

FIRE DESTROYS VESSEL, PIER AT N. Y. PORT

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Valentine said he feared "many more men or bodies" were aboard the flaming Panuco which was towed into the East river after she caught fire.

He said 26 men were fished out of the river, three of them dead.

B. E. Sackett, special agent in charge of the Manhattan field office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and Kings county (Brooklyn) District Attorney William O'Dwyer began investigations of the possibility of sabotage.

Valentine said he believed the fire started on the pier, No. 27, but the fire department was unable immediately to determine the cause of the blaze or estimate the damage. The adjoining pier, No. 26, has been used by ships carrying supplies to the British.

An hour and a half after a tongue of flame licked out of pier 27, ripping it apart and igniting barrels of oil on nearby barges, injured longshoremen and others were still being rushed to Long Island college hospital.

Some of the victims were believed dying. Hospital attendants said for the most part the extent of the injuries could not be determined at once.

Meanwhile, firemen scoured the New York harbor waters at the foot of pier 27 picking up stevedores and many others who either were hurled or jumped into the water at the time of the blast.

Hermiston Struck By Defense Boom; Living Crowded

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Rent has doubled in many cases. Because the depot was located nearby without soliciting from the city, Hermiston had no time to prepare to house the workers and their families as they started swarming in early this year.

Although some 1,700 men are fed and housed in barracks at the depot, many others and practically all the married workers have had to look for accommodations near town. The shortage of homes and bidding from new arrivals have spiraled prices. Small apartments bring \$30 to \$40 a month, higher rents have been reported and houses are correspondingly high. Trailer space with minimum accommodations is \$5 to \$10 a month and with lights, sewer and water hookups has sometimes gone higher.

Renting trailer space has become a major industry.

Every market road leading into town is lined with signs advertising trailer space. Every vacant space in farmyards that boast a few shade trees is filled with tents and trailers. One ambitious rancher with a windmill and a few forlorn willows in the middle of 160 acres of desert has

gone Hollywood with "trailer space" sign.

Within Hermiston business is terrific. Most established firms have overloaded shelves and enlarged their space to capture some of the high wages parading past their doors all day long. Naturally prices have gone up as merchants found themselves unable to keep stocks. Food prices, however, are not out of line with increases in other areas. A chain store is handling about 75,000 pounds of grocery freight a week. Cigarettes vanish almost as soon as they are stocked. Beer and pop stay on ice just about long enough to moisten the bottles.

New businesses spring up as fast as tent camps and as haphazardly.

Open air shoe shine parlors wage a futile combat with dust stirred up by constant traffic and milling pedestrians. Shipyard shacks and trailers sell hamburgers and pop. Unique is a frame building advertising showers. Some homes rent their bathing facilities.

Finding something to do when off shift is a serious problem. A miniature shooting gallery is crowded. Soda fountains and beer counters are lined three deep at night. Lunch counters "sandwich" their patrons. The town's only theatre sells mostly standing room.

Hermiston has hired an extra policeman but still can not meet the problems of a "boomer" population. State and county officers help as much as possible and city officials say they need still more help.

What to do with an estimated 1200 extra students when school opens is another riddle. Federal funds are counted on to help build facilities and hire about 20 teachers. Some pupils may have to be sent to nearby communities. Other money from public works administration funds has been requested for recreational facilities and sewage disposal—both pressing needs.

Yes, there are plenty of headaches. Merchants are reluctant to make improvements or enlarge in spite of the fact that much of their display space is used for selling—direct from packing cases. They know that while business is good now, when the project is completed, perhaps in five months, perhaps longer, construction workers will move on to a new job and Hermiston will have a boom hangover with a whole new set of adjustments.

Right now, though, the town is cashing in and shaking its amazed head at the "biggest show in Oregon"—a pleasant little town multiplied at least seven times in a few months and valiantly trying to meet its problems.

REDS REPORTED MASSING ARMY ON JAP BORDER

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United States Ambassador Joseph C. Grew conferred for more than two hours with Japanese Foreign Minister Teijiro Toyoda amid an atmosphere of tension in the Japanese capital. Their discussion was described as of the utmost importance.

ELEVEN INJURED IN AUTO ACCIDENTS

Eleven persons suffered injuries in a series of automobile accidents in Klamath county over the weekend. There were no accidents involving personal injuries reported in the city limits, police said.

In Klamath Valley hospital is Mrs. Winifred Treloar, 44, 1424 1/2 Crescent street, who has painful shoulder injuries as the result of an automobile accident on South Sixth street Sunday night at 7:40 o'clock. She was a passenger in a car operated by John F. Kissling, 515 Mt. Whitney street, which collided with a machine driven by William Sylvester Johnson.

Five persons suffered minor injuries in an accident at 1 o'clock Sunday morning. Cars operated by Mrs. Jack Ray Brewster of Sprague River, and Nick Fallow, Klamath Falls, were involved. In the hospital is Ted Cushing, 18, Sprague River, passenger in the Brewster car. He has an injured ankle. Also hurt was Jack Brewster, Bill Adolph and Ed Thornton, the two latter passengers in the Fallow machine.

Mrs. Leon Winslow, 57, San Francisco, is recovering in the hospital from shock and bruises received when her car was involved in a crash Sunday morning at 10 o'clock. The accident occurred 10 miles north of Klamath Falls. Three others were injured.

Stanley Roberts, motorcyclist, was brought to Klamath Valley hospital by ambulance at 1 p. m. Sunday, but after an examination was able to walk out. The accident occurred near Arnold's store on South Sixth street.

J. W. Scott, Modoc Point, was operating a car near Olene at 11 a. m. Sunday when a tire blew out. He suffered a broken hip and was rushed to Hillside hospital. Harvey Kohnki, Dairy, passenger in the Scott car, was uninjured.

William H. Krites, 42, Denver, Colo., was seriously injured at Kirk and brought to Klamath Falls by train. Details of the accident are unknown. He had not regained consciousness late Monday. Krites is suffering from head injuries.

A Klamath Falls visitor received a rude welcoming Saturday night at 9:30 o'clock on the curve just out of Keno when a motorist failed to dim his lights and William F. Beery, Hollywood, plunged through a field. He suffered head injuries and his car was badly damaged. Beery, cousin of the famous Wallace Beery, movie actor, was here to purchase lumber for the construction of Camp Lockett, Campo, Calif.

Lutetia is the ancient name of the city of Paris. The city has a municipal history dating back to the year 53 B. C.

Annual Horseback Trek to Lakeview Roundup Slated

Wanna ride a horse? Anyone interested in taking part in the fourth annual trek by horseback to the Lakeview roundup, Labor day weekend, may obtain information by calling Charlie Reed at 7346.

Riders will leave the Lakeview highway junction promptly at 7 o'clock Tuesday morning, August 26. There will be three stops before arriving in Lakeview. The riders will take part in parades in Lakeview, it was said.

CITY BRIEFS

Hazbins — The Hazbins of the Eagles auxiliary have postponed their meeting until August 29 at 7:30 p. m. at the home of Mrs. Maude Larson, 148 Octavia avenue.

Degree of Honor — The degree of Honor juveniles will hold a picnic at Moore park Wednesday, August 20, at 1 p. m. Members and friends are invited and asked to bring basket lunches. Ice cream will be served.

Eagles Asked — Members of the Eagles auxiliary are asked to act as hostesses for visiting soldiers on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. They're requested to wear their Eagles caps.

Wayne Returns — Harry I. Wayne, general freight and passenger agent for the Great Northern railroad, returned to Klamath Falls after a vacation on the coast.

Eagles Auxiliary — The Eagles auxiliary will sponsor a pin-ochle party Tuesday at 2 p. m. in the Eagles hall. The public is invited.

Weekend Here — Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Wengren of Oakland, Calif., spent the past weekend with Mrs. Gabrielle Sanguinetti of Klamath Falls.

NEW BILLIONS FOR LEASE-LEND EYED

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ed into a hole — we will get some of it back."

Connally said war developments in all parts of the world were discussed at today's meeting. He expressed the view that "it is 50-50 chance whether Japan will take any new steps of aggression."

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President Signs Measures for Draft Changes

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it shall be released from service "as soon as practicable and when not in conflict with the interests of national defense."

The chief executive was expected to sign later in the day a bill extending the service of the rank and file of the army 18 months.

The mandatory deferment applies to men who on July 1, 1941, or on July 1 of any subsequent year have reached their 28th birthday without being inducted into service.

The provision for release from service applies to men who were 28 or older when inducted, provided they had reached that age by July 1, 1941.

The law also amends the selective service act to require posting at the offices of local draft boards the names and classifications of men classified by each board.

Another new provision would exempt from service liability men honorably discharged from the army or coast guard for the convenience of the government within six months of the expiration of their three-year term of enlistment.

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NAZIS CAPTURE BIG SHIPYARD, IRON ORE CITY

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pleted another encirclement operation.

DNB said 90 Russian planes were destroyed yesterday, 58 in air fights. German losses were given as five.

Already, the Nazi battleflag waved over the Black Sea naval base and grain port of Nikolaev, Germany's biggest prize in the 58-day-old campaign, and Hitler's forces were tightening their steel ring around the port of Odessa, a still bigger prize.

GERMAN TOURISTS IN IRAN PROTESTED

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with the withdrawal of German elements and re-installation of British control.

Informed sources estimated about 3000 German tourists and technicians, many of them at key communications points, were now in Iran, which has borders on Russia and India.

The Times warned Iran to heed the British and Russian notes against alleged Nazi intrigues which might compromise the country as Germany did in the world war.

(Germans and their supporters were able to drive colonies of British from most of central and southern Persia in 1915 but in cooperation with a British-organized Persian force and with the aid of Russian troops the Persian government regained control).

(A broadcast by Tass quoted Ankara reports as saying that Germany was demanding air bases and aviation fuel in Iran and planning overthrow of the government. It said German agents had filtered into the Iranian army and more were coming via Istanbul to headquarters at Tabriz).

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vice is a favorite German stunt.

FOR information as to Iran's importance, consult your map. It will show you not only that Iran has OIL, which is one of the prime essentials of modern warfare, but is the natural route (by way of the Persian gulf) for bringing in British reinforcements from India—where General Wavell has been hard at work for some time.

Looking at it the other way around, Iran (Persia) is the historic route for invasion of India from the west.

It's pretty safe to look for something exciting to happen there.

CAR SMASHES INTO TRAFFIC ON VIADUCT

Two were arrested by city police for drunk driving Saturday night, one car causing damage to five other cars as it side-swiped an oncoming string atop the South Sixth street viaduct.

Mae Elizabeth Cox, 52, 3703 Altamont drive, paid a fine of \$100 for drunk driving, and \$25 on a hit-and-run charge, when she was said to have struck the following cars at 9 p. m. Saturday on the viaduct: Spencer E. Kason, 2641 Front street; E. R. Hoople, 3743 Summers lane; Hazel Shepherd, 315 Alameda street; Ervin Gramer, 433 Michigan; and B. A. Davidson, 303 South Fifth street. Her license was suspended for one year.

Jack Albert McClurg, 33, 2313 South Sixth street, native of Texas, was in jail in lieu of bail on a drunk driving charge. He was also fined \$5 on a no operator's ticket. McClurg was arrested by city police at Oregon avenue and Upham streets. He was slated to appear in jail August 25 at 10 a. m.

Three vags, two drunks, one drunk and held for investigation, 11 traffic tickets and 12 traffic offenders slated to appear Wednesday in court, made up the Monday morning report.

A hit and run charge was filed against a motorist early Monday by H. J. Mandreille, Court hotel, who said a second car hit his machine at Seventh and Main streets.

TRAFFIC EXPERT CITES USE OF 'HORSE SENSE'

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which showed accidents, and particularly fatalities, were on the increase in the small towns and rural areas, with the cities "leading their own." Much of the heavy toll exacted in these accidents is due to a certain "hysteria." Loveless observed, but various contributing factors are found throughout the country.

"We must place the problems in what we call the classification of the three 'Es'." Loveless stated. "We break these down to education, engineering, and enforcement. Such a problem as you have on South Sixth street, as outlined to me, is an engineering problem and can be rectified."

The officer pointed out that public cooperation is needed more than anything else to reduce traffic fatalities, and stressed the fact that "we can't do the job with enforcement alone."

AIRPORT PROJECT RACES ELEMENTS

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fire field, and a beacon light near the present hangar.

In order for the field to be classified as a 4-type, runways must be 3300 feet long, 200 feet wide and equipped with lights on each edge. A control tower is also necessary.

Longer Runways
If, however, the Class 4 airport is to be used for instrumental landings and takeoffs in bad weather, runways must be 6000 feet long at this altitude. According to O. H. Schrader, chief army engineer on the airport construction, this is impossible here on all runways without removing railroad tracks paralleling the field on the west and east.

He said, however, that it would be possible to extend Runways No. 1, currently under construction, and Runway 3, planned, without track removal.

Over 125 men are now engaged in grading and laying drainage pipes on over nearly two miles of airport surface. Runway No. 1, running southeast from a point near the present municipal hangar, is virtually ready for surfacing.

Engineers found the water table under the area lay so near ground surface that it was necessary to raise the runway which would keep the asphalt perpetually wet. Plans call for a 1 per cent grade from center to sides of the wide runways and drainage pipes running along each edge.

If the runways are to be widened, it will not be necessary to re-locate drains. Schrader said. The 25-foot extensions can be graded toward the drains.

Sand for grading — over 48,000 yards of it — is being dug from what engineers believe is the old bed of Lost river at the south end of the airport.

FERRY SYSTEM

WASHINGTON, Aug. 18 (AP) President Roosevelt disclosed today that the delivery of planes to British forces in the Middle East would be speeded through a ferry system conducted by Pan American Airways.

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