

FLAMES THREATEN FAMOUS BIG TREES

Forest Fire Invades Calaveras Grove and Forest Giants May Perish.

DEAD TRUNKS ARE DOOMED

Prostrate "Mother of the Forest" Is Burning and Other Great Logs Will Probably Be Consumed. Rangers Fighting Fire.

SONORA, Cal., Sept. 2.—The Calaveras grove of big trees, one of the natural wonders of the world, is in serious danger tonight of destruction by fire. Starting from sparks thrown off by a locomotive used to haul logs, last Monday afternoon, the fire spread to heavy timber a mile west of the North Grove of big trees. All the forest rangers in the district were quickly gathered and they worked with the scientific elements of the Mexican Government, at the suggestion of the United States.

Director-General Resigns. TOKIO, Sept. 2.—Following the announcement yesterday of the intention to postpone the Japanese international exposition which was to have been held in 1917, until 1917, the 50th anniversary of the accession of the Emperor, Viscount Kaneko has tendered his resignation as director-general of the exposition.

Honduran Conditions Alarming. MEXICO CITY, Sept. 2.—According to a report received in this city, alarming conditions prevail throughout the Republic of Honduras, which explains the dispatch of the gunboat Bravo to the port of Puerto Cortes by the Mexican Government, at the suggestion of the United States.

WOULD GO SOUTH NEXT PEARY WRITES OF ANTARCTIC EXPLORATION PROJECT.

Suggests Financial Plans and Says Campaign Should Be Outlined by Geographical Experts. (Robert E. Peary to New York Times.) S. S. ROOSEVELT, Hawks Harbor, July 21.—Now that the bigness of my objects and the splendid generosity of my friends have enabled me to make good in fitting out my present expedition, I can define my position in regard to Antarctic work without giving ground for the impression that I was scattering my energies or diverting any of my strength from the work immediately at hand.

Huge Log on Fire. The dead giants, however, will probably be destroyed. Already "The Mother of the Forest," a great dead trunk, lying majestically big at the edge of the grove, is being consumed by a great, glowing torch, is threatening its living neighbors. "The mother" is 327 feet long with a trunk 78 feet in circumference, and in some days and perhaps weeks for the flames to consume its great bulk.

Shock to Sentiment. Of these groups the Calaveras grove is probably the most remarkable. Its destruction would be a severe shock to the sentiment of the people of California, particularly to those who have lived almost in their shadows in Calaveras County.

SIR SHOGO TO SEE KING Japanese Statesman Secretive, Except About Reception to Fleet. VICTORIA, B. C., Sept. 2.—Bound on a special mission from the Japanese Emperor to King Edward and President Falliers, the nature of which he declined to make public, Sir Shogo Nagasaki, councillor of the Imperial Japanese court and secretary of the Japanese household, arrived by the steamer Tango Maru from Tokyo today.

TAKAHIRA'S VISIT EXPLAINED Japanese Diplomat Consults Roosevelt Regarding Tokio Exposition. WASHINGTON, Sept. 2.—The recent visit of the Japanese Ambassador, Baron Takahira, to President Roosevelt at Oyler Bay and to Secretary Root at Clinton, it is officially stated, has no bearing on the question of Chinese-American alliance, nor were they for the purpose of discussing the presence of the Atlantic fleet in Asiatic waters.

Tennessee Miners Strike. TRACY CITY, Tenn., Sept. 2.—Trouble over settlement of the wage scale culminated in a strike being called at the mines of the Sewanee Coal, Coke & Land Company at Coalmont, about seven miles from here, yesterday. The plant has recently been acquired by the Alabama Fuel Company. Of the 300 union miners employed there it is said about 90 remained at work. All is reported quiet at the mines.

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SPORTS AND FEASTS

They Occupy Time of Fleet Among Australians. The Victoria Racing Club proposed a complimentary race meeting at Flemington. Before the meet the club entertained a number of officers at luncheon.

HEALTH OF TWO RULERS

Roosevelt and Edward Called Greatest Rulers and Sportsmen—Deakin Talks of Example Set by America to Australia. MELBOURNE, Sept. 2.—The weather here has improved, and as a result there was a large attendance at the various outdoor entertainments arranged for the officers and men of the visiting American battleships.

TESTS NEW WOODS

Government May Introduce New Zealand Forest Trees. SEVERAL ARE APPROVED. Four Kinds That Excel White Oak in Strength and Hardness Are Specially Recommended for Reforestation Experiments.

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GLASS TO HAVE NAVAL FUNERAL

OAKLAND, Sept. 2.—The body of Rear-Admiral Henry T. Glass arrived tonight in Berkeley on board a special train, which left Paso Robles this afternoon. No arrangements have been made until the members of the family consulted with the Naval and Military authorities, who will conduct the funeral with full military honors.

SUCCESS IN TOWING ACHIEVED

Cruisers Arrive With Destroyers at Honolulu Without Damage. HONOLULU, Sept. 2.—The cruisers of the Pacific fleet, commanded by Rear-Admiral Swinburn, finished the first stage of the cruise undertaken to test the practicability of towing torpedo-boat destroyers when the flagship West Virginia, the Maryland, Pennsylvania and Tennessee docked at 1 o'clock this afternoon in the harbor and the remaining vessels, including the supply ship Solace, anchored outside. The arrival of the warships was witnessed by many residents of the islands and a hearty welcome was accorded the officers and men.

RECEPTION BY GOVERNMENT

This evening the state government entertained the Admirals and senior officers at a reception. The function was elaborate, and there were present about 8000 people. At the time this reception was being held, the state government entertained the American sailors and marines at a smoking party.