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160 IS OFFICIAL LIST OF DEAD IN FIRES

WHOLE FIRE ZONE SHOWS AN IMPROVEMENT AND WIND IS DYING OUT

SERIOUS NEAR THIS CITY

Fire at Palmer Camp Said to be Well in Hand—Fighters Commence Systematic Fight Against Blaze South of the City where Great Danger Exists—Sixteen Fires in Wallowa County and Some Serious.

Spokane, Aug. 26.—While it is admitted the official list of dead and missing in the Idaho and Montana fires are probably far from correct, the forest service announced today that 160 were dead. One hundred fire fighters in Idaho and Montana, are included in the list. Settlers and firefighters in the St. Joe country number 50, and the rest were in the settlements. Three hundred who were missing yesterday, reported during the night, but forty-four others are known to be missing. It is known that some who died, are unrecorded.

Clear and cool weather prevails today and the fires are improving. It is believed it will soon rain. The critical stage is passed.

Clearwater Fire Dying Out.
Lewiston, Aug. 26.—All but three parties of 25 men out of 500 firefighters in the Clearwater reserve are heard from. These parties are surrounded by fire but are not considered in danger. The general situation is improved owing to cool weather and cessation of the wind.

Except for the short time yesterday when the fires at Howard Meadows, south of La Grande, broke over the trenches and got beyond control, the fire situation at that point is not the worst near La Grande. The fire was well checked by fifty men fighting it at three different points, but yesterday the high wind carried the blaze beyond control again. Men keeping in close touch with the situation, believe the fighters will be able to control the blaze from now on.

Worst Fire Near Here.
What is manifestly the worst fire in this locality is just south of town on the north slope of the city's southern boundary. A crew of fifteen men left this morning, early, for the scene of the fire, and effort was made to stamp it out before it crosses the divide and goes down the Ladd Creek canyon. The heavy wind yesterday afternoon blowing in a direction just opposite to prevailing directions earlier in the week, sent the flames back toward La Grande, and should it change the second time, it is to be supposed that the fire will work over the ridge to Ladd creek. In that event the Wilcox people will suffer much loss. Local people who have wood there are sending separate crews to the front. Sprat Montgomery of South La Grande has charge of a crew of fifteen, which went to the scene this morning.

Checked at Palmer Camps.
Fire broke over the bridge from Looking Glass yesterday and struck the slashings near the Palmer camps. There has been a constant warfare since late last night and local Palmer Lumber company officials report this afternoon that there is sign of victory and that the camps will likely be saved. No timber of any consequence, has yet been burned at that place, it is believed. This does not apply to individuals who have lost some high grade timber claims in the region of Looking Glass. Extra men and provisions were sent to Palmer Junction last night by special train.

Sixteen Fires in Wallowa.
Office of Wallowa Forest Reserve, Wallowa, Oregon, Aug. 26.—Special.—Sixteen fires are raging in various

sections of the Wallowa forests, and perhaps the worst today, are the ones at Powitka, near Flora, and the one at Devil's gulch, twelve miles north of here. Forest Ranger Brown sent in a report today from Snake river that the fire there was under control and that he was coming to Wallowa soon. Another fire has broken out near Sparta and Supervisor Harris is there today, personally attending to the fight.

Flora Not Burned.
Contrary to the general idea, Flora is not devastated. The fire is raging ten miles from Flora and doing much damage, but the town itself is safe. A great number of fighters have gone to the front, and it is believed that it will be controlled soon.

Pentecostal Camp Meeting.
New York, Aug. 26.—What is expected to become the national gathering place for members of the Pentecostal church of Nazarene, was inaugurated today on a site overlooking the Hudson, near Matteawan. A tabernacle has been erected and many well-to-do adherents of the sect will erect cottages for summer homes. The camp meeting will hereafter be an annual event. The present season will continue until September 5.

18 PAY FINES TO CITY

WHOLESALE ARRESTS OF BICYCLE RIDERS TODAY.

Commencing Last Evening, Campaign Has Proceeded Lively.

Wholesale arrests have been the order in this city since last evening when the second offender of the bicycle ordinance was arrested, and during last evening and early this morning, fifteen men were "caught in the act." A greater portion of them were rounded up by Poundmaster Ferris who is now designated as a mounted policeman and spends the early morning hours where the violations are more likely to occur.

During the summer months, it is a violation of the ordinance to ride the sidewalks anywhere, but after November, special provisions will be made for the streets leading to the Palmer mill, where it is impossible to ride in the streets during the winter months. The officials say that the street is smooth and satisfactory for riders, in the summer time.

The indiscriminate arrests followed the "jogging" given the police department at the last council meeting when the pound master was instructed to run down violators of the ordinance. The action bore fruit as the list of fines collected today indicates.

After Eastern Colonists.
San Francisco, Aug. 26.—California has the largest population of real estate agents to the total population of any state in the Union, and all of them are tuning up their voices to give a glad welcome to the thousands of tourists expected to arrive in the Golden State during the next few days. Colonist rates are in effect today from New York, Chicago, New Orleans, St. Paul, and all the more important railway centers between and will continue to September 9. The state fair opening in Sacramento next week will give the visitors an opportunity to learn much of the resources of the state. Another colonist period will begin October 1, and continue to October 15.

With the invasion of eastern farmers and orchardists constantly on the increase, it will not be long until all the large ranches will be broken up into small holdings. Statistics show that there are now 112,900 farms in the state, and over a million acres still awaiting cultivation. California farm products for last year had a total value of \$264,303,885.

Canada Exhibition.
Montreal, Aug. 26.—Canada's Great Eastern exhibition will open tomorrow at Sherbrooke, Que., and promise to be a record breaker in exhibits and attendance. It will continue through all of next week.

REGULARS NEED HITCHCOCK IN CAMPAIGN

BURKE-WILSON CAMPAIGN TO BE FURTHERED BY ADMINISTRATION EXPONENT

TEDDY SPEEDS WESTWARD

Administration Called Upon to Help Defeat Polindexter in Washington and Regulars Await Coming of Cabinet Officer—Taft Shuns Third Term Propaganda Greeting Him on His Trip Through Iowa Today.

Seattle, Aug. 12.—Postmaster General Hitchcock is expected here any day by the managers of the Burke-Wilson senatorial campaigns. For days the regulars have been waiting for Hitchcock to come and throw the weight of the administration mandate in the balance. The decision to demand the administration to send its chief exponent to Washington came when the state welcomed Victor Murdock, the insurgent. Believing that if Wilson and Burke regulars remained in the race, that Polindexter, the insurgent would win at the September primaries, the organization demanded that Hitchcock be sent here.

On Board Roosevelt Special, August 26.—Accompanied by two car-loads of newspaper correspondents, Roosevelt is speeding through Iowa today. He was greeted enthusiastically everywhere.

The colonel vigorously deprecates any clamor when the third-term idea is mentioned. He gave a number of rear platform addresses.

FRONTIER CELEBRATION

Former President Roosevelt a Feature of the Big Show.

Cheyenne, Wyo., Aug. 26.—All roads, highways, trails and cowpaths lead to Cheyenne today, and all are crowded with people anxious to see and hear, and possible, crowning glory of glories—shake the hand of Col. Theodore Roosevelt. The frontier celebration is in full swing today, but the most exciting of roping contest and other feats of the cowpunchers pall in the anticipation of the arrival tomorrow of him whom the crowd, man, woman and child, lovingly refers to as Teddy. It is safe to say that no other living man—not even President Taft—looms half so large in the western mind, and the fact that he is actually coming here has set all Wyoming wild with excitement. Pet animosities of long standing are forgotten, and bad man and tenderfoot, cattle king and sheep herder, are associating in peace and amity.

Preparations for the celebration inaugurated today have been going forward for months, and Cheyenne is decorated as never before. Pictures of Roosevelt appear in nearly every window, and the entire available supply of flags and bunting west of Chicago has been exhausted to supply the color for the Cheyenne holiday. F. G. Bonfils, proprietor of the Denver Post, and Kansas City Post, traveled all the way to Khartoum to meet Col. Roosevelt, when he came out of the jungle and present to him Cheyenne's invitation. Ever since the news of Mr. Roosevelt's acceptance reached this city, after having been flashed by cable and telegraph half around the globe, all Wyoming has been preparing to make this year's Frontier Celebration one that will go clattering down the corridors of time as the all-firest wild west show in history. More than a thousand cowpunchers joined in this endeavor and the Colonel of the Rough Riders will see some real rough riding tomorrow that will make his hair assume an erect position. At least that is what the cowpunchers say and they are noted for their veracity.

UNION MEETING TODAY IS WELL ATTENDED

FARMERS, POLITICIANS AND BIG MEALS MAKE HARMONIOUS DAY AT UNION

MEN OF INFLUENCE THERE

Educators of State-Wide Repute, Prominent Politicians and Office Seekers, and Many Farmers Meet and Eat at Union Picnic—Acting Governor Coming Tomorrow—Little Politics Discussed Today.

Union, Aug. 26.—Special.—Coming from all parts of the state, and more especially Eastern Oregon, Union and Baker counties, politicians, farmers, educators and newspaper men, men who aspire to office, and men who yearn for the elevation of the farm's humdrum life, to a plane of social prestige—at the proper times—all these, and more, are in Union today.

Looking deep into the inner circle of things, the meeting is of great import for it is not only the first annual picnic of the Farmer's Co-operative union, but it is incidentally the mecca of prominent politicians, who are here to meet the constituency today and tomorrow.

Tomorrow the experiment station has its inning, but today it is the farm and politician that hold the up-stage position. L. A. Wright of Union, fired the opening gun of festivity with a warm address of welcome, but the chief item until this afternoon was the dinner—what a feast it was. The crowd attacked the monster dinner with a vim but was able to make it mere trifling imprint on the great array of edibles. It was a dinner long to be remembered—it was uncomfortably vivid to several, several hours after the diners had left the table.

But to come down to the purpose of the gathering; speeches and music were the chief attractions this afternoon.

Judge Ellis, candidate for congress, delivered the first set speech and it was an excellent one. He was followed by a solo by Rufus Wright, who in turn was followed by such speakers as President Sykes of Milton, who is at the head of the state union, John McAllister, who heads the farmers' local, Dean Cordley of O. A. C., Doctor Withycombe the O. A. C. superintendent, Dunham Wright of Medical Springs, and others of equal ability as speakers. During the afternoon there was little politics from the rostrum, but there is an anticipation that before tomorrow night several candidates who are present, will outline their policies in a brief way before the Union county farmers. Acting Governor Jay Bowerman will attend tomorrow.

INJURED IN PULLMAN.

Chicago Tourist Slightly Injured This Morning, Coming to La Grande.

Hit on the forehead by a falling curtain rail in a pullman sleeper, Mrs. C. J. Held of Chicago, was the cause of considerable delay to Number six. Doctor Hall was called to give medical attention to the injury and found it to be but a slight bruise. Except for the sharp pain occasioned at the time, the injury will not be a detriment to the lady's enjoyment of the tour.

Display Dog Aristocracy.

Philadelphia, Aug. 26.—With the aristocracy of Quaker City dogdom on display, the annual dog show of the Chestnut Hill Kennel Club, was opened today at the White City Park. It is one of the biggest canine exhibitions held in the East this summer and is under the sanction of the American Kennel club. Some of the most prominent fanciers of America are acting as judges. The show will continue through tomorrow.

ROOSEVELT SEEKS ADVERTISING

According to William Barnes, Who Answers His Speeches.

New York, Aug. 26.—That Roosevelt is not helping the republican party, but is merely getting personal advertisement, which he is seeking, is the answer of William Barnes, Jr., to the Roosevelt speeches, announcing his intention of fighting the "old guard" at the Saratoga convention.

"I am against making pet theories or demagogue political at this issue of the fight," said Mr. Barnes. Roosevelt says he is against crooks. So is every honest man."

Fires Near Portland.

Portland, Aug. 26.—A score of conflagrations east of Portland, near Boring, Sandy, and Gresham, are raging. They are being controlled, however, by the national guard men sent out yesterday and today. Several settlers have lost their homes, and much cordwood and forests was burned. Portland is overhung with smoke, obscuring the sun.

PIRATE MAY BE IN THIS SECTION

MURDERER, WHO ATTEMPTED TO HOLD UP SHIP, ALIVE.

Thought to Have Reached Eastern Oregon or Perhaps Idaho.

San Francisco, Aug. 26.—United States Marshal Elliott has received information leading him to believe that Edward Wood, the pirate, who jumped into the ocean from the steamer Buckman, last week, after he had killed Captain Wood, and with his companion, tried to hold up the steamer, is not dead. It is believed the man succeeded in reaching the Oregon coast, so circulars are being posted and officials are warned to look out for the man. It is quite possible he has gone into Eastern Oregon or Idaho.

Civil Service for Chief Cops.

Des Moines, Ia., Aug. 26.—President A. G. Miller of the Iowa Association of Chiefs of Police, in convention today, will recommend that the state legislature pass a law placing all police officials under the civil service. At present neither police chiefs, captains or sergeants are required to conform to civil service standards. Chief Miller also asks that the legislature be asked to establish a state bureau of identification, with a rogues' gallery containing photographs, finger prints and other means of identifying the criminals of the state, and also a state detective bureau to be located at the capitol.

Young Women's Conference.

Corpus Christi, Tex., Aug. 26.—Scores of the beautiful young women for which Texas is justly famous are gathering in Corpus Christi today for the general Southwestern Young Women's Conference. The meeting will continue ten days. While devoted principally to bible and mission study, there will be several affairs of a social nature. All of the Young Women's Christian associations in the southwest have sent delegations. This is the last of the series of summer conferences for young women, which have been held throughout the United States, from Asheville, N. C., and Silver Bay, N. Y., to Capitola Cal. It is stated that about 5,000 girls and young ladies have spent an average of ten days in these conventions, which are of the nature of outings with educational and spiritual accompaniments.

Steamer Turns Turtle.

Bremen, Aug. 26.—News dispatches today, stating that the steamer Harvest Queen, turned turtle in mid-ocean, were brought here today by the liner Koeniggen Louise. The passengers and crew were picked up by the Louise off Azores. All were safe in small boats.

GREEN MEN FOR GRAND TRUNK SYSTEM

RAILROAD COMPANY IN DANGER OF PROSECUTION BY R. E. COMMISSION.

COMPANY REFUTES CHARGE

Durand Wreck in Michigan Yesterday, Will be Probed to the Bottom—Railroad Accused of Having Hired Incompetent Men who Were Strike Breakers Following Recent Strike—Prosecution is Likely.

Durand, Mich., Aug. 26.—Railroad, county and state, are each investigating the Grand Trunk wreck in which twelve persons were killed yesterday.

The railroad is gathering evidence to refute the charges that it employed incompetent men to man the trains, following the recent strike.

Chairman Glasgow of the state railroad commission, announced that if he found it true that the company employed incompetent men, the railroad officials would be prosecuted. It is alleged that the crews of both trains wrecked in the collision, were strike-breakers, and not used to the methods of railroading.

Convention on Boat.

Seattle, Wash., Aug. 26.—Sing hoi for a life on the bounding wave, is the joyous refrain sung by members of the Northwestern Electric Light and Power Association, who gathered in Seattle today to begin their annual convention on board the good ship Queen. The vessel has been chartered for four days and will tour the Sound and take a trip outside to Cape Flattery, giving the delegates from the intermountain region a taste of life on the deep briny. An extensive exhibition of electrical apparatus has been installed and will be operated by electric power generated on the ship.

Red Flag in Copenhagen.

Copenhagen, Aug. 26.—Workingmen of the world, unite, you have nothing to lose, but your chains; you have a world to gain."

These words in a half dozen languages, emblazoned on a great red banner, covered the front of the hall where hundreds of earnest men and women assembled today, to begin the International Congress of Socialists.

A score of nations were represented by the various delegations. Germany was in the ascendant, with more than a hundred delegates. Recent elections in the empire of Kaiser Wilhelm have shown great gains for the social democrats, and the German branch of the party is already preparing for the great day of triumph, when the blood-red banner will be hoisted above Berlin and Emperor, princes, kings, and dukes will flee from refuge to other lands.

The French delegates, too, are confident of the early success of their cause, although in the great republic the party is divided against itself. Jean Jaures, the squat, flat leader of the party in the French Parliament, champion orator of the world in the matter of output of words, has many enemies in his own ranks. Prof. Herve, leader of the radical revolutionists, and Guesde, the head of the moderate Socialists of France, are combined against him.

America has several delegates, chief of whom is William D. Haywood, the former Western mine leader, whose sensational trial for murder a few years ago, convulsed the entire Socialist world.

Girl Attempts Suicide.

New Orleans, Aug. 26.—Katherine Feltche, who shot and killed her lover, Frank Mischler, whom she alleged betrayed her, attempted to commit suicide here today. She thrust a hot pin through her throat.