

FOREST FIRE DRIVES LINE BACK 6 MILES

Fighters Near Cooper City Are Forced to Retire.

YOUNG TIMBER IN DANGER

Full Creek Blaze in Cascade Reserve Is Largest in Oregon—Dense Smoke Hinders Crews.

While fires in the immediate vicinity of Portland are practically under control, increasing alarm is being felt at the spread of a number of large conflagrations in the forests of the northwestern district.

After a strong fight had been put up since early in the week on the edge of the full creek burn near Cooper City, Wash., the flames jumped into the national forest bounds at 1 o'clock yesterday and the line has been moved back six miles. Unless this is checked immediately the fire is likely to spread rapidly over a large area of burnt lands, where a quantity of young timber has been started. A new crew of fighters was sent to the scene yesterday.

The full creek fire in the Cascade reserve is the largest in this state. Little is known of it on account of the heavy smoke shroud over the vicinity, which adds to the difficulty of keeping men at work there.

Two fires in the Santiam are under control today, but two smaller ones reported on the north fork of the river are burning furiously. A large crew is out watching them.

Only one new fire was reported yesterday in the Whitman forest, where all others are under control. One is still burning in the Malheur.

In the Oregon national forest blazes on Eagle and Herman creeks have been put out and the trails are again open to the public. At Rhododendron ridge the fire is out on the north side, but crews have not yet been called in from the southeast and western borders. At Rainey lake, fires are now only on mill land and are not being tended by forest crews.

LAKE ROAD WORK TO GO ON
Crews on Hood River Construction Used to Fight Fires.

HOOD RIVER, Or., Aug. 29.—(Special.)—Warren M. Cooper, in charge of the local section of the forest service here, today to receive a truck just awarded the crews engaged in forestry road work of the district, declared an announcement that the lake highway construction work had been suspended until rains set in is erroneous.

"Our crews were out over the week end," said Mr. Cooper, "to fight a forest fire started by Boy Scouts at Lake Whatum. They returned Tuesday. Rest assured that the road to the lake will be ready for travel by next year. We have just ordered three more tons of T. N. T., already having shot two tons on the heavy cuts."

Mr. Cooper reported forest fires of the county are under control.

FIRES NEAR WHITE SALMON
Rains Needed to Aid Forest Service in Suppressing Blazes.

WHITE SALMON, Wash., Aug. 29.—(Special.)—Considerable valuable property was fire-damaged today, covering a large district lying north and east of White Salmon. One log bungalow, built several years ago by Major Hale, former postmaster of Minneapolis, has been burned with its contents. Fire wardens and settlers are endeavoring to hold it in check, but rains will be necessary to remove the danger.

In the Snowden section a large territory has been burned over. Fire warning posters of the forest service have been prominently displayed throughout the auto park at White Salmon, by its commercial club.

Six Thousand Acres Burned Over.

LEBANON, Or., Aug. 29.—(Special.)—A survey was made yesterday of the burned area in the Crabtree district, which shows that more than 6000 acres have been burned over to this time and much of this is valuable green timber. The fire is a long way from being out. The main effort now is to keep them from spreading further and to confine them to this burned district. More men are being taken in nearly every day, until there is now some 300 men fighting the fires in the Crabtree river district. Heavy rains is about the only thing that will put the fires out entirely.

CANADA'S MILLS EXCEL

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knew the business. They had the organization, the equipment and the men. We made arrangements with loggers to take their full equipment and move north to Queen Charlotte, agreeing to transport it for them and to move it back at the close of operations.

Conditions Not Remedied.

Upon promise of the protection of the congressional committee, and assurance that Secretary of War Baker had already guaranteed such protection to called men when they were before the congressional committee, inquiry, George W. French, private in the spruce division, gave testimony yesterday afternoon relative to the administration of affairs at the spruce cut-up plant, at Vancouver, Wash.

Private French, who served as intelligence officer during the period of activity at the cut-up plant, made a number of charges, based upon reports he had previously made in his capacity as intelligence officer. Many of these reports, he testified, elicited no attention and the conditions of which they complained were never remedied.

He told the committee that the attitude of spruce division officers toward his work was constantly hostile, and quoted Lieutenant Colonel G. E. Breece, as having said on one occasion:

"I'd like to get the—that's making these reports."

Briefly his testimony was as follows:

Speed Causes Poor Stock.

That he had made a report on wasteful disposal of edgings and other debris from the cut-up plant, where expensive transportation by motor truck was employed, and where a burner and conveyor should have been originally installed. Later a burner of concrete construction was undertaken, but too late to be of service before the armistice was signed.

That a policy of speed and competition between mill crews in the cut-up plant resulted in a poor grade of stock and a large percentage of rejections.

That there was no fixed standard of inspection and that chaotic conditions in this respect wrought against efficiency. Bager to make records, re-

ardless of quality, and spurred on by the speed policy, a great deal of stock was turned out that was unfit for airplane construction.

That the wing-beam tailies, owing to rejections which were made but never tallied, showed a "padded" percentage of production.

That the Bridal Veil Lumber company sent three cars of lumber to the cut-up plant, for alleged experimental purposes, and that the men were furious when they learned that the lumber was not working on actual airplane stock.

Planers Held Antiquated.

That the Oregon planing mill, under contract, was permitted to choose the finest fir beams for their operations, and that much of the material this concern rejected was later passed by the cut-up plant inspectors.

That two planers installed in the cut-up plant taken from the Leadbetter mill at Vancouver, were antiquated and unfit for service.

That the night shift was fed with an inadequate lunch, consisting of bologna, an apple and coffee, and that he was threatened with court-martial for making a report of this circumstance.

That soldier laborers, after working an eight-hour day, were forced to go on fatigue duty as general roustabouts for two or three hours, and that men so treated were so sleepy the following day that they were unfit for work.

Pay Deductions Reported.

That a 15 per cent deduction was made on the pay checks of all soldier labor, for the ostensible purpose of increasing the pay of kitchen police and headquarters details, who were still listed on ordinary soldier pay. This deduction, he testified, caused bitterness among the men, who protested they should not be expected to foot the differential bill.

That contracts made by Major Breece with Grays Harbor mills permitted the millmen to derive all benefit from the side-cut lumber, to the heavy financial disadvantage of the government.

That officers of the Warren Construction company, during July, were permitted access to the files of the cut-up plant, wherein their official correspondence had been kept, and that they carried the records away with them.

The committee, which comprises Representative French of Wisconsin, Representative Mages of New York, expects to be engaged in the local sessions at least a week or two days following its return from Lincoln county.

CAMPERS NEED PERMITS

EMERGENCY FOREST FIRE ORDER AFFECTS WHOLE WEST.

Regulation Intended to Prevent Blazes, But Not to Discourage Visits by Vacationists.

Campers will not be allowed to build fires on national forest land unless they have permits from the nearest ranger or supervisor of the district, according to an order received here yesterday from Washington, D. C. The action is deemed necessary as an emergency measure on the part of the United States forest service. The order came directly from the office of the secretary of agriculture.

The new regulation applies to all forests in the western states and is not intended to discourage the full use of the timberlands by campers and vacationists. It is to alleviate the existing acute forest fire situation and will enable rangers to know how many campers are in their territory and where they are located. In this way, rangers will not have to investigate all camp fires.

The main difficulty under the new ruling will be in locating the local forest officer. If campers will arm themselves with permits from the nearest supervisor in advance, it will assure them the privilege of lighting a fire. However, the ranger or one of his guards can generally be found near the principal entrance points in any forest of this district.

Much stress is being laid upon the point that the permit shall not be construed as relieving the permittee from any penalty or damages for violation of any state or federal law governing the forest lands.

EXTRADITION IS REFUSED

Multnomah Hotel Employee to Send Checks to Wife in East.

SALEM, Or., Aug. 29.—(Special.)—Fred Gillie, arrested in Portland regarding a charge of kidnapping a woman from Minnesota, will not return to St. Paul to face trial on a charge of child desertion. This was the decision reached by Governor Olson today, following a hearing, at which Mr. Gillie protested extradition.

Although Mr. Gillie admitted that he left St. Paul nearly two years ago, testimony was offered to show that he had since sent his wife and three children approximately \$1200. Letters also were submitted to the governor showing that Mr. Gillie had repeatedly asked his wife to join him in Oregon.

Mr. Gillie is employed at the Multnomah hotel in Portland, and under the terms of his release will make monthly remittances for the support of his children until such time as they can come to Oregon.

DALLAS WAREHOUSE BEGUN

Mason-Ehrman Structure to Be Used for Prune Crop.

DALLAS, Or., Aug. 29.—(Special.)—The construction of a warehouse for the Mason-Ehrman company of Portland began this week and the building is expected to be ready for occupancy by the time the prune crop begins to arrive from the dryers.

The building will be used exclusively by the Mason-Ehrman company as a storage depot for dried prunes and other fruits purchased in Polk county. It is to be one of the largest warehouses in the city. The building is being erected on a lot purchased from the school district near the public school building on South Main street and adjoins the Southern Pacific railway property. A spur has been constructed to facilitate the shipment of fruit to and from the building.

BUSINESS MEN PLAN TRIP

Southern Oregon Excursion Committee to Meet at Chamber.

To decide upon the date and itinerary of the forthcoming southern Oregon excursion of Portland business men, a meeting of that committee of the Portland Chamber of Commerce will be held next Thursday noon in the chamber dining room.

The excursion will include Roseburg, Klamath Falls, Ashland, Grants Pass and Medford. Crater lake also will be on the itinerary.

On the committee are: David T. Honeyman, Nathan Strauss, W. H. Mitchell, M. S. Hirsch, O. H. Fitch, W. H. Beharrell, J. S. Beal, Edgar Senenich, Edward Ehrman, H. F. Page, R. C. Darnell, E. G. Crawford, C. G. Tenger, F. M. Seiler and Jay Smith. The trip will be made the last week in September.

PRESIDENT REQUESTS HELP OF GOVERNORS

Executives Promise to Aid in Enforcing Food Laws.

PROFITEER TO BE WATCHED

Reports to Be Made of Condition of Stocks; to Assist in Check on Hoarding.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 29.—Governors of seven states who came to Washington today as a committee from the national conference of governors to offer state co-operation to the federal government in the campaign to reduce the cost of living were asked by President Wilson to aid in carrying out the amended food-control law.

The governors went into conference immediately with Attorney-General Palmer to discuss the best methods to be pursued in the hunt for profiteers and hoarders.

After the governors had offered the full services of the state machinery to assist the federal government, Attorney-General Palmer outlined to them what was desired in the way of co-operation. It is understood that the state governors are prepared to make constant reports of food conditions in their communities, which would enable federal authorities to determine whether or not hoarding was being practiced and otherwise to co-operate with the federal officials.

Discussion today was entirely tentative, Governor Gardner said.

When the governors called at the White House, President Wilson outlined the government's activities in the cost-of-living campaign and asked them to aid in carrying out the provisions of the food-control law when it is amended to include clothing and other necessities and to punish profiteering and hoarding.

The governors told the president they would see that there was the utmost co-operation between the federal government and the various states, some of which now have food-control laws.

SEATTLE TO BID EARLY

Delegates Will Ask for 1922 Session of Knights Templar.

SEATTLE, Wash., Aug. 29.—Seattle wants the 1922 triennial convocation of the grand encampment of the Knights Templar of the United States. Delegates from Washington, supported by delegates from Oregon, are going to the thirty-fifth convocation at Philadelphia next month to ask for the meeting three years from now.

The Washington delegation, embracing all the officers of the grand convocation of this state, is as follows: Henry H. Day, Tacoma, grand commander; Jacob H. Miller, Wenatchee, deputy grand commander; Henry B. Elder, Aberdeen, grand generalissimo; W. E. Atone, Spokane, grand captain-general; Frederick M. Paul, Walla Walla, grand senior warden; Walter E. Carter, Vancouver, grand junior warden; Horace W. Miller, Tacoma, grand treasurer; Yancey C. Blalock, Walla Walla, grand recorder; Jerome R. Bellingham, grand standard-bearer; John Campbell, Seattle, grand sword-bearer; James M. Slescher, Chehalis, grand warden; John N. Faust, Ellensburg, grand captain-guard; Rev. Mark A. Matthews, Seattle, grand prelate.

ROAD CLOSING PROTESTED

Tourists West of Hood River Line Taken by Surprise.

HOOD RIVER, Or., Aug. 29.—(Special.)—After finding the Columbia highway closed west of the Hood River line before 8 o'clock this morning, motor tourists, according to H. Niecks of Portland, representative of the Kelly Springfield Tire company, held an indignation meeting. "A number of us," said Mr. Niecks, "had business engagements here that could not be delayed. While we do not object to a blockade, that construction work may be hurried, we were incensed that the highway was closed without warning. Formerly but one crew of pavers had been at work, and the road been kept open until 8 o'clock. Another crew has been added and work now begins at 6 o'clock. We were told that after tonight the road would be blocked for the next two weeks for the full 24 hours each day."

The Portland men returned to Bonneville, coming the remainder of the way here by train.

OLD PHONE RATES RESUME

150 Rural Companies Fail to File Schedules With Commission.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Aug. 29.—Approximately 150 telephone companies, principally country lines, are back on the schedule of charges in effect prior to July 31, 1918, through their failure to file with the state public service commission since July 28, 1919, the schedule of increased charges put into effect more than a year ago under federal control of all telephone lines, it became known here today.

On a ruling by the attorney-general the telephone charges automatically reverted to the 1918 schedule when the lines were returned. To relieve this condition, the commission announced that the federal rates would be continued upon proper filing with the commission. Most larger companies have complied with the rule.

FIRE LEFT; CAMPER FINED

Ranger Makes Arrest When Owner of Auto Returns.

BEND, Or., Aug. 29.—(Special.)—The second arrest of the season for leaving camp fires burning within the national forest was made today when Douglas Johnson of the forest service took M. Miller of La Pine into custody near East lake. Miller was fined \$25 by Justice of the Peace Clark.

The fire was discovered in the early morning, Miller having made his camp



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and started on foot for La Pine to get help after his auto broke down. After finding the machine the forest ranger waited nearly three hours until Miller returned.

SEATTLE SEES NEW HOTEL

New York Promoter Considers Project in Sound City.

SEATTLE, Aug. 29.—Roy Carruthers, manager of the Pennsylvania hotel, New York, said to be the world's largest hotel, was here today conferring with Seattle business men regarding the establishment here of a Linard syndicate hotel, which owns the Pennsylvania.

Carruthers said the prospects were bright for a big hotel here and declared he probably would recommend construction.

Bend 39 Days Without Rain.

BEND, Or., Aug. 29.—(Special.)—Thirty-nine days without rain is the record established here for drought. Despite the weather forecast of "fair tomorrow" indications were tonight that the long dry spell would be speedily broken. The last precipitation in Bend was on July 23, when .23 of an inch of rain fell. Electrical storms have been unusually rare this season, forest officials report.

Bend Gasoline Again Short.

BEND, Or., Aug. 29.—(Special.)—Bend motorists, for the second time this summer, experienced a gasoline famine today when two tank cars ordered 10 days ago failed to arrive. A majority of motor owners used distillate tonight.

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