

### \$5,000,000 FIRE SWEEPS AUGUSTA BUSINESS SECTION

AUGUSTA, Ga., March 23.—One of a series of fires which have caused millions of dollars worth of damage in the past few days in the south and southwest swept through ten business blocks of Augusta and twenty adjoining residence blocks last night and early today and before being got under control had caused damage which was conservatively estimated at \$5,000,000.

No lives were reported lost, although there were scores of narrow escapes.

The flame-swept area included the largest office and business buildings on the north side of Broad street, warehouses on historic "Cotton Row" containing thousands of bales of cotton, some six hundred homes, many of them in the city's most exclusive residence section, and St. Paul's Episcopal church built 135 years ago.

Today local militia companies were on duty.

#### Relief Work Progresses

Hotels and homes in the sections of the city not reached by the fire were thrown open to those whose residences were burned and steps were being taken by local authorities to give relief to the 3000 persons who had lost their homes.

An area of about one and a quarter square miles was ravaged by the flames, which were driven by a heavy gale. Fire apparatus from Columbia, Charleston, Atlanta, Macon, Savannah and Waynesboro was sent to the aid of the local firemen. Wind subsided just after 1 o'clock and it was not until then that the firemen could gain in their fight.

The fire started yesterday evening at 4:15 o'clock in the Kelly dry goods store in the Dyer building. From there it spread rapidly to Cotton Row and destroyed block after block on Broad street.

The twelve story building owned by the Augusta Chronicle was practically destroyed. The Augusta Herald building also was burned. The Chronicle established an office in a job printing plant and was issued this morning. The Herald will be issued this afternoon from a temporary plant.

#### Cotton is Destroyed

Cotton interests today estimated that the fire destroyed about \$2,000,000 worth of cotton stored in the warehouses along the river front.

The 600 block of Broad street proved to be the miracle block of the fire. The flames leaped over this block and not one building was damaged until 5:30 this morning when fire was found in a small warehouse. This blaze was quickly extinguished.

W. T. Elrod, an automobile driver, rescued two young girls from the Dyer building. He made two trips to the fifth floor and was painfully burned.

Three companies of the National Guard of Georgia patrolled the streets during the night and a strict watch was kept today on the devastated district.

### RELIEF WORK AT PARIS, TEXAS

PARIS, Tex., March 23.—Work of relieving the sufferers and the homeless in Paris after the disastrous fire of Tuesday night was carried along swiftly today. Large sums of money, raised in Paris and in nearby cities, were distributed to the needy by the relief committee, headed by Mayor E. H. McCuiston.

The 8000 homeless spent last night in the homes of friends and relatives or in public buildings and in such public buildings as remained. Railroad waiting rooms were turned into dormitories for the women and children.

The greatest task today was clearing the business district of the debris. Of the five banks in Paris, three were razed. Officers of these three expected to make attempts at opening their vaults today and believed they would find the contents unharmed.

The death list remained today at three with one person missing. The property loss is estimated at \$15,000,000.

#### ANTHRACITE RAILROADS ASK FOR REHEARING

WASHINGTON, March 23.—Anthracite carrying railroads today petitioned the interstate commerce commission to reopen the decisions fixing reduced rates from the Wyoming and Lehigh regions to Albany, Troy and Mechanicsville, N. Y., which were ordered to become effective April 1. The New York Central joined in the petition.

Medford Boosters Smoke The Medford and Mt. Pitt Cigars.

### CONFESSION BARES FOUR MURDERS BY AUTO BANDITS

SAN FRANCISCO, March 23.—Operations of an automobile bandit ring that perpetrated three murders in San Francisco and Seattle and eleven holdups in Pacific coast cities last November and December, are detailed in a signed confession held today by the local police. The story of the crimes was told last night from a cot in the county hospital here by Howard Dunnigan, one of the bandits, who was arrested in Los Angeles recently as he sought medical aid for a wound received in a revolver duel following a cafe holdup here. Dunnigan is said to be a seaman of a prominent Maryland family.

Police Corporal Frederick Cook, who was killed by the bandits after they held up a beach cafe here November 24, was the first to die at their hands. In the running duel that followed the holdup Cook killed Harry

Wilson, one of the ring. The remaining bandits then went to Seattle. There they killed Policeman Lawrence Kost when he caught them robbing a drug store. They then returned to San Francisco and killed James H. Spade when he discovered them burglarizing his home here Christmas eve.

There were five in the original ring, Dunnigan said in his confession. Two of the bandits, Thomas Green and James Murray, are now in San Quentin prison, serving sentences for robberies committed in Los Angeles. Another member, Jack Manning, alias Danean, is in jail here. Wilson, the fourth member, was killed by Cook. Dunnigan said they always rode to and from their crimes in stolen automobiles.

The robberies and holdups occurred in Seattle, Sacramento and San Francisco. An unknown man who was held up near the Panama Pacific exposition grounds was the first to lose at their hands. A beach cafe was their next objective. Then they went to Sacramento and on November 22 robbed a saloon there. Returning here, they robbed a cafe and held up fifty patrons. Their next crimes were in Seattle, where, in December, they held up a negro gambler and robbed a saloon and drug

store. Again they returned to San Francisco and robbed two saloons, a grocery store and Spade's residence. Dunnigan's father, who is an attorney of the supreme court of Maryland, has employed attorneys to look after his son's interests. Dunnigan is 23 years old. He admitted participating in the robberies, but claimed that he had no part in the murders.

### PARENT-TEACHERS MEET AT ROOSEVELT

The Parent-Teacher circle of the Roosevelt school will meet Friday at 3 o'clock. The program follows: Song by 7th grade. Business session. Piano duet, Miss Bruce Putnam, Miss Naomi Hemphill. Address, Supt. Hillis.

WASHINGTON, March 23.—General Funston today asked for eight more aeroplanes. He wants four to go to Columbus to fly with Brigadier General Pershing's column, and four others to be sent to his headquarters at Fort Sam Houston to be held for emergency work.

### WOMEN IN LINE ALL NIGHT TO BUY TICKETS FOR FIGHT

NEW YORK, March 23.—Women stood in line for hours early today waiting for the opening of the ticket sale for the Willard-Moran fight Saturday night. When the box office at Madison Square Garden opened it was besieged by a crowd of several hundred to purchase the \$3 and \$5 tickets. Many of them had been standing in line since midnight, some bringing breakfast with them.

The ticket sellers had 2000 of the lower-priced seats, but could have disposed of 20,000. Only two tickets were sold to a person, officials said, in an effort to keep them out of the hands of speculators.

At both camps today the trainers of Jess Willard and Frank Moran announced that the heavyweight pugilists were "on edge and ready." Light boxing only was permitted to-

day. Tomorrow the champion and challenger will rest. Confidence is the keynote of the Moran camp, regardless of the fact that Willard is an overwhelming favorite both among the pugilistic experts and the average followers of boxing. Moran's confidence in his ability, not only to outbox Willard, but to knock out the gigantic Kansan, is little short of an obsession.

He admits that he never saw Willard outside of the movies, but claims that this is no handicap since he has been able to study every move of the career of the champion at his leisure.

### CHIEF OF AVIATION SERVICE SUFFERS FALL

WASHINGTON, March 23.—Lieutenant Colonel Samuel Reber, chief of the army aviation service, fell three stories in his home here today and was badly injured. He was removed to a hospital.

Reports to the war department after Colonel Reber had been examined at the hospital were that his injuries were not serious.

### Run-down? —Tired? —Weak?

Every spring most people feel "all out of sorts"—their vitality is at a low ebb. Through the winter months shut up a great deal in heated house, office, or factory, with little healthy exercise in the great outdoors—eating more than necessary—the blood becomes surcharged with poisons! The best spring medicine and tonic is one made of herbs and roots without alcohol—that was first discovered by Dr. Pierce—years ago. Made of Golden Seal root, blood root, with glycerine, it is called Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. Ingredients on wrapper. It eliminates from the blood disease-breeding poisons. It makes the blood rich and pure, and furnishes a foundation for sound, physical health.

Sold by medicine dealers, in liquid or tablet form, or send 10 cents to Dr. Pierce's Invalids' Hotel, Buffalo, N. Y., for a large trial package of tablets.

#### WHEN "RUN-DOWN."

Salem, Oregon.—"As a spring tonic, to build up a weakened, run-down system, and to give one an appetite, I found Doctor Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery good. A friend had recommended it and I found it all that she claimed for it."—Mrs. JAKE GUNDER, 1586 S. Belview Street.

Constipation causes and seriously aggravates many diseases. It is thoroughly cured by Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets. One a laxative; two of three a cathartic.

### Don't Miss Page 3 TOMORROW Clairvoyant

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### on Page 3 Tomorrow's Papers

# For 50c—Next Week Only Plus Four Trademarks from Quaker Oats Packages This Quaker Cooker

We have supplied perfect double Cookers to over 700,000 homes, to make Quaker Oats more delightful. They are made to our order to bring out the fullness of the flavor and aroma.

Such a Cooker as this, if sold at retail, would cost more than most homes would pay. But our purpose requires it in every home where Quaker Oats are used, so we ourselves supply it.

Our purpose is this: To create more Quaker Oats users, by making this the best-loved morning dish.

To this end, we use queen grains only in this brand—just the big, plump grains. We get but ten pounds per bushel. That means that two-thirds of the oats as they come to us are discarded in making Quaker Oats. The result is large, luscious flakes. They make this dish doubly-delicious. Yet they cost you no extra price.

These flavory flakes have won the world to Quaker. In a hundred nations this is the favorite brand. Millions of oat lovers send thousands of miles to get it. Our next object is right cooking, and we offer this Cooker to every home to attain it. But we supply only one to a home. Get this Cooker next week under this special offer. You want children to delight in this vim-food. You want them to eat an abundance. The way to attain that is to serve Quaker Oats cooked in this Quaker Cooker.

## Next Week 50c—But No Longer

Next week's offer is this: Send us four trademarks—the picture of the Quaker—cut from the fronts of four Quaker Oats packages. Send with them only 50 cents, check or money order preferred, and we will send the Cooker by parcel post prepaid.

For one week—for next week—we cut the payment in two. For 50c you get this big Aluminum Cooker. But this offer will not be repeated. No requests will be honored unless mailed next week.

Note the grocers who have displays of Quaker Oats featuring the Quaker Cooker. Learn about the Cooker, and if you approve, arrange next week to get it. Please don't forget.

This Offer is Confined to Oregon and Washington

Address—The Quaker Oats Company, 1708 Railway Exchange, Chicago

## These Grocers Next Week Feature the Quaker Cooker

MEDFORD, OREGON		ASHLAND OREGON	
NAME	ADDRESS	NAME	ADDRESS
G. W. Dow	682 W. Central	H. P. Holmes	Ashland, Ore.
Post's Grocery Co.	36-40 S. Central Ave.	Nims & Saunders	Ashland, Ore.
Hutchinson & Lunsden	214 E. Main St.	White House Grocery	Ashland, Ore.
Jones' Cash Grocery	225 W. Main St.		
C. P. Krebs & Co.	132 W. Main St.		
Marsh & Bennett	Medford, Ore.		
J. E. Olmstead	131 W. Main St.		
Warner, Wortman & Gore	307-309 East 7th		

EAGLE POINT, OREGON		GRANTS PASS, OREGON.		JACKSONVILLE, OREGON	
NAME	ADDRESS	NAME	ADDRESS	NAME	ADDRESS
George Brown & Son	Eagle Point, Ore.	Grants Pass Rochdale Co.	Grants Pass, Ore.	Taylor Williams Co.	Jacksonville, Ore.
		Kinney & Truax	Grants Pass, Ore.		
		Josiah Pardee	Grants Pass, Ore.		
		P. A. Schallhorn	Grants Pass, Ore.		
		Whitehouse Grocery	Grants Pass, Ore.		