

DETROIT SPARED BY WREST FIRE

Portland Campers Have Narrow Escape.

FLEE BEFORE THE FLAMES

Others May Have Perished in North Santiam Canyon.

FATE STILL IN DOUBT

Conflagration Has Now Reached the Most Valuable Timber Belt in State, and is Entering the Cascades.

ALBANY, Or., Aug. 12.—(Special.)—

When all hope had about been abandoned, word was received here today that the town of Detroit had escaped destruction from the immense forest fire which is sweeping up the canyon of the North Santiam. The fire is raging in the dense, standing timber back in the mountains and great loss is ensuing. The Zan-Fletcher-Linn camping party, of Portland, had a narrow escape but managed to reach Detroit in safety.

The latest reports are that the fire is eating its way through one of the finest belts of timber in the Cascade Mountains. It extends for a mile and a half either side of the North Santiam River and has also turned up the Breitenbush Canyon.

Detroit, the largest town in the Santiam Canyon and terminus of the eastern division of the Corvallis & Eastern Railroad, escaped because of the cleared country surrounding it. The fire burned over the heavy timber on all sides of the town.

While no loss of life has been reported there are known to be parties of campers directly in the path of the flames. The campers on the Breitenbush River, or beyond Detroit, at any of the numerous camping grounds that mark the course of the Santiam River and its tributary streams, are within the possible path of the flames. The bridge across the Breitenbush River has been rendered useless.

Portland People in Peril. Dem J. Zan and wife and Fletcher Linn, of Portland; Mr. and Mrs. Homer A. Nelson and Mr. and Mrs. Perry A. Young, of Albany, all prominent society people, were camped on the North Santiam River about half a mile above its mouth.

Mr. Nelson joined the party on Saturday morning and two hours after his arrival the fire was raging and in a very brief space of time reached their camping grounds.

Nothing was heard of the party until late this afternoon, when it was learned that the campers had reached Detroit just ahead of the flames. At times it looked as though they were lost and the atmosphere was so dense with smoke that it was impossible to see more than 20 feet ahead of them when they were making for Detroit.

Flames Surround Detroit.

The conditions at Detroit during the time the fire was passing were something terrible. With miles of forest burning on every side and within a short distance of the town, the heat was all but unbearable and the smoke almost suffocating.

The distance from the mouth of the Breitenbush River to Detroit is about a mile. Heavy timber extends from Berry to the Breitenbush. The fire ran through this at a high rate of speed, extending over four miles within a little more than an hour from its inception. If campers at the Breitenbush learned of the approach of the flames early and while the atmosphere was so dense with smoke that it was impossible to see more than 20 feet ahead of them when they were making for Detroit.

Another place where there are known to be a large number of campers is at a point some 15 miles up the Breitenbush River. Between 20 and 30 people are camped there and while they are several miles from the Santiam Canyon, they are in the Breitenbush Canyon and the wind is favorable to carry the smoke, and possibly the fire, to them. At best they are penned up, shut off from their only avenue of escape, via Detroit, and will have a disagreeable time until rain puts an end to the fire.

Excursion Train Blocked.

The regular excursion train which is sent to Detroit every Saturday night ready for the through trip to Newport Sunday morning, was unable to reach its destination last night. The night was spent at Mill City, 20 miles this side of Detroit. At that point the reflection of the great fire was plainly visible, and the smoke was quite dense, although the wind was blowing in from the north.

It reports from a reliable source that people on this morning's train may be relied upon, only the rain which seems to be approaching can prevent destruction of miles of valuable timber covering the mountain sides which are within the Cascade Mountain forest reserve. These people state that a brisk wind was blowing up the Santiam Canyon, sufficient strong to carry the fire up the canyon at a terrific rate of speed, and over the mountains into the reserve.

In fact, the report this morning is that the fire has already entered the reserve by way of the Breitenbush Canyon, and is eating its way into the heart of the timber in this valuable district.

One logging camp of the Curtis Lumber Company, with its equipment of engines,

etc. has been wiped out by the flames, and another due to go; the fire is reported to have got beyond Detroit to the Hoover Mills, and for miles on either side of the river at that point is a vast sea of flame.

The fire has severed communication with the burning district, and all territory beyond, and reports are at the moment meager. Communication has always been maintained from Mill City, the end of the telegraph line, to Detroit and way points by means of a private telephone line. Now nothing will be known until it becomes possible for people to cross the burnt district.

The fire is now known to be the most destructive that has visited the North Santiam country since pioneer days. Numerous mountain homes and a great amount of valuable timber have been destroyed. The two mills at Detroit are thought to be near enough the timber to make it impossible to save them. Railroad tracks have been rendered impassable, and logging camps wiped out.

Lives May Be Lost.

Whether there has been loss of life is as yet unknown. If knowledge of the approaching fire was gained by campers soon enough to enable them to reach Detroit, they are believed to be safe, although a terrible ordeal confronted them in the way of enduring heat and dense smoke.

The fire is the topic of conversation in Albany today, and people familiar with the burning district are speculating as to the possible avenue of escape for campers and residents of the neighborhood. It is impossible for human agency to render any assistance at the present time, the fire being between the valley and the settlement at the terminus of the railroad.

With rain almost surely approaching, it seems the fire may be extinguished within the next day or so.

FIGHT DUEL WITH RIFLES

VETERAN WASHINGTON PROSPECTOR KILLS ENEMY.

William Dougan Fires Six Shots After Mike McKale's Bullet Slays Him Low Near Chewelah.

CHEWELAH, Wash., Aug. 12.—After the most desperate gun fight in the annals of Stevens County, Mike McKale slew William Dougan today at Brown Lake. The men were veteran prospectors, both over half a century mark in years, and of violent dispositions. They quarreled today over permitting a party of Chewelah men to fish in the lake. Both rushed for their rifles, and shots being exchanged, Dougan firing six shots after McKale's first bullet had stretched him dying on the ground.

McKale is under arrest here. After the duel he gave himself up to W. J. Jackson, Deputy Sheriff, here. No charge has been placed against him. The matter of an arrest is in the hands of the county authorities.

Six Chewelah men were present when the altercation commenced and witnessed the duel. When the fight became assured the victors bolted for cover, and the terrible drama was enacted before their eyes. Their testimony is that Dougan was the aggressor when it came to shooting, and that he was in the act of aiming his rifle when McKale fired the fatal shot.

JOHN D. IN JOKING MOOD

OIL KING POKES FUN AT A GIANT REPORTER.

Says He Admires Big Men and Newspaper Writers — Attends Baptist Sunday School.

(CLEVELAND, Ohio, Aug. 12.—(Special.)—Cleveland's Rockefeller, the oil king, light-hearted as a schoolboy today. He greeted his friends at the Euclid-Avenue Baptist Sunday school this morning with a cordial and freedom never before shown by him. Some of the members stood aghast; others, more familiar with him, were simply surprised. McKale is under arrest on the abandonment with which he acted.

The oil king encountered Cleveland's giant newspaper reporter, whom he met on several occasions last year. No formally entered into his greeting. The reporter was not aware of the oil king's presence and he felt a hard slap on the back. Thinking a newspaper friend had struck him, the reporter whirled around with clenched fist to give punishment to the offender.

"To his surprise he faced the world's richest man, who said: "Why, how do you do?" "I believe you have grown taller since last year. Now I have to look up to you."

The oil magnate's joke is readily seen when it is explained that the reporter stands 5 feet 6 inches and weighs 210 pounds.

"But, in all seriousness, I like big men, such as you are," he continued. "I have often wished I was that large. Then I could see danger ahead and avoid it. In that respect you big men have the advantage, or, as the latest slang expression is, 'you have it all over the rest of us.'"

"Now, don't think that I have become addicted to the use of slang; I have not. I heard that expression the other day, and I tried to explain its meaning, and I must confess that I failed it."

"As I said, I like big men. Wouldn't this be a grand country if all the men were as big as you?" "I have often wished I was that large. Then I could see danger ahead and avoid it. In that respect you big men have the advantage, or, as the latest slang expression is, 'you have it all over the rest of us.'"

Showing his appreciation for the giant scribe, Mr. Rockefeller invited him out to his Forest Hill home. "Come out and pack me visit," he said. "Come with some definite object in view—to play golf, for instance. I am not a crack player, by any means."

FIVE BROWN IN SPKALE RIVER

Two Women and Three Men Drawn Down in Great Whirlpool.

TRAGEDY NEAR DAVENPORT

All Victims Prominent Citizens of That Town—Vain Heroism Responsible for Sacrifice of Four Lives.

DAVENPORT, Wash., Aug. 12.—Five well-known citizens of Davenport, who had been enjoying an outing on the banks of the Spokane River about 12 miles northeast of Davenport, were drowned, and up to 9 o'clock tonight only one body had been recovered. The victims are:

- MISS WINNIE JONES, aged 19 years. W. A. E. BERGETT, aged 40. MRS. A. L. BERGETT, aged about 35. ROY HOWARD, aged 28. A. L. INMAN, aged 34.

Give Lives for Others.

Four of the drowned heroically sacrificed their lives in attempting to save others. One after another they plunged into the river, only to be seized by the whirlpool or the undertow, which at that point is particularly dangerous. L. F. Moore returned to Davenport tonight with the body of Mrs. Bergett, the only one recovered.

News of the accident reached Davenport shortly after noon. In less than two hours every available vehicle in the city was on the way to the scene. Dynamite was taken along in the hope of bringing the bodies to the surface. After the afternoon the rescuers worked and late tonight few of them had returned.

Davenport is shaken to the very center by the calamity. Every one of the victims was well known and prominent in the life of the town.

The women were bathing and wading at a point near Laughlin's place, close to the scene of the big slide last year in the Spokane River. Miss Jones ventured out too far, not beyond her depth and Mrs. Bergett immediately waded out to assist her. Mrs. Bergett was soon in the same danger as Miss Jones. Both women were struggling in the river when Al Bergett, husband of Mrs. Bergett, rushed out to save them. He also was made helpless by the swirling waters.

Horses Prove Useless.

Finding he could not hope to save the others by swimming out to them, Mr. Paulline and Mr. Howard rushed for their horses, hoping the animals could find footing on the bed of the river far enough out to reach the victims. Mr. Paulline's horse refused to venture out. Mr. Howard's horse went as far as the animal found it could stand up, and, upon being spurred by the rider, threw Mr. Howard into the stream. Mr. Howard was swimming to shore, but suddenly was sucked under by the whirlpool and he also was drowned. Mr. Paulline saw his friend sink but was unable to reach him.

Mr. Paulline then went for assistance and found Mr. Moore. They recovered the body of Mrs. Bergett, which floated on the top of the whirlpool, but the other bodies had disappeared.

SEVERE STORM IN IDAHO

RUINS MUCH WHEAT IN CENTRAL PART OF STATE.

Lightning and Downpour of Water Combined Do \$10,000 Damage in Lewiston.

LEWISTON, Ida., Aug. 12.—(Special.)—Thousands of dollars worth of damage was done to wheat in this section of the state this evening by a severe electrical storm, which was accompanied by high wind and a heavy downpour of rain. The extent of the damage to grain fields within a radius of 15 miles of Lewiston cannot be ascertained this evening, as all the long-distance telephone wires are either down or working so badly that communication is impossible.

Latest reports from all directions were to the effect that the storm was severe all over this section of the state.

In Lewiston the damage will aggregate about \$10,000. The Morning Tribune is the largest sufferer. The sewers in the business section were not large enough to carry off the downpour of water and flooded many cellars and basements. The paper storage and press room of the Tribune were flooded and \$4000 worth of paper ruined. Eighteen inches of water in the press room will have to be hauled out before the morning edition can be run off.

Most of the telephones in the city are out of commission owing to lightning striking the wires. Several operators were partially stunned while seated at switchboards.

Alfonso and Bride at Cowes.

COWES, Isle of Wight, Aug. 12.—King Alfonso and Queen Victoria arrived at Cowes today for a visit to Lord Leith, of Fyvie, where King Alfonso will inaugurate some building. Lord Leith was Miss Marie-Jeanette, of St. Louis.

EVENTS OF COMING WEEK

National Encampment of G. A. R. Thousands of veterans of the Civil War will gather at Minneapolis Monday to attend the annual National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic. The encampment will extend through the entire week and comprises an elaborate programme of social functions in addition to the many business affairs which will receive attention.

The National convention of the American Women's Press Association also will be held in Minneapolis beginning Monday and the Union Veterans' National Encampment will begin at St. Paul the same day. This encampment will continue until Wednesday.

Political Conventions. Political meetings during the week include the Texas Republican State Convention at El Paso on Tuesday, the Nebraska Republican State Convention at Lincoln on Wednesday and a meeting of the New York Republican State Committee in New York City on Wednesday.

Numerous National Gatherings. Among other important conventions scheduled for the week are the following: Monday—Omaha, National Brotherhood of Stationary Firemen; Colorado Springs, International Typographical Union; American Congress; Poughkeepsie, N. Y., I. O. O. F. M. Grand Council; Ridgeway, Pa., Scandinavian Brotherhood; New York, International Stereotypers and Electrotypers Union.

Tuesday—Boston, American Philatelic Association; St. Louis, American Association of University Professors; V. S. American Firemen's Association; Put-in-Bay, Metropolitan Philatelic Association.

Wednesday—New Haven, Municipal Electricians' Association; Montreal, National Fraternal Congress; New York, Universal Craftsmen's Council; Elmira, N. Y., I. O. O. F. M. Grand Council.

Yacht Races Off Marblehead. The week also will witness an interesting series of races off Marblehead, Mass., beginning on Monday. The races will be of the nature of having the honor of representing the United States against the German yachts which will contest for the Roosevelt cup.

The German-American races will open September 8. Three of the 19 boats entered for the preliminary competition will be selected to take part in the international races.

The boats are greatly diverse as regards speed. The fastest is the 21½ feet over all and the largest 40 feet over all. The boats entered represent the work of nine yacht designers.

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John Brown's Birthdays. The Niagara Movement, an organization composed of members of the negro race in the United States, will commemorate, at Harper's Ferry, W. Va., August 15-16, the 100th anniversary of the birth of John Brown and the jubilee of the battle of Osawatomie. The Niagara Movement, which was organized in 1905, is composed of prominent negroes of 18 states.

The exercises will be held at Storrs College and will include a number of addresses relating to the purposes of the regatta. The regatta will be held at 11 o'clock and will include a number of addresses relating to the purposes of the regatta.

King Edward to Visit Kaiser. King Edward is to visit Emperor William this week, the official announcement having been made that the meeting will occur at Friedrichsruhe, near the German frontier. The meeting is of great importance and is expected to result in a number of important decisions.

British Motor Boat Races. The British Motor Boat Club is arranging a series of races for cruisers from Southampton to Dover on August 14. The boats will be taken to Dover after racing at Southampton, to be in readiness for the start of the Dover-Ostend races August 20.

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DROUGHT WILL CUT HOPE FOR HOOP

This and Poor Cultivation Will Put Yield Below 120,000 Bales.

LAST YEAR WAS 112,000

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