OF \$200,000 BLAZE

Historic Church and Other Buildings Destroyed.

FIRE HARD ONE TO FIGHT

Dense Smoke in Basement Makes Work of Department Difficult. Little Insurance Carried.

OREGON CITY, Or., Nov. 15.—(Special)—Shortly after I o'clock this morning Night Officer, Cook discovered smoke issuing from Price Brothers' department store and the First Methodist church, the oldest Protestant church west of the Rocky mountains. He turned in an alarm and the volunteer fire department responded. There were no signs of fire says the dense columns of smoke coming from the basement of the store and church and so dense was the smoke that for a time it was impossible to force an entrance to the church basement. Two returned soldiers, Willard and Richard Montgomery, members of the fire department, donned their gas masks and explored the fire region. They reported that the fire, although not blazing, was located near one of the two furnaces in the church basement.

At once three lines of hose were run into the place and holes were cut through the floor over the furnace. But the fire baffled the fighters and gradually gained headway. At 3:30 it appeared that the fire was under control, but at 5:15 the, flames broke through the root of the church building and it seemed that but a moment elapsod until the whole structure was

ing and it seemed that but a moment elapsed until the whole structure was a mass of flame.

A long-distance phone call was put in at this time to the Portland fire department, which immediately re-splonded by sending out one auto ene company under command of Cap-

Cull Sent to Portland.

thin Mountain.

By 6:30 the Portland company had arrived and had gone into action and within 20 minutes the fire was under control. Up to this time the store of Edy & Co. was threatened and the cruwds of bystanders had entered the

BERRIN.—The German train service has become so inadequate that it is common for everyone to travel second-class because the train is sure to fill up half an hour before the time of departure, and those second-class taket-holders who can find no places are then entitled to go into first-class. Second-class under those circumstances is better than first because it has just six definite seats barred by arm rests, whereas in first-class eight can squeeze into the room ordinarily meant for four.

The railroad authorities have introduced a system of arbitrary fines for the man who deliberately sits in a class above his ticket.

LONDON CONVICTIONS FEW Remarkable Decrease From Pre-

War Figures Is Shown. LONDON .-- In the last year of the war there was a remarkable failing off from pre-war totals in this country of convictions for drunkenness. Official figures, which show a decrease of 84.6 per cent, follow: 1913, 188,877; 1918, 25.075.

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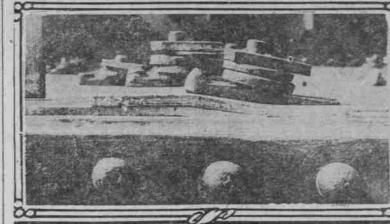
The statistics given are confined to England and Wales. The greatest falling off of drunkenness, amounting to almost 90 per cent, was in the great mining and manufacturing districts of the English midlands and in the thickly-settled coal-mining areas of Wales.

Sea Otters Are Increasing.

JUNEAU, eAlaska -- Sea otter ar rapidly increasing along the reefs to the westward, according to crew members of the revenue cutter

Scotland Has Illegitimates. EDINBURG. Oct. 7.—Illegitimate children constituted 7.49 per cent of the total number of births registered in Scotland in 1917.

NUTLESS-AND-THREADLESS BOLT INVENTED BY TWO WORK MEN AT THE NORTHWEST STEEL COMPANY.





From New York.

'Tom?' Cochran's Record Said to Be Unequaled in World.

he S. P. & S. bridge, vessels passing up and down the river will be obliged o use the east passage. To be able to irredge in the west channel, the Wil-amette had to lift telegraph cables

Local Builders Get Orders

CAPTAIN MANS 70 SHIPS

Pacific Coast Shipping Notes.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Nov. 15.—(Special.)—Two Pacific liners left today. The Maul of the Matson Navigation compani for Homoluu and the Mosans of the Enion Steamship company for Sydney via Papette and Wellington. This will have been the first trip of the Maul since her return from war-service, where she was used as a troop transport. In compilance with a requiest made by a prominent group of Honoluin business men, the abtison Navigation company derived in sond the Maul to Honoluin in her paint. Both the Mosan and the Maul carried a full list of passengers.

Pacific Coast Shipping Notes.

States hureau of Raharies vessel Unaiga at Akuran.

Flashing a wireless message from sea the master of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha ilnor Katori Maru this morning informed Seattle representatives of the company that the big vessel would arrive at the William Head quarantine station in British Columbia at 8 o'clock tonight on her way to this port from China, Japan and the Philippines.

Two vessels of the flest of the Harrison direct ine, the steamship Crown of Galicia and Crown of Castle, will arrive on this coast in January from ports in the United Kingdom, according to Seattle representatives of Balfour, Guthrie & Co. agents for the big shipping corporation.

After an absence of a month, Captain James Smith Griffiths, founder and bresident of Smith Griffiths & Son, arrived home yeaterday from Washington, D. C. and New York, Capitain Griffiths went sast to confer with Charles F. Seeger, Inc., of New York, eastern agents for the big Seattle shipping house, on a number of important business matters.

TACOMA, Wash, Nov. 15.—(Special.)—

December 25, direct from Midretties.

COOS BAY, Or., Nov. 15.—(Special.)—
The steam schooner Centralia, which loaded lumber at Millington and North Bend, sailed for Isan Francisco.

The gasoline schooner Tramp was an arrival from Rogue River, bringing household goods and produce. She will load a carro of general merchandise for the merchants at Wedderburn and Gold Beach. GRAYS HARBOR, Wash, Nov. Ib.— Shifts in harbor tonight here: Steamers Redwood, Multnomah Carmel, Helene and Carlos; schooners Defiance and Porest, Pride. There were no arrivals and no sallings today.

Columbia River Bar Report. NORTH HEAD, Nov. 15.—Condition of the bar at 5 P. M.—Sea rough; wind south, 44 miles.

Tides at Astoria Sunday S:15 A. M. ... S.3 feet 1:57 A. M. ... L6 feet 8:32 P. M. ... 6.9 feet 3:00 P. M. ... 2.2 feet

EBERT MUCH CRITICISED Dinners Dectared to Have Cost \$1000, Exclusive of Wine.

BERLIN.—President Ebert and Gustav Noske, minister of defense, have been criticised for the expense bills they incurred during their recent stay at Darmstadt. The critics say that luncheons and dinners cost upward of \$1600, exclusive of wine, of which more than 200 bottles were consumed and complain that \$110 were spent on floral decorations. Such items, say the critics, can scarcely be reconciled with the government's admonitions to the public to account every penny. They accuse the present government of keeping up "all the expense of the imperial

"all the expense of the imperial regime and none of its dignity."

coss the river, which now obstruct NUTLESS AND THREADLESS BOLT PORTLAND INVENTION.

> Time Saved in Ship Construction When Plates Are Riveted by Use of New Device.

From New York.

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