

### TROOPS MOVED TO ST. JOE DISTRICT

#### Serious Fires Threaten Idaho Town and Militiamen Sent to Aid.

### OUTBREAK NEAR DAYTON

#### Rains Come to Relief of Stricken Montana Forests—Estimate of Number of Dead Impossible at This Time.

SPOKANE, Aug. 27.—While the early rains have quenched the fires around Delton and Lolo Hot Springs, Mont., mountain parts of Idaho, new outbreaks have been reported from St. Joe, Idaho, and Delton, Wash. necessitating the hurried removal of 299 Idaho militiamen from the camp at Coeur d'Alene to the St. Joe district this afternoon.

The flames threaten to destroy the town of St. Joe and the people are in grave peril. The Government, it is reported, is not aiding in the fight against the fire of that vicinity. Three fires are raging within a radius of 20 miles of Dayton, Wash. One of these is approaching near the town, but the destruction of the place is not feared, as grain fields are nearby. Many settlers in the Blue Mountain district have left their homes to fight the flames. Another fire is burning about 50 miles south. The fire on Maloney Mountain is out.

Cold weather has set in near Delton, Mont., the headquarters of the 11th Infantry, and many of the soldiers, who are clad in the light uniform worn in the military maneuvers from which they were suddenly removed, are suffering. With the drop in temperature has come a steady fall of rain and snow, which has helped in subduing the fires. The need for troops there has passed.

Captain Mullaek reports from Lolo Hot Springs that the fire there have been checked by rain which has fallen on the higher peaks.

It is estimated that nearly 100,000 acres of range and timberland were burned over in the Pryor Mountains of Montana. The conflagration is now extinct.

### Railroad Men Help.

On the Hoyle branch of the Milwaukee Railroad 200 men are fighting a very large fire that is moving north.

The fire on Marble Creek, south of the St. Joe, are also alarming. Food has to be packed 40 miles to the firefighters.

A dispatch from St. Maries, Idaho, today says that there is no wind, and the fires are being brought under control.

It will be much easier two months from today to compile a list of the persons killed than it is today.

The forestry service is unable to check up its men. On Saturday afternoon, August 20, there were 550 forestry men in the field. There was a general check up on the payrolls of the employees of the Milwaukee Railroad, and the graduates of the Yale forestry school was killed or injured.

While Supervisor Weigle, at Wallace, was gathering information concerning his missing rangers he received reports of others than forest men killed, and the list of these totaled more than 100. It was reported to Wallace that a number of Japanese employees of the Milwaukee Railroad were killed and that numerous settlers, loggers and miners perished. When the mining and logging companies check up their payrolls they will find many employees missing. It is believed. The land office is in touch with the settlers and will be able to give a list of those who have vanished.

### Ghostly Ruins Found.

The dead bodies where fire has swept directly over them seem to have been burned to charcoal. Fingers, ears and even arms are dropped off when the bodies are touched and it is best to bury them where found. The men suffocated in tunnels are recognizable and some of those roasted in creek beds are not carbonized. Their hair is burned off, also their clothes and their blistered bodies present a horrible appearance. Where large numbers of dead men are found together they were seeking refuge in mining tunnels or were lying in creeks. When no shelter offered, the men fled, each for himself, and their bodies are found widely scattered. How poor a protection the creeks afford is shown by the fact all creeks are carrying vast numbers of boiled trout.

Supervisor Weigle says that if there had been trails through the National forests the fires would not have broken away from control and the loss of life would have been averted. The first work that should be undertaken is trailmaking, he says. An entirely new Government survey of the Coeur d'Alene country must be made. The old boundaries were fixed by landmark trees that have been removed, and the settlers have no way of exactly locating their land.

### Soldiers to Patrol Forests.

Senator Wesley L. Jones, of Washington, today expressed entire disagreement with General Leonard Wood's opinion that the proposal to use United States soldiers to patrol the National forests was wholly impracticable. He said that he would favor legislation to authorize such use of the troops.

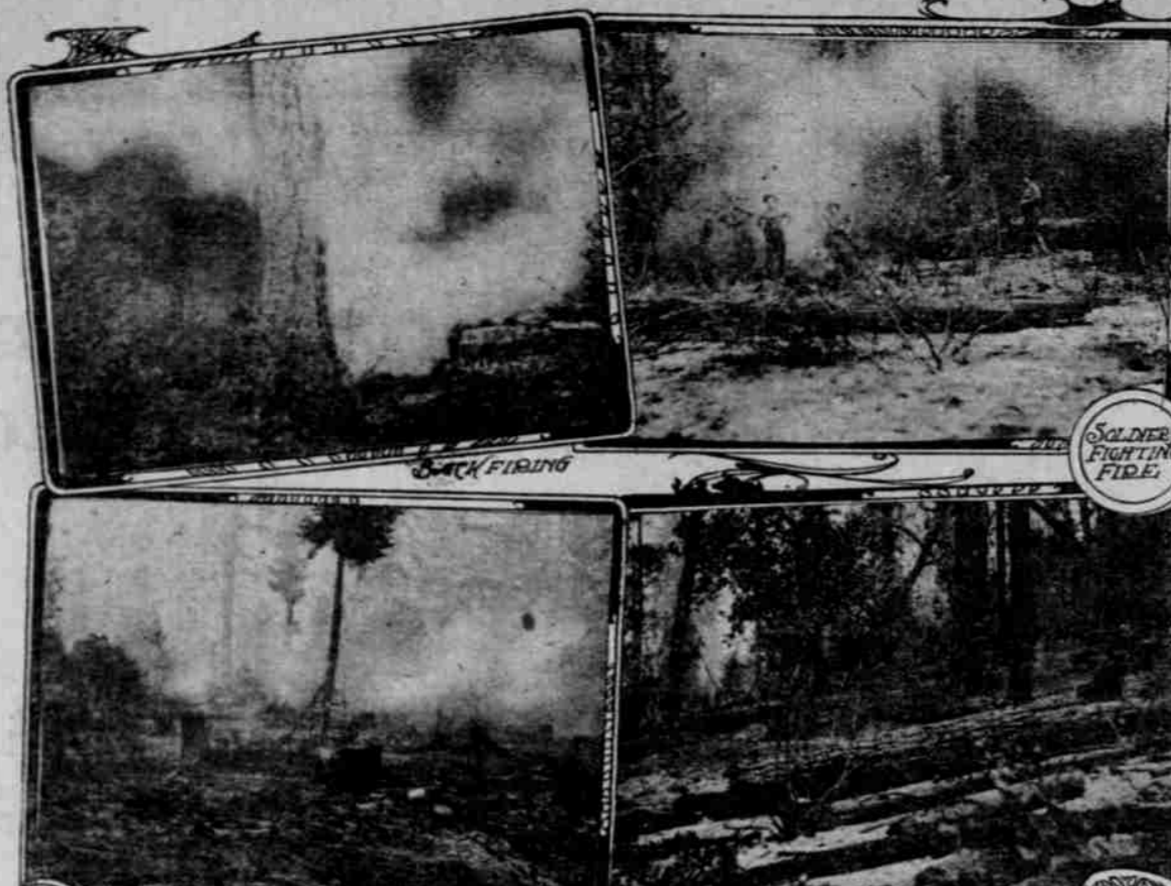
Of the 50 injured men in Wallace hospitals all will bear scars or other marks to the grave. Those who inhaled smoke are suffering from lung trouble. Half the patients sustained broken legs or arms. Many have pitifully seared faces. The number of injured in the whole fire country runs into hundreds, and while all are said to be recovering their injuries in most cases will result in disfigurement.

### San Francisco Veterinary College.

Students are admitted between the ages of 17 and 35. The new reinforced concrete building of this institution gives increased facilities for laboratory, dissection and clinical instruction in all branches of veterinary science. Young men desiring to take the study of veterinary medicine should make immediate application in person, or by mail, to the president, Dr. Charles Keane, 1815 Market street, San Francisco. Next session will begin September 15, 1910.

Of office, the United States is the world's largest consumer, Germany, Netherlands, France, Belgium and Austria-Hungary being next in the order named. Of tea, the United Kingdom is the world's largest consumer, Russia being second, the United States third.

### MORE FOREST FIRE SCENES FROM SOUTHERN OREGON.



WHAT THE FIRE LEAVES.

### BULL RUN IS SAFE

#### Portland's Water Supply Not in Any Danger.

### MANY OF FIRES ARE MYTHS

#### National Guardsmen Do Fine Work in Controlling Flames in Mount Hood District—Narrow Escapes Told by Campers.

Portland's water supply has never been endangered from burning timber on the Bull Run watershed. Information received from the fire zone authorized a statement from Forest Supervisor Sberard that none of the fires in the Mount Hood district has crept into the reserved district, which is protected for the purpose of guaranteeing a pure supply of water to the city.

The fire nearest to the Bull Run watershed is on the south side of Zig Zag Mountain, while the reported conflagrations on the sides of the Sugar Loaf were found to be canards.

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### COMPANY K DOES FINE WORK

#### Militiamen Back After Four Days on Fire Lines—Three Lives Saved.

Stained by smoke and dirt and nearly exhausted after four days of hard work practically without sleep, the members of Company K, Third Infantry, Oregon National Guard, in command of Captain R. O. Scott, returned last night from the fire belt about Boring. The company was dismissed for the night, but will report for duty again this morning and may be dispatched to Eastern Oregon to cope with fires now raging in Wallawa County.

Effective work was done by the company and at least three lives were saved. Friday night information reached Captain Scott that a farmhouse near Boring was surrounded by fire. He sent Lieutenant Sever with a small detachment and this force found Mrs. John Allsaw and two children huddled in a small hut with the fire approaching rapidly. Mrs. Allsaw had been ill and was too weak to walk. A stretcher was improvised and the family was carried to a safe point nearly two miles away, the children walking.

Before returning with his company, Captain Scott went through the Bull Run district yesterday afternoon and reported that the situation there was much improved. The fires had died down and were well in control of the three National Guard companies now there. Only high wind can bring about further danger, he said.

Despite their severe service about Boring and Hogan's men of Company K are anxious to take the field again today. All are working at a financial loss to themselves, as their pay as guardsmen while on active duty is but \$1.35 per day, while their civil vocations yield much more than that amount.

There is a bad fire on the headwaters of Cow Creek. More men are being called into the Coeur d'Alene country to fight the Elk Prairie fire.

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### SITUATION MUCH IMPROVED

### Messages to Editor of Timberman

### Say Wind Has Subsided.

### Glavis Slashes in Danger.

### WHITE SALMON, Wash., Aug. 27.—(Special.)—Fire from slashings on the Mills, Bath and Knapp tracts was swept by a high wind this morning across the road into the Lindner quarter section and for a few hours the new buildings of L. R. Glavis were in danger, for they are in the midst of 200 acres of slashings.

### Narrow Escape Told.

### Loss in Lane County Light.

### On the Mobsaw, McKenzle and Upper Willamette the fires are not considered dangerous. Investigations strengthen the belief that the timber loss is not heavy. Conditions in the forest reserve in Lane County are reported better, but all men are held to prevent the spread of fire. Scourges of people are returning daily to Belknap Springs. George Croner, the proprietor, ordered the crowd to leave. From Poley Springs and McKenzle Bridge

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people are leaving because of the heavy smoke. Firefighters have the situation well in hand about Mount McLaughlin. At Clover Creek the flames are under control on the north, west and south, but on the east side they are still taxing the efforts of the rangers.

Fire in Coos Under Control. The forest fires in Coos County are all under control, and so far no damage of any extent has been done to the valuable timber. The fires are confined to the smaller timber and underbrush, and are being watched by firefighters. The McDonald-Vaughan Logging Camp lost several buildings.

The forest fires that have been raging this week in the Calapoopa timber belt are under control, but 200 men are still fighting the flames, among whom are the State Guard from Albany.

George F. King, who has 10,000 acres of timber in the flame-swept district between Mount McLaughlin and Butte Falls, returned to Medford yesterday with the report that his holdings have been damaged little if at all by the fires which swept through them.

"To those who have not been through forest fires it looks as if the woods are being burned up," said Mr. King. "But close examination shows that in most districts the fire has done no damage to the grown timber."

"Except on the high levels around Mount McLaughlin, where the wind was strong enough to drive the flames through the treetops, only the dead and pitchy timber was burned, leaving the solid grown trees uninjured. Of course in spots where there are fir thickets trees were killed, but the high trunks of the yellow pines have saved them from the brush fires underneath. In

ture timber at the expense of the infant trees, which may develop into timber several centuries hence. An accumulation of brush year by year means a fierce conflagration in some especially dry season like this one."

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