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SQUATTERS ARE ACCUSED BY RANGERS

MEDFORD FIRES SAID TO HAVE BEEN SET BY DISGRUNTLED SQUATTERS THERE.

ASKING FOR MORE TROOPS

Million Dollar Fire Loss in Southern Oregon is Laid to Squatters who Have Grievances Against the Rangers—Many Cases of Incendiarism Have Been Found—Five Hundred Soldiers Will be Needed at Once.

Medford, O., Aug. 20.—That the present fire in the Custer National park which has already burned over 30 square miles, has done a million dollars worth of damage, was set by disgruntled squatters, is the belief of officials today. Squatters and rangers have clashed at previous fires, and unmistakable evidence of many conflagrations of incendiary origin, have been found. Troops left for Butte Falls early today.

More Soldiers Needed.
Portland, Aug. 20.—Associate Forester Cecil has requested General Maus, commanding the troops at American Lake, for 500 troops to fight the Southern Oregon fires which are uncontrolled and spreading rapidly. Four big fires rage inside of the triangle of Medford and Klamath Falls. A high wind is drifting the flames and wrecking terrible destruction.

SPREADING IN WALLOWA.

Soldiers to be Sent to Fight Flames Breaking out Anew in Wallowa.

Later reports show conditions are graver. In Montana conditions are like those of Southern Oregon, and troops are being rushed to the fires there. Fires in the Wallowa reserve, on South Fork at Clearwater, are spreading. Associate Forester Cecil has wired Huntington today for fifty additional men to fight the Wallowa fires. Another blaze rages in the Ranier National forest in Washington.

Fifty men are fighting the flames near Roseburg, and fifty near Grants Pass, while further down at Ashland 100 men are battling with the flames. Nearly all troops out are fighting. General Maus has only 200 available left, and the Vancouver barracks are almost empty. A regiment of the Philippine troops is expected soon to be sent to the fires.

FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE BURIED

Famous Cremlan War Nurse Given Ostentatious Burial in London.

London, Aug. 20.—Five thousand mourners assembled at St. Paul's cathedral today, attending the memorial services in honor of Florence Nightingale.

Representatives of the King and Queen, members of the cabinet, and leaders of the foreign diplomatic corps all rendered respects to the famed nurse. A thousand nurses in uniform were among the marchers. Reverend Watson conducted the services and interment took place at Westfall this afternoon.

NEGROES BACK ROOSEVELT.

Colored Delegates Pledge Support to "My Policies" and Teddy.

New York, Aug. 20.—Roosevelt is sure of the negro support of the United States today, both for a third term and the endorsement of "my policies", as a result of the action of 1100 delegates of the national Negro Business Men's League convention in New York. The support of the negroes was pledged the colonel after he had spoken to the convention on opportunities for advancement of the blacks, yesterday.

Baker's Water Threatened.

A water famine of serious proportions now stares Baker City in the face and there is no method of remedying conditions, says the Baker City Herald. The water in the reservoir is so low that should a serious fire break out it is very doubtful if the fire departments could successfully cope with the situation because of the water shortage. All street sprinkling was shut off Thursday noon and notices to cease lawn sprinkling were given out today.

This afternoon the mayor, water superintendent and several councilmen made a trip to the reservoir and were surprised at the small amount of water on hand. The water in the reservoir is about four feet below the level where it should afford good fire protection to the city.

The shortage was predicted several weeks ago by Superintendent Henry, and he states that very little can be done to improve conditions for about a month. There will probably be enough to supply all household purposes, but lawn sprinkling will have to cease. Every drop of water which can be secured is being sent into the pipes, but owing to the short supply of water, and the poor condition of the flume, the amount brought into the city is below normal for this season.

According to measurements taken on August 19, 1910, the total flow from all streams is 133 miners inches less than it was at the low period last year. This is a shrinkage of fully 30 per cent over the supply of last year.

LIME PLANT FIRE COST \$65,000

ENTIRE PLANT NEAR HUNTINGTON BURNED UP

Box Cars, Lumber, Coal, Wood and Plant Make Costly Blaze.

Lime, Oregon, Aug. 20.—Special.—Fire of a spontaneous origin swept clean the Colonel Bebee lime plant at this place at midnight last night, destroying in all between \$60,000 and \$75,000 worth of property. It is presumed that the fire originated by spontaneous combustion in the coal bins where a large supply was kept on hand. The plant is four miles west of Huntington, and is managed by Colonel Bebee of Portland, who is also president of the establishment.

With little or no assistance at hand, the entire plant was razed. A "jyp" house alone is left standing today to mark the place where a valuable lime plant yesterday evening was in operation. A large crew of men are idle.

The Loss is Heavy.
Among the losses were seventy-five tons of coal, twenty cords of wood, and a carload of lumber just unloaded, three box cars with lime and plaster, and the plant proper.

The siding was demoralized but the main line was not seriously molested and traffic was able to proceed shortly after the fire.

Moose in Baltimore.

Baltimore, M. D., Aug. 20.—Hundreds of delegates arrived today to attend the national convention of the Loyal Order of Moose, which will be in session here throughout the coming week.

To Stop Cotton Frauds.

Galveston, Tex., Aug. 20.—In order to minimize frauds, the Galveston Cotton Exchange urges all bankers and importers to refuse to accept any bills of lading from any port after tomorrow, that are not signed by authorized ship agents, after the cotton has been delivered into their custody on the wharves.

Transport Men Meet.

Copenhagen, Aug. 20.—Strikes at several European ports render the convention of the International Association of Transportmen, opened today, of unusual importance. The deliberations of the convention will probably occupy a week.

JAPAN TO ANNEX KOREA; UNCLE SAM ALERT

BREAKING FORMER PROMISES, MIKADO WILL ORDER ANNEXATION SOON

ABROGATES ALL TREATIES REQUEST IS TO BE PASSED

Americans will be Amenable to More Strict Japanese Treaties should the Annexation be Made—Japan has always Held it was Merely Farthering Korea but Has Changed her Position—Takes Place at Once.

Washington, Aug. 20.—Following recent advices from Minister O'Brien at Tokio, Washington is today expecting the formal announcement of the annexation of Korea by Japan. All the time Japan has been saying that she only wanted to protect Korea and not annex her.

If Korea becomes a part of Japan, Korea-American treaties which are very favorable, will be abrogated and American residents will find themselves amenable to stricter Japanese-American treaties. The state department will be made to preserve extra territorial jurisdiction of the United States over Americans in Korea.

"CHINKS" MUST CUT QUEUES.

Royal Uase Will be Sent out from Manchu Leaders at Peking

Peking, Aug. 20.—A royal edict promulgated by Prince Chun, regent, is being prepared today, and orders all Chinese in the Empire to sever their queues. The order is to be issued as soon as the grand council deems public sentiment ready for the radical change.

Behind the order lies one of the biggest fights of the reform element in years. First the soldiers, then the navy, and then the public will lose their hair. The queues have been worn as badges of obedience to the Manchu sovereignty for hundreds of years.

NAVY OFFICERS CAN DRINK

Nothing in Navy Regulations to Forbid Acceptance of Wine Gifts

Washington, Aug. 19.—The navy department has politely announced that there is no navy regulation to prevent officials of the cruiser California, from accepting 100 cases of California wine presented by a wine association. This answer is given by the department to the protest of the Women's Christian Temperance Union, against the officers accepting the gift. Secretary Meyers' reply brought joy to the sailors aboard the cruiser.

Prominent Officials Arrested.

Chicago, Aug. 19.—Warrants for the arrest of several high officials of the Illinois Central were issued this afternoon, according to State Attorney Wayman. They are charged with participating in an alleged graft in the car repairing department.

The warrants issued are for Frank Harriman, formerly general manager, Charles Ewing, formerly general superintendent, and John Taylor, formerly general stockkeeper.

Professionals in Race.

New York, Aug. 20.—Svanberg, Holmer, Harvey Cohn, Jimmy Lee, Al Raines, Ted Crooks, Shrub, and many other champions and near-champions will compete in the fifteen mile professional team race to be held today at Washington Park, Brooklyn. W. L. Jones, referee of all important Amateur Athletic Union events, has consented to referee the race.

FRUIT MUCH BETTER.

County Fruit Inspector's Crusade Shows General Improvement.

For the first time in many weeks, County Fruit Inspector Stillwell's Saturday inspection failed to uncover any infected fruit. The inspector has found that his crusade has done much good; the merchants have co-operated with him and the shippers are beginning to see the need of sending only good fruit to La Grande.

FAST EXPRESS TRAIN.

Will Traverse Continent in Three Days and a Half, Carrying Express.

According to information in the hands of Local Express Agent Hubbard, the American Express company will institute a purely express train service between New York and Los Angeles that will cut seventeen hours from the existing fast time, and put a train across the continent in three and a half days.

Another Meet at Rheims.

Rheims, France, Aug. 20.—Another aviation meet will be held at Rheims next week, beginning tomorrow.

Fl. Dodg Homecoming.

Fort Dodge, Ia., Aug. 20.—Fort Dodge's first "homecoming" week celebration will begin here tomorrow and is expected to attract a large crowd every day of the coming week.

NEW NUMBERS ON MAIN LINE

SEVENTEEN AND EIGHTEEN TAKE PLACE OF SEVEN AND EIGHT

On Sunday Special Arrangements will Be Made on Branch Schedule.

Hereafter the Joseph branch line passenger and mixed trains will run on two schedules and passenger trains on the mainline known as seven and eight, will, after midnight be designated as seventeen and eighteen. The new time table reached La Grande today, but excepting for the changes on the branch line there is no arrangement of schedules.

On Sundays only, a train to be known as thirty-four will leave La Grande at 11 o'clock and reach Joseph at 3:15. All other days it will run as usual, leaving here at 9:45. On Sunday, the incoming train, No. 33, will leave Joseph at 9:20, and reach La Grande at 2:05.

On the main line the new numbers will, no doubt, soon become familiar. Number 17 arrives at 9:25 and eighteen at 8:35 p. m.

AARON SHANKS DEAD.

Resident of High Valley Buried at Union—Fifty-Six years Old.

Aaron Shanks, a resident of High valley, died at Hot Lake last Tuesday and was buried at Union, Rev. Gray of this city officiating. Mr. Shanks was fifty-six years old. A son of Leadville, Col., attended the funeral.

RESUME TRIALS AUGUST 29.

Judge Knowles Calls Jurors Together For Nine o'clock August 29.

Trial jurors and the grand jury are recalled for August 29 at 9 o'clock a. m., according to an official ukase, sent out this morning by Circuit Judge J. W. Knowles. The grand jury will consider among other things the cases wherein men have been bound over to the grand jury and are now in jail.

The trial jury will resume the liquor cases at that time.

Concert Tomorrow Night.

The La Grande band will give a concert, the first of the season, on the street tomorrow evening. A catchy program has been prepared.

ONLY 840 VOTERS REGISTERED IN THE COUNTY

SITUATION FROM LACK OF REGISTRATIONS GROWING VERY ALARMING

ANOTHER EFFORT TONIGHT

Less Than One Fourth of the Voting Strength of the County is Registered Today—Farmers Oppose Flatly Refuse to Register When Books are Brought to Them, Declaring Requirement is a Real Nuisance.

An aggregate of 840 voters have registered in Union county to date—not quite one-fourth of the entire voting strength of the county. The situation is becoming alarming indeed, and County Clerk Ed Wright will make one more effort to get the city registrations up to the standard at any rate. Deputies have been sent out to the outlying precincts, but in many instances, the farmers drive off, declaring they have lived in that precinct for years and years, and can see no reason why they have to register to cast their vote. Often, it is said by the deputies, this treatment is accorded the men who are trying to make it possible for the men to cast a vote at the primaries in September.

The last effort to get registrations will be made tonight, when the books will be brought down town again. The office will be open until 9 o'clock.

At the present rate, the total registrations will not reach over 1,000, which will be less than half of the voting strength of the county. The balance of the voters of Union will be forced to sit idly by and not cast a vote at the primaries.

Randall a Candidate.

W. W. Randall today filed his petition for nomination to the office of sheriff. He is a well-known republican.

Suit May Be Filed.

It is freely reported that the city is to become a defendant with the Island City Flouring mill as plaintiff, regarding the riparian rights at Beaver creek. The Island City mill is practically out of commission, due to the lack of water, and the milling company will, likely, bring suit to stay the city from using the Beaver creek supply for its municipal water purpose. Mr. Kiddle would make no statement today regarding the matter.

CALDWELL GETS CONFERENCE.

Methodists will Gather in Idaho Towns Next Year, Say Delegates.

Joseph, Aug. 20.—Special.—Selection of Caldwell, Idaho, G. L. Powell, pastor, as the meeting place of the next conference of the Idaho conference district of the M. E. church, was the principal work performed at the sessions here today.

Atlanta Growing Rapidly.

Washington, Aug. 20.—The population of Atlanta is 154,839, an increase of 72 per cent, according to the census bureau.

Dahlman Still Ahead.

Lincoln, Neb., Aug. 20.—With the vote of ten counties lacking, Dahlman leads Shallenberger for the democratic gubernatorial nomination.

Prominent Manager Here.

E. W. Steele, manager of the R. S. Z. Co., of Enterprise, and relatives of David Brischoux, is in the city today on his way to the coast for a three week's trip.