

FOREST FIRES IN CANADA KILL FOUR, MENACE VILLAGES

(Associated Press Leased Wire)

PORT ARTHUR, Ont., June 3.—With four persons believed dead, several others unaccounted for and numerous volunteers wiped out, rangers and volunteers today were battling a forest fire which threatened this town of 3,500 on the northwest shore of Lake Superior.

Flames, driven across hundreds of miles of timberland and underbrush by winds of gale force, reached Brent park, a suburb of Port Arthur, and many residents had abandoned their homes before the progress of the fire was checked.

The most serious condition prevailed in the vicinity of Hurkett, 35 miles east of here where William Mellensky, his wife and two children were believed to have perished when flames swept over their homestead.

Hundreds of acres in that locality had been burned over with the destruction of farmhouses and buildings. Rescue parties brought out a number of women and children whose farm homes had been destroyed.

A gang of 21 workmen was cut off by the flames at a camp of the Provincial Paper company north of Hurkett. Efforts to reach them by airplane were frustrated by the dense smoke.

Rain Only Hope
Forecasters said unless rain falls soon there was little hope of saving several small communities in the path of the fire.

Across the lake in the vicinity of Saint Ste. Marie rangers were fighting brush fires in three districts. A blaze west of Michipicoten falls was the only one causing anxiety.

The Ontario forestry department received word that the village of Dymont, 33 miles east of Dryden, in the western part of the province, had been abandoned when a forest fire swept toward the community beyond the control of a force of rangers and volunteers.

Women and children were sent out of the village by train while the men remained behind to continue their fight against the flames.

The village of Robinson, 50 miles east of Sioux lookout, also was evacuated.

Plane Pilot Missing
Paul Garton, a pilot for the Western Canada airways, was missing today after his plane was wrecked in an attempted landing on a lake at Allanwater, an air base. He was believed to have drowned. He had been engaged in forestry patrol duty in the vicinity of Sioux lookout which has been threatened with destruction for four days.

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me and in some way impair my influence, as the wet and Roman Catholic press have been doing for nearly two years, I must decline to admit the jurisdiction of this committee over either my political or personal activities.

The statement did not touch directly on the charges before the committee that he failed to properly report the expenditures of the anti-Smith organization.

Senator Walsh did not immediately indicate what further action he might take. In the past some of the witnesses who have refused to answer senate committees have been adjudged in contempt of the senate and punished in various ways.

Effects "Legitimate"
Bishop Cannon informed the lobby committee he was no lobbyist, in the popular sense, but that he gave his best effort to promote prohibition "by every legitimate Christian means."

He said he seldom sought to use personal suasion with members of congress and rarely interested himself in appointments to office.

Asked whether he or the Southern Methodist board, of which he is head, took part in the election of members to congress, he replied: "Oh, we have done nothing aside from sending out literature. We have taken no part in the elections."

"You took part in the 1928 election?" asked Senator Walsh.

"I have taken part in every election since I have become of age as a citizen. We simply sent out statements of the church and of the board. As to getting into par-

ticular fights I did not, except perhaps in my own state."

"But you were active in the 1928 election, were you not, Bishop?"

"A little more active than usual."

The bishop said the annual budget of the board ran around \$15,000 or \$16,000 a year, but that he himself received no salary from the board.

Tells of Finances

The committee room was packed when Senator Walsh, the acting chairman, began the questioning.

Bishop Cannon said the church was assessed \$24,000 a year, but only about two-thirds of it was paid. He had received no payment for his prohibition activities in the last 30 years, he declared, although Dr. E. L. Crawford, secretary of the board, received \$5,500 a year.

The remainder of the money was spent for rent, salaries, traveling expenses and such things. The board, he said, was principally interested in prohibition and peace.

"It was not my habit to lobby personally very much," he added, explaining he used the word "lobby" as meaning legitimate activity to present views on legislation to members of congress.

Mellon Incident

Questioned by Walsh, the witness read a telegram he and others sent Secretary Mellon in 1928, saying that if prohibition enforcement appropriations were not increased, the question would arise whether the treasury "sincerely desires effective enforcement."

Walsh asked if that meant Cannon was dissatisfied with enforcement.

"The telegram speaks for itself," replied the bishop.

Cannon said he urged Mellon to support the Harris amendment to increase prohibition appropriations by \$25,000,000.

Mellon replied in a telegram that the amendment would restrict the appropriation to the prohibition bureau, while enforcement also depended on the coast guard and other agencies.

Walsh, who is a dry, commented that it appeared "you addressed yourself to heads of departments, as well as to congress." He asked if the bishop sought appointment of government officers.

For Morals Only.
"My position on that for 30 years has been that it must be an exceptional case for me to take any part in the appointment of officials," Cannon answered. "I was in this work from the moral point and not from the political. I very rarely did it. I have occasionally done so."

Walsh produced a letter by the Southern Methodist board secretary, Dr. Crawford, to Cannon, saying Heywood Hardy of Texas, might succeed Mabel Walker Willebrandt in charge of prohibition prosecutions. It added: Attorney General Mitchell might want to know the attitude of prohibition boards. Cannon said he took no action.

An exchange of correspondence between Cannon and President Hoover, before his inauguration, was read.

The letter to Hoover, dated January 24, 1929, said:

"In order that you may have full information, I am enclosing some statements in reference to the appropriation of \$24,000,000."

Hoover replied:

"Many thanks indeed for your letter of January 24. I am very glad to have the information you sent."

"I understand that before making any appointment Mr. Mitchell is going to know how the great prohibition board stand in the matter."

NORBLAD PARDONS ALLEGED VICTIM OF BLACKMAIL SCHEME

(Associated Press Leased Wire)

SALEM, Ore., June 3.—Ross Condit, former Southern Pacific station agent at Astoria, Marion county, who was sentenced to eight years in the state penitentiary for a statutory offense involving an unmarried girl, was today granted a conditional pardon by Governor Norblad.

Condit was received at the prison August 29, 1928. The conditional pardon was granted on the recommendation of Judge George R. Bagley of Washington county, who presided at the case, and District Attorney John H. Cargen of Marion county, also the petition of many residents of Marion county.

Prior to the offense Condit had a good reputation. He declared that the girl, whose name was Martin, forced her attentions upon him; further, that her father, by an attorney, prior to the prosecution, forced him to deed over to the parents of the girl a farm and home valued at \$7500. Later Condit's father is said to have paid an additional \$1000 Governor Norblad said it amounted virtually to blackmail.

PORTLANDER HURT IN TRAFFIC WRECK NORTH OF WILBUR

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Ray Dover of Portland suffering a broken knee cap and numerous cuts and bruises in an auto accident between Wilbur and Sutherlin this afternoon.

The driver of this car was in the former's Whippel coupe and collided with a Dodge car about two miles south of Sutherlin. The Dodge, it was reported, pulled out to pass a car going the same way, but started to draw back into line when the driver saw Dover coming.

Brakes were applied on both cars with the result that they skidded and collided on the wet pavement, and both were badly wrecked. Several other cars skidded in sudden applications of brakes to avoid plowing into the wreckage, so that a good deal of damage was done.

A third car, registered in the name of E. E. Woodcock of Roseburg, skidded entirely off the road and landed in a rock pile wiping off the running gear and causing much damage. Dover and Kinsey were brought to Roseburg General hospital and were treated by Dr. E. B. Stewart.

Dover's leg is badly hurt, and he is to be sent to the veterans' hospital in Portland for an operation.

REALTY EXPERTS VISIT ROSEBURG

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W. A. Irwin, Seattle, president of the Pacific Northwest Real Estate association; F. C. Fay, Seattle, executive secretary; J. F. Ulrich, Salem, vice-president for Oregon, and C. V. Johnson, deputy real estate license law commissioner for Oregon, also of Salem, stopped in Roseburg today on a state tour in which they are contacting real estate boards.

They went to Marshfield this afternoon and are returning to Roseburg tomorrow noon for a luncheon with local real estate dealers. Roy Young, of G. W. Young and Son, is in charge of arrangements, and home owners are also invited to attend the luncheon meeting at the Umpqua hotel tomorrow noon, as plans are to be considered for an organization of real estate men and home owners to consider legislative, civic, public welfare and publicity problems, relative to real property.

SOLDIERS HOME BILL ACTION IS SOUGHT

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An effort is being made to have the Soldiers Home bill brought up for action in the house of representatives tomorrow, according to word received here this morning by the Chamber of Commerce from Senator C. L. McNary.

Senator McNary and Representative Hawley each report that they have conferred with the chairman of the committee on military affairs and have requested that the bill be brought up in the house tomorrow, which is the first calendar Wednesday for the committee. A meeting is being held today. It is reported, at which the committee will decide what bills it is to call up, and it is hoped that the Soldiers Home bill will be one of the measures.

RADIO PROGRAM FOR BOY SCOUTS

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Tonight at 8:30 central standard time or 6:30 Pacific standard time there will be a radio program broadcast over the Columbia Broadcasting system which will be devoted to Boy Scout camps. It will be of interest especially to Boy Scouts and their parents and will be educational to all who listen in. This program is contributed through the Thompson's Malted Milk Co., of Waukesha, Wis.

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cooperation can be secured in making a survey of the uncompleted portion of the road.

The forest service has already signified its willingness to join in making a survey, so that little difficulty is expected.

The trustees will then probably request the county court to advance to the district sufficient funds to make the survey possible this summer, thereby getting the work started at once. The county court advanced money to the Umpqua highway improvement district for the Drain-Reedsport road, and has agreed to give the new district the same consideration, so that there will be no trouble encountered there, it is believed.

The tax to be levied this year for collection with taxes to be paid in 1931 will probably be on a basis of two mills, which it is believed will be sufficient to cover the district's cost in making the survey.

Another Trustee Board
SALEM, Ore., June 3.—Seven trustees for the Nestucca highway improvement district, voted by the people of Yamhill and Tillamook counties May 16 and proclaimed by Governor Norblad yesterday, were today appointed by the governor.

They are M. T. Logan, Ernest Haste, R. I. Kanitz, Frank Larue and Elmer Scheese, all of Blaine, Yamhill county, and Walter Boiz and R. O. Richard of Beaver, Tillamook county.

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ter has been left over until next meeting for action.

New Tires Purchased
Against the vigorous opposition of Mayor Hoover, the council decided to equip the city's fire engine truck with new tires, to replace those in use for six years past and which are reported to be so badly deteriorated as to be unsafe.

By unanimous vote, the council accepted the offer of a Goodyear Tire company representative, Charles Healy, of Healy and Wood, to take the old tires for part payment on a new set, which involves a cost of \$318.50, and, further, to contract for replacement every two years, with a satisfactory discount for depreciation.

New tires are to be of the balloon type, instead of the high pressure kind now used, this change permitting more advantageous replacements in the future.

In opposing this transaction, Mayor Hoover contended that the present tires were good enough for the limited operation of the truck. The council, however, dissented from that view, holding it poor policy to continue use of the old tires and risk a blowout that might result in serious damage to the vehicle and possible death to firemen or pedestrians.

Offer Made For Park
Mary Austin, local real estate dealer, stated that she has a client who would like to buy the triangular park in North Roseburg at the intersection of Jackson and Winchester streets as a location for a novelty store catering to tourist trade. She stated that the land was deeded to the city for street purposes only and that it would revert to the original owners if used for any other purposes, but she proposed to secure waivers from the other interested parties, upon condition that the council would sell it such waivers were secured. The council, however, de-

clined to take any action in the matter.

A request was made that the council force the cleaning up of a piece of property on Hamilton street, where a house was burned several months ago. The basement of the old building is filled with water and is an eyesore and a nuisance, the council was informed. The matter was referred to the committee on health and police.

H. H. Neighbors presented a petition asking for the vacation of a small portion of Maple street, which is a continuation of Cass street west of the depot. The council favored the request and instructed the city attorney to draw up a suitable ordinance.

The claim of a Eugene truck company for damages to a car caused by a collision with the city flusher was ordered paid in the sum of \$29.15.

George Frew, street superintendent, requested a leave of absence for six weeks in order that he may visit his mother, who is reported to be seriously ill in Illinois. The request was granted.

The city recorder was given authority to advertise for wood for the city hall.

A request for the oiling of Second Avenue South was referred to the committee on streets.

The county court was granted the use of the city roller and asphalt mixer to make repairs to paved roads.

An ordinance officially declaring Oak street to be a stop street was placed on first and second readings.

The usual accumulation of bills was audited and allowed.

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ager, had a total of 26,605, and W. C. Payne, veteran editor, trailed with 8,406.

Other Winners
Dan W. Turner of Corning, state income tax advocate, was far ahead of Ed Smith, secretary of state, and Otto Lange, chain store opponent, for the republican nomination for governor.

Ten republican congressmen also maintained good majorities. State Senator Fred Gilchrist was leading in a three-cornered race for the post now held by Dickinson, who was the only representative not seeking another term.

Representative W. F. Kopp, T. J. B. Robinson, and Gilbert N. Hansen were leading their opponents, while the other seven congressmen had no contests within their party.

The democratic ticket for state offices, led by Fred P. Hagemann of Waverly, was nominated without opposition.

TWO FUGITIVE YOUTHS CAUGHT; 5 STILL AT LARGE

(Associated Press Leased Wire)

SALEM, Ore., June 3.—John Tester and Russell Miller, two of the seven boys who escaped early Monday morning from the state training school, were caught about four miles north of the school late yesterday. They had been hiding during the day, they said. There is no trace of the other five boys. Tester and Miller are both from Umatilla county.

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