

FIRE DESTROYS LINER CONGRESS; NO LIVES LOST

Capt. Cousins and Crew Maintain Perfect Discipline and All Get Away

DREDGE COOL, MICHIE OF GREAT ASSISTANCE

Large Crowds Witness Thrilling Spectacular Scene Off Coos Bay Harbor

Marshfield, Ore., Sept. 14.—Fire tonight completely destroyed the Pacific Steamship liner, Congress, off Coos Bay bar. Several vessels helped to remove the 253 passengers and crew of 110. It is believed that no lives were lost, although this will not be established beyond a doubt until all boats which went to the scene have returned here.

When the dredge, Michie, and the gas schooner, Tillamook, reached the Congress they found the liner almost completely shrouded in smoke, and the passengers fighting frantically to enter the lifeboats. Despite the stress of the situation, however, Captain N. E. Cousins and his crew managed to maintain control and the work of transferring the people aboard to the rescue vessels was carried out in an orderly manner.

Every life is saved. The dredge, Col. P. S. Michie docked at North Bend near here tonight, with all the passengers and the crew of the steamer, Congress safe on board. Not a life was lost, nor a single person injured.

The Congress came to a stop off the Coos bay bar at 4:30 p. m., and was anchored between two buoys, with her stern pointed toward the beach. The dredge, Michie, was soon at the scene. Boats were lowered at once and people from the shore saw the people taken across the intervening space to the dredge.

It was daylight and the flames were plainly visible breaking from the stern of the craft. The work of rescuing the passengers went on with great precision and those with glass saw the forward deck covered with many people retreating away from the fierceness of the flames.

Presents Weird Scene. The gasoline schooner, Tillamook, arrived just before the last of the passengers were removed. The scene as night closed in was weird. The heavy smoke of the burning vessel obscured her from sight at several points along the beach, but those who went to the lighthouse had an unimpeded view. Several small boats were coming down the bay and they were lost to sight as they entered the smoke, which hovered over the burning ship.

At 7:15 the Michie pulled away, giving those on shore the impression that everybody was saved. The steam schooner, A. A. Simpson, which reached the Congress too late to assist, and the Tillamook stood by when the Michie departed.

Heat Becomes Unbearable. Before the last boat left, in which was Captain Cousins, the smoke and heat on the Congress was almost unbearable. Flames were shooting out of the ventilators and up the passage ways.

Soon after the vessels left, the flames enveloped her from stem to stern, lighting the sky a crimson hue. With the wind and tide the steamer then began drifting in toward the shore on Coos bay.

ENGINEER WILL DISCUSS PROPOSED BRIDGE

J. H. A. Brahtz, bridge engineer of Minneapolis, will appear tonight before the directors of the Commercial club to discuss the proposed bridge over the Missouri river.

The club has received a proposition from an eastern firm that is willing to build the bridge at its own expense and trust to the tolls to return a profit.

FILES SUIT AGAINST CO-OPERATOR'S HERALD

Fargo, N. D., Sept. 14.—T. F. McCue, former attorney general, today filed suit against the Co-operative Herald, of this city, for damages amounting to \$50,000, asking a like amount from A. M. Baker, editor of the publication. His claim is based on an article recently published by the Herald, charging McCue was collecting a "slush fund" to defeat the Non-partisan league candidates for the supreme court.

ATTACKED BY COW.

Beach, N. D., Sept. 14.—Knocked down by an infuriated cow, Paul Wicka, residing near here, was saved from death by the prompt action of an autoist, a half mile distant, who head Wicka's cries for help. Wicka, when the rescuer arrived on the scene, was lying on the ground, clinging to the cow's nostrils, while being brutally trampled.

Bainbrick Is Given A Respite

New York, Sept. 14.—Gov. Whitman today granted a respite until Oct. 2 in the case of Thos. Bainbrick, whose execution at Sing Sing prison for the murder of Patrolman George Dapping of New York, in 1915, had been fixed for tomorrow morning. This is the second time Bainbrick has been given a respite.

The ordeal of watching tests of the current, after he had been detailed to aid in adjusting the wires and contacts of the electric chair, lead to a statement by Frank Meehan, a Sing Sing convict, it was learned tonight, on which was based the respite to Bainbrick. Meehan said, according to the authorities, that he witnessed the shooting of Dapping and that the murderer was not Bainbrick.

DEMOCRATS START LAYING PLANS FOR COMING CAMPAIGN

Wilson Will Start His "Porch Campaign" at Shadow Lawn Next Week

WILL AVOID PERSONALITIES

Long Branch, N. J., Sept. 14.—The part President Wilson is to take in his campaign for re-election was discussed today by the president, Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo, Postmaster General Burleson and Secretary Tumulty. The plans, it was announced tonight, will be put into final shape at a meeting here Monday between President Wilson, Vance McCormick, the chairman of the Democratic committee, and Homer S. Cummings, head of the speakers' bureau of the national committee.

The president will not begin his "porch campaign" at Shadow Lawn until next week. In the meantime, he will write a number of letters to Democratic candidates in doubtful states. Although he has definitely decided to make no speeches away from here except before non-partisan organizations, his political advisers said today the president, expected to get the views before the country effectively.

A decision has been reached that the campaign for the re-election of the president will follow closely the lines of his speech of acceptance.

Mr. Wilson also has decided to avoid personalities as much as possible, and devote himself strictly to telling of the achievements of his administration and to attacks on the Republican party. He made tentative plans tonight for leaving here Monday night for St. Louis, to address an association of underwriters. It is possible, however, that the trip may be canceled if there should be a sudden turn for the worse in the condition of Mrs. Annie Howe, his sister, who is critically ill at New London, Conn.

CHRISTIANSON DISCUSSES QUESTION OF JURISDICTION

Justice Christianson of the state supreme court, in an opinion concurring with the other members of the tribunal, to the effect that the capital removal amendment was illegal because the initiative clause of the constitution was not self-executing, considers at length the question of jurisdiction.

"The people in their constitution have said the judicial power in this state, the power to interpret and apply laws," declares Judge Christianson, "shall be vested in the courts. And in their constitution they have created and designated the courts authorized to perform these functions. Yet, if respondent is correct in his contention, the power to interpret and apply the constitutional provision under consideration, and determine all questions arising thereunder, including the legal sufficiency of the initiative petitions and the qualifications of the signers thereto, is vested, not in the courts, but in the secretary of state, who is not a judicial, but a political, officer."

"Obviously, the interpretation and application of this constitutional provision and the determination of the various questions likely to arise thereunder would require exercise of the very highest degree of judicial skill and judgment."

"It is difficult to conceive of any legal questions of more profound importance to the people of the state. And if it was intended to confer such power upon the secretary of state, we should expect to find the power conferred in positive and unequivocal terms. Yet it is conceded that such power, if conferred at all, is conferred by implication only."

POLICE PATROL FOR THE BORDER IS SUGGESTED

Major General T. H. Bliss Will Appear Before Joint Commission Today

CONSTABULARY EXPENSE SHOULD BE EQUALIZED

Details of Proposed Plan Have Not Been Worked Out; Thought Idea Is Good One

New London, Conn., Sept. 14.—Major General Tasker H. Bliss, assistant chief of staff of the United States army, is to appear before the American-Mexican commission tomorrow, when discussion of border problems is renewed. It was thought advisable that he should explain in person to the Mexican commissioners the military aspects of border plans as seen by United States army officials.

No definite plan for border patrols has taken shape in the minds of the commissioners. The Americans conferred with General Bliss again today.

It was indicated that the proposal which has appealed most strongly to them, was that a border constabulary be created to operate as a police force along both sides of the line. It was suggested that the force be composed of former soldiers of both countries under joint control, and that the expense be shared by both governments.

Details of the plan have not been worked out. In its favor it was argued that the Mexican people would not feel toward the constabulary the same hostility that they displayed toward the American troops, which have crossed the line. It was also suggested that the police force would be far more effective in clearing the mountains of northern Mexico of bandits than either Mexican or American troops have been.

The commission will adjourn tomorrow, to permit the Mexican members to celebrate the Mexican independence day, September 16.

MEMBER OF GOVERNOR'S HUNTING PARTY HURT

Winchell Loses Part of Thumb and Forefinger When Gun Explodes

Charles E. Winchell of North Adams, Mass., wholesale grocer, a member of Governor Hanna's hunting party at the Sam Clark ranch, 20 miles north of Dawson, Wednesday lost part of his left thumb and forefinger, when the barrel of his gun exploded. Part of his hand between his thumb and forefinger was also torn off.

He was taken to Fargo for treatment. The accident occurred when he fired his first shot after arriving at the ranch. He was sneaking up to a flock of ducks and supposedly got mud in the muzzle of his gun. When he fired it burst under his hand.

Governor Hanna left last night for Fargo to see Mr. Winchell. He will return today on No. 3 to the hunting camp.

ACCUSED OF STEALING JEWELRY

Minot, N. D., Sept. 14.—Under arrest on a minor charge, M. Snyder was identified by the local police as the man they have sought since last December, on charges of grand larceny. Snyder is accused of stealing jewelry and a \$450 certificate of deposit from a laborer.

MOTHER AND SON ARE FOUND DEAD NEAR KELLIHER

Mystery Surrounds Double Tragedy in Minnesota Village Yesterday

BOTH HAVE BULLET HOLES THROUGH HEAD

Husband of Woman Threatened Her for Some Time; No Trace of Him To Date

Benidji, Minn., Sept. 14.—Mrs. William Irving and her 5-year-old son were found dead in their home near Kelliher today, with bullet holes through their heads. Although mystery surrounds the double killing, the authorities say they are of the opinion the case is that of murder and suicide. A thorough search is being conducted by the police for the father of the dead woman. He has been living with his daughter and grandson during the absence of William Irving, husband of the dead woman, who has been working in the Dakota harvest fields.

Early this week Mrs. Irving drove into Kelliher and told a story of being threatened by her husband, who wrote her, she said, and declared he intended to marry another woman and was coming home to kill her and their son. She asked the authorities to protect her. Her actions were so strange that it was decided to take her into custody. Last night Deputy Sheriff O. M. Skinkiz went to the lonely home in an automobile, accompanied by the driver. When he approached the house someone inside opened fire with a rifle. The automobile was peppered by the shots. The car stalled and the two men took refuge behind it.

A few hours later Skinkiz got his car going, but decided to wait for daylight before returning to the house.

Returning, there was no answer to his knocks and together with authorities who had come from Kelliher, he entered the house. The son was found lying in the living room, with a bullet hole through his head. In the bedroom they found Mrs. Irving, dead, in a welter of blood. Near her was a rifle.

Search was instituted for her father, but no trace of him could be found. Police incline to the theory that he has been killed.

No one has seen the husband and it is believed he is in North Dakota.

DR. MACLACHLAN RETURNS FROM MEXICAN BORDER

Dr. T. M. MacLachlan returned Wednesday night on No. 1 from Mercedes, where he has been with officers and men of the First regiment, N. D. N. G., for the past two months. Dr. MacLachlan has resigned his commission as captain of the medical corps of the regiment, and though now on furlough, expects that his resignation will be acted upon in the near future, thus relieving him. Dr. MacLachlan requested his discharge owing to the fact that he is needed at home to care for his business, and as it looks as though the difficulty on the border has been patched up, he was of the opinion that his services were no longer necessary on the Mexican frontier.

Dr. MacLachlan states that the boys of the North Dakota regiment are in the best of health, but more or less anxious to get home.

W. A. Sticklely has also applied for a discharge and it is expected that he will soon be back in Bismarck.

Businessmen Will Co-operate in Effort To Settle Transit Strike in Greater New York

New York, Sept. 14.—Representative business and professional men late today offered to co-operate with city officials, in an endeavor to settle the transit strike which, for the past seven days, has hampered transportation in Manhattan, the Bronx and portions of Westchester county. While James P. Holland, president of the State Federation of Labor, was telling 8,000 striking carmen and their sympathizers, at a meeting in Union Square after a parade, that 70,000 allied trade unionists would strike Saturday unless a settlement was effected in the meantime, Mayor Mitchell and the Public Service commission were in conference with a committee from the chamber of commerce, the Merchants' association and kindred organizations, in an effort to end the strike.

An investigation, begun by the Public Service commission, into the causes which lead to the present crisis, probably will be completed tomorrow. Neither Mayor Mitchell nor members of the commission, tonight, would announce definitely the plans they have in mind for settling the strike. Mr. Whitebridge said he had decided upon this course, because "the Third Avenue officials were convinced that many of the strikers had been bullied into going on strike."

LOWDEN-DUNNE HOLD LEAD FOR GOVERNORSHIP

Late Returns in Illinois Primaries Indicates They Will Receive Nomination

BUT ONE OFFICE STILL IN DOUBT

Chicago, Sept. 14.—Late returns from the Illinois primary tonight indicated no change from the earlier estimates, with the exception of the probable nomination of Joseph O. Kostner of Chicago over Everett Jennings, in the Democratic race for congressman-at-large, and a decidedly close contest for one state office.

The late returns also strengthened former Senator Lee Hanson has over M. Chipperfield in the Republican fight for the same office.

Only the official count, it was believed, tonight, will determine the winner in the fight between Edward J. Brundage of Chicago and Richard J. Barr of Joliet, for the Republican nomination for attorney general. Less than 1,000 votes will separate them, it was indicated.

Defeat of Lieutenant Governor Barrett O'Hara by Henry W. Huttman of Chicago for the Democratic nomination for lieutenant governor was assured by the latest down state returns.

Latest figures indicated Gov. Edward S. Dunne's plurality for the Democratic nomination for governor would be 5,000, and Frank W. Lowden's plurality for the Republican nomination for the same office would be approximately 100,000.

WILL FILE BRIEFS IN CREAMERY CASE

The attorneys for the plaintiff and defendant in the case of the Farmers Merchant State bank of Driscoll vs. the Driscoll Co-operative Creamery Co., will be given ten days in which to file briefs. The case was tried Wednesday before Judge W. L. Nuesle in district court. The important witnesses for the bank were Cashier M. B. Pinseth and Assistant Cashier A. M. Bruschein. Mr. Jordan and Mr. Swanson, president and secretary of the Creamery company, gave testimony. Other witnesses also testified. F. H. and George M. Register, represented the bank and Theodore Koffel the creamery.

DAMAGE SUIT IS STARTED AGAINST GREAT NORTHERN

Government Brings Claim for \$246,000 for Damage to Forest Reserve

ACCUSE RAILROAD OF NEGLIGENCE

Great Falls, Mont., Sept. 14.—Trial is to begin here today of a suit by the United States government against the Great Northern railroad for damages amounting to \$246,000, the outcome of a fire in the Lewis and Clark forest reserve. The fire occurred in 1910 and the government asserts it was through negligence of the railroad.

The Great Northern was doubling the tracks between Java and Summit, Mont., and the contractors, it is alleged, permitted a fire along the right of way to get beyond control and spread to the national forest. The contractors were burning brush and other debris.

FORMER GRAND FORKS MAN CHARGED WITH AUTO THEFT

Grand Forks, N. D., Sept. 14.—E. W. Bentz, former East Grand Forks resident, under arrest at Tacoma, Wash., where he faces a series of charges, is wanted by Grand Forks officials for the theft of an automobile from Dr. H. W. E. Laws, this city.

The Law car was driven about 15 miles from the city and captured by a farmer. Officials recovered the car shortly afterwards, and sought Bentz, without success until western authorities landed him.

At Tacoma and in Seattle Bentz faces charges of selling two stolen automobiles, of passing worthless checks, and of forgery.

WILL HAVE MODERN CREAMERY AT MOORHEAD

Moorhead, Minn., Sept. 14.—With organization of the Clay County Creamery association, effected at a meeting of farmers held in this city, plans will be rapidly advanced for the establishment of a modern creamery in Moorhead.

The association is made up of 88 western Clay county farmers, owning a total of 890 milch cows, and the farmers have pledged their whole production of cream to the proposed creamery.

E. C. Schroeder is president; O. J. Grover, vice president; E. Sanders, secretary, and H. E. Roberts, treasurer, of the association.

FATHER KILLED IN AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT

Elmer Hage of Mandan this noon received a telegram advising him of the tragic death of his father, John Hage, who was killed this morning in an automobile accident at Climax, Minn., a short distance from Crookston.

Mr. Hage has been employed as barber at the Skjod shop for the past four months. He left this afternoon for Crookston.

ENTENTE ALLIES DRIVE IN WEDGE TOWARD COMBLES

Village Apparently on Verge of Capture by British and French Forces

ROUMANIANS REPULSED NEAR TRANSYLVANIA

Efforts of Russians to Advance in Carpathian Region Stopped

London, Sept. 14.—Beset by the British on the west, and the French on the east, the village of Combles, in the Somme region of France, apparently is on the verge of capture by the Entente forces.

With the British army established in the Leuze wood, less than a mile to the east of it, they have driven their wedge in farther and captured Lelpres farm, through which runs the road to Rancourt.

French Hold All Gains. Along the Peronne-Bethune road to the north and south of Bouchavesnes, the Germans, according to Paris, have vainly attacked the newly won French positions in the hope of regaining their transport line to the north, but all their efforts have been without success and the French have maintained all their gains.

Except for reciprocal bombardment and a slight advance by the French by means of a bombing attack near Belloy-en-Santerre, south of the Somme, the situation elsewhere on the entire front in France and Belgium remains unchanged.

The Entente allies are continuing their advance on the Dobruja sector of Roumania, according to Berlin and Sofia.

Roumanians Repulsed. Across the Peronne-Bethune Transylvania the Roumanians have attacked east and west of Hermannstadt, but were repulsed, says the Vienna war office.

In the Carpathians, the Russians attacked vigorously the forces of the Central Powers at Smotrec, Ladova and Kapul, storming positions after heavy preparatory bombardments. Their efforts to drive forward, however, were stopped with sanguinary losses, according to Vienna.

On the Macedonian front, considerable heavy fighting has taken place, with the results beclouded, owing to contradictory reports by the different war chancelleries.

Although it has been previously stated that the Greek forts at Kavala were evacuated by the Bulgarians, Berlin says they are all in the hands of the Bulgarians and that the Greek troops, which were at Kavala have been sent to Germany, where they will remain until the end of the war "in the status of neutrals."

In the Austro-Italian theatre the usual bombardments continue.

CHARGE JAMESTOWN MAN WITH MURDER

Jamestown, N. D., Sept. 14.—Murder by in the first degree this morning supplanted the assault and battery charge preferred late yesterday afternoon against Albert Mammega, the wealthy Eldridge farmer upon the death of Andrew Sonek, his neighboring farmer who is in the hospital here.

A quarrel over wages resulted in Mammega attacking Sonek yesterday morning and he drove his knee into his victim's intestines.

Mammega was arrested here this morning and Judge James Murphy would not admit the prisoner to bail declaring the charge too serious.

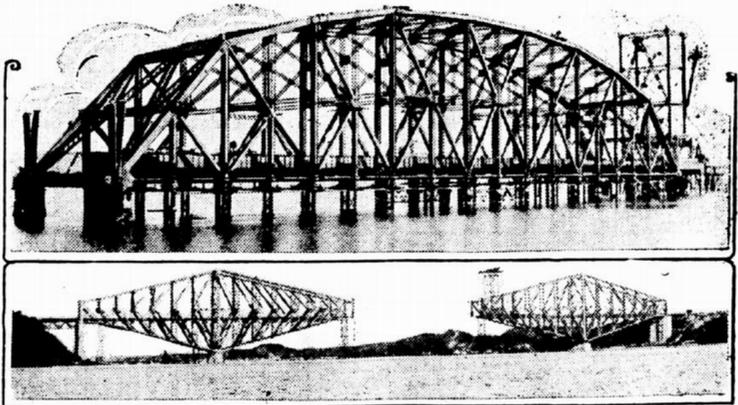
FARGO SELECTED FOR EQUITY PACKING PLANT

Fargo, N. D., Sept. 14.—Selection of Fargo as the location for the Society of Equity city packing plant was formally announced tonight by the committee in charge, and today application was made for charter for the Equity Co-operative Packing company.

The site selected for the plant is four miles west of the city limits, on the banks of the Sheyenne river, sufficiently removed from the city to eliminate objectionable odors arising from the plant and also affords excellent transportation facilities, being close to the Northern Pacific railroad, and the Minot-Fargo Great Northern line.

Tomorrow's issue of the Co-operator's Herald will announce Fargo's selection as being based on this city's distribution advantages, local demand, local financing possibilities and general proximity to territory from which the plant must draw its stock.

5000-TON BRIDGE SPAN WHICH COLLAPSED, KILLING WORKMEN!



Views of the Quebec Bridge over the St. Lawrence River, which collapsed in the course of construction, killing about a dozen men and injuring many. The upper view shows the central span, weighing 5,000 tons, which fell while being lifted into place between the two cantilevers shown below. The span is 1,500 feet long; the anchor arms on each side an additional 500 feet each.