

TROOPS ARE SENT TO KILL FIREBUGS

State Calls on Government for Picked Men Who Will Patrol Burning Woods.

MANY FLAMES CHECKED

Call for Help Comes From Summit of Blue Mountains, Where Three Fires Are Converging and Workers Are Dispatched.

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Indicated the fires in the district had gotten a fresh start. The flames in the Minam forest reserve, near Baker, were checked yesterday, after 400 acres had been devastated. Serious fires in Columbia County were under control.

At Marshfield the telephone lines were down for a time, but the fires were under control.

Montana Fires Serious.

Two little fires in Wasco County were under control, and no new ones were reported.

At Astoria the destruction of a \$6000 sawmill was declared to have been due to incendiary.

Lightning at Walla Walla started four fires that were quickly checked. Campers are thought to have been responsible for flames started in woods near Oregon City.

Two new fires were discovered at Gold Creek, 40 miles east of Missoula. Mont. and men were rushed to the district to help the war, but now in the district. Fire lines will be established in the Lathrop district today. The situation in other districts was improving.

TWO DIE FIGHTING FIRES

Part of Force Near Astoria Is Trapped in Pocket.

ASTORIA, Or., Aug. 24.—(Special.)—Two Bulgarians were burned to death tonight in a forest fire near Knappa on lands of the Big Creek Logging Company. The men were trapped in a pocket. Efforts were made to recover the bodies.

The victims were part of a force of 250 fighting a fire burning back of the camp.

COLUMBIA FIRES ARE WEAKER

Rain Would Save Valuable Timber Now in Path of Flames.

According to a report received by Hugh Henry, secretary of the Oregon Forest Fire Association, the great Trenchum fire in Columbia County has at last been quenched, after devastating more than 1000 acres of land.

Warden McDonald, working with the Columbia County association, yesterday completed a trench fire-break which has proved an effective check. Fortunately the timber burned consisted mostly of slashings, underbrush and old burns, although some fine standing timber was destroyed.

This is only one of approximately 10 separate fires in Columbia County, however, two of which are utterly beyond control. One hundred and fifty fire-fighters are at work in the county.

If the wind should shift to the south and bring rain thousands of dollars' worth of timber, which has now been given up would probably be saved. If, however, the wind should shift from northeast to east, it would combine the fire and the smoke from the fire into some of the finest timber in the entire state.

Officials report that probably all the fires are the result of incendiary. New fires are kindled daily upon the holdings of the Government, private corporations and small settlers alike.

It is the smoke from these fires which caused the heavy smog over Portland yesterday. The smoke is also largely responsible for the suitcases. Other counties reporting serious fires are Hood River, Yamhill, Josephine, Jackson, Douglas and Lane.

GOVERNMENT OFFERS REWARD

Willful or Malicious Starting of Fires Will Be Severely Punished.

The United States Forest Service reports no change in the local forest fire situation. Campers and sportsmen, the officials say, are no doubt to blame for a portion of the fires, and the Government is doing its best to teach people to be careful while in the woods.

With fires set in the woods maliciously, the service is assuming a different attitude. Following is a copy of a cloth sign which is being posted in the forests throughout the state:

Forest Fire. Rewards. The Department of Agriculture is prepared to pay the following:

First—Not exceeding \$250 and not less than \$50 for the arrest and conviction of any person willfully and maliciously setting on fire, or causing to be set on fire, any timber, underbrush or grass upon the lands of the United States within a National forest.

Second—Not exceeding \$100 and not less than \$25 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of any person building a fire on lands of the United States within a National forest, or near any forest timber or other inflammable material, and leaving said fire burning, the same has been totally extinguished.

The poster is signed by the Secretary of Agriculture. Local forestry officials intend to push all prosecutions to the fullest extent in an effort to stamp out incendiary and force campers to use extreme care with the forests, Oregon's greatest asset.

INCENDIARY CHARGE RENEWED

Identity of Columbia County Firebugs Is Mystery.

SALEM, Or., Aug. 24.—(Special.)—State Forester Elliott, who returned today from an inspection of the Forest Fires in Columbia County, stated there was no question about the fires being of incendiary origin, but who started them is still a mystery. They are burning in the property of the Fir Tree Lumber Company, Western Timber Company and Hewitt Investment Company. The forester's office also received word that 25 or 30 men are continually engaged in keeping in check the fires at Black Rock, which are burning in the slashings, but so far have not reached green timber.

GOVERNOR ASKS FOR TROOPS

Patrol Wanted in Forests Where Fires Have Been Set.

SALEM, Or., Aug. 24.—Governor Withycombe today announced that he had instructed Adjutant-General White to send a request to Washington for Federal troops to patrol the Oregon

forests for the purpose of stopping incendiary fires.

The Governor also said that his office has employed special agents to run down persons responsible for the numerous incendiary fires in the state. Oregon timbermen and State Forester Elliott requested the Governor to ask for Federal troops to patrol, and the Governor took the action after hearing a report from General White, who had conferred with timbermen, and with Colonel Dentler, who is in charge of Federal troops in this section.

State Forester Elliott said today that there is absolutely no question that damaging forest fires now raging in Columbia County are of incendiary origin. He has no clew as to who set the fires.

Property of the Fir Tree Lumber Company, the Western Lumber Company and the Hewitt Investment Company are endangered by the fires.

The Spaulding Logging Company, of Salem, now has a force of 25 or 30 men fighting the flames in the Black Rock vicinity, where the fires have been burning for the last 10 days. The fire assumed worse proportions yesterday.

HEAT DRIVES FIGHTERS BACK

Telephone Lines Burned in Cow Creek Canyon Fires.

ROSEBURG, Or., Aug. 24.—(Special.)—Telephone poles and lines were wiped out, and the service between Roseburg and the south seriously handicapped, by fire which has been raging in Cow Creek Canyon for several days and which today caused 20 line-men and 20 poles to be destroyed. The Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Company to be rushed there to avert further damage. It was also reported that several homes there are endangered by the fire.

A high wind prevailed yesterday and the heat was so intense that the men could not approach within 20 yards of the flames. The gale subsided, however, and the men are now making better progress.

Other serious fires are raging in the vicinity of Camas Valley and in the Steamboat Creek country. Fire Warden Lane estimates that there are more than 50 fires in the county.

FIRE SPREADS OVER 12 MILES

Idaho Gets Fighters From Spokane and Hurries Them to Woods.

GRANGEVILLE, Idaho, Aug. 24.—(Special.)—One of the worst forest fires in the history of the county is raging in Sheepeater buttes, in the vicinity of Dixie, a mining camp about 20 miles east of Grangeville. The fire is in territory embraced by the Idaho National Forest, but the local officers of the Nez Perce reserve are co-operating with the Government authorities in checking the blaze, which today covered an area of more than 12 square miles of valuable timber.

Eighty-five men were expected tonight from Spokane, and this party, augmented by local men, are fighting the blaze. The fire is now burning in the vicinity of Dixie. The trip from Grangeville to Dixie will be made in hacks, 20 being ready to start tomorrow. The men will be required to walk from Dixie to the fire, 15 miles.

SMOKE HIDES OTHER SHORE

Hood River Hears Upper Valley Fire Is Worse in Green Timber.

HOOD RIVER, Or., Aug. 24.—(Special.)—Although no call has come from Forestry Service officials for help, it is reported from Mount Hood today that the Upper Valley National Forest fire was worse today. The extent of the day's new burn cannot be determined at the great distance, but it is judged from the huge column of black smoke that the fire is racing through the forest.

A dense bank of smoke settling over the Columbia gorge has blotted from the view the local fire, at Washington, bank of the Columbia and it is impossible to determine from here today the progress of the fire on the Little White Salmon.

FLAMES NEAR BERLIN HALTED

Sawmills Have Narrow Escape and Green Timber Is Reached.

ALBANY, Or., Aug. 24.—(Special.)—With more than 100 men fighting it, the big forest fire near Berlin is being held in check, although not under control. Estimates are that it has covered between 800 and 1000 acres. Most of this has been in an old burn. It is burning in green timber now, however, or part of the distance it is sweeping. No buildings have been destroyed, although two sawmills have had narrow escapes.

Considerable smoke from this and fires in the mountains of other sections of the state swept down into the center of the Valley today.

WIRES IN COOS ARE DOWN

Fires in Most District Are Reported to Be Under Control.

MARSHFIELD, Or., Aug. 24.—(Special.)—Although fire is burning in many sections of the county, no reports of damage to standing timber are turned in. Many extra fire wardens, however, are stationed at places where danger is imminent.

The Western Union wires between Hood River and Eugene have been cut out of commission for the greater part of the day, caused, information said, by the line being burned down between Elsie and the coast.

Several fires on the Coos Bay Peninsula are burning over old logged-off areas, but scores of men have them under control.

BAKER FIRES ARE CHECKED

640 Acres of Timber Lost After Flames Sweep Through Woods.

BAKER, Or., Aug. 24.—(Special.)—Fire that has been raging two days in the Minam forest reserve is now under control, according to reports from the fire wardens who returned today after directing a large force of fire fighters there.

The blaze consumed 640 acres of timber and was the largest in this vicinity this season. The fire was near Mount Marlan on East Eagle Creek, which is in the country, making fire-fighting difficult.

All other fires of importance in this vicinity are also under control.

LOGGING CAMP IN DANGER

400 Acres Near Toledo Burned Over, but Engines Are Saved.

TOLEDO, Or., Aug. 24.—(Special.)—Fire started near the Siletz Logging Company's camp, five miles north of Toledo, Wednesday night. The origin is unknown. Fire Warden Wade, with a force of men fought the blaze all day and has it under control. One of the donkey engines was in danger and was removed to the road for safety.

About 400 acres of logged-off land was burned over. The Government has reorganized of the Government fighting forces today after head-

MONTANA FIRES ARE WORSE

Two Serious Blazes Appear on Gold Creek and Men Are Rushed Out.

MISSOULA, Mont., Aug. 24.—Two new forest fires on Gold Creek, 40 miles east of here, and a bad blaze on Petty Creek, in Mineral County, caused a

quarters had declared the situation well in hand.

Fifty men were rushed to the Gold Creek fire and men just back from the Idaho forests were sent to Lathrop, bringing the forces there to a strength of more than 500 men. Fire lines probably will be established in both districts tomorrow, it is said.

Elsewhere in district No. 1 of the United States Forest Service the fire situation is encouraging. Lines have been run around the Seelye Lake fire, which last night threatened to lay waste the whole Upper Blackfoot valley, and the Lolo Hot Springs fire, against which an army of men was sent in motor trucks, has been checked.

IDAHO FIRES NOT CONTROLLED

Valuable Body of White Pine in Lochsa Forest Threatened.

LEWISTON, Idaho, Aug. 24.—(Special.)—Forest fires continue to burn, with little headway made in checking the gradual spreading toward the valuable timber, especially the Lochsa forests of white pine, said to be the largest body of this kind of timber in the United States.

Reports received at the forestry office are to the effect that the fire near Adair is still spreading and threatening the timber on the deep creek side of the divide, in the Bitter Root Mountains. Fires in the Clear Creek and Turkey Creek sections, partly burned over in 1916, were reported under control. Uncontrolled fires reported to the district forester's office include two on Bear Creek, in the Selway forest; fires at Lochsa and Elk Summit, in the Selway forest; a small fire west of Everett, in the Flathead forest of Montana, and a blaze near Gold Creek.

CAMPERS BLAMED FOR BLAZE

Trenches Control Clackamas Fire After Two Days' Fighting.

OREGON CITY, Or., Aug. 24.—(Special.)—Fire on the property of Thomas Kelland, the timber of which is owned by E. A. Hackett, of this city, supposed to have originated from carelessness of campers on the property, burned over a considerable portion of woods yesterday and today before it was brought under control. The timber had been burned over several years, but a second growth of small wood was on the property. A score of men fought the blaze during last night and brought it under control this morning by digging trenches around it.

No reports of other fires in this county have reached this city, although the fire on the property of Hackett is reported to have spread into Clackamas County.

UNION COUNTY TIMBER ABLAZE

Hurried and Emphatic Calls for Help Indicate Seriousness.

LA GRANDE, Or., Aug. 24.—(Special.)—What purports to be the most damaging forest fire of the year in this county has broken out on the summit of the Blue Mountains, in the vicinity of Kamela. Apparently three distinct fires are running rapidly toward the town.

Forest fire finders in this county have sent hurried calls for help and a crew of 40 men is already at work. Definite word concerning the carrying of the blaze are still lacking, but the emphatic nature of the calls for help worries local authorities. Thus far, Union County has had no serious blazes this year.

DALLAS WATER ENDANGERED

Four Thousand Acres of Timber Is Burned Over; Blazes Unchecked.

DALLAS, Or., Aug. 24.—(Special.)—One hundred men are fighting fires. Canyon Creek water shed is again menaced and the water supply in this area is endangered. The Mill Creek fire is spreading southward and has burned over 4000 acres, one-half of which is green timber.

Three thousand acres of logged-off land in Willamette Valley holdings has been burned over and guards are fighting to keep the fires from spreading into green timber on the south slope of the range. Fire in the Spaulding holdings is doing some damage to standing timber in La Creole Basin.

WASCO HAS TWO LITTLE FIRES

County Escapes Serious Blazes in Forest Districts.

THE DALLAS, Or., Aug. 24.—(Special.)—While raging forest fires are causing consternation throughout the state and close around Wasco County, the county has escaped so far. There have been two fires, but they were so small that the forest rangers were able to put them out without assistance. One of them occurred on the Westmore watershed and the other in the Wapinitia district.

The forest rangers are keeping alert and the danger of any serious blaze is small.

NO NEW FIRES IN DESCHUTES

Square Lake Country Burning, but Situation Is Well in Hand.

BEND, Or., Aug. 24.—(Special.)—No new fires in the Deschutes National Forest were reported today and the situation is now well in hand. The chief fire, in the Square Lake country, is still burning. A cause of the large extent of ground covered by the inflammable material within the trench lines it may be necessary to fire the entire tract to prevent serious damage later.

Lightning Starts Four Fires.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Aug. 24.—(Special.)—Only minor forest fires have been reported in the Walla Walla district. Forest Ranger Kendall reported that Tuesday's electrical storm on the Upper Tucannon started four fires, one of which was put out by another controlled and the other two will be extinguished shortly. There are no fires in this immediate district now.

Fire Starts Near Doty.

CENTRALIA, Wash., Aug. 24.—(Special.)—A bad timber fire broke out yesterday morning near Doty. Assistance in fighting the fire was asked of the Sheriff's office. Last night the blaze was reported to be under control. It is believed the fire was of incendiary origin.

\$6000 Mill Fire Is Incendiary.

ASTORIA, Or., Aug. 24.—(Special.)—A small sawmill, owned by Louis Nystrom and situated at Vesper, in the Nehalem Valley, was destroyed by an incendiary fire last night. The loss is estimated at about \$6000.

Grays Harbor Has No Fires.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Aug. 24.—(Special.)—Though forests here are very dry, owing to long drought, no fires were reported from any section of Grays Harbor district today.

Girls Work in Bend Mills.

BEND, Or., Aug. 24.—(Special.)—Because of the shortage of male labor, the Shevlin-Hixon Company has followed the example set by the Brookings Lumber Company here a few weeks ago, and is now employing girls for the lighter work in the saw and door factory.

NEUTRALS AGREE TO HELP FEED BELGIUM

United States Makes Conditions on Which Grains May Be Shipped.

NORWAY TO SUPPLY SHIPS

Thirty or More Dutch Craft Will Sail at Once With Grain for Old Country—None of Supplies to Reach Teutons.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 24.—Belgians will get food quickly and neutrals will have some of their wants supplied, through an agreement entered into today by the food commission and the Governments of the neutral European countries.

It was decided to let 30 or more Dutch ships sail at once from an Atlantic port carrying grain owned by The Netherlands government, on condition that the greater part of the cargoes shall be used for relief of the Belgians.

It was also announced that the Swedish mission had sold at cost \$52,000 bushels of wheat and corn to the Belgian relief. The wheat which was bought by the Swedish government last January and has been held in elevators ever since, will go forward immediately.

Sweden to Obtain Rye.

In return the Swedish government will be allowed to ship 270,000 bushels of rye of the new American crop which will be available in September or October.

Norway's case has been presented by the mission, headed by Dr. Nansen. Complete accord has been reached, it is understood, regarding commodities to go forward to that country immediately. Norway needs foodstuffs and has shipped to Belgium wheat in return to devote 1,000,000 tons to the service of the United States if she can get food in return. It is understood that this offer in part has been accepted.

One of the propositions made by Holland was to turn over to the use of the neutrals the carrying of a large share of her merchant fleet on condition that the ships go without any such proviso. Holland maintained that it would be almost commercial suicide to risk her ships, as it might cut off her immense colonial trade.

Holland Accepts Offer.

Chevalier Van Rappard, The Netherlands Minister, presented the subject before the food commission and negotiated until the proposition finally given him by Mr. Hoover was of such a nature that he advised The Netherlands government to accept it.

The agreement is understood to provide that one-third of the grain is for Holland and the remainder for the Belgians.

It is understood also that the use of ships will be given this country both by Norway and Holland for such trade as does not conflict with United States laws, thus releasing much American grain to the neutrals for the carrying of munitions and troops. Congress probably will be asked to make it legal for ships under a foreign flag, but with American crews, to engage in the coastwise trade.

None of Food to Reach Germans.

What arrangement is to be made to meet the needs of Switzerland and Denmark could not be learned today, but the general understanding is that a certain amount of the old crop wheat with some oats will be allowed to these countries as well as to Norway, Sweden and Holland.

In every case a promise is obtained from the neutrals that no material furnished under their agreement is to be re-exported to countries with whom the allies are at war.

DEALERS VISIT CAVES

AUTOMOBILE MEN FEEL EFFECTS OF LONG HORSEBACK RIDE.

Medford's Industries Are Inspected, Orchards Viewed and Highways in District Are Praised.

MEDFORD, Or., Aug. 24.—(Special.)—Several drivers in the Dealers' Motor Car Association tour said they would rather ride in a Ben Hur chariot race than in an automobile tour today. The reason is that they rode horseback 20 miles over a steep mountain trail Thursday. This change in the mode of travel was necessary to reach the Josephine County caves, 27 miles from Medford. About 14 members of the party drove from Grants Pass to the cave camp, 21 miles, Wednesday night, slept under the starry sky and made the horseback ride next day. Four hours were spent inside the caves. Those who visited the least accessible places and climbed up the most strenuous passages in these famous caves were: Mrs. M. O. Wilkins, Mrs. A. S. Robinson, Miss Julia Pratt, Miss Josephine Logan, Miss Mable Moore, of The Dalles; Albert S. Brown, Harold E. Barton, Sam Maffet and C. W. Ausman. They were accompanied by R. W. Rowley, the guide.

Saturday the dealers will drive over the Pacific Highway pavement to Ashland.

School Superintendent Named.

FOREST GROVE, Or., Aug. 24.—(Special.)—N. A. Frost has been appointed to fill the unexpired term of B. W. Barnes, who recently resigned as School Superintendent of Washington County.

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TELL HIM YOUR FOOT TROUBLES.
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50c Lablach Powder now at... 39c	50c Colgate's Dental Ribbon... 23c	One full pint Lily Milk of Magnesia now for... 45c	100c Nuxated Iron at... 30c	25c Bay Rum for... 19c
1.50 Oriental Cream now... 1.25	50c Forhan's Tooth Paste... 45c	50c Dandarin on sale... 40c	Wesson Salad Oil now only... 35c	25c Sea Salt at... 19c
50c Came-line at... 40c	50c Love's Face Powder now at... 75c	Wood-Lark Bed Bug Banisher, now at... 35c	100c Cascara Bark at... 7c	Dandy Reach Powder 12-oz. can now at... 50c
50c Robertine at... 40c	25c Mum... 20c	50c D. & R. Cold Cream now at... 40c	25c Rose Water at... 19c	50c Peppermint for... 45c
50c Dermal Viva at... 45c	25c Spire... 20c	100c Othine—double strength... 90c	25c T. Green 8 oz. can sale at... 19c	25c Lyon's Paste at... 20c
50c Dickey Creme de Lis at... 39c	25c O.D.R. Cream... 20c	50c Bene-tol at... 40c		
Orchard White... 35c	25c Cuticura sale at... 18c	25c Decastro's Kidney and Liver Tea now at... 20c		
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PRESS TRIALS TOPIC

Washington Association Hears Several Prominent Men.

ELECTION FOLLOWS TODAY

Banquet, Concert and Auto Tour Are Day's Entertainment Features and Another Outing Is on Programme.

CHEHALIS, Wash., Aug. 24.—(Special.)—There was an increased attendance at the second day's session of the Washington State Press Association, held in this city today, many late arrivals having put their papers to press last night and headed for Chehalis for the week-end.

The feature paper of the day was by Frank P. Goss, city editor of the Seattle Post-Intelligencer, his subject being "News and Greater Possibilities." Mr. Goss strongly urged the support of the Government in the war effort, and the Nation and pointed out where it was to the interest of all that the press should acquiesce in a reasonable censorship of a voluntary nature.

A paper on "The Paper Press Situation and the Future," prepared by W. W. Ball, president of the Press Warehouse Company, of Seattle, gave interesting information as to prices and the arrangement with Lord Northcliffe whereby possible cut in prices may be effected later.

Respects Paid to I. W. W. Chapin D. Foster, editor of the Grandview Herald, aroused much enthusiasm when he paid his respects to the I. W. W. and urged the united effort of all patriotic citizens in suppressing them.

One of the most interesting shop talks heard at this or any past session of the association was given by E. E. Troxell, executive secretary of the Washington Newspaper Association, on "Prospects Worth Going After." Mr. Troxell gave the publishers much valuable advice as to how to get more advertising and other business, both from their home merchants and the foreign advertiser.

Edgar B. Piper, managing editor of The Oregonian, Portland, spoke both today and at the banquet tonight. Mr. Piper strongly urged patriotic support of President Wilson, but suggested that before the war is over a Lord Northcliffe may appear on the scene in this country to point the error of some of the things that have been and will be done.

At 4 o'clock an auto ride into the Newaukum Valley was given the visitors, while earlier in the day the visiting women were taken in autos to the State Training School for Girls, at Grand Mound.

Banquet Is Given. At the banquet tonight, N. B. Coffman was toastmaster. The affair was held in the Presbyterian Church, with home cooking by some of Chehalis' most famous cooks.

Principal speakers who responded to toasts included Mr. Piper, of The Oregonian; Wallace B. Jessup, president of the association; Professor Colin V. Dymond, of the University of Washington; Secretary Hill, of Davenport, and Phil S. Bates, secretary of the Oregon Editor.

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