up and take notice and almost caused the office clock to run. "I am certifying to 149 notices of the filing of a suit in injunction in the case of the city of Ashland vs. M. F. Eggleston, city recorder, and 149 others to restrain the calling of a referendum election. "It will be necessary to serve a copy of the notice on every one of those 149 people, and if you think it's any fun you can have the job for what I get out of it."