

### 200 FIGHT FIRE IN ASHLAND CANYON

#### Prompt Action Believed to Have Prevented Destruction of Watershed.

### SOLDIERS REACH MEDFORD

#### Troops Will Go to Assistance of Rangers in Various Parts of Fire Zone — First Reports on Burned Area Are Received.

MEDFORD, Or., Aug. 22.—(Special)—The fire situation continues to grow worse. The only place where progress is being made is with the fire in Ashland Canyon. The danger of the complete destruction of the whole watershed in that canyon aroused the residents of Ashland so that today 200 men fighting a series of six fires in the canyon and on Wagner Creek.

This morning the fire bell was rung and men hurried to the fire under command of John E. Crittibe, of the Forest Service.

Reports received at the local forest office late this evening indicate that the fire are gradually being put under control and that there is no foundation to the alarmist reports that the town of Ashland is in danger from the flames.

**Burned Area Described.**  
Today is the first time any accurate and reliable foundation could be had as to the area burned over by the fires on the Crater National forest. This is due to the fact that the rangers have been too busy engaged to come to points where there are telephones to make their reports. However, when provisions ran short those in the remote districts came in and reported. Reports at the local forest office show that more than \$5,000 acres have been burned over by the recent fire.

The burned areas are as follows: All of township 23 south, range 4 east; half of township 25 south, range 3 east. This is the area burned over in the Cathlamt fire. Other areas burned over are four sections in township 25 south, range 5 east; eight sections in township 26 south, range 4 east; eight sections in township 24 south, range 3 east; six sections in township 22 south, range 3 east; five sections in township 22 south, range 3 east; and 15 sections in other small fires.

**Troops Are Sent to Front.**  
Two hundred and fifty soldiers and 12 officers of the Infantry under Major Martin arrived here at 4:30 this afternoon. They are accompanied by a packtrain of 23 mules and 25 draft mules and an ambulance. One hundred of them will be sent to Prospect to fight the fire on the south fork of the Rogue River, and 100 will be sent to Lodgepole Ranger Station to fight the Cathlamt Blue Canyon fire. Twenty-five will go to Ashland to assist the citizens there and 25 will be hiked 70 miles east on the Klamath side of the range.

Today, a force of 30 men employed by the Southern Pacific are fighting the fire around Coleson Springs, south of Ashland, which yesterday five times nearly destroyed the hotel at the springs and drove all the guests to Ashland.

The hardest fight to save human lives has been fought and still is being fought in the "unsurveyed" township 34 south, range 2 east. A Dupray, who had a home in that township, was nearly overcome by smoke while fighting the flames, and in attempting to escape he fell over a flaming log and was severely burned. Malheur Craters nearly lost his life Thursday in escaping from the wall of fire which kept him from delivering the mail to the mail carriers on that route.

Another fire has broken out on the Applegate River to the west of town. Acting Supervisor Swenning will accompany the men who are fighting the south fork of the Rogue River, which is considered the most serious fire at this time and the hardest to combat.

Scott Chappell, Malheur Craters Falls, reached Medford today after a week of fighting fires on the unsurveyed lands and on Buck Creek. He says that the fire is not so serious as the fire which broke out on the Applegate River. These fires are just across the line from the Crater forest and are at the head of Cow Creek and at Long Prairie.

**DANGER IS RENEWED BY WIND**  
Flames Break Away From Fighters and Race Toward Klamath River.

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., Aug. 22.—The fire which has been raging at Clover Creek has broken away from the fire fighters and is now running to the south and east toward Aspen Lake and Ken. The fire fighters have been battling with the blaze for nearly a week and they are almost exhausted. Last night it was thought that the fire was almost under control but this afternoon, a heavy wind swung up and the flames broke away and are now racing toward the Klamath River. If help does not arrive before long it will be impossible to check the fire. It is said that the flames are within eight miles of Odessa, the path burned or burning extends over an area five miles in width and at least seven miles long. The latest news from the fire north of Mount Pitt is that the flames are not yet under control.

The smoke is very heavy and it is impossible to see very far in any direction. Men are needed at both the Clover Creek and the Mount Pitt fire, if they are to be controlled.

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#### WOUND LIKELY TO BE FATAL

#### Fanny Sturgis, Girl Shot, Is Found to Be Runaway From Home of Her Stepfather in Olympia. Was Hiding in Woods.

#### COBROVE, Or., Aug. 22.—(Special)—Fanny Sturgis, 18 years of age, stepdaughter of C. J. Roberts, of Olympia, Wash., was seriously if not mortally wounded this morning in the woods in the rear of division headquarters by a 22-caliber rifle ball, fired from a gun in the hands of Paul W. Beck, Jr., 14-year-old son of Lieutenant Paul W. Beck, of Company E, signal corps, Young Beck, son of Young Beck, 15 years old, the son of Lieutenant-Colonel James Rogers, of the First Infantry.

#### General Finzer also made arrangements with the Southern Pacific company to hold sufficient cars on hand for a special troop train in the event of a call. Should troops be required in Southern Oregon the companies at Oregon City, Woodburn, Albany, Salem and at Southern Oregon points could be picked up en route.

#### Five townships of timber land in the Umatilla National Forest, owned by Frederick A. Krebs, of Portland, were reported to be burning last night. Mr. Krebs will arrive at Portland this morning to aid in fighting the flames. A new fire was also reported to have broken out on the Whitman National Forest in Central Oregon, but no information is obtainable as to its extent.

#### One hundred volunteers were asked for last night at Elgin, and if secured, the men will be sent to the Wenaha National Forest, on the line between Oregon and Washington, where the fire are exclusively confined to privately-owned lands.

#### The situation in Southern Oregon was well in hand and the Federal troops which arrived yesterday afternoon were immediately made available in the various fire zones. The wind had somewhat subsided and the 20-mile fire line was decreasing in consequence.

hands of both soldiers and civilians on the camp grounds.

The Beck and Rogers boys have been staying with their father during the encampment and were allowed to have their 22 rifles. After the shooting the boys were taken to Lieutenant Beck's quarters, pending investigation.

#### Condition Is Precarious.

Late this afternoon C. J. Roberts, stepfather of the girl, arrived here looking for her. He knew nothing of the shooting until advised by officers at headquarters. Reports from the hospital tonight are that the girl is holding up well, but is in very precarious condition. Efforts to locate the bullet were unavailing.

#### Stevens on Tour of Inspection.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Aug. 22.—(Special)—J. F. Stevens, recently elected president of the Spokane, Portland & Seattle (North Bank) Railroad, passed through here today on a tour of inspection of the road from Portland to Spokane. He was in a special train

#### Captain Brings Help.

Young Rogers ran to the assistance of the girl, while Beck ran to camp, entering the cook's quarters frantically crying, "I have shot a girl."

#### Girl Found to Be Runaway.

It is reported that Miss Sturgis ran away from her home, 1099 Quincy avenue, Olympia, last Friday or Saturday, and when found was lying on two soldier's blankets. A comb and looking glass, cracker box and sardine cans showed she had camped there for some time.

#### At the beginning of the encampment Brigadier-General Maus issued orders that the greatest care should be used to keep all ammunition out of the

and was accompanied by J. Russell general superintendent of Portland J. P. Rogers, superintendent of Vancouver, and several civil engineers.

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