

FOREST FIRES GREAT ENEMY

Present Condition is Likened to the Period in 1910, Say Foresters.

PORTLAND, Aug. 2.—That the present is opening with a forest fire situation similar to that in 1910 which resulted in the greatest loss of life and property ever known in the Pacific Northwest, is disclosed by simultaneous reports from all forestry agencies received today by the Western Forestry & Conservation Association. With continuous fire-fighting through July has kept the almost insuperable blaze fairly in check because the tinder-like condition of the woods has not been aggravated by wind or extreme heat, every day is increasing the danger of losing control. If it does not rain about a few hours of adverse weather may break the deadlock and result in sweeping conflagrations before which human effort is powerless. Much depends on public co-operation through extreme care with fire, for the forces are in no position to cope with new attacks. Over much of the territory government and state authorities are refusing campfire permits. In Washington the governor is endeavoring to stop logging operations temporarily. Everywhere the fire laws are being rigorously enforced, 79 convictions being already reported. Up to the present time, however, heavy timber losses have been successfully prevented by the extraordinary efforts of private, state and federal forces which have fully 3000 trained fire-fighters and patrolmen in the western states besides a fluctuating army of employed help.

The situation is worst in Washington, where although there has been no great loss of merchantable timber and that of second-growth has been exaggerated, the damage to other property has been more than in any previous year and the fires are continually breaking from control to cause great difficulty in surrounding them. Hundreds of miles of trenches have been built and rebuilt. In Stevens county the situation is particularly troublesome because of wind.

The worst fires in Oregon have been in the northwestern counties where large areas of cut-over land have been swept and the loss of logs and equipment has been heavy. Probably most of the green timber injured will be salvaged. These fires are now under control, but by no means beyond great danger should wind arise. In eastern and southern Oregon it is very dry and the lookouts are hampered by smoke from the north, but the situation is still in hand. There has been little bad fire. Throughout Oregon considerable aid is being given by airplane scouting furnished by the army.

RADIO BUGS WILL HAVE MEETING

Chicago to Attract People Interested in Radio from All Over the World.

(By Associated Press) CHICAGO, Aug. 3.—The leading radio authorities of America and the world are expected to take part in the first international radio conference to be held in America, on August 6, 7 and 8, in connection with the pageant of progress. The sessions of the congress will be held in Convention hall on the municipal pier.

The plan of holding the radio conference was a development of the radio committee of the pageant, of which George E. Carlson, of the Chicago department of gas and electricity, and sponsor for the Municipal Radio broadcasting station on the city hall, was made chairman. Maj. J. C. Mauborgne, signal officer for the Sixth Army Corps area, Chicago, has accepted the presidency of the congress.

Definite assurances of their presence at the congress have been received from Charles P. Steinmetz, Dr. Louis Cohen, consulting engineer, signal corps, Dr. J. H. DeHing, physicist for the U. S. Bureau of Standards, Francis W. Dunmore of the Bureau of Standards, in addition to a number of representatives from large electrical concerns.

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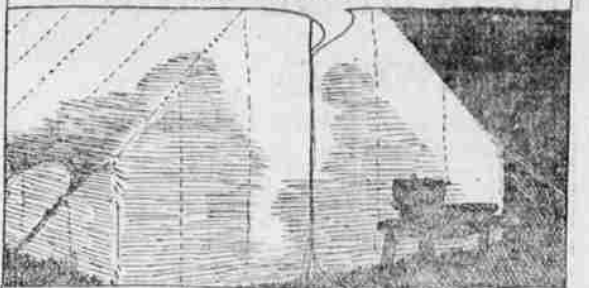
While the congress is in progress a meeting of the radio leaders will be called by President Mauborgne and Chairman Carlson, at which a plan to make the congress a permanent organization will be submitted. The purpose of the organization, it was stated, would be to promote development of radio in its many phases, to encourage amateurs and to popularize broadcasting programs.

The congress will open with a speed contest for radio operators for which Commissioner Carlson has posted a diamond medal, and which is expected to attract the fastest operators of the country. Contestants will be required to receive straight commercial messages in the Continental code, and transmit messages on regulation type-writer. The present world's record

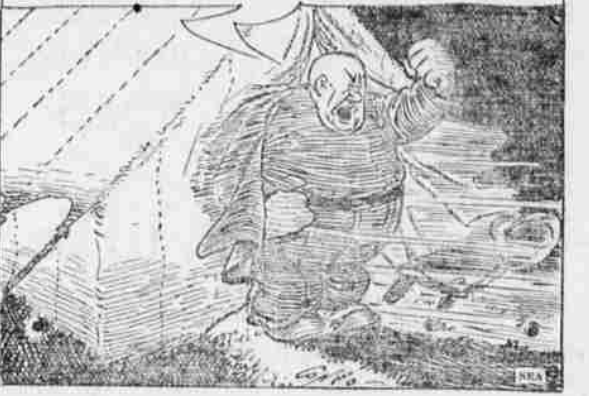
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of 50 1/2 words a minute is said to be held by L. R. McElroy of Boston. This program also includes a paper on a new system of radio communication by B. F. Melsner, a discussion of the technical aid of broadcasting by Samuel M. Kinter, a lecture illustrated by motion pictures on "The Human Voice and its Electrical Transmission," by John Mills and a talk on "A Relay Recorder for Remote Control," by radio by Francis W. Sumner. Senator Guglielmo Martini of Italy has tentatively accepted an invitation to address the congress and Major General George O. Sauter, chief signal officer U. S. A., will speak on "Line Radio," if it is possible for him to be present.

WILL NEED FOOD ONE MORE YEAR

Relief Worker Claims That Russia Cannot Stand on Her Own Feet Yet.

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 3.—The people in the famine area of Russia will need food from the outside for another year, in the opinion of Murray S. Kenworthy, of Wilmington, Ohio, who has just returned from Buzuluk where he had charge of the relief work of the American Friends' Deaths for starvation are still occurring. As late as the first of

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MINE SWEEPERS TO DO SERVICE

Steamers Pioneer and Discoverer Will be Placed in the Pacific Ocean.

(By Associated Press) PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 2.—Two former mine sweepers, turning from the pursuits of war to those of peace and science, are being remodeled in Delaware river shipyards, and are nearly ready to weigh anchor to start on an indefinitely long cruise in the Pacific ocean for the United States Coast and Geodetic Survey.

They are steamers Pioneer and Discoverer, formerly the Auk and the Osprey, which saw service in the North Sea. Now they are to be equipped with the latest scientific instruments for sounding and surveying.

Some time during the summer they are to pass through the Panama canal and proceed up the Pacific coast to Alaska to sound and survey uncharted territory. Contrary to general belief, it was said, there still remains much uncharted territory in that region, and many places show channels incorrectly marked and sounded. Also some places once correctly surveyed and sounded, have been altered by the constant action of the waves.

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Getting Back Telegraph Lines.

MOSCOW, July 7. By Mail.—The overland telegraph routes from London and Western Europe to the Levant, Persia, and India, operated before the war by the Indo-European cable company, soon will be re-established. From England the line will run to Eden; thence overland through Poland and Russia to Odessa, and thence by cable to Constantinople where the Indian connections will be made. Most of the Russian section of the line is in fairly good shape.

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DENMARK STUDIES THE EFFECTS OF PROHIBITION
(By Associated Press) COPENHAGEN, July 13. (By Mail)—A Danish delegation which has been studying the effects of prohibition in Finland doubts whether or it will be possible ever to carry through effective prohibition in Denmark. The delegates consider that the

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