

WASHINGTON FIRES ARE WELL IN CHECK

Strong, Dry, East Wind Is Most Alarming Phase of Forest Blazes.

QUENCHING RAIN PROMISED

Most Timber Thus Far Burned Is Slashings, or on Logged-Off Lands—Flames Are Holding Close to the Ground.

SEATTLE, Wash., May 22.—The day was unpropitious for the checking of forest fires in Western Washington today, for a dry east wind was blowing and the sun shone brightly. Tonight there seems a likelihood that the promised rain will quench some of the fires. Most of the fires are on logged-off land, some of which contains small trees.

In only one place along the Sol Duc River, in Clallam County, is the fire in big timber, and here it is moving slowly along the ground and not in the tops of the trees. A treetop fire in the great forests of Washington travels with the speed of the wind and causes enormous damage.

The State Forester and the state forest fire warden are hopeful of keeping the fires under control. The fire in Whatcom County are on logged-off land. They threaten the homes of settlers, but the financial loss will not be large. The report of a treetop fire in Lewis County is authoritatively denied.

The only alarming fire in the state, according to the State Forest Fire Association, is the one in the western part of Clallam County, near the northwest corner of the United States. A fire five miles long is burning below the largest timber on the Sol Duc River and the men fighting it have lost control, owing to the high wind.

The fire is running along the ground, however, and has not reached into the tops. The crowns of the trees are more than a hundred feet above the ground. The ground is covered with a dry peat, more than a foot thick, through which the fire eats slowly, burning down trees as it comes to them.

The Forest Fire Association has a force of men fighting a fire at Skykomish, Snohomish County, and watchmen are watching numerous other fires. All the county fire wardens of Western Washington have been ordered into the field by State Forester Ferris. Shovelers and shunters are directed for tonight or Saturday. The fire at Rockdale, on the Milwaukee Railroad near Summit, is under control.

\$200,000 LOSS ALREADY DONE

British Columbia Fires Are Sweeping Wide Territory.

VANCOUVER, B. C., May 22.—Estimates up to noon today place the loss from forest fires in the neighborhood of Vancouver at \$200,000. Eight cottages and a barn were destroyed by a blaze in North Vancouver, where a blaze is sweeping up Grouse Mountain. A special steamer with Government fire fighting equipment was sent today to Skagway, 40 miles north of Vancouver, to combat a blaze in great timber limits.

Fire close to Dewar's gravel pit, between Port Cowichan and Port Moody, a quitclaim lake dam, has already devastated an area about five miles long and two miles wide containing valuable timber. The dam, which has been built on a fault, has been swept away. The logging camp of Mr. Dunham was completely wiped out. Burnhouses and all the other buildings were blown up by the flames in a few minutes, leaving the men of the camp and their families homeless. The refugees fled to Port Cowichan and Port Moody. An exciting trip was made with a train of flat cars, drawn by an engine, from the Dewar gravel pit to the logging camp in the fire zone. On the cars were men and women and children picked up at points in the flame-swept district.

CHEHALIS FIRES IN SLASHING

Three Largest Blazes Cause No Alarm to Logging Companies.

ABERDEEN, Wash., May 22.—(Special.)—Aided by two weeks of rainless weather and fanned by fairly strong breezes forest fires are today burning in slashings on logged-off lands in practically all parts of Chehalis County. No great timber has yet been touched and, with the exception of the reported burning out of a road-building gang's camp 15 miles up the Wishkah, no financial losses have been incurred.

The biggest fires today are those on the Upper Hoquiam, Wishkah and Neahkah rivers and one near Saglew. The Saglew fire was reported this morning to be dying out. Members of the Coats-Fordney, Saglew, Timber and Big Creek Timber companies, in whose districts the biggest fires are at present, say that they do not fear damage. All camp employees have been instructed to use the greatest precaution in starting fires and safety spark-catching devices have been placed on all donkey engines. The country to the northwest is covered with smoke.

HIGH WINDS ALARM NOOKSACK

Two Bad Fires Near Bellingham Are Spreading Rapidly.

BELLINGHAM, Wash., May 22.—Two bad forest fires are burning in the vicinity of Nooksack, 15 miles north of here today. One of the fires is just beyond the limits of the town and a number of residences are menaced. The house and barn of W. W. Vanover, southeast of Nooksack, have been totally destroyed. Practically every able-bodied man in the vicinity of the town is fighting the flames, which already have covered an area of several square miles. On account of the high wind the fires are spreading rapidly, and it is feared that they may get beyond control.

A fierce fire is raging north of Lynden, according to a report received this afternoon. Samuel Palmer and John Swope, farmers, sent a call for help to Lynden, saying their homes were burning. Ranchers in the county report that their crops are being ruined by the fires and the hot winds.

Centralia Graduates Winners.

CENTRALIA, Wash., May 22.—(Special.)—The largest class ever to be graduated from the Centralia High School will receive its diplomas on the night of May 23. The class numbers 23 members. In Earl Watson, Russell Housden, William Miller and Charles Cady the school loses four all-around athletes. In addition, the entire debating team, composed of Vera Hosa, Carl Pitzer, Jr., and Frank James, will be graduated.



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Search Discloses New Fad of Honolulu's Smart Set.

DIVERS SEARCH IN VAIN

Society Woman Who Emulates September Morn Loses Precious Necklace at Bottom of Bathing Place 90 Feet Deep.

SAMOANS IN HIGH GLEE

PAGO PAGO CELEBRATES ANNIVERSARY OF AMERICAN RULE.

Natives Have Charge of Programme and Country Supplies Food to Visitors in Enormous Quantities.

PAGO PAGO, Samoa, May 22.—(Via San Francisco, May 22.)—The 14th anniversary of the holding of the Stars and Stripes in American Samoa was celebrated in Tutuila, April 17, in distinctively native fashion by the largest gathering of Samoans that has been seen here since annexation. The usual formalities of such an occasion were dispensed with and the natives took charge of the programme, much to their delight.

Uncle Sam was impersonated by a tall, dignified Samoan who led a native girl by the hand to the stand occupied by Commander Clark D. Stearns, Governor of American Samoa. The girl was introduced to the Governor as Miss Tutuila, and the chief executive replied, "She is now 14 years old and has grown well."

That was the end of the formalities and the crowd gave itself over to the enjoyment of native games, war dances and sham fights.

The public buildings and some of the churches were requisitioned to provide sleeping accommodations for the visitors to Pago Pago, but an enormous lot today, declared that the indictment of the surrounding country. Besides fish, hogs and cattle, great piles of taro, coconuts and bananas were piled up, and the natives were well supplied with free viands for several days.

GOVERNOR RAPS 'LIBEL'

MULTNOMAH INDICTMENT CALLED 'DAMNABLE' BY EXECUTIVE.

Mr. Ketchum and Mr. Heusser Confer Often and Are Using Grand Jury; 'I'll Pardon If Convicted,' He Said.

SALEM, Or., May 22.—(Special.)—Governor West, in a written statement today, declared that the indictment of Thomas Scott Brooke, E. Henry Wempe, T. A. Luthicum, H. W. Pierang, J. C. Beck, E. T. Ames and J. A. Johnson, criminal libel in connection with the street railway franchise in Portland, was "damnable," and that, should they be convicted, he would pardon them. His statement follows:

"After learning something of the activities of the foreman of the Multnomah grand jury, and being reliably informed as to his being continually in close touch with George Heusser and apparently playing his game, I look upon the indictments returned by the Multnomah grand jury as most damnable. No one will ever think for a minute that these men will be convicted, and, should they be convicted, I would feel it my duty immediately to grant them a pardon."

"Mr. Heusser is not only using the Multnomah grand jury to punish those who prevented his grabbing a franchise in Portland as he has just grabbed one in Vancouver, Wash., but is also using it to secure the approach to the interstate bridge at a point which will be to his interest, rather than to that of the general public."

"If Mr. Heusser and Mr. Ketchum, of the grand jury, think they can pull off such a raw deal they will find themselves badly mistaken. I had intended to look further into the bridge approach matter, but in view of recent events, I have decided to stand pat upon the Union-avenue approach."

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part taken by the various directors of the New Haven in the vast financial operations of the system. Mr. Mellen gave an intimate personal view of several of the members of the New Haven board, further emphasizing the dominant power of Mr. Morgan, particularly and of Mr. Rockefeller, Mr. Baker and Mr. Leonard.

Mr. Mellen also testified as to "hold-ups" in stocks to which he had been subjected as president of the New Haven and said it was due to intimations that came to him that if legislation were wanted it would be a good idea to trade in stocks.

At the conclusion of the hearing today Mr. Mellen seemed as fresh and vigorous as he was when he took the stand last Tuesday.

The extent to which Mr. Mellen's testimony may render him immune from prosecution is still an open question. Officials of the Department of Justice have expressed the view that the testimony would raise the question of immunity, but the Interstate Commerce Commission has proceeded on the ground that the testimony was called for by a resolution of the United States Senate without reference to what its effect might be.

Friars' Grand Jury Called. OREGON CITY, Or., May 22.—(Special.)—County Attorney Gilbert Hodges announced this evening that the Clackamas County grand jury will meet May 26 to consider the charges made by Governor West against the Friars' Club at Milwaukie. Mr. Hodges says he has collected considerable evidence, although he did not say whether he

had been in touch with Special State Detective Tom Kay.

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