

MIDNIGHT FIRE STUNS CITY

People Aroused to Danger of I. W. W.

Martin Brothers Big Flour Mill Plant is Destroyed by Fire

"SAVOTAGE" OF I. W. W. COMMENCES HERE

Harshest Blow Ever Received by City in Perpetrated in the Burning of Industry—Attempt to Burn Lower Mill Section is Narrowly Prevented. Cannot Rebuild in Time to Handle This Year's Crop.

Utterly a heap of smouldering ruins, Martin Brothers flour mill, one of the prominent industries and pay rolls of the city, today gives evidence of the dastardly work of the I. W. W. harbored in this community.

That there was a deliberate attempt on the part of the I. W. W. to destroy the whole lower mill section of the city, which includes the Ewauna Box company, Big Lakes Lumber company, first reported by C. F. Setzer of Mills Addition, who saw the flames break through the roof from his home and notified the fire department immediately.

I. W. W. FIRES BUNTING BARN

KINDLING IS FOUND PARTLY BURNED OUTSIDE OF BARN IN HOT SPRINGS, WHEN FIRE IS DISCOVERED AND PUT OUT

Further evidence that the I. W. W. is utterly heartless in its plans and operations is shown in the fire which was set last night at the barn of C. A. Bunting in Hot Springs Addition.

The department was immediately called, but the fire was under control before its arrival.

Kindling with which the fire was set on the outside of the barn was plainly visible when the fire was discovered.

No clue to the identity of the incendiaries has been discovered, although a suspicious looking character was seen in the neighborhood of James Driscoll's residence nearby at about that time.

yards, there seems to be no doubt from evidence secured since.

The fire is believed to have been started, but such a start had been gained before it could arrive on the scene that it was impossible to get it under control.

The loss of the mill and supplies is estimated at \$159,000. The amount of insurance has not been announced.

The plant was a 75-barrel daily capacity mill. It has been in operation since 1909.

Several men worked very late at the Big Lakes Box company across the street, and the fire broke out shortly after their departure.

It is believed that the wretches who fired the mill waited until the men across the street left before commencing their work.

It is believed that the slight shower of the early evening saved the adjoining lumber yards from destruction by the sparks and embers were carried across by the thousands.

TEUTONS DRIVEN HARD IN EAST

DESPERATE ATTEMPT IS BEING MADE TO STOP RUSSIANS BY SHIFTING FORCES—AUSTRIANS IN FLIGHT

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 16.—Official Petrograd dispatches to the Russian embassy say the whole Russian front from the Gulf of Riga to Rumania is alive with battle.

Troops from Italian and French fronts are rearranging positions. Sea transports are carrying reinforcements to the front near Riga.

Teutons are being shipped back and forth on the Lemburg front in heavy automobiles to prevent the Russians from advancing further.

It is reported that the Austrians are in full flight in the Carpathian mountains.

LOCAL MAN IS GIVEN PRAISE

COUNTY AGRICULTURIST AGENT GLAISYER IS FOUND DOING EFFECTIVE WORK BY STATE LEADER PAUL V. MARIS

That good work is being done here by County Agricultural Agent H. R. Glaisyer was declared by State Leader Paul V. Maris, who left yesterday after a day's visit going over the different lines of the work.

"The regular work of the year has been seriously broken into this year by the campaign for increased food supply, in which the agricultural agents were called upon by the federal authorities to co-operate, and in which they have been of great service to the nation," said Mr. Maris.

"There are national and state divisions for the food preparedness campaign, but after all it is the county units that accomplish results, owing to their detailed knowledge of local conditions."

"Farm labor throughout the state is very short, and great assistance in handling the crops this year is being rendered thru the county agents."

"Locally, some very effective work has been done in the way of eradicating predatory pests thru the organization of poison clubs among the farmers. The inroads made by the cut worms early in the season were curtailed thru the prompt use of poison bran mash recommended by the department. Owing to the long winter season, favorable for breeding purposes, there have been more bugs and worms this season than ever noted previously."

HORDES OF MEN TAKEN IN EAST

WONDERFUL WORK HAS BEEN DONE DURING FORE PART OF JULY BY RUSSIANS—MANY PRISONERS YESTERDAY

PETROGRAD, July 16.—The Russians yesterday captured sixteen officers and 900 Teutons.

Between July 1st and 13th the Russians captured 834 officers and 35,809 men. A great many guns and large amount of equipment has been secured.

ONE MORE AMERICAN STRAMER SUBBED

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 16.—The state department has announced that the Steamer Grace has been submarined. Three men, one an American, were killed. Two members of the naval board were injured. The survivors were landed.

KLAMATH STOCK ARE POISONED IN LAVA BEDS

HORSES, CATTLE AND SHEEP FOUND BY RANGE RIDERS

Carcasses of Stock Belonging to Klamath Ranchmen Are Discovered on the Lava Bed Ranges—Reports That More Than a Hundred Head Have Been Killed Received. Attempt to Burn Barn Frustrated.

That large quantities of livestock are being poisoned in the lava bed district, forty-five miles southeast, many of which belong to J. Frank Adams of this city, and that an attempt has been made to burn the barn on the Adams ranch near Merrill has been reliably reported.

Twenty-five head of horses, besides a large number of sheep and cattle, are said to have already been destroyed, and riders are now in that territory to discover what further work has been done.

Devilish ingenuity is shown in an attempt to burn the Adams barn at Merrill. A strong lens was fixed between two sticks, according to the report, and the device was adjusted so that the sun's rays would concentrate on the barn and start the fire.

It was discovered in time, however, and removed before the damage was done.

CIVIL STRIFE STIRS GERMANY

VON HOLLWEG RESIGNS AND DR. GEORGE MICHAELS IS APPOINTED CHANCELLOR—AD. DR. REICHSTAG

Definite announcement of the resignation of Chancellor von Bethman Hollweg has been received, and the report of General von Stein, Prussian minister of war, resigning is also believed thruout Germany.

That there is a tremendous upheaval thruout Germany there can be no doubt, and the result can only be conjectured.

General von Stein is known to be an opponent of peace without annexation or indemnities. He recently aroused the ire of the socialists by taking part in the Pan-American propaganda against peace efforts.

A dispatch just received from Copenhagen says that Dr. George Michaelis, the new chancellor, delivered his maiden speech in the reichstag Thursday, and it is expected that the forthcoming program will be announced.

Field Marshal von Hindenburg, General Ludendorff and Dr. Michaelis are now conferring with party leaders.

S. D. Tucker of Dairy is in town today on business.

MUCH WOOD MUST BE CUT

KLAMATH COUNTY MEN TO HAVE PLENTY OF WORK THIS YEAR, GETTING OUT CORDWOOD AND TIES FOR NEW RAILROAD.

That there will be plenty of work for all those who wish to furnish cordwood and ties for the new Oregon, California & Eastern railroad was indicated in a statement made by Robert E. Strahorn today.

There are great quantities of wood at Fine Flat, on Stukel mountain and at other points along the line which can be gotten out profitably, and there will be ample demand for it, according to Mr. Strahorn.

All fir and tamarack ties furnished will be taken at reasonable price. Large quantities of cord wood will be used in the locomotive. This work can be undertaken thru the summer, fall and winter.

Particulars may be further secured by interviewing Chief Engineer N. H. Bogue at the offices in the Odd Fellows building.

It is estimated by prominent men here that it will require 25,000 cords of wood for the city of Klamath Falls this coming winter.

U. S. DEPUTIES ARE APPOINTED

CITIZENS ARE ACTING UNDER FEDERAL AUTHORITY IN ARRESTS OF I. W. W.—JOHN FINNELL DEPUTY MARSHAL

Any vestige of doubt regarding the lawfulness of the actions taken by the citizens here in regard to apprehension of I. W. W. members was fully removed on receipt of a wire from United States District Attorney Clarence Reames of Portland yesterday, authorizing the raid made on the headquarters and appointing John Finnell as deputy marshal to proceed with the work being done.

Considerable talk was made regarding the advisability of erecting a stockade for prisoners taken when the jail became full, but Mayor Crisled said he thought this step would prove unnecessary, as the federal authorities would probably look after this matter since they had taken the proposition in hand.

SPECIAL AGENTS EN ROUTE FOR KLAMATH

PORTLAND, July 16.—Wm. Bryon, special agent of the department of justice, left with several assistants to investigate reports that the I. W. W. started the fire which destroyed Martin Brothers warehouse.

Bob Sloan took Billy Earl, Glen Callen, and his pa-in-law to the Sloan Saturday evening, and on to the North Fork yesterday.

Citizens of Klamath Have Taken Stand to Wipe Out Menace

RALLY TO PRESSING NEED OF COMMUNITY WITHOUT DELAY

Large Crowd of Men Offer Services and Are Sworn in as Deputies to Aid Local Officers in Work of Rounding Up I. W. W.—All Suspicious Characters Are Taken in. Roads to City Guarded.

Paralyzed at first by the audacity of the bands who burned the Martin mill, men all over the city quickly awoke to the necessity of immediate and strenuous action to prevent a repetition of the infamous deed by putting all those who were thought to be leagued in the I. W. W. movement where they would be secure for the time being, and by the middle of the forenoon nearly a hundred deputy sheriffs had been sworn in at the city hall, extra guards put at all the mills and factories and nearly all the roads were being patrolled for suspicious looking characters.

Before noon several of the ringleaders of the I. W. W. were safely locked in the cells of the police station, and by the middle of the afternoon nearly thirty had been taken in.

Not the slightest doubt appeared in the minds of anyone as to the source of the fire. A Stiples, a laborer of this city, who is well and favorably known, declared before a group of officers and citizens in the mayor's office yesterday that he was approached about 9 o'clock Saturday evening by members of the I. W. W.

Two secret service men who have been here for some time were of great assistance to the sheriff.

Among the correspondence secured yesterday at the raid made on I. W. W. headquarters were instructions for the local officers to cache all papers, etc., relating to the work of the organization, at some point outside the headquarters. This order had evidently not been complied with at the time of the raid.

UNCLE SAM GETS FOUR SUB BOATS

MOST MODERN OF THE SUBMARINES ARE DESTROYED BY CONVOYS OF AMERICAN TROOP SHIPS, IS RELIABLY REPORTED

LONDON, June 1.—American warships conveying the first installment of American troops to France destroyed four of the largest modern German submarines, according to a report from German sources contained in a Berne dispatch to a Rome news agency.

and invited to attend their meeting, and that he accepted their invitation.

Arrived there, he found only a few men, but evidence of a great deal of whiskey. He was asked to get "lined up" with the organization, and refused with the statement that he was too patriotic to join such a body in times like these. The members then voiced their surprise that an intelligent man such as he appeared to be, held patriotic sentiments, and affirmed that this was the time to strike, when there was a chance of success.

Stiples declared further that there were German spies now at work in the box factories of the city.

New I. W. W. subjects continue to be picked up by the different patrols around the city. Between thirty-five and forty are now being held. On twelve or fifteen the I. W. W. membership cards were found. The men have been picked up in all sections. With the membership list found at the headquarters yesterday to guide them, the officers and deputies are leaving no stone unturned to corral all who are believed to have any connection with the disturbers.

John Finnell has been appointed United States deputy marshal and Attorney J. H. Carahan United States deputy attorney by District Attorney Clarence Reames of Portland.

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ROCK PILE FOR KLAMATH I. W. W.

GOVERNOR WITHCOMBE WANTS MEN ARRESTED HERE PUT AT HARD LABOR—TO BE CONFINED ON VAGRANCY CHARGE

SALEM, July 16.—It is announced that Governor James Withcombe will recommend that the Industrial Workers of the World be confined in county jails for six months, which is the maximum sentence for vagrancy. Also that they be put on the rock pile during confinement.

He believes that soldiers are necessary only as a last resort. He will recommend that the men arrested at Klamath Falls be put on the rock pile. At the end of six months the danger to the harvest will be over.