

CITIES THREATENED BY FOREST FIRES

Large Forces Assembled to Contest Further Advances.

BRIGHTER PROSPECTS SEEN

Thunder Showers Mark Predicted End of Hot Weather—Montana Loss \$325,000.

MISSOULA, Mont., July 23.—With hundreds of forest fires burning in every direction in western Montana and northern Idaho, threatening ranches at three or four different places and endangering the town of St. Regis, Mont., forest service officials today believed a change for the better was in prospect with the predicted end of the present hot weather, followed by thunder showers, forecast by the weather bureau.

The most dangerous fire in this forest service district today were on Gold creek, near St. Regis, and in the cabinet forest, near Thompson Falls. Conflicting opinions regarding the possibility of St. Regis being visited with a repetition of its experience in the fires of 1916, when the town was nearly destroyed, were held by forest service officials today.

Flames Close to Town.

The flames were close to the town on the south and west sides.

The Gold creek control lines were lost during the high winds of yesterday, although the fire fighters managed to hold the eastern end. In the forenoon, however, the flames were again close to the town, and the fire fighters were now in the field contesting the advance of this fire.

A total of 400,000 acres of land, it was estimated by forest service officials today, have been burned over during the present season, 350,000 acres in Montana and 150,000 acres in Idaho. The damage in Montana was estimated at \$325,000, and it was said 30,000,000 feet of timber had been destroyed in this state, with 50,000,000 to 75,000,000 feet destroyed in Idaho.

Fires Threaten Ranches.

The Henderson fire in the Lolo forest, burning over a front of 27 miles, broke through the lines at two spots during the night, running half a mile up Mulligan gulch. The Nigger gulch blaze in the Lolo forest, which is now northward to the vicinity of the town of Stark.

The worst outbreak reported today was on Hugon creek, west of the town of the Bitter Root river. This fire ran six miles yesterday, burning over many acres of timber. The Rattlesnake fire was still burning today, spreading for a mile in the face of stubborn opposition. More men are being sent daily to help fight it.

Ranchers along the Missoula river are threatened by the Swartz creek blaze, which is spreading in that direction. A crew of 15 men has been sent there to aid in fighting it.

Situation Reported Serious.

Two fires were reported today in the Bitter Root forest and a blaze was reported from the Kootenai forest. The situation is reported as very serious, continuation of the high winds makes impossible an attempt at establishing control lines.

W. B. Osborne Jr., chief of the fire-fighting organization of district No. 6 at Portland, Or., is on his way to Kalispell, from where he will go into the Blackfoot country.

Word was received from St. Regis this afternoon that the effect that only the wind prevents that town being swept by forest fires. The town was saved yesterday only by a sudden change of wind. St. Regis has several hundred inhabitants.

IDAHO TO WAGE HARD FIGHT

Officials Prepare to Battle Flames on Large Scale.

BOISE, Idaho, July 23.—(Special.)—C. B. Morse, assistant district forester of the interior, and Mr. C. H. Harkins, regional forester, and Mr. H. A. Solley, of the land office, have been empowered by their chiefs to proceed to combat on a large scale the fires in Idaho. They will attempt to organize their forces.

Additional men and unlimited supplies are to be sent to the districts which are now raging infernos. The entire field division of the land office from the Salt Lake headquarters is now working in Idaho. The various officials are scattered to the points where they are most needed.

Tuesday night a new fire was reported on Rattlesnake creek, where the little Salmon flows into the Big Salmon river. This fire was reported to be burning fiercely and had covered a large area. The fire on the divide between the south fork of the Salmon river and the north fork of the Payette river has covered a large area and it is now in timber of great value.

FIGHT IS ON 15-MILE FRONT

Heavy Rain Only Hope for Controlling Ashley Lake Fire.

KALISPELL, Mont., July 23.—Three crews of 200 men each, working on a 15-mile front, the Ashley lake fire on the Blackfoot national forest, today were fighting a battle on the west, but reports today were that a heavy rain would furnish the only hope for getting the conflagration under control. The flames have swept over 15,000 acres and the fire-fighting crews are working from 15 to 18 hours a day.

The flathead forest situation is as bad as that of 1916, according to forestry officials. Eleven fires were listed Sunday, four out of control. The biggest blaze on the forest is that on Sullivan creek, which has spread over 2500 acres. Eilers Koch, fire chief of district No. 4, declared there is much to fear.

The fire in the holdings of the State Lumber company, near Columbia Falls, has taken a serious turn. It is in green

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FIRE INVADERS LOGGING CAMP

Standing Timber Menaced in Whatcom County, Washington.

SEATTLE, Wash., July 23.—Four new slashing fires in Whatcom county were reported today to forestry officials here. It is said these fires are spreading rapidly and threaten considerable standing timber which has not been touched by fire.

Near Olympia a blaze, which already has burned over about 3000 acres of logged-off land, is today destroyed logging machinery valued at between \$10,000 and \$15,000 when a camp belonging to the Mud Bay Logging company was partially destroyed.

Numerous other small fires in western Washington, officials said, are being checked through employment of additional fire fighters.

The fire at Morningdale, near Seattle, has burned itself out.

SOLDIERS NOT TO BE USED

Montana Governor Thinks Forestry Force Able to Cope With Fires.

HELENA, Mont., July 23.—Montana does not expect to follow Idaho in appealing to the soldiers and outside forces to fight forest fires, according to Governor S. V. Stewart, who expresses confidence that the state's forestry organization will be able to handle all blazes outside federal forest reserves. The governor is certain also that federal forestry officials stationed in Montana are fully competent to meet the serious situation insofar as it can be controlled by human agencies, he said today.

"We have spent more than \$10,000 of the state's money in fire fighting this year," Governor Stewart said.

FIRE NEAR OLYMPIA SERIOUS

3000 Acres of Slashings and Standing Timber Burned Over.

SEATTLE, Wash., July 23.—Approximately 3000 acres of slashings and standing timber west of Olympia were being burned over today by probably what was the most serious forest fire in western Washington. More than 250 men were fighting today a serious blaze near Lake Crescent, Olympic Peninsula, which was still threatening summer resorts and homes.

A fire in the Bitter lake district, King county, was reported under control. Weather conditions today were more favorable for fire fighting, being cooler and with prospects of rain.

COAST GIRL IN CHIN CHIN

FAIR DAUGHTER OF CALIFORNIA TAKES PART OF SEN. SEN.

Ethel Lawrence's Father Former Judge of Oakland, Now U. S. Immigration Official, B. C.

Ethel Lawrence, appearing as Sen. Sen. in Charles Dillingham's glitzy production of "Chin Chin" at the Helix now United States immigration officer in Vancouver, B. C.

Miss Lawrence was born in Oakland, Cal., is a graduate of the Oakland high school, and a student at the University of California for one year. She started her stage career with Perry Hartman, the famous "Tivoli" opera house and later joined Fischer's stock company, playing



Ethel Lawrence, California girl, in "Chin Chin" at Helix theater tonight.

theater for three nights and Saturday nights. She is the daughter of former Judge E. L. Lawrence of Oakland, Cal., Weber and Fields' burlesque at the Mason opera house in Los Angeles. This is her first visit to Oregon in ten years, during which period she married Norman Thorpe, an Englishman, and made her home in London, England, for three years. She returned to New York city just before war was declared in 1914, her husband remaining in England. Her father, who died in 1913, unfortunately has no trace of him since December, 1916, so returned to the stage in "Chin Chin" in August, 1918.

"Chin Chin" with its Chinese title and atmosphere, is one of the biggest and most successful of all musical plays. The artist has cleverly carried out the producer's design in arranging the dresses to blend with the scenery in one complete scheme, evolving a series of kaleidoscope pictures.

CRAB STATUTE IS UPHELD

Coos County Judge Decides Law Is Constitutional.

MARSHFIELD, Or., July 23.—(Special.)—Judge John S. Coke of the Coos county circuit court today handed down a decision in the case of the Coos bay crab law, in which Mr. Feller sought to break the crab law relating to the Coos bay waters.

The case was first tried in a justice court and the state won. The appeal was in the hands of Judge Coke for several weeks. He declared the law constitutional. Mr. Feller appealed from the decision and the case will go to the state supreme court.

BRYAN AT ST. JOHNS.

Ellison-White presents William Jennings Bryan at St. Johns Chautauque Thursday afternoon, 8 o'clock. Lecturing on "Foreign and Domestic Problems." Ida M. Farbell at 8 o'clock. Lecturing on peace conference. Central high school grounds.—Adv.

Read The Oregonian classified ads.

FIRE THREATENING BULL RUN FOREST

Rainfall May Prove Sufficient to Check Spread.

CITY OFFICIALS UNEASY

Additional Fighters Will Be Sent This Morning If Situation Is Not Improved.

ports will not be received until some time today, if the situation is not improved.

That the fire in the Columbia national forest along the Snake river is assuming serious proportions was indicated by the sending of an appeal to the forestry department yesterday to combat this conflagration. A still larger crew will be sent if this blaze continues unabated. The fire is raging through an old burn and in a district where one of the largest in the history of the state broke out a number of years ago.

M. L. Merritt, forest examiner, left Portland yesterday to make an investigation of the forest fires between Grants Pass and Roseburg. Several are reported to be burning in that district.

OLCOTT URGES PRECAUTIONS

Governor Asks Care to Prevent Destruction of Forests.

SALEM, Or., July 23.—(Special.)—Persons going into the timbered districts during the current dry season are urged to refrain from smoking and otherwise aid in preventing destruction of the forests by fire in a proclamation issued by Governor Olcott today at the request of State Forester Elliott.

The proclamation follows: "With the state of Oregon confronted by conditions which threaten destruction of forest, game and grain fields because of lack of rain, I feel justified in ordering all state fire wardens to exercise the greatest caution in issuing permits to burn. I further proclaim that no camp fire shall be started in or near forest or brush-covered lands within 20 feet of any standing or downed tree, brush pile, or other litter that may cause spread of fire, and that no condition is a fire to be built until the ground is cleared to mineral soil for a distance of 100 feet in every direction and no such fire shall be left even temporarily until it has been completely extinguished with water. I am, therefore, directing the state's chief material resources. I strongly urge every person going into the woods during the current dry season to refrain from smoking, and to fire allowed to get beyond control is not only extremely dangerous to all property, but constitutes a crime under labor and supplies that are essential in other lines of endeavor."

GRIGGS WARDEN IS ALARMED

Fire Near Lacombe Making Way to Valuable Timber.

ALBANY, Or., July 23.—(Special.)—A forest fire that started yesterday morning in the upper reaches of Griggs section on the Southern Pacific line between Lebanon and Crabtree, was tonight racing through the tree tops of the farming country around Lacombe to the millling timber beyond.

Fire Warden W. L. Burton sent word this afternoon to State Fire Warden Wells at Salem asking for help to rush a crew of men to the scene of the conflagration.

The fire started somewhere between Griggs and Lacombe, in a wooded area there are two small lumber mills. Its origin is unknown. W. E. Downing is the other fire warden in that section, but he is unable to get to the scene.

Mr. Burton said it was evident that a large force of fire fighters would be necessary to check the flames from devastating the forest.

Supervisor Hall, of the Santiam national forest, received advance information that the electrical storm that visited Linn county last night and today and left yesterday for the forest and his men are stationed at different points to prevent the spread of fire caused by lightning, if possible. The Griggs fire started yesterday morning, however, and was not due to lightning.

THE DALLIES AWAITING CALL

Fire Between Hood River and Mosier Spreading Rapidly.

THE DALLIES, Or., July 23.—(Special.)—The Dalties are momentarily expecting to be called upon to supply fire fighters for the blaze which originated on the highway camp between Hood River and Mosier. The blaze is under control of the people of this neighborhood and is sweeping through the timber at a fast rate, fanned by a high wind. Efforts to contain the blaze have so far been without avail, and while no definite call for help has come to The Dalties, it is expected almost any time.

The situation, at latest reports received here, was very serious. The blaze is reported to have originated on the east side of Rock creek and, after having swept up the creek, is reported to have jumped to the flat on the hills between Mosier and the Dalties. The fire has burned over a territory of about four square miles so far, and there is no sign of its being headed off.

This blaze is the only one that this section has had so far and every effort possible will be extended to check it before it reaches any settlements.

SECOND FIRE ON AT HOOD

Smoke Over Columbia Gorge Obscures Washington From View.

HOOD RIVER, Or., July 23.—(Special.)—While a second forest fire, started, according to County Fire Warden Gilbert Edgington, by sparks from a locomotive, burned in the range between here and the Mosier orchards, the burn on the west fork of Hood river, a menace to the Oregon Lumber company's holdings, was under control. The fire to the east of the valley endangers the ranches of C. L. Trout and Lodge. Mr. Edgington said the smoke settled over the Columbia gorge has reached such a density that the Washington bank has been shut from the view of local folk.

VILLAGE OF CROW MENACED

Brush Fire Southwest of Eugene Driven by High Wind.

EUGENE, Or., July 23.—(Special.)—A brush fire that has seriously threatened the village of Crow, 15 miles southwest of Eugene, has been burning all day today and a large number of

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had found him homeless and friendless at Troutdale.

According to the boy, his father is the proprietor of a stock ranch near The Dalles, employing a dozen men. A short time ago the boy came along with his father to Troutdale, the latter making the trip to put through some livestock deals. When he got ready to return to The Dalles Mr. McCoy told the boy, according to the youngest son, that he was to stay in Troutdale to keep an eye on his father's business interests.

County officials have communicated with both the county sheriff and the county judge of Wasco county, but as yet have received no word in regard to the whereabouts of the father. The boy is being kept at the Fraser home until the father can be found.

Thirteen Hurt in Collision.

DES MOINES, Ia., July 23.—Thirteen persons were injured, several seriously, when two street cars collided tonight during the rush hours.

JAPANESE IS FINED \$25

BARBER ARRESTED WITH SAKI IN HIS POSSESSION.

Joe Mazurosky, Jeweler, Found Guilty of Violation of State Prohibition Law.

A two-gallon demijohn of saki, the national drink of Japan concocted from rice and other ingredients, which he claims he had found on his farm and was bringing to Portland without original intent, cost Y. Tachikichi, Japanese barber at 50 North Fourth street, a fine of \$25 in municipal court yesterday. The oriental was arrested by federal revenue officers who had stopped him Tuesday night on his way to town.

Joe Mazurosky, jeweler, also received a fine of \$20 from the municipal judge yesterday on the charge of violating the prohibition law.

"You are engaged in a useless and obnoxious occupation and if I ever see your face in this courtroom again I will see that you get no leniency," declared Judge Rossman to James Wallace yesterday. Wallace is employed as a candy, fruit and magazine salesman on local trains, and was up before the police judge on the charge of having ensnared the ashes of opium, in his possession.

Vito Vitto, an Italian grocer, with an

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