

# FIRES SPREADING IN FOUR STATES

### Ranch Homes Are Threatened and Timber Losses Are Expected to Be Heavy.

## WOMEN FIGHTING FLAMES

### Incendiarism Believed to Be Responsible for Fires That Burn Over Tract Intended for Refugees From Belgium.

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Fires have been burning for over a week at different points between Stevenson and Cook's. The blaze of today is raging near the timbered belts along the Little White Salmon River.

Reports from the Upper Valley today are that the fire in the National forest is again assuming menacing proportions, having spread to the region of "The Only" Creek. While no word has been had from rangers, guests at Mount Hood Lodge and Cloud Cap Inn have been observing the spread of the big burn this afternoon, and a call for additional men to fight the flames is expected at any time.

## MONTANA FIRES SPREADING

### Summer Colonies in Danger; 4500 Men Fighting Flames.

BUTTE, Mont., Aug. 22.—With forest fires spreading over three districts in Western Montana and great quantities of valuable standing timber, the largest forest left in this district threatened, local forestry officials redoubled their efforts today to obtain a sufficient number of men to aid in fighting the flames.

More than 250 men were sent to Missoula today to start from there for the scenes of the fires. A force of 100 has been organized to be prepared for the next call for help. Nearly 4500 men are now engaged in the work.

The most extensive of the fires is in the Selway forest, on the Montana-Idaho line in the Bitter Root Mountains, about 50 miles southwest of Missoula. Word received from the forest early today was to the effect that if no wind arises this fire will be under control soon. More than 600 men are in action there.

A force of 40 men had a narrow escape from death in a cul de sac in the mountains there. They saved themselves by backfiring. Scores of ranchers have been warned to move out of dangerous locations.

The Seely Lake fire in the Big Blackfoot country is most difficult to combat because of its remote location. Several summer colonies at the lake are in danger.

The fire at Whitcap Peak, on the main range of the Rockies, is said to be under control, rain having fallen there.

A report issued by the forestry office here this afternoon says: "Fish Lake fire fighters (near Missoula) report that when the smoke lifted today they counted six new fires. These evidently were set by lightning. The Seely Lake fire is in bad shape and supplies for the men are running low. One of the worst new fires is on Burdette Creek, 10 miles from Lolo, in the Bitter Root Mountains. We expect to have 100 men there tonight."

GREAT FALLS, Mont., Aug. 22.—Sixty-five fire fighters were sent from this city today bound for Libby to join the crew of fire fighters working on the forest fires of that section.

## 2,000,000 FEET OF LOGS BURN

### Men and Women Battle Flames Near Town of Sherwood.

SHERWOOD, Or., Aug. 22.—(Special.)—Fire, which started late today in the holdings of the Appendorf Lumber Company, six miles south of town, tonight had burned 2,000,000 feet of logs, a \$450 donkey engine that had just been purchased, the company's \$50,000 mill and endangered the lives of a number of the fire fighters.

Women tonight were fighting the fire with the men, relieving their husbands and brothers when they became fatigued. A chemical apparatus was sent from Sherwood to assist the 100 fire fighters now in the woods.

## RANCHER BLAMED FOR FIRE

### Burning Slashings Said to Have Caused Loss of Bridge.

EGGENSE, Or., Aug. 22.—(Special.)—A warrant was issued here today for the arrest of Edward Bryant, a resident of the Blachley district, charging him with burning slashings without getting a permit from Fire Warden. The fire started by Bryant is alleged to have destroyed the bridge over the Triangle Lake road and to have also damaged the Deadwood-Blachley telephone line. C. V. Oglesby, deputy fire warden, swore to the complaint.

## FIRES IN CASCADES SPREADS

### 500 Acres of Green Timber Said to Have Been Burned Over.

ALBANY, Or., Aug. 22.—(Special.)—A forest fire, which started last night in the foothills of the Cascades, between Lacombe and Madras, was spreading rapidly, according to reports received here tonight. It is said to have covered more than 500 acres, much of it green timber.

## BAKER FIRES ARE UNCHECKED

### 200 Acres of Timber Said to Have Been Burned on Two Creeks.

BAKER, Or., Aug. 22.—(Special.)—That the forest fire near Pine and Cornet creeks, between Hereford and

Bridgeport, is still raging is the report received here tonight. State Fire Warden Palmer and his crew of men are still fighting the blaze, which is said to be spreading to the valuable timber near by. More than 200 acres of timber are said to have been destroyed.

## FIRES THREATEN WALLACE

### Other Idaho Towns Are Near Flames That Are Spreading Rapidly.

SPOKANE, Wash., Aug. 22.—The town of Wallace, Idaho, was threatened by a forest fire today when a blaze, supposed to have been set by an engine spark, was fanned by a wind and spread over the mountain north of the city.

It was still burning tonight, but backfires were believed to insure the safety of the city, though the fire was moving northward. Miners from surrounding workings were called to fight the blaze.

Reports received at the forestry office here were to the effect that the fire near Adair, Idaho, still is spreading and threatening valuable standing timber on the Deep Creek side of the divide in the Bitter Root Mountains.

New fires reported to the district forester's office at Missoula, included two on Bear Creek, in the Selway forest; fires at Lochsa and Elk Summit, in the Selway forest; a small fire west of Evaro, in the Flathead forest, and a blaze near Gold Creek.

## DOZEN TIMBER FIRES SET

### Incendiaries Busy in Yamhill, Where Colonists Will Locate.

SALEM, Or., Aug. 22.—A dozen timber fires of incendiary origin have been discovered in Yamhill County on lands which are under negotiation by James Slevin, agent of Belgian colonists, who propose to settle Belgians on the lands. This information was received today at the office of State Forester Elliott.

District Fire Warden W. E. Mendenhall, who sent word to the forester, believes the fires have been set with the deliberate purpose of injuring the lands.

The fires are said to have been discovered before they gained great headway and are now under control. No clue to the persons setting the fires has been obtained.

Fires of incendiary origin have also been discovered in Columbia County, but are under control.

A north wind yesterday and today in this part of the state has increased fire danger. No report from the fire in the La Creole Basin has reached the forester's office.

## BEND FIRES ARE CONQUERED

### Square Lake Flames Which Threatened Timber Are Checked.

BEND, Or., Aug. 22.—(Special.)—With the exception of one fire in the Square Lake section, the worst which has been reported in the Deschutes National Forest this season, the fire situation is now well under control. The Square Lake fire, however, is now covering a territory of two miles long, by nearly a mile in width, and a force of 22 men under the direction of Ranger Vincent is working furiously to combat the flames.

The fire is believed to be the combined result of a number of smaller blazes which, fanned by high winds, were massed into one. The timber is not valuable, but is in dangerous proximity to a belt of high-grade white pine.

Two fires in the Crane Prairie district are still burning, but are not thought to be dangerous.

## YAMHILL FIRES CONTROLLED

### Mollet Sawmill, West of McMinnville, in Danger, but Saved.

McMINNVILLE, Or., Aug. 22.—(Special.)—Fire wardens have the several forest fires in this county well under control. During the past few days fires have been reported from the Chehalis Mountains back of Dundee, from the headwaters of Deer Creek in the Coast Mountains, and from Baker Creek west of McMinnville.

This later fire was the most destructive and difficult to control. The Mollet sawmill lay in its path, the premises being saved only by back-firing. The timber fires south of Sheridan, which broke out afresh, are again under control.

## POWER LINE IS MELTED

### Brush Fire Causes Damage in Vicinity of Rainier.

RAINIER, Or., Aug. 22.—(Special.)—Lines of the North Coast Power Company were melted and telegraph communication was reported to have been interrupted by a brush fire sweeping through a narrow strip between the North Bank Railroad and the Columbia River Highway today.

The railroad has every section crew fighting the fire. No commercial timber is threatened. Power service was suspended for a time, but the break in the line was repaired.

## POLK COUNTY FIRES SERIOUS

### Only Rain Can Extinguish Flames, Which Have Spread Widely.

DALLAS, Or., Aug. 22.—(Special.)—The fire in the Willamette Valley Lumber Company's holdings is gradually spreading toward Black Rock district. Fire Warden Fuller looks out a new crew this morning and hopes to be able to check the spread.

The fire at Mt. Creek is still causing some uneasiness and is controlled only by persistent lightning.

Only a soaking rain can extinguish either of these fires, as they have spread over a large territory.

## Fire Near Newberg Controlled.

### NEWBERG, Or., Aug. 22.—(Special.)—The fire west of Newberg is under control today. One hundred and twenty-five men from Newberg and Dundee fought the blaze yesterday and a large part of last night, and a patrol is still working to prevent a spread of the fire. There is a large fire in Clackamas County, just south of Sherwood, but no call for help has reached here as yet. A small fire is reported on Chehalis Mountain, north of here.

## Battery Recruited to 415 Men.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Aug. 22.—(Special.)—The strength of the battery of field artillery being raised in Eastern Washington reached 415 last night, according to announcement of Major Paul H. Weyrauch. The men here are being measured for their uniforms to save time when they reach their training quarters.

## Argentina Fleet Purchased.

BUENOS AIRES, Aug. 22.—The French-American syndicate has bought a fleet belonging to the Argentine Navigation Company for 16,500,000 piastres.

# BURLESON SCORES DISLOYAL PAPERS

### Mail Privilege Denied "The Masses" Because of Anti-Government Propaganda.

## WORDS ADROITLY CHOSEN

### Editors Appear to Escape by Narrow Margin Statements That Would Lead to Jail—Half Truths Are Told.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 22.—The Masses, a Socialist magazine published in New York, was denounced by Postmaster-General Burleson in a communication to the Senate today as a leader in organized propaganda to discourage enlistments, prevent subscriptions to the liberty loan and obstruct the draft act. He mentioned the Jeffersonian, of which Thomas E. Watson is editor, as in the same class.

Mr. Burleson declined to give more specific reasons for raising The Masses the mail privilege, saying such information was incompatible with the public interest. In response to the Senate's resolution of inquiry, presented by Senator Hardwick, the Postmaster-General wrote to Chairman Bankhead, of the postoffice committee, saying:

"From matter received by this department from various sections of the country, I find that there is an organized propaganda to discredit and handicap in every way the Government in the prosecution of this war with the clear and unmistakable purpose of defeating the objects for which the Government is spending millions of dollars and probably will be called upon to sacrifice thousands of lives."

"The publications forming a part of this propaganda in many cases so guard their utterances as the editors think will keep them out of prison. They are nevertheless united in publishing the same class of matter, whether it be true or half true or wholly false and are daily accomplishing results clearly in violation of the espionage law."

Disloyal Material Republished.  
"Common among these publications stand The Masses and The Jeffersonian. Their respective editors are leaders in the movement. Their writings and speeches are quoted with approval by the press of this character throughout the country, as well as in circular matter emanating from the same source."

"Publications of this class have from week to week contended that the so-called draft act recently passed by Congress is unconstitutional, and under the pretense of legitimate argument have actually obstructed the execution of the draft act and prevented subscriptions to the bonds issued to raise money to carry on the war."

## I. W. W. HUNG IN EFFIGY

### "TAKE THIS AT HOW IT LOOKS," IS READING ON PLACARD.

Grays Harbor Sheriff is Startled by Realism of Figure of Logger Hanging Across Main Highway.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Aug. 22.—(Special.)—The effigy of a logger hanging by the neck to a cross-wire over the Olympic Highway, just east of Montezuma, was found this morning by Sheriff Bartlett and his deputies. A sign reading on one side, "I. W. W. HUNG IN EFFIGY," and on the other, "TAKE THIS AT HOW IT LOOKS," was attached.

The effigy was dressed in logger's clothing—top shoes, working trousers, coarse socks and a heavy flannel shirt. Above the black mask was a felt hat. It was hanging by the neck and was so near the road that the Sheriff's posse actually thought it was a man until they started to cut it down. The feet hung about 10 feet above the road.

Who hung the effigy over the road is a problem.

It was after 12 o'clock when the Sheriff was routed out of bed to answer a telephone call. An excited voice said there was a man hanging dead over the road near the I. W. W. camp at Lester's. The Sheriff hastened to the place expecting trouble.

## BATTLE WAGED IN AUTO

### Officer Arrests Alleged Dry-Law Violator Trying to Flee.

SEATTLE, Wash., Aug. 22.—Harry Johnson, an automobile driver, was arrested here today charged with violation of the prohibition law. Handcuffs were slipped on him after he jumped into an automobile and attempted to escape. A dry squad officer leaped onto the running board of the car and subdued him.

The fight took place while the automobile was proceeding through downtown streets at high speed.

## Pioneer Merchant Is Dead.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Aug. 22.—(Special.)—T. C. Marum, pioneer merchant of Walla Walla, passed away yesterday at the age of 69. He returned a few weeks ago from California, where he had lived for 20 years, to make his home with his son and only immediate relative, Bud Marum. He was taken ill a few days ago and hurried to a hospital, where he was treated for dropsy and Bright's disease.

## Hood River Rural Credits Allowed.

HOOD RIVER, Or., Aug. 22.—(Special.)—The East Hood River Federal Rural Credit Association has been granted its charter. The organization has 18 members, whose loans reach \$73,800. The officers are: W. D. Allen, president; A. I. Mason, vice-president; and R. E. Scott, secretary. The loan board members are: F. B. Friday, V. Winchell and J. F. Naumes.

## Vancouver May Borrow Dredge.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Aug. 22.—The War Department today told Senator Chamberlain it would authorize the lending of a dredge Oregon to the Port of Vancouver to deepen the water in front of shipyards and mills, provided the Judge Advocate-General will rule that such action is legal. The port, in any event, must pay the cost of operating the dredge in Vancouver Harbor.

## Army Officers Are Assigned.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Aug. 22.—The following officers have been detailed as instructors at the new training camp at Vancouver Barracks:

Major Lewis H. Watkins, Captain John W. Swenson and First Lieutenants Frank M. House and Raymond A. Hill. The three latter were students at the first Vancouver camp.

Captain Douglas H. Gillette is relieved from duty as instructor at Vancouver Barracks and assigned to similar duty at the Presidio.

Captain Herman R. Gladwin is ordered to American Lake for duty as assistant quartermaster.

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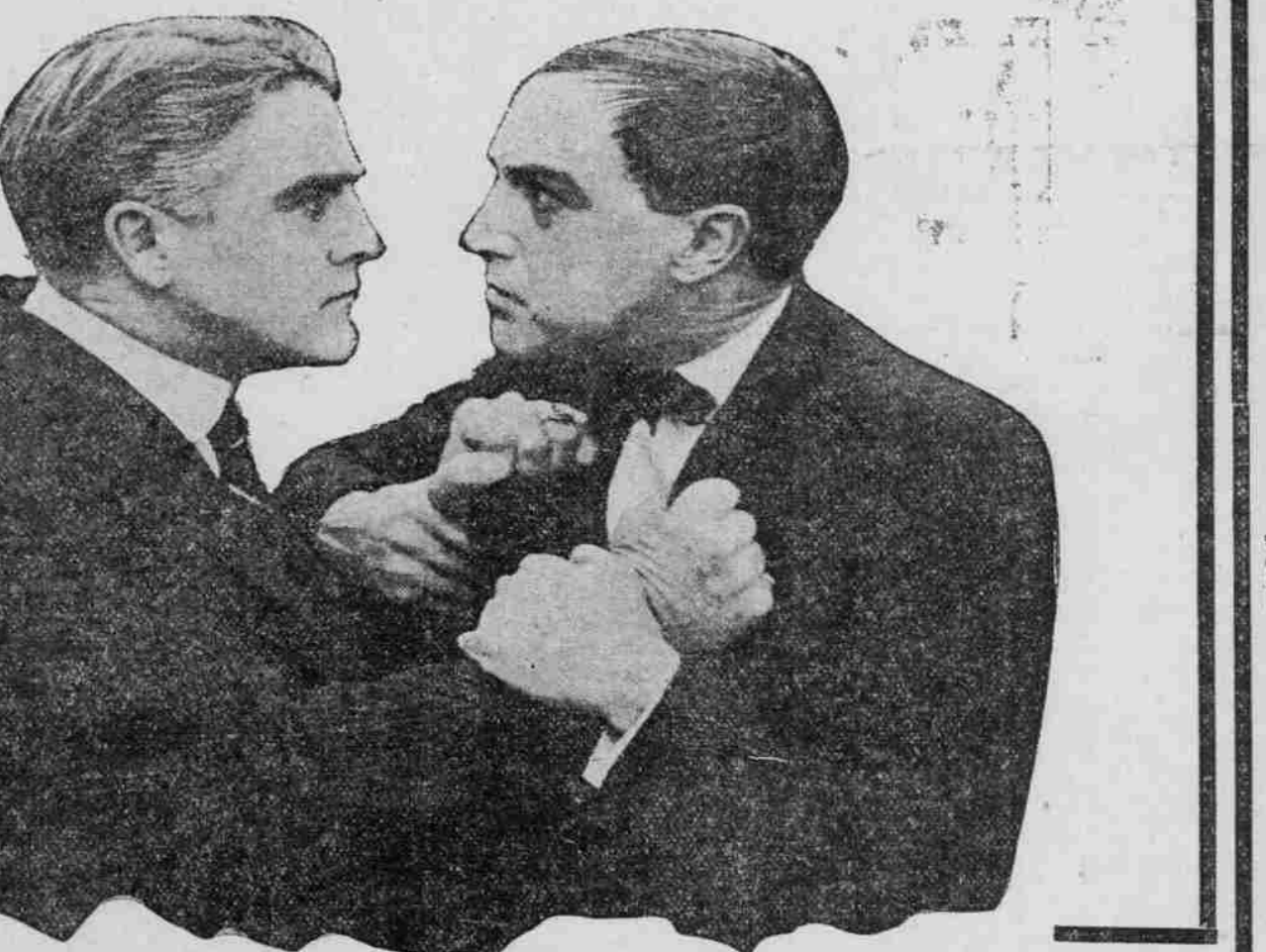
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