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FIRE LEAVES 600 HOMELESS

Worst Fire Maine Has Experienced in Years Wipes Out Section of Saco

SACO, Me., Sept. 15.—The worst fire in Maine since the million dollar conflagration at Portland, early today wiped out a large section of this city and caused damage estimated at \$500,000, rendering more than 600 people homeless.

FOREST FIRES CONTINUE ON PATH OF DESTRUCTION

CALUMET, Mich., Sept. 15.—Forest fires are again raging near here today and a dancing pavilion and several small buildings were destroyed by flames between here and Lake Superior, a distance of three miles.

DULUTH, Minn., Sept. 15.—A steamer from the North Shore today reports that the fire conditions are much improved. At Grand Marais all is quiet today and none of the inhabitants will leave the town, which is practically out of danger from fire.

NO WORD RECEIVED OF THE MISSING LAUNCH

BELLINGHAM, Wash., Sept. 15.—Although the sheriff is in constant communication by long distance telephone within a long radius of Bellingham on the upper sound, no word has been received from James Staples and his missing launch. Staples, with Fred O'Neal and another companion, whose name has not been learned, have been gone since Friday evening, and it is now regarded that the craft has met with a mishap and that its crew is either drowned or marooned.

Staples is a recent arrival from Montana. He purchased his launch Friday and that evening left with his two companions on a trial trip. The craft is declared to have been extremely flimsy, and it is said that not one of the three men was an expert navigator.

ROOSEVELT WANTS TO RIDE IN AEROPLANE

WASHINGTON, Sept. 15.—Much interest is shown today in a report that President Roosevelt has asked to make a flight with Orville Wright in his aeroplane at the trial at Fort Meyer next week.

Wright declines to state whether the president has asked permission to make the trip, but intimates that he will be accommodated if he desires to be a passenger in the machine. He has, however, that it would not be best for Roosevelt to make the flight, as he weighs over 200 pounds, much in excess of the weight of other passengers carried in the Wright aeroplane.

PROBABLY MAKING TRIP AT REQUEST OF JAMES J. HILL

Followed Course Taken by John D. Porter a Few Weeks Ago—Highly Pleased With Resources Found—Praises Crater Lake—Connection With Hill.

Is James J. Hill at work in looking for the necessary finances with which to build a line into central Oregon. The arrival in Medford yesterday of John B. Colgate, a banker of New York city, after following the route recently traversed by John D. Porter, Hill's railroad builder, would indicate as much. Mr. Colgate admits that he crossed the country in order to determine the resources of that section with a view of placing loans there at some future time, but he disavows any connection with Mr. Hill.

Porter's Trip. It was only a few weeks ago that John D. Porter, a member of Porter Bros. contracting company of Spokane, Wash., who has built many miles of road for James J. Hill, made a trip from The Dalles to Medford, thence to Portland by rail. This same route was followed by Mr. Colgate.

When Mr. Porter arrived in Medford he said that he had no connection with Mr. Hill, but was simply on a pleasure trip. This "pleasure trip" was shown later to have been made in the interest of Mr. Hill, and there is but little doubt at the present time that Hill contemplates rushing a line into central Oregon at an early date. In fact, Porter Bros. have surveyors in the field at the present time.

Mr. Colgate's Story. "The trip was not made for pleasure only, I'll admit," said Mr. Colgate. "There was a business side to the deal and it was simply a matter of looking over the resources of the country with a view of placing a few loans. My house keeps close watch on contemplated railroad lines, and for that reason I made this trip."

"I am not connected with Mr. Hill in any way. I am here in my own interest entirely. Of course, if Mr. Hill decides to build such a line, it is possible that we will furnish some of the money for its construction. This, however, must not be construed to mean that I am here at his request."

The Resources. "The resources of central Oregon are wonderful," continued Mr. Colgate. "I am very much surprised that a road has not been built into that section before. It is bound to pay, for the country it will open is a rich one, rich in soil and in timber. Only what it will become will be known when the road is put through that section. It is rich beyond belief in possibilities."

Mr. Colgate arrived in Medford Monday afternoon in time to board train No. 16 for the north. His chauffeur took the car north, expecting to reach Portland this afternoon.

Stopped at Crater Lake. Mr. Colgate spent a day by the way-side when Crater Lake was reached. He stated Monday that his visit would have remained for his trouble had everything failed with the exception of seeing the marvelous beauty of the lake. "It is a wonderful sight, and when made a little more accessible, it will prove a worthy rival of Yosemite. It is grand."

METHODISTS OF PUGET SOUND GATHER AT TACOMA

TACOMA, Wash., Sept. 15.—The advance of a delegation of 175 pastors and laymen representing the Methodists of the Puget sound conference was in attendance when the 25th annual conference of the Puget sound district was called to order at the Puget Sound university today. Bishop Edwin Hughes was welcomed by J. H. Campion, for 12 years superintendent of the Sunday school at Epworth church, after which examinations in conference courses of study were taken up.

There will be a reception to Bishop Hughes at Epworth church tonight and the formal opening of the conference will take place. The session will be open to the public.

FIRST INDICTMENT FAULTY; JURY RETURNS SECOND ONE

The first indictment returned by the grand jury in the H. M. Cross case was returned Monday to the grand jury for amendment, as it contained one or two minor faults. The grand jury immediately returned a second indictment charging the same crime. Tuesday afternoon was set by the court for the entering of a plea or a demurrer, and it is expected that a plea of "not guilty" will be entered. The case will then set for trial in the near future.

REPUBLICANS RATIFY TICKET

Members of Party Gather From Six New England States For Meeting

BOSTON, Mass., Sept. 15.—Thousands of republicans from the six New England states gathered at Point of Pines today to attend the ratification of the national ticket.

Governors Woodruff of Connecticut, Procter of Vermont and McLane of New Hampshire were presented and delivered addresses. The celebration was elaborately planned and was marked by parades and entertainments of various kinds. Pictures of Taft and Sherman and the usual campaign decorations were in full evidence everywhere.

Borah Speaks. Senator Borah of Idaho, the principal speaker, said in part: "Bryan, in his speech of acceptance, said that the democratic platform was binding by what it did say as well as by what it did not say. Viewed in the light of his past declarations and his evident motive and recklessness in making statements that ever fell from the lips of a candidate for the presidency, it either convicts Bryan of astounding insincerity or it is a confession of such a want of the great, underlying, controlling principles of business and statecraft, that we shudder to contemplate the future with this unstable pilot at the helm."

Borah referred to Bryan's attitude on the railroad question and cited several alleged discrepancies. He scolded the Commoner for his "changing policies" and paid a high tribute to Taft, whose election he predicted.

WRITES DESCRIPTION OF HIS OWN MURDERER

GALVESTON, Tex., Sept. 15.—After dreaming the exact circumstance of his own murder and writing the story in detail four days before the crime was committed, John Buehner, a wealthy farmer, is dead today, the victim of a negro whose appearance tallies with the assassin of the vision.

Buehner dreamed that he was shot in the back by a man with a large scar across the back of his neck and whose forefinger was cut off at the first joint. Another man was with the assassin. He was so impressed with the dream that he wrote it out in detail, mailed it to his cousin, James Barry. Four days later Buehner became involved in a quarrel with Raymond Newton, one of his negro cotton pickers.

As the planted mounted his horse the negro shot him in the back. Newton's brother, who witnessed the murder, was captured and lynched, but the assassin was spirited away by officers and is held in the county jail here. He has a scar on his neck and has lost the first joint of his forefinger.

GIRL OF 20 SUES MAN OF 88; BREACH OF PROMISE

NEW YORK, Sept. 15.—Although she is 20 and he is 88, Miss Nellie B. Liediker has brought suit against John Washington Prose, organizer and president of the International Malt Machine company, which operates a malt machine that he invented. She sues the aged man for \$50,000 damages for breach of promise to marry her.

The suit is accompanied by 200 love letters from the old inventor to his young lady love. All of them are filled with endearing terms and express his desire to marry her and settle down in California. He says in one of them that he expects to live for 200 years.

In one letter he says: "We have a little ranch 15 or 20 miles from Oakland and drive out there each evening. We have a nice family on the ranch and have some game, fresh chickens, eggs and other things that are fresh."

ADMISSION DAY MAY BECOME A HOLIDAY

RENO, Nev., Sept. 15.—The 2-3rd Century club of Reno, a women's club, has issued a call to all the women's clubs in the state to meet in this city on October 29 to celebrate Admission day and make arrangements to form a federation of women's clubs.

When the club women meet they will also frame a bill which they will have presented to the Nevada legislature in January, which will provide that October 30, the natal day of Nevada, be declared a legal holiday.

GERMANY ACCUSED OF TREACHERY

Powers Are Openly Charging That Fraud Was Used in Connection with Morocco-Countries Alarmed

LONDON, Sept. 15.—Openly accusing Germany of treachery toward the other powers in its dealing with Morocco, the English, French, Spanish and Russian foreign offices are exchanging hurried notes today in an effort to agree on some mutually agreeable line of action to prevent the Kaiser from gaining complete control over the new government under Mulai Hafid. All the powers believe that Germany is planning to break the Algeiras treaty.

That Germany intends, without violating the actual text of the agreement, to pay no further attention to its spirit, is considered certain by all the other signatory governments.

Powers Cry Treachery. All the European powers outside Germany and Austria raised the cry of treachery as soon as it was learned that Wilhelm had smuggled his comaral agent, Dr. Vassel, from Tangier to Fez to convey assurances opposing Germany's friendship to the sultan, while at the same time Germany was pretending to a quiescence in the verdict of the powers that Mulai should not be recognized until he had ratified the Algeiras treaty.

Then came the official announcement from Berlin that "the imperial government believes itself bound to point out that the speedy recognition of Mulai Hafid would be in the interests of the pacification of Morocco."

When the powers received the news they became alarmed, and were evidently convinced of the correctness of the newspaper view.

Almost simultaneously came Wilhelm's reply to England's unofficial proposals for a limit to negotiations that "no other nation was interested and no other nation's interest would be hurt."

Russia is interested because on bad terms with Germany over recent Turkish developments. Austria is expected to side with Germany and Italy is expected to keep out of the controversy.

LUMBERMEN VIEWING CRATER LAKE FOREST

W. B. Mesereau, president of the Axe Logging company of Portland and owner of thousands of acres of timber land in the Crater Lake timber belt, is in Medford with some of his business associates preparing for a trip of inspection of his timber holdings and a visit to Crater lake. In the party are E. G. Dunsberg and W. A. Dunsberg of Portland, N. Y. Bert Skinner of Oakland and R. W. Mesereau of Portland.

The lumbermen are interested with the Wheeler in the Butte creek country and also own large tracts in Modoc, Humboldt and other California counties, which they will visit before returning. J. D. Porter is the syndicate's local representative.

"We are still buying Crater lake timber lands," said Mr. Mesereau, "and are in the market for more. Our hold on our manufacturing purposes and not speculative. We hope to start manufacturing at an early date, when ever conditions justify it. We hope to see the P. & E. railroad extended soon to the timber belt."

WILLIAM GLENN RELEASED BY COURT ON PETITION

YREKA, Cal., Sept. 14.—William Glenn, who was in court yesterday for sentence on a charge of embezzlement, to which he had previously pleaded guilty, was sentenced to two years in San Quentin, and his bondsmen were released. However, the matter went over for a week, to give the probation committee time to inquire further into the facts of the case. Glenn is in the custody of the sheriff, but it is understood that a bond will be furnished for his return which will again free him until such time as the committee has made its final report and the matter is determined by the court.

OPPOSITION TO HUGHES IS MERELY TO SHOW STRENGTH

GOMPERS GETS ENDORSEMENT

State Labor Party Commends Labor President For Pointing Out Course

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Sept. 15.—A resolution endorsing "the course, policy and action of President Samuel Gompers and the executive council of the American Federation of Labor in pointing out to the wage earners of our country the proper course for them to pursue at the coming general election" was adopted at the state labor party convention last night as a compromise measure between the resolution endorsing Bryan and omitting all mention of the Commoner from the platform.

The platform as adopted calls for the initiative and referendum, free text books, stricter banking laws, postal savings banks, a direct primary and the equal suffrage.

The convention decided to leave the field in the Fourth congressional district open.

VERY BAD CONDITION

WASHINGTON, Sept. 15.—Declaring that the condition of the Cosmopolitan bank of Pittsburgh was worse than that at first reported, Deputy Controller Kane today denied that John H. Cunningham, national bank examiner, was in toxicated when he ordered the institution to close its doors.

"We can find no basis for the charge," said Kane. "We did not make an investigation; we made an inquiry, and can find nothing to back up the assertion made in Pittsburgh and published broadcast."

The deputy controller's assertion was made in the presence of the examiner, a clear, yed, clear-cut man, whose appearance carries no suggestion of devotion to alcoholic liquor drinking.

"I was not drunk," said Cunningham. "Judge Oldham was with me when the bank was closed. It was closed upon his advice."

STANFORD STUDENTS WIN FIGHT FOR RECOGNITION

STANFORD UNIVERSITY, Cal., Sept. 15.—The end of the faculty-student fight that has disrupted Stanford university for the past four years is in sight and the students have won the battle for recognition, although the faculty has disavowed any intention to give in to the student body today.

The academic council yesterday afternoon voted to give a degree to Harold Fitch, the former editor of the student paper, who last year was refused permission to graduate because he had criticized the action of the faculty in the liquor riots.

Today the committee of students is to be present in university conference. There are 22 members of this committee, and President Jordan will consult with them in cases involving university discipline. Jordan denies that the new conference is organized for any other purpose than to enable him to meet university men, but the students are jubilant and declare that they have won what they have been fighting for so long—recognition in matters affecting themselves.

The indictment returned by the grand jury against Hostetter, the Jacksonville painter, for an assault with a dangerous weapon, was quashed by Judge Hanna on motion of A. E. Reames, the defendant's attorney.

CLEVER POLITICAL MOVE WAS PLANNED BY STATE CHAIRMAN

Woodruff Feared Displacement If He Did Not Make a Show of Strength—Promised Nomination of Hughes in Advance to Prendergast.

SARATOGA, N. Y., Sept. 15.—That the opposition to the renomination of Governor Hughes is being conducted in the state convention here merely for the purpose of permitting some of the leaders to "make a show of strength" is shown by the statement of William A. Prendergast, register of Kings county, who said today that State Chairman Woodruff promised him in advance that Hughes would be nominated.

In an interview Prendergast today said: "Woodruff promised me on his honor before the conference last night that Hughes would be renominated. The Hughes men in the Kings county delegation then remained quiet solely for the purpose of allowing Woodruff to make his show of strength and control his own delegation, apparently swinging it against Hughes. As a matter of fact we knew all the time that Hughes would be renominated, and I am absolutely certain that it will be Hughes on the first ballot."

"Prior to the meeting last night I told Woodruff that I was going to tear things up with a hot Hughes speech. He asked me not to do it, assuring me that Hughes was going to be nominated anyway, and that there was no use. I asked him to make that promise to me on his word of honor, and he did. He will keep the promise, and as far as the results are concerned it is all over but the shouting. Hughes will be at the head of the ticket."

Statement Confirmed.

Michael J. Daly and a number of other Kings county leaders confirmed the statement of Prendergast and said that Woodruff had made the same promise to them.

Timothy L. Woodruff, as state chairman, has never supported Hughes, and it is believed that he realized he would be displaced unless he made a show of power. It is probable, anyway, that a new chairman will be chosen if Hughes is nominated, as Hughes is not in sympathy with Woodruff and they have worked at cross purposes for the last two years.

Alles' Hope Shattered.

The last hope of the anti-Hughes allies was shattered today, when a cable message was received from Dr. David Jayne Hill, the American ambassador to Germany, declining to permit the use of his name as a candidate for the nomination for governor.

It is expected that the votes of the allies will be scattered, which will ensure the nomination of Hughes on the first ballot.

The routing of the allies is a heavy blow for the racing interests, which have been fighting hard to prevent the renomination of the governor. The foes of the direct primary law also fear that his nomination will be a death blow to them. There is no doubt that Hughes, if elected, will demand the passage of a direct primary law.

BEAR CHEWS BOY'S ARM TO A PULP

VANCOUVER, B. C., Sept. 15.—With his right arm estewed to a pulp in a struggle with a big black bear and his body bruised and torn, Jimmie Lynes, son of a railroad conductor, is today being treated in what is thought to be his death bed. James A. MacDonald, millinaire, who rescued the lad from the animal, is also badly bruised. MacDonald was standing on the veranda of the Mount Stephen hotel in the mountains when he saw the bear, which is kept on the grounds, seize young Lynes and drag him into his hole. Before he dragged the lad and animal out at the end of a chain the boy was unconscious and his arm had almost been chewed off. Then followed a struggle between MacDonald and the bear. The animal was finally killed by a third party.

AUTHORITIES FIND BODY OF MAN BY THE WAYSIDE

OREGON CITY, Or., Sept. 15.—The authorities expect that before the end of today they will know the identity of the aged man whose body was found on the roadside near Springbrook with \$900 in his clothes. He had evidently been dead six weeks.

M'FARLAND TO MEET NELSON

All Arrangements Completed Except Amount of Purse-Dane on Stage

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Sept. 15.—Information given to the United Press by James Coffroth, the fight promoter, today states that there will be a fight between Paeky McFarland and Battling Nelson for the lightweight championship of the world at Colma on the afternoon of Thanksgiving day. Coffroth says that McFarland has agreed to fight and that Nelson has practically agreed to the terms of the proposed match.

If the fight is pulled off, it will be one of the greatest lightweight battles ever seen here. McFarland has whipped practically every lightweight in the ring but Gans and Nelson, and many fans will be willing to back McFarland to beat the Dane.

It is said that Nelson has agreed to all the terms of the fight but the purse. He is holding out for a larger end of gate receipts, but it is believed this matter will be settled shortly.

Hot Fight Expected.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Sept. 15.—Fight fans anticipate one of the hottest ten round battles ever held here in Frank Carson, the rugged Italian, and Freddie Welsh, the English champion, at Naud junction in a ten-round go.

Although Carson is given the credit of having the best of their former bout, he has since met defeat at the hands of Phil Brock.

Nelson a Hero.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Sept. 15.—Oscar Matthew Battling Nelson, professor of the fair sex, hero of the "course of drink," stands in new glory today as the star of the footlights as well as the paragon of the prize ring.

His new career started last night, and he sprang into fame with a single bound. It was when the course of drink was about to win its victory and the villain was about to conquer a terrible moment for that poor, sweet, innocent, leagued creature who had fallen into the wretch's net—when all the gallery was hushed in breathless suspense—it was then "Bat" appeared upon the scene.

With swift right and left he slugged the five henchmen of the chief conspirator and then with a well directed uppercut that dignitary to sleep. The galleries simply went wild. The storm of applause David Warfield received here last week was like the gentle hand-clapping at an afternoon tea in comparison.

HOPES TO BLOCK HOSTILE LEGISLATION IN EACH STATE

CHICAGO, Sept. 15.—Tramway and railway officials are today outlining a plan whereby they hope to block legislation hostile to the interests of the railroads in every state in the Union. The organization is composed of the officers of all railroad men's organizations whose members are employed on railways and of all railway officials, and is to be known as the American Railway Employees and Investors' association.

At the meeting yesterday, when the organization was formed, the members of the executive committee of every railroad employing union men was present to represent their respective locals.

BRYAN SAYS TAFT EVADES ISSUES

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Sept. 15.—W. J. Bryan, who is here today on his eastern tour, accused Taft of having evaded the issues in the statement issued from Cincinnati yesterday in reply to Bryan's accusation that he had never made his position known.
