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## ACCIDENT CAUSED BY EXPLOSION

### Mrs. Hughes Loses Use of Right Hand

(From Saturday's Daily.)

A deplorable and a sad accident was the one that happened about 9 o'clock last night, whereby Mrs. Emma Hughes had her right hand blown off or so badly injured that amputation will probably be necessary, by the explosion of a giant firecracker.

Mrs. Hughes, who is the housekeeper at the Hotel Nash, the firecracker around the hotel somewhere and took it home with her, after having supper, as is her custom, at the hotel. She thought she would amuse her children by setting it off, little thinking at the time that in place of the anticipated pleasure there would be the deepest kind of sorrow.

After reaching the house, Mrs. Hughes took the firecracker out in the yard in front of the house, and in the presence of her children and Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Coop, who live in the same house, lighted a match and touched it to the fuse. For a second or two she held the firecracker in her right hand and was warned by Mrs. Coop not to do so.

"Oh," she replied, "I know how to set them off." No sooner were the words spoken than it exploded with a deafening sound.

Hastily wrapping her torn and bleeding hand in her apron, the poor woman, crazed with pain, ran around the yard, and it was five minutes or more before Mr. Coop could reach her and get her into the house. Drs. Gesner and Hargrave were sent for and hastened to the house, where they administered chloroform and performed the necessary operation.

Mrs. Hughes is a widow and has two young children and herself to support. She is 27 years of age and has been the housekeeper at the Hotel Nash for four years. In order to take care and be with her children she lived in the same house as Mr. and Mrs. Coop, at the north end of Bartlett street, and would go home every night. She has the reputation of being a very respectable and hard-working woman and is deserving of the greatest sympathy.

Yesterday Mrs. Emma Hughes, the young widow who had her hand mangled by the explosion of a giant firecracker Friday night, was removed to the Medford hospital and is being attended to by her sister, Miss Bedford, a professional nurse. Shortly after she arrived there an operation was performed by Dr. Morrison, assisted by Mrs. Gesner and Hargrave.

The physicians are making a strong effort to save the thumb and two of the fingers, but cannot tell yet just what success they will have. It was also found that there was a hole through her hand, and altogether it is a very serious case, and it will be four months or more before Mrs. Hughes will be able to do any thing.

## GOOD ROADS CONVENTION.

PORTLAND, Or., Aug. 11.—Oregon's initial effort to place the good roads movement on an organized basis throughout the state was made in this city today. About 200 delegates from all parts of the state and representing the fourscore affiliated clubs in the Oregon Development league, a majority of them practical roadbuilders, met in conference at the convention hall of the Commercial club.

Wednesday's program will consist of a study and inspection of the actual results of high-class roadbuilding in Multnomah county.

A remarkable feature of this statewide conference is the fact that there was no formal program, no long, wearying technical essays. The undivided energies of all the delegates were concentrated on effective organization, preparation of constructive legislation, brushing aside of petty local jealousies of counties or improvement clubs.

The scheme of organization which the leaders of the movement hope to see consummated is that of vesting plenary powers in a highly centralized authority. If necessary to have a single state commissioner of good roads, until such a time as the legislature shall provide for state aid and enact a measure under which one or more commissioners may act with authority legally vested in them.

## MARSHAL TO HANG.

CULLMAN, Ala., Aug. 12.—John Holland was today found guilty of the murder of H. D. Putnam at Hanceville, Ala., on July 2, and was sentenced to be hanged September 18. The case has attracted wide attention, because of the prominence of those involved. Holland was town marshal of Hanceville, and after telling friends that he was going to Putnam's house to arrest him, shot him, death being almost instantaneous.

## SPERRY'S WELCOME WARM.

Prime Minister Ward Officially Welcomes American Admiral.

AUCKLAND, N. Z., Aug. 10.—(Monday).—Cloudy weather greeted the landing today of Admiral Sperry, commander-in-chief of the United States Atlantic fleet, and his officers to receive official welcome to Australian waters at the hands of the prime minister, Sir Joseph George Ward, on behalf of the government.

The landing was made at the newly erected quay at the foot of Queen street, the city's principal thoroughfare, at the shore end of which an elaborately decorated stand had been erected for the reception. Grouped about the prime minister were the members of the cabinet and representatives of the various towns, borough and country districts of the dominion.

Immense crowds thronged the streets and the verandas and roofs of houses adjacent were moving masses of humanity.

It was a great reception, and unbounded enthusiasm prevailed. In his address, Sir Joseph eulogized President Roosevelt as representing the best traditions of the common blood of civilization. He then presented to Admiral Sperry for President Roosevelt a decorated gold and silver album, suitably inscribed, as a souvenir of the visit of the fleet to New Zealand.

The American commander-in-chief, replying to the prime minister, said that no greeting would appeal more strongly to President Roosevelt than that coming from a people small in numbers, but great in achievements. He described Auckland harbor as magnificent and safe, excelling any harbor in the Pacific, except that of Sydney and perhaps Manila. Every facility the naval commander desired was to be had there.

In his address of welcome on behalf of the citizens of New Zealand, Lord Klunckett, the governor said that King Edward and President Roosevelt were honored, not because of their positions, but for the noble work they had done and were doing for their countries and for humanity.

## CITY ENGINEER BUSY.

All street work and other city improvements are being pushed along as fast as it is possible to do so. Engineer Osgood is as busy as a whole covey of bird dogs. He is in about 17 different places at one time, setting grade stakes and establishing grades.

The Jacobson-Bade company is at work on the sewer in district six. The Seventh-street curbing is about completed, and this little job itself keeps Mr. Osgood busy dodging epithets not altogether complimentary, which are hurled at him by those property-owners whose sidewalks do not conform to curb levels.

Then there are the crushed rock burkers to be built. These the Southern Pacific officials, when here a few days ago, gave permission to have built between the Medford-Jacksonville railroad track and the Iowa Lumber & Box company's retail sheds, near Sixth street. These burkers will be put in at a height sufficient to permit a carload of rock to be pushed up and dumped into them, and also permit the rock to again be dumped into wagons to be hauled to the to-be-paved streets.

Now, don't laugh or crack any jokes right here, because Mr. Osgood has said that this incline will be of sufficient length to permit the Medford-Jacksonville short line engine to push a car up it without taking a run and a jump.

Mr. Chitman, who is the cement street man here, has said that within fifteen days from the time the paving work proper is started it will be completed. Pedestrians and horses traveling Seventh street have all gotten pretty well in the habit of jumping chasms and a little further inconvenience will not be noticeable.

## DEATH OF MRS. WILKINSON.

Mrs. Flora Wilkinson, wife of Edward Wilkinson, died Friday at midnight on a Southern Pacific train as it was passing Cottage Grove. She was being brought to her home in this city from Newport at the time. Her husband, her son and her sister, Mrs. McClellan, were with her on the train.

When the train reached Roseburg the body was taken to the home of Mrs. McClellan there and later on brought to this city. Mrs. Wilkinson was 45 years, nine months and 20 days old. The body will be taken to the depot Monday and then by train to Jacksonville, where the burial will take place. The services will be held in the Catholic church there at 10:30 a. m. and will be conducted by Rev. Father Van Clarenbee.

Mrs. Wilkinson has been ill for about six months, and was taken to Newport in the hopes the change would do her good. She did not improve, however, and it was decided to bring her home. She was born in Jacksonville and formerly lived there. She was a member of the Catholic church and was beloved by all who knew her.

## MR. BERT WHITMAN VISITS HOME

### He Has a Large Factory in New York City

(From Tuesday's Daily.)

Bert Whitman returned yesterday from his trip to Klamath county, whither he went to visit his father, J. D. Whitman.

Bert used to live in Medford—lived here a number of years—when it was worth a good bunch of money to the town to have a man such as he one of its citizens. He was always a booster, and he put up his money with every boost. Sometimes he failed to reach the goal which his best judgment told him was in sight, but he used his energy and spent his dollars like they were leaves of the forest. He could be banked on as one of the leaders in every enterprise which was good for Medford, and much of Medford's present prosperity is directly traced to his efforts years ago. However, he is now a much bigger booster in a much bigger settlement.

At the present time Mr. Whitman is president of the Camera Phone company of New York City. A few years ago Bert got a "hunch" that there was no kind of sense in operating a phonograph and a moving picture machine by separate mechanism. This thing troubled him for a few weeks, and then another "hunch" came his way and he commenced work on a machine which would combine the two, but he fell short of perfection in his machines no less than a dozen times, but he clung to the idea with tenacity peculiar to his composite, and after trials, troubles and failures success crowned his efforts and his company today is the largest musical manufacturing concern in the country. He has perfected his machine and there are now a great many of them on the market, and more being manufactured as rapidly as their immense plant can turn them out. Mr. Whitman has with him photographs of his plant, which are very interesting, particularly to those who know him and are pleased because of his success.

In speaking of the strides Medford is now making, Mr. Whitman declared that we had but just commenced to push forward. In conversation with a representative of The Morning Mail, Mr. Whitman said:

"Medford will be a town three times its present size in as many years. It can't help but be. With all these orchards coming into bearing there is sure to be a city of considerable size somewhere in the valley, and as Medford is the center no conditions, no matter how adverse, can prevent the shaping of your small city into a big one—so long as the red and yellow apple and the commercial pear continue to grow on trees. My, but it does me good to see the town and county of my youth thrive."

## TAFT IS WELL SATISFIED.

HOT SPRINGS, Va., Aug. 12.—"Everything is as harmonious as possible and no one laid across my knee and spanked." This was Taft's genial remark tonight, concluding a detailed account of his all-day conference with Hitchcock, the Republican national chairman, and Arthur I. Vachry, his chief of staff.

Hitchcock announced today that he could make no speeches outside of the city of Cincinnati during the campaign.

On his way from Hot Springs to Cincinnati the last of this month Taft will make a side trip in Ohio. The arrangements are completed, but the plans are withheld for the present. No political speeches will be made on this trip. It is also announced that Taft will continue the policy of not mixing in local contentions in any state or taking part in behalf of any candidate for state offices.

The announcement is intended as an answer to the demand that Taft decide the merits of the contestants in the West Virginia split, and also that he express a preference for or against Hughes in the New York state gubernatorial situation.

## MILLE FAILLIERES MARRIED.

PARIS, Aug. 12.—As a consequence of the separation of church and state in France, and incidentally because of the mourning of the bridegroom, the marriage of Madeline Anne Marie Faillieres, daughter of the president of the French republic, to Jean Jos Edw. Lanes, the president's secretary, was not attended with the special brilliancy which one might expect would embellish the nuptials of the daughter of the president of France.

Nevertheless, the function was a memorable social event for all France, irrespective of rank or station in life, and showed a warm, genuine interest, evidencing the sincere affection with which Faillieres is held by the people.

## ACCUSED SURGEON RETURNS.

Dr. J. S. Courtney Brought Back From the East.

PORTLAND, Or., Aug. 12.—Haggard and wan from worry over the serious charge hanging over him and fatigued and unkept as the result of the long overland journey, Dr. J. S. Courtney, wanted in this city on a charge of manslaughter in having caused the death of 15-year-old Stella Bennett, reached Portland at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon from Indianapolis in custody of Detective Cliff Hellyer.

The accused doctor was met at the station by his wife, Ida M. Courtney; his brother-in-law, E. E. Montague, and Attorney John Henry Stevenson. The party at once proceeded to police headquarters, and after Courtney had been formally booked on the prison register, steps were at once taken to have the defendant admitted to bail.

## BIG CONCERN GOES UNDER.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Aug. 8.—The Pillsbury Flouring Mills company, one of the largest flouring mills in America, went into the hands of receivers today on the petition of several banks located in St. Paul and Minneapolis and John S. Pillsbury.

The company is an English corporation, and, although active, the management always has been in the hands of Americans. In a statement accompanying the announcement of the receivership it is stated that the receivership is incidental to reorganization of the company. Pillsbury is a minority stockholder, the great Pillsbury estate having disposed of practically all of their holdings in the property.

Among the causes assigned in the petition to the Federal court for the appointment of a receiver is the statement that the concern has been mismanaged. The receivers appointed are:

A. C. Loring, head of the Northwestern Warehouse & Milling company, a very prominent millman; G. S. Pillsbury, who, it is stated, has no interest in the corporation, and A. C. Cobb, a prominent Minnesota lawyer.

The mills will continue in operation under the management of the receivers.

CHICAGO, Aug. 12.—The capitalization of the Pillsbury-Washburn company, for which a receiver was appointed, is 5,000,000, divided equally between the preferred and the common stock. It has also outstanding \$4,150,000 in bonds. The last statement of the company issued three months ago shows net earnings of \$642,000. Against this were bond interest charges of \$250,000, a dividend on preferred stock of \$177,000, and other charges of \$200,000, leaving a balance of only \$15,000.

The company was founded by C. A. Pillsbury, who was later joined by former Senator Washburn. The stock is now owned by English capitalists, but the mills, which have a capacity of 30,000 barrels a day, are operated by Americans.

## KILLS WIFE WITH PITCHFORK.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 11.—Peter Pallasos, a dairyman 70 years old, is charged with having brutally beaten his wife, Paula, 65 years of age, over the head with a pitchfork in the stable at their home yesterday, causing her death a few hours later.

Lying in the barn with the blood streaming from the wounds in her head where the prongs of the pitchfork had laid open her brain, and with her two horrified children, August and Emily, aged 15 and 16, respectively, trying to get near to the woman, indifferently mounted his wagon and drove off on his milk route. He was arrested shortly before 12 o'clock and formally charged with murder. The children say he refused to let them remove their mother for nearly two hours.

Marie, aged 20, the oldest daughter in the family, came home this morning for the first time in two years, having, it is alleged, been driven away by her father. It is said that the two quarreled over the old man's alleged gambling.

## ALLEGED DIVORCE PLOT.

NEW YORK, Aug. 12.—The grand jury took up the investigation into the alleged conspiracy to manufacture divorce evidence against Frank Jay Gould. Several of the principal witnesses gave testimony before the grand jury, but the result of that body's deliberations will not be announced until later.

The first witness called was Miss Mabel Macaustan, the milliner's apprentice, whose story resulted in the arrest of Mrs. Ben Teal, wife of a prominent theatrical manager; Harry S. Mousley, a private detective, and Miss Julia Fleming, former friend of Mrs. Teal, all of whom are charged with subordination of perjury.

## THE MAIL FOR NEWS

## MR. W. J. BRYAN IS NOTIFIED

### It Took Place Before a Large Crowd

(From Saturday's Daily.)

LINCOLN, Neb., Aug. 12.—Under the burning rays of almost a tropical sun, a vast assemblage cheered him to the echo, Bryan received from Henry D. Clayton of Alabama a formal notification of his nomination for the presidency of the United States. Thrice honored by the Democratic party as its standard-bearer, Bryan plainly exhibited the pleasure it gave him once again to proclaim the principles for which he stood. His nomination the third can only be explained, he said, by the substantial and undisputed growth of the principles and policies for which he, with a multitude of others, had contended.

The ovation accorded Bryan as he rode through the streets of Lincoln on the way to the state capitol, where the exercises were held, was non-partisan in character. Almost the entire Republican administration was represented, Governor Sheldon and many other officers lending their presence in both the parade and on the platform.

Bryan arrived at the hotel from Fairview shortly after noon and he and John W. Kern, the vice-presidential candidate, were the guests of honor at a luncheon to the committee on notification.

The state house grounds was a mass of humanity and Bryan's appearance on the platform called forth vociferous cheers and handclapping. Not a single incident occurred to mar the proceedings. Before the notification and acceptance speeches were delivered, Norman E. Mack, chairman of the Democratic national committee, who acted as the presiding officer, called upon Kern to make a speech. He responded with a few felicitous remarks, in which he gave unstinted praise for the non-partisan character of the exercises. The speech of Bryan concluded the ceremonies and he and Kern retired to the capitol building, where there was held a public reception.

Tonight Mr. and Mrs. Bryan entertained the members of the notification committee at dinner at their home, Fairview.

LINCOLN, Neb., Aug. 12.—This afternoon the notification committee, headed by Mr. Clayton, officially notified William Jennings Bryan of his nomination on the Democratic ticket for president of the United States. Mr. Clayton said in part:

"Mr. Bryan, the national Democratic convention that assembled at Denver on July 7 was truly a representative body of the people of the United States, Harmony characterized its deliberations and all of its conclusions were reached with unanimity. It stood for the conservatism of government under a written constitution and for the application of Democratic principles in public affairs to meet the requirements of progressive American civilization.

"It would be inappropriate for me to detain this splendid audience that has met here today to listen to your patriotic and eloquent words. Therefore, I now hand you an authenticated copy of the platform adopted by the Democratic convention at Denver and request the secretary to read the formal letter of notification."

In reply, Mr. Bryan said in part:

"Mr. Clayton and Gentlemen of the Notification Committee: I cannot accept the nomination which you officially tender without first acknowledging my deep indebtedness to the Democratic party for the extraordinary honor which it has conferred upon me. Having twice before been a candidate for the presidency in campaigns which ended in defeat, a third nomination, the result of the free and voluntary act of the voters of the party, can only be explained by a substantial and undisputed growth in the principles and policies for which I, with a multitude of others, have contended. As these principles and policies have given me whatever political strength I possess, the action of the convention not only renews my faith in them, but strengthens my attachment to them.

"I shall, in the near future, prepare a more formal reply to your notification, and, in that letter of acceptance, will deal with the platform in detail. It is sufficient at this time to assure you that I am in hearty accord with both the letter and the spirit of the platform. I endorse it in whole and in part, and shall, if elected, regard its declarations as binding upon me. And, I may add, a platform is binding as to what it omits as well as to what it contains. According to the Democratic idea, the people think for themselves and select officials to carry out their wishes. The voters are the sovereigns; the officials are the servants, employed for a fixed time and at a stated salary to do what the sovereigns want done, and to do it in the way the sovereigns want it done. Platforms are entirely in harmony with this Democratic idea. A platform announces the party's position on the questions which are at issue; and an official is not at liberty to use the authority vested in him to urge personal views which have not been submitted to the voters for their approval. If one is nominated upon a platform which is not satisfactory to him, he must, if candid, either decline the nomination or, in accepting it, propose an amended platform in lieu of the one adopted by the convention. No such situation, however, confronts your candidate, for the platform upon which I was nominated not only contains nothing from which I dissent, but it specifically outlines all the remedial legislation which we can hope to secure during the next four years."

## TROOPS LEFT FOR HOME.

They Made a Splendid Showing While At Camp.

MURRAY, Wash., Aug. 12.—This was the last night the Oregon troops will spend at American Lake, and this morning camp was struck and both the Third and Fourth Infantry Regiments left for home stations.

In view of the heavy campaigning of the past 48 hours it is regarded as remarkable indeed that the Oregon Guardsmen are in perfect physical condition. With forced marches over dusty roads, sleeping only a few hours and that in the open with the temperature not many degrees from freezing point, and manuevering under fire at double time, it was only to be expected that there would be many cases of exhaustion among the unseasoned troops.

## HARRIMAN HAS ORDERED RAILS

PITTSBURG, Pa., Aug. 11.—President W. E. Corey of the United States Steel corporation last night gave out the following statement:

"The Cananea, Yaqui River & Pacific railroad, which is the Harriman Mexican line, has placed an order for 28,000 tons of standard Bessemer steel rails. They are for practically immediate delivery as the rails will be rolled and shipped in August and September. Delivery is to be made at Guyamas, Mex."

This order following closely on the heels of an order for 14,000 tons for the Baltimore & Ohio, 10,000 tons for the Chesapeake & Ohio and 7000 tons for the Boston & Maine, is taken to mean that the long deadlock between the railroads and steel-making companies is at an end and more orders are to follow.

Steel men look upon the placing of this business as most encouraging and expect the hand-to-mouth policy so long pursued is now at an end. This means work for the mills and more of it than was expected before the opening of business for next year.

One of the most significant features of the contract announced by President Corey is that E. H. Harriman is buying Bessemer rails. Last year his orders for rails, amounting to something like 150,000 tons, was placed with open-hearth mills. They believe the 28,000 tons for Mexico is only the entering wedge, and other orders will be placed in the near future.

That the Steel corporation is preparing for more business is proved by the number of blast furnaces placed in operation recently, while it is stated that others are ready for heavy production as soon as the product is needed. Supplies are so low that if the buying movement has really commenced the furnace capacity must be materially increased.

It is now 7,000, but 8000 steel cars for which the Harriman railroads in the West are making inquiries. These requests for prices have reached Pittsburg, it was positively stated yesterday, and have also gone to all of the larger car-building companies of the country.

## H. K. THAW IS BANKRUPT.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Aug. 12.—Harry K. Thaw was today declared a bankrupt. Every move of the proceedings showed a determination of Thaw and his counsel to take his case out of the New York courts and to force a hearing on the question of his mental condition in the courts of Pittsburg.

The attorneys say that any creditor has the right to appeal to the United States courts here and have Referee Blair's order of adjudication set aside on the ground that Thaw was insane, and the question of his sanity can also be raised at the meeting of the creditors, any one of whom can demand Thaw's appearance at the meeting and force the examination of his sanity by objecting to his being allowed to testify on the ground that he is insane and therefore not a competent witness.

This also would require a ruling from the United States district court. Thaw's sanity may be taken into a local county, and if adjudged sane he need not go back to New York, where the only ground holding is that he is an insane person.

Signs want done, and to do it in the way the sovereigns want it done. Platforms are entirely in harmony with this Democratic idea. A platform announces the party's position on the questions which are at issue; and an official is not at liberty to use the authority vested in him to urge personal views which have not been submitted to the voters for their approval. If one is nominated upon a platform which is not satisfactory to him, he must, if candid, either decline the nomination or, in accepting it, propose an amended platform in lieu of the one adopted by the convention. No such situation, however, confronts your candidate, for the platform upon which I was nominated not only contains nothing from which I dissent, but it specifically outlines all the remedial legislation which we can hope to secure during the next four years."

## FOREST FIRES IN SEVERAL STATES

### Mush Valuable Timber Has Been Burned

(From Saturday's Daily.)

SONORA, Cal., Aug. 10.—The forest fire which has been raging near here has reached the Southern Grove near the Calaveras big trees. All efforts to check it have been unavailing so far. Advice from the scene are that the big trees are in no immediate danger. The area burned is a section about 30 miles square, but the property loss is small.

The trees are on swampy ground, which makes the fighting rather difficult. It may be set down that unless unforeseen circumstances arise they will be saved.

BAKERSFIELD, Cal., Aug. 10.—The most destructive grass fire is burning over the Kern County Land company's ranch and threatens to devastate many thousand acres before it is stopped. Already it has burned over from 20 to 40 sections of feed land. Tonight long streaks of fire are visible 40 miles away.

PRINEVILLE, Or., Aug. 10.—Today's report from the burning district in central Oregon indicates that not less than 6,000 acres west of Spring river have been totally denuded of timber, and the fire is still burning fiercely.

The timber is owned mostly by the Deschutes Lumber company, which is the heaviest loser, and is within the limit of the Freeman national reserve.

The rangers are totally unable to handle the fire or get sufficient help and they estimate the timber will burn for months unless a heavy rain falls.

A rain is the only thing that will save an enormous amount of silver pine from destruction.

SPOKANE, Wash., Aug. 11.—A Sand Point (Idaho) special to the Spokesman-Review says: The wind is blowing a gale and the adjacent town of Kootenai is wiped out. It seems no power can save Sand Point. At 6 o'clock this evening a forest fire north of Kootenai was blown into the town and a piece of 300 inhabitants was "rained" to the ground. The Humbird Lumber company has a \$200,000 plant at Kootenai which was burned to the ground. It was only partly insured.

At the present time the fire is only 2000 feet from the Pan Handle smelter, which seems to be doomed.

The homeless people of the little hamlet of Kootenai have been brought here and are being cared for. Over 500 volunteers are fighting the approach of the flames. Sand Point has a population of about 10,000. An appeal has been sent to the Spokane fire department for aid.

SPOKANE, Wash., Aug. 11.—It is impossible at midnight to learn the extent of damage by fire at Sand Point. Telegraph wires are down and the connection lost with the regular telephone line, but the operator of the Independent office at Sand Point says the town is in no immediate danger. The reports are conflicting about the smelter at Ponderosa. One report declares that it is burned and another that the smelter is still safe. A special train left Spokane at 11 o'clock with a steamer and a hose cart.

Sand Point is 70 miles distant and it is expected that the run will be made in an hour and a half.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Aug. 11.—The destructive forest fires in the Elk River valley have now burned past the region of the towns that were in danger. Fernie is destroyed but Michael, Hosmer and Crambrook are now out of the danger zone. The flames are still devastating the timber region of the valley beyond the settlements. These bush fires may last a month or until the rain falls. The total loss of life in the burned area is now placed at 38, and the property damage is estimated at between \$5,000,000 and \$6,000,000. The burned district is about 40 miles in length and from one to three miles in width.

The women and children, who were taken from Fernie and placed among the adjacent towns of Frank, Blairmore and Nelson, are still in those places of refuge, but the men are back at Fernie and have begun rebuilding the town.

Tents and supplies of food and clothing have been received at Fernie from many places, and the people are working strenuously. Nurses and physicians are having a busy time looking after the injured and taking precautions to prevent pestilence.

There are now two cases of small-pox in Fernie.

—Don't forget the Medford Pharmacy, next to the postoffice.