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STEAMER AFIRE OFF COOS BAY ALL ARE SAVED

Passenger Liner Congress, San Francisco to Seattle Burned.

OVER 400 LIVES IN PERIL

Appearance of Rescue Tug Off Marshall Harbor Saves Ship and Those Aboard from Disaster - Special Dispatch Train.

MARSHFIELD, Sept. 15.—The steamer Congress entirely burned except the steel hull, smokestacks and masts lies near the shore. It was still smoking this morning. The officers are unable to tell how the fire originated. The officers denied a report some passengers were overlooked in state rooms and suffocated. They declare all were saved. The passengers praised the crews' coolness. They declared most passengers also were calm. They laughed and joked while standing on the bow or standing in lifeboats. The ship is a total loss.

Some passengers wore ill-fitting garments, having left their own aboard the steamer. Mrs. I. K. Smith of Seattle, said: "I never saw so many babies. The little toddlers aboard the ship added to the danger, but nearly everybody was composed. Some were hysterical. The most laughed and joked." Mrs. Smith declared some passengers joked even while the deck was hot under their feet, with the roaring flames distinctly audible. Mrs. F. L. Ashton of Seattle, saved a baby. The steamer mother had left it in her care. After the alarm she carried the baby down the ladder into a lifeboat. She restored it to the mother ashore. Mrs. Ashton's hand was crushed between the lifeboat and the steamer. Mrs. N. B. Sorenson of San Francisco said "Everybody behaved splendidly. The steward came to my aid and asked me to go to the deck immediately. When we reached the corridor he rushed me through a thick wall of smoke. He placed his hands on my nose and mouth to prevent my breathing fumes." E. I. Beck of Los Angeles, an official of the Pacific Electric Railroad, praised the crews' coolness. He said all luggage was piled into the bow and lowered into the lifeboats after the passengers were saved. There is no whisper of incendiarism here. A general cargo was carried. Some thick electric wiring caused the fire. Coos Bay people opened their homes to all. There is no suffering.

EUGENE, Sept. 15.—A special train started for Marshallfield at 7:30 this morning to receive the passengers from the burned liner Congress. It was due at Marshallfield at noon. The Southern Pacific officials said the special will reach Portland tomorrow morning. A second special is prepared for the crew.

MARSHFIELD, Ore., Sept. 15.—With her hold a mass of flames the Pacific Coast Steamship company's liner Congress raced against death for the entrance of Coos Bay late yesterday and safely transferred her passengers and crew to the dredge Colonel P. S. Machie, 30 miles off shore. Shortly after the last soul on board had been disembarked, the Congress flared up like a torch from stem to stern and was completely destroyed. All the passengers and most of the crew were landed from the Michie at North Bend, near here, shortly before 10 p. m. tonight.

Two members of the crew were overcome by the smoke. They are Chief Engineer H. Starkland and F. Tyson, an assistant in the steward's department. The former's condition is not serious but the latter was taken to a hospital at North Bend in an unconscious condition.

En route from San Francisco for Seattle with 353 passengers and a crew of 175, the Congress was discovered to be on fire eight miles off this port at about 3 p. m. yesterday. When attempts were made to send out calls for assistance, the vessel's main wireless set failed to work. Meanwhile the liner had begun the heroic race for shore. Shortly before 5 p. m. the wireless operator managed to send an S. O. S. call on an auxiliary set, but by that time the smoke was pouring from the ventilators and passage ways on the steamer.

Two miles off Coos Bay bar the Congress was forced to stop and cast anchor. Had the dredge Michie not been working on the bar when the Congress approached Coos bay, a tragic disaster probably would have resulted. The Michie came close alongside the burning ship almost immediately after the latter cast anchor. The following were the list of cabin passengers:

MARSHALL RAPS ROOSEVELT



INDIANAPOLIS, Sept. 15.—Before a crowd that filled Tomlinson hall, with many others on the outside who were unable to gain admission, Thomas R. Marshall, received word last night for the second time he had been nominated by the democrats for vice president.

CARRANZA CALLS FOR ELECTION OF MEXICO CONGRESS

MEXICO CITY, Sept. 15.—Carranza plans to issue a decree tomorrow calling for an election of a constitutional congress October 15. The first congress will meet November 20. A decree issued last night provides that each state and territory elect a deputy to congress according to population.

SHIP FROM THIS COAST IS LOST

LONDON, Sept. 15.—Frank Callaghan, of Philadelphia, a fireman aboard the Harrison liner Counselor, has made affidavit before the American consul at Queenstown, avowing the Counselor was torpedoed. The captain and crew were landed at Queenstown. Callaghan is an American citizen. He shipped aboard the Counselor at San Francisco. The admiral reported the Counselor was sunk last night but the crew was saved. The Counselor sailed from Vancouver to Liverpool.

SWEDEN RETALIATES AGAINST GREAT BRITAIN

BERLIN, Sept. 15.—(Wireless via Salville)—A Stockholm dispatch said Sweden has detained ten thousand tons of coffee en route to Finland, in retaliation for the British halting of coffee shipments to Sweden. Finland is facing a coffee famine.

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OFFENSIVE IS RESUMED ON SOMME FRONT

New Armored Autos Used in Successful Smash This Morning.

FRENCH CAPTURE TRENCHES

Two Charges by Germans East of the Meuse Are Repulsed - German Grenade Attack Is Halted - Fighting is Intense East of Clercy.

LONDON, Sept. 15.—The British have resumed the Somme offensive. General Haig reported a two thousand yard advance on a wide front, northwest of Cambes. He reached a point north of the Albert-Baupenne road. The advance is continuing. There are many prisoners. The British captured one thousand yards of German positions southeast of Thiépval last night.

The British used a new type of heavily armored automobile in this morning's greatest smash. It was highly successful. A German airplane attack was defeated. British aviators sent four enemy machines hurtling earthward aflame. They damaged four others. The British aeroplanes skimmed low over the battlefield, machine gunning the German infantry. British airmen also shelled the German headquarters at Baupenne and bombarded the railway station, damaging a train. They destroyed two hostile kite balloons.

French Take Trenches. PARIS, Sept. 15.—It is announced the French captured a series of German trenches south of Bancourt. They advanced their line to the village outskirts, two miles southeast of Cambes. All counter attacks were repulsed.

Germans Attack Heavily. The Germans heavily attacked east of Clercy but were checked. They suffered severely. A German grenade attack was halted south of the Somme. Between the Oise, Aisne the French raided German trenches, killed and captured the occupants. Two German charges were defeated west of the Meuse.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 15.—It is learned a sixteen inch shell from the government gun testing plant at Indian Head, Indiana, crashed through the home of Mrs. Mary Swan, a mile distant, narrowly missing the woman and three daughters. It was the first sixteen inch shell ever fired in the United States. It tore through a thick armor plate wall, ploughed through a big sand hill, and traveling a mile smashed through the kitchen.

Germans Admit Losses. BERLIN, Sept. 15.—It is admitted the Serbians drove the Bulgarians from positions at Malkendze. The British captured the German advance trenches east of Vardar. They were later ousted.

ROUND-UP ISSUES TO EXCEED RECORD

The Round-Up editions of the East Oregonian next week will be the most ambitious journalistic achievement in the history of Pendleton, despite the fact that past Round-Up editions of the East Oregonian have reached a high standard.

Every phase of the Round-Up will be covered. Historical articles will be numerous. There will be interesting Indian feature stories. There will be articles dealing with the growth and development of Pendleton and Umatilla county. And best of all there will be complete accounts of everything that is done in Pendleton during Round-Up week.

LIBRARY BOARD RATIFIES ACTION OF CITY COUNCIL IN SEPARATING LIBRARIES

Formal ratification of the action of the city council Wednesday evening in divorcing the city library from the county library was given last evening by the Pendleton public library board. Three separate motions were passed confirming the cancellation of all contracts, giving the city attorney power to proceed in any way he sees fit to protect the city library and refusing all bills in connection with the building and equipping of the new library building.

SAN FRANCISCO ORCHESTRA WILL FURNISH DANCE MUSIC FOR HAPPY CANYON FOLK

Features galore will be included in each nightly performance of Happy Canyon. To furnish music for the dance Happy Canyon will have the famous ducky band and xylophone orchestra late of Tate's cafe in San Francisco.

CHICAGO UP CENT AT CLOSE TODAY

Table with columns: Open, High, Low, Close. Data for Chicago and Portland.

NEW M. E. PASTOR ARRIVES IN CITY

Rev. R. E. Gornall Arrives to Take up Duties of New Pastorate; Pleased With Pendleton. Rev. R. E. Gornall, new pastor of the First Methodist church of this city, arrived in Pendleton this morning with his family and will begin upon his duties at once.

LOCAL MEN RETURN STRONG IN PRAISE OF SPIRIT AT BAKER

High in their praises of the hospitality of the Baker people, 21 Round-Up boosters returned from Baker this morning in their special car where they attended the second day of the Baker county fair yesterday. The men were treated royally from the time they hit the town until they departed late last night.

ALLIES WIN IN BALKAN FIGHTING

Victories Classed as Greatest Since Starting of Campaign.

BULGARIANS HAVE TO RETIRE

Von Mackensen is Directing German Defense Against Foe.

GREEK ENTRANCE UNDECIDED

Constantine Has Summoned Leaders of Various Parties With Aim of Selecting New Prime Minister; French Aeroplane Flies to Bucharest.

PARIS, Sept. 15.—It is announced the allies have won one of the greatest victories since the starting of the Balkan offensive. The Serbians drove back the Bulgarians ten miles and captured Gornitchevo in a brilliant bayonet charge. The cavalry chased the Bulgars and seized Oksu village. The British captured Matchoukevo and two heights to the northward. The French gained six hundred yards on a mile front on the right bank of the Vardar.

The Serbians took twenty five cannons and many prisoners. The Bulgars are fighting a heavy rearguard action, still retreating. The Serbs breached the Bulgar trenches at Lake Ostrovo and forced a disorderly flight.

Bulgarians Retiring.

SALONIKI, Sept. 15.—The Bulgarians are retreating into Florina, the Serbians hotly pursuing. The Serbians captured principal heights at Malkandje. They seized twenty guns. Mackensen has reached the German-Bulgar front, and is directing the defense. The Teuton commanders are hurriedly regrouping the Macedonian forces, concentrating large bodies of troops in the Vardar valley to meet the allied smash. The fighting on the allies' left wing is more violent each day. The British entered the Bulgar salient southwest of Doiran. Athens diplomatic negotiations are still delaying the Greek war entrance. Constantine has summoned a conference of all political leaders in a new effort to find a suitable prime minister.

Flew to Bucharest.

PARIS, Sept. 15.—It is announced that a French aeroplane flew from the allied Greek lines, across Bulgaria, shelled Sofia en route and landed safely at Bucharest.

BRITISH COLUMBIA HAS VOTED "DRY"

Prohibitionists Claim Majority of 7500 for Measure to Go Into Effect Next July; Victoria and Vancouver Carried by Prohibitionists. VANCOUVER, B. C., Sept. 15.—Latest returns indicate that British Columbia is dry. The prohibitionists claim a 7500 majority. Ten thousand soldier votes will be counted on October 12. Vancouver and Victoria gave prohibition by majorities. Woman suffrage carried four to one. The dry law becomes effective next July.

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