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FIRE DAMAGE AT NEW ORLEANS IS UP IN MILLIONS

Seven Blocks of Mississippi River Wharfs Destroyed by Night Blaze

ONE MAN IS KILLED

Canned Goods and Other Articles Burn During Waterfront Fire

NEW ORLEANS, Nov. 18.—(AP)—Fire starting just before midnight swept seven blocks of Mississippi river wharves before it was brought under control early this morning. Damage wrought by the flames was estimated at a minimum of \$3,000,000, with a possibility, said police and fire department officials, that this may be greatly increased as a check proceeds. The Poydras and Gled street docks, practically new structures, cost more than \$1,000,000. These great sheds fell before the rush of flames as did scores of freight cars.

The American Legion convention in New Orleans in 1922 was held in the Gled street structure.

No lives were lost in the fire, but the death of J. H. Simpson, sixty, was an indirect result. He was killed by the automobile of Fire Chief John A. Evans.

Coffee Burns

Vessels near the docks were towed to safety. Only one vessel was tied up at the wharf, the Manlio Maru, a coffee ship of Japanese registry. She was quickly cut loose and towed down the river. The freighter had just unloaded 75,000 bags of coffee, which was a part of the loss in the Poydras shed.

Important records were burned, including nearly all the warehouse records of the board. The Gled street shed was filled with canned goods and general cargo, the total and character not definitely known today. Thousands of cans of Hawaiian pineapple were destroyed.

Out of Control

The fire was discovered in building material placed on the docks between the Gled and Julia street sheds for use in repairing the flooring of driveways. Gaining momentum rapidly, the flames attacked the thousands of bags of coffee nearby and defying the efforts of every available fireman went on their way until finally stopped at Canal street.

A high wind blowing directly inland fanned the fire and scattered sparks and embers for many blocks.

Many Explosions

Frequent explosions sounded as the fire advanced. Quantities of gasoline were stored on the docks and at intervals drums of it exploded. Two loaded gasoline tank cars were opened before the fire reached them and although they were consumed there was no explosion.

Darling of electricians who entered the burning buildings to cut live wires was conspicuous.

LIQUOR PERMITS ARE CANCELLED

WASHINGTON, Nov. 18.—(AP)—Cancellation of all permits under the prohibition act, effective December 31, was decided upon today by Assistant Secretary Andrews of the treasury.

At the same time, James E. Jones, prohibition director, ordered a searching investigation of all holders of permits for distillation of alcohol so that the government may know the record of each before issuing permits for the next year.

Suggestions Will Be Heard Friday

If anybody has any ideas as to what the county should spend in money next year, they may appear before the county budget committee and give voice to their opinions.

The county budget committee meets, probably for the last time, next Friday, and are willing and anxious to hear any suggestions. It is possible that the committee may not be able to come to a decision on Friday, in which event they will hold a meeting Saturday. The budget must be completed and approved before December 1.

Theater Owner Kills Himself With Revolver

Kidnaps Girl Usher And Then Ends Own Life

LOS ANGELES, Calif., Nov. 18.—L. D. Croft, Long Beach theater manager, died here today of a bullet wound in his brain, fired by himself last night, police said, after he had kidnaped Miss Francis Turney, 25, theater usherette, and took her to an isolated spot in the southwestern part of the city.

The girl told police she had gone home with T. K. Doyler and was sitting in an auto there when Croft drove up, forced her to leave with him in Doyler's car.

She could give no reason for the strange action of the theater man. She said she had known him but six months.

First Trains To Run July 1

S. P. To Finish Natron Cut-off Late In June

EUGENE, Ore., Nov. 18.—Because of the favorable fall weather, work on the Natron cut-off has been speeded up, and the first trains will be run over the shortened Eugene-Klamath Falls line on July 1, according to announcement here today by E. L. King, S. P. superintendent.

King likewise announced that work on the proposed \$900,000 terminal here will start next Monday under the direction of Kelly and Sullivan, contractors.

TO INDICT TUEL

Crook County Grand Jury Will Meet Tomorrow to Consider Robbery Case

BEND, Ore., Nov. 18.—The Crook county grand jury has been called for Thursday to consider the case of John Tuel, charged with robbery of a Prineville pool hall a week ago, according to Circuit Judge T. E. J. Duffy, who ended a special session of the fall term of court in Deschutes county yesterday.

Tuel is now under indictment in Klamath county for burglary.

Condition Is Not Believed Serious

PLYMOUTH, Vt., Nov. 18.—(AP)—Colonel John C. Coolidge, father of the president, who is ill at his home here with a heart affection, suffered another attack of "heart block" early today. The attack passed, however, and his physician Dr. A. M. Cram of Bridgewater said he did not regard his patient's condition as critical.

YOUTH HELD FOR KILLING FATHER

ALBANY, Ore., Nov. 18.—(AP)—John Schwindt, 15, was today charged with first degree murder as the result of the shooting of his father, Joseph Schwindt. Sheriff Frank Richard filed the complaint. The lad shot his father while the latter was punishing another son. The wounded man died Sunday, after hovering between life and death for two weeks with a bullet in his brain. The lad is being held in the county jail without bail. A hearing will be held to determine whether the case shall be transferred from the circuit court to the juvenile department.

Fire Blazing in Hollywood Studio

HOLLYWOOD, Calif., Nov. 18.—(AP)—Flames broke out at noon today in the fine art studios here scattering a number of motion picture companies that were engaged in filming interior scenes and threatening destruction to that historic cinema stages where D. W. Griffith, a decade ago, produced his first masterpiece.

ONE KILLED AND SCORES INJURED IN TRAIN WRECK

Northern Pacific Passenger Train Leaves Rails West of Olympia

WOMAN NEAR DEATH

Back Broken While Shielding Infant—Many Cut by Flying Glass

OLYMPIA, Wash., Nov. 18.—(A. P.)—Tangled wreckage of a locomotive and three coaches this morning marked the spot two miles west of here where early last evening one man met death and a score were injured as the fast Northern Pacific train No. 424, bound from Grays Harbor to Tacoma, left the rails. E. M. Putnam, Tacoma, engineer, was killed when he was scalded and then buried beneath two feet of sand as an embankment crumbled under the impact of the heavy engine.

Mrs. Laura Hahn, Aberdeen, a passenger who was probably fatally hurt, while shielding her year old infant, is in a hospital here fighting against death. X-ray pictures of her spine, which doctors believe is broken, were being taken this morning. George Keppart, Puyallup brakeman; M. W. Baker, Seattle, baggage man, and Ralph Whitman, Tacoma, fireman, were others who suffered more severe injuries but will recover. None of the passengers except Mrs. Hahn was seriously hurt, although many were bruised and cut by flying glass.

Plunges Into Sand
According to occupants of the train, the engine first left the rails on a slight downgrade after rounding a curve. The locomotive plunged into a sand embankment and the mail car, combination baggage and express car, and passenger coach continued about a hundred feet up the right side of the tracks before wrecking. The mail car remained upright but the other cars turned over.

The dead and injured were brought to Olympia on a special relief train and then rushed to Tacoma. Mrs. Hahn and Mrs. Joseph Ryan, another passenger, being the only ones to leave the train here.

Later a wrecking crew from St. Clear and Tacoma began replacing or twisted rails.

Mead and Work to Stage Conference

WASHINGTON, Nov. 18.—(AP)—A reclamation conference to consider problems of settlement and development of semi-arid western land and of uncultivated farm land in other sections of the country was called by Secretary Work today to meet in Washington December 14 and 15.

JEWELS MISSING

New York Woman Reports \$52,000 Theft While on Visit in Denver

DENVER, Colo., Nov. 18.—(AP)—Mrs. Genevieve S. Behrend of 16 Park Avenue, New York City, today reported to police the loss of jewels valued at \$52,700.

Mrs. Behrend said she carried the jewels in a belt, worn under her clothing, and first missed them when she reached a physician's office where she went late yesterday in a taxi cab.

Incorporation Articles Are Filed

Capitalized at \$100,000, the W. D. Miller Construction company yesterday afternoon filed notice of its articles of incorporation. In the articles, it was stated that shares in the company were divided into 1000 one hundred dollar shares. Offices of the construction company are located on south Sixth street.

TO DEDICATE SCHOOL

BEND, Ore., Nov. 18.—As part of the educational week program, the Bend Union high school recently completed at a cost of \$275,000, will be formally dedicated Friday morning.

Committee On Budget Holds Private Meet

Six Men Lock Themselves in County Court Room

Whatever it was that necessitated such privacy is not known, but the fact remains that the county budget committee locked themselves in the county court room yesterday for their first day's deliberation on county finances for the year 1926.

There are, it is an open secret, some knotty and perplexing problems for that group of six men to solve. Of primary importance is the county road fund situation. It is reported that the county court has overdrawn this sum to the amount of nearly \$18,000, and that they planned to make the road warrants good next year.

This "borrowing" from Peter to pay Paul' habit of the court, while necessary at times, will undoubtedly complicate matters so far as the county budget committee is concerned.

It may have been this situation that gave rise to the "closed door" policy of the committee. Again it might have been several dozen county court visitors who constantly interrupted the deliberations of the committee. Nobody seems to know.

The personnel of the committee of six is County Judge R. H. Bunnell, County Commissioners Charles Martin and Burrell Short, and John C. Boyle, Gus Hilyard and A. J. Hickman.

KLAMATH COUNTY TO BE GREATEST POTATO SECTION

Jack Grafton, Prominent Buyer, Predicts Great Possibilities Here

QUALITY UNSURPASSED

Seed Variety Would Bring Farmers Large Profits, Declares Expert

"Klamath county and the surrounding country within the next few years will be one of the chief potato producing sections in the west. With proper railroad facilities it will far surpass the Yakima valley, now considered the greatest potato section in the northwest."

This is the belief of Jack H. Grafton, Oregon and Washington potato dealer, who is leaving here tomorrow morning for Bend and Redmond to look after shipping and further buying. Mr. Grafton has been in Klamath for the past two weeks buying and shipping potatoes previously bought here, the product largely going to San Francisco markets.

Although this is Mr. Grafton's first year to operate in Klamath county, he has purchased approximately 35 cars, representing 25% of the export crop produced in the county. He will return in another month to complete storing and shipping arrangements.

Is Biggest Spud Dealer

Mr. Grafton is the largest individual potato dealer in the state, having this year purchased 40% of the entire late crop of Oregon potatoes. His specialty is the seed potato market. In 1924, 90% of all standard and certified seed potatoes in Oregon were marketed through his organization; of the 1925 crop, 95%.

"Klamath county growers are overlooking a wonderful bet in not producing high grade seed potatoes for the Yakima trade," declared the potato dealer. "Minnesota annually sends 200 cars of seed potatoes to Yakima valley, with a freight rate of \$18 per ton. Klamath county can produce better seed potatoes and deliver them in Yakima for \$13.00 per ton freight—a saving of \$4.40 per ton."

Mr. Grafton is this year sending a few cars of Klamath potatoes to Yakima for seed purposes.

Improve Oregon Product
Improving the quality of Oregon potatoes, in Mr. Grafton's belief, is

ONE PASSENGER LOSES LIFE ON BLAZING VESSEL

Several Taken to Hospital Suffering from Severe Burns and Injuries

SHIP IS TOTAL LOSS

Clyde Line Lenape Makes Breakwater in Time to Effect Speedy Rescue

LEWES, Del., Nov. 18.—(AP)—One life was lost in the race with death by the blazing Clyde liner Lenape of the Delaware capes early today. All the remainder of her passengers and crew, numbering 307, were safely accounted for. Of these about nine passengers and crew members suffering from exposure and burns were taken to the hospital.

The man who lost his life was identified as Robert Leverton, about sixty years of age, believed to be of Willimausett, Mass. He became panic stricken as flames burst through a deck while passengers were being taken off the ship and jumped overboard. He was not rescued by the ship's officers but his body was picked up in Delaware bay by a fisherman hours after all hands had been landed here.

Several Injured

More than a dozen persons were injured and nine of them were taken to the Beebe hospital here. Three or four others were also treated and left. Those in the hospital were suffering from exposure and bruises.

Two members of the crew were burned about the feet and two others of the crew suffered broken ankles fighting the flames. They are in a hospital here.

No Panic

According to passengers and members of the crew, there was no undue excitement and the transfer of all hands from the burning vessel to rescue ships was accompanied as smoothly as circumstances would permit.

There were many women and children among the passengers and some of them left the blazing vessel in the dark hours before dawn scantly clad. Some were in only their night clothes. All wore life preservers until they were landed.

Debate Subject Is Branded Offensive

BERKELEY, Calif., Nov. 18.—The series of debates between women students of the University of California and Stanford University on the theme "Resolved that the family is unnecessary to the progress of civilization" was called off today by President W. W. Campbell of the University of California on the ground that he did not consider the subject a fit one for the fair debaters.

IS ACQUITTED

Baker Slayer Found Not Guilty By Jury After 15 Minutes' Deliberation

BAKER, Ore., Nov. 18.—(AP)—After deliberating but fifteen minutes a circuit court jury here today found David Arthur not guilty of manslaughter in connection with the fatal stabbing of G. C. Tucker at the Mother Lode mine. The stabbing occurred September 1. Self defense was the plea of Arthur.

BINGER HERMAN ILL

Former Oregon Congressman Spends Restful Night in Portland Hospital

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 18.—(AP)—Binger Herman, 82-year-old representative in congress from Oregon, spent a restful night at St. Vincent's hospital, attendants said today. He recently underwent a serious operation, and little hope is held for his recovery.

Spotted Fever Vaccine Found By Scientists

Announce Cure For Deadly Bite of Ticks

WASHINGTON, Nov. 18.—(AP)—After several years study, the public health service has produced a vaccine leading it to believe that protection may be afforded human beings against Rocky Mountain spotted fever.

The vaccine, still undergoing tests, was produced at the cost of three lives. Assistant Surgeon McClintic, who died in Montana, and laboratory assistants William E. Gettinger and George Cowan. These men, termed by Surgeon General Cummings as martyrs to science, contracted the disease while making laboratory studies and died.

Sometimes called tick fever, the malarial disease occurs principally in certain northwestern states, and has an exceedingly high fatality rate. If the vaccine proves successful, health officials declare, it will mark a big step forward in preventative immunology.

Wool Growers Will Meet In Annual Confab

First Anniversary of Association Next Saturday

Next Saturday will mark the first anniversary of the Klamath Wool Growers association since its reorganization one year ago, and to take stock of the activities of the association during the past year and lay plans for the ensuing twelve months, Klamath sheep men will meet on that day at the ranch home of Michael P. Barry, south of Merrill.

Some of the sheep men will be members of the association. Others will not. Those that belong to the latter class will be urged to join the association, at a nominal membership fee. Probably the first order of business will be the election of officers for the ensuing year.

It is the hope of officers of the association to enlarge the organization to the point where it encompasses every sheep owner in Klamath county. The organization has been active during the past year. It was largely responsible for the inter-state conference here recently on the coyote control work; and instrumental in securing the senatorial committee hearing some months ago; took an active part in the railroad situation prior to the interstate commerce commission; has been indefatigable in its efforts to secure better grazing privileges on the Modoc National forest and to persuade the government to dig wells on the forests for the purpose of watering sheep.

Every man woman or child, A. M. Thomas, secretary of the association, emphasized this morning, that owns one or more head of sheep, is eligible for membership in the Klamath association. Mr. Thomas expressed the hope that the organization would increase in size, as the larger the organization becomes, the more easy it is to accomplish that which would benefit Klamath sheep industry.

Oregon Motor Assn. Drive Over the Top

Over two hundred members have already signed up as members of the Oregon State Motor association, was the announcement made today by B. C. McHenry, field representative, who has been here for the past week working on the drive for memberships. The local office is now opened in the chamber of commerce office, with Mrs. Leah Smith, assistant secretary of the chamber of commerce, in charge of the office.

Mr. McHenry returned this morning from Fort Klamath, Chiloquin, and Klamath Agency where he has been securing members.

NORTHERN LINES ARE LAUDED BY NORTH BEND MAN

Rev. J. E. Snyder Tells Klamath People to Boost For More Railroads

S. P. IS CRITICIZED

"Don't Let Them Buffalo You," Are His Words, Others Introduced

An amiable, gentle mannered but decisive man of the cloth threw a verbal bomb shell into the weekly chamber of commerce forum luncheon today noon when he poured volleys of criticism into those obstructionists who are seeking to present the Southern Pacific with a railroad monopoly on Klamath county—"The Empire Awakening."

That man was the Rev. J. E. Snyder of North Bend. Preacher, chamber of commerce secretary and student of economic affairs, the North Bend man launched into a discussion of the rail situation, and just as is his weekly wont from the pulpit, truth followed truth from his smiling lips as he urged the people of Klamath to work and fight for as many railroads as they could possibly get.

There were those among his hearers who winced perceptibly as he quoted facts and figures. Some there were who slumped down deeper into their chairs; whose ears reddened and who lost interest in the meeting. But there were many others—and they were in the majority—who leaped to their feet with salms of applause to this mild spoken man from Coos Bay who dared to take off his gloves and tell what he and a vast majority of the people of Oregon honestly think of the Central Oregon railroad situation.

California and Washington have forged ahead as perhaps no other two states in the Union have. And why? All because they have grasped every opportunity for more railroads. We want the Southern Pacific to continue its developments which they have promised, us, and their cooperation has been splendid, but no one railroad should have the monopoly on our community. Unbounded prosperity will come to our midst all the sooner with competition. Don't let the Southern Pacific buffalo you into the belief that they won't fulfill their promises and continue to develop, with the entrance of the Northern lines, Rev. Snyder said.

Need Competition

"You have a wonderful country here in Klamath county. I see signs of prosperity on all sides. You are rich in potential resources, but all of these, I say, can never grow to their rightful fruition unless you are given more railroads. I urge you not to stop at two lines, if there is any opportunity to get more. No country, no matter how rich it is, no matter how prosperous it might be, can attain its full development without ample railroad facilities, and these can never come without competition."

"On every occasion when we in the North Bend chamber of commerce have been asked to help you, the Klamath Falls chamber of commerce, we have done so, now we are here to ask you to give us your undivided support on the Roosevelt highway which will bring tourists by the thousands to Coos Bay."

"We, the residents of the state of Oregon, must sell our beautiful lakes, rivers, mountains, resorts, and uncomparable scenery to the world, but first we must sell it to ourselves. Rev. Snyder said in part, in dwelling on the possibilities of Oregon becoming the playground of the world.

Others in Party
In the party with Rev. Snyder

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