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ANNUAL REPORT IS MADE

Oregon Official Declares Airplane Service Important in Protecting Timber Resources.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 17.—(Special.)—Forest fires in Oregon during the year 1922, not including territory within the boundaries of the national forests, covered 173,530 acres, according to the annual report just completed by Frank Elliott, state forester.

Standing timber was killed to the extent of 22,265 million board feet, which 152,600 million board feet may be salvaged. The loss of this timber, not including that subject to salvage, aggregates \$167,577. Damage to logs and logging equipment amounted to \$114,215, while the loss of all other improvements amounted to \$43,225. The net loss resulting from the fires is \$425,917.

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PORTLAND POLICE CONTRIBUTE THEIR FINGER-PRINTS AS A PRECAUTIONARY MEASURE UNDER CLEANUP ORDERS.



Captain Harry Circle (left), veteran officer, is the first to step to the ink pad in the Bertillon room at the central station, under orders issued by Chief of Police Jenkins (right), designed to insure the bureau against the activities of unscrupulous policemen and to weed out any previous malefactors who may be on the payroll. C. E. Klingensmith, inspector, stands in front of Chief Jenkins, next in line, for one in the entire bureau is exempt from the fingerprinting, photographing and investigation required under the chief's orders of December 4. H. E. Anderson, assistant to James M. Hunter, chief Bertillon operator, into whose care scores of crooks come every week, and both of whom must press their digits on the self-same pad, is guiding Captain Circle's hand to the ink, whence he will lift it and press it down for an indelible record. Readiness on the part of Captain Circle and Captain John T. Moore, veterans in the bureau, in stepping up to the pad among the first, bolstered morale among brother officers who could not at first bear the proceeding. Two weeks will be required to fingerprint the entire force.

SOVIET MERGER LIKELY

UKRAINE VOTES TO JOIN MOSCOW GOVERNMENT.

Other Small States Expected to Follow Example in Order to Strengthen Russia.

BY GEORGE SELDES. (Chicago Tribune Foreign News Service. Copyright 1922, by the Chicago Tribune.) MOSCOW, Dec. 17.—The disappearance of the Ukrainian, Georgian, Armenian and Azerbaijanian republics as independent states through a merger with Russia, thereby ending a long period of loose federation and inaugurating a real peace in Russia, became certain today when the largest republic—Ukraine—whose parliament is in session at Khartoum, unanimously passed such resolutions.

The hope the other states will do likewise, said a telegram addressed to Nikolai Lenin, "and hope to see you shortly heading a united all-soviet republic." The reasons given for putting an end to the present system are the necessity for industrial co-operation, pooling economic resources and making united Russia stronger. The press here is greatly aroused over reports from Lausanne that Great Britain is attempting to alienate Turkey's affections. Numerous reports have been received that the Mosul oil fields are being traded for Turkey's dropping the soviet alliance and accepting a British loan and British influence instead.

Optimism regarding the success of the Lausanne conference prevails in Moscow today. The official press today reports that the Siberian revolutionaries, the committee governing the far-eastern republic, has canceled numerous concessions which had been given foreigners by previous governments, especially timber concessions, of which Japan held the most.

LIQUOR DISCUSSION UP

GOVERNORS TO MEET WITH MR. HARDING TODAY.

Second Conference May Be Called Later to Work Out Methods of Enforcing Law.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 17.—President Harding's conference with governors on prohibition enforcement will take place tomorrow at the White House. Fifteen state executives have signified their intention of attending, several having already arrived from White Sulphur Springs, W. Va., where the fourteenth annual governors' conference was held last week.

MONEY MADE IN PRISON

Counterfeiters Raise Bills for Use by Men on Release.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Dec. 17.—Following discovery of a counterfeiting ring in a notable prison farm, Edward Tyrrell, United States secret service agent, has called upon the state authorities to end the illegal operation.

KELLER FIGHTS SUBPENA

RIGHTS AS HOUSE MEMBER STOUTLY ASSERTED.

Refusal to Appear and Testify to Impeachment Charges Against Daugherty Persisted In.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 17.—What action should be taken as a result of the refusal of Representative Keller, republican, of Minnesota, to appear and testify as to his impeachment charges against Attorney-General Daugherty will be considered Monday by the house judiciary committee.

For a second time Mr. Keller failed today personally to respond to a formal subpoena served on him after his dramatic withdrawal on Thursday from further participation in the proceeding before the committee. Some members wanted to certify the case to the house immediately with view to contempt proceeding here, but others were

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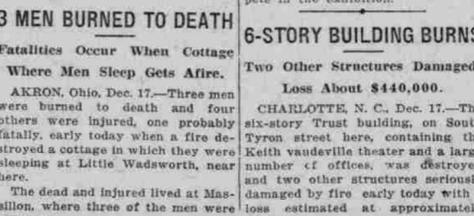
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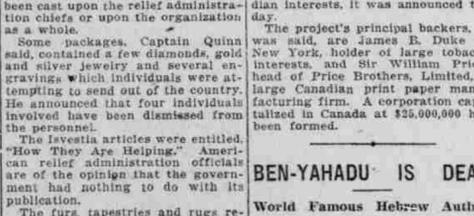
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Acting Director of American Workers Repeals to Charge. Made by Newspaper.

WATER PROJECT BEGUN

Plant to Produce 1,200,000 Horsepower Sought in Quebec.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Development of a water project designed to produce 1,200,000 horsepower by harnessing the sources of energy in Lake St. John and the Saguenay river in the province of Quebec has been undertaken by American and Canadian interests. It was announced today.

BEN-YAHADU IS DEAD

World Famous Hebrew Author Fails to Complete Big Lexicon.

JERUSALEM, Dec. 17.—(Jewish Telegraph Agency.)—Eliaser Ben-Yahadu, a world-famous Hebrew author, died here yesterday. His sudden death came before he had completed what was to have been the largest Hebrew lexicon, five of the contemplated ten volumes remaining unfinished.

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