

The Weather

Table with weather predictions: Prediction Rain, Maximum yesterday 44, Minimum today 35.

Weather Year Ago table with Maximum 35 and Minimum 28.

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PLANS TO REBUILD ASTORIA ALREADY ON FOOT; TOTAL LOSS IS ESTIMATED AT \$12,000,000

Fire Still Smouldering, But All Danger Passed—Relief Work Now Going Full Blast—Launch Probe to Determine Cause of Conflagration—Incendiarism Doubtful—All Public Buildings Saved—Churches Also Escape Flames As if By Miracle—Help Pours in From All Quarters—Soldiers Guard Wrecked Banks—Insurance Adjusters Arrive From All Parts of Coast—Homeless People Provided for.

ASTORIA, Ore., Dec. 9.—(By the Associated Press.)—Astoria today courageously surveyed its losses from the \$12,000,000 fire which yesterday razed 24 blocks of the city's business section and set on foot measures to relieve the 2500 persons made homeless by the conflagration.

of soldiers and special policemen had been established to guard the destroyed district. Police Chief Carlson said fourteen men had been arrested by his force. Fire fighting apparatus was all working at full speed at a late hour and will be kept constantly on the job until all the embers have been extinguished.

Summarized, the situation was as follows: Twenty-five hundred persons homeless. The city cut off without banking facilities. No food obtainable except from a central distributing station established by a swiftly organized committee of 50 business men.

The loss in equipment and lines is estimated at not less than \$100,000. All files were destroyed, and though this does not represent financial loss, it is a serious inconvenience to the company.

Relief measures consisted of orders to commandeer all of the city's food supplies at once, to be gathered together in the Lovell garage building, one of the largest unburned structures.

The steamer Astoria, chartered by the company, arrived here early today from Portland with equipment and relief crews. The Astoria carried 50 linemen, switchboard experts and instrument men, who will at once begin the work of reconstruction.

Word was dispatched immediately by this group to the Oregon Hotel Men's Association in Portland which telegraphed that it had contributed \$5000 to the relief fund. Banking headquarters have been temporarily established in the Y. M. C. A. and from this point funds will be issued as necessary.

Adjutant General George White arrived here to superintend the activities of the guard. Major Joseph V. Schur is in active charge of the detachment and the materials with Lieutenant E. H. Gallen assisting him.

Long lines of hungry persons waited in front of the Y. M. C. A. here, where they were being fed with sandwiches and loaves of bread. Inside many of the buildings, including church buildings, near the scene of the terrible blaze, women and men worked tirelessly in an effort to provide for those without a home.

When flames threatened the city hall in the basement of which is the jail, the doors were opened and the fourteen arrested for looting, together with a score of other prisoners were released. The jail docket disappeared sometime during the day and no record of the malefactors could be found.

Lighting is Restored. Frantic efforts by telephone and electric light workmen had partly restored the lighting facilities of the city here last night, but throughout the remaining district a heavy guard

Chicago Police Quizz "Only Real Sweetheart" of Man of Many Loves



Handsome Joe Lanus.

CHICAGO.—A procession of girls and women that would make Flo Ziegfeld sit up and take notice has been filing in and out of police headquarters here for days, but no clue to the murderer of "Handsome Joe" Lanus, millionaire automobile dealer, has been found.

MEDFORD WINS DECISION NEFF, BAUGHAM ELIGIBLE. SALEM, Ore., Dec. 9.—(Special to Mail Tribune)—Medford was completely exonerated from all charges of professionalism preferred by the Ashland high school authorities today by the officials of the state athletic board.

New Jersey Senator Weds 21-Year-Old Girl in Bath, Maine. BATH, Maine, Dec. 9.—Senator W. E. Edge of New Jersey and Miss Cahilla L. A. Seawell, 21 year old daughter of Harold Seawell, retired shipbuilder, who was the last American minister to Hawaii, were married here today.

Legion Opposes Visit Of Ex-Crown Prince. LONDON, Dec. 9.—Dr. Karl Writh, former German chancellor, plans a tour of the United States next year, it was learned.

Fatal Fire, Nelson, B. C. NELSON, B. C., Dec. 8.—One person is dead and seventy homeless as the result of fire which destroyed two big community houses and the entire group of auxiliary dwellings belonging to the Doukhobor settlement at Brilliant, B. C., according to word reaching here today.

FRANCE AGREES TO MORATORIUM FOR TWO YEARS

Premier Poincare Reported to Have Yielded at London Meeting Provided Guarantees Are Provided—U. S. A. May Attend Conference.

LONDON, Dec. 9.—(By the Associated Press)—Premier Poincare, towards the close of the first session of the conference of allied premiers here today is understood to have said that France would consent to a moratorium of two years for Germany if certain economic guarantees accompanied it.

In the opinion of the French, their nation would only control the Rhine-land along economic lines during the term of a moratorium, collecting taxes and running the railroad lines as a guarantee of Germany's promise to carry out the reforms that would insure payment of her bill.

LONDON, Dec. 9.—The possibility that Japan and the United States may be admitted to the conference of the British, French, Belgian and Italian premiers is expressed today by the diplomatic correspondent of the Daily Telegraph.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—Experts in railroad management called before the interstate commerce commission today by the Union Pacific railway, testified that arrangements for the joint use of tracks, terminals and railroad facilities on the Pacific coast between the Central Pacific and Southern Pacific railroads are entirely feasible and practical.

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Divorced Wife Suicides. LOS ANGELES, Dec. 9.—Mrs. Ruth Hunter of Spokane, was in the receiving hospital here where surgeons said she had little chance to survive a bullet wound in the brain.

Canadian Town Burned. TERRE BONNE, Que., Dec. 8.—More than 1200 of Terre Bonne's population of 5000 are homeless as a result of the fire that swept the town last night and early today, destroying 175 buildings and causing damage estimated at \$1,000,000.

Fat Lady Blames R. R. for Her Obesity, Sues for \$50,000 Damages

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 9.—A jury in federal court must determine whether an injury which Mrs. Loren Caldwell, 22, asserts she suffered in a railroad crash, is responsible for her excessive weight. She asserts that she weighs 375 pounds.

WASHINGTON STATE COVERED BY SNOW

SPOKANE, Dec. 9.—Continued snow, adding to the blanket already on the ground was reported today from points in Washington, Wenatchee, where the fall amounts to twenty inches, told of four inches more last night and continuing fall today.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 9.—(By the Associated Press)—The federal court today set January 25 next for arguments in the government's case to effect a severance of the Southern Pacific and the Central Pacific on the grounds that they are competing lines.

S. P.-C. P. CASE SET FOR JANUARY 25

SEATTLE, Dec. 9.—Mrs. Margaret Clarke, mother of the Rev. Chauncey J. Hawkins of this city is alive after tumbling three stories from a window in her apartment here to the ground. She is 70 years old. Electric wires are thought to have broken her fall.

Bank Near Yakima Closes.

YAKIMA, Wash., Dec. 9.—The doors of the Citizens State bank of Grandview, of which A. B. Snider is president, remained closed this morning by order of the state banking examiners. Deposits of the bank at the time of the most recent call of the comptroller of the treasury were \$65,528. The capital stock is \$20,000.

PACIFIC COAST CONFERENCE FOOTBALL SCHEDULE FOR 1923 IS ANNOUNCED

SEATTLE, Dec. 9.—Breaking a deadlock which had existed since yesterday between representatives of the various colleges, the Pacific coast conference today finally adopted its 1923 football schedule. The season opens October 19 with a game between University of Idaho and Washington State college at Pullman and closes December 1, with the University of Oregon-University of Washington traditional contest at Seattle.

TIGER ASSURED UNITED STATES WILL HELP HER

Senator Pepper, Pennsylvania, Raises Great Enthusiasm in Philadelphia By Assuring Clemenceau Millions in U. S. Will Spring to Defense.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 9.—(By the Associated Press)—Georges Clemenceau, speaking today in the city where America's declaration of independence was signed, urged that America come back to Europe and help spread independence throughout the world.

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REFUSE AID TO MAN FEARING HE'S BANDIT

WENATCHEE, Wash., Dec. 9.—When his truck became stalled in the deep snow near Waterville, an employee of the Columbia Valley Lumber company, wandered around and after walking several miles in the storm, came to a ranch house about one o'clock in the night. After rousing the family, the truck driver explained that he wished to enter the house and telephone for help but admittance was refused. He assumes that he was mistaken by the family for a bandit or prowler. He then walked on into Douglas, arriving there nearly frozen and exhausted from exposure.

DECLARE BURCH SANE, DISCHARGE ORDERED

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 9.—Arthur C. Burch was today found sane by the Los Angeles county lunacy commission and his discharge from custody was ordered. Burch has stood trial three times on an indictment charging him with the murder of J. Belton Kennedy, each trial having resulted in a disagreement. After the third trial the case was dismissed by the district attorney.

University of Oregon: October 27—University of Idaho, site to be selected; November 3—Washington State college at Pullman; November 10—Stanford university at Portland; November 24—Oregon Aggies at Eugene; December 1—University of Washington at Seattle. Oregon Agricultural college—October 20—University of California at Berkeley; November 3—University of Washington at Corvallis; November 10—University of Idaho, site to be selected; November 17—Washington State college at Portland; November 24—University of Oregon at Eugene.

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