

FIRE RAZES REEDSPORT PACKING PLANT

LARGE LOSS SUSTAINED IN BLAZE

Flames Also Destroy Several Waterfront Residences Nearby

STARTED IN SMALL OFFICE IS BELIEF

Under Control This Morning Following Desperate Fight Since 3:30 A. M.; Successful Fight to Save Adjoining Buildings Waged By Fire Fighters.

ROSEBURG, Ore., Dec. 13. (AP)—Fire originating in the packing plant of the Coast Fisheries at Reedport, about 3:30 o'clock this morning, resulted in losses estimated at from \$125,000 to \$130,000, according to early reports. The fire spread from the Coast Fisheries cannery to the Anderson Packing company plant nearby and also destroyed four to five waterfront residences, which were of small value.

The fire at the fish cannery, in addition to destroying the buildings and equipment, caused a heavy loss in canned goods. The fire department concentrated their efforts in saving the Roberts hotel, and managed to prevent any serious damage to that structure and also kept the flames from leaping across the street on the side away from the waterfront. The fire was still burning but was under control at 7 o'clock this morning.

The blaze, when first discovered, (Continued on page 5)

PLOW USED BY S. P. ON LINE

Although general snow has brought problems to all transportation conveyances, the Southern Pacific has only had to concentrate on the Crescent Lake section of its Cascade line and the Sklavyon section of its Shasta route.

At the Crescent Lake section a rotary plow has been put into action to clear a snowfall of more than 18 inches within the past few days. Reports from the Crescent Lake district revealed a drop in temperature on last Friday to ten degrees below zero.

"Despite the heavy snowstorms, trains continue to arrive on time and little inconvenience has been caused so far by the inclement weather," J. P. Hawthorne, assistant trainmaster, commented this morning.

The mails continue to run heavy and each day baggage and freight increases as Christmas Day nears.

After 24 hours of arduous labor, the California-Oregon Power company maintenance department began to breathe easier today. Heavy snow storm accompanied by a strong wind had brought its usual trouble to Copco.

Last night a 4,000 volt power line was blown against a 2,300 volt line. The contact caused the circuit serving street lights in the California avenue, Conger avenue and northern section of Hot Springs addition to be "blown out" last night. A number of residences of that section were without power. The shutdown was for 40 minutes.

GOVERNOR OF OREGON HERE TO GIVE TALK

Governor I. L. Patterson, Oregon's chief executive, arrived in Klamath Falls this morning to take part in the official inspection of the Klamath national guard tonight and to address the chamber of commerce tomorrow.

The governor was ready to talk with business and arguments against the proposed reduction in the state license fee. He is unqualifiedly opposed to the reduction.

"I plan to touch briefly on this important question tomorrow noon when I address the chamber of commerce," he said.

Accompanying the governor were General G. White, Salem, head of the National Guard in Oregon, Colonel Thomas Riley, Major Cowgill, Hal White and Colonel C. G. Thomson.

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EAGLE'S QUICK FLIGHT GIVES BIG SURPRISE

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 13. (AP)—News of the sudden departure of Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh for Mexico astonished officials of the Mexican government and the United States embassy who plunged quickly into final preparations for his reception.

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CITY OFFICIAL GETS 10 YEARS

KELSO, Wash., Dec. 13. (AP)—Walter Clark, clerk, and water superintendent of Kalamia was sentenced to from three to ten years late yesterday after having pleaded guilty to shortage of \$10,753.92 in his accounts.

MONEY SHORTAGE CHARGED. LONGVIEW, Wash., Dec. 13. (AP)—Walter E. Clark, town clerk and former water superintendent of the city of Kalamia, was arrested at noon today charged with shortage of \$10,753.92 in accounts.

BRAD COLLINS SAVED BY CITY BOUNDARIES. Arriving just ten minutes too late in an attempt to arrest Brad Collins, county officers got busy on the wire last night and notified officers at Weed where the man is reported to have gone.

A wire late yesterday from Sheriff A. S. Calkins of Yreka advised city officials to arrest Collins who is wanted on an indictment charging perjury. The man was located but city officers were unable to make the arrest because he was just outside the city limits.

County officers were notified but arrived ten minutes too late to make the arrest.

prevent them blowing together a few times last night, T. W. Deisell, assistant manager of the power company said today.

Numerous minor complaints of small service lines being out of order were received at the Copco head office today. Crews were sent out and corrected the trouble as quickly as possible.

Power service in Keno and Spring Lake was temporarily off this morning and maintenance crews were working to ascertain the trouble center.

CONTINUE FUND COMMITTEE. WASHINGTON, Dec. 13. (AP)—The senate today continued the life of the Reed campaign funds committee and declared the committee had continued "in full force and operation" since its creation.

BURDEN OF TAXATION MUCH LESS

County Officials Elated Over Decrease in Millage Rate

PRAISE ECONOMY OF LEVYING OFFICIALS

Economy and Efficiency Principle of Lower Millage Rate; Large Increase in Assessed Valuation of City and County Also Great Help.

A decrease of 14.1 mills in 1927 millage rate for Klamath Falls compared with the millage rate of 1926 was announced this morning by County Judge F. R. Goddard and County Assessor W. T. Lee.

"The startling decrease was due to large increased valuation and the efficiency and economy of the city levying boards," County Judge Goddard said. "It simply means that the tax burden will be materially reduced for citizens of this city."

Outside the city, the millage will also be reduced. Including the county, state and county unit taxes, the millage rate last year was 25.8; this year it has been computed at 23.2.

The valuation of the county last year was \$3,251,328.93; this year it is \$3,469,113.88. Valuation of the city of Klamath (Continued on page 5)

Queer Quirks From the Wires

BE AN EXPERT! ATLANTIC CITY, Dec. 13. (AP)—What price testing stockings? Two experts ask a total of \$750 for three examinations of blood stains on Mrs. Lillien Dahl's hose. The board of freeholders is holding up payment, thinking 25 per cent is enough.

WILL BE ANNOYED. MEXICO CITY, Dec. 13. (AP)—Will Rogers is off to Lindy. "I've got to give up my nice room at Mr. Morrow's embassy and let Lindy have it," he explains.

MAYBE SHE'S RIGHT. NEW YORK, Dec. 13. (AP)—There are no really devoted home loving persons left in Hollywood, if Vivien Oakland of the screen has it right. She and her husband, John T. Murray, were the only two such extant she says, and now they are separating after ten years of married life.

WILLAMETTE U. HOOP GAME OFF

The American Legion, Willamette university basketball game schedule for December 19 is off.

This was the announcement today of Ted Gillenwaters, coach of the team, following receipt of a wire from the Willamette coach "Spec" Keene.

Willamette had scheduled games with California teams for a barnstorming tour this month. When a number of these golden state teams called off their games with the Oregon college, the tour was called off.

FOUR TAKEN ON BOOZE CHARGE

Striking with customary suddenness, C. A. Cornell, federal prohibition officer, aided by Indian officers, arrested A. Aho, James St. Clair and Martin Varneil and Peggy Reed.

The three men were charged with possession and sale of intoxicating liquor. The woman was charged with possession. They will be brought before Justice of the Peace W. B. Barnes.

Legislators Outwit National Guard and Hold Quiet Session

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., Dec. 13. (AP)—Bills of impeachment naming Governor Henry S. Johnston and two other state officials, which were voted early today by the lower house of the self-convened Oklahoma legislature, have been given to a board of managers for presentation to the senate, leaders in the investigation said.

The charges were approved at the second secret session called shortly after 2 o'clock this morning in defiance of national guardsmen mobilized by Governor Johnston to prevent legislature meetings anywhere in the state.

Unable to obtain fifty-four members, the number necessary for a quorum, the house adjourned the first meeting shortly after midnight.

A call for more members brought representatives from their beds, clad in night clothes, to the improvised hotel assembly room. Meanwhile national guardsmen were sleeping in the state capitol.

Six charges were quickly approved against Governor Johnston. The allegations, including a charge of incompetency, were consolidated for presentation to the senate which has declared itself a qualified court of impeachment.

Yesterday the national guardsmen, standing armed at the doors of the capitol assembly rooms, prevented the legislators from meeting. Representative Moon announced the charges against the governor and the vote by which they carried as follows:

1-Replacing civil authority with military authority, 49 to 6.
2-Incompetency, 49 to 5.
3-Awarding a commission as peace officer to Jose Alvarado, alleged bank robber, 44 to 9.
4-Alleged illegal employment of Kirby Fitzpatrick, attorney of Ardmore, as counsel for the state banking department, 40 to 15.
5-Alleged illegal payment of \$7900 through a deficiency certificate on the banking department to employes charged by the house investigating committee to have been illegally placed on the payroll, 42 to 13.

6-Alleged conspiracy between the governor, his confidential secretary, Mrs. O. O. Hammonds, and an unnamed person in connection with collection of a highway claim by a contractor, 46 to 8.

California-Oregon Power company is willing to open Grant street between Fifth and Sixth streets in its reservoir property as much as it can under the circumstances, according to a communication last night to the city council.

John C. Boyle, division manager of the company, pointed out that the street through the Copco property could not be opened to allow traffic both ways, but that a ten foot width could possibly be secured. Mr. Boyle invited discussion of the proposition and indicated a desire to cooperate with the city administration.

DAUGHTER BORN TO MR. AND MRS. LOUIS C. MUELLER. Mr. and Mrs. Louis Mueller are receiving congratulations from their many friends upon the arrival of a baby daughter, born this morning at the Klamath Valley hospital. This is the second daughter born to Mr. and Mrs. Mueller. Mr. Mueller is deputy sheriff under Burt Hawkins. Mrs. Mueller and new babe are reported as doing nicely.

ALIMONY CLUB ASKS FOR HEAT

NEW YORK, Dec. 13. (AP)—Fourteen members of the Alimony club in Ludlow street jail have asked Governor Smith to see that they get more heat. "Prisoners liable to pneumonia and taxpayers liable to heavy damage suits," said a telegram sent to the governor by Robert G. Ech, chairman of the alimony payers' protective association. "Vindictive wives, ex-wives and their shyster lawyers have excellent grounds for legal action and the taxpayers will be paying the alimony. Our experience indicates that these people will stop at nothing to get money."

PURCHASING OF BONDS FAVORED

Purchase by the city of \$10,500 worth of its own improvement bonds was authorized by unanimous vote of the city council last night. The money for the purchase will be taken from the bond sinking fund. City Treasurer Irma Dixon informed the council.

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REVOLT IN CHINA GETS UNDER WAY

Canton Taken in Huge Uprising Inspired by Russian Soviet

AMERICAN FORCES PROTECT CITIZENS

Communist Government Set Up in Chinese Metropolis; Revolution Spreading Rapidly in South China and Threatens to Engulf Northern Section.

(By the Associated Press) South China appeared in the throes of a red revolt today with Canton completely in control of communists and other southern cities threatened.

The United States gunboat Sacramento landed men and field guns at Canton to protect foreigners, while two other American gun boats stood by.

Refugees reported looting and pillage in Canton, while advisers from Hankow stated that outlying districts were communistic with peasants murdering wealthy landlords.

Serious mutiny reported at Loahokow in northern Hupeh about 200 miles from Hankow; agitators were busy in Shanghai in the hope of bringing about a strike.

Communist outbreaks reported at various ports along the Yangtze river including Shanghai and Wu-chang suppressed by nationalist government.

Attempts to recapture Canton from the communists failed. Vernacular newspapers in (Continued on page 6)

DISMISS SUIT AGAINST JACK

NEW YORK, Dec. 13. (AP)—One of two equity suits brought by Jack Kearns, former manager of Jack Dempsey, for one-third of Dempsey's earnings under an alleged contract with Kearns in this country, Mexico and Europe, was dismissed today by federal Judge Winslow.

The action was taken upon motion of Arthur F. Driscoll, counsel for Dempsey, who asked that both of the suits brought in this jurisdiction be dismissed. Mr. Driscoll said his client had wanted to bring the action to trial but that Kearns had caused delay.

HOLD WINTERS ON CHARGE OF MAKING THREAT

A warrant charging threat to commit a felony was placed against Bob Winters this morning and the prisoner who was just starting to serve out a ten day sentence in the city jail was removed to the county jail.

Winters was arrested last night on Walnut and Ninth for being drunk. At the time of his arrest, Winters had a bottle of hair tonic and an old fashioned razor in his possession. He was unable to pay a fine of \$20 when brought before Police Judge Gagnan this morning.

START MOVE TO LOWER TARIFF. WASHINGTON, Dec. 13. (AP)—A move looking toward general reduction of the tariff was initiated in the senate today by Senator McMaster, republican.

STANDING OF CHAMBER IS MADE KNOWN

Showing a splendid financial standing for the first seven months of the year, the treasurer's report of the chamber of commerce activities was given at the directors' luncheon today by W. O. Smith, treasurer.

While the report shows the chamber has a total of \$539.90 charged against it for the first seven months, this does not mean an indebtedness of this amount. At this time three years ago, the chamber was overdrawn in the sum of \$1700 and the report shows that since the first of the year more than \$1500 has been paid for outstanding debts. The figures \$539.90 means for the first seven months of the year the chamber went over the allotted amount.

A report was made at this time at the request of Lynn Sabin, retiring secretary and gave the directors an insight into what is being done with funds and where they must economize to remain within this year's budget.

Under activities for the first seven months, taking in remanufacturing, land settlement, agriculture, special activities, a total of \$1950 was allowed for this year. Up to December first \$1137.49 had been expended, with a total of \$1197.66 collected.

While not overdrawn in the sum of \$57.93, it was advised that no more special activities be added to this budget for the remaining months of the year.

RELEASE VETS AFTER 20-DAY JAIL SENTENCE

PORTLAND, Dec. 13. (AP)—Having completed their 20-day jail sentences for contempt of court in having failed to move from their claims in the Umpqua national forest, E. H. Best and Emory Davis, war veterans, were released last night. Best said "no law on earth could keep me from my family" and added he planned to join his wife and three children who had remained on the claim. Davis said he would not go back to the forest reserve.

CITY FATHERS CAUGHT RED HANDED; FINED. Charged with the theft of candy from the boxes in the city council chamber, which has been stored away for the Christmas tree which will be given kiddies of Klamath county on Friday evening, December 23, four city fathers, Mayor T. B. Watters, F. R. Olds, E. H. Baisiger and Harry Pelts, paid a fine of \$100 each.

The officials were having a conference in the council chambers, and as they talked were munching on the candy. At that time Patrick Winfrey, police officer walked in and fined each man \$1 for eating the forbidden sweets.

Kelley, newly appointed city engineer will represent the roads and highways committee of the chamber. It was voted at the directors meeting this noon to take care of Mr. Kelley's expenses on the trip.

Judge F. R. Goddard expects to make the trip to assist the other local representatives in placing their arguments before the meeting which is called for Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock.

Funds Sought to Help Needy in Bad Weather

Scantly clad, with its little hands half-frozen a small baby was found yesterday by Salvation Army workers in their round of investigation among the needy of this city.

Upon entering another home, a little fellow not more than four years of age was found sleeping without any bedding. Just old coats covered the child who sleeps on the floor.

A plea to people of the city for bedding, warm clothing for children as well as grown people is being made by officers of the Salvation Army. By calling phone 59-W, which is the Army headquarters, the garments will be picked up and placed among needy families.

The approach of the Christmas holidays has once more brought the Salvation Army kettles to the street corners. Each day until Christmas every person in

LINDBERGH SUDDENLY HOPS OFF FOR SOUTH

Non-Stop Flight to Mexico Starts Suddenly This Morning

PLANS OF COLONEL ARE NOT REVEALED

Difficulty in Attaining Altitude Experienced by Lone Eagle As His Plane Rises from Soggy Field at Washington; Eight Planes Escort "Lindy."

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13. (AP)—Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh started his 2,000 mile non-stop flight to Mexico City today, taking the air at Bolling Field at 12:29 p. m.

As he started over the Potomac Lindbergh seemed to be having difficulty in gaining altitude.

As the Spirit of St. Louis disappeared in the murky atmosphere the flier seemed to be getting better results and quickly disappeared to the southward.

At 11:15 a. m. reports from Bolling field said that Lindbergh and Major Harvey S. Burwell, commanding officer at the field, were making ready for the take-off.

GROUP TO URGE ROAD BUILDING

The eight escort planes were made up of four army, three navy, and one commerce department machines.

As in his sudden decision to start from New York on his flight to Paris, Lindbergh kept (Continued on page 5)

To attend one, if not the most important meeting of the Klamath Falls-Wood highway committee which will be held in Red Bluff on Thursday morning, C. H. Underwood, W. C. Dalton and C. C. Kelley of the chamber of commerce plan to leave tomorrow.

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AL MELLO WINS

BOSTON, Dec. 12. (UP)—Al Mello of Lowell, New England welterweight champ, celebrated his debut into the middleweight ranks tonight with an easy victory over the veteran Jack Malone of St. Paul.