

FOREST FIRE LOSS

1922 \$425,917

\$437,352.47 Is Expended Outside National Areas.

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, of 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 improvements to logging operations, acting individually or collectively through their local fire associations and under state supervision, spent \$8 per cent. The total government contribution 14 per cent of the total, counties 1 per cent, and the state from legislative appropriation 6 per cent.

Fire Fighting Costs \$239,507.27
Of the total amount of \$437,352.47 expended by co-operation agencies, \$187,845.15 was for patrol and improvement work and \$249,507.32 for fire fighting. Patrol and improvement expenditures were less than for the year 1921, but the cost of fire fighting exceeded the average annual expenditure in the past. This was attributed to the seriousness of the early fire season and the numerous logging slash fires which had to be brought under control.

Improvements during the year included brush-cutting of 242 miles of old trail, 59 miles of new trail constructed, 64 miles of telephone line and 375 miles repaired. Twenty-three cabins were repaired and the total cost of improvement work amounted to \$22,909.68.

Air Service Hoped For.
It is sincerely hoped that the airplane services will be available for the 1923 season and that the department will be in the field by the first of the year. Through the co-operation of different agencies and certain civic organizations additional planes should be available and maintained another season.

There was allocated to Oregon by the federal government for the year 1922 a sum of \$24,000. Of this amount \$20,000 was given over to the various co-operating forest protective associations for their use during the fire season, and \$4,000 was retained for allotment during the spring of 1923 and up to July 1, when the next federal appropriation should become available.

573 Warden Appointed.
A total of 573 fire warden appointments were made during the year, classified as follows:

District wardens 23, association patrolmen and lookouts 191, state patrolmen and lookouts 32, private patrolmen and lookouts 40, camp wardens 21, federal forest service 198.

Important Recommendations of the state board of forestry follow: Campaign of education to the end that the people of the state may be fully informed concerning the value of its forest resources and the damage by fire.

Creation of a commission authorized to investigate and report on the whole question of taxation of forest lands devoted to the reproduction of forest crops and of these crops during the period between establishment and maturity.

Continued systematic investigation and control in insect depredations.

Inventory by the state and federal government of the forest resources and absolute forest lands of the state, including: Total supply of merchantable timber; total acreage of immature timber with the approximation of its maturity and estimated yield at maturity; total forest land now unproductive.

Continuation of airplane forest fire patrol.

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 notorious prison farm, Edward Tyrrell, United States secret service agent, has called upon the state authorities to end the illegal operation.

Mr. Tyrrell found a convict at the Rumsey prison farm with plates and molds for raising bills to higher denominations. The convict will not be held to answer for the federal charge, as he is serving a 15-year sentence.

This convict was alleged to have told Mr. Tyrrell that he etched the plates with a needle tied to a pencil. The money, when raised, was given to convicts and some of it has been in circulation in south Texas.

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PORTLAND POLICE CONTRIBUTE THEIR FINGER-PRINTS AS A PRECAUTIONARY MEASURE UNDER FINER 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 to him, 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 right hand 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 flat, 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 Azerbaidzhanian 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 Kharkov, unanimously passed such resolutions.

We 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.

Pessimism 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.

In administration circles it is now believed that another conference will be necessary after January 1 as many of the governors will be out of office after the first of the year and the new group will be charged with co-operating in the enforcement of the prohibition law.

Those who have indicated they will attend the conference are: Governor Sproul, Pennsylvania; Allen, Kansas; Denney, Delaware; Ritchie, Maryland; Kilby, Alabama; Hyde, Missouri; Davis, Idaho; Campbell, Arizona; Mc Kelvie, Nebraska; Tinkle, Virginia; McCarry, Indiana; Cox, Massachusetts; Olcott, Oregon; Hartness, Vermont; Baxter, Maine, and Press, Minnesota.

Wayne E. Wheeler, general counsel for the Anti-Saloon league, and H. Stayton, executive head of the Association Against the Prohibition Amendment, issued statements today commending the calling of the conference.

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.

TREATY DRAFTS MADE

STRAITS PROBLEM REPORTED PRACTICALLY SETTLED.

Speed Is Adopted as Watchword of Lausanne Conference; Minorities' Progress Made.

LAUSANNE, Dec. 17.—(By the Associated Press.)—The labors of the Lausanne conference have advanced so far that already the official scribes have begun their task of writing out the preliminary drafts of the treaty. This document will enumerate the broad lines of the pact and is being prepared so as to have in concrete form those problems which have already been solved, and also have the preliminary signature of the agreement from all parties.

ALIEN CHANGE FAVORED

LETTING IN DESIRABLE LABOR ALONE WANTED.

Immigration Commissioner Unwilling to Consent to Opening Doors to All Foreigners.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 17.—Immigration Commissioner Henshaw is quoted in the current number of the Nation's Business, the organ of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, as favoring modification of the immigration laws so as to admit aliens who would fill the industrial needs of the country and at the same time possess qualities which would make them desirable residents of American communities.

"The commissioner is opposed, however, to opening the doors to all," he said "that it would be entirely possible to continue the basic number of immigrants at a minimum and then provide for modifications which would meet the actual needs of the nation."

ARMY SURGEON HONORED

Medal Given Officer, Who Retires After 27 Years' Service.

COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 17.—Retiring from active service in the army after 27 years, Colonel James S. Wilson, medical corps, erstwhile fifth corps area surgeon, today was presented with the distinguished service medal for "exceptionally meritorious and distinguished service as chief surgeon of the American expeditionary forces in Siberia."

Catholic Question Box

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FRENCH CRITICISE AMERICAN STAND

U. S. Plan Looks Like Germany's, Is View.

SOME PAPERS FAVORABLE

L'Oeuvre Expresses Pleasure Over Interest Even if It Has No Immediate Practical Results.

PARIS, Dec. 17.—(By the Associated Press.)—The reported plans of the United States for the rehabilitation of Europe "seems conceived exclusively in the interest of Germany," said the Temps in an editorial today that reflects the viewpoint of a majority of the French newspapers. Skepticism and resentment predominated in these second-day reflections on the situation, but there were a few words of welcome for the proposition as in the case of the opposition newspaper L'Oeuvre, which expressed pleasure over the interest of the United States "even if it has no immediate practical results."

The Temps said the plan looks as if it had been drafted by the German newspaper, suggesting that the Germans, after elaborating an agreement with American bankers, make a proposition to the allies for the payment of reparations and then the allies will see if they can make the concessions asked.

M. Baineville in La Liberte was the most severe critic of the reported project. "If the United States seriously wished to save Europe from financial chaos," he said, "their first care should be to annul the claim they have against the allies." He saw in what he called Washington's move simply an effort to prevent occupation of the Ruhr by France and asked "is this the only result of Clemenceau's tour?"

The writer added that the money the Americans would lend "it is asked for some day just as they already demand the billions they advanced the allies for a common war."

BELGIAN CRITICISM IS MET

Burden Would Be Put Also on France, Is Declared.

BRUSSELS, Dec. 17.—(By the Associated Press.)—Reports of contemplated action in the United States looking to the reconstruction of Europe have been received with much adverse criticism by the Belgian newspapers. The Nation Belge said it would be Belgium and France who would bear the burden, as they would have to abandon their liens on Germany.

The Vingite 'Ene Siecle considered the plan as a feeble and expressed astonishment that America should have announced that four individuals involved in the relief administration of the American relief organization, has issued a statement in which he points out that no reflection has been cast upon the relief administration chiefs or upon the organization as a whole.

Some packages, Captain Quinn said, contained a few diamonds, gold and silver jewelry and several engraving which individuals were attempting to send out of the country. He announced that four individuals involved in the relief administration were being dismissed from the personnel.

SHOW IS MOVED INTACT

1200 Chickens and Rabbits Exhibited at Great Falls, Mont.

GREAT FALLS, Mont., Dec. 17.—(Special.)—A new and novel stunt in the handling of major poultry exhibitions was staged by the show committee of the Great Falls poultry show and the Judith basin show, two of Montana's great poultry exhibitions, in moving intact all cooping equipment and 900 birds now on exhibition at Great Falls to Stanford, Mont., where the coming exhibition of the Judith basin poultry and rabbit show will be held.

3 MEN BURNED TO DEATH

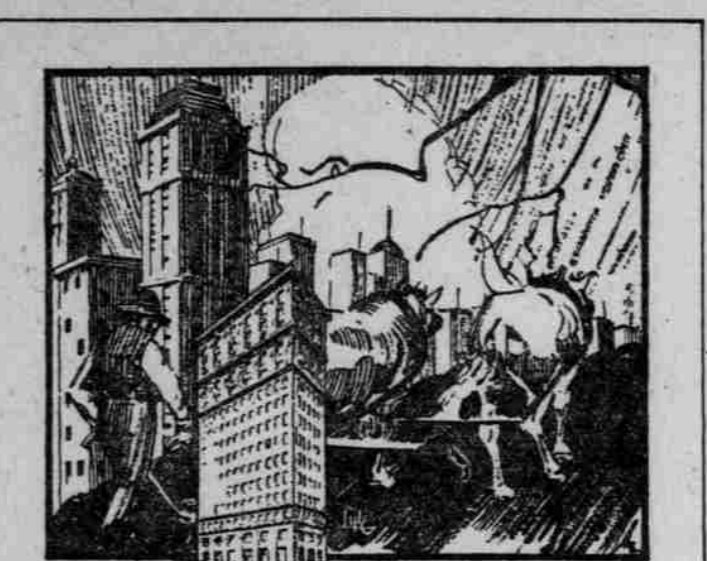
Fatalities Occur When Cottage Where Men Sleep Gets Afire.

AKRON, Ohio, Dec. 17.—Three men were burned to death and four others were injured, one probably fatally, early today when a fire destroyed a cottage in which they were sleeping at Little Wadsworth, near here.

6-STORY BUILDING BURNS

Two Other Structures Damaged, Loss About \$440,000.

CHARLOTTE, N. C., Dec. 17.—The six-story Trust building, on South Tryon street here, containing the Keith vaudeville theater and a large number of offices, was destroyed and two other structures seriously damaged by fire early today with a loss estimated at approximately \$440,000.



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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 Sagueny 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.)—Eliesser 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.

His funeral which took place at noon was the largest ever seen in Palestine.

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What is and why is the District of Columbia? Is it not a strip of neutral territory set apart to be the seat or capital of the United States government, where president, cabinet and law-makers may conduct national affairs, independent of the jurisdiction of any one state? Over in Italy, a such a neutral territory was established 1500 years ago. The people voted for it; the lawful owners gave consent. By them was it entrusted to the Bishop of Rome and his successors forever, that there the popes might exercise their spiritual functions with neutrality, independence and liberty.

Neutrality—not to be allied to any one nation, but on equal terms with all. Independence—not forced to obey the mandate of any one political ruler, and thus to compromise the interests of the universal church. Liberty—in communicating with his Catholic spiritual children of all nations, especially in time of war. Being spiritual father to all, he must treat all alike.

Whatever titles have ever been applied to the Pope, betokening a world-wide rule, refer to his spiritual position alone. Catholic "allegiance" to the Pope merely our recognition of his spiritual authority in Christian faith and morals. Catholics in America would be the first to repudiate ecclesiastical pretensions in purely civil matters. The Pope himself claims no political authority, except over himself and his immediate surroundings, as above explained.

Question 5 to appear December 25. SEND US QUESTIONS. Same will be answered courteously by mail, with ill will for none and charity for all. Address Catholic Truth Society of Oregon, 304 McKay Bldg., Portland, Or.

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