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Fire Not Yet Into Controls

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SALEM, July 17 (UP) — More than 20,000 acres of Oregon forest land was charred and smoke blackened today from early-season fires, as the largest blaze on the Wilson river, about 25 miles west of Forest Grove, raged out of control on the north after jumping the river highway late Sunday.

The smaller Salmonberry blaze is under control and being mopped up, while a new fire in western Polk county was reported. It included about 40 acres.

On the Wilson river blaze, more than 1000 men, including 410 sailors from Tongue Point naval base at Astoria, 300 veteran combat engineers from Ft. Lewis and more than 200 loggers were holding the spreading flames in spots and trying to circle it to the north. More soldiers and sailors were on route.

One hundred fifty Negro troops from Vancouver barracks were returned late yesterday after they proved inefficient due to inexperience. They were mostly limited service troops. Gov. Earl Snell and state forest Nels S. Rogers made a tour of inspection in the fire areas yesterday, completing fighting arrangements.

Many Losses
Nearly a dozen logging companies sustained loss due to the fire. The Consolidated Logging company, which was engaged in salvage operations on the burned over land, lost heavily, while 9,000,000 board feet of bucked timber was lost by the A. F. Coats lumber company, a loss of more than \$90,000.

In the north where the blaze is spreading unchecked because of the difficulty of reaching it, the fighters were moving into position slowly, and forest officials hope the moving flames can be circled today.

Moves On
The entire fire area has been circled two different times, and each time the fire has "spotted" and moved on.

The Wilson fire covered about 17,000 acres yesterday, while the Salmonberry burn was nearly 4,000 acres in extent. Both fires are on land which was burned out in the 250,000 acre fire of 1933. It started in Tillamook county, but have spread out into Washington county.

Only a few stands of green timber have been killed, as most of the blazes were on burned over land, but reforestation, both natural and a large state project in the Salmonberry area, were wiped out.

Origin of the Wilson blaze has not been determined. One person suggested an incendiary balloon bomb, a theory discounted by forest officials.

Only one injury has been reported, when a soldier from Camp White, near Medford, cracked several ribs in a fall. Others have been hospitalized, however, from recurrent trench foot and jungle rot, which the heat brought back.

Little logging equipment has been lost due to the fires, but one company got its donkey engine out "just one jump ahead of the fire."

Probably 70 to 80 miles of fire trails and ditches have been dug.



BRITISH BATTLESHIP TORPEDOED IN MEDITERRANEAN—British battleship Barham goes up in smoke and flames after being torpedoed in Mediterranean in November, 1941, by U-351. Lost with Barham were 859 officers and men.

Fleet Hits Tokyo Area

Pounds City Only 25 Miles from Capital

GUAM, Wednesday, July 18 (UP) — U. S. Pacific fleet, steaming boldly through midnight darkness to the gates of Tokyo, bombarded a cluster of shoreline war factories today in a challenging attack that touched off great fires through an industrial area only 25 miles north of the bomb-battered capital.

The battleship Iowa and other powerful warcraft of Admiral William F. (Bull) Halsey's rampaging third fleet heaped tons of high explosives on important Honshu shore targets while the Japanese homeland rocked under continuous strikes of 1,500 U. S. and British carrier planes.

Flagship correspondents, reporting directly from the fleet during the bombardment, said a flaming "funeral pyre" glowed along the target area between the cities of Mito, Sukegawa and Hitachi.

It was the third inshore attack against Japan within four days. A Mutual broadcasting system correspondent said targets included factories only 25 miles from Tokyo. The bombardment fleet was described as the largest ever employed against the Japanese homeland.

During the early stages of the attack, correspondents said, there was no Japanese retaliation although the ABC correspondent said the fleet stood "on the very brink of what should be Japan's most heavily fortified shore installations."

Brighter
"As I speak," said correspondent Norman Paige, "I can see great eruptions of flame and smoke as 16 inch shells find their mark. With every passing minute now the immediate shoreline of Honshu in front of us becomes brighter under the funeral pyre our guns are setting."

Already, assessment of intelligence reports revealed, the continuous operations up and down the coast of Japan had sent 140 Jap ships and small craft to the bottom and damaged another 235 for a total of 374.

Fewer Targets
Swarms of Royal navy and U. S. flattop smashed at a diminishing number of targets in the Tokyo district. They were launched from a fleet of perhaps 150 men o' war.

This was the first night sea bombardment of Japanese homeland targets.

Factories in the Hitachi area manufacture aircraft parts, electrical equipment, precision instruments, wire, cable, diesel engines, radios and gerams.

Other potential target for the fleet's roaring guns are the Hitachi engineering works, the Japan mining company in a narrow valley behind the city, the Yamate wire cable plant, and a complex railroad system feeding the entire industrial area.

Scheduled Airline Service Soon To Portland

Eastern Oregon residents will have available for the first time beginning Monday, July 23, a daily air charter service to Portland, Merlin Johnson and Keith Province, operators of Eastern Oregon Airways at the La Grande airport, announced today.

Passengers will be picked up in La Grande at 7 a. m. and will arrive in downtown Portland at 9:30 a. m. For return flights, passengers will be picked up in downtown Portland at 4 in the afternoon and will arrive in La Grande at 7 p. m.

Flights will be made daily, weather conditions permitting, and passage can be arranged for one or both ways on reservations. An added feature of the service is the provision of hotel accommodations in Portland for those passengers desiring them. Baggage is limited to 25 pounds for each passenger, the operators said.

Smith Heads County Board of Welfare

UNION, July 17 (Special) — Tony Smith has been notified by the office of the governor of his appointment as chairman of the Union county welfare board, to become effective the first of the month.

Bulletin

WASHINGTON, July 17 (UP) — The senate today unanimously confirmed the nomination of Fred M. Vinson to be secretary of the treasury. He succeeds Henry Morgenthau, jr.



NEW PREMIER—Joseph Benedict Chilly, above, automatically succeeded the late John Curtin as prime minister of Australia when elected leader of the Federal Labor party.

Truman, Stalin, Churchill Meet After Luncheon

POTSDAM, July 17 (UP) — President Truman, Premier Stalin and Prime Minister Churchill met this afternoon in the opening session of the big three conference at Potsdam. Leaders got right down to business at the first formal session.

The initial meeting of the big three—Truman had conferred informally and separately with Churchill and Stalin—was stripped of most of the formalities.

Truman presided at the opening session, which followed by a few hours a call Generalissimo Stalin paid. The American and Russian leaders and their foreign ministers talked for an hour and lunched together. (The American secretary of state is equivalent to Russia's foreign minister.)

The conference opened behind a tight curtain of secrecy. It was hours after the first session opened before it was confirmed officially, although responsible sources revealed earlier that the formal meeting was slated for this afternoon.

This evening Truman had dinner with Secretary of War Henry Stimson, Gen. George C. Marshall, Admiral Ernest J. King, and Gen. Henry H. Arnold.

Fewer Marriages, Births in Union County This Year

Marriages and births in Union county during the first half of 1944 exceeded the number during the first half of 1945, and divorces during those periods were slightly higher during the first half of 1945, the records show today.

Forty-five marriage licenses were issued from Jan. 1 to June 30 during 1945, and 60 licenses were issued in the county during the corresponding period of last year.

Births in the county for Jan. 1 to June 30, 1944 were 198 or 16 more than for that period this year when the total was 182 births.

Divorces the first half of this year numbered 36 in comparison with the 33 granted in the first half of 1944.

Maj. Max Jensen On U. S. Berlin Staff

UNION, July 17 (UP)—Mr. and Mrs. Orval Jensen received a letter from their eldest son, Maj. Max R. Jensen, enclosing a number of very interesting souvenirs. Major Jensen has been asked to act on the staff of the supreme command headquarters to help in running the transportation highway system of American occupied Germany. Major Jensen had just returned from a trip through Luxembourg, Belgium, Holland and a week stay in Paris.

Certify Lumber Need

WASHINGTON, July 17 (UP) — The government said today that home owners no longer need apply to the federal housing administration for authorization to buy lumber for emergency repair. The war production board and nation housing agency announced jointly the home owner now may certify his own purchase order and buy the lumber directly from a distributor.



TRAINING IN BLIND FLYING is exciting in one of these navy B trainers, shown at the office of the Mt. Emily mill office. Shown in the picture are T. E. Tennant, First Lt. W. M. Pierson of the civil air patrol, Miss Juanita Huppert and C. L. Griffin.

"Blind Flying" Even on Ground, Has Thrills in Navy 'B' Trainer

So you think you can fly a perfect course, do you? You are absolutely positive of being able to fly at so many miles an hour, at so much altitude, at such and such a compass reading, correcting all the time for variations, headwinds, sidewinds, human fallibility and mechanical inaccuracy?

Perhaps you can, but before making any bets on it go to the Mt. Emily mill office and try a flight in the navy B-trainer which is there for the use of CAP members who want to learn blind flying. Others interested may see how it works.

No Trace Found Of O'Brien, Brody, Police Report

Carroll Jessie O'Brien and Bradley Brody are still at large following their escape from the county jail Saturday night. No trace has been found of either, it was announced today by state police.

O'Brien has a long criminal record for issuing fraudulent checks, obtaining money under false pretenses, and forgery, FBI records say. He was arrested Dec. 1, 1941, in Salem, on a fraudulent check charge, and was sentenced to four years in the state penitentiary, but was paroled.

Previously he had been paroled from the Washington state penitentiary after serving two of his 20 year sentence on a charge of first degree forgery.

Reports on Brody's fingerprints have not been received as yet from the FBI.

Brody's description is: age, 24; height, 5 feet 7 1/2 inches; weight, 160; eyes, blue; hair, straight light brown.

O'Brien is described as follows: age, 34; height, 5 feet 9 inches; weight, 155; eyes, blue; hair, very curly Auburn.

Al Harlow, county treasurer, into whose office the escaping pair broke, has been offered a new rubber plant by Mrs. Clarence Burns, to replace the one broken by the men as they squeezed through the 10 1/2 by 12 inch hole in the wall separating his office from the jail.

William Arrivey Heads New DAV Chapter Here

Officers for Blue Mountain chapter No. 21 of the Disabled American Veterans were elected and installed at the organization's first meeting, it was announced today.

New officers were William Arrivey, commander; Willard Green, senior vice-commander; Marvin Hill, junior vice-commander; Clifford Wiley, adjutant; C. J. Sollers, treasurer; and Billy Fox, officer of the day.

Lyle Dailey, national service officer, organized the local chapter of the D. A. V., third largest patriotic organization in the United States, and has left for Pendleton and Baker to organize chapters there.

Membership is open to all men with certificates of disability discharge or men with service disability.

About 25 Union county men joined the organization Saturday evening, and more are expected at the next meeting, which will be held Aug. 13, in the commission rooms at the city hall.

Sewage Plant Still Not Sweet Although Resembles Taj Mahal

LOS ANGELES, July 17 (UP) — Though a sewage treatment plant may look like the Taj Mahal, no amount of architecture can ever camouflage the smell, Councilman Parley P. Christensen argued today.

Christensen told the city council the seashore site proposed for Los Angeles' \$21,000,000 ultra modern treatment plant is more beautiful than any on the French Riviera, and he, for one, saw no reason to spoil it.

The city planning commission, which shared his views, recently told Mayor Fletcher Bowron: "Whether the proposed building be as beautiful as the Taj Mahal or Canterbury cathedral or be given a most euphonious name—it will still be an institution which all but primitive people prefer to place in the least conspicuous spot."

Reporter Declares Hitler, Mistress In South America

CHICAGO, July 17 (UP) — Chicago Times correspondent Vincent De Pascal has reported from Montevideo he is "virtually certain" Adolf Hitler and his sweetheart, Eva Braun, are in hiding in a German-owned estate in southern Argentina. His dispatch was carried yesterday.

DePascal's information, which he said was received through "reliable channels," was that the one time master of Germany was living on one of a number of estates in the desolate Patagonia area "purchased to provide sanctuaries for the Nazi overlords if, and when, their schemes for world conquest went awry."