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SNOW AND RAIN COME TO AID

MANY OF THE MISSING FIGHTERS
HAVE BEEN FOUND—CONDI-
TION MUCH BETTER.

SERIOUS NEAR LA GRANDE

Loss About Wallace is Ten Millions,
According to General Estimates—
Yellowstone Park in Danger—Fires
Near Austin, Baker City—Snow
Falls in Montana Aiding Situation
Greatly—Colder Too.

Medford, Aug. 24.—With the wind
beginning again this afternoon, Ash-
land is endangered. Volunteers from
Ashland are enroute to the fire.

Spokane, Aug. 24.—Cloudless skies,
following light showers yesterday, ex-
tend over the fire zone today. The
conditions are much improved today,
however. Most of the rangers report-
ed lost yesterday were accounted for
during the night. It is believed the
worst is over.

The death list is now said not to be
over 100. At Wallace 38 dead have
been found. The temperature has
dropped to 35 degrees and is doing
much toward reducing the extent of
the fires. It is estimated that \$10,000-
000 worth of timber is gone.

Yellowstone Park in Danger.

Missoula, Aug. 24.—The fire situa-
tion is much improved. The big fire
in the Gallatin forest is sweeping
toward Yellowstone Park. It has
burned over fifty square miles. Five
companies of militia are scattered out
over various directions from Kallispell
to the northern part of the state. Lib-
by and the surrounding towns are safe.

Snow Quenches Fire.

Helena, Aug. 24.—Light rains and
snow in central Montana are improv-
ing the fire's condition. The tempera-
ture dropped Sunday from ninety to
almost freezing today. The moun-
tains are covered with snow, and fa-
vorable reports are received from the
various fires.

Spokane, Aug. 24.—The following
are among the dead in the Wallace
fire:

Lou Holmes, Spokane.
Tom Welsh, Spokane.
George Zeigler, Newport, 57 years
old.

Mrs. Ernest Demhardt, Newport.
Thomas Carey, Newport.

— Cady, rancher, Newport.

— Davies, rancher, Newport.

Henry Lierman, Garwood, Idaho.

Nicholson, aged 17, Gem, Idaho.

Larry Ryson, aged 50, Wallace.

Leslie Sellers, aged 18, Gem, Idaho.

S. D. Adams, aged 30, Chicago.

A Renston, Hillsdale Wis.

Ernest Elgin, aged 60, Wallace.

William McKey, of Taft, dead at
Salter.

Roderick Ames, rancher, Big Creek.

Joe Beauchamp, rancher, Big
Creek.

Joseph C. Boyd, Wallace.

Joe Fene, Placer Creek.

William Hearmouth, War Eagle
mine.

Joe Smith, burned near Mullan.

"Frenchy", familiar Spokane char-
acter, killed on Placer creek.

J. W. Williamson, fireman, killed
near Poccano.

Mrs. A. L. Gregory and two child-
ren, near Newport, reported dead.

Fire at Austin.

Baker City, Aug. 25.—Special—With
120 special fighters in the field trying
to subdue the fires which are raging
near Austin, some progress is being
made, and conditions are improving.

The forest service also has a large
force of men in the field and stren-
uous efforts are being made to check
the advance of the flames. The fires
cover a large area and have already
burned over several thousand acres
west of Austin.

Forest Supervisor Ireland, whose
headquarters are in Sumpter, was in

personal charge of the work and is di-
recting the operations of the men who
are combatting the flames. A high
wind was blowing yesterday in the
district where the fires are burning,
and this made it very difficult for the
men to check the advance of the blaze.

A special train left this city yester-
day afternoon over the Sumpter Val-
ley with 65 men aboard, taking them
to Austin to fight the fires. Parts of
the fire is in the timber owned by
the Oregon Lumber company and part
is in the forest reserve. Already the
damage is quite large and strenuous
efforts are being made to control the
conflagration. So far as reported no
homesteads or ranches have been
destroyed, although direct informa-
tion from the seat of the trouble is
hard to secure.

According to a special message from
Sumpter, a dangerous fire is burning
about eight or ten miles northwest of
to the timber. At present there is no
Sumpter, and is doing great damage
to the timber. At present there is no
danger of the fire reaching the
town.

Howard Meadows, fourteen miles
south of La Grande, will be headquar-
ters for the crew of nearly fifty fire
fighters now trying to gain control
of the situation there, according to
local firemen who returned today
from the scene of the destructive fire
and report the entire country to be
afire, with more or less degree of ser-
iousness. John Baker, "Slim" Rose,
and Mr. Dunnigan, all of the Kirtley
barn, and Mr. Rose of Jack McCar-
thy's barn, were the drivers who took
up four loads of men and provisions
yesterday. They spent last night at
the Kleese cabin on the Meadows and
say that all night long the trees kept
falling in south and easterly direc-
tions. From Howard Meadows, the
fire is working south and east, and the
entire country is afire. The hottest
and most destructive blaze is still
farther back, indicating that the tim-
ber is being rapidly destroyed and
that the Wilcox Lumber company tim-
ber on Ladd Creek is nearer burned
today than yesterday. There are hun-
dreds of acres already burned over,
and much of it is good timber.

FAIR SPACE IS WANTED

COMMITTEE IS OFFERING EXHIBIT SPACE TODAY

Everyone Anxious to "Grab" Good Loca- tions for Industrial Exhibits.

Concessions for the county fair to
be held on Fifth street, Spring and
Pennsylvania avenues in this city, are
selling with great rapidity today. The
concessions committee, William Ash
and Charles Dunn have been canvass-
ing the business district for exhibit
space contracts and wherever they
have gone they have met with prompt
acceptance of liberal space room. Last
year this was something of an experi-
ment with the business men, but it
proved so immensely popular that
space has become a big stock in trade
for the fair people.

A plat of the site has been prepared
and the business man can see exactly
where he will be located and what his
surroundings will be. The Aldome
theatre will be the exhibit hall and
the other exhibits and stock will be
arranged much the same as last year,
only there will be much more space
and many more stock stalls.

The executive committee of the fair
has been working consistently and
conscientiously on the many details
and from now on will be able to an-
nounce definite arrangements of many
of the important phases of the coming
fair.

Former Senator Dead.

Washington, Aug. 24.—Former United
States Senator Wilkinson of Flor-
ida, died today of apoplexy. He was
taken sick Saturday. The Senator was
an adjutant in the Confederate army
and had been a prominent democrat.

ROOSEVELT THROWS DOWN POLITICAL GAUNTLET

COLONEL PROMISES TO FIGHT IF FIGHT IS
WHAT THE OPPOSITION IS SEEKING

SHERMAN WILL STAND PAT AND IS RETICENT ABOUT MIXUP

Herkimer, N. Y., Aug. 24.—Theodore
Roosevelt this afternoon declared war
on the "old party guard" republicans
of New York, after reading a state-
ment of W. Barnes. The regular
leaders believe that Barnes' associ-
ates would welcome a fight.

The Colonel, during his speech,
said: "If they want to fight, all right.
I like fighting. I expect they will
have all they want. I am going to
convention to make a speech just as
I originally planned." He said he
would stand for clean-cut and decent
policies.

Utica, Aug. 24.—Vice-President
Sherman today refused to discuss
President Taft's letter to Griscom, re-
pudiating Sherman's political tactics
in connection with the selection of a
temporary chairman for the New York
Republican convention. Sherman's
refusal to talk is regarded as another

NO CHANGE NOTICEABLE

George Kreiger Still Struggling with
Death and Condition Unchanged

At 3 o'clock this afternoon there is
no noticeable change in the condition
of Councilman George Kreiger, who is
ill at Hot Lake. The councilman was
given up for dead Monday, but has
tenaciously withstood the ravages of
Bright's disease until this hour.

Mrs. Gibbs is Improving.

Rev. Mr. Gibbs and wife have re-
turned from Portland, where Mrs.
Gibbs spent some time in the good
Samaritan hospital undergoing treat-
ment. While she is not entirely re-
covered she is improving slowly and
believes that in a short time she will
be well. During their absence they
visited Hood River and other points.

Miss Newlin Improves Slowly.

Miss Leona Newlin, daughter of Mr.
and Mrs. Adolph Newlin, is recovering
slowly and unsatisfactorily from her
recent injuries when she and Miss
Serena Rohan were injured in a run-
away. Miss Newlin was the more
seriously hurt of the two, and is not
improving as rapidly as might be
wished. Miss Rohan is practically re-
covered.

FIND FARM IN ARCTIC SEAS

AMUNDSON AND PARTY SEEN AT
NORTHERN POINTS

Germans Also Overtaken in North
Seas Studying Climatic Conditions

Trondhjem, Aug. 24.—Returning
from latitude 8 degrees ten minutes
north, the steamer King Harold of
the Nordenfjeld steamship company is
in this harbor today, and reports that
during the trip, she encountered the
Amundsen party aboard Nanke's old
ship Fram, at Spitzbergen. They also
reported seeing a party of Germans
studying atmospheric conditions in the
arctic preparatory to reaching the
Pole. In one of Zeppelin's dirigibles
the party is on an island in Woods
Bay.

time to get the Milwaukee road back
in shape again.

It is presumed that passenger
trains will be routed over the same
tracks before the wreck is out.

Raise Socialist Bugaboo.

Chicago, Aug. 24.—Socialism, that
bugaboo of frightful men, will be
raised by the railroads in an attempt
to frighten the Interstate Commerce
Commission when that body begins
its examination into the proposed
freight rate increases here next week.
It was learned today that all plans
have been made for putting the ques-
tion of government ownership square-
ly before the federal authorities and
the people, and a memorial with this
object in view, has been drawn up.

It will be urged by the railroads
that the increased cost of operation
necessitates proportionate increases
in rates, and that if the railroads are
not permitted to make such increases
the railways may as well be turned
over to the government. Nothing is
to be said in the memorial, however,
about water stocks or the payment of
dividends and interest on stock and
bond issues many times greater than
the valuation of the roads.

Shippers have advanced an estimate
that the net earnings of the railways
of the country in the fiscal year end-
ing June 30 last, have increased about
\$94,000,000 over the preceding year.
While not denying that there has been
a great increase, railroad men say
that it has been eaten up by propor-
tionate increases in expenses.

It is expected that the decision of
the Interstate Commerce Commission
will be given this autumn, after a full
consideration has been given to the
facts, figures and statistics submitted
by both railways and shippers.

Save a Big Profit.

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Grand Union Tea company. Absolute-
ly pure high grade teas, coffee, spices
and extracts. Telephone Black 1521.

Gaynor Ready to Return.

Hoboken, Aug. 24.—Mayor Gaynor
will probably leave St. Mary's hospi-
tal Monday. It is undecided whether
to go home or to the mountains.

MURDOCK ILL AT SEATTLE

PLANS TO SPEAK TONIGHT RE-
GARDLESS OF ILLNESS.

Kansas Insurgent Denies he Has Am-
bitions to Become Speaker.

Seattle, Aug. 24.—Victor Murdock,
the insurgent congressman from Kan-
sas, stumping the state for Poindex-
ter, the insurgent senatorial candidate
from Washington, arrived at Seattle
today and went to bed, sick. However
he will speak tonight at the Alhambra
theatre. He denied the rumor from
Kansas that he aspired to the speak-
ership of the house. At Bellingham
last night he attacked Cannonism and
urged the endorsement of Poindex-
ter.

Heinze Has Troubles.

New York, Aug. 24.—Declaring that
if F. Augustus Heinze continues his
determination to marry a chorus girl
of "A Fool There Was" company, he
would find it costly, Mrs. Lillian Ho-
bart French, of Butte, a divorcee, de-
clared today she would bring suit for
breach of promise as soon as the mar-
riage takes place. Mrs. French says
she has been a friend of the copper
magnate since she was divorced ten
years ago, and said that Heinze offer-
ed her a pension of \$150 monthly,
which she spurned.

Chicken Pie Tonight.

Everything is in readiness for the
Neighborhood club chicken pie din-
ner at the I. O. O. F. banquet hall this
evening, commencing at 5:30 o'clock.
The prices are reasonable and the ser-
vice will be the best. Everyone hav-
ing the interests of the astor show at
heart, should plan to attend as the
proceeds go to the show managers.

HEARING FILLED WITH MUCH ARGUMENT

CHILDERS AND WRIGHT CHIEF
WITNESSES CALLED BY
THE PROSECUTION

PIVOTAL POINT IS FOUND

There is Much Argument and Little
Testimony in the Hearing of Wors-
tell and Gray This Afternoon on
Charge of Packing Jury—Much De-
pends on Exact Hour Which New-
lin Jury was Completed

Copious legal wrangles and argu-
ments over technicalities of the law,
marked the opening of the prelimi-
nary hearing of W. A. Worstall and
Rev. Frank E. Gray, in the Justice
of the Peace Williams' court this after-
noon, when the defendants were ar-
raigned on a charge of "packing" a
jury. Ben Morgan also involved in
the trial, is not at hand.

Few witnesses had been called at
3:30 o'clock. Sheriff Childers was the
principal witness for the state. C. H.
Finn, C. E. Cochran and J. E. Baker
handling the case for the state, and
J. D. Slater being counsel for the de-
fendants.

The chief item of moment in Chil-
ders' testimony was that he knew that
twelve jurors had not been selected
to hear the Adolph Newlin case at the
moment that the "suitable" list pre-
pared by Gray, Worstall and Morgan,
had been handed to him. The testi-
mony was not allowed to stand as evi-
dence however, for the sheriff "knew"
only on the strength of what he had
been told by an attache of the court
room.

Childers outlined in a brief way
what had transpired between he and
Morgan, Gray and Worstall. He said
that Morgan had come to him saying,
"Is it below the dignity of your of-
fice to consider a list of names from
which you might draw the jury ven-
ire?"

County Clerk Ed Wright was also
called and gave technical evidence.
The hearing has developed among other
things, that the case practically
hinges on whether or not the Newlin
jury had actually been drawn at the
hour and minute when the "list" had
been handed to the sheriff. The spe-
cific charge of the complaint is that
the men tried to get jurors for the
Newlin trial, and consequently the
hour of selection of the Newlin jury
was completed, will play an impor-
tant part should the case go over to
the circuit court.

Following the testimony of Ed
Wright, county clerk, court reporter's
notes taken during the Newlin trial
were read. In them was evidence
showing that Rev Gray has testified
that the list had been prepared for
the Newlin jury and he had hoped
that the men named in the list would
be drawn.

Want Wireless Experts.

Washington, Aug. 24.—Uncle Sam is
seeking experts in wireless telephone
and examinations of applicants for
such jobs are being held today among
the various states.

Would Consider It an Insult.

Mexico City, Aug. 24.—Madriz, like
Zellallaya, a deposed president of
Nicaragua expects to visit Mexico dur-
ing the national centennial celebra-
tion in September. The Mexican gov-
ernment intimated it would honor
him. Americans here are offering to
impress Diaz that the honors to Mad-
riz will be considered an insult to the
United States.

Hoke Smith Wins Nomination.

Atlanta, Ga., Aug. 24.—Hoke Smith
won the Georgia gubernatorial nomi-
nation from the democrats yesterday,
by a plurality of 25,000, according to
today's returns.