

FIFTEEN KNOWN DEAD AT FERNIE

Early Reports of Crows Nest Disaster Were Greatly Exaggerated.

THIRTY PERSONS MISSING

Towns of Hosmer and Michel Partially Damaged by Flames. Carloads of Provisions and Clothing Being Forwarded.

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of the residences of this new town were swept away this forenoon. The mine buildings and machine shops erected by the Canadian Pacific Railway for its great colliery are still intact.

Doubt exists about the real conditions at Michel. One part of the town has been burned, and there appears to be little hope of saving the remainder. The women and children have all been removed from Michel to points east on the Canadian Pacific Railway.

Fernie May Have Been Set on Fire.

The story that Fernie was the victim of Italian incendiaries seems incredible, but it is being urged by reputable business men of Fernie who arrived at Nelson this afternoon. They say that fires started in three places at one time. These places were separated by many blocks. Five prisoners, alleged to be members of the Black Hand Society, escaped a week ago from the Fernie jail. It is urged that friends of the men, who were all recaptured and lodged in jail, may have fired the city, choosing an opportune time, when a high wind raged and a bush fire was burning not far away.

Rushing in Relief Trains.

Measures are going on from west and east to succor the poor folk who have fled from the burned district. Rossland tonight is taking 500 of the overplus from Cranbrook and Nelson.

Relief trains with provisions, medicines, clothing, hospital stores, nurses and physicians are en route to Fernie from Winnipeg and Vancouver.

It is definitely announced this evening that the town of Coal Creek, reported to have been destroyed, is practically uninjured by fire.

HAS NOT CROSSED BORDER

Montana, However, Has Serious Forest Fire Near Elliston.

HELENA, Mont., Aug. 3.—(Special.)—Despite the reports that the Fernie fire has crossed the border, the state officials have received no reports from any of rangers which are kept on guard protecting the 100,000 acres of the commonwealth's timber lands, and in consequence no great damage, it is believed, has resulted.

A fierce fire has been raging in the Helena National Forest, near Elliston, since Friday, and the efforts of 40 rangers and their neighbors are kept on making futile efforts to check it. The fire has destroyed much valuable timber and is viewed from Helena.

High winds prevent effective fire fighting.

Canadian Pacific Heavy Loser.

WINNIPEG, Aug. 3.—The greatest loss at Fernie falls on the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, which lost its coal bunkers, depot, freight store, water tank, 100 cars; the Trites-Wood Company which lost a magnificent store and stock and lumber companies whose mills and stocks are wiped out. Fully 25,000,000 feet of manufactured lumber is gone.

Seattle to Send Aid.

SEATTLE, Wash., Aug. 3.—The Seattle Commercial Club, through George E. Boas, secretary, tonight wired Sir Wilfrid Laurier at Ottawa, extending support to the stricken ones in the Crows Nest district. Tomorrow both the Commercial Club and the Chamber of Commerce will take steps to rush some immediate aid.

Vancouver Sends Relief.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Aug. 3.—(Special.)—From Vancouver this afternoon the first carload of clothing and provisions started for the upper country. The relief fund is climbing well into the thousands.

MILL CAMPS IN DANGER

HEAVY DAMAGE FEARED IN GRAYS HARBOR COUNTRY.

Thousand Men Fighting Forest Fires About Hoquiam—Log Famine May Result.

HOQUIAM, Wash., Aug. 3.—(Special.)—Late reports state that the camps of the Poison Logging Company, Shaw & Nelson and the Stockwell Companies, adjacent to this place, are threatened by forest fires tonight.

Should the fire continue in its present path, no less than \$75,000 will cover the financial loss by the loss of the logging log famine on the Harbor.

The above companies have now already fallen and ready for skidding 15,000,000, 1,000,000 and 10,000,000 feet of first-class logs, respectively.

The loss of this down timber, with the attendant labor expense, is almost assured, to say nothing of the camps and engines on the works. Over 1000 men are busily engaged in fighting the fire and the outcome is anxiously awaited.

NO LOSSES ABOUT ABERDEEN

Fires Confined to Logged-Off Sections About Grays Harbor.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Aug. 3.—(Special.)—The forest fires have so far in this section not extended into the green timber, but have been confined to logged-off lands and slashings. The fires started in the Big Creek country about 15 miles from here, setting away from some settlers who were clearing land. It is not believed that any camps have been

burned or any losses of any account been sustained.

Men coming from the burned district say that so far there is no standing fire, but that a high wind should come up. Several parties left today for the scene of the fire to make up a full investigation. The country north of here, however, is still covered with a pall of smoke.

HOULTON NARROWLY ESCAPES

Midnight Prairie Fire Checked Just in Time to Save Town.

HOULTON, Or., Aug. 3.—(Special.)—Fire from Germany Hill, northwest of Houlton, at 12 o'clock midnight, Sunday, came very near burning up the town. The fire was checked when within a stone's throw of the edge of town. The Western Co-operative Factory blew its whistle and the church bells rang to get every one out of bed. Families packed their suitcases and trunks and prepared to leave their homes. The wind blew a gale and had it not slackened up when it did and had the fire or more than 15 minutes later in reaching the flames raging through the dry prairie grass, every house in town would have gone up in flames and several lives started in the center of town from flying embers.

Fires in Logged-Off Lands.

HOQUIAM, Wash., Aug. 3.—(Special.)—While a heavy pall of smoke is overshadowing this vicinity, no great damage has as yet been reported, owing to the fire being confined principally to slashings and logged-off lands. It is a trifle too early in the season for fire to make headway in the green timber, and no great apprehension is felt from this source.

Marshfield Fire Dying Down.

MARSHFIELD, Or., Aug. 3.—(Special.)—The fire is thought to be under control. The wind has gone down, and excitement is about over. The loss is not yet known. Professor Golden's private water system and a bucket brigade did good work in assisting the firemen.

WILL USE MILITARY TENTS

Government Places Supplies at Disposal of Fire Sufferers.

OTTAWA, Ont., Aug. 3.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier this afternoon sent a message to General H. C. in respect to the relief of the sufferers from the fire. He received last night, stating that General MacDonald, quartermaster general, has been instructed to place all the military blankets belonging to the militia department in British Columbia at the disposal of the fire sufferers. The military authorities in the province have been ordered to facilitate the distribution of tents, etc., and to do everything possible to assist those rendered homeless by the fire.

The Cabinet Council will immediately consider what further federal aid can be given.

HARRIMAN WANTS ADVANCE

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est degree of service from their employees and, if they give it, employees are entitled to all they can get in return.

Protection of Railroads Needed.

Asked what he thought of the operation of the Hepburn act, Mr. Harriman replied: "Regulation of railroads is all right. It is the proper thing, provided that it be accompanied by adequate protection. In the present instance regulation is not accompanied by protection, and in that respect it is wrong. This I stated to the President as far back as 1905. I also wrote to Mr. Taft about it that same year. I said then I favored regulation and publicity, if coupled with protection, so as to permit the movement of traffic along the lines of least resistance and least cost. This can only be accomplished by co-operation between the railroads and the Government. Unless the Government is willing to grant one, it should not enforce the other."

Erle and Gould Deals.

Mr. Harriman was asked if he apprehended any trouble from the Interstate Commerce Commission on account of his entrance into the Erle and into Gould affairs through the Wheeling & Lake Erie.

"I do not see why there should be any trouble or any criticism regarding these transactions. I did not enter into them from choice. It was business necessity, railroad necessity."

Mr. Harriman held conferences today with various heads of railroads in which he is interested. The conferences were attended by J. C. Stubbs, traffic director; Julius Kruttschnitt, director of maintenance; S. M. Felton, president of the Mexican Central Railroad, and E. P. Ripley, president of the Santa Fe system.

At luncheon later at the Chicago Club Mr. Harriman met J. J. Mitchell, president of the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad, and several officers of the Union Pacific.

Injured in Runaway.

OREGON CITY, Or., Aug. 3.—(Special.)—The runaway team of Richard Petzold, a local butcher, resulted in serious injury to Bernhard Wolf this afternoon. He was driving down Seventh-street hill and did not put on the brake. The horses turned on Jackson street and Wolf was thrown over the fence into a yard and the back of his head was injured, perhaps critically.

Parkhurst Pleads Not Guilty.

SEATTLE, Aug. 3.—R. P. Parkhurst, ex-acting cashier of the First National Bank, who is alleged to have stolen \$48,200 from that institution, pleaded not guilty before United States Commissioner A. C. Bowman, this morning, and was held to the Federal grand jury which meets in Tacoma September 5, in the sum of \$12,000, which he says he will give within the next 24 hours.

Native of Goldendale.

HILLSBORO, Or., Aug. 3.—(Special.)—Ida Jane Burchell, wife of H. L. Burchell, died at the family home two miles south of Redvie, this morning, of tuberculosis. Deceased was born in Goldendale, Wash., 34 years ago. She leaves a husband and four children. She was a member of the whole of the church for many years residents of this county.

Lewis Buys La Grand Farm.

LA GRANDE, Or., Aug. 3.—(Special.)—J. D. McKeen, a local real estate owner and crocer, sold today to L. A. Lewis, of Portland, \$200,000 of land not far from La Grande for \$9500. Mr. Lewis is a member of the whole of the grocery firm of Allen & Lewis, of Portland. The land is splendid wheat soil.

Carry Lumber to Europe.

ASTORIA, Or., Aug. 3.—(Special.)—The British steamship Ilford cleared at the Custom-House today for Copenhagen and Hamburg with 1,600,000 feet of lumber, loaded at the Hammond Lumber Company's mill. The Ilford will complete her cargo at Portland.

FOR MEN

Irvington Tennis Club Tries an Innovation.

MEETS TOURNEY EXPENSES

Directors Decide to Send Three Crack Players to International Meet to Be Held at Everett Next Week.

An innovation in the method of handling local teams competing in the tournaments of the North Pacific International Lawn Tennis Association has been adopted by the Irvington Tennis Club of this city, and it is highly probable that other individual organizations will follow the example set by the enterprising Portlanders.

Briefly stated, the Irvington Club will defray all expenses of a team of three players to represent the club at the fourth annual international tournament which opens at Everett, Wash., Monday, August 10, the finals being played Wednesday, August 12.

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WELCOME HOME TO ATHLETES

Roosevelt and Hughes to Receive Victors in Olympic Games.

NEW YORK, Aug. 3.—Sunday, August 3, is the date made by the committee that has arranged for reception for the returning athletes who participated in the Olympic games in London. It is expected that the athletes who represented this country in the games will have returned by that time.

President Roosevelt will be chairman of the reception committee of 500 prominent citizens. He and Governor Hughes will be asked to assign regiments of the Regular Army and of the National Guard to attend the ceremonies.

Fund for Athletes Growing.

Considerable progress has been made by the solicitors for the fund for the entertainment of Smithson, Gilbert and Knolly since Saturday night, \$300 have been raised and those in charge are confident that the necessary amount will be easily secured. Subscriptions were received from the Meier & Frank Company, Olds, Wortman & King, Honeman Hardware Company, Lou Wagner and others. The fund now approximates \$500.

LITTLE BEATS AN EX-CHAMPION

Displays Fine Form in Longwood Tennis Singles Tournament.

BOSTON, Aug. 3.—R. D. Little, of New York, defeated Frank C. Wright, of Boston, a former National champion, in a four-set match in the final round of the Longwood singles tournament this afternoon. The score was 4-6, 2-6, 6-3, 6-1. As a result Little will play W. A. Larned of Annapolis in the challenge round tomorrow afternoon.

Today's matches were in reality sensational. Little has been playing good tennis throughout the tournament, but he has not been showing up as well as Wright.

DIXIE II BEST MOTOR-BOAT

Wins International Race of 30 Miles by 49 Seconds.

HUNTINGTON, L. I., Aug. 3.—The American motorboat Dixie II won the international boat-race, defeating the British boat "Wolsey" by 49 seconds. The Dixie II's time was 1 hour 4 minutes 45 seconds. Her average speed was 27.7 nautical miles per hour.

The Wolsey's time was 1 hour 49 minutes 34 seconds. The U. S. A. third and the Don fourth. The British boat Dalmier II withdrew after covering eight miles.

BEAT RECORDS IN IRELAND

Flanagan and Rose Add to Laurels Won in London.

DUBLIN, Aug. 3.—Seven members of the American Olympic team competed today in the games of the Dublin police at Balls Bridge. The leader of the contest was the throwing of the hammer by John Flanagan, who made 173 feet 10 inches, beating his own Olympic record.

Ralph Rose, the California, put the shot 49 feet 10 inches, breaking the British record of 48 feet 2 inches, made by Dennis Horgan at Queenstown in 1907.

EMERSON REMAINS CHAMPION

Defends Tennis Title in Stubborn Contest With Waidner.

CHICAGO, August 3.—Nat. Emerson, of Cincinnati, successfully defended his title of Western tennis champion against L. Harry Waidner, of Chicago, at the courts of the Kenwood Country Club today. The contest was one of the most stubbornly contested in the history of tennis tournaments, requiring five sets and 52 games. Score was 8-10, 6-0, 3-6, 6-1, 7-5. Every game was marked by rapid fire rallies and brilliant exchanges.

Helen Norte, Speedy Mare, Dead.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Aug. 3.—(Special.)—Helen Norte, the speedy little mare owned by John Brents, of the Superior Court, died in Rushville, Ind., Saturday, from an attack of bowel trouble.

The mare had been working on the grand circuit and had a record of 2:06 1/4, although she lowered this mark in Cleveland in 1906 by going it in 2:06 1/4. Judge Brents recently refused \$5000 for the animal.

Oxygen Helps Runners.

LONDON, Aug. 3.—Athletic circles are much interested in a published record of experiments in the inhalation of oxygen by runners and sprinters, which shows that they were enabled to hold their breath for much longer periods and to make faster time without the symptoms of distress usually present after racing.

Macks Beat Farmers.

In a hard-fought game full of wrangling, the Macks won from the Eagle Creek Farmers by a score of 6 to 5. Next Sunday the same teams play for a side bet of \$200 at the Vaughn street grounds. (Game called at 3 P. M.)

Boy Wins Swimming Race.

NEW YORK, Aug. 3.—John Gilday, an 18-year-old life-saver, was the winner of the annual long-distance swim of the Sixth District. Gilday, a St. Louis volunteer lifeguard, swam here yesterday. Time was one hour and 22 minutes.

Jeweler Fights for Rights.

NEW YORK, Aug. 3.—A new phase to the legal fight over Mrs. William B. Leeds' pearl necklace was developed. Derner Citroen, a Paris jeweler, through his counsel, has filed notice of an appeal to the Circuit Court of Appeals from the judgment of the lower court. In June the lower court refused to order the return of the duties of \$10,000 paid by Citroen on the necklace consigned by him to Mrs. Leeds. This necklace was seized by the government two years ago. The pearls were invoiced at \$20,000 and duty was assessed at 60 per cent of the invoice price. Citroen says \$12,000. He contended that \$22,000 of the amount was a lawful duty, but contended that as the pearls were not in necklace form they should have been classified as loose pearls.

No Luring Lights Permitted.

SEATTLE, Aug. 3.—By order of Mayor Miller today, notice was given to residents of the restricted district that they must move from all streets having a restricted district. No saloons, shooting galleries, penny arcades and cheap theaters are prohibited; also glaring electric lights and signs.

Hillsboro Adds Tenth Grade.

HILLSBORO, Or., Aug. 3.—(Special.)—At a special school meeting in this city yesterday afternoon it was voted to add a tenth grade to the city public school. This action was deemed necessary because the county high school proposition was defeated at the June election. The attendance at the election was very

SALE OF CHILDREN'S VEHICLES

Ends tomorrow. Several patterns specially priced for quick clearance with the intention of reducing our line. Mail orders will receive our careful and prompt attention.

SPECIAL \$13.75—The Allwin patent folding Go-Cart; all metal frames; full nickel-plated; has reclining back; can be folded most compactly. SPECIAL \$14.75—Reclining Carriage with best spring and gear construction; green fiber body; Cushions and parol. SPECIAL \$19.75—Reclining Carriage in cream enamel; coach finish; upholstered in same color leather cloth. Best gear and construction; parol. SPECIAL \$22.75—Reclining Carriage, with best gear and construction; body of green fiber; upholstered and fitted with parol. SPECIAL \$22.50—Carriage with reclining back; body in coach finish; upholstered in corduroy; best spring and gear construction. SPECIAL \$37.50—English Perambulator, in best cream coach finish; upholstered best quality leather cloth; reversible hood. SPECIAL \$14.25—Folding Go-Cart with wood body; coach finish; best gear and construction. Upholstered in leather cloth. Parol. SPECIAL \$15.00—Folding Go-Cart, with wood body; green coach finish; upholstered in leather cloth. Reclining back; parol. SPECIAL \$23.00—Reclining Carriage with high-grade gear and spring construction; body in best coach finish; upholstered and fitted with parol. SPECIAL \$24.00—Reclining Carriage in brown coach finish—best gear and spring construction; upholstered and fitted with parol. SPECIAL \$31.75—Auto Carriage with brown reed body; reclining back; hood and upholstery in leather cloth. High-grade gear and construction.

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TULL & GIBBS COMPLETE HOUSE-FURNISHERS

Downing is Named Local Horseman Will Handle Country Club Meet.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES Plans for Establishing a Portland Race Track and Buildings Is Progressing Rapidly.

At the regular monthly meeting of the directors of the Country Club and Livestock Association yesterday afternoon F. O. Downing was selected as chairman of the committee on management of the race track.

The race track committee reported that the final surfacing of the one-mile race course was half completed, and that the rough grading would be completed in a few days, and that the entire work on the track would be ready to be turned over to the association before the month is over.

The building committee announced that with but two or three exceptions all the buildings at the grounds were completed, and that the barns, stables and grandstand would be ready by September 1.

The transportation committee said that matters in connection with the additional service by the O. R. & N. and the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company for the handling of the crowd were progressing satisfactorily, and that it was felt that these two companies, with the extra facilities which they have offered to provide, will experience no delay or difficulty in taking care of the throngs after the races were over.

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day's play in a cricket match against the Gentlemen of Ireland. The local players, who batted first, scored 88 runs in their innings as against 171 for the Philadelphians. In the second inning the Irishmen had made three runs.

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