

DADS REFUSE TO WAIVE FEE FOR CARNIVAL

City councilmen "stood on the ordinance" in the carnival controversy Monday night.

They voted, to permit a carnival company to show here in September if the company pays the full fee required by ordinance. The Veterans of Foreign Wars had asked the council to waive the fee so the veterans could receive \$400 from the company to be spent in their relief work.

Mrs. Rose Poole, manager of the local theatres, told the councilmen that they had been misinformed last week when it was indicated at the council meeting that the theatres do not oppose the waiving of fees for carnivals. She declared the theatres' policy is the same as it was under the late Harry W. Poole. The theatres, she said, pay their full taxes and that the carnivals would be held to the same rules.

She pointed out that no carnivals have come in here in recent years standing on their own feet and paying their full license requirements, with the possible exception of those carnivals showing at the time of the Buckaroo Days celebration. The latter carnivals have paid their fees and the city in turn has turned them over to the Buckaroo Days committee.

Mrs. Poole said she is not opposed to this arrangement with the Buckaroo Days committee, feeling that this is a community enterprise and the celebration helps to further the interests of the city.

However, she said, it has become customary for carnival companies to induce worthy local organizations to "sponsor" them so they may escape their legal obligations under city ordinances. It is this, she said, to which the theatres object. She cited undesirable features of carnivals and mentioned the business losses they mean not only to theatres but other local businesses.

Representatives of the Veterans of Foreign Wars said that they object to the distinction the council has made between their sponsorship of a carnival and that of the Buckaroo Days committee, which they identify with the American Legion.

They said their organization uses its funds for a worthy purpose, its prestige is equal to that of the Legion, and feels that if the council is going to waive fees for the Legion shows, they should be waived for the veterans.

The veterans said further that if carnivals have features undesirable in a community, they are as undesirable on the Fourth of July as they are in September. Councilman Elmer Hoe Inc., a member of the Buckaroo Days committee, suggested that the council proclaim a policy which would eliminate the Buckaroo Days arrangement as well as all other proposed waivers of carnival fees by the city.

No action was taken on this specific suggestion, but Councilman Roland Cantrill moved that the West Coast shows, which seek to play here in September, be permitted to come in if they pay their full fees.

The fees, it was stated, amount to considerably more than the \$400 which the shows were originally slated to turn over to the veterans. Whether the fees would be turned over by the city to the veterans, if the show comes in, was not decided by the council.

O. D. Matthews, chairman of the Buckaroo Days committee, spoke briefly, as did Henry Schortgen, building inspector and member of both the Veterans of Foreign Wars and Legion. Schortgen recalled an incident several years ago when Harry Poole, owner of the local theatres, wrote a check for \$385 needed by the veterans for a convention fund.

It was disclosed that arrangements have been made for a show at one of the theatres in September for the benefit of the veterans' group.

Schortgen said the Veterans of

Foreign Wars do a great deal of helpful relief work.

The council briefly discussed street matters. Councilman Hosking asked that Rogers street be sprinkled. This matter was turned over to the city engineer. The Eighth street dust problem was referred to the street committee with powers to act.

BOMBING OF GERMANY EYED BY BRITAIN

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for French and British planes are believed established in Poland.

Because most experts agree the initial phases of "the next war" will be fought in the air, and because to get land forces into Poland would tax her friends with a difficult strategic problem, Britain and France probably would concentrate on air force assistance.

Poland—wedged between Nazi Germany and Soviet Russia—has a trained, well-equipped army of about 1,000,000 men. Many observers believe it could hold a German land advance days, weeks, or even months.

FLOOD TAKES BIG TOLL AT TIENTSIN

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terious watershed which the Hai drains. Refugees by the thousands streamed into Tientsin from the submerged areas. There was intense suffering among the city's 1,500,000 residents.

The Japanese concession was under water—in some places 10 to 15 feet deep. Houses collapsed. Through the night, the sky was red from fires which burned huge sections of buildings to the flood line. Fires also raged in the native areas.

The British and French concessions were submerged to depths up to 15 feet. The Italian concession to the northwest apparently suffered less than surrounding areas. The central station of the Peking Mukden railway was submerged partially.

The American community was waterlogged as any. American marines whose barracks are on the southern edge of the British concession lost a two-day battle to hold back the waters with sandbags and retreated to upper floors, taking their livestock with them. The American consulate also took up emergency quarters in the marine compound.

Clothing Needed For Refugees of Pine Ridge Fire

Usable clothing for men, women and children is needed for the several hundred persons left homeless Saturday night by the \$2,000,000 fire which swept the lumber town of Pine Ridge.

This was the announcement made Tuesday by George J. Walton, secretary of Klamath county chapter, American Red Cross, whose disaster committee headed by H. P. Bosworth stepped into the work of caring for the homeless persons.

Ann Carter, Red Cross field representative, is now at work in the Chilquinn high school registering families in need. She is assisted by Mrs. Howard Boyd of Klamath Falls, Junior Red Cross chairman. Registration the first day in the improvised office maintained by Miss Carter, totaled 150 persons, and Red Cross officials said the registration would undoubtedly reach 250.

"It will cost us between \$4000 and \$5000 to handle the Pine Ridge work," Walton stated Tuesday. "Of this sum, one half is expected from the national office, and the remainder we must raise ourselves. We are making plans for a drive, details to be announced later. I know every person in Klamath county is interested in helping those families that lost their homes in that fire."

Persons wishing to make donations of money or clothing may do so by leaving their contributions at the Walton office on Main street. Chilquinn residents may leave their donations at Miss Carter's office in the high school.

CONTRACT FOR SALE OF CITY LOTS DECIED

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In after a civil case jury had been released for the noon hour.

Peering around the heavy tomes, Judge Ashurst began to measure tones his attack on the councilman. He mentioned at the outset the rule of law, which he said had been reiterated time and again in law books. He described property foreclosures for unpaid taxes and liens, and the subsequent sale of that property by the city or county. That is a matter, he said, which should be handled in the public interest.

Not mentioning names at first, he said that "members of the council" buy up property of this sort, acquiring it under "favorable conditions." He then mentioned the "choice pieces of property" at Third and Jefferson streets, foreclosed for taxes and then purchased by "some one who appeared on the scene." Within five days, he said, this party had signed the property over to Councilman Hosking.

Liquor Store Lease Judge Ashurst, in referring to Hosking, mentioned the state liquor store lease on Fifth street. The liquor store is on a property owned by Nellie Bolvin, mother of Harry Bolvin, state legislator, and mother of Mrs. Pearl Hosking, wife of the councilman.

"Over the violent protests of citizens, these men used their personal power and influence to locate this store on that property," said Ashurst.

"We must decide here and now if we are going to let this go," said Ashurst. "I say that this grand jury should look into matters at the city hall, not with whitewash but with chloride of lime."

Judge Ashurst said he also had been informed Councilman Hosking has sold property for the city and has collected a commission on the sales.

"Nowhere in America," the jurist declared, "has there been such callousness to the public interest. The aim of public officials when they get elected to office is to get the best property for themselves. It smells to high heaven."

"They even turn the heat on and squeeze people out of their property so they can step in and get it."

In describing the property at Third and Jefferson streets, the judge on two occasions burst into laughter.

He discussed his philosophy as a jurist, stating that some people think he should be a "dead head," sitting in his chambers with his hands folded. He said he had a different conception of what a judge should be.

The property of which Judge Ashurst spoke consists of two old houses on the east side of Third street between Jefferson and Lincoln streets. One of the houses has been remodeled since Hosking acquired it, and the other is now being remodeled. A vacant lot separates this house from the corner of Jefferson and Third street.

Records at the city hall show that these houses were owned by the C. C. Miller estate and heirs at the time of foreclosure for paying assessments on May 1, 1936. On May 13, 1937, the police judge's deed was recorded. On August 2, 1937, the lots were appraised at \$2500 for the whole plat, the appraisal committee being composed of E. M. Chilcote, Walter Sears, R. H. Dunbar, Paul Lambert and E. A. Dunham.

Offer Made On Jan. 24, 1938, Councilman Hosking offered the property for sale at \$2500 cash, \$25 per month, and 6 per cent interest on the unpaid balance. The purchaser was Ardye N. Rumer, Councilman Thomas moved the matter be referred to the council as a whole but his motion was lost for want of a second. It was moved by Councilman Lee Bean, seconded by Van Camp, that the offer be accepted.

Hosking presented an offer at the city council to purchase the property at the appraised price. On February 14, 1938, the sale was authorized at \$2500 cash, \$25 per month, and 6 per cent interest on the unpaid balance. The purchaser was Ardye N. Rumer, Councilman Thomas moved the matter be referred to the council as a whole but his motion was lost for want of a second. It was moved by Councilman Lee Bean, seconded by Van Camp, that the offer be accepted.

On February 19, Ardye Rumer assigned her interest to Hosking. Judge Ashurst told the grand jurors that he wants them, when they return in September or October, to go into the city hall business. He said the matters could wait until that time because they are in the records. He said something will be done unless "powerful interests" prevent it.

WEATHER FAILS TO CURB COAST FIRES

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tion "as serious as organized fighters have ever faced in Oregon."

The Estacada district fire in the Mount Hood national forest was trailed and held within 5000 acres. A number of spot fires, however, blew up faster than they could be extinguished.

Fighters gained the upper hand against the Paradise creek fire in northern Douglas county and the Shively creek blaze in the southern part of the county. The Paradise creek flames were believed incendiary.

The fire weather forecast: "Fair tonight and Wednesday; fog on coast; slightly cooler with rising humidity in interior Wednesday; gentle to moderate south and southwest winds."

Absence of wind saved the \$50,000 Meadow Lake club from destruction.

M. H. McGuire, city water superintendent, was at the scene of the fire directing protection of the watershed. In the absence of a definite report, it was believed the city supply was not in danger.

Little Nations Plan Conference On War Threats

BRUSSELS, Aug. 22 (AP)—Europe's seven little "neutral" nations of the Oslo group met in an emergency conference here Wednesday to consider the feasibility of undertaking mediation in an effort to head off a general war, it was revealed today.

The foreign ministers of the Oslo group prepared to go to Brussels by train and airplane to join the 37-year-old King Leopold III, of the Belgians in an urgent appeal to the great powers to preserve peace.

The nations invited to participate in drawing up a joint plea which might be instrumental in heading off what to them appears to be a heading plunge toward war were the Netherlands, Luxembourg, Denmark, Norway, Sweden and Finland.

It was understood Switzerland, which is one of Europe's traditional neutral states although not a member of the Oslo group, also would participate in the conference.

400 KILLED CHUNGKING, Aug. 21 (Delayed) (AP)—Chinese and foreign relief organizations were mobilized hastily today to aid the western Szechwan province city of Kiating, where foreigners estimated 400 persons were killed and many injured in a Japanese air raid last Saturday.

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TROOPS CALLED UP TO BOLSTER DEFENSE ARMY

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use its best judgment in giving such cautionary advice to Americans in Poland as the situation called for.

The official said no report had been received from the embassy that Americans had been advised to leave Poland.

By The Associated Press An emergency session of Britain's parliament was called today for Thursday in the tense European situation made more confused by a Russian-German decision to conclude a non-aggression pact.

Britain also announced her obligations of aid to Poland were in no way affected by the proposed non-aggression accord.

Other highlights of a day of swift-moving developments included cancellation of all leaves for army officers in Belgium, an emergency cabinet session in France which was preceded by the call of even more troops to the colors, and feverish appraisal of the Russian-German action at a time when two other nations, Britain and France, were seeking a mutual assistance accord with Russia.

In a Europe already tense over the issue of the free city of Danzig, the suddenness of the development threw statesmen into confusion.

German's foreign minister, Joachim von Ribbentrop, will arrive in Moscow tomorrow for negotiations, which were announced last night in the homes of rival ideologies.

So far as Russia and Germany were concerned, the development came after some four years of growing friction which succeeded Hitler's renewal, on May 5, 1935, of a treaty of friendship for seven years.

It came sharply on the heels of a Russian-German trade pact to reverse the trend of decreasing commerce between the two nations.

So far as the world was concerned, the Nazi-communist action etched a vast new question mark in every chancellery.

It came with stunning surprise to Britain and France whose diplomats have been engaged for four months in an attempt to negotiate a tri-power mutual assistance pact

and whose military officials have been molding staff talks in Moscow.

Unofficial Soviet sources in Moscow said the Russian-German pact would not preclude a tri-power mutual assistance accord; French foreign office officials said the Moscow military conversations would continue.

But in Berlin many believed the British-French efforts to get Russia into their front had been nullified; in London the sudden action confronted cabinet ministers, who had been summoned for a special session on the growing European crisis, with a complication of the first magnitude.

Poland—between Germany and Russia, geographically and in the midst of the dispute over Danzig, diplomatically—was surprised, but made an effort to minimize Hitler's stroke.

German military forces were massing on her border and in Berlin it was considered Germany's position toward Poland in the dispute had been strengthened tremendously.

But whether the "day of reckoning," which Nazis have said was approaching, had been speeded or not remained a question. In Danzig, Nazi District Leader Forster declared the free city "approaches its end."

Uncertain too was the effect of the Russian-German action on Germany's axis partner, Italy, and one of her colleagues in the anti-comintern front, Japan.

In Rome, diplomatic quarters expected Premier Mussolini to move quickly to get his share of benefits foreseen under the non-aggression accord—perhaps an attempt to satisfy fascist claims on France, or even more.

Japan, long-time foe of Russia, was expected, in Tokyo, to renew attempts to re- American friendship.

Foreign observers in Rome expressed the opinion the Russian-German development had spoiled any plan for Japan's entry into the German-Italian military alliance.

State department officials in Washington withheld comment, but diplomats were surprised by the Berlin-Moscow move.

Foreign ministers of the seven small nations of the "Oslo group" began gathering in Brussels for a conference tomorrow on "subjects of common interest."

A belief persisted that the conference might draft a peace plea

on the broadest lines, but simultaneously would disavow any attempt at mediation in the European quarrel.

In Shanghai, Japanese military authorities and Chinese officials of the Japanese-backed local government were reported to be considering possible "isolation" of the international settlement.

The report followed the issuance of demands for indemnities and other concessions by Fu Siao-Ken, Shanghai mayor, on the settlement after Saturday's incident in which a British policeman killed two and wounded six of the puppet government's policemen on the settlement border.

POLAND LEFT HOLDING SACK IN DANZIG

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will give ground? There are several reasons:

(1). Because both Britain and France in the past frequently have been reported as believing Danzig wasn't worth a war.

(2). Because the Anglo-French brotherhood reportedly have been urging Poland to make concessions to prevent a general war.

(3). Because both Germany and Italy have been able to effect large territorial expansion without drawing fire from England or France.

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both of whom have been anxious to avoid a European war.

It is generally believed now, however, Herr Hitler thinks Britain and France will fight for Poland, if the latter doesn't give way.

(4). Because some military experts say that Poland—despite her fine army and undisputed valor—couldn't stand up long against the military might of Germany. They find no way for France and England to move fast enough to have Poland from the danger of being ploughed under, even though they later defeated Germany and her allies.

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