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# Perry Forest Fire Spreads

## Low Humidity, High Winds Aid Flames on Robbs Hill

Low humidity and high winds have fanned the forest fires near Perry on Robbs hill four miles northwest of here into spreading flames, the state forestry service reported today.

Started Sunday presumably from sparks falling on the Union Pacific right of way, the fire was thought to be under control and was in the mopping up stages Monday and Tuesday. Yesterday, however, it broke out and

has now covered several hundred acres.

The fire is in replacement timber, mostly Ponderosa pine and spruce, the foresters said.

A crew of more than 50 men, most of them furnished by the railroad, is battling the flames. A bulldozer is in use by the crew which is trying to throw up a fire line.

Some of the area near the fire is cattle range and a large number of cattle have been moved in the last two days.

Forestry officials also reported a range and sage brush fire had covered probably 3,000 acres between Telocast and North Powder in the last two or three days. The blaze reached the Eastern Oregon Light and Power company's 66,000 volt Idaho line shortly before 9 p. m. Wednesday and burned off half a dozen poles.

### Work All Night

Service was resumed within a few minutes with the company's plants at Baker, Cove, Sumpter, Morgan Lake, Rock Creek and Mt. Emily taking up the load. The load is lighter after 7 p. m. than during the day time.

The company worked all night to restore the Idaho line. Four lightning fires in Wallowa county were reported in the last two days, but none amounted to much. One was south of Minam, the others north of Wallowa. All were brought under control almost immediately.

## Blaze Jumps Creek In Wilson Sector

PORTLAND, Aug. 23 (UP)—In the Wilson river sector of western Oregon, forest fire has swept south and west, crossing Clear creek and the north fork of the Trask river.

Latest outbreak between Nehalem and Tillamook seared green "fog belt" timber as the blaze moved relentlessly on to the west, threatening Mohler and Nehalem. Frank Hamilton of Forest Grove headquarters said an expected drizzle today would give fighters a good start.

State fire headquarters at Salem reported fire officials expect to have the Polk county fire trailed again on the west side today.

Federal fires continued to burn on the Chilliwak in Mount Baker forest, 300 acres, and the Cheilan, 100 acres, but crews are making progress towards holding the lines, Guy Johnson, United States forest fire control officer, said today.

A crew of farmers and loggers southwest of Hillsboro were battling a 500-acre green timber and farm land blaze today, aided by light rains and a south wind which blew the fire back over the burned-over tract.

## Morse Says U. S. Has No Choice

EUGENE, Aug. 23 (UP)—Unless the United States wishes to resort to military force to maintain peace, it has no choice other than supporting the world court, United States Senator Wayne Morse said today.

Morse said that with the solution of the compulsory world court available to back the peace, there could be no justification of sacrificing life and material through war. The senator added that he hoped the present court ideas would be enlarged so international disputes could be settled always by judicial minds in an international court room with the view of preserving peace.

## Stalin Announces Kwantung Surrender

LONDON, Aug. 23 (UP)—Gen. Josef Stalin tonight announced in an order of the day Japan's Kwantung army has surrendered. Stalin's order honored the far eastern forces of the Soviet which brought about capitulation of the Kwantung army in a 15-day campaign.

He revealed troops of the Mongolian People's republic cooperated with the Red army. Stalin disclosed the Russians have occupied Paramushiro and islands in the Kuriles.



**BOLO SLAYER**—Earl Victor Harley, 47, veteran of two wars, smokes calmly and jokes in a Seattle jail cell after admitting he beheaded his wife with a bolo knife during a drunken quarrel.

## Details of Pearl Harbor Soon

WASHINGTON, Aug. 23 (UP)—President Truman said today he expects to receive soon a recommendation from the secretaries of war and navy concerning future course of the investigation to establish responsibility for the Pearl Harbor disaster.

Findings of army and navy investigators were impounded for the duration of the war. A preliminary and incomplete report was made public soon after the attack occurred.

Congressional leaders have been demanding that the full story be revealed, now that the Japanese have surrendered.

### Coax Roberts

The president told his news conference he hoped to give "an international assignment" to former supreme court justice Owen J. Roberts, who headed the first investigation into the Pearl Harbor disaster.

He revealed Roberts had tentatively refused the assignment. But he said he hoped he and secretary of state James F. Byrnes can influence Roberts to accept the post. The president declined to indicate the nature of the job.

Truman said the recommendation on the Pearl Harbor investigation will be made public

when it comes. His disclosure was his only answer to a reporter's inquiry if the president favored "immediate and public trials of the officers responsible for Pearl Harbor."

### Study Continuing

Roberts report on Pearl Harbor found there had been dereliction of duty by Rear Adm. Husband E. Kimmel and Maj. Gen. Walter C. Short, navy and army commanders. Army and navy boards later reported they found nothing to warrant institution of court martial proceedings against Kimmel and Short, but the secretaries of war and navy said they are continuing the inquiry.

Chief executive took another slap at the Spanish government of Generalissimo Francisco Franco, asserting nobody likes Franco or his government.

The president emphatically challenged assertions his abrupt termination of the 540,000,000 American lend-lease program this week was a blow to the economies of Britain and other lend-lease nations.

Truman also brushed aside criticism of demobilization plans. War and navy departments are doing everything in their power to expedite military demobilization, he said. No matter what they did, he said, some people would complain.

## Committees to Handle Lions Club Affairs for Year Named

A. B. Olson, president of La Grande Lions club, announced today that plans for the 1945-46 season of the local Lions den activities are near completion. Committees are near completion. Program to be attained during the coming year is now in preparation. Directors meeting has been called for Friday evening, Aug. 31, at which final business will be transacted prior to the resumption of regular weekly luncheon meetings Monday, Sept. 10.

Committees named by President Olson are:

Administrative committees under the direction of Marcus Roesch, first vice-president:

Attendance: Marcus Roesch, chairman; W. E. Wilkins, Axel

Dahlstrom, Mel Loree and Kenneth Williams.

Finance: Millard Smith, chairman; Lynne Bohnenkamp, A. K. Parker, Ray Winters, Homer Leffel.

Lions education: S. H. Weimer, chairman; Harvey Carter, L. M. Compton, and Ott Weigel.

Membership: Jesse Rosenbaum, chairman; A. H. Labbe, C. M. Sherrill and Horace J. Nelson.

Program and entertainment: Wilmer Baer, chairman; Lyle Johnson, Forrest Zirkle, Ralph E. Jones, Harvey Carter and Alvin Kaiser.

Publicity: D. W. Hall and J. Logan White.

Conventions: Ralph E. Jones, chairman; Marcus Roesch and D. W. Hall.

E. O. C. E. education: George T. Tass, chairman; A. K. Parker, L. L. Snodgrass, Lynne Bohnenkamp, Harry McCarthy, Gene Detrick and Ralph E. Jones.

Auditing: Guy L. Gregory and Marcus Roesch.

Activities committees under the direction of Jesse Rosenbaum, second vice-president:

Sight conservation and blind aid: Gordon L. Capps, chairman; Wm. Harvey, C. J. Shorb and Lester A. Courtney.

Boys' and girls' work: Forrest Zirkle, chairman; John Newman, Wilbur Smith, Kenneth Williams, H. D. Wilson and C. J. Shorb.

Citizenship and patriotism: C. R. Eberhard, chairman; and Jesse Rosenbaum.

Civic improvement: J. L. Sinden, chairman; T. H. Gaither, L. L. Snodgrass, Ralph Gerards and Glenn Charlton.

Community betterment: H. J. Nelson, chairman; Gordon L. Capps, S. H. Weimer and Millard Smith.

Health and welfare: Ed Scriven, chairman; Ben L. Eales, T. H. Gaither, B. H. Worley and J. F. Heasty.

Safety: Clyde Lund, chairman; Cecil Keller, Mel Loree, Harry D. Miller, Adam Cyr and La Velle Jones.

Military affairs: Carl G. Helm, chairman; E. G. Berglund, chairman; Ray Winters, Wilmer Baer, B. H. Worley, and L. L. Welchko.

Veterans community employment: W. E. Wilkins, chairman; Fletcher Milton and L. M. Compton.

Lions representative to Blue Mountain camp and hospital unit: Ray R. Ragsdale.

Archery committee: John Newman.

## Tokyo Requests 5 Revisions in Surrender Plan

MANILA, Aug. 23 (UP)—Tokyo asked for five revisions in Gen. Douglas MacArthur's surrender orders today and told the Japanese people 50,000 to 60,000 allied occupation troops will land in the capital area next week.

MacArthur's forces ultimately will seize control of all Japan's strategic centers "with decisive armed strength," radio Tokyo said.

Japanese imperial headquarters broadcast in rapid succession five requests to MacArthur for changes in the surrender orders effective tomorrow immobilizing ships in Japanese home waters and requiring those at sea to head for allied ports.

The five requests were permission to:

1. Continue railway ferry services with unarmed, especially marked vessels between Amori and Hakodate, Uno and Takamatsu, and Odonari and Wakani.

2. Leave in operation within Japanese waters some motor sailing vessels of more than 100 tons.

3. Send a transport to Minamitori island with food supplies.

4. Send two hospital ships with food and medical supplies to isolated garrisons.

5. Allow Japanese ships at sea to communicate with the allies on frequencies other than those prescribed by MacArthur since Japanese ships "unfortunately" have no transmitters for the latter.

## Claude Mackey Wed 40 Years Ago. . . Will Celebrate Anniversary Next Sunday

Celebration of the fortieth anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Claude L. Mackey will be observed at their home, 2013 First street from 2 p. m. to 5 p. m. Sunday, with all customers, friends and neighbors invited to attend.

Mackey and his wife, the former Nora Bussard, were married at noon Aug. 27 at the home of Mrs. Mackey's father, M. M. Bussard, Albany. Bussard will be here for the celebration, as will Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Johnson of Canton, Ill., old friends of the couple.

For their honeymoon, the couple went to the Portland fair before coming to La Grande. They bought the feed business from their uncle, Billie Bussard, located where the Piggly Wiggly building now is on Adams avenue, and operated the business for 12 years. Their first home

was in the small frame building adjoining their business, which is now occupied by the Hart Photo studio.

Mr. Mackey was fire chief for two years, after which he worked in the postoffice, where he became assistant postmaster in 1922.

The Mackeys have been prominent in local affairs. Mr. Mackey having been a member of the city commission from 1911 to 1912. He is a member of La Grande lodge No. 433 of the B. P. O. E., and has been president of the La Grande Gun club for several years.

Mrs. Mackey has been active in the Women's Benefit association, the Young Women's Educational auxiliary, and the Royal Neighbors.

The Mackeys have one son, Marvin, at home.

## School District Bonds Sell For \$6.27 Premium

Bid of First National bank of Portland for \$10,000 worth of bonds of La Grande school district has been accepted by the school board, R. O. Williams, board clerk, announced today. The bank offered a premium of \$6.27 for the issue.

The bonds are issued to buy property adjacent to the high school athletic field and the tract will be used to enlarge the field. Two full blocks will be included in the field then.

Russell M. Colwell, vice president of the bank, wrote Williams:

"We are glad to learn the board was well pleased with the premium we bid on this issue. This was possible due to the excellent financial condition of your district and the high regard our bank has of the territory served by your school district."

## De Gaulle Visits Soldier's Grave

WASHINGTON, Aug. 23 (UP)—Gen. Charles de Gaulle, off to a good start with President Truman in efforts to improve U. S.-French relations, placed a wreath on the tomb of the unknown soldier today.

The ceremonies at Arlington cemetery symbolized de Gaulle's rise in political stature since his visit to Washington last year. At similar ceremonies then he was given only a 19-gun salute.

Today he was given a 21-gun salute as president of the provisional government of the French republic.

De Gaulle returned to Blair house and conferred with French Foreign Minister Georges Bidault. Bidault and French Ambassador Henri Bonnet subsequently called on Secretary of State James F. Byrnes.

De Gaulle and President Truman held a long personal conference at the White House last night.

General's social schedule for today was kept brief. Some time during his visit he is expected to visit Gen. John J. Pershing.

## Commons Approves Nations Charter

LONDON, Aug. 23 (UP)—The house of commons approved British ratification of the United Nations charter tonight, following similar action by the house of lords earlier today. Lord Strabolgi said the charter eventually would have to be replaced by something "more rogue-proof."

## MARCH TO HELP

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 23 (UP)—Yenan radio said today the Chinese communist fourth army is making a forced march to Shanghai to assist Chinese insurrection against looting Japanese troops.



**IN ANY LANGUAGE IT'S GOOD NEWS**—After watching Chinese Premier T. V. Soong sign the united nations charter at the state department, Secretary of State James F. Byrnes, left, tries his hand at drawing Chinese characters.

## New Vault Principal Change In Remodeling of Court House

Remodeling of the county courthouse has started, W. Vedder, contractor, announced today.

Floors in the recorder's office are now being taken out preparatory to laying the forms for the concrete vault.

Steel reinforcing for remodeling of the building has been received, it was announced, and the program should be completed within the next 60 days.

The main improvement will be the building of a larger fire-proof and burglar-proof vault in the basement directly below the

present recorder's office. A new stairway will be built from the first floor vault to the basement vault with the stairway being used for stacks.

Changes also will be made in the location of offices, it was announced. A doorway will be made between the county recorder's office and the present county superintendent of school's office, which will be converted into the county clerk's office. The county superintendent of schools will then move to the present location of the county clerk's office on the second floor.

## Workman Killed in Blast at Portland Explosion Wrecks Iron Fireman Plant

PORTLAND, Aug. 23 (UP)—One workman was killed, another is near death, 18 are hospitalized and a score of others were injured last night when a gas furnace exploded today at the Portland eastside plant of the Iron Fireman Manufacturing company.

Firemen brought a two-hour oil fire under control after the blast ripped through the factory in which 300 persons were working. It was feared for a time other workmen might be buried in the wreckage.

### Inspector Killed

Michael J. Keek, 51, inspector was killed.

June Klagas, 27, was still unconscious four hours after the blast.

Firemen reported the fire "well under control" by 9:30 a. m., after it had burned two hours.

War contracts at the plant had been largely canceled since the end of the war, and much of the activity was taking inventory.

About 300 employees were in the plant at the time of the blast. Most of them were stunned or thrown to the floor.

### Ball of Fire

The blast set fire to a solution in a heat salt bath nearby. A ball of fire was hurled across the street and through the top of a car parked there, demolishing the car.

Linemen surrounded the plant cutting live wires and turning off gas mains and electric circuits.

Among the injured are Harry W. Strahorn, Milwaukee, watchman; Clay Freeman, heat treator; Glen Cushing, an inspector, knocked unconscious; Johnny Hopkins, trucker; Bill Yeamans, machinist, blown upwards in the locker room; John Davis; fireman Robert McLain, struck in the back by a hose nozzle; and Wanda Davis, an inspector.

Chris Jensen was believed a victim for an hour after the blast but was found outside uninjured. Harvey Jacobson was only 25 feet from the furnace room door but was uninjured.

## City Purchases More City Lots

City commission last night passed an ordinance to issue a deed to Perry E. and Grace Laughton for Lot 1, Blk. 4. Predmore's addition.

Resolution was adopted to sell Lots 10 and 11, Blk. 15, Grandy's second addition, to C. A. and Jean L. Brown for the sum of \$175 on contract.

The commission also set a price on the north 65 feet and the east 95.5 feet of Lot 5, Blk. 14, Coggan's addition, at \$250.

## Baseball Results

AMERICAN LEAGUE	
	R. H. E.
Philadelphia	3 8 1
Detroit	4 10 2
Black and George; Tobin and Swift.	

## Soviets Reject Allies Protest

LONDON, Aug. 23 (UP)—Soviet press dispatches today flatly rejected the contention of the western allies Bulgaria's election law is unfair as an appeal from King Michael of Rumania posed a ticklish new problem for the big three powers.

The soviet news agency Tass in a broadcast from Moscow quoted a commentary in the government newspaper Izvestia as describing the Bulgarian election law as "the most democratic of the Bulgarian people ever had."

(A dispatch from Istanbul said American warnings regarding the election had created a political crisis in Bulgaria. It quoted reports of continuous meetings being organized by the government, which the Bulgarian people refused to attend.)

## Chinese Reds to Meet Chiang

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 23 (UP)—The Yenan Chinese communist radio in a broadcast recorded by FCC said the Chinese communists have accepted the invitation of Gen. Chiang Kai-shek for a conference at Chungking. The broadcast said Mto Yze-tung, the Chinese communist leader, had announced acceptance of the Chiang invitation.

Chou En-lai, the Chinese communist delegate who has repeatedly conferred with the central government at Chungking, was instructed to go to Chungking to confer with Chiang.

## Sugar Stamp 38 Valid Sept. 1

WASHINGTON, Aug. 23 (UP)—Sugar stamp 38 in ration book four will become valid Sept. 1, office of price administration announced today.

It will be good for five pounds of sugar until Dec. 31, 1945.

Sugar stamp 37, originally scheduled to be usable on Sept. 1, was invalidated because many housewives had used this stamp last summer, mistakenly, when they applied for extra rationing sugar.

The current sugar stamp, No. 36, becomes invalid Aug. 31.