

BIG LOSS BY FIRE

Flames Destroy Valuable Property.

ESTIMATE IS \$1,000,000

Sawmills Burned and Farms Ravaged.

MANY PEOPLE LEFT HOMELESS

Two Lives Lost in Bridal Veil Fire—People of Springwater Call for Aid—Farmers Make Heroic Fight.

Over \$1,000,000 damage has been done by the forest fires within the last two days. From nearly every part of the state reports come in of loss in property, timber and life.

In the fire that destroyed the town of Palmer, near Bridal Veil, two boys named Hamilton were caught while trying to escape from the encircling flames, and yesterday morning the charred body of one was found where he had been overtaken.

The timber losses in Clackamas have been immense and the whole length of the Clackamas River presents nothing but vistas of ruined settlements. In Eastern Multnomah the fires are under control and no further damage is feared unless weather conditions change.

The most distressing losses have been those suffered in the vicinity of Springwater and Lents. The Springwater region has been utterly swept by the fires, and those who have reached points in communication with the outside world say that immediate and generous help must be sent in order to save the lives rescued from the devouring flames.

TWO LIVES LOST AT BRIDAL VEIL. Hamilton Boys Perish in the Fierce Forest Fire.

J. S. Bradley, manager of the Bridal Veil Lumbering Company, whose sawmill at Palmer was burned last Friday, arrived in Portland yesterday. From the account he gives of the fire it is apparent that the published story of the deaths of those who were surrounded by the fire while defending the mill from the flames.

The fire caught in the refuse logs and brush last Tuesday morning from a spark from an O. R. & N. locomotive. The fire made slow advancement, and was fought by a gang of men as usual. Such fires have caught several times before, but were always put under control without great difficulty.

All of Thursday night and yesterday morning the fire raged fiercely, following down the Clackamas River and Clear Creek crossing the Springwater ridge and stopping at the upper edge of Viola, which place and Logan were saved from a similar fate by the wind dying down.

Mr. Hamilton, accompanied by several women and his two boys, started through the flames carrying his babe under his coat to protect it from the fire. He called to the women to bring the boys and follow him closely. Once in the fire, there was no stopping or turning, but he rushed onward until he had reached a place of safety.

panse of fire, and thinking that the boys had gone with some other party of refugees, Mr. Hamilton went on with his child. Just as Mr. Hamilton was leaving Bridal Veil yesterday he learned that the body of one of the boys had been found, and there is no doubt that the other also perished.

The town of Palmer is two miles above Bridal Veil, and consists of the mill, a schoolhouse, a boarding-house and about 15 dwellings. The residence of L. C. Palmer, president of the company, and the principal house in the town, all the others being small buildings. The planing mills and yards of the company are located at Bridal Veil and were not destroyed.

About 1 o'clock Friday morning Mr. Bradley and about a dozen others started from Bridal Veil for Palmer. While they were yet many miles from town they found that the fire had advanced so far that they were unable to proceed. When they finally turned back they found that the fire had closed in behind them and it was raining through the fire that they saved their lives.

The fire seemed to spring up all around them, and almost as soon as a spark fell a blaze would leap upward, soon sending out sparks to other fires. One resident of Portland, whose name Mr. Bradley did not learn, saved his life only by staying in the mill pond all night. A woman named Wood also escaped the last half of Friday night in the pond. The man was a painter, who was employed at Bridal Veil. He was not in the employ of the company, but volunteered to help fight the fire. He was the last to leave, and when he endeavored to find his way out was unable to do so.

Jeff Eberhart, the engineer, showed great heroism in saving the company's logging engines. The engines were used in bringing out logs from the camps, and when all had been done that could be done at the mill, Eberhart ran his engine across a burning trestle to get it to a place of safety. He then ran back onto the trestle and took out the other engine, leaving both upon firm land. His face and hands were blistered with the heat, but the engines were saved from ruin.

The Bridal Veil mill gave employment to about 150 men, and had a capacity of 100,000 feet of lumber per day. The planing mill is unharmed, and Mr. Bradley feels confident that the timber raised by the company back in the hills has not been burned. While he cannot say what his company will do, there is every reason to believe under the circumstances that they will rebuild. It is possible, however, that they will build nearer their timber supply than the town of Palmer was.

CHARLES SIMMONS AND HENRY WYLAND ARRIVED AT ELLIOTT'S YESTERDAY. Charles Simmons and Henry Wyland came through yesterday to A. B. Elliott's store in Powell Valley from Bridal Veil. Mr. Wyland said that he had escaped from his house with his coat only, while his wife got away with only her wrapper. They were at the Palmer sawmill that was entirely burned, and was unable to get hold of anything, and they fled for their lives, leaving everything behind.

SPRINGWATER APPEALS FOR AID. Inhabitants Are Utterly Without Home, Food, Clothing or Money. OREGON CITY, Sept. 12.—(Special.)—Destitute, utterly without food, clothing and money, and with no place to lay their heads, the people of Springwater and Viola, who have lost everything they had in the forest fires, are appealing for aid in their dire distress.

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There were present at the meeting 25 or 30 men of prominence in the party, including Senator T. C. Platt, Colonel Dunn, Lou Payne, Lemuel E. Quigg, Edward Lauterbach, State Senator Timothy E. Ellsworth, Lieutenant-Governor Woodruff, William Barnes, Jr., chairman of the executive committee of the state committee; S. Fred Nixon, Speaker of the House; J. Stott Fawcett, Joseph W. Dalight, ex-Lieutenant of the State; Frank Hickok, Sen. E. Payne, member of Congress; J. M. Wadsworth, James S. Clarkson and Robert S. Morris, chairman of the county committee.

Mr. Eberhart, who, with her husband, occupied the farm of Frank Bush, is reported to be in a very bad way, and has not been seen since the fire swept the Bush ranch. Frank Millard is missing, and it is feared that he has lost his life in the furnace. The Eagle Creek country the damage was also great, and the bunkhouse, cook-house, tents and toolhouses of the Oregon Water Power & Railway Company were consumed, but the new power station was saved. Every fence and building which could be reached by the fire fell before the blasting flames.

HOW THE CARNIVAL MACHINE GROUND OUT THE SHEKELS



ROOSEVELT MEN WIN

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BRYAN SPEAKS FOR TOM JOHNSON

Attacks the Trusts and Tariff in General and Hanna in Particular.

TOLEDO, O., Sept. 12.—William J. Bryan this afternoon addressed an audience of 400 people in the tent in which Tom Johnson is making his campaign speeches. Mr. Bryan will make but one additional speech in Ohio during the campaign. Rev. Herbert S. Bigelow, candidate for Secretary of State, and Mayor Johnson, preceded Mr. Bryan. Mr. Johnson spoke of Mr. Bryan as "the distinguished orator and peerless Democratic leader." Mr. Bryan was received with tumultuous applause. Speaking of Tom Johnson, he said: "How fortunate it is for this state to

SNUB FOR J. W. GATES

London Hotel Bars American Millionaire Out.

GUESTS OBJECT TO PROFANITY

And It Is Also Said That He Expected Recklessly—Manager of Claridge's Is Plain-Spoken Concerning His Action.

LONDON, Sept. 12.—(Special.)—John W. Gates, the American millionaire, has been barred out of the ultra-faustionable Claridge's Hotel, in Brook street. Upon his arrival in London the other week, he was informed by the manager of the hotel that he could not have a suite of rooms, and he was compelled to go elsewhere. He took apartments at the Carlton, in Pall Mall.

DE YOUNG AMONG SPEAKERS

California Editor Will Attend New York Republican Club Meeting.

TRAINS COME TOGETHER.

Runaway Freight Crashes Into Passenger—Three Fatalities.

DENVER, Sept. 12.—Santa Fe passenger train No. 68, known as the newspaper train, which left Denver this morning at 2:30, bound for Colorado Springs, Pueblo, Chicago and St. Louis, collided with a freight train at Struby, a small town several miles south of Littleton, and three members of the passenger train crew were killed and another perhaps fatally injured. Some of the passengers were badly shaken up and bruised, but none was killed or seriously injured.

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BLOCKADE NOT EFFECTIVE

Commander Rodgers Reports on Conditions in Venezuela.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 12.—The Navy Department today made public a mail report from Commander Rodgers, of the sloop-of-war Albatross, which was sent to the coast of Venezuela by the Venezuelan Government as the so-called blockade of the coast is not as a whole effective. He adds: "It is rumored that the so-called blockading vessels cruise about and pick up small Venezuelan vessels, many of them probably engaged in smuggling. So far as I know, no objection has been made to these irregular proceedings, but if the so-called blockaders should extend their operations to foreign vessels outside of the three-mile limit the case will be very different, as I do not understand that the declaration of the blockade gives the Venezuelan Government any war rights."

ISLAND SHOULD BE EVACUATED.

So Say French Scientists After Examination of Mount Pelée Region.

PARIS, Sept. 12.—The French scientific expedition which was sent to Martinique has drawn up a second report, in which, speaking of the eruption of August 30 the Commission says that the disquieting eruption of that day renders continuous study of the phenomenon necessary. "There is no longer any doubt," the Commission says, "that the evacuation of the entire Mont Pelée region, which we did not consider indispensable a month ago, should now be carried out. Until the volcanic disturbances have ceased, the southern limits of the mountain must be to most actively watched, especially if it is demonstrated that the last eruption was due to a new crater in the lateral fissure."

VOLCANO AGAIN ACTIVE.

Souffriere's New Crater Is Throwing Out Black Smoke.

KINGSTOWN, St. Vincent, Sept. 12.—An official at Chateau Belaire reports that Souffriere's new crater, which has been quiet for several days, is today throwing out black smoke. The old crater, which in the correspondent's opinion did all the work since May 7, and which erupted September 2, is still sending white steam in dense clouds, which can be seen from Kingstown over the northern mountains. The craters and the Wallibon and Richmond districts could be seen yesterday. The volcanic matter which fell at Richmond and Wallibon was finer than that which fell at Chateau Belaire, although the places are very near each other.

CONFERENCE TUESDAY WILL TAKE UP RATE REVISION.

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TRUSTS LOSE GOOD ALLY IN RAY.

His Successor on House Committee Will Be Somewhat of an Anti-Truster.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 12.—In taking Representative Ray out of the House of Representatives, President Roosevelt has done a good thing for the judiciary committee of the House. Ray became chairman of that committee on the seniority plan, which is not always the best plan. Jenkins, of Wisconsin, will probably succeed Ray, and he will be a great improvement. He is not only a better lawyer, but he does not regard the sacredness of corporations with the same veneration as do New York lawyers, and with which Ray was afflicted. It is believed that with Jenkins at the head of the committee there is a better opportunity for practical anti-trust legislation than if Ray had continued in the position.

POSTMASTERS APPOINTED.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Sept. 12.—News postmasters have been appointed as follows: Oregon—Chenwa, Robert G. Henderson, vice Lora M. Henderson, resigned. Washington—Mayville, James Cooksey, vice Hiram Dickson, resigned; Prescott, Howard J. Fender, vice Mrs. Hattie M. Brian, resigned. A postoffice has been established at Takilma, Josephine County, Or., with George F. Morgan as postmaster.