

FIRE RAGING

Five Blocks in Portland Destroyed by Fiery Element—Lives Lost.

PORTLAND, Aug. 22, 10 a. m.—(Special).—At this hour fire is raging over five blocks in East Portland in the region of East Oak, and East Ash streets and Grand avenue. Two firemen have lost their lives in the effort to control the fire.

Still Easing.
Portland, Aug. 22, 10:40 a. m.—(Special).—The fire has now spread until eight blocks are either destroyed or burning.

IS HEAVILY PADDED.

Philadelphia Assessor's List Found to Contain Names of 60,000 Fictitious Persons.

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 21.—The regular Republican organization today took steps looking to the purging of the assessor's lists of alleged bogus names. Mayor Weaver recently ordered a canvass of the city to determine accurately the number of voters in each precinct. At its conclusion Director Potter announced 60,000 fictitious names were discovered on the assessor's list.

GAVE LIFE FOR HIS SONS.

Rev. Emil H. Babb of Los Angeles Is Killed While Trying to Stop Horse.

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 21.—While en-

deavoring to check the speed of a runaway horse and save his two sons in the buggy with him, Rev. Emil H. Babb, pastor of the Zion German Methodist church, was thrown to the street tonight and his head struck a curbstone, causing a fracture of the skull. Death followed in a few minutes.

ELUDED QUARANTINE OFFICERS

Three Cases of Yellow Fever, All Italians, Develop at Gregory, Missouri.

GREGORY, Mo., Aug. 21.—Three cases of yellow fever have developed here. All are Italians. One has died and the two other cases are very low. Indignation is expressed that the Italians were permitted to slip through the quarantine lines. Gregory is on the Mississippi river fifteen miles from Keokuk, Ia.

IMMIGRATION RECLAMATION

BIG IRRIGATION CONVENTION IS CALLED TO ORDER.

A MOST AUSPICIOUS OPENING

Delegates Enter Upon Consideration of Subjects of Great National Importance.

Governor Pardee, of California, President—Motion Introduced for Appointment of Committee to Ascertain Feasibility of Congress' Action.

PORTLAND, Aug. 21.—"Reclamation" and kindred subjects are apparently to share honors with "undesirable immigration" in the deliberations of the National Irrigation Congress which assembled at the Lewis and Clark auditorium today for a four days' session. The subject "immigration" did not appear to be unexpected, nor was its importance minimized by Governor George C. Pardee, of California, president of the congress.

Governor Pardee three read a motion of William E. Smythe of California, to appoint a committee to ascertain if action by the congress was feasible in solving the problem of foreign immigration, and added if there was any delegate in the hall who wanted to hear the motion to come to the front and hear it read, so as to vote intelligently on its disposition. The feature of the day was the reading by Gifford Pinchot, chief forester of the United States, of a message to the congress from President Roosevelt.

The convention opened auspiciously. A thousand persons were present when the president's gavel fell calling the delegates to order, and the number was swelled to twice that magnitude before the congress had been in session an hour. At the night session hundreds of people were turned away from the auditorium who had been attracted by the fact that a selection by the great Mormon choir of 200 voices, from Ogden, Utah, was on the program.

Brief speeches of welcome by Governor Chamberlain, Mayor Lane and representatives of the local commercial bodies were followed by responses from Governor Mead of Washington, Congressman Stevens of Texas, Hon. John Henry Smith of Salt Lake, and consumed the bulk of the time of the first session.

Importance of Irrigation.
Governor Pardee delivered the annual address and the session was concluded with addresses from the chairmen of the different sections. The most striking of these was the reading of the president's message by Pinchot. The president reviewed the importance of reclamation work in the development of the country and counseled patience until the operations of the law became apparent and dealt upon the importance and wide scope of the act. The president warned the people against "letting the public lands pass into private hands for fictitious reasons."

The preservation of the forests was emphasized as an aid to the future of irrigation work.

An important speech was delivered by C. W. Eberlin of San Francisco, who cautioned against alien immigration that moves in colonies and remains alien.

Reclamation Law Criticized.
When the congress reconvened tonight the auditorium was packed to the doors.

Gifford Pinchot, chairman of the forestry section, the first speaker, said the new policy of the forestry service is to combine the knowledge of forestry with local conditions. The right to impose taxes for the right of grazing on reserves and the power to punish trespassers will hereafter be exercised by the service.

Frederick H. Newell, chairman of the United States reclamation service spoke on the national reclamation law Mr. Newell was required to little his way to the end of his speech through a continuous battery of criticism from dissenting delegates.

TO CONSULT PRESIDENT.
Representative of Chinese Government Arrives on Mission Concerning Immigration Question.

VICTORIA, B. C., Aug. 21.—Dr. T. T. Tong, representing the imperial Chinese board of treaty revision, arrived today enroute to Washington to interview the president regarding Chinese immigration into the United States.

ORGANIZING MOTHERS.
President and Secretary of Mothers' Congress Received With Honors at Tacoma.

TACOMA, Wash., Aug. 21.—Mrs. Frederic Schoff, president of the National Congress of Mothers, and Mrs. Edwin C. Urias, secretary, were given a cordial welcome in Tacoma today by the local club women. The purpose of the visit is to prepare for an active campaign in Washington state in the interest of the protection of children and the elevation of the home.

UTAH AT THE FAIR.
Mormons Will Hold the Boards at the Lewis and Clark Exposition This Week.

PORTLAND, Or., Aug. 21.—The Lewis and Clark exposition management has designated the present week as Utah week at the big fair and from present indications it will be one of the most successful weeks of the summer. Many visitors are already here from that state, and scores of others are on their way to take part in the

big celebration of Utah day next Thursday. On this occasion the speakers will include Senators Snoot and Sutherland, Congressman Howell and Governor Cutler.

FEDERATION OF LABOR.

Meeting of Montana Branch of This Great Labor Organization.

GREAT FALLS, Mont., Aug. 21.—Delegates from labor organizations of Bozeman, Anaconda, Missoula, Butte and other cities throughout the state were present today at the opening of the annual convention of the Montana State Federation of Labor. The reports of the several officers show the past year to have been one of great activity and gratifying progress for the federation. Several matters of importance will come up for consideration and decision at the present convention, which will be in session through the greater part of the week.

RUSSIANS PLEY ON SEALERS.

Japanese Sealing Schooner Reports at Victoria With Four Dead and Four Wounded.

VICTORIA, B. C., Aug. 21.—News was received today of the return to Hakodate of the Japanese sealing schooner Tosa Maru with four dead, four wounded and the news of the murder of fourteen other sealers on the schooner Matsuo Maru by the Russians off the Kamchatka coast.

TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS.

NEWPORT, R. I., Aug. 21.—Crack tennis players from all parts of the country are rounding up here for the annual lawn tennis championships of the United States, which begin tomorrow. The tournament this year will be in three sections. The doubles, in which the champions of the east will contest with the champions of the west, will be played tomorrow, and on Wednesday the winning pair will challenge Ward and Wright, the present holders

RUSSIA WILL GO THE LIMIT

EVERY POSSIBLE CONCESSION TO BE MADE TO TERMS.

CONSISTENT WITH INTERESTS

Believed Impossible to Accede to the Indemnity and Sakhalin Requirements.

Final Instructions to M. Witte Being Put into Cipher for Transmission—Strong Pressure Being Brought to Bear Upon Both Powers.

ST. PETERSBURG, Aug. 21.—The Russian government's final statement to M. Witte outlining the course he shall pursue is being put into cipher prior to being forwarded to America. With this last message St. Petersburg leaves the final word with the representatives at Portsmouth.

When the nature of these communications becomes known it is expected to be seen that in the desire to effect a satisfactory settlement the government has gone as far as the vital state interests will permit. For this reason the government is convinced that in case of the failure of the negotiations the responsibility will not rest with Russia, which has conceded much already. It can be declared that the requirements of the state to make concessions of the questions of indemnity and Sakhalin as originally presented by the Japanese, is impossible.

Each Delay Means Hope.
Portsmouth, Aug. 21.—The result of

Oyster Bay unexpectedly this morning. That he was the bearer of important information is known, but the nature of the message was not disclosed. In addition to the matter which the baron presented the president received an accumulation of dispatches and letters. Late in the day important messages were received from Portsmouth.

The president's acting as intermediary between the warring governments feels secrecy even more incumbent upon him than if the matter related to him personally or to the United States.

There is strong reason for the statement, however, that the proposition submitted by the president involved far more than the mere suggestion that the matters in difference between the envoys be submitted to the arbitration of an impartial tribunal. The statement that powerful pressure is not alone from the president, but from the neutral powers of Europe, is being brought to bear upon the governments of Russia and Japan can be reiterated. No intimation of the president's opinion of the result of the meeting when the conferees re-convene is given but that hope yet springs from the conditions surrounding the conference is evident.

PLEASANT POINT NOTES.

PLEASANT POINT, Aug. 18.—The funeral of Grandma Baker was held in the Baptist church, Turner, on Thursday.

Mr. Helm Harland of Williams, California is visiting relatives of Mrs. H. N. J. Bowen is home for a few days from his work in Clackamas county as salesman for the Oregon Nursery Company of Salem.

E. S. Coates was slightly indisposed the other day by the overturning of a load of wheat in the sheaf.

Mrs. Flora E. Bailey of Portland, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Herren.

Threshing is mostly done here. Grain crop quite light; hay and potato crop good.

DIED NEAR EOLA.

Walter L. Wilson of Dixon, Missouri, died at the home of his sister-in-law, Mrs. Mary Wilson, near Eola, Tuesday night, after a brief illness of hemorrhage of the stomach, aged 57 years, says the Dallas Observer. Mr. Wilson and his sister, Mrs. Mary Bunker, were on their way to Los Angeles to spend the winter and had stopped in Polk county to visit relatives. He was a prominent banker and merchant of Dixon, Missouri, and was a brother of the late Adam K. Wilson of Dallas. Mr. Wilson was a pleasant, companionable man, and made many friends in Dallas during his visits here in former years. The remains were shipped to Missouri for burial Wednesday morning the 16th.

ASK ADMISSION

CHIEFTANCY OF FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES OF INDIAN TERRITORY ARE IN CONVENTION.

Want Separate Statehood for Territory and Will Leave Matter of Adoption of Constitution in Hands of Special Committee—Declare for Prohibition.

MUSKOGEE, I. T., Aug. 21.—The chieftancy of five civilized tribes met in convention today to declare for separate statehood for Indian Territory. This is the first time the tribal citizens of Indian Territory ever assembled for the purpose of notifying congress they are ready for statehood.

The convention was to adopt a state constitution. It is probable that actual work will be delegated to a committee authorized to submit the constitution to the people for ratification. The convention will declare for prohibition.

DETERMINED TO DOWN HIM

FLAX INDUSTRY SUFFERS ANOTHER SET-BACK BY FIRE.

BOLD ACT OF AN INCENDIARY

Thought Firebug Is an Emissary Sent to Discourage Development of Industry.

Flax Mill, Machinery, Fibre and Straw Valued at \$11,000 Destroyed by Fire—No Question of Origin—Property Partly Covered by Insurance.

For the third time Eugene Bosse has been the victim of an incendiary and the flax industry in Oregon has suffered a third telling blow. At 8:30 o'clock last night Mr. Bosse's mill, with 100 tons of flax fibre and 200 tons of flax straw were entirely destroyed by fire, entailing a loss of not less than \$11,000 and probably much more. Mr. Bosse is away from home so the exact amount of the loss and the insurance, if any, could not be learned.

That the fire was the work of an incendiary there can be no doubt, for the fire started in two places at almost the same instant and at a time when there was little danger of detection. Mr. Bosse left yesterday morning for Chehalis, where he is attending a meeting of flax men. His cousin, a young man who has been working on the farm, was also away from home, leaving no one on the farm but Mrs. Bosse, a 7-year-old daughter and a Japanese laborer. All were in bed when the fire started. The fire was not late enough to give the incendiary the protection of darkness and yet early enough so that his passing along the road would not attract particular attention. So far as can be learned, no strange person was seen in that vicinity yesterday or within the last few days, and the feud left nothing to indicate his identity.

Mr. Bosse's property was on the Ellen Savage farm, which he has leased. The buildings are only about a quarter of a mile southeast of the asylum. The barn was a spacious structure which had recently been remodeled so that it could be used as a flax mill. Heavy floors and sills had been laid so that heavy machinery could be installed. Several machines were already in place and others were to be put in later.

The barn, or mill, as it had come to be, was filled with flax fibre brought here from Selk last winter. The straw had been retted and the fibre obtained and stored away until such time as Mr. Bosse should have the appliances for making it into twine, crasi and other coarse linen products. The quantity of flax fibre in the barn is estimated at 100 tons, valued at not less than \$5000.

About 100 feet east of the barn were three large stacks of flax straw of the crop of 1905. These stacks contained 200 tons, valued at \$4000. The incendiary set fire to the northwest side of the stacks and at the next instant touched a match to inflammable material in the northeast corner of the barn. D. W. Matthews, who lives in the first house east of the asylum, on the asylum road, saw both fires when they started and as soon as he realized what had been done, he went immediately to give the alarm and render assistance. At the next moment employees at the insane asylum saw the light of the fire and gave an alarm which was responded to by the asylum fire department and other employees. Heroic efforts were made but the secrecy of water, the inflammable character of the flax and the start the flames had gained made it impossible for them to accomplish much in the way of saving property. No alarm was sent to the Salem fire department, but seeing the reflection in the sky, the local fire fighters

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A CLOSED VALVE

IS FOUND RESPONSIBLE FOR DESTRUCTION OF BENNINGTON BY COURT OF INQUIRY.

Explosion Not Due to Defective Boiler as Generally Supposed—Only Surviving Officer Held Responsible—May Be Examined by Courtmartial.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 21.—Secretary Bonaparte today made public the findings of the court of inquiry which investigated the explosion on the gunboat Bennington, July 21. The findings are a complete surprise to those set at rest the stories that the Bennington's boiler was defective. As a matter of fact the court found the explosion resulted from the closing of a valve which connected the exploded boiler with the steam gauge so that the pressure on the boiler may have been several hundred pounds to the square inch when the accident occurred. The officers and men responsible, in the opinion of the court, are pointed out and courtmartial proceedings are suggested in the case of only one of them surviving, Ensign Charles T. Wade.

A HUNGARIAN ROMANCE.

PASSAIC, N. J., Aug. 21.—A pretty international romance will culminate here tomorrow in the wedding of Miss Amelia Dobos of this city and George Szeesky, editor of a Hungarian paper published at McKeesport, Pa. Miss Dobos has been very active in Hungarian patriotic affairs in this country, and while he was editor of a Budapest paper Mr. Szeesky read of her in the Hungarian papers of America. His admiration for his unknown but patriotic countrywoman went so far that he dedicated a poem to her and sent it from Budapest. The acquaintance began by correspondence ripened into something more when Mr. Szeesky arrived in this country a year ago. Tomorrow's wedding, which will take place in St. Stephen's church, will be attended by prominent Hungarian-Americans from various parts of the country.

METAL POLISHERS IN SESSION.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Aug. 21.—An international convention of metal polishers, buffers, platers and brass and silver workers opened in this city today with delegates on hand from many parts of the United States and Canada. The sessions will continue through the greater part of the week, as much business of importance to the craft is to come up for action.

EMPIRE CITY MEETING.

NEW YORK, Aug. 21.—The fall exhibition and race meeting at the Empire City track opened today under favorable auspices. The cutting short of the Readville meeting combined with the offerings of big purses have resulted in the attendance of a number of the famous trotters of the grand circuit.

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