

CHIEF OF OAKLAND BLAMED FOR BLAST

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OUTRAGE HALTS NOT WAR

Despite Fact Pacific Coast Lumber & Mill Company Has Four Times Suffered by Explosions, Battle With Unions Continues.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 22.—(Special.)—Alpheus Kendall, president of the Pacific Coast Lumber & Mill Co., the plant of which, at Second and Grove streets, Oakland, was dynamited on Saturday night, is out with a statement charging the Oakland City Assn. with being indirectly responsible for the outrage, through its alleged political affiliations with the labor union leaders of Alameda County.

The charges, that he could not secure police protection for his wrecked mill, unless he paid patrolmen for their services, were also made by Kendall, who says when he had police protection to guard the plant against a further attempt to destroy it his request was denied.

Four years ago Kendall declared for open shop and since then his big mill plant has been blown up four times, each time just after he had scored a victory over the unions.

Trouble Dates Back August 13.

Saturday night's attempt, Kendall says, is due to the fact that on August 13 the walking delegates of the Building Trades Council called out his carpenters and other union men. Only half of his men went out, he said, and all were back at work on Tuesday last. The contractors he supplied, he says, defied the Building Trades Council by declaring open shop, announcing that they would use the product of the Pacific Coast Company's mill despite the protest of the labor organization.

"I am positive that Mayor Mott is indirectly responsible for this affair of last night," Kendall says. "He is affiliated with the Building Trades Council because he wants the support of the union labor men. His affiliations with the Council are such that he has promised the union men to do everything, assuring them the backing of the administration."

"About six months ago I heard that the Mayor had forced every contractor to employ the city to become affiliated with the Teamsters' Union. I did not believe this, so I engaged private detectives to look into the matter for me. They reported that the Mayor was confirming what I had heard."

Vigilance Committee Needed.

"I have been in California almost 40 years and at no time in all these years have I seen a greater need for a well-organized vigilance committee than at the present time. The unions have come made. Their powers are vested in the city administration of the municipalities about the bay. Something to check this power must be done very soon."

Kendall says the dynamited mill, with the exception of the destroyed sash and door department, will be running tomorrow morning as usual.

IDAHO FIRES SPREADING

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fires from two sides. Several resort cottages have already been burned.

The St. Joe and St. Maries valleys are being swept by flames. One hundred homesteaders have been burned out. Five hundred men are battling the blaze, and St. Joe River steamboats keep steam up ready to take the entire population to safety.

Railroad traffic in the Panhandle of Northern Idaho is now impeded, many bridges having been wrecked by the flames.

Train No. 1, of the Northern Pacific, westbound with mail, reached Spokane this morning after an exciting run through the flames at the Idaho-Montana border. Every car was badly scorched by the flames. It is the last mail train through from the East.

Word from Wallace is that three Northern Pacific bridges have burned between Lookout and Horst, and one between Taft and Sattles.

Three trains are stalled below Sattles and two at Taft. The division superintendent is at Sattles.

News comes from Wardner, Idaho, that F. M. Bedell, of Kellogg, foreman of a crew of 70 men under Hanger, Pulaski and Lewis on the Big Creek fire, was brought home last night in an almost blind condition.

His arms, hands, and face are badly blistered and show the marks of his desperate fight for life. This crew was working on the east side of the fire in the Big Creek Basin. Their position became untenable and under the leadership of the ranger they scrambled in the dim light of the fire to the crest of the ridge, expecting to pass over to Placer Creek and out by way of Wallace.

On gaining the divide they were confronted by another fire on the Placer side. Seeing their position practically hopeless, the men broke in a wild stampede for the creek bottom below. Bedell and seven others reached the creek and continued down stream and sought refuge in the tunnel, in which six were suffocated.

Troops Patrol Wallace.

He says that he did not know many of the men of the crew, but is sure that H. J. Hennes, H. S. Smith and Will Cameron, all of Wardner, are dead. Hennes has relatives in Genesee, Idaho; Cameron is a nephew of J. H. Moore, of Kellogg. Nothing is known of any relatives of Smith.

Two companies of colored troops of the Twenty-fifth Infantry are now resting at Wallace, utterly exhausted after 36 hours of consecutive service. The troops did excellent work and only their efforts enabled the fire to be held back from Placer Creek long enough to enable the settlers to escape with their lives.

Beer is being used at Wallace, Idaho, for drinking purposes in place of water. The water supply ran short Saturday when fire attacked the town, and oil still and cistern water was turned into the city mains. Mayor Walter Hansen issued orders that none should drink the contaminated water and gave all saloons permission to keep open Sunday.

Fires are now raging between St. Maries and St. Joe and have reached a point six miles west of St. Joe. The whole country north of St. Joe over the divide and in Latrobe Creek vicinity is ablaze. A number of homesteaders unable to

make their way out over the prairie to Lame, Idaho, were compelled to retrace their steps and go to St. Joe by a southerly route over the divide.

So exhausted were some of the women and children that two rescue parties went to St. Joe to aid the weary travelers. Among those reaching St. Joe from that vicinity were Mr. and Mrs. Smith and three children; Mr. and Mrs. Osborne and two children and Mr. and Mrs. Andreas, a crippled old man and two other families, including several children.

From the Trout Creek region, eight miles east of St. Joe, two travelers who had a remarkable escape from death, arrived at St. Joe this morning. For two days these men lay in the creek, their heads under water except when they were compelled to breathe, fire raging on both sides of the creek.

The hospital at St. Joe is filled with refugees, some of whom are suffering from injuries and burns. There are between 75 and 100 refugees in St. Joe tonight.

PRESIDENT TAFT IS ALARMED

Chief Executive Sends Telegrams of Inquiry to Governors.

BEVERLY, Mass., Aug. 22.—President Taft has received alarming reports to the situation in the forest fire districts of the West and has directed General Leonard Wood, chief of staff of the Army, to render every assistance in his power. The President tonight sent the following telegrams to the Governors of Idaho, Nevada, Montana, and Wyoming:

"General Wood has sent 20 companies of Federal troops in addition to pack trains and extra medical officers to the

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forest fire districts, and I have directed him to do everything in his power to co-operate in saving life and fighting fire. Will you telegraph me what the exact situation is? Do you intend to place state troops in the threatened towns to do police work? The reports which reach me are most serious and I desire exact information." (Signed) W. H. TAFT.

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CROWDS FLOCK TO OAKS

Variety of Attractions Draw People Days and Evenings.

When a man in musical leadership of the country attains a position that is held and shoulders above the ordinary, he is given more than ordinary attention. It now happens that John Weber is about to leave Portland with his excellent band, and has announced a special farewell programme for Wednesday evening at the Oaks. But from the character of the programme and the character of the band, it is expected that the distinguished director will give a well-concerted right along from now on, for the best is always left for the last, you know.

Last night was given over to a Wagner programme entirely—save several encores—and the crash of brasses, roll of drums and strains of wailing woodwinds sent the audience away with all sorts of poetical thoughts rushing through their brains. They had heard

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Immediately afterwards Jose Estrada issued a proclamation, saying he would give the office to his brother, and started a peace commission, composed of foreign consuls, for Granada to inform General Estrada of his intention.

The commission was compelled to return to Managua, however, as the railroad tracks had been torn up.

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