

PRINCESS IS NOTED BEAUTY

TOKIO, July 21.—Princess Nagako the future empress of Japan, whose engagement to the Prince Regent has just been officially announced, has attained her twentieth year, and is regarded by the nation as the personification of beauty, virtue and love.

She was born in the simplest of the princely residences of the imperial family and her infancy was spent during the absence of her soldier-father Prince Kuni at the Russo-Japanese War, entirely under the influence of her mother, a princess of the Shomazu family, the head of the old feudal clan of Satsuma that embodies all the stern virtues of traditional Japan.

She attended the Persees' School at a time when General Nogai was its president, and was one of the best-loved girls there, being democratic in her dealings with schoolmates and teachers, and of an easy and graceful bearing and quick intellect.

When two years ago she was informally selected to be the future empress, her education was specially fitted to her future duties. A study of pure Japanese style was built for her and with two girl companions she studied the Chinese classics, Japanese language and literature, ethics, history, geography and science.

She is attaining real fluency in French and is gifted with keen artistic temperament. She loves poetry and translated into music of her own composition a poem "A Spring Morning."

The Princess is a little over the average height of Japanese women, and has always been fond of outdoor life. She has a small garden near her study where she cultivates herself flowers, strawberries and vegetables.

She is said to be remarkable in her devotion and every morning appears before the Imperial Shrine in the robes of the Imperial Palace to offer prayers to the Imperial ancestors.

She also has learned the use of the typewriter one of which was brought back to her by her brother from Europe, and is fond of photographs.

SEATTLE, July 21.—Forest fires in western Washington are the chief concern of the game commissions, according to E. B. Palmer, chairman of the King county commission here. The fires are causing a tremendous loss of young Chinese pheasants and native grouse. The birds fly into the smoke, become confused, and alight in the burning areas. The older birds are better able to care for themselves, and the fire loss among mature fowl is not so large.

Two hundred and to Campfire girls were forced to flee for their lives Tuesday before a forest fire that swept down on their summer camp on Washington island, in Puget sound.

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PROGRESS IN TRAIL MARKING

During the past few years the Forest Service has attempted to thoroughly post the National Forests with road, trail and other signs for the convenience of campers, tourists and other Forest users, as well as for the use of forest officers themselves. Hundreds of such signs have been painted and posted by the officers of the Umatilla National Forest, over four hundred of them having been posted last year. This work is far from being completed as yet but it is hoped that within a few years every road or trail intersection and topographical feature of interest will be posted.

Forest Ranger Floyd Kendall said today. In spite of the fact that such signs are a public benefit a large number of these signs have already been defaced or destroyed either thoughtlessly or maliciously by people traveling in and using the National Forest. Writing upon, mutilating or destroying road and trail signs which are the property of the Forest Service are prohibited by Government regulations and offenders can be sued in the Federal courts for property trespass. Forest officers are empowered to arrest without warrant anyone detected in the act of committing any form of trespass, including mutilation of signs. Evidence can also be submitted to the Assistant to the Solicitor for his action in prosecuting such cases.

The mutilation and destruction of Forest Service signs can in no way be considered as unintentional and such cases of property trespass would come under the head of criminal trespass.

The practice of writing names, addresses, dates and in other ways defacing the signs has become so universal that specific action is now necessary to stop such practices.

Forest officers are being instructed to report cases of mutilation of signs and to arrest the offenders wherever possible. As the practice of defacing signs by writing upon them is, no doubt, due largely to carelessness or thoughtlessness Forest officers are re-

luctant to take drastic action at the present and are in the majority of cases merely requiring that names be erased from the signs or that new signs be furnished to replace those defaced. It is apparent, however, that offenders will have to be treated with greater severity in the future if there is not a let-up in the present practice.

Legislation books and blanks are placed at a number of points throughout the Forest so that visitors in the Forest can record their names and addresses if they so desire and there is no excuse for defacing property in order to leave a record of a visit inside the National Forest.

A large number of names of persons who have defaced Forest signs are on record. The most recent case which has come to the attention of Forest officers was that of a sign which was defaced within two or three days after it had been posted. The ranger immediately sent a list of the names and addresses to the Forest Supervisor at Pendleton. These were as follows: Ellis McCoy, Stanfield, Oregon; J. B. McCoy, Stanfield, Oregon; C. E. Lawrence, Pendleton, Oregon; W. G. Miller, Pendleton, Oregon; John Schmidt, Stanfield, Oregon; Cleve McNeal, Stanfield, Oregon.

Action has been taken in these cases to prevent a repetition of the offense.

The new \$150,000 wing of the Eastern Oregon State Hospital at Pendleton was completed Saturday bringing the total value of the institution to \$1,000,000.

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MICHIGAN HAS LOST FORESTS

PORTLAND, Ore., July 20.—Commenting on forest destruction by fire, District Forester Geo. H. Cecil cites the situation in which Michigan now finds herself. From a state whose forest wealth was considered inexhaustible she is reduced

largely to a producer of fuel wood and other minor forest products—all because of indifference to fires, wasteful cutting, and lack of reforestation. In other words, Michigan is now paying the piper for 25 years ruthlessness, indifference, and lack of forest foresight.

The building trades and the automobile and furniture industries of Michigan must largely import their supply of high-grade lumber from other states instead of growing it at home.

For the most costly classes of woods, such as those used in automobiles, furniture, and building, Michigan goes as far south as the Gulf and as far west as the Pacific; she imports all told a little more than a billion board feet of lumber and timber annually, of which 400 million come from the Gulf coast region and nearly 180 million from the Pacific Northwest. For these amounts the state pays not only an enormous freight bill but also the high prices incident to constantly dwindling forests.

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