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 Number of Dead Impossible at This Time.

SPOKANE, Aug. 17.—While the early rains have quenched the fires around Delton and Loie liot Springs, Mont., and certain parts of Idaho, new outbreaks have been reported from St. Joe. Idaho, and Delton, Wash, necessitating the hurried removal of 200 idaho militiamen from the camp at Coour d'Alene to the St. Joe district this afternoon.

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The flames threaten to destroy the town of St. Joe and the people are in arrave peril. The Government, it is reported, is not aiding in the fight against the fires of that vicinity.

Three fires are raging within a radius of 10 miles of Dayton, Wash. One of these is approaching near the town, but the destruction of the place is not feared, as grain fields intervence. Many settlers in the Blue Mountain district have left their homes to fight the thames. Another fire is burning its way toward the Oregon line, about 20 miles south. The fire on Maloney Mountain is out.

is out. Cold weather has set in near Delton, Mont. the headquarters of the 14th Infantry, and many of the soldiers, who are clad in the light uniform worn in the military maneuvers from which they were suddenly withdrawn, are suffering. With the drop in temperature has come a steady fall of rain and show, which has helped in subduing which has helped in subduing

Captain Mullack reports from Lolo Hot Springs that the fires 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 Boville branch of the Milwauthe Kaliroad 200 men are fighting a very large fire that is moving north.

The fires on Marble Creek, south of the St. Joe, are also alarming. Foodhas to be packed 40 miles to the fire-

A dispatch from St. Maries. Idaho, day says that there is no wind, and e fires are being brought under con-

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 859 forcostry men in the field. There was a renord of their names when they were engaged, but some of the timekeepers have been burned to death, and with them the lists of employes.

Wages are due to the men, and if they do not call for them it will be assumed that the men are dead. The least men were nearty all laborers picked up by the employment agencies of Spekane and Missoula. None of the graduates of the Yale forestry school was killed or injured.

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While Supervisor Weigle, at Walince, was gathering information concerning his missing rangers he received reports of others than forest men kliled, and the list of these totaled more than 100. It was reported to Wallace that a numof Japanese employes of the Mil-ikee Railroad were killed and that acrous estilers, log-ers and miners perished. When the mining and log-ging companies check up their payrolls they will find many employes 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 van-

Ghastly Ruins Found.

The dead bodies where fire has awept directly over them seem to have been burned to charcoal. Fingers, ears seen surned to charcoal. Fingers, ears and even arms drop off when the bod-ies 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 bilstered also their cioties and their blistered bodies present a horrible appearance. Where large numbers of dead men are found together they were seeking ref-uge 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.

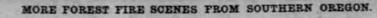
liow poor a protection the creeks afford is shown by the fact all creeks are carrying vast numbers of boiled trout. Supervisor Weigle says that if there had been trails through the National forests the fires would not have broken away from control and the loss of life would have been averted. The first work that should be undertaken by trailinaking, he says. An entirely new Gövernment survey of the Coeur d' Alene country must be made. The old be undertaken by trailinaking were fived by landmarks boundaries were fixed by landmark trees that have been removed, and the settlers have no way of exactly locat-ing their land.

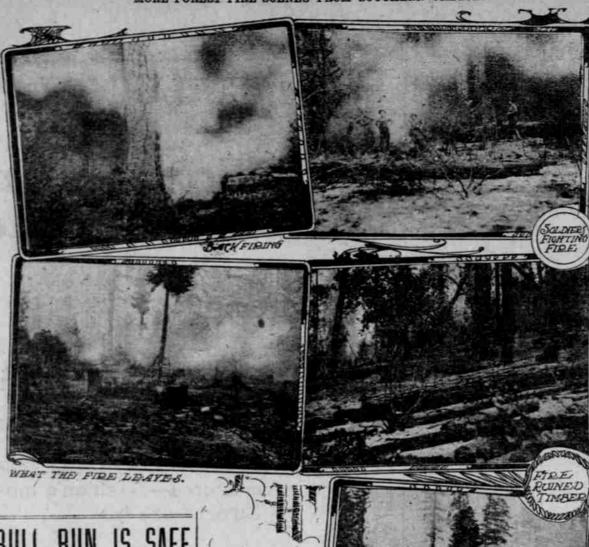
Soldiers to Patrol Forests.

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

outhorise such use of the troops.
Of the 50 injured men in Wallace hospitals all will hear scars or other marks to the grave. Those who initialed 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 to most cases will result

ins Francisco Veterlaary College.





Portland's Water Supply Not in Any Danger.

MANY OF FIRES ARE MYTHS

National Guardsmen Do Fine Work in Controlling Flames in Mount Hood Bistrict-Narrow Escapes Told by Campers.

endangered from burning timber on the Bull Run waterwhed. Information re-ceived from the fire zone authorized a statement from Forest Supervisor Sher-rard that none of the fires in the Mount Hood district has crept into the reserved district, which is protected for the pur-pose of guaranteeing a pure supply of water to the city.

of Zig Zag Mountain, while the reported conflagrations on the sides of the Sugar Lost were found to be canards.

The burned district, from which a pall of smoke hung over Portland most of the week, lies in a triangular form, the point being to the west in the vicinity of Sandy, and the base of the figure being a line drawn from a point two miles south of Marmot postoffice south to Wildcat Mountain.

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A thorough search of the district has been made and it is found that all Port-land families camping in the district or staying at Maulding's Hotel and Rhodo-dendron Tavern have been accounted for. The only lives lost were those of an In-dian squaw and a papoose on fluckleber-ry Mountain. The only ranches which were burned were the King place, or old McIntire home, and one cabin in that McIntire home, and one cabin in that vicinity. The greatest losses were suffered

Forest Supervisor Tom Sherrard last Forest Supervisor Tom Sherrard last night authorized the statement that all fires between Portland and Mount Hood are under control through the joint operations of the Forest Service and the City of Portland. Patrols of the Bull Bun watershed are being maintained and Companies E, H and C of the Oregon National Guard are turning back the fronts of the fluer still burning. Company K, of the Guard, was returned to Portland yesterday. land yesterday.

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A large fire broke out yesterday after-neon in the Columbia forest in Clark County, Washington, it is located north of the Castla Hill. Squads of men were sent forward.

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Fires on the Umatilla River were reported in better condition yesterday and
will in all probability be under control
today. There were no reports from the
Wallows district last night, while at
Roseburg the fire brigades were still
struggling against a wind which kept
the fires prins along the Umpous. the fires going along the Umpqua.

A new are was reported last night from the Hood River district, probably on Indian Mountain. Men were sent to Dec. where the mills of the Oregon Lumber Company are located.

Many Fires on Old Burns.

Timber owners around the lobbles of the hig headquarters buildings, such as the Chamber of Commerce, were yesterday in eceint of information from outside points

that the largest of the recent fires were in elashings and on cut-over lands. In some sections the fires were aimost wholly confined to old burns. It is believed that the largest losses of green thinber will be confined to Sauthern Oreson, east of Medford and Ashland.

Among the campers who began drifting back to Portland yesterday tales of narrow escapes and the grandeur of the tropyrotechnics were frequent. Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Vaughan, of & East Nineteenth street, lay on a large rock along the west bank of the Lewis River, in Wassington, as the fire war past, in the party were Rev. Mr. Howard, wife and daughter of Vancouver, and Mrs. H. F. Lee, of Portland.

"It appeared as if two-thirds of Clark County was on fire at the same time Wednesday night and Thursday," said Mr. Vaughan last night. "We camped on the Lewis River. The fire started near Yacoli, from a carelessity burned slashing, and was at our Overall Camp' five miles have before hight. We knowed down to the edge of the water and secured a position on the end of a long rock, where we were mafe except for the mass side about 1 o'clock in the morning.

Narrow Escape Told.

Say Wind Has Subsided.

George M. Cornwall, editor of the Timberman, said last night he had received personal messages from neariy all the timber district in Oregon and part of Washington during the afternoon and the timber district in Oregon and part of Washington during the afternoon and the timber district in Oregon and part of Washington during the afternoon and the timber district in Oregon and part of Washington during the afternoon and the timber district in Oregon and part of Washington during the afternoon and the timber district in Oregon and part of Washington during the afternoon and the timber district in Oregon and part of Washington during the afternoon and the timber district in Oregon and part of Washington during the afternoon and the timber district in Oregon and part of Washington during the afternoon and the timber district in Oregon and part of Washington during th

cast side of the fiver, and came back on the west side about 2 o'clock in the morning.

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Thursday morning we walked to Heisson 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.

By the calling out of every available man on the mountain and with the aid of parties from White Salmon, a more friday morning. On the trip to Battle-

would have turned back, but the rear view was more terrifying than the front, and by the women wetting handkerchiefs and keeping them over their faces the

and keeping them over their faces the party got through.
"Every mill in that section of Clark County is in asbes except two. Allen & Wright's camp of one mill and 40 cabins burned in a moment. They saved 40 chickens. Three farm houses at Helsson and three houses and a church at Battle-ground were also consumed. The country is littered with the carcasses of dead animals.

animals.

"A peculiarity about the fires that I observed is the fact that every time the flames reached green timber they stopped. The flames were largely confined to burns and cleared lands. But among the hazlebrush and down timber the fires roared at very high speed. The sparks from burning snags would be thrown as tone miles."

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, 56 men of Company K, Third Infantry, Oregon National Guard, in command of Captain R. O. Scott, returned last night fires have been a benefit, according to from the fire belt about Boring. The George F. King, owner of extensive company was dismissed for the night, timber areas in Jackson County. but will report for duty again this King says the ares in many instances morning and may be dispatched to have burned only the underbrush,
Eastern Oregon to cope with fires now which permits a growth of grass and Eastern Oregon to cope with fires now

Eastern Oregon to cope with fires now raging in Wallowa 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 Hogan was surrounded by firs. He sent Lieutenant Sever with a small detachment and this force found Mrs. John Allspaw and two children huddled in a small hut with the fire approaching rapidly. Mrs. Allspaw had been ill and was too weak to walk. A stretcher was improvised and the woman 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

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 the men of Company K are anxious to take the field again today. All are working at a financial loss to themselves, as their pay at guardsmen while on active duty is but \$1.25 per day, while their civil vocations yield much more than that a lound.

SITUATION MUCH IMPROVED

Messages to Editor of Timberman Say Wind Has Subsided.

Little Damage to Green Timber, Says King.

FLAMES UNDER CONTROL

Assistant District Porester Buck Expeets to Have Situation Well in Hand Today if High Winds Do Not Blow Up Again.

Now that the ferest fires in Southern Oregon are dying out, the extent of damage is found to be far less than the early estimates. On the contrary, the Mr.

leaves the forests in less danger of sub-sequent fires.

Assistant District Forester Buck stated inst evening at Medford that all Southern Oregon forest fires burning Southern Oregon forest area burning would be under control within the next 48 hours, if no high winds arise. By this morning Mr. Buck expects to have all fires south of Ashland well in hand. The fire west of Prospect between the Middle and South forks of the Rogue River has been the most destructive in Southern (Present Course of 1800 morth.) Southern Oregon. Over \$1,000,000 worth of the finest pine timber in Jackson County was destroyed. This heavy loss was due to the heavy wind, which car-ried the blaze through the tops of the

Soldiers Render Efficient Service.

The soldiers has four camps along the Middle Fork of the Rogue River and are making a valiant and success-ful fight to keep the flames from cross-ing to the side on which Prospect is

Ranger Neff and a party of 12 or more may be cut off from their pro-visions by the Cat Hill fire, which is burning down on the east side of the Cascades. However, no reports have been sent to the Medford forestry of-fice of any lives being actually en-dangered.

dangered.

There is a bad fire on the headwaters of Cow Creek. More men are being called into the Dead Indian country to fight the Elk Prairie fire.

There are 28 men of the Forestry Department and 20 soldlers of the First Infantry fighting fires in Southern Oregon. The fires of the district are costing the Government \$1200 a day.

Calls for Help Are Sent.

Many calls have been sent to the Medford forestry office for help outside of the forests, and men have been sent in answer when possible. The Jackson Greek fire, in which several ranchers lost their homes, is said to be under control.

S. Crosby and Arthur French, two men employed by the Forest Strvice, were arrested in Jackson County yesterday on the charge of settling forest fires while fighting the flames. The charges were swarn to by John E. Cribble, fourth officer, but the men were released for lask of evidence.

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B. P. Mulkey. District Attorney, has asked the County Gourt of Jackson County to offer a reward for the apprehension of some of the alleged Incendiaries, and the grand jury of Jackson County which convenes Menday will consider evidence which be will present. Loss in Lane County Light.

On the Mohawk, McKenzie and Upper

Willamette the fires are not considered dangerous. Investigations strengthen the dangerous. Investigations strengthen the belief that the timber lose is not heavy. Conditions in the forest reserve in Lane County are reported better, but all men are held to prevent the apread of fire. Scores of people are returning dully to Eugens from the mountain resorts. At Belliump Springs, George Croner, the proprietor, ordered his guests to leave. From Foley Springs and McKenzie Bridge

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 val-uable timber. The fires are confined to the smaller timber and underbrush, and

are being watched by hrefighters. The McDonnid-Vaughan Logging Camp lost several buildings. The forest fires that have been raging this week in the Calapcoia timber belt are under control, but 290 men are still righting the flames, among whom are the State Guard from Albany.

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George F. King, who has 10,000 acres of timber in the flame-swept district between Mount McLoughlin 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.

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"Except on the high levels around Mount McLoughlin, where the wind was strong enough to drive the flames through the treetops, only the dead and pitchy timber was burned, leaving the pitchy timber was burned, reaving 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 undernesth. In

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