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## TROOPS HASTEN TO FIGHT FIRE IN FORESTS

WALLOWA COUNTY MAY NEED THE ASSISTANCE OF TROOPS LATE THIS WEEK

## LOCAL FIRE IS CONTROLLED

Troops Leave Union this Afternoon and will March to Medical Springs Where Flames are Destroying Hundreds of Acres of Timber—Town of Medical Springs is in Imminent Danger if Wind Changes.

Evidence of muddled orders cropped out late this afternoon when fire fighters sent out from La Grande yesterday morning at the expense of the government on orders from the Forest lookout station at Sumpter, returned to this city claiming the fire is under control and that the men were not needed. Forest Ranger Parker asserted last evening when the men reached there, that he had not called for more men. While there is still a blaze on the divide, the fire is completely under control and the last recruits were hurried back to La Grande, reaching here at 3 o'clock this afternoon, having earned \$4.50 apiece for the ride to Beaver creek and back. The muddled orders originated between Parker and the department at Sumpter.

Troops suddenly withdrawn from the American Lake maneuvers at Camp Cosgrove, hurrying under forced march orders from Union to Medical Springs this afternoon, the town of Medical Springs in imminent danger of complete destruction, should the wind change its direction, the county of Wallowa the scene of three uncontrolled fires, and Beaver creek shed practically safe after a crisis that was checked by government employees after a long hard fight—all these paramount conditions comprise the forest fire situation in Union and Wallowa counties this afternoon.

Detachments of the First Regular Infantry, temporarily stationed at Camp Cosgrove at American Lake, passed through La Grande last night, and were hurried to Union over the Oregon Central.

Shortly after noon today the march to Medical Springs was commenced. The troops are all of Company B, First Infantry, and platoons from other companies, making in all, about 160 men. Lieutenant Nestor is in command.

### THE LOCAL SITUATION.

Easy to Get Men to Join the Warfare On Beaver Creek Yesterday.

Just what is transpiring at Jordan and Beaver creeks this afternoon, is hard to learn. However, in response to calls from Mayor Meyers, forty men were recruited yesterday morning, and properly equipped with commissary supplies, hurried to the scene of the warfare, which right now is interesting La Grande the most. The fire is evidently did threaten the Beaver Creek water shed with considerable violence.

The good pay offered and the excitement of the thing, evidently enticed men to leave for other jobs and answer the appeal for aid, for men were turned away yesterday morning when the detachment of forty men had been hired, at the water superintendent's office.

### MEDICAL SPRINGS THREATENED.

Fire is Less than a Mile from Town, Though Working Away Today

Medical Springs, Aug. 15.—Special. With a forest fire raging within one mile of town, the population is ex-

tremely gloomy, and prayers are going up from the religiously inclined that Providence may continue to direct the winds in the course followed the past few days. Should the wind change, the flames will rapidly work back on the town, and with the meagre assistance now at hand, the entire settlement would be wiped out, and the future safety of the inhabitants would also be a serious consideration.

Eight hundred acres of valuable timber land have been burned over today. The fire started a week ago today and rapidly spread until the forest service called for federal troops to assist in the fight. This afternoon the blaze is working so th—away from the town—on what is known as the Big Creek region. It is at present on a tributary of that stream.

Between this place and Wallowa county stands some elegant timber, but it is cut up with mountains and deep canyons, so that it would be almost impossible to get to the fighters, and the government forestry department and the men in charge of the federal troops will have problems along the "base of supplies" question that would worry them and exercise ingenuity in the solving.

### WALLOWA MAY NEED AID

Forest Supervisor Asserts There May be Need of Troops There.

Office of Wallowa headquarters, Wallowa, Aug. 15.—Special.—While there are three uncontrolled fires in Wallowa county today, and no indication of relief, there will be no requisition for federal troops early this week as was anticipated. If the fires are not controlled within a day or two, the forest department will ask for and get troops in Wallowa county.

## LOVETT PASSES THROUGH

HARRIMAN HEAD DOES NOT STOP HERE TODAY.

Car Attached to Regular Fast Mail Train, Eastbound, Today

Judge Robert S. Lovett, successor to Edward H. Harriman, as highest and mightiest in the Harriman railroad system, passed through La Grande this morning on the fast mail, eastbound, on his way home. General Manager J. P. O'Brien was also with the party, each having their special cars attached to the fast mail train. The presence of the judge in La Grande was scarcely noticed for he kept within the car while the change of engine was made, and he did not even take a look at the place. O'Brien will return to Portland, after having taken the Judge to the borderline. The party came out from the Deschutes canyon yesterday afternoon, and spent the night at Pendleton, coming East this morning.

A meeting was called of the citizens of Vale Wednesday evening in the Chamber of Commerce rooms to take up the matter of securing for the city, the terminals and shops for the O. R. & N. and O. S. L. It was stated that information had been received that there was a good chance for Vale to get these shops and terminals and this meeting was called to get in touch with the proper officials of the railroads. A tract of 20 acres of land is required for this purpose and the meeting decided to offer the acreage if the company would consider the matter. It is believed here that ultimately the main line will be across the state, and that the Brogan line will be extended, which will make this town a natural point for the terminals and shops.

### Open New Railroad.

Portland, Ore., Aug. 15.—The Grays Harbor branch of the Oregon & Washington railway was opened to freight traffic today. Passenger service will be commenced September 1.

## MANY CRIMES AT PRICELESS ART COMO LAKE UNVEILED AT BRUSSELS DESTROYED

MRS CHARLTON ACCUSED OF HAVING KILLED EDITH WOODHILL IN MARYLAND

## EVIDENCE IS VERY STRONG

Baltimore Sun Uncovers Evidence Which Indicates that Mrs. Charlton Who Was Murdered by Her Husband at Como, Italy, Killed Mrs. Woodhill—Suicide of Eastman Followed His Pursuit as Criminal.

Baltimore, Aug. 15.—The death of Edith May Woodhill at her bungalow, "Lame Bob," Eastman at St. Michaels, Maryland, and the murder of Mrs. Charlton in Italy, are linked together today by the Baltimore Sun. The Sun suggests the possibility that Mrs. Charlton is referred to in Eastman's letters as having killed Mrs. Woodhill with a champagne bottle. It is stated that residents of St. Michaels recognized pictures of Charlton and wife, and this couple was seen with Eastman before the Woodhill murder. Charlton worked in the National City bank here in June, 1909, and the bank records show that Charlton wasn't absent on any business day in nineteen-nine.

Mrs. Woodhill was murdered June 21. Eastman killed himself shortly afterward, while pursued by the sheriff. The coroner's jury returned a verdict that an unknown person had killed Mrs. Woodhill. The Sun says: "Persons professing to have seen the party at the bungalow say the pictures published as Charlton's wife, and Charlton, were those of the man and woman seen at Eastman's bungalow." The Sun recounts the riotous scene at the bungalow, described by the neighbors, and refers to the quick temper of Mrs. Charlton, and the fact that she drank heavily. Regarding Charlton working in the bank at Baltimore, the Sun says:

"It is possible he may have left here and gone to St. Michaels, where he met his future wife. Charlton visited St. Michaels four or five times and liked the place. Many still believe Eastman is innocent of the woman's death, attributed the suicide to the fact that he was a fugitive from justice, and feared to face the trial and have his past life exposed. It is supposed there were two women at the bungalow besides Eastman, when Mrs. Woodhill was struck down. The identity of the second man is unknown."

### TO LOWER THE PRICE OF MEAT

High Cost of Living Problem Will be Discussed at Chicago Convention.

Chicago, Aug. 15.—The problem of the high cost of living, with especial reference to the increased prices of meat, is to be considered at the convention begun in this city today by the United Butchers of America. The organization will discuss a plan to solve the problem and at the same time deal a blow at the alleged packers' trust by establishing independent co-operative slaughter houses, rendering plants and tanneries.

### Labor Men Oppose Wilson.

Newark, N. J., Aug. 15.—Pronounced opposition to the candidacy of Dr. Woodrow Wilson, president of Princeton University, for the democratic nomination for governor of New Jersey, developed today at the opening of the convention of the State Federation of Labor. An attempt will be made to secure the passage of a resolution condemning the great educator, on account of his alleged utterances on the organized labor question.

SPLENDID COLLECTION OF PAINTINGS, JEWELS AND GEMS BURNED UP

## LOSS IS TWENTY MILLIONS

Forty Hurt When Massive Structure Housing the International Exposition Catches Fire and is Completely Destroyed—Men Tramp Over Women and Children to Reach Exits—Fruits of Century Gone.

Brussels, Aug. 15.—The great buildings of the International Exposition grounds today are smoking ruins and twenty million dollars' worth of priceless art treasures are destroyed.

The fire is now under control.

Twenty-one pavilions, housing the fruits of artists, and hundreds of precious canvases and fabrics are consumed. No lives were lost, but forty persons were injured.

The buildings were crowded with Sunday throngs. The fire originated by a crossed electric wire in the telegraph building. The exposition was practically destroyed, and many pavilions, outside of the exposition, were burned. Much was stolen by looters. The French and English buildings were the first destroyed. The police and the reserves, and then the troops, were hurried to the grounds and herded the panic stricken people to safety. Most of the accident occurred at the first rush to the exits. Frantic men tramped women and children under foot.

The flames reached the Kirmeesse before all the crowd had left the enclosure.

After burning the French and English buildings, the flames leaped up Avenue Des Nations, licking up fragile buildings. Hardly had the fire died down before the looters were at work. A diamond collection worth \$300,000 is said to have been stolen. Officers are today considering the advisability of closing the fair.

### LIEUTENANT J. SHICK RETIRES.

Officer Quits Active Life Because of Ill Health—Native of Iowa

Washington, D. C., Aug. 15.—First Lieutenant Jacob Schick, Tenth Infantry, was retired from active service in the army today on account of ill health. Lieutenant Schick is from Iowa and rose from the ranks.

### Observe Foresters' Day.

New York, Aug. 15.—Foresters' Day, the day set aside by the Supreme court of the Foresters of America, for the annual outing of the local courts, will be celebrated throughout the United States today.

### Shoot for Taft Cup.

Camp Perry, O., Aug. 15.—Nineteen interstate events, in which some of the best marksmen of America will compete, comprise the program of the four-day tournament opened today by the historic National Rifle Association. The president's match, for a trophy offered by President Taft, will continue through the four days, as will the Leach cup and other important matches.

### TENNIS TOURNAMENT AT NEWPORT.

Experts from Various Parts of the County Attend All-Comers' Meet. Newport, R. I., Aug. 15.—The foremost tennis experts of the country are here to compete in the thirtieth annual national all-comers' tournament, which began on the turf courts of the Casino today. The events to be decided during the week are the national championships in singles, doubles and interscholastic singles.

### STREETS PAVED WITH GOLD.

Medford and Jacksonville Each Use Expensive Sands on Its Streets.

Portland, Aug. 15.—Special.—Oregon has two cities whose streets are paved with gold, and neither lays claim to being the New Jerusalem either. Medford and Jacksonville are the towns with the expensive pavements.

Sand used in the cement sidewalks of Jacksonville, is taken from the tailing of the Opp mine, an extensive gold producer. These tailings were piled up before the construction of the cyanide plant, and not all the gold was extracted from it. The tailings will run \$1 to the ton in free gold.

The same material is used in paving the Medford street. It is estimated that Medford pavements have more than \$30,000 contained in them, exclusive of the cost of these improvements to the municipality.

### NEWPORT TO ENTERTAIN FLEET.

Stay of Fleet at Fashionable Resort Will be Memorable Occasion

Newport, R. I., Aug. 15.—Today the Atlantic battle ship fleet enters upon the first installment of its Newport welcome, a demonstration that will continue through a solid week of liberal hospitality and unbroken entertainment of the officers and men of the sixteen battle ships. The stay of the fleet is intended to be made one of the greatest celebrations of its kind in the history of this famous resort.

### Mennonites in Camp.

Gresham, Ind., Aug. 15.—Mennonite Brethren in Christ from several states are in camp near here and will hold daily meetings until next Sunday or Monday.

## ACT ON COLLEGE MATTER

CITIZENS TO DISCUSS MATTERS.

Meeting of Public Palace Will Take Place at Important Session.

Public expression relative to effecting the transfer of the Pendleton Academy to La Grande, and having it opened here as a college, will be gained tonight, when the Commercial club will meet with business men and citizens in general to discuss the situation as it is. The meeting is important, and President Collier has spent several hours today in an endeavor to get a large representation of business and professional men to attend the meeting this evening.

La Grande's position in the matter will be definitely shaped, provided there is a representative gathering. Every man interested in the matter is urged to attend and express an opinion when the time comes. It is likely that some other important public matters will come up, so there will be an interesting meeting for business men to attend.

### Catholics Observe Feast.

Boston, Aug. 15.—Catholics of Boston and vicinity joined today in an elaborate observance of the feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

### LOS ANGELES IS 129 YEARS OLD

Flags and Other Historic Manifestations Mark Celebration

Los Angeles, Cal., Aug. 15.—Flags were displayed in profusion in Los Angeles today in celebration of the 129th birthday anniversary of the city. The founding of the city dates from Aug. 15, 1781, on which date Felipe de Neve, governor of Alta California, came from San Gabriel mission to the Indian village of Yang-na, and gave to the settlement its present name of Los Angeles.

## BLOOD IS SPILLED IN STREETCAR WAGE WAR

RIOTS LAST NIGHT WORST IN HISTORY OF PRESENT BLOODY STRUGGLE IN OHIO.

## MILITARY RULE IS ORDERED

Militia Four Into Larger Cities to Maintain Order—Police Can't Control the Situation Which is Becoming a Real Crisis—Nine Hurt Last Night—More Policemen Revolt and Disobey Orders of Mayor.

Columbus, Aug. 15.—Governor Harmon today ordered the First regiment, Ohio militia, to Cincinnati, and troops of cavalry and a battery of artillery into Columbus on riot duty. The orders followed the rioting of last night, which was the worst in the history of the car strike here. The cars were dynamited, and the police are unable to maintain order.

An attempt was made to dynamite the High street barns. Nine were injured in the rioting, and 41 were arrested. Eight policemen revolted against order to ride cars manned by strikebreakers. The mayor advised the company to suspend service some, how.

### WOLF TAKES SEA RIDE.

Boards Log Raft and is Hauled Many Miles in His Strange "Boat."

Portland, Ore., Aug. 15.—Special.—Reaching San Diego, after a stormy sea voyage of two weeks without food on board a big log raft, a large ray timber wolf was shot while roaming the yards of the Russ Lumber Company at that place, searching for food.

The log raft and wolf came to San Diego from the Columbia river logging camps near Portland. The logs are bound together with great chains into a cigar shaped raft, containing millions of feet of lumber. Powerful tugs take them in tow for the ocean voyage south.

The rafts are moored near the shore while waiting despatch, and it was there, it is supposed, that the wolf took passage. These log rafts are the biggest floated anywhere in the world, and a wolf could easily hide himself on board before being pulled to sea.

### BIG EXHIBITION AT VANCOUVER.

Industrial, Agricultural and Mineral Resources of British Columbia.

Vancouver, B. C., Aug. 15.—The Vancouver Exhibition, which was formally opened today, is the largest and most notable affair of its kind ever held in western Canada. The exhibition comprises an elaborate display illustrating the industrial, agricultural and mineral resources of British Columbia. Premiums totaling \$30,000 are to be awarded. The indications point to a record-breaking attendance of visitors from all parts of western Canada and from Washington and Oregon.

### Vancouver Exhibition.

Vancouver, B. C., Aug. 15.—Grounds covering sixty acres, \$30,000 in prizes and a magnificent display of the industrial, agricultural and mineral resources of British Columbia, combine to make the Vancouver exhibition, opened today, the greatest of its kind ever held in Western Canada. Tomorrow will be American day, when 100,000 people are expected, special excursions being arranged from all important cities of the northwestern states.

### Snell Perjury Hearing.

San Francisco, Aug. 15.—Charles P. Snell, indicted on six counts for perjury in connection with the Perrin-Benson land fraud case, will be given a hearing today.