

MANY SLAIN IN THEATER BLAST IN KANSAS CITY

Thirty or Thirty-Five Be- lieved Trapped Under Burning Debris

EXPLOSION IS HEARD

Picture House is Thrown in Panic—Checking up on Casualties

KANSAS CITY, Mo., June 26. (P)—An unknown number of persons were killed and scores injured when an explosion, followed by fire, destroyed the Gillis theater, a burlesque house, here last night. An audience variously estimated from 50 to 100 was viewing a motion picture film.

This morning, hours after the destruction of the five story theater building, no death estimate could be made, although police and fire department officials said they believed from 30 to 25 of the 100 or more persons in the theatre and restaurants and stores of the building had been trapped in the debris.

Search Wreckage

Today firemen had organized a volunteer party of 100 men to search the smoldering wreckage for bodies.

They predicted it would take many hours of digging before an accurate appraisal of the casualties could be made.

A fireman, John Hagan, was killed on his way to the scene when other firemen were injured.

Roof Caves in

The explosion came with startling swiftness at 11 o'clock. Flames enveloped the structure almost immediately following the blast and the roof and the floors of the ancient building, constructed 42 years ago as the city's finest play house, collapsed.

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Big Thunder Storm Strikes New York

Several Buildings Hit—Hos- pital Patients Thrown in a Panic

NEW YORK, June 26. (P)—Greater New York was recovering today from a severe thunder storm.

A bolt knocked an arm from the cross atop one of the majestic spires of the St. Patrick's Cathedral, while 400 persons were inside. Fragments of the 200 pound marble arm showered the street but no one was injured.

A five ton granite ball was knocked from a tower of the American Museum of Natural history by another bolt. The ball tore a hole in the roof, shattered windows and tipped up 25 feet of stone wall along a driveway.

Lightning hit the north Hudson hospital and Emanuel Evangelical church in Union City, N. J. Fifty patients were thrown into a panic and a hole four feet long was torn in the tower of the church.

SLAYERS ELECTROCUTED

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., June 26.—Jack Buster and Perk Flowers, negroes, were put to death in the electric chair at the state penitentiary here this morning. Each was convicted of a murder.

New Railroad To Tap Idaho Timber

Northern Pacific Announces \$3,000,000 Project For This Fall

MINNEAPOLIS, June 26.—Construction of a \$3,000,000 forty mile line of railroad in the Clear Water timber district of Idaho to serve the largest white pine lumber mill in the Pacific northwest, was announced today by Charles Donnelly, president of the Northern Pacific Railway.

The line will run northeast from Orofino, Idaho, and will be constructed by the Northern Pacific and Union Pacific railways to serve the Clearwater Timber Company, a Weyerhaeuser interest which plans to erect a huge lumber mill at Lewiston, Idaho.

First Forest Fire of Year Is Incendiary

Timber Blaze Near Bly Being Probed by Authorities

Fire of incendiary origin was started yesterday in a 6-acre tract of green timber near Bly, according to announcement this morning by Jack Kimball of the Klamath Forest Protective association.

Authorities are now making an investigation, and the arrest of a shepherd may be made before the end of the week, he said.

Fire fighting crews were dispatched hurriedly to the blaze and succeeded in putting it under control before it had an opportunity to spread.

Aside from a small slashing fire near Hildebrand Wednesday, the Bly forest fire is the first one reported in Klamath county this year. Because of the hot weather, however, the fire hazard is considered extremely serious, and a close guard is being maintained in the timbered areas, with fire fighting crews ready to be sent out at a moment's notice.

Fire Physicians For Reservation

Economy Measure Eliminates 11 Jobs at Klamath Agency On July 1st

Eleven regular physicians employed at the Klamath Indian reservation will lose their jobs July 1, according to word received from the interior department by Superintendent Fred A. Baker. This action was taken in a sweeping economy program in the Indian department.

At the present time the full quota of physicians is not employed at the reservation, said Mr. Baker. As a usual thing the physicians are employed only about 10 months out of the year.

Under the new arrangement, private physicians will be employed when needed.

Mayor And Chief First In Line To Sign Fire Cards

First to be asked to sign pledges of the Stop Forest Fires Association in Klamath Falls Monday morning, when the drive begins, will be Mayor F. R. Goddard and Chief of Police Harry Loucks, was announced today at the chamber of commerce.

The drive will be in charge of Boy Scouts and Campfire girls and every effort will be made to secure 8,000 signatures to the pledges. Last year 7,000 signatures were secured.

No money is collected from those who sign the pledges. The idea underlying securing of the names is to bring the urgency of the measure sharply to the attention of every Klamath county citizen.

Cash prizes are to be awarded the Campfire girls or Boy Scouts who secure the most signatures to the pledges.

AMBASSADOR NAMED

SWAMPSCOTT, Mass., June 26. (P)—Alfred J. Pearson of Iowa, was appointed today by President Coolidge to be ambassador to Finland.

Two Warehouses At The Dalles Razed By Fire

THE DALLES, Ore., June 26.—Fire of unknown origin completely destroyed the contents of the Walter Williams company and Edward C. Pease company warehouses here in about an hour beginning at 11:30 a. m. today. Had it not been for increased water pressure from the new city well put into use a week ago, the entire west end of town would have burned, fire department officials believe. A strong west wind was blowing.

Hardware, farm machinery and a carload of news print belonging to The Dalles Chronicle were stored in the Williams Warehouse, where the fire started. Groceries, dry goods, and general merchandise were in the Pease warehouse. Both structures were of corrugated iron over wood frames. The loss was estimated at about \$25,000.

SOLON OPPOSES POLICY CHANGE IN RECLAMATION

Senator Gooding, Idaho, is Against Charging Inter- est on Construction

FARMERS DESERVE AID

Irrigation Projects Just as Important to Nation as Harbor Improvement

SPOKANE, Wash., June 26.—Opposition to any change in the federal reclamation policy was expressed here by Senator Frank R. Gooding of Idaho just before he left for his home in Gooding, Idaho, late last night. He also declared that he was opposed to the proposal to charge interest on construction money and to individual states assuming "the burden of land settlement on federal projects."

"We must not be diverted from our reclamation policy as established by Theodore Roosevelt," he declared. "It is as much a function of the government to reclaim arid western lands as it is to dredge harbors, improve rivers and build levees. The only difference is that the government gets back every cent it spends on reclamation, while it never gets back any money spent on river and harbor improvements."

"I am opposed to people being taxed in interest for building irrigation projects when the cost of construction comes out of our own natural resources. Reclamation hasn't failed. The men on the other projects will meet all the obligations."

Hear Arguments On Special Election

SCHEM, Ore., June 26.—The mandamus proceedings brought by L. L. Swan of Albany against Secretary of State Koser seeking to compel the Secretary of state to call a special election in September notwithstanding Governor Pierce's veto of the special election bill, was argued in the supreme court today. John McNary and Walter E. Keyes appeared as attorneys for Swan and Willis S. Moore, assistant attorney general, appeared for the state. An opinion in the case may come down next Tuesday. The petition for mandamus sets forth an argument that the governor had no constitutional right to veto the bill.

MRS. ROGERS RETURNS Has Been Visiting at Jackson-ville With Mother for Few Days

Mrs. Leslie Rogers and two sons, James and Donald, are expected to return this evening from Jacksonville, where they have been for several days visiting with Mrs. Rogers' mother, Mrs. Edwards.

FROM KIRKSVILLE

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Downing of Kirksville were business visitors in the city today.

Jardine Talks on Cooperation

EUGENE, Ore., June 26.—Lane county received congratulations from Secretary of Agriculture Jardine, this morning for having the greatest number of successful farmers' cooperative enterprises in Oregon at a one-hour session with leading farmers and business men of Eugene at the chamber of commerce this morning.

Mr. Jardine said that he had received reports of Eugene's cooperative work, through his brother, James T. Jardine, director of the Oregon experiment station, who accompanied him on the trip from Roseburg.

"Keep up the good work" the secretary said. "Cooperative marketing is the only way the farmer can put his business on a profitable basis and hold it. I've been making a study of cooperative work in California and have found the reason they are successful is because they've used business methods. I don't know of any big business that is being conducted any more successfully."

Successor to Fred A. Baker Now at Agency

LeRoy D. Arnold, New Reservation Head, Is Here

LeRoy D. Arnold, who succeeds Fred A. Baker as superintendent of the Klamath Indian reservation, arrived today by motor, and left immediately for Klamath Agency, where the routine of making the transfer of the office will be completed this week. Mr. Arnold takes charge of the reservation July 1. Mrs. Arnold is with him.

The new superintendent is a graduate of the University of Michigan, class of 1917. He majored in forestry at the university, and prior to coming here was supervisor of the Puyallup Indian reservation in Washington. Mr. Baker, who announced his resignation two weeks ago, also is a graduate of the University of Michigan, but completed the last course.

Starting next week, Mr. Baker will take charge of all probate matters for the Indians in Oregon and northern California. He will have offices in Klamath Falls and will move his family next week to the family home in Hot Springs addition. Ultimately he plans to enter into the general practice of law in this city.

Youth Drowns Near Dillard

Arthur Dillon Taken With Cramps in Umpqua

ROSEBURG, Ore., June 26.—Arthur Dillon, age 19, was drowned at Dillard last night while swimming in the South Umpqua river. Dillon went into the water a few minutes after eating a hearty meal, and was swimming across the stream carrying little Jack Noah on his back. Dillon was an expert swimmer, but suddenly sank out of sight, without an outcry, and did not appear again. The youngster, who was being taken across the stream, cried out a third call for help, and was going down for the third time when he was rescued by George Peterson. Peterson also raised the body of Dillon, after it had been in the water for about 20 minutes. Resuscitation was attempted but nothing could be done.

RANCHER'S RIDE FOR LIFE TOLD FOR FIRST TIME

Wyoming Farmer Gives Ex- perience When Big Mountain Caves in

FAMILY IS RESCUED

Many Cattle Are Killed in Phenomenon Which Re- sults in Making Lake

JACKSON, Wyo., June 26.—(P)—Racing ahead of an avalanche with his life and the safety of his family and home at stake, and winning by a matter of minutes, was the experience of G. L. Huff, Wyoming rancher, whose story of seeing the north side of Sheep Mountain crumble and fall across the Gros Ventre river valley near here Tuesday, became known today.

Huff said he was riding on horseback at the foot of the mountain when it began to move, carrying on its back a section of dense Teton national forest. He was riding near his ranch, he said, when he saw this. He turned and began a desperate ride for safety. The avalanche, with a roar, Huff declared, bore down toward him in the form of a moving wall of boulders, trees and earth. His frenzied horse, struck by flying splinters and stones, ran to higher ground at one side, and the big landside missed him by only a few feet, he declared.

Once clear of the oncoming mountain Huff raced to his home (Continued On Page Five)

FIVE ARE HURT IN RODEO SHOW AT CONVENTION

Wild Horse Rider's Condi- tion is Declared to be Quite Serious

MANY IN ATTENDANCE

American Legion Meeting at Prineville Drawing Many Delegates

PRINEVILLE, Ore., June 26.—Five performers were injured on the opening day of the rodeo show, held in conjunction with the American Legion annual state convention here yesterday. One accident threatens to prove serious. Elmer Smith of Alberta, Canada, attempting to ride a wild horse bareback, was thrown and the animal fell on him.

The convention opened with delegates present from nearly every post and auxiliary in the state. The attendance is estimated at 5000.

In the first event, the free for all half-mile thoroughbred race, Calcum, owned by Dore and Carl, placed first. Oceola, owned by Dore and Carl placed second, and Doctor Hayes, owned by Lorena Trickey, placed third.

Bucking Contest

In the first round of the bucking contest, Mac McCullough rode Jumping Jack; Guy Cash rode Steel Head, Hixon on Vanjo, Smoky Stevens on Torpedo, Freddy Hunt on Quick Silver, Al Goss on Pay Day, Red Shepherd on Lazy Ike.

Pat Woods made the spectacular ride of the afternoon on Jake. Lloyd Henderson rode Harney Dalley.

The crowd was entertained between events by the fancy riding and tricks by Hiram Versteeg, Ed Wright on his 25-cent mule, and by Bonnie Grey and her \$5000 horse; by Sam Garrett, champion trick roper, and by Lorena Trickey, champion cow girl of the world, and Harry Walters.

Music was furnished throughout the afternoon by the Sheridan Legion band and Hood River officials Legion quartet.

Other Events

In the Roman standing race of one-half mile, Trickey placed first, with Walters second and Steele third.

In the relay race the placings were the same as in the Roman standing race.

In the calf roping contest, Mike Stewart qualified as first man by roping, throwing and tying his calf in 51-25 seconds. Chet Gattings was second, his time being one minute and 72-1-5 seconds.

The chariot race was won by Ray Ritter, driving Sid Steele's team, with the other Sid Steele team in second place.

MERRILL SHOPPERS Merrill Women in City Today on Shopping Trip

Mrs. John Cox, Mrs. Charles Brown and Miss Helen Brown, all of Merrill, were shopping in the city today.

Shepherd Case Goes to Jury

CHICAGO, June 26.—(P)—The Shepherd trial went to the jury at 4:37 p. m.

CHICAGO, June 26.—(P)—An acquittal in his trial for the murder of Billy McClintock would not free William Darling Shepherd, it developed this afternoon.

Wesley Westbrook, warden of the Cook county jail, pointed out he held a mittimus for Shepherd, issued after a coroner's jury recommended he be held for the murder of Mrs. Nelson McClintock, mother of Billy, sixteen years ago.

Shepherd could be released from custody only upon arrangement for bail despite favorable action of the Billy McClintock murder case jury.

GUESTS AT MOE'S LODGE Local People to Be Guests at Rocky Point Over Sunday

Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Albersson will be the week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Moe at their cottage at Rocky Point.

Forger Said to Be on Way to This City

Man With Record in California Thought Headed Here

Warning that one of the most versatile check forgers in the northwest is heading this way after literally papering the Sacramento valley with checks was issued today by Chief of Police Harry Loucks. After passing a series of worthless papers in the Sacramento section the man, who signs his name C. S. Taylor or Charles H. Reed, next bobbed up in Mt. Shasta City, where he passed four \$15 checks on which appeared the forged rubber stamp certification of S. W. Murdock, cashier of the Red Bluff National bank.

One of the checks was cashed at Mt. Shasta City by an oil station attendant who secured the number of car driven by the forger. The car bore California license 786-143, according to the record of the oil station attendant.

All the checks bear the signature of Charles H. Reed and are made payable to Ray Reeves.

Taylor or Reed is described meagerly as being about 30 years old, weighing about 130 pounds and being five feet eight inches in height.

Officers believe he may attempt to pass worthless paper here on July 4, Saturday, when local banks will be closed.

Guard Captures Escaped Convict

Morton Hanson Taken After Being at Liberty Since Tuesday

TACOMA, June 26.—Morton Hanson, escaped McNeil Island convict, was captured last night by Guard Paagan in the basement of the John Holmes ranch near the prison, where he had gone for food.

Hansen's capture resulted from clues picked up by prison officials when they found several jars of jam in a machine shop which the prison guards identified as that stolen from the farm home.

Hansen made his escape Tuesday while at work at the prison.

BOOZE SHIP SEIZED

MOBILE, Ala., June 26.—The British ship Marion Adams was seized off Mobile today with 6,000 cases of whiskey aboard. Agents took 23 prisoners.

RESURFACING OF ROAD TO MODOC POINT TO START

Dunn and Baker of this City Awarded Contract for \$57,392 Today

WILL ASSEMBLE CREW

Highway Work to Begin at Once—More Road Im- provement Ordered

Dunn and Baker, road contractors of this city, will start immediate work on the resurfacing of the Dalles-California highway between Klamath Falls and Modoc Point, according to announcement made today.

At a meeting of the state highway commission in Portland this morning they were awarded the contract for this work. Their bid of \$57,392 was the lowest of several received.

Another section of this same highway between the Deschutes county line and Crescent will be graded during the present summer, it also was announced. The contract for this work was awarded to the Newport Construction company, whose bid of \$22,383 was the lowest received.

The stretch to be resurfaced between Klamath Falls and Modoc Point is 18 miles. The grading work between Crescent and the Deschutes county line is 13.3 miles.

ROAD AID URGED

PORTLAND, Ore., June 26.—Judge Bunnell of Klamath county requested the commission to take over a section of road south from Malin to the California state line as a government aid highway. The commission will hold a conference on the proposition with the United States bureau of public roads.

Daylight Saving Movement Gets Under Way Here; May Be Started First of Month

A movement got under way today among Klamath Falls merchants to inaugurate the daylight saving plan in this city during July and August. So enthused are the merchants over the idea that they are planning to call a meeting of the Merchants' Bureau within the next few days to make a definite decision.

It was proposed to advance the clocks one hour, starting the first of the month. In this way it would give clerks an additional hour of daylight after the day's work is over, and also would make it more convenient for shoppers and the public generally.

It is understood that the plan will be taken up with the mill operators at once in an effort to see if they, too, would cooperate in the movement.

Daylight saving was general throughout the country during the war, and in most instances met with ready support. Its chief advantage is that it permits the workers to start an hour earlier in the morning while it is yet cool, and give them a chance to get an extra hour of daylight for recreation after work in the afternoon.

The only possible drawback pointed out was in train schedules, but with only one train operating each way, it was believed that the Southern Pacific would be willing to adapt itself to the temporary arrangement.

Among the merchants who favor the plan are Henry N. Moe of the Woman's Store, E. W. Vannice of the Golden Rule, K. Sugarman, O. M. Hector of Hector's shop, Roy Durbin of the K. K. K. store, Santford Jones of Santford and Co., providing it is made general in the county.