

THE BREAKERS, FINEST SUMMER HOTEL ON THE NORTH PACIFIC COAST, COMPLETELY DESTROYED BY FIRE EARLY LAST EVENING

Building and Nearly All of Its Contents Burned, Entailing Loss Which Is Estimated at \$67,500.

Fire Starts in the Kitchen, Spreads Rapidly to the Upper Floor and, Fanned by Strong Wind, Soon Envelopes the Entire Building, From Which Little Is Saved—Ilwaco Sends Engine, but It Arrives Too Late.

The Breakers, the finest summer hotel on the north Pacific coast, was destroyed at Long Beach last evening. The hotel was the property of J. M. Arthur, and the loss is estimated at \$67,500.

The fire started in the kitchen, and, fanned by a strong north wind, soon spread throughout the hotel. The Ilwaco fire engine and a number of firemen from that town hastened by rail to Long Beach, but before they could reach the scene of the conflagration the fine hotel was but a pile of ashes.

So fiercely did the fire burn that it was possible to save only a small quantity of furniture. There were no guests at the hotel, else the loss would have been very much greater.

Fire last evening destroyed The Breakers, Long Beach's finest hotel. In less than two hours the flames had entirely wiped out the big building. There was no fire-fighting apparatus of consequence at Long Beach, and by the time the engine had been brought from Ilwaco, five miles distant, the flames had completed their work.

The blaze originated in the kitchen, which was located in the northeast wing of the hotel. It is supposed to have been the result of defective stove arrangements. Almost before the occupants could realize what was happening the entire kitchen was ablaze. Efforts to stay the progress of the flames proved futile, and soon the fire had spread to the upper floor. Seeing that the building was doomed, the people of the little town of Long Beach directed their efforts toward saving the furniture, some of which was removed.

When the fire broke out a strong wind was blowing, and, as the kitchen was in the northeast wing, the flames were communicated to other parts of the hotel. The fire spread with alarming rapidity and within 30 minutes the whole building was enveloped in flame.

Meantime news of the fire had been telephoned to Ilwaco, with the request that the fire engine from that town be sent to Long Beach. The Ilwaco department responded promptly, but when they reached Long Beach The Breakers was beyond salvation. It was entirely enveloped in flame, which lighted up the country for miles around. The firemen set about to prevent spread of the fire to the adjoining buildings, none of which was destroyed.

Within less than two hours the large hotel was entirely burned, and only smoldering ruins marked the site of the famous hostelry. The work of the flames had been complete in every sense of the word.

Telephone messages received last evening from the scene of the conflagration conveyed the information that only a very small portion of the furniture was saved from the hotel. As soon as it was seen that the building would be destroyed a successful effort was made to remove some valuable musical instruments. The large orchestra was taken out, and the piano

and pianola were also saved. The orchestra is valued at \$1200, and the piano and pianola at about \$1000. Some of the furniture was removed, but that saved represents only a very small portion of the quantity with which the hotel was fitted.

It was reported last night from Long Beach that there were no guests at the hotel, but it is thought this statement must have been incorrect. The seaside season is over, but usually the hotels are not entirely deserted until late in October.

The Breakers was well known to many Astorians. It was a large building, handsomely furnished; and the grounds were pretty. Cement walks encircled the hotel. An electric light plant was located in an outbuilding. This plant was not destroyed. The Breakers had the reputation of being the finest hotel on the north Pacific coast, and its destruction will be generally regretted.

The cost of the building was stated last evening to have been between \$55,000 and \$65,000. The furniture that was destroyed was valued at about \$7500. Whether or not there was any insurance could not be learned. The hotel was the property of J. M. Arthur, who, with Mrs. Arthur, occupied it.

PORTLAND MURDER MYSTERY.

East Side Saloon Man Shot to Death at His Place of Business.

Portland, Sept. 15.—A mysterious murder occurred on the east side tonight, Gus Breuer, proprietor of the City View saloon, being the victim. Four shots were fired into Breuer's body as he was cleaning some cuspidors at the back door of the place.

On the strength of the story of one of five Italians playing cards in the place the police arrested Robert Lewis, a carpenter, who was refused service by Breuer earlier in the night on account of the drunken condition. Lewis left the saloon and, the Italians say, as Breuer worked on the cuspidors, Lewis approached through a small yard which leads to the alley back of the saloon. The Italian says a scuffle occurred and that four shots were fired, the assassin making his escape. Lewis

bears a good reputation, but could give no clear account of his actions tonight.

POSITION IS ABOLISHED.

Richard Koehler to Be Purchasing Agent for Southern Pacific.

Portland, Sept. 15.—Within the next few days a circular will be issued, says the Oregonian, appointing Richard Koehler, formerly manager of the Southern Pacific lines in Oregon, purchasing agent for the Southern Pacific-Oregon Railroad and Navigation system in Oregon. The office of purchasing agent of the O. R. & N. Co. formerly occupied by F. G. Wheeler, has been abolished, together with the office of manager of the Southern lines in Oregon. The entire management of the consolidated lines has been placed in the hands of E. E. Calvin. General Manager Calvin has prepared and submitted to the executive board plans for many changes in the operating system of the roads, the changes recommended affecting every department.

FIRST GAME ON SUNDAY

Commercial and Fort Stevens to Open Football Season at A. F. C. Park.

Captain Stockton of the Commercial football team yesterday made arrangements for a game with Fort Stevens at A. F. C. park on Sunday. The game will mark the opening of what gives promise of being the most successful football season in the history of the game. The Fort Stevens lineup has not yet been announced, but the soldiers are known to have a strong aggregation. They have had oodles of time for practice and for the past six weeks have been giving their attention to football. The Commercial will probably try out some of the new men, and for this reason the game ought to be a most interesting one from the viewpoint of the football expert.

Last night the Commercial lined up for practice at the gymnasium. The signals this year are very difficult, but the men showed remarkable familiarity with the code. They are playing the snappiest kind of ball and their work last night, the first time real practice has been held, was faster than at any time last season. This is regarded as the very best sign that the team will be a strong one, and the showing made by the players has greatly encouraged the captain and Coach Abercrombie and Blair.

In the Fort Stevens game Abercrombie will occupy the position of full-back, at which he so memorably distinguished himself last season. He will play every game this fall. Behind the line on either side of the powerful full-back will be two fast, heavy men—Tallant, Barker, Rocky Graham or Regan. In the big games Regan will probably play end. Tallant more than makes up for the loss of Goddard. This is not to say that Goddard was not a good guard, for his work last season was excellent. It implies rather that there are some likely candidates for Goddard's place and that Tallant

will be a valuable backfield addition. Stockton will play quarterback, a position which he satisfactorily filled last year. He is heavier this season by 20 pounds, has the necessary grit and speed enough to make him an ideal quarter.

In the center of the forward line will be Jack Bay. Last year Bay proved himself a wonder, and frequently the doctory-center was seen tackling behind the line of the opposition. For guards Gammal, also a veteran, and Hakel, the new man, will probably be selected. Hakel is showing up in good form and Gammal is known to be efficient. Blair and Sutton will be Commercial's tackles. For ends there are several candidates, among them Painter, Johnson, Hunt, Jones and others. The front line will be very much stronger than last year's.

Several new plays have been "invented" by the designing coaches, and the men were given some practice with them last night. They developed an adaptability that was surprising, and at the same time gratifying.

The Portland Journal says that the game with Commercial will be the hardest which Multnomah will play at home, and locally the belief is shared. The Commercial team means to continue last season's fine record and the men will go to Portland with the avowed intention of winning. Arrangements will probably be made for a game with Oregon on November 12. A proposition that will doubtless prove satisfactory has been forwarded to Manager Graham of the U. of O. team.

This season football will cost 50 cents at Astoria. In the past the club has charged only 25 cents, but all other organizations exact 50 cents. The sport this year will be well worth the money, and the attendance should be good. The Fort Stevens game will be called at 3 o'clock.

NEXT FIGHT AT PORT ARTHUR.

St. Petersburg Expects Battle Will Soon Be Fought There.

There has been no renewal of fighting since the retreat of the Russian army under General Kuropatkin to Mukden.

Conditions there, both within the Japanese and the Russian lines, indicate that a month may elapse before the great armies in central Manchuria will again enter upon a general engagement.

At St. Petersburg the expectation is that the next conflict of moment will occur at Port Arthur.

WOULD RESCUE LYNCHERS.

Alabama Jail Closely Guarded to Prevent Mob's Interference.

Huntsville, Ala., Sept. 15.—The Madison county jail is guarded tonight by companies G and K, Third Alabama Infantry, because threats have been made that persons indicted by the grand jury in connection with the lynching of Horace Maples and placed in jail will be taken out by friends and set at liberty. Ben Hill, one of the alleged lynchers, was captured and lodged in jail today, and the officers are looking for nine others indicted.

Solicitor Peters denies the rumor that Sheriff Rogers and Mayor Smith were indicted.

What is Life?

In the last analysis nobody knows, but we do know that it is under strict law. Abuse that law even slightly, pain results. Irregular living means derangement of the organs, resulting in constipation, headache or liver trouble. Dr. King's New Life Pills quickly adjusts this. It's gentle, yet thorough. Only 25c at Chas. Rogers' drug store.

SOCIALISTIC ELEMENT WINS.

Colorado Labor Union Chooses Officers at State Convention.

Pueblo, Sept. 15.—A rumor is current tonight to the effect that the United Mineworkers of district No. 15, now in session here, will meet tomorrow with President Moyer of the Western Federation of Miners, for the purpose of perfecting plans for affiliation of the United Mineworkers of the district with the Western Federation of Miners. It is said the convention is indignant at the action of the national organization in withdrawing support from the strikers in the southern coal fields of Colorado and that the district organization will surrender its charter and ally itself with the western federation.

Moyer addressed the convention in secret session and will again be with them tomorrow.

Officers were selected at today's session of the state federation of labor, and the election showed a complete victory for the radical or socialistic element. President Moyer of the Western Federation of Miners is given credit for the victory of the socialists.

HEIR TO ITALIAN THRONE.

Racconigi, Italy, Sept. 15.—Queen Helena was safely delivered of a son tonight at the royal palace here. Mother and child are doing well. The infant has received the name Humbert and the title of prince of Piedmont.

HOTEL ARRIVALS.

Parker House.

- J. G. Smith and wife, Portland.
- C. E. Sherman, Portland.
- J. McGregor, Portland.
- W. C. Snow, Portland.
- C. N. Hess, Youngs River.
- W. E. Connally, Portland.

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