

## WALLACE, IDAHO, IS IN GRIP OF FOREST FIRES

### Phone Wires Go Gown as Flames Encroach on Station.

## WOMEN AND CHILDREN SAVED

### Mayor Imprisons Able-Bodied Men Who Refuse to Respond to Call for Aid.

## BAROMETER INDICATES WIND

### Fire Engines Powerless to Check Incipient Blaze.

## MURRAY IN DANGER, TOO

### New Fires Break Out Along Edge of Lake Coeur d'Alene—Showers of Ashes and Burned Timber Fall All Day.

SPOKANE, Wash., Aug. 20.—(Special.)—The town of Wallace, Idaho, the center of the Coeur d'Alene, a place of 2200 population, is in the grip of the forest fires that have been raging in the vicinity for days. It is believed here now that the town cannot be saved.

The last message from the stricken city came by telephone by way of Missoula. The telephone operator at Wallace, working direct with Missoula, said that as he talked the flames were within 15 feet of him. The Missoula operator heard the voices of girls in the Wallace office crying.

### Wire Goes Down.

Suddenly the service was interrupted, and all was still.

No direct news has since been received from the city itself. One of the County Commissioners, living in another town, has appealed to Spokane for aid.

The flames were communicated to the town from the south end. They have been raging for days in the neighborhood. As late as 7 o'clock tonight word came that the town would be saved. The fire department had been ordered into the streets, ready to respond on the instant to any alarm from an incipient conflagration in any part of the town. The Mayor at this stage ordered all able-bodied men to work at the fire fighting. Those who refused were promptly clapped into the City Jail, which at that time was deemed comparatively safe.

### Women and Children Flee.

Then the danger grew more threatening, and the railroad company was called upon for trains to take the women and children to places of safety. According to the latest accounts received the trains were ready to start, but it was not stated there they would go. All the telephone and telegraph wires are down and no communication is possible. It is believed here that the women and children have escaped.

At a critical stage of the fire the barometer began falling and the Weather Bureau for a time held out hope that there would be a rain—the only contingency that could save the city. Then there came a great wind, and it is believed that the rain will

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## PACER BITES OFF HAND OF HIS GROOM

### FAMOUS HORSE TIDAL WAVE VICIOUSLY ATTACKS MAN.

### In Sudden Attack, Big Stallion Crunches Bones of Wrist and Tries to Paw Him.

ALBANY, Or., Aug. 20.—(Special.)—Jack Fisher, a groom at the S. S. Bailey track and training stables at this city, suffered serious injury just before noon today, when he was attacked by Tidal Wave, a famous pacer, well known all over the Northwest. He will lose his right hand, but is expected to recover unless bloodpoisoning develops.

The horse had been driven to his stable after a work-out on the track and as Marvin Childs, the driver, started to roll the cart away, Fisher reached for Tidal Wave's bit. The big stallion suddenly attacked him and caught Fisher's right wrist in his mouth, crushing both bones, leaving the hand hanging only by a small strip of flesh. Fisher freed his arm and started to run, but he fell. The horse followed up the attack by trying to paw him. With difficulty Childs and the other grooms drove him away from the prostrate man.

The big artery in Fisher's right arm was severed, but the flow of blood was checked by a band around his arm until physicians were secured from Albany. The injured man was brought to St. Mary's Hospital here this afternoon. Fisher is about 50 years old.

Tidal Wave is the best horse in the string owned by S. S. Bailey, who maintains a training stable here. He has appeared on tracks all over the Pacific Coast for many years and has won many honors, his record being 2:08 1/2. He has been ugly after his work-outs for some time and recently attacked Childs, his driver, but the latter escaped serious injury.

## "INCENDIARY" IS 2 RATS

### Mystery of Turned-On Gas in Restaurant Is Solved.

An apparently incendiary bent on burning the Imperial Kantong restaurant at 452 Washington street by turning on the gas in the kitchen where an arc light is left burning, was found Friday night to be a pair of big rats.

Wednesday the night service was abolished and the dining-room and kitchen was deserted after 9 o'clock. About 1 o'clock Thursday morning D. J. Byrne, who sleeps in a creamery store adjoining, was awakened by the smell of gas. He found a cock of the gas range in the restaurant turned on and the kitchen was filled with gas.

Thursday night the same condition was discovered and it was believed an incendiary was at work, although the back door was barred and the front doors locked.

Yesterday the fire insurance company cancelled the restaurant's policy. Last night James M. Kan, one of the proprietors, placed the matter in the hands of J. J. Fitzsimmons. When Fitzsimmons entered the kitchen at 12:30 this morning two big rats that had done the mischief were found in the traps he had set on the range.

## INCUBATOR TWIN IS DEAD

### Girl Falls to Survive, but Boy Continues to Thrive.

After thriving for 11 days in an incubator, where she lay side by side with her twin brother, the little daughter of Mrs. H. R. Shoemaker, 145 East Sixty-eighth street, gave up her tenuous hold upon existence yesterday morning. The twins were born August 9 and weighed three pounds each at birth. They were at once consigned to the incubator and for a time did well. The boy continues to thrive and it is believed that he will gain strength. The news has not been communicated to the mother.

## FANATIC'S FAST IS FATAL

### California Sect Leader Dies of Starvation; Girl Stricken.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Aug. 20.—John Irving O'Neill, leader of the members of the queer little sect who for many weeks have been starving themselves in obedience to a religious mania and who were discovered in a lonely cottage by the authorities yesterday on the verge of starvation, died today. O'Neill was too weak to take nourishment and passed away with a happy smile on his lips. Alice Prifton, the 16-year-old girl who has been starving herself, has but little chance to recover, it is said.

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## ROOSEVELT KEEPS PEOPLE GUESSING

### Colonel Thought to Enjoy Uncertainty.

## WEEK'S POLITICS PERPLEXING

### Contradictions Follow Rumors in Quick Succession.

## PERSONAL EQUATION LOST

### Ex-President Regarded as "Progressive," but Administration is Not Prepared to Abandon Attitude of Receptiveness.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 20.—(Special.)—We have come to the end of another week of intensely interesting National politics. We are led, as was the case at the close of the preceding seven days, to look to "next week" for still more important developments. If the whole plot up to this stage could be unraveled, it might well be named "A School for Political Scandal." Here is what has happened in this week:

Taft and Roosevelt have broken. Taft and Roosevelt have not broken as yet, and maybe they won't. Speaker Cannon has refused to be eliminated by anybody but himself, and he has been making pretty progress toward elimination without arduous outside help.

## Bullinger News Contradictory.

As to Bullinger: If there ever was a mess that involved more contradictions it has escaped the memory of the oldest observers at the capital. As a concrete example of this fact, let me quote brief "news" extracts from the New York papers of this forenoon. There seems to be more or less collaboration in intellectual effort among the chroniclers of events at both Beverly and Oyster Bay and in New York City, but it presents some weak-ness.

Thus, the Sun's local story relative to Roosevelt and Taft and the New York state convention says:

"Notwithstanding the Colonel's attitude in public, it is known that if he finds that he must attend the convention to satisfy his friends here and in Nassau County, he will be there. But he does not want to go because he does not care to buck the Administration yet and his appearance in Saratoga would mean that very thing."

## Choice Left to Reader.

The Times' story says:

"Whether or not the present strained relations between the President and Colonel Roosevelt are patched up before convention time, Colonel Roosevelt, it was learned yesterday, may not go to the convention on the ground that his presence there might lead to the belief that he is willing to endorse the Taft Administration."

He who runs may read—and take his choice. It is evident at this distance that only one man knows exactly what stand Colonel Roosevelt is going to take to calm or influence the ructions of present allegation and exploitation, and that man is Colonel Roosevelt himself. Those who were in close touch with happenings when Roosevelt was in the White House know that with his known penchant for getting more or less fun out of any situation in which he is involved he is enjoying immensely the present anxiety on different sides as to what he will do. Those who understand him best know that, aside from the "fun" there is in it, he regards it as a good thing to keep folk guessing sometimes.

## Personal Equation Forgotten.

It is a natural conclusion following the throw-down of Roosevelt by the New York machine a few days ago, and the statement that was issued by the ex-President that the foremost citizen was going to espouse the "progressive" cause. And there is none who disputes that Roosevelt is a "progressive." He surely would not under any circumstances

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## MADRIZ ABANDONS SHADOW OF POWER

### NICARAGUAN RULER NAMES BROTHER OF ESTRADA.

### Jose Estrada Denounces Insurgent Chief as Criminal—Rebel Army is Near Capital.

NEW ORLEANS, La., Aug. 20.—(Special.)—Nicaragua is practically in the hands of the insurgents. Dr. Jose D. Madriz today quit the Presidency and named Jose Dolores Estrada, a full brother of General J. J. Estrada, the revolutionary leader, his successor. The family of Madriz is fleeing to Corinto. Granada has been captured and looted by the insurgents, who are moving on Managua, capital of the republic. General Luis Mena leads an army of insurgents that appears to be bent on the extermination of Madriz's followers.

General Estrada is willing to accept his brother as Provisional President until an election can be called. However, his two military advisers—General Luis Mena and General Emiliano Chamorro—object to Jose Dolores Estrada assuming the reins of the government. Ten months ago, when General Estrada made his first move toward an insurrection, his two brothers, Aurelio and Jose Dolores, sent him message branding him as a criminal and declaring that Nicaragua as one man condemned his scheme to oust Zelaya from office. That is why General Mena and Chamorro now are opposing Jose Estrada. For this reason Madriz chose the brother of General Estrada, believing that his successor will turn against his own brother.

Advices received here by private cable tonight say Americans in the interior of Nicaragua are preparing to clear the coast. Insurgents are sacking every point within reach. Representatives in New Orleans of the Madriz government admit that Madriz has abdicated, but insist that he has named a successor favorable to him. On the other hand Estrada adherents declare that the new president will lean towards his brother and that the affairs of Nicaragua are now in the disputed control of the original insurgent faction as organized by General Estrada.

## BOOK DUNGEON IS LATEST

### Oxford's New Device Is Subterranean Cavern of Three Floors.

LONDON, Aug. 20.—(Special.)—That home of books and antiquarian treasures, the British Museum, is apparently declining in interest as a studious resort. The daily average of students in the reading room in 1909 was 719 as against 70 in 1908. Frequently during the summer months Americans delve among the old books in the famous library for details of English ancestry, or particulars about the old-world place from which their own city took its name.

According to English copyright law publishers are bound to donate one copy of every new book to the library of the British Museum, the Cambridge University Library, the Library of Trinity College, Dublin; the Advocates' Library, Edinburgh, and the Bodleian Library at Oxford. New books appear in such bewildering numbers that the question of storage is an ever-present problem with the librarians concerned.

The limit has been reached at the Bodleian, and practical measures have to be taken to cope with the never-ceasing flow of literary products. For their accommodation a subterranean cavern, being prepared at Oxford, extensive enough, it is hoped, to keep pace with the production of books for the next hundred years. There are to be three floors, each 100 feet high, and the volumes will be placed quite close together, the cases to run on rails, so that the volumes may be readily accessible. This great dungeon for new books will cost \$200,000.

## NEIGHBOR'S HEAD BUMPED

### Irishmen Gently Reprove Unpopular Man in County Cork.

LONDON, Aug. 20.—The peculiar manner in which a couple of Irishmen, living in County Cork, reprove a neighbor who was unpopular in the village, was described at the petty sessions at Purrus County Court. It was told that a man named Tobin, and another who has fled to America, seized the unpopular neighbor, took him to a convenient precipice, and hung him over it head downward. They secured him by the heels and let him hang for half an hour. Then they dropped him nine feet until his head bumped the ground, and pulled him up again.

It was said that the victim was terribly frightened by his experience. Tobin was sent to jail for a month, in default of paying a fine.

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## RED TAPE DELAYS SENDING TROOPS

### Fire Fighters Needed at Crater Lake.

## STATE GUARD MAY BE CALLED

### Volunteer Army Will Be Asked for by Local Foresters.

## FIRE WALL 25 MILES WIDE

### Flames Are Devouring Millions of Acres of Timber in Cascade Mountains of Southern Oregon. Cabins of Settlers Licked Up.

Red tape of the War Department is delaying movement of troops to assist in fighting forest fires while flames are devouring millions of feet of timber in the Crater Lake Reserve.

Promise was given Friday night by General M. P. Maus, commanding the Department of the Columbia, that 250 soldiers would leave the maneuver camps at American Lake Saturday morning for Medford, but yesterday the general informed George H. Cecil, associate forester, with headquarters in Portland, that the soldiers could not start for Medford, pending the adjustment of some unexplained difficulty at Washington.

## Delay Is Not Explained.

Associate Forester Cecil was unable to get an explanation from General Maus as to the exact nature of the difficulty that has arisen, but Mr. Cecil believes it has to do with a War Department appropriation for transportation of the troops. A press dispatch from Washington says the War Department has promised to order troops to assist the Forest Department in coping with the forest fires whenever the soldiers are available.

Five companies of regulars left American Lake yesterday to fight forest fires in Montana, so General Maus informed Mr. Cecil. The forest official asked the general to send the 50 troops ordered to Wallowa to Medford, but the Army officer said his order could not be changed without authority of the War Department even if the whole City of Portland were aflame.

## Fire Wall 25 Miles Wide.

While the troops are marking time at American Lake and expending energy and ammunition in mimic warfare, a solid wall of fire, 25 miles from point to point, is sweeping northward through the Crater National Forest, leaving a trail of devastation in its wake. The number of men who can be hired at Roseburg, Medford and Ashland is infinitesimal compared with the needs of the situation.

Last night Associate Forester Cecil telegraphed the Chief Forester at Washington suggesting that the state militia of Oregon be ordered to the front upon an understanding that the Government will pay salaries and expenses of the troops. The outcome of the recommendation will depend upon the conference between the Secretary of War and Forester Graves.

## Volunteers May Be Called.

Should all other means fail, Associate Forester Cecil will today endeavor to employ an army of 250 men in Portland, and will hurry them forward by a special train. Concessions as to rates were yesterday asked of the Southern Pacific Company, but in the absence of the general passenger and ticket agent no promises were given. J. P. O'Brien, general manager, promised to aid in arranging for the train.

It is believed at Forest Service headquarters in Portland that the fires reported at Butte Falls, along Big Butte Creek and near Buck Lake in the Crater National Forest, have formed a junction, but no estimate as to the amount of timber it has destroyed is obtainable. The fire line as running along the Cascade Mountain range at terrific speed, making a clean sweep of the country. Some notion of the rapidity with which the fire is traveling may be gained from the reports that mounted men were compelled to urge

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## PORTLAND DRAWS BIG CONVENTION

### ESPERANTO CONGRESS TO MEET HERE IN JULY, 1911.

### Men and Women of All North America Who Use New Language Will Gather to Number of 800.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Aug. 20.—The Esperanto Association of North America, which closes its session in Washington today, will hold its next annual congress in Portland, July, 1911.

This decision was reached tonight, due largely to the efforts of J. C. Cooper, of McMinnville, who was commissioned by the Governor of Oregon to represent the state at the recent session. An invitation to the congress was extended on behalf of the Portland Commercial Club, which has volunteered to make all arrangements.

It is expected that about 800 delegates will attend next year. John Barrett is the newly elected president. The definite date of assembly will be determined later by the council of the congress, of which W. L. Crissey, of the Commercial Club, is a member.

Mr. Cooper, before leaving Washington will deliver an illustrated lecture before officials of the Department of Agriculture on the development of the English walnut industry in Oregon. He is anxious to secure the co-operation of the department. Later he will repeat the lecture in New York and various Western cities on his way to the Coast.

Local Esperantists are elated over the success of their delegates in securing the 1911 convention for Portland. They are already talking of plans to entertain their visitors when they come here next year.

Among those who are making a serious study of the new universal language are many of the most distinguished men and women in the world. Many of these will attend the meeting. Mr. Crissey and Mr. Cooper are expected to arrive home during the latter part of the week, when they will report to the local society and when the preparations for next year's convention will be outlined.

## PUT BAN ON BIG HATS

### Enterprising Milliner Plays Trick on Competitor.

COPENHAGEN, Aug. 16.—(Special.)—No self-respecting belle of Aarhus would wear a big hat locally today. Yet a week or so ago they competed for cartwheel straw at a local millinery. This is how the trend of fashion was diverted.

The store in the place failed to import the biggest hats the Paris milliners decreed to be the thing. Down the street a rival store did and took away scores of valuable customers.

So the deserted Dane gave a friend \$50 to go to the flourishing store and buy hats enough for all the women in the market place who sell shellfish and vegetables day by day. The ruse succeeded. Within an hour big hats flourished in the market place and over since local society women have been competing with each other to find the smallest hats in their former favorite store. There is no chance for enormous headgear in Aarhus this summer.

## INSECT COLLECTOR BUSY

### American Expert Presents Carz With Diplodom for Carnegie.

STOCKHOLM, Aug. 20.—(Special.)—Dr. W. J. Holland, director of the Carnegie Institute in Pittsburgh, who has been visiting Russia and Scandinavia, has gathered much interesting material here for use in his lecture on insects to be given to the Entomological Congress in Brussels.

Accompanied by the Swedish professors, Wren, Hartmann and Fostedt, he has spent much time at Upsala University, where the famous Linnaeus collection of butterflies has been kept for the last 140 years. Professor Hartmann has himself been connected with the Carnegie Institute.

## POLICE CHIEF ARRESTED

### Long Island Official Charged With Malfeasance in Office.

NARRAGANSETT PIER, L. I., Aug. 20.—Chief of Police James H. Caswell was arrested today on a warrant charging malfeasance in office as a result of the raid on the Narragansett Club a week ago Sunday morning, at which Chief Caswell is alleged to have tried to protect the gamblers.

William E. Arnold, vice-president of the club, also was arrested for the second time on the charge of maintaining a gambling nuisance.

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## O'REN BILLS PLAN RAID ON TREASURY

### Many Added Burdens Are Imposed.

## TAXPAYERS SUFFER HEAVILY

### Bills for Next Year Are Increased \$262,000.

## APPEAL MADE TO CLASS

### Argument Neglects to Tell of Increased Cost of Campaigning Imposed by Creating Opponents in Own Party.

In three of the four initiative measures presented by O'Ren's People's Power League, and which will be acted upon by the voters in the November election, appropriations are carried which, in the event of the adoption of the measures, would impose upon the taxpayers of the state added burdens of approximately \$262,000 in the next two years.

In the proportional legislative scheme the salary of Legislators is increased from \$120 paid every two years to an annual salary of \$250, while two presiding officers are added at annual salary of \$100 each.

The biennial salary cost to the state for members of the Legislative Assembly as now constituted is about \$10,500. The O'Ren scheme increases this cost to \$65,000 biennially.

### Gazette to Cost \$1 a Voter.

In another bill the offices of three People's Inspectors of Government are created and provision is made for the publication of an Oregon Official Gazette, the yearly cost for which, including the salaries and expenses of the inspectors, may be \$1 for each registered voter in Oregon. For the 1908 election there were registered in Oregon 122,905 voters, and the bill therefore authorizes the expenditure of at least \$122,905 yearly. In view of Oregon's growth in population the registration this year may run to 150,000, but the bill provides for the publication in the proposed Official Gazette of what is now the campaign book and other documents sent free to the voters, so the increase in cost of state publications would not be equivalent to total registration. It is estimated, however, that this increase would not be less than \$100,000 annually or \$200,000 for each biennial period.

Then there is another bill which authorizes the state to pay the traveling and living expenses of delegates to National party conventions, limiting the expenditure of each delegate to \$200. This measure, if adopted, would cost the taxpayers in 1912, it is estimated, about \$800,000.

## Radical Change Proposed.

The fourth measure, which is a proposed constitutional amendment, provides for radical changes in the state judicial department and in court procedure, particularly affecting appeals and jury trials of civil suits. The proposed amendment does not involve directly the expenditure of public money, but removes the constitutional requirement that there shall be Circuit Courts, County Courts, Sheriffs, County Clerks and District Attorneys, letting these offices and departments stand as at present until some other provision is made by law.

It is impracticable to give even a resume of all four of the O'Ren measures in one newspaper article. The four, with the arguments for and against that have been filed in the office of the Secretary of State, if printed in full in the Oregonian, would require more than one and one-half newspaper pages of solid type. The proposed constitutional amendment providing for legislation without representation in many districts, and known as the proportional plan of choosing legislators, alone is longer than one-third of the present state constitution. What the

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## HARRY MURPHY ADDS TO THE GAIETY OF AFFAIRS BY DRAWING SEVEN PICTURES ON CURRENT EVENTS



Now for an Enjoyable Smoke. Something for Joe. Not Fitted for Home Rule Yet. From "Imaginary Conversations." The Latest is, "Heckle Your Candidate." Shocking Accident in California. Oregon Fruit Outlook.