

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 burning 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. Sandy and the young reports in the fire was under control spread through the district did fear subsided.

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. 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.

Two Women Escape Narrowly.

One of the thrilling escapes reported was that of two women who were rescued by Victor Hammer, superintendent of undergrounds for 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 earth.

FIRES NEAR LA GRANDE GROW

Rhododendron, whose family was at Rhododendron, became apprehensive and rushed to their rescue in an automobile. Much of the corduroy road was burning and a leaking 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.



TAKEN SATURDAY NIGHT DURING PACIFIC ANNEX



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.

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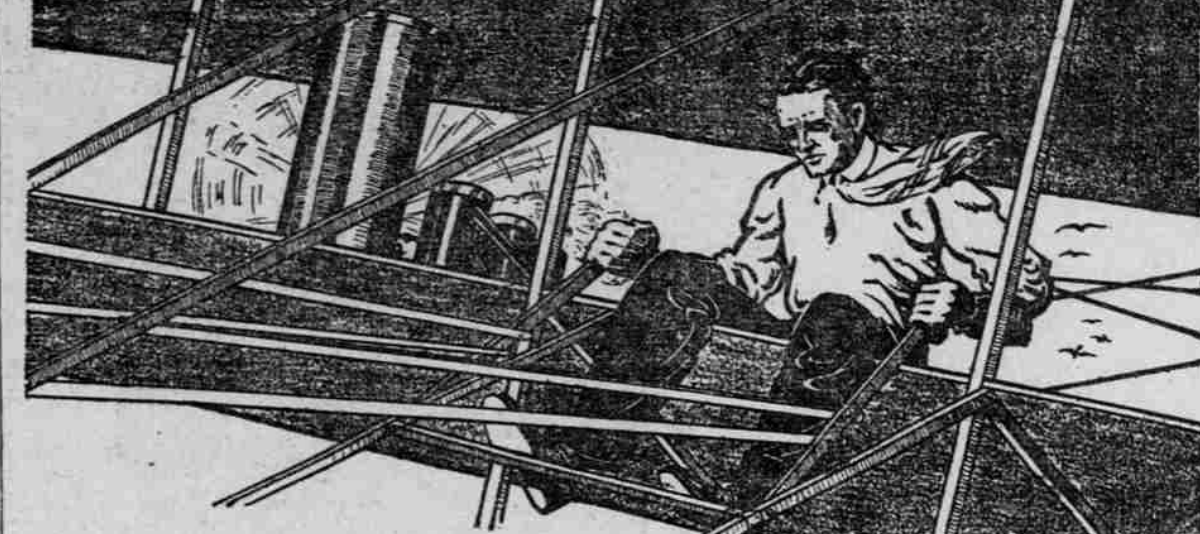
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PLAN REGARDED AS FUTILE

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.

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.

FOR WELL-TO-DO HOMES. We are particularly desirous of meeting the owner of a well-to-do home having a large music-room and the whereabouts to purchase a magnificent \$1600 Kimball orchestral concert grand, the identical instrument which contributed its full share in making the Myrtle Elynn recital a phenomenal artistic success early this year.

This Kimball Grand is finer than that Kimball have ever made, and as fine as anybody has ever made in a concert grand piano. It is offered for sale at a reduction of 40 per cent.

Another music-loving home which may have quite so much space available, will be interested in the magnificent Chickering Parlor Grand in very choice dappled mahogany case in this sale. The identical grand used by Dr. Ludwig Waelner and his wonderful pianist, Conrad Bos, in their triumphant appearance last May.

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

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