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PORTLAND BLOCK BURNED

On the River Front Between Taylor and Salmon— Loss \$85,000

Portland, Oct. 4.—An entire block in the wholesale district bounded by Taylor and Salmon streets and Front street and the river was destroyed by fire at 10:40 last night. Although it is not definitely known, the fire is supposed to have caught from a pile of oiled waste in the basement of the New Era Paint and Varnish Works, which caught from spontaneous combustion. Every building in the block was ruined, and the property that was not wholly destroyed by fire was spoiled by water. The loss of the owners of the buildings and the proprietors of the wholesale stores and the transportation companies will aggregate \$85,000. The loss is covered by insurance amounting to \$51,500.

The first alarm turned in brought only a few engines to the scene, and even before these had arrived the flames had practically enveloped the entire block. A second alarm was sounded, and the whole fire department was called out. The fire boat George W. Williams responded to the first alarm, and it was through its efforts that the docks on the river front were saved.

A great impetus was given the flames owing to the amount of paint and oil in the Timms, Cress & Co. store, and the New Era Paint & Varnish Works. The fire spread through the basement of the buildings before it attacked the upper parts of the structures, and dense masses of black smoke, which rolled into the streets and through the roof, made it hard for the firemen.

The river steamers Pomona and Altona, belonging to the Oregon City Transportation Company, which were tied to the docks when the fire broke out, were moved into the river, and escaped damage. As soon as the steamers were got out of the way the fire boat moved in, and, with two turret streams and four line streams working, saved the docks of the Joseph Kellogg Transportation Company and of the Oregon City Transportation Company. A large quantity of baled hay and stables belonging to the two companies and to Charles H. Lilly were only slightly damaged by water and fire. The estimated loss to the goods on the dock will not be more than \$600.

Victim of the Tong.

Fresno, Cal., Oct. 4.—It developed today that Louie Mong, who was shot to death by assassins last night in Chinatown, was the victim of Frisco highbinders. He was a member of the Hip Sing Tong. A few days ago word came that six highbinders were coming to finish him. The highbinders vanished, and there were no arrests.

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M'CALL TALKS SOME

Does not Like the Actions of Nevada's Insurance Commissioners

New York, Oct. 4.—John A. McCall was a witness today before the legislative insurance investigation committee. Before the meeting McCall said he would take issue with the Nevada insurance commission, and said he proposed to bring the matter to the attention of the attorney-general of Nevada. McCall was asked to briefly state the beginning in this country of state supervision of insurance. He said it originated in Massachusetts in the early fifties.

McCall said he expected the first five months of each year to be harassed by all kinds of bills from every state in the Union. He said many were introduced by men with high purpose, but he declared three-fourths were for the purpose of blackmail.

McKeen, Hughes' assistant, who aided in the examination today, asked McCall, if when the contribution to the Republican campaign fund was made, any promise or pledge was given, direct or indirect, that the Republican administration would further federal supervision. McCall denied this, and Hughes then conducted the examination on the subject of campaign contributions. The witness said he did not know positively that the contributions had been made, but presumed they had. He did not know, as the transactions were not recorded in the books.

A statement was produced showing the company, from June 1, 1900, to August 5, 1905, paid nearly half a million to Andrew Hamilton, in addition to over \$1,100,000 for legal services under Hamilton's direction. McCall said the bureau established under Hamilton took care of legislative matters in various states.

New York, Oct. 4.—Nevada and Colorado have revoked the license of the New York Life Insurance Co., until an honest management is secured.

Chicago, Oct. 4.—Judge Kohlsaat this afternoon took under advisement until Tuesday the case of the policyholders against I. Rosenfeld, general manager, and George M. Moulton, president of the Western Life Indemnity Company.

The Land Fraud Cases.

The trial of Willard N. Jones, Thaddeus S. Potter and Ira Wade, charged with conspiring to defraud the government in the Siletz reservation, began in Portland yesterday. The demurrer in the case was overruled and the following jurors selected:
Frank E. McElowney, farmer, Multnomah county; C. P. Bishop, merchant and ex mayor of Salem; G. W. McLane,

farmer, Linn county; L. C. Marshall, clerk, Albany; Henry Hewitt, insurance agent, Portland; W. B. Duncan, farmer, Polk county; N. P. Crum, merchant, Brownsville; William Burns, farmer, Polk county; Walter Low, liveryman, Salem; Peter A. Hoffman, bricklayer, Leites; L. P. Beno, Portland; W. R. Oatfield, farmer, Clackamas county.

Portland, Or., Oct. 4.—Senator Fulton left Washington last night in response to a subpoena to appear as a witness in the Jones land fraud trial, and explain the condition under which he wrote to the department recommending Jones and urging the alleged fraudulent claims to patent. John L. Wells was on the stand all morning. He said he acted as agent for the defendants, securing old soldiers and widows to take up land in the Siletz Indian reservation.

IS COIN TAINTED

Chicago, Oct. 4.—Dr. D. K. Pearsons, of this city, who has endowed so many small colleges throughout the country, yesterday presented to the American Board of Foreign Missions of the Congregational church, \$50,000 to be used for Antolia College, Marsovan, Turkey. The money is to remain intact forever, and only the interest on it to be used for the benefit of the college.

In his letter to the board, Dr. Pearsons explained how he acquired the money which he desired to devote to

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He was instructed to coach the entrymen how to answer the questions. They had sworn to living on the land a year continuously, when they had been there four nights. The testimony implicated a land official at Oregon City as being cognizant of the conspiracy.

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the missionary cause. He added that if the Congregationalists chose to spurn it, he would be able to find a place for it elsewhere. His letter follows:

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"Will this money be good to extend Christian education in Turkey, or is it 'tainted money?' If you refuse it there are several theological seminaries here that would be pleased to get it, and I know of 100 poor colleges South and West that would be delighted to receive it."

May Build Pipe Line.

(Four O'clock Edition.)
Bakersfield, Cal., Oct. 4.—The construction of a pipe line to tidewater is the principal subject of discussion at a meeting of the directors of the independent oil producers' agency, now proceeding here. The opinion is freely expressed that it is the only means of relief for the producers. All the independent companies will be invited to join the agency. The work of constructing reservoirs for storing 2,000,000 barrels will commence at an early date.

Robbers Still Free.

(Four O'clock Edition.)
Seattle, Oct. 4.—Six bloodhounds were put on the trail of the Great Northern bandits this morning. Three posses are still searching, but there are no additional clues. Stories sent out that \$30,000 had been stolen are denied, both by the local assay office and the Great Northern Express Company. The belief has grown stronger that the men are still hiding in Seattle.

Information, based on the statement of Express Messenger Anderson, of the dynamited car, to passengers, has reached the sheriff's office that there was \$47,500 in the through safe which the bandits rifled.

A Gas Explosion.

(Four O'clock Edition.)
Cincinnati, O., Oct. 4.—A gas oven in the county commissioners' office, in the court house, exploded this afternoon, killing Russel Blair and George Zimmerman, and injuring two. Zimmerman was chief clerk of the board of commissioners, and Blair was his assistant. The engineer and firemen are believed to be dead.

Taggart Bobs Up Again.

(Four O'clock Edition.)
Columbus Barracks, O., Oct. 4.—Captain Taggart reported for duty today. A Worcester dispatch from Judge Eason announces that he will probably render a decision next week.

Strike in German.

Kronstadt, German, Oct. 4.—The dock laborers struck today for more wages and shorter hours, and work on all foreign ships is at a standstill.

Cassie Wants Out.

Cincinnati, O., Oct. 4.—Arguments for and against the appeal for a new trial for Mrs. Chadwick were resumed in the United States court of appeals this morning.

ALICE IS SENSIBLE

Yokohama, Japan, Oct. 4.—Miss Roosevelt and party arrived in this city today, and was received by the American representative, the imperial master of ceremonies and the governor, but refused any formalities. They will stop at a hotel tonight, and go to the interior to remain until the 13th, when the party will be headed by Harriman, and sail on the steamer Siberia for San Francisco.

Girl Lion Tamer Fatally Injured.

Gillman, Ill., Oct. 4.—Miss Amie Blondel, a lion tamer, was attacked and terribly mutilated during a performance of a circus here by the trick lion Roosevelt. It is thought Miss Blondel will die. She was only saved from immediate death in the cage by bullets of a troop of United States cavalrymen traveling with the circus, who poured a volley into the body of the lion. The young woman was feeding several lions in the cage when the big animal became enraged and sprang upon her. After wounding his tamer severely in the back, the beast nearly pulled her right arm from its socket. A dozen shots brought the big lion down, and the girl was rescued, though it is thought she will die. The lion was not killed, and it is thought he may recover.

The Pistol Route.

(Four O'clock Edition.)
San Francisco, Oct. 4.—Samuel E. Beaver, for years a trusted employe of the Crocker-Woolworth bank, and retired on a pension, shot himself at his home at 118 Grant avenue this noon. He was afflicted with a disease of the foot, and confined to his bed for some time, and was despondent.

He Meant Business.

Mobile, Ala., Oct. 4.—John Fischer, an engineer, of Raleigh, N. C., visiting his parents in this city, quarreled with three young men last night. He procured a revolver this morning, went to a saloon, where the three were sitting, and fired three times, each bullet finding its victim. Price, a baker, is dead, Hamilton McKeen is dying and John Hartz is injured. Fischer rolled a cigarette, laughed and sauntered out to meet the police. He said nothing.

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