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FOREST FIRE RAGES

Flames Gain Headway in Timber on Waverly Tract.

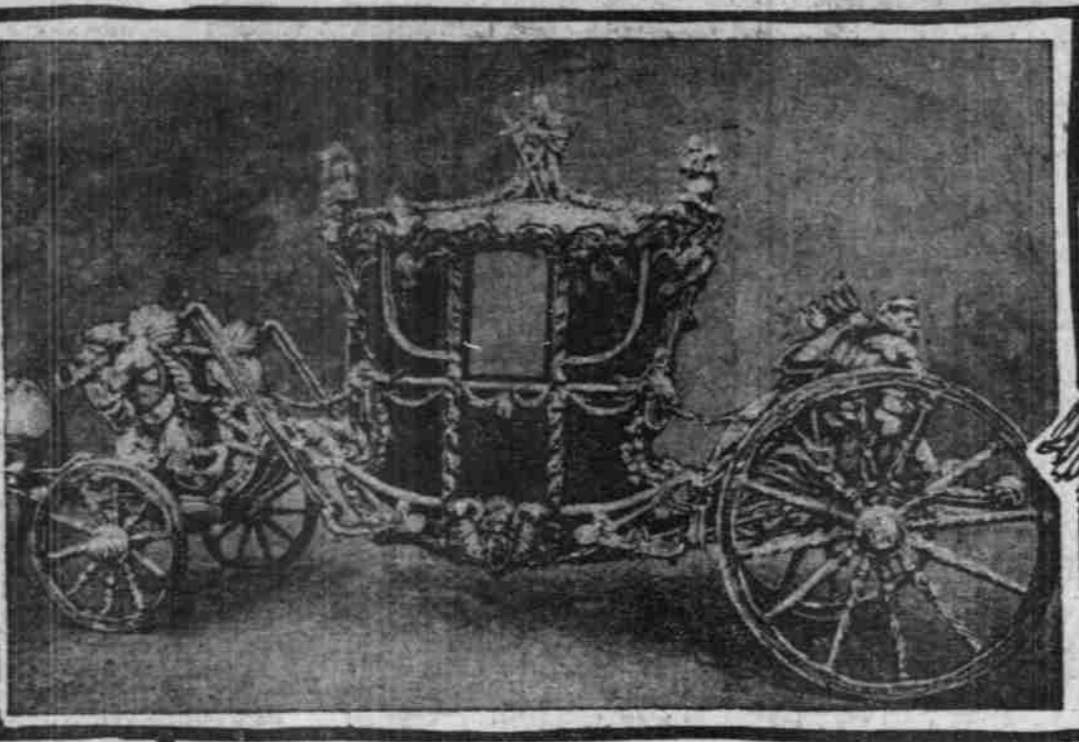
HARD WORK OF FIRE-FIGHTERS

Under Leadership of Golf Instructor Moffat, Men Make Sturdy Effort to Check the Destructive Blaze.

Fire was raging yesterday over about 40 acres of the timber land belonging to the Waverly Golf Association, and at a late hour last night was gaining rapid headway on the surrounding timber. At an early hour yesterday morning it was apparently under control, but later a strong breeze sprang up and soon it was spreading through the dry brush at a terrific speed. At many times the fire-fighters were forced to fly to escape being caught in the flames. Jack Moffat, instructor of golf at the club, with his crew of 20 men, was fighting the fire all day Friday, Friday night and all day yesterday. Last night a crew was secured to relieve them and the men enjoyed a much-needed sleep. But for the favorable direction of the wind yesterday the damage done by the fire would have been very great, and as it was a great amount of valuable timber was destroyed. The wind was blowing toward the west, and drove the fire directly toward the river. If it had blown in any other direction, much of the surrounding country would have been devastated. To the north are the golf grounds, and if it had started in this direction it would have been impossible to have checked it until the city had suffered much from the flames. To the east is the Scott farm, and once started in the dry grain fields it could not have been checked until grainfields, fences and several houses in that neighborhood had been destroyed. To the north are the golf grounds, and a little farther Sellwood. Had it caught in the dry grass of the golf fields it could not have been checked until it had done untold damage. As it was, the fire confined itself to the timber, and at all times the men had the comforting assurance that it would have to stop as soon as it reached the river. The damage done, while not so great as if it had gone in the other direction, will be greatly regretted by the owners of the land. The tract of timber has all been laid out into five-acre lots, and each owner has planned to build on his ground. On each plot there is a lot of underbrush, but also some very fine trees. Sites had been selected for building, and plans made as to which trees would be left when the land was cleared. Yesterday after the wind sprang up, the residents of the surrounding country became interested in the fight, and much more assistance was at hand. Where the day before help could not be had, last night men were volunteering their services to avert the pending danger of an extending conflagration. Friday the fire covered but a comparatively small tract and it was the plan to dig trenches around it and to try to keep it from spreading beyond the limits that it then covered. The fire-fighters worked along this line all of the day and night. Yesterday morning it looked as if they had it under control. After the wind sprang up, however, the fire began to rage in earnest. Running through the dry grass and underbrush it would catch in some tree and quickly run to the top. As the bark would burn and fall it would be blown by the wind several feet from the tree, and the blaze would be started anew further on. In this way it would cross the trenches that had been dug, and soon was entirely beyond control. Even a wide wagon road, that had been cleared through the timber did not check its progress. After it had caught in a dry tree it would continue to burn, and soon the large stumps were crashing to the ground scattering fire as they fell. The men that were fighting the flames were kept in constant danger of being hit by the falling missiles. They soon saw there was no hope of checking it in its wild course while it had such good fuel upon which to feed. It was decided that the only thing to do was to go to the edge of the timber and to try to stop it from going beyond these bounds and damaging the fences and track of the Oregon Water Power & Electric Company. Here they took a firm stand, and within a surprisingly short time the fire was upon them. They fought it hard and fast, and until late last night it had not spread beyond the timber. If the wind continues today in the same direction, the damage done cannot be much greater. It is but a short distance to the river, and here, if not before, it will have to stop. Should the wind change and blow in any other direction, a vast amount of destruction may be done before the fire is checked.



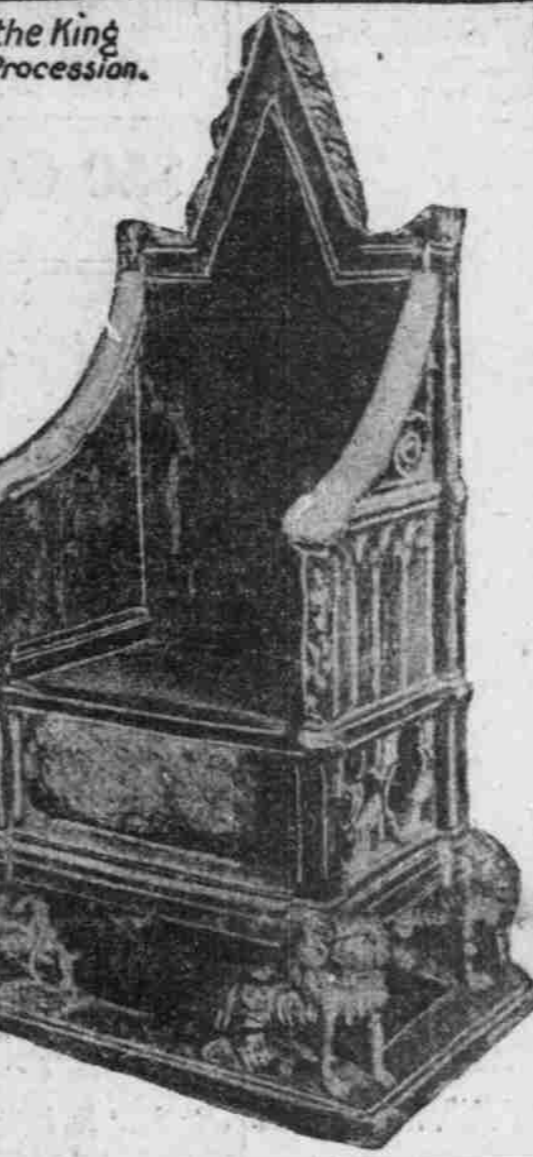
Main Aisle of Westminister Abbey.



State Coach in which the King Rode in the Coronation Procession.



The Historic Old Coronation Chain.



WESTMINSTER ABBEY AND THE ANCIENT REGALIA OF THE CORONATION

ROUTED BY REBELS

Haytian Forces Meet a Most Decisive Defeat.

NUMBER OF SOLDIERS KILLED

Revolutionists Are Now Marching on Cape Haytien—American Gunboat Is Affording Foreigners Protection at That Point.

CAPE HAYTIEN, Aug. 9.—General Solave, commandant of the Artibonite-Firminist troops, has completely defeated the army of the provisional government under General Alexis Lord, at Limbe, capturing General Nord's cannons and munitions of war. Many of General Nord's soldiers were killed, and a great number taken prisoners. General Solave continues his march on Cape Haytien, an attack on which is hourly expected. The gunboat Crete-a-Pierrot, which is in the Firminist service, departed troops and marines yesterday afternoon and during the night at various points near this city, and cruised around outside the harbor. The residents here are much frightened, fearing a bombardment of the town, but the foreign colony is calm, thanks to the protection afforded by the presence of the United States gunboat Michias, Commander McCrea having taken all precautions necessary to protect as much as possible the lives and property of foreigners here.

CABLE FROM M'CREA

Government Gunboat Lands a Force at Cape Haytien.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 9.—The Navy Department this morning received the following cable from Commander McCrea, of the gunboat Michias, dated Cape Haytien, August 9: "Haytien gunboat landed force at Cape Haytien on Friday afternoon. Another regiment is hourly expected. Commander McCrea is under general instructions to protect American interests, and in addition yesterday received special instructions to prevent the cutting of the cable of the United States & Haytien Company. This is not a French company, as referred to yesterday, but is purely an American company, being part of the Commercial Company's system. Commander McCrea will confine himself strictly to that mission, and will not take sides either for or against the de facto government.

Great confidence is reposed in the ability and cool-headedness of Commander McCrea, and no fresh instructions were considered necessary. The Michias has a complement of about 130 men, including a marine guard of 12, and could land a force of about 50 men all told. Acting Secretary of the Navy Darling today sent the following cablegram to Commander McCrea: "Your actions are approved. Cutting cable or interfering with other than Haytien interests not to be permitted."

Colombian Rebels Repulsed.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 9.—The Colombian delegation today received a dispatch from the Governor of Panama stating that the government troops under General Berti had been unsuccessfully attacked at Actia Dulce by rebels, who were repulsed with great slaughter. The dispatch states further that the rebels are preparing for another attack. It is stated at the Legation that the government troops are so strongly entrenched that it will be practically impossible for any invading force to rout them, and that the plans of General Herrera, the rebel leader, to make another attack are certain to meet defeat.

Firminist Troops Fire a Town.

PORT AU PRINCE, Aug. 9.—About 800 volunteer Couillardists, supported by a regular regiment, attacked Petit Gaveau yesterday. After a severe battle, General Chleovs, the Firminist commander, left the town after having set fire to it. The fire destroyed the place almost entirely, only two German halls resisting the flames. The killed and wounded during the engagement were numerous on both sides. Fifty Firminists were killed by the attacking troops, and 15 wounded men who had taken refuge in a house were burned to death.

Was a Native of Salem.

WALLA WALLA, Aug. 9.—(Special.)—Charles E. Burrows, Jr., who was drowned at Alki Point, near Seattle, yesterday, was a resident of Walla Walla and cashier of the gas and electric light company. He was born in Salem, Or., 27 years ago and leaves a wife and son to mourn his loss. He was a prominent member of the Workmen and had lately been initiated into the Elks.

O'BRIEN IS BOUND OVER.

Bonds of Corporal Charged With Perjury Are Placed at \$5000.

PITTSFIELD, Mass., Aug. 9.—At a continued hearing here today before United States Commissioner Wood, Corporal Richard T. O'Brien, of the Twenty-sixth Regiment, United States Infantry, charged with perjury before the Senate committee on the Philippines, was held for the United States grand jury, and bonds were placed at \$5000. In default of bail, the defendant was committed to jail. It is expected that the prisoner will be transferred from Massachusetts to the District of Columbia. After the hearing a warrant was served charging Corporal O'Brien with being a fugitive from justice. The action was taken because of the alleged invalidity of the bench warrant on which the Corporal was first arrested outside of the District of Columbia, where it was issued.

Legal Move Against High Gas Rates.

DENVER, Colo., Aug. 9.—James J. Calbreath, Jr., for himself and other citizens of Denver, consumers of electricity furnished by the Denver Gas & Electric Company, today petitioned Judge Bailey, of the District Court at Canyon City, for permission to intervene in the suit of Dennis Sullivan vs. the Denver Gas & Electric Company. In the suit Sullivan

CONCESSION TO AMERICAN

Complete Change in St. Petersburg Street-Railway Situation.

ST. PETERSBURG, Aug. 9.—Since M. A. Verner, of Pittsburg, Pa., was granted a concession here last May for the establishment of an electric railway from St. Petersburg to a suburb of the city, the entire street railway situation in St. Petersburg has changed. Mr. Verner has formed a partnership with Engineer Battinsky, who last year demanded a concession for an elevated railroad 25 miles long, to cost \$38,000,000. Battinsky secured an interview with the czar, who demanded the documents of the tramway commission and induced them, with a recommendation of concession to the financiers of the project, which virtually meant Mr. Verner. M. de Witte, Minister of Finance, and Mr. Verner immediately began negotiating terms upon which the value of the concession would depend. The municipality of St. Petersburg has already received the sanction of the government to accept construction bids for the electrification for the three street railway lines it now owns. The Novoe Vremya has begun a vehement campaign against this concession, preferring municipal ownership of the traction system, with operation under lease. The paper says that a proposal

Forger's Case Set.

OREGON CITY, Aug. 9.—(Special.)—The case of Wilson Fitzgerald alias Kramer, who was arrested last night on a charge of forging a time-check for \$16 on the East Side Lumber Company, has been set for next Monday morning at 10 o'clock, when he will have a preliminary hearing. His partner, Richard Marwood, alias George Walker, is in the City Jail. There is no charge against him, other than as an accomplice of Walker, but he will be held pending the examination.

Tornado in Minnesota.

ST. PAUL, Aug. 9.—Special dispatches report that a tornado passed over Stearns County tonight, doing much damage to farm buildings and crops. So far as known no lives were lost.

Cyanide Mill Burns.

DENVER, Aug. 9.—A special to the News from Cripple Creek, Colo., says the Brodie cyanide mill was totally destroyed by fire today. The plant cost \$200,000. The insurance was small.

Ex-Champion Travis Wins.

SOUTHAMPTON, L. I., Aug. 9.—Ex-Champion W. J. Travis won his final 18-hole match for the first prize at the Elmwood Hills Golf Club's annual tournament by defeating U. A. Mordock, of Shinnecock Hills, seven up and five to play. In his afternoon round Travis established a new course record of 71, and at the same time won the prize for the lowest card handed in during the tournament. The second prize went to T. M. Robertson, of Shinnecock, who beat H. H. Williams, Jr., of Morris County, by nine up and seven to play. The third cup went to Marmaduke Tilden, Jr., of Maidstone, who beat R. H. Robertson, eight up and seven to play.

Governor Nominated for Congress.

LANCASTER, O., Aug. 9.—Charles H. Grosvener was unanimously nominated for Congress today by the Eleventh District Republican Convention.

American Buys Cologne Hotel.

COLOGNE, Aug. 9.—The Dom Hotel here has been sold to an American for \$1,150,000.

PROMINENT EVENTS OF THE WEEK AS THEY APPEARED TO AN OREGONIAN ARTIST.

