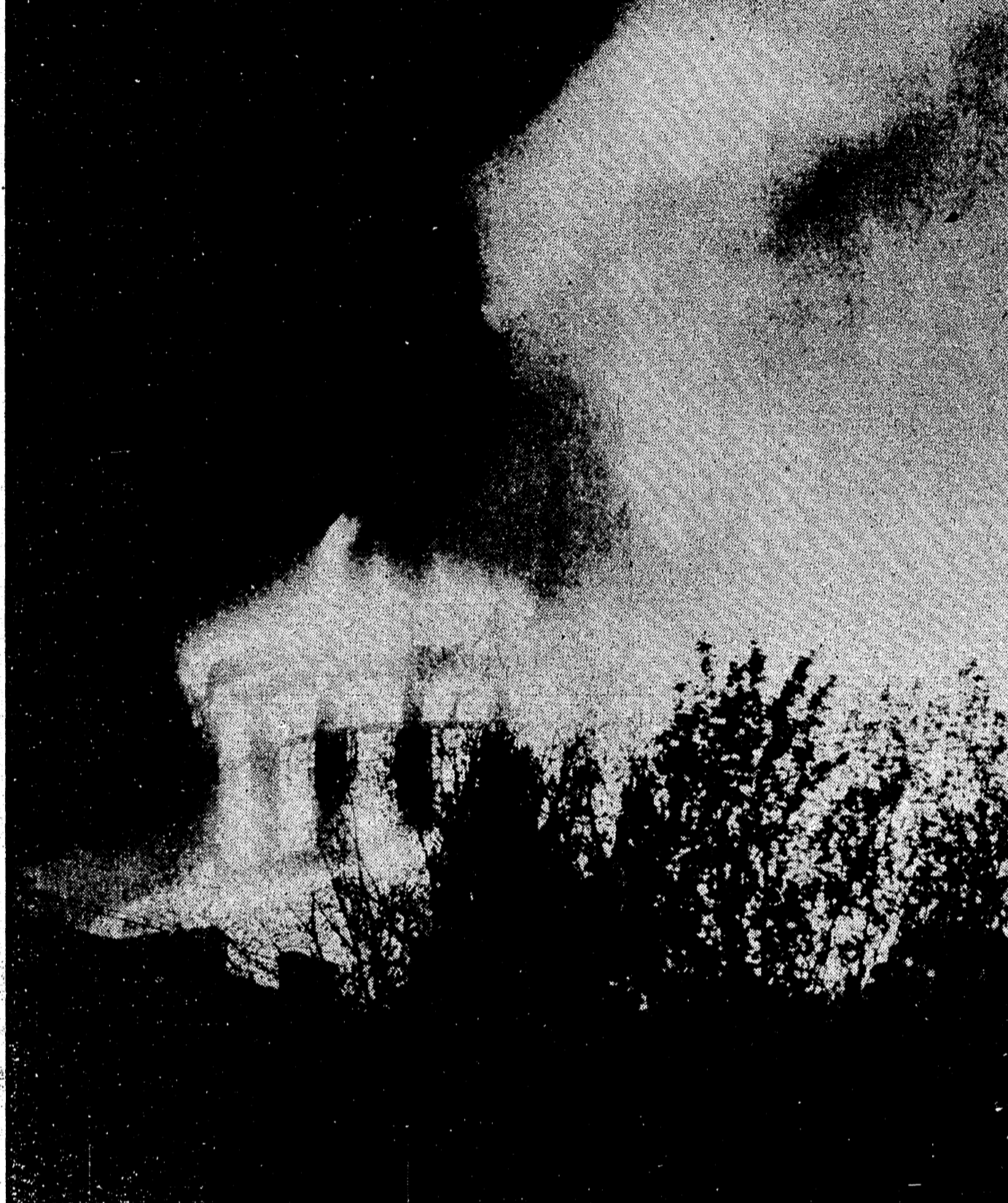


FLAMES RAZE OREGON CAPITOL; FIREMAN KILLED

Venerable Dome of State Capitol Just Before Structure Crashed



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Governor Plans New Structure at State Capital

MEDFORD, April 25 (Special)—"We will have to rebuild the capitol building for we can't get along without it," said Governor Martin at 8:40 tonight, just after he had received a telegram that the capitol had burned. He had completed his talk before the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce when the telegram arrived.

RECORDS BURNED IN COSTLY BLAZE

Loss Estimated to Be Near \$2,500,000

Fire Starts in Basement; Fighters Handicapped by Dense Smoke

BY WAYNE A. PETTIT Staff Writer, The Oregonian. SALEM, April 25 (Special)—Oregon's historic capitol was destroyed by fire tonight, causing the death of a fireman and injuring a CCC worker.

STUDENT AVIATOR DIVES TO DEATH

Glen C. Gregory Crashes Near Beaverton

BEAVERTON, April 25 (Special)—While stunting an airplane which he had flown only a few minutes and which was unsuited for violent air acrobatics, Glen C. Gregory, 28, of 1123 Northeast Jarrett street, Portland, was killed near here today.

Blaze Spreads Rapidly

Within a half hour the flames shot upward through hollow pillars from the basement to the corridors and up the elevator shaft. This provided a suction which, with open windows made necessary by the dense smoke, caused the blaze to spread rapidly.

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Included in the loss were the paintings of all of Oregon's previous governors with the exception of Governor Meier. These occupied

Burned State Capitol Scene of Many Political Conflicts

Justus F. Krumboltz, Portland, was the architect. After listening to music by the German brass and reed band of Aurora, the most famous band in Oregon at that time, the cornerstone was laid October 9, 1873, under the direction of the Masonic grand lodge of Oregon. Governor Chadwick, then secretary of state, made the oration of the day. Convicts from the state penitentiary worked on the excavation and made the bricks.

Dome Built in 1893

An additional \$100,000 was required to complete the building according to original plans, which work was carried on in the decade after 1876. The original structure did not include the dome or the porticoes

Meiers Wedded Exactly Third of Century Ago

Ex-Governor and Mrs. Julius L. Meier today have been married exactly a third of a century, whether they realize it or not. Long-time marriage anniversaries are usually observed in quarters of centuries, such as silver or 25th, golden or 50th, diamond or 75th. But this is the first-known time that attention has been called to a third-of-a-century matrimonial mark.

MEDIATORS FAIL TO SETTLE STRIKE

Seamen Plan to Live Up Coast Walkout

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., April 25 (AP)—Mediation efforts by a government board in the coastwise tanker strike collapsed tonight on the heels of announced support of the walkout, even to the extent of a general strike vote, by the newly organized maritime federation of the Pacific.

Secretary Perkins Advised

Breakdown in efforts at peaceful settlement of the six-weeks-old tanker strike was announced by Albert A. Rosenshine, chairman of the board, who informed Secretary Perkins it was impossible to bring the employers and operators together.

Seamen Pledge Backing

Support for the striking tanker seamen was pledged in Seattle yesterday by the maritime federation which today elected as president, Harry Lundberg, of the sailors union of the Pacific.

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Wage Boards Meet Here; Union Men at Longview

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Baseball Men Present

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Federal Engineer's Report Seems Favorable

A new postoffice building for Portland in the not too distant future seemed assured yesterday with the report of William Arthur Newman, district engineer of public buildings for the eighth district.

Old Site Considered

The engineer estimated that the Portland survey would be completed by the first of next week. He declined to comment on a probable building location or type or size of structure that might be expected.

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and Large Loan Suggested, Says McNary

Confident of Federal Special Session Legislature Pends

DUANE HENNESSY

When advised of the fire, McNary believed that old building would be replaced.

It is pointed out that the government was very generous in Oregon expenditures for putting \$100,000,000 in the budget and that he felt the government would do everything possible to help in this emergency.

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Lundberg Stands Firm "I am from the rank and file," Lundberg said in Seattle. "I believe in the rank and file. I stand absolutely behind the resolution of the convention which states we will support the oil tanker strikers. We shall stand behind them to the limit, and I believe in making it effectual now."

Lundberg, who resides in Seattle, is 34 years old, has sailed 15 years on American ships and many additional years on sailing ships of all nations.

Harry Bridges, militant longshoremen's leader of San Francisco and an outstanding figure in last year's paralyzing marine strike, characterized Lundberg as a "fine president."

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