

CONDITIONS OVER STATE IMPROVING

Local Forester Receives Encouraging Reports From Various Oregon Districts.

WATERSHED IN NO DANGER

War Department Turns Down Seattle Scheme for Bombardment of Skies in Effort to Start Rain From Northwest Clouds.

Latest information from Sandy last night indicates that there is little danger of fire devastating the Bull Run watershed. The fire in the Sandy River basin has been practically surrounded by the three companies of the Oregon National Guard, forces of the Forestry Service and volunteers, and is considered under control. Nothing but a hurricane would drive the flames through the fire lines into the Bull Run watershed.

Reports from all parts of the state are encouraging. These winds spring up and fan the smoldering forests into flames again and carry brands into the protected dry timber. It is expected that further conflagrations will be averted until rain falls and extinguishes the dying embers.

Two New Fires Reported.

Two new fires were reported to E. T. Allen, forester of the Western Forest and Conservation Congress, last night. One was in the fire in the Sandy River basin. The other was at the junction of the Nehalem and Salmon Berry creeks in Tillamook County. For two days smoke hung over the coast hills in the vicinity of the smoke. It was so heavy that the flames could not be seen from the shore and it was supposed that it drifted from the interior, where fires have been raging for several days. Not until settlers who live in the vicinity of these fires reported, was it known there was fire of consequence west of Portland. Owing to the rough and inaccessible country the extent of the fire is not known, but they will be investigated today.

Sandy Conditions Improve.

A semblance of order was restored in the Sandy River country yesterday as the fire came under control. So menacing were the flames that swept through the valley, leaving heaps of ashes and charred remains of cottages and houses of farmers, that a general stampede began for places of safety. The tongues of flame lapping the mountains which hem in the valley, picturing doom on all sides. The choking atmosphere, laden with gases from burning underbrush and damp logs, columns of black smoke belching up through the haze during the day, and the straining which bordered the entire horizon at night, with the crackling and crashing timber on all sides, was enough to make the populace panic-stricken. Owing to the reports that the fire was under control spread through the district did fear subside.

Have Along Mount Hood Road.

A long track of waste borders either side of the Mount Hood road from Sandy to Rhododendron. Perhaps a score of houses and barns were destroyed and those left standing were saved by the heaviest fighting. Yesterday Companies C, E and H, of the Oregon National Guard, assigned to Hogan, were sent to Hogan. They were ordered to proceed to Marmot, at the edge of the Bull Run forest, when a serious fire was reported at Welch, and they were diverted to that point. Welch is about 25 miles from Sandy and the troops reached the scene last night. Company K was left at Hogan, where the fire was conquered. Battery A returned to Portland last night. Company G of the Fourth Infantry, at Albany, was ordered to the Brownsville fire yesterday, and is now engaged in fighting that conflagration.

A large number of campers and residents near Rhododendron have been camping in the road and in the open meadows for the last two days and nights. The road is open to Government camp and the army is running.

With the exception of the loss entailed by the farmers, whose homes, barns, implements and crops have been destroyed, the loss is not heavy in the Sandy Valley. Zigzag Mountain and a great part of the valley that has been swept by the flames were burned over years ago and most of the timber was young trees. Much of the fruit of reforestation, and the work will have to be done over again. The danger at Rhododendron is considered over, and a confidence is being restored. It is feared that many of the first reports of disaster were greatly exaggerated.

The only loss of life reported so far was that of an Indian woman and two children. They were picking berries on the mountain side near McIntyre's place. The bodies of the mother and children were found in a cabin, a cabin which she had evidently been trying to reach when overtaken by the fire.

Two Women Escape Narrowly. One of the thrilling escapes reported was that of two women who were rescued by Victor Hammer, superintendent of undergrounds of the Portland and Astoria Light & Power Company. He was making a trip through the fire zone in an automobile and attempted to take the women to safety. He encountered a burning bridge and turned back, only to find another bridge had caught fire behind him. Cut off from either way the situation was becoming critical when Hammer managed to work a passage over a hastily reconstructed bridge of logs and escaped.

The Osmon Royal, whose family was at Rhododendron, became apprehensive and rushed to their rescue in an automobile. Much of the corduroy road was burning and a leak in the gasoline tank made the trip extremely perilous, for fear of an explosion. Although the situation at Rhododendron was not considered critical, the Hammer family decided to bring his family home.

Acting Governor Bowerman and United States District Attorney John McCourt held a conference yesterday on the advisability of revoking all fishing and hunting licenses, but it was decided there is nothing in the law to give authority for such action.

No Bombardment Favored.

The War Department does not look with favor upon the suggestion that the sky be bombarded with cannon in an effort to induce rain. The Navy Department is willing to take a chance with its big guns, but the ships are so few in the immediate region of the forest fires along the Coast that their booming, without the co-operation of the Coast Artillery, would not be considered sufficient to accomplish the desired result.

PHOTOGRAPHS TAKEN IN WALLACE AFTER FIRE.



SHOWING RUINS OF TIME OFFICE AND NEW O.R. & N. DEPOT.

RANGER HALLM SAFE

Fitting and Party of 34 Men Have Not Reported Yet.

SEARCH FOR THEM BEGINS

Bodies of Eighteen of Hollingshead's Men Are Buried at Dittman's Cabin, in St. Joe District, Where Fire Caught Them.

RAIN IS NOT INDICATED

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portable in camp and declined to move. On Seltzer Creek also one man who disobeyed orders was obliged to shoot himself to escape cremation, while his 39 obedient comrades were only singed. The Forest Service did not employ the 15 men killed at Big Fork of the Coeur d'Alene, and these men should be stricken from the list of the service's dead. On the other hand, Ranger Lee Hollingshead, in the St. Joe district, lost 18 men, not 14, as at first reported. A homeseker at St. Joe today described the death of 15 men, mostly foresters, on Big Creek. These were probably not forestry employees.

On the north side of the St. Joe River, the area burned over is 15 miles in width and 20 miles long. On the south side of the St. Joe River the fires are very serious and extensive. Eighteen firefighters who served under Forest Ranger Lee Hollingshead are buried at Dittman's cabin, 12 miles from Pile's ranch, in the St. Joe district. All that identifies the men is a roughly penciled card bearing the name of the man buried here. There were Scandinavians and Americans in the party.

There were 24 men at the cabin under the immediate supervision of Ed Maloney. Maloney, W. Corbit, E. R. Kendall, a man named Allen, Tom Long and Peter Pendleton escaped.

Men Escape to Plateau. The Dittman cabin is about 3000 feet up the mountain in the Big Creek district, and was surrounded on three sides by dense forests. To the north was a plateau that had been burned clear. The men that escaped from the camp found refuge here until the fire had passed.

When the fire had passed 10 of the men were found in the hollow just south of the cabin. The men had gone there thinking they might find water, but the place was dry. One man had stayed in the cabin. All that was left of him was his backbone. Five bodies were found in a little flat north of the cabin. The body of a boy was found at the edge of the clearing, his hands clutching a fallen log.

In Looking Glass Canyon, near Toll Gate, in the Blue Mountains, a heavy wind is driving the flames, which are less than two miles from the settlement at the Toll Gate. A force was sent to the mountains today, but as the wind veered to all points of the compass within a few moments the men dared not venture within fighting distance for fear of being caught.

FIRES NEAR LA GRANDE GROW

Elora, Oregon, Not Destroyed, as Reported Thursday.

LA GRANDE, Or., Aug. 26.—(Special.)—Forest fires that have been burning south of the city have continued to grow and as the wind has changed the smoke is falling over this city.

In Wallawa County, 16 fires are burning but none are threatening villages. In Looking Glass Canyon, as announced yesterday in news dispatches, the blaze is 18 miles away.

The soldiers are having but little success at Half way and at Medical Springs. The Palmer logging camps near Elgin are threatened with a fire in the slashings less than a mile from the Hug camps.

BATTERY A, OREGON NATIONAL GUARD, UNDER COMMAND OF CAPTAIN H. U. WELCH, RETURNED AT 10 O'CLOCK LAST NIGHT.

When the contingent arrived at the scene of the fire Thursday it was seen that it was useless to try to check the course of the flames. An area from six to eight miles wide had been burned over and the fire was spreading at a rapid rate. Captain Welch ordered his men to extend their efforts in protecting buildings, livestock and families of farmers. Another detachment under Lieutenant Randall, after hard fighting, succeeded in saving the Rodlund sawmill, located a few miles southwest of Gresham.

Yesterday the fire had spent itself and the men by backing the burned district finished their work and left the district out of danger from further fire. About 30 men under Captain Smith, of Company K, remained on the Clackamas County line.

The men who came to Portland last night left the scene of the fire about 5 o'clock.

FORECASTER SEES NO OUTLOOK FOR IMMEDIATE RELIEF.

There is Possibility of Precipitation in Idaho—67 Per Cent Humidity Not Enough.

Rain will not come to relieve the fire situation in Oregon today. When the humidity in the atmosphere yesterday the hoped-for downpour was postponed. District Forecaster Beals last night announced that there was no prospect for immediate relief. The indications for a general storm were considered excellent yesterday, when the humidity in the atmosphere registered 67 per cent, more than double that of the day before. There was not sufficient moisture, however.

No rains have been reported from sections along the coast. There is a possibility for rain in Idaho today or tonight.

No reports were received last night from the Straits of Juan de Fuca, owing to wire troubles.

IRRIGATION IS REVIVED

Vale Expects Work to Begin Soon on Various Projects.

VALE, Or., Aug. 26.—(Special.)—The visit of the backers and representatives of the Eastern Oregon Land Company to Vale is expected to result in the early commencement of construction work on several proposed irrigation projects in Malheur County, which will water thousands of acres of the best agricultural land in Oregon.

Walter S. Martin and Peter D. Martin, backers of the Eastern Oregon Land Company, as well as the Dallas military road grant, both said before leaving for the interior that they were ready to finance those projects if the present promoters failed.

With them were W. J. Burns and William Mackenzie, of the Balfour-Guthrie Company of Portland. They will visit Burns, Prineville, Lakeview and Klamath Falls to become better acquainted with the resources of Oregon.

Complaint has been made to the Attorney-General, who so far has been unable to discover any law which will directly prohibit the haystack threat. The only law bearing in any way upon this subject so far discovered requires proper offices at county seats for all officials.

PLEA IS RENEWED

Washington Begg Taft to Aid in Bringing Rain.

HOPE FIXED ON BIG GUNS

Refusal of War Department to Fire Volleys at \$10,000 Apiece Not Accepted as Final by Cities Along Sound.

SEATTLE, Aug. 26.—President Taft has been appealed to for an order instructing the War Department to comply with the request sent yesterday by Senator Pile and Representative Humphrey asking that the coast defense forts in Puget Sound artillery district units with the warships at the Navy-yard in firing their big guns in the hope of starting a general rainfall over fire-swept forests of Western Washington.

The Washington Forest Fire Association has sent messages to the commercial bodies of Tacoma, Portland and other Northwestern cities, asking them to join in the request for rain-making assistance.

The appeal sent to President Taft tonight was signed by the Washington Forest Fire Association, the Washington Conservation Association and other organizations of lumbermen and loggers.

Conditions Ideal for Trial. The joint telegram sent to the President says: "War Department telegraphs objections to cost of firing heavy guns on Pacific Coast of \$10,000 for each discharge. We respectfully submit that forest fire operations are costing \$20,000 a day and unorganized efforts are costing vastly more. Increasing fires jeopardize \$2,000,000,000 worth of standing timber in Washington alone. The air is full of smoke and moisture here and conditions are ideal for a rain-producing trial. We earnestly hope your excellency will favorably act on our request."

The Navy Department has already signified a willingness to do its share toward jarring moisture out of the atmosphere, but there are so few warships registered at sea along the coast. There is a possibility for rain in Idaho today or tonight.

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SMOKE HINDERS NAVIGATION

Steamer Enveloped Along Whole Coast North From California.

PORT TOWNSEND, Wash., Aug. 26.—A report of conditions said to be particularly difficult for navigation, owing to dense smoke, was brought in today by the steamship Queen, which passed in today from San Francisco. Chief Officer Barry said that the vessel was never free from the smoke pall throughout the run north from California.

Reports of a dozen fires in the Olympic peninsula section reached here today. Heavy loss by flames has been sustained by logging outfits near Erling, Hoeds Canal. Another property in danger of heavy loss from fires now burning is timber of the Puget Sound Mills & Timber Company, near Lake Crescent, Clallam County.

PLAN REGARDED AS FUTILE. War Department Doubts Advisability of \$100,000 Bombardment.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 26.—Estimating the cost of a series of ten discharges at about \$100,000, the War Department officials today declined requests to order a bombardment of the skies by all its guns on Puget Sound and at the mouth of the Columbia River in an effort to bring on rain in the burning forest district of the Northwest.

In addition to the objection of cost, the Army officials regarded the project as futile. The Navy Department, to which a similar request was made, expressed its willingness to co-operate with the Army with six or ten-inch guns, the only ones at its disposal.

Admitting the possibility of effectiveness, it was considered that probably ten rounds would have been required. This would have run the cost up to a figure that the officials did not feel justified in incurring without being assured of beneficial results.

The disturbance caused by the flight of the projectiles from the guns, it was said, would be comparatively negligible. To fire the biggest guns in the coast artillery costs about \$250. To fire the 12-inch mortars costs about \$50 or \$70. A tiny electric device is now used to test the action of the heart.



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Near the mill is a pond in which the logs are kept. They jumped into that and all night they splashed water over each other's heads to keep from burning. Logs floating in the water in the pond were partly consumed.

Mrs. Perkins and children had been sent ahead of the fire with a team and a wagon in which were a few personal effects and a trunk. Ahead of them the fire crossed the road. They cut the horses loose, buried the trunk and finally escaped to Hellman.

At Bell Mountain three families were burned out in one district. The fourth neighbor, J. J. Ott, took them all in. There are six children in each family. George Gasaway recently built a fish pond and stocked it with trout. The fire was so hot it heated the water and killed all of the fish. Many fish in the streams were killed by the warmed water.

It is difficult for many of the farmers to find pasture for their cows. Milk is scarce and this will vitally affect several creameries. In the vicinity of Battle Ground the fire consumed the old rail fence around a 20-acre field of oats which was shocked, and not a shock of oats was burned.

Above Yaocot on the logging railroad, every bridge and trestle was burned. The railroad to Yaocot will be open tomorrow or Saturday, it is thought.

The Spokane, Portland & Seattle Railroad is loading cars with timbers and repair for bridges around Spokane and other points. The bridge owned by the Northern Pacific. The North Bank road was not injured by the fires.

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MANY MANSIONS GETTING GRANDS

Sale Closes 10 P. M.—Better Come Before Noon, Though.

ONLY A FEW ARE LEFT

Chance to Obtain a Fine "Grand" Style Piano at These Sale Prices Won't Soon Come Again.

It's all over tonight. At 10 P. M. the greatest sale of Grand Pianos ever held in Portland will be over. More than 20 houses and studios have already saved a total of several thousand dollars in the purchase of the magnificent Grand Pianos which we have sacrificed in this sale.

There wasn't a single undesirable instrument in the whole lot. Of the remaining few are a \$900 Weber Grand, which you can't tell from new, at \$515—a really superb instrument in ebonyized case. This piano has been used in only three or four recitals. There is also a latest style, fancy mahogany Knabe Grand that can be had for \$535, one of the most beautiful cases ever seen.

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This instrument goes at the same discount quoted above, 40 per cent off. It is doubtful if ever such an opportunity will ever occur again—and it is very likely likely, since in the last ten years no such sale of Grand Pianos has been held in the United States.

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