

IMPAIGN AGAINST COAST MOONSHINERS

Ready Markets for Liquors in "Dry" Towns in Southern Oregon.

Portland, Ore., Dec. 19.—United States revenue officers have begun a campaign against moonshiners, who are said to be operating illicit stills in the coast range mountains in Lane, Clatsop and Douglas counties.

Federal agents have been working for several months in locating various stills in the southern part of the state, and a number of arrests probably will be made in the near future.

A. F. McPherson, an old resident of the Siuslaw river, was arrested by the government detectives, and is being held with a view to the manufacture of pruned brandy. A still which McPherson admitted belonged to him was confiscated by the officers.

According to federal agents, the most ready market for their liquors is in the southern part of the state. It is asserted that a number of small stills are in operation. Pruned brandy and other alcoholic beverages made in fruits are being manufactured in mountain stills, it is said.

DEMANDS OF FARMERS. ALL PAYS VISIT TO VANCOUVER

London, Dec. 17.—The Daily News says that the Canadian farmers, in whose name the most crop of legends has been seen, demand protection all along the line, and that they, along with the third successive crop of a free trade government in this country, deal a deadly blow at the army food taxers.

Yours Work on V. V. & E. Will Be Rushed From Both Ends

Vancouver, Dec. 19.—James J. Hill, a veteran railroad builder, arrived in this city this morning on his special train and made one of his characteristic whirlwind visits, termed an "official inspection trip."

His characteristic energy by the point of business he disposed of during his seven-hour stay in the city. During that time Mr. Hill made a personal inspection of the site for new water wharves for his company and the usual refinery gracefully submitted to being interviewed by the press, promised that work would be started immediately on the filling in of the north and east shores of the head of False creek, to be followed by the section of a million dollar union station, promised that construction on the V. V. & E. branch of the Great Northern would be pushed with all possible dispatch from both ends from now on, and made a deputation from the board to take an auto tour of the city.

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TWENTY-ONE DEAD AND TEN MISSING

Firemen and Policemen Lose Their Lives While Fighting Fire at Philadelphia.—Twenty-four Others Sustain Injuries.

Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 22.—Nineteen firemen dead and three missing; two policemen known to have been killed and seven missing; 24 injured firemen and police in city hospitals, with the likelihood that several will die, half a dozen bodies in the smouldering, ice-covered ruins of the D. Friedlander leather factory, with exhausted rescuers fighting, ice and fire to reach them—that is the summary to-day of Philadelphia's Yuletide tragedy.

The known dead: Firemen—Robert Stewart, Charles Hill, William Hoffman, Fred Garbreth, Frank Carroll, Howard Berlet, Charles Hill, William Hoffman, Harry Bartlett, Charles Eldelman, Harry Bartlett, Kipparick, Birchman, John Collins, Thomas Entwistle, Charles McConnell, George Machninsky, Klazner, Parks and Pass. Policemen—Landley and Gettes.

To the summary of horror caused by the holocaust may be added the privation and sorrow brought to the families of the dead and dying throughout the city and the suspicion that the lives of the city's servants were sacrificed to incendiarism of the worst type.

The coroner to-day said that a coroner's investigation showed that the building had been fired simultaneously in half a dozen places. An official investigation is under way to determine the cause of the fire and fix responsibility.

Ten hours after the fire had been brought under control the rescuers came upon the unconscious form of Fireman Glazier. Although trapped beneath twisted girders and horribly mangled, his life was saved by a fellow fireman, whose body, nearly cut in two, protected Glazier from death.

At 8:30 this morning the remaining shell of the building collapsed and the dead fireman was identified. The entire fire department, aided by the men

CRITICISM ON SOOKE BY-LAW

Views of Committee on Legislation Aldermen, Having Protested, May Now Expedite Passage of the Measure

It is improbable that at this evening's special meeting of the city council those members of the board who have attacked the Sooke water by-law on the grounds of its insufficiency and inaccuracy will make any endeavor to block its passage.

MAURETANIA ON SCHEDULE TIME

Reported by Wireless Speeding Toward Liverpool on Record Breaking Trip

London, Dec. 22.—The Cunard liner Mauretania was reported by wireless speeding toward Liverpool on schedule time on its effort to break the record for a journey from Liverpool and return.

SALARY OF REGINA'S MAYOR.

Regina, Dec. 22.—The council has decided to pay the mayor a salary of twenty-five hundred dollars.

NEW BANK

Weyburn, Sask., Dec. 22.—The Weyburn Security Bank, with a capital of a million dollars, is to be incorporated at Ottawa.

UNDERGROUND WIRES BY-LAW

PEOPLE WILL VOTE ON MEASURE SOON

General Hope and Expectation is That Verdict Will Be Favorable

(From Thursday's Daily.) There is a very general hope amongst all classes in the community that the by-law providing ways and means whereby the telephone wires may be placed underground in the business section of the city will pass when it again comes before the voters at the forthcoming municipal elections.

It is felt that in view of the fact that the public did not properly understand that in no event is there a likelihood of a financial burden being cast upon the city under the terms of the by-law.

Under the terms of the electric lights by-laws to be placed before the people and on that occasion the vote was an adverse one. It was felt that this result was due in the main to the fact that the public did not properly understand that in no event is there a likelihood of a financial burden being cast upon the city under the terms of the by-law.

A word of explanation of the terms and meaning of the by-law will be timely. For some years the city has been desirous of having all telephone construction removed from the streets of the business area and the B. C. Telephone Company has staid its willingness to meet the city in the matter of certain blocks which the city has stipulated in the agreement.

In the centre of these city blocks "outlets" from the conduits will be provided and from these "outlets" will be served all the telephone connections within blocks, the wires to be carried from the "outlets" along the rear walls of the various buildings within the city blocks to the telephone instruments within the buildings.

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CROSSES CHANNEL IN

Cecil Grace, a Wright Pupil, Flies From Dover to Calais

Dover, Eng., Dec. 22.—A flight across the English Channel between Dover and Calais in an aeroplane, was made to-day by Cecil Grace, a Wright aviator.

KING GOES TO SANDRINGHAM.

London, Dec. 22.—King George to-day went to Sandringham Palace for the Christmas holidays.

PEACE COUNCILS MAY PREVAIL

CONFERENCES TO-DAY LIKELY TO END IN RAILWAYS AND ENGINEERS AGREEING

(Times Leased Wire) Chicago, Dec. 22.—A lengthy conference between Labor Commissioner Chas. F. Neil and representatives of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers to-day was regarded as foreshadowing a peaceful settlement of the threatened strike of 35,000 engineers on western lines.

It is believed that the railroad officials have concluded that the engineers were not bluffing in their demand for an increase in wages under a threat of strike, and that they have disclosed to Commissioner Neil the final terms of the railroads.

Neil refused to state what concessions the companies were willing to make.

Reports premature. Minneapolis, Minn., Dec. 22.—Officials of the Soo system and other lines running into this city say the report of probable locomotive engineers strike on sixty-one western roads are somewhat premature, as they have not received any intimation of a strike, and that they would if the situation was critical.

All of the work done by the Worwick Paving company has been done on this basis, and as the arrangement has proved very satisfactory in the interests of the property-owners a majority of the members of the committee protested successfully against the proposal that the guarantee and hold-back should be abolished.

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BRITISH OFFICERS CONVICTED AS SPIES

Captain and Lieutenant Sentenced to Four Years Each in Germany

Loipzig, Germany, Dec. 22.—Captain Bernard Trench and Lieutenant Vivian English, English army officers, convicted of spying on German fortifications at Bokrum, were sentenced to four years imprisonment each by a German court here to-day.

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CHICAGO CONFLAGRATION CLAIMS THIRTY LIVES

Fire Chief, Second Assistant Chief and Several Company Captains Among Victims—Explosion Buries Number of Men.

Chicago, Dec. 22.—Having claimed the lives of probably thirty firemen, the fire that destroyed the stock yards warehouse of Nelson, Morris & Co., spread to-day to the tall house of the plant, and at noon it was stated that the entire plant was in danger of destruction.

At 11 o'clock the walls of the tall house had crumbled before the fierce heat, and one of the piles of masonry fell upon the spot where it was believed the bodies of 20 missing firemen lie buried.

A third general alarm brought every fire company in Chicago to the scene in an effort to prevent the conflagration from sweeping the entire stock yards district.

The beef house, which adjoins the warehouse, was consumed during the morning, and tons of meat in the house were given to the flames. The odor of burning flesh was sickening, and a dozen firemen collapsed under the strain and horror of the night and day long fight.

The great tall house, occupying nearly a city block, caught fire shortly before noon. The greasy stores within the building gave ready food to the greasy flames, and the burning tall house and yard supplied added fuel to the fire.

The extent of the disaster was evidenced in the statement of Fire Marshal Butler, who declared that destruction threatened the entire Union Stock Yards, and that unless the wind abated nothing could save the packing plants.

General Officers Dead. The fire was caused by the explosion of ammonia. Seven charred bodies were recovered from all the burning buildings. A break in the work of rescue later was prevented by a renewal of the fire, and at noon nearly half of the Chicago

THREE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FIVE DEAD

VICTIMS OF EXPLOSION IN LANCASHIRE MINE

Officials Abandon Hope of Saving Any of the Entombed Men

Manchester, Eng., Dec. 22.—A total of 325 dead in the Pretoria mine of the Little Hulton company, as the result of yesterday's explosion was the estimate given out to-day by officials of the mine.

Rescuers searching the tunnels for any miners that may have survived the deadly gases with which the workings are filled, were halted when within 80 feet of the mine centre to-day and could not proceed with the work until the gases had been driven out.

According to the officials there is no hope of saving any of those believed to be in the mine. Manager Tongue, leading the rescuers, was overcome by gases to-day and was taken from the mine in a critical condition.

Among the incidents was the death of a rescuer, who, anxious to reach his two sons, who were entombed, got in advance of his comrades and forfeited his life. King George has sent a message of sympathy.

STORES AND BANK DESTROYED.

(Special to the Times.) Bradwardine, Man., Dec. 22.—Fire started in Ortenburg's store here this morning at 2:45 and burned the whole of the business portion of the town. Ortenburg's general store, E. & J. Field's hardware, Massey-Harris warehouse, the Bank of Hamilton, R. Common's general store, and the Beaver lumber office and lumber yards were destroyed. The only business left are a restaurant and drug store.

(Special to the Times.) Ottawa, Dec. 22.—The contract for steel vessel for lighthouse and buoy service on the Pacific coast has been awarded by the government to the Collingwood shipbuilding company for \$260,000.



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