

PRINEVILLE IS SWEEPED BY FIRE

HALF BUSINESS SECTION RAZED; LOSS \$400,000

Most of Large Buildings in Ruins; Four Volunteer Firemen Injured

BEND, June 1.—Half of Prineville's business section was destroyed by fire which started at midnight, causing damage estimated at \$400,000. The flames were checked by dynamiting early today.

The volunteer fire department was powerless to control the flames in the face of a high wind.

The fire started in an old school house, and the authorities thought it was of incendiary origin. When the fire was finally checked most of Prineville's largest buildings lay in smoking ruins.

Four volunteer fire fighters, George McFall, Jack Haines, William Wesley and John Wachtler, were injured. Wachtler was crushed by a falling roof and remained unconscious today.

Grace Wilson, a telephone operator, stayed at her post calling for help from outside towns until the exchange burned.

All that was saved from the postoffice was the registered mail and a bunch of keys.

The Prineville hotel loss was \$100,000, the postoffice \$25,000, H. W. Lakin, hardware, \$50,000, Cornett & Co., general merchandise, \$50,000; Cyrus Jewelry Co., \$10,000; J. A. Stein, clothing, \$15,000; the Deschutes Power Co., \$25,000; Telephone Co., \$15,000; Prineville bakery, \$15,000; and City Meat Market, \$15,000. Other losses varied from \$1,000 to \$10,000.

AID NEAR EAST RELIEF

Eighteen sacks of clothing have been shipped from this city for the Near East Relief, according to the Rev. A. L. Rice of the Presbyterian church, which was used as receiving station while collection was in progress.

PICKFORD DIVORCE UPHOLD
CARSON CITY, Nev., June 1.—Mary Pickford's divorce from Owen Moore was upheld yesterday by the supreme court.

WEATHER PROBABILITIES

The Cyclo-Stormograph at Underwood's Pharmacy has registered a very steady barometric pressure during the last 24 hours although the tendency since noon today is downward.

A continuation of the warm wave may be expected and conditions are favorable for a thunderstorm.

Forecast for next 24 hours: Partly cloudy, continued warm, with brisk winds. The Tyco recording thermometer registered maximum and minimum temperatures today as follows: High 88, Low 57. Warmest day of the season. Reading taken at 2 p. m.

Nominated



Miss Helen Grimes, Knoxvill, Pa., hopes to be the first woman in the legislature of Pennsylvania, anti-suffrage bulwark. She's received the G. O. P. nomination in a strong Republican district.

BABY HEIRESS TO ASK THAT FATHER BE MADE GUARDIAN

Mathilde McCormick Decides Not to Sail for Europe; Returns to Home in Chicago

CHICAGO, June 1.—Deciding at the last moment not to sail for Europe, as she had announced she would, Mathilde McCormick came home from New York today to take sides with her father in what has threatened to grow into a court battle over her marriage to Max Oser, Swiss riding master.

Miss McCormick tonight was planning to appear in probate court and tell Judge Horner that she wants her father, Harold F. McCormick, millionaire head of the International Harvester company, to be her guardian.

Mrs. Ethel Rockefeller, McCormick, who recently divorced McCormick on grounds of desertion, has obtained a court order reopening the proceedings, which were thought to have made McCormick Mathilde's guardian. At the time of the divorce, Mathilde chose to stay with her father and the guardianship proceedings were thought to clear away a legal obstacle to her marriage to Oser.

Under the Swiss law, it was explained, the consent of both parents is necessary to the marriage of a minor. Mrs. McCormick was said to be unalterably opposed to the marriage, while McCormick was said to favor it as a last resort if it proved absolutely essential to his daughter's happiness.

The objections of both were said to center in the disparity of ages between Oser, who was said to be at least 45, and Mathilde, who is just 17 years old.

HART AIDS CHILDREN

Playground Committee Is Presented With Check for \$50

Interest in child welfare in this city was expressed in substantial form by H. H. Hart of Hart Brothers, Sacramento, today, when he presented the playground committee of the chamber of commerce with a check for \$50. The check was turned over to Mrs. Ackley, chairman of the committee.

The gift came as a surprise, as Hart had not been solicited. His interest was aroused, however, when the playground matter was brought up at the chamber of commerce forum Wednesday noon.

RADIO AIDS SHERIFF

Local Experimenters Get Description of Stolen Automobile

Radio is making the lot of the criminal more hazardous than ever. Arthur and Richard Peck, local experimenters in wireless, got their receiving set rigged up yesterday, and the first message they heard was a sheriff's description of a stolen automobile, broadcasted probably from Billings, Montana, over the northwest, asking all officers to be on the lookout for the car and occupants.

GRASSHOPPERS MENACE CROPS OF 2 DISTRICTS

Several Hundred Acres of Grain Destroyed; Steps Taken to Check Evil

Steps to combat a grasshopper plague in the Tule Lake and Keno districts, where several hundred acres of grain crops are reported to have been destroyed, were taken this afternoon at a meeting of the county court and a chamber of commerce committee.

The meeting resulted from complaints of ranchers in the two districts, who pointed out that unless something was done to check the menace a serious financial loss was certain to be suffered. A chamber of commerce committee examined the infested areas this forenoon. County Judge Bunnell informed the committee that a revolving fund had been created for the purpose of fighting the plague and that the county court would work with the chamber and the farmers toward that end.

Heretofore the county agriculturist has handled this work, but as that office has not been filled since the resignation of E. H. Thomas it is expected a temporary appointment will be made for that purpose.

FIREMEN SHOW SPEED

Blaze in Kellogg Apartments Brings Department to Record Time

Fast work in answering an alarm was exhibited about 3:15 this afternoon when a hot flatiron falling in a woodbox caused a blaze in the kitchen of Mrs. Edna Kellogg's apartment in the Kellogg apartments, 813 Pine. Within three minutes after the alarm was turned in, it was estimated, the firemen had a line of hose in the building.

"This was an exhibition of carelessness such as is the cause of most fires," Fire Chief Ambrose said. "Woodboxes and hot flatirons are the cause of many losses each year. The loss was estimated at \$50, fully covered by insurance."

AMUNDSEN'S POLAR EXPEDITION DUE TO LEAVE ON SATURDAY

Complete Meteorological Reports Will Be Flashed to Washington Daily by Wireless

SEATTLE, Wash., June 1.—A new region, termed a veritable storage battery of storms and calms, will be opened to investigation by Uncle Sam's weather man when Captain Amundsen's Arctic scientific expedition begins its long eastward drift with the Polar pack Saturday. Complete meteorological reports, including temperatures, barometric pressures and wind and moisture data, will be flashed to Washington daily by wireless for the benefit of the forecasters, the explorer announced.

Captain Amundsen, who is personally supervising the outfitting of his ship, the Maude, for the five-year Arctic drift last week reluctantly parted with his garden of grasses and flowers, transplanted to the Maude two years ago from a bleak bit of the farthest north coast of Asia, and which, although they have withstood temperatures of from 50 to 70 degrees below zero, have thriven and grown larger. The "garden" will be sent to Norway, there to await the return of the expedition from the polar fastnesses.

Outfitting of the Maude is practically complete and the vessel prepared to sail from Seattle June 1, on the first stretch of the voyage. Captain Amundsen was much encouraged a few days ago to receive from Nome, Alaska, word that the winter has been the mildest in more than twenty years, insuring him a passage free from ice to Wrangell island, off the Siberian coast. There the vessel will "freeze in" with the eastward drifting pack.

When the Maude sails from Seattle, members of the expedition will be garbed in the clothing ordinarily worn in the mid-latitudes. At Wrangell island they will be outfitted with complete sets of fur clothing, made during the past winter by Charles Carpendane, lone Siberian trader, with whom Captain Amundsen placed the order more than a year ago.

MARKET REPORT

PORTLAND, June 1.—Cattle and hogs weak, sheep steady. Eggs and butter firm.

PORTLAND, June 1.—Wheat \$1.19, \$1.24.

BOY KILLS HIS EMPLOYER, SELF WAGE DISPUTE

McMinnville Farm Scene of Double Tragedy; Note Found on Body

McMINNVILLE, June 1.—Gerald P. Israel, aged 18, shot and killed his employer, Fred Lebold, 69, and then killed himself last night on the Lebold place at the head of Muddy valley, eight miles west of McMinnville. A note over wages was reported to be the only trouble between them.

The youth left a note addressed to his brother, which was found on his body. The note read:

"Lloyd, I am sorry, I cannot stay here any longer. You need not look for my remains, for my career will be black from now on. So good bye.—Gerald."

FORD REJECTS OFFER

Muscle Shoals, Counter Proposal Is Not Satisfactory

WASHINGTON, June 1.—Henry Ford's reply to the counter proposal drafted by house military committee for the development of Muscle Shoals was presented today to the committee by J. W. Worthington, Ford representative. Ford's answer definitely rejected the provision in the committee plan eliminating the steam plant at Gorgas, Alabama, declaring it necessary for the economical operation of the Muscle Shoals properties.

"If my revised offer for Gorgas is rejected, then I must understand acceptance of my offer for Muscle Shoals as a whole and not in part is refused," said the letter.

IMPORTANT MEETING I. O. O. F.

Friday evening, June 2, Klamath Lodge No. 138, I. O. O. F., will meet in regular session in the east hall of I. O. O. F. temple. The Grand Lodge delegates will make their report at this time, and other important matters are to be come before the lodge. A good attendance is desired for this reason, so make arrangements to be there.

Hero



When bandits boarded a Rock Island train near Tucson, Ariz., Harry Stewart, express messenger, opened fire, killed one, wounded another and forced the rest to flee.

TOURIST BUREAU IS OPENED IN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TODAY

General Manager to Be Here Within Few Days to Assist; Plan to Improve Auto Camp

The Oregon Tourist and Information bureau is opening up a branch office in the chamber of commerce today, which will be in operation for the benefit of tourists until the latter part of October, or possibly until November.

S. B. Vigen, general manager of the state bureau, will be in here within a few days to assist in getting the bureau established, and already a number of maps of Idaho, Oregon and California have been received. A number of signs directing tourists to the tourists headquarters will be placed within the next week and the tourist camp ground will also undergo further improvements before the heavy tourist season begins.

The chamber of commerce will have charge of the camp ground this season and a caretaker will be employed within a few days. Applications should be made either to the secretary or to C. I. Roberts, chairman of the committee.

POLICY "HANDS OFF"

American Legion Commander Says Bonus Is Problem of Congress

MINNEAPOLIS, June 1.—The American Legion has adopted a "hands off" policy toward bonus legislation in congress, Hanford MacNider, national commander of the legion, said Memorial day.

Service men will get a bonus, it is most certain, the legion commander declared. But the enactment of an adjusted compensation bill, he asserted, will not be the result of any agitation by the American legion.

"The bonus is the child of congress, not of the American legion," he said. "It is their problem, not ours. It has been made to appear, perhaps, that the bonus is being urged by the American legion under threats. That is not true. So far as I know, no post of the American legion has wired congressmen urging the passage of the bonus bill."

MINISTER HITS KLAN

Methodist Preacher Says Members Should Withdraw from Church

BERKELEY, June 1.—"No one can consistently be a member of the Methodist church and belong to the Ku Klux Klan."

"I would rather that they withdraw from the church than belong to that organization, for they are no credit to the church."

"These are my public statements on the question."

This is the declaration of Bishop Adna W. Leonard of Berkeley, head of the Methodist Episcopal church, when asked as to his attitude on members of the congregations of his church, following his denunciation of the Ku Klux Klan in an address at Coloma.

MODOC LUMBER COMPANY CAMP RESUMES TODAY

Early Operations of Entire Plant Planned; Extend Logging Railroad

Operations of the Modoc Lumber company began today with the opening of one logging camp and starting of construction of the logging road which will penetrate 25 miles into the timber when completed, according to J. O. Goldthwaite, president of the company, whose reorganization plans are now complete.

As fast as men can be obtained other logging camps will be opened until five or six are operating. Later on it is planned to erect dry kilns, permitting the operation of the big plant throughout the winter. The sawmill will have a capacity of 300,000 in two shifts.

When a full crew is on the ground for the summer's operation it is estimated that between 500 and 600 men will be employed. The crews will be increased from now on as rapidly as possible.

The mill will operate on a 10-hour basis and the camp nine hours, with a basic wage of 40 cents per hour.

One hundred men are now on hand, it was said.

NEW RESORT TO OPEN

C. G. Merrill Establishes Ice Caves Colony in Modoc Lava Beds

A new resort, at the entrance to an unique scenic region, will be opened Saturday when the Bearfoot Ice Caves colony, established by C. G. Merrill, will receive its first visitors.

Merrill states that he has cottage and tent accommodations for about 40 people at present, with a dining room in connection. The resort will be opened Saturday night with a dance, a large dancing platform being one of the recreational features.

A four-piece orchestra will furnish music for the dance, and at intervals Sunday. A chicken dinner will be served at noon Sunday, and in the afternoon all who wish will have opportunity to explore the far-famed caves of the region under direction of skilled guides.

FOREST FIRES DYING

Subsidence of Wind Brings Relief in Oregon and Washington

PORTLAND, June 1.—Timber fires in Oregon and Washington, fanned to destructive proportions by a brisk breeze yesterday, were reported less menacing early today owing to a subsidence of the wind. No further damage was reported this morning near Corbett, where a school house and several homes were burned yesterday.

JOHN CLARK PASSES

After a long illness, John Clark, 49, 1022 McKinley street, passed away at 1:30 yesterday afternoon. Death was caused by cancer. He had been a resident of Klamath county since 1919, and was a plasterer. For the past seven months he had been confined to bed. Surviving are Mrs. Clark, four daughters and a son; Mrs. Lowe, Kenosha, Wisconsin; Mrs. Willard, Mrs. Diet, Margaret and John B. Clark, all of this city. Interment will be at Mt. Calvary cemetery at 9 o'clock Friday morning.

WARMEST DAY OF SEASON

With the thermometer registering 88 at 2 o'clock, today proved to be the warmest of this season. This despite partial cloudiness and brisk winds. Underwood's Cyclo-Stormograph predicts continued warm weather. The maximum temperature a year ago today was 78.

THE CONFERENCE BUSINESS IS SPREADING FAST



WHAT SAY WE TAKE IN RODOLPH VALENTINO?

MISS CLARK, CALL UP MY WIFE AND TELL HER I'LL BE LATE TO DINNER AS I'VE A CONFERENCE AT THE COUNTRY CLUB!

HOW'D YOU LIKE TO GO TO THE WOMEN'S PICNIC?

SON

DAD

COOK

NOW WHILE I HAVE A CONFERENCE WITH THE DRESS-MAKER, DON'T FORGET YOUR CONFERENCE WITH THE LAWN-MOWER!

SIS

HEY JIMMIE! DON'T FORGET OUR CONFERENCE AT THE SWIMMING HOLE!

MA

I GOTTA CONFERENCE WITH A FISH

GRAND DAD