

LIFF FIRES SPREAD OVER BIG ACRES

State Wardens Fight Flames Covering About 400 Acres Near Keel Mountain.

FISH LAKE BLAZE SERIOUS

Because of Heavy Pall of Smoke in Timbered Districts, Lookouts Are Unable to Determine Extent of Damage Done.

ALBANY, Or., July 6.—(Special.)—With three big fires raging in Linn County, others under control but yet burning, one of the most serious of the season is the forest fire situation in the Fish Lake area. The fire, which started about 20 miles south of Albany, is now spreading rapidly.

One of the large fires is about 10 miles north of Fish Lake, near Bear Mountain, and the other is on Blower Creek, about 20 miles south of Albany. Because of the heavy pall of smoke lookouts are unable to estimate the acreage covered and no late reports have been received from the fire fighters. The fire is now burning largely to old burns. Fifteen men are fighting the Blower fire and 15 others are being rushed to the scene. Twenty men are trying to extinguish the Bear Mountain fire.

The fire near the South pyramid got away from the guards this week, but is now under control. The blaze on the middle fork of the Santiam also shows improvement. The third big fire in the county is outside the forest reserve and is burning near Keel Mountain, at the head of Crabtree Creek. This fire, now being fought by state fire wardens, has been burning several days and has covered approximately 400 acres.

FOSTER YOUTH STARTS BLAZE

Roy Steingrandt Carries Out Threat "to Burn Up Mountains."

ALBANY, Or., July 6.—(Special.)—Because he had failed to secure an appointment as lookout in the state fire patrol service, and wished to demonstrate the need of one in that vicinity, Roy Steingrandt, 16-year-old boy residing eight miles southeast of Foster, started a forest fire which burned over more than 300 acres. The fire is yet burning, but is under control. The fire was set in a dead ending and destroyed only a little green timber.

After several questioning the boy admitted his guilt in the juvenile court this afternoon. He was adjudged delinquent and committed to the county jail, with restrictions as to his freedom in the mountains until the close of the dry season.

The boy had made threats that if a fire warden was not named in his vicinity "the mountains would burn up," and when the fire started and appearances indicated it had been a set fire, fire wardens traced his movements and developed a strong circumstantial case against him.

PLUMAS FOREST IS MENACED

Two Hundred Men Sent to Check Fire in Northern California.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 6.—Fire, supposedly of incendiary origin, which started Thursday near Clio, in the Plumas National forest, in Northern California, and which was checked after 1600 acres had been burned over, broke out anew today, according to reports from the forest ranger at Quincy, Plumas County. Two hundred men were fighting the flames, Ratcliff telegraphed.

Another fire, believed to be of incendiary origin, is sweeping forward on a front of two and one-half miles, eight miles east of Covelo, in northern Mendocino County, and is nearing the boundary of the California National forest.

LANE FIRES UNDER CONTROL

Loggers Extinguish Blaze Raging in McKenzie Mountain District.

EUGENE, Or., July 6.—(Special.)—The forest fire situation in Lane County tonight is less alarming than for several days, according to M. K. Skinner, fire warden, after he had received reports from rangers.

The fire which has been burning in the mountain districts of the McKenzie slope has made no headway and the loggers at the McCully Lumber Company camp engaged in fighting the fire have returned to their work.

There is no danger from forest fires to travelers going up the McKenzie highway, Mr. Skinner said. The fire which has been burning on Lost Creek, a tributary of the Upper Willamette, is reported under control.

COOL NIGHTS BRING RELIEF

Forest Fire Raging in Prospect District Now Under Control.

MEDFORD, Or., July 6.—(Special.)—The forest fire situation in Jackson County is unchanged tonight. A new fire was reported in the Elk Creek district this afternoon, but is at present being handled by the forest ranger in that section.

Forest Ranger Rankin left this evening for Woodruff Meadows, near Prospect, where a fire has been burning the past week, but is now under control.

If the cool nights without winds continue, local authorities believe the fires will be kept under control, although serious danger exists as long as the present hot weather and drought continue.

MRS. McNARY FUNERAL SET

Services for Wife of Oregon Senator Will Be Tuesday at Salem.

SALEM, Or., July 6.—(Special.)—The funeral of Mrs. Charles L. McNary, wife of United States Senator McNary, will be held Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, Rev. W. C. Kanter, pastor of the First Congregational Church, officiating. Mrs. Hallie Parrish Durdall will sing.

Senator McNary is expected to arrive in Portland Monday night at 7 o'clock and will come at once to Salem.

SELECTS LEAVE FOR CAMP

Columbia County Sends Large Delegation of Draft Registrants.

ST. HELENS, Or., July 6.—(Special.)—The following men in the selective

draft reported here Saturday morning and entrained in the afternoon for Fort McDowell, Cal.: Marco Gaspari, St. Helens; Dexter Twombly, George D. Payne, Portland; Erazmus Halidas, St. Helens; Luigi Polander, Portland; Nels C. Christensen, Clatskanie; William L. Lusk, Clatskanie; John Kurti, Quincy; Henry O. Ilman, Quincy; Panagotis Koronitis, Astoria; George F. Stockdale, Goble; John W. McAllister, Astoria; James K. Klotz, St. Helens; Harry F. Peterson, St. Helens; William A. Russell, St. Helens; John O. Lusk, Quincy; Nathaniel W. Lusk, Clatskanie; Joseph R. Welter, Goble; Bert Wood, Vernonia; Ray C. Clark, Rainier; Joseph A. Phillips, Rainier; John S. Stucker, Clatskanie; James H. Stucker, Kansas (transferred); Peter H. Mattson, Portland; Isaac Cross, Rainier; Ray C. Richards, Rainier; Lloyd Burnham, Rainier.

The alternates are: Earl Smith, Scappoose; Cecil Lane, Mist; Mike Louch, Portland; Oscar W. Tucker, Warren.

NEW ROAD IS OPENED

STRAHORN LINE FINISHED FROM KLAMATH FALLS TO OLENE.

First Shipment of Freight, Consisting of Lumber, Arrives From Mill at Swan Lake—Work Progresses.

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., July 6.—(Special.)—The first shipment of freight, two flatcar loads of lumber from the Deamond & Watson sawmill at Swan Lake, has been received over the Klamath Falls municipal railroad, now under construction by Robert E. Strahorn Locomotive No. 1 was driven by W. E. Bond, Mr. Strahorn's secretary, and fired by Gus Etrem.

The road now is completed in operation between Klamath Falls and Oleno, 10 miles east. Mr. Strahorn is in Klamath Falls and, while disappointed at the slow progress on account of labor shortage and other troubles, he is greatly pleased at the showing made under the existing handicap.

In Mr. Strahorn's opinion, the best thing that has come out of the Government ownership of railroads next to facilitating the winning of the war, is the recognition and establishment of a firm and fair foundation of branch line railroad financing and operation.

Nothing else short of a revolution," he says, "could ever have put the short lines in the enviable position they have and will for all time occupy."

FURLOUGH FUND RAISED

Woman's Commercial Club of Castle Rock Oversees Quota.

CASTLE ROCK, Wash., July 6.—(Special.)—The Woman's Commercial Club of Castle Rock has overseen its quota for the furlough fund. The quota for the furlough fund is to raise \$2,000,000 to be used for the building of furlough homes for our boys overseas.

The state president of the National Federation pledged Washington clubs for 100 per cent. By every club member paying \$1 the amount can be raised.

The furlough homes will be conducted by Americans exclusively, furnishing home environments and aiding in the morale of the boys.

The homes will be built in England, France and Southern Scotland. Mrs. Grant Dyken, delegate from the club to the State Federation, has sent in the quota and many outside the club are asked to contribute to this worthy cause.

PAVEMENT TO BE REPAIRED

Work on Lower Sixth Street, Klamath Falls, Ordered Done.

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., July 6.—(Special.)—The bad stretch in the city oil macadam pavement on lower Sixth street, in front of several industrial plants, will be repaired immediately, according to a decision of the City Council. This road was built in 1914.

Twenty-one applications for lodging-house licenses under the new ordinance have been granted by the city. Three have been turned down. While the license fee is nominal, it is hoped by the city officials to keep an objectionable class of houses from operation by demanding it.

GRANTS PASS FOLK PICNIC

Committee Named to Organize Josephine County Society in Portland.

About 30 former residents of Grants Pass, who now make their homes in Portland, met the evening of July 4 in Laurelhurst Park, and held a picnic dinner.

More than 100 families from Josephine County are residing in this city. A committee was named to perfect an organization, to include all former residents of that county, who now live in Portland. More than 500 persons are eligible to membership in such a society.

PUGET FISHERS COME FAR

Purse Seining Craft at Mouth of Columbia Make Big Hauls.

ASTORIA, Or., July 6.—(Special.)—About a dozen purse seining craft, which came from Puget Sound, are now operating off the mouth of the Columbia River.

The catch of fish there is improving, and the vessels are making hauls of from 700 pounds to a ton each.

Reckless Driving Curbed.

LEBANON, Or., July 6.—(Special.)—The Lebanon City Council has passed a stringent ordinance to curb fast driving on the streets, and instructions have been given the police to see that the law is enforced. There have been several accidents in the city recently owing to reckless driving.

A Time-Meter for You

Every man, woman, boy and girl needs an accurate watch these strenuous days. Come to this good jewelry store for reliable watches—Elgin, Waltham, Hamilton, Heileman, and the best.

DIAMONDS—See our exhibit of beautiful Diamonds, ranging in price from tens of dollars into many hundreds. Our diamond values are superior. We have a watch to fit every purse—every pocket.

WASHINGTON AT BROADWAY.

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CHARGING YANKEES PUT HUNS TO ROUT

Americans Quickly Send Germans Scurrying to Rear in Vaux Sector.

U. S. ARTILLERY ACCURATE

Big Guns Cut Off Communications With Enemy's Battalion and Regimental Headquarters, With Exception of Messenger Dog.

WASHINGTON, July 6.—The Germans fled in disorder from the Bois de la Roche to the Bois des Rochets before the charging American infantry during the operations in the vicinity of Vaux last Monday and Tuesday. General Pershing reported in his communiqué for yesterday, received today at the War Department. The hand-to-hand fighting, the General said, was of short duration.

Artillery fire in support of the American infantry was so effective, the statement said, that communication between German battalion and regimental headquarters could be maintained only by a single messenger dog.

Enemy Movements Unusual. The description of the fight around Vaux was given in the course of a narrative of events in the Vaux sector, along the Marne, in Picardy, in Lorraine and in the Colmar sector during the early part of this week.

Artillery, machine gun and aerial activity was noted in nearly all of the sectors, with an unusual movement being the enemy lines along the Marne. There also was heavy artillery fighting there and near Vaux and in the Marne sector.

Section A—Our patrols again took prisoners in the Chateau Thierry region. In Picardy, Chateau Thierry region and in the Vosges there was brisk artillery firing. In the Vosges a hostile raiding party and two patrol parties attempted to reach our lines, but were driven off.

Section B—Concerning the operations of our troops in the vicinity of Vaux, July 1 to July 2, it is stated that the enemy fled in disorder from the Bois de la Roche to the Bois des Rochets. Hand-to-hand fighting was of short duration. So effective was our artillery fire that communication between German battalion and regimental headquarters could be maintained only by a single messenger dog.

"Intense machine gun fire and a heavy bombardment of the Clemenceaux Wood preceded the German counter-attack. Some were used. Hostile airplanes dropped bombs. One was brought down near Torcy.

"In this sector, the enemy on both sides greatly decreased. The enemy shelled Maréville Wood with gas during the morning and put down some harassing and interdiction fire. Our batteries maintained a continuous harassing, apparently destroying an ammunition dump in Etrepilly and setting fire to buildings.

"The activity of the enemy's air forces decreased, while our own became more aggressive.

United States Snipers Busy. "American snipers seemed to be successful in killing and wounding a number of the enemy. One of four reconnaissance patrols, consisting of a corporal and two men, crawled from our front line north of Vaux to a house inside the German lines at Bois des Rochets at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

"They captured a German outpost of two men and brought them back to our lines at 4 o'clock in the afternoon, despite the continuous fire of German snipers.

"Our troops located along the Marne at 8 o'clock P. M. on July 1 to 8 P. M. on July 2 experienced a quiet day. There was an increase in the enemy's fire.

"The enemy's signaling continues excessive. There were several indications of his being made by our artillery on the ammunition dumps. One of these occurred late in the evening when a large blaze was seen in the sky and a heavy explosion heard from a point which had just been shelled by our artillery. Later in the same vicinity an occasional glow was seen and reports were heard. Another explosion, probably of an ammunition dump occurred at about the same time in another locality where a bright light was at first observed, followed directly by a loud explosion.

Guns Cause Explosion. "In the early morning of July 2 there was still another report of an explosion. Our guns were playing on this particular spot at the time and the report, the smoke which immediately arose, the high shooting flames and the burning of cartridges are evidence that this was still another ammunition dump. Still another large fire, accompanied by several explosions, was observed. This was probably an ammunition dump struck by French shells.

"In Picardy the enemy's artillery fire was the only outstanding feature July 1 to July 2, noon to noon. A large proportion of his fire was employed in concentrations on our lines in the vicinity of Cantigny and the northern edge of the Bois Fontaine. In addition to these concentrations, there was slight harassing fire on our front about noon July 1.

"The enemy's airplanes were more active during the morning than at any other time during the day. One patrol of five planes betwixt our lines at that time. During the night bombs were dropped in what appeared to be an attempt to explode one of our ammunition dumps. Shortly before midnight air combats occurred. At 9 o'clock in

the morning a German plane was brought down by an allied machine over the enemy's lines. Enemy working parties were heard at intervals near Chateau d'Jenlis, Fontaine Sous Montdidier, Montdidier and other points. Our artillery apparently registered directly on German ammunition dumps.

Machine Guns Are Active. "In Lorraine from noon June 30 to noon July 1 there was unusually heavy machine gun fire and rifle fire on our lines. The machine gun fire doubled in the space of 24 hours, originating largely in the German position opposite Radonville. The enemy's artillery fire was light and scattered, consisting mainly of small caliber shells and including the use of some shrapnel and gas.

"Our patrols were very successful in gaining information. "In the Colmar sector on July 1 there were no developments of note, conditions being in every way normal. An amusing example of German propaganda, designed to induce our men to surrender easily, was found. A German plane dropped in our line a postcard reading:

"Soldiers of the U. S. A. say that we kill prisoners of war or do them some other harm. Don't be such greenhorns! How can you smart Americans believe such a silly thing?"

STRIKE MEETING CALLED

TELEGRAPH COMPANY EMPLOYEES TO RALLY THIS EVENING.

Otto Hartwig and E. J. Stack Will Address Assemblage of Operators in I. O. G. T. Hall.

Telegraphers and telegraph company employees of the city will rally this evening at the I. O. G. T. Hall, 227 Yamhill street, to prepare for the strike of Western Union employees ordered for 6 o'clock tomorrow morning. Unless the power of the President is brought to bear to induce postponement of the strike, no successful interference is expected.

The Postal Telegraph & Cable Company is not affected by the strike order of President S. J. Koenigkamp, of the Commercial Telegraphers' Union.

Fledge of the railroad telegraphers, who are all members of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers' Union, not to handle commercial business, is, it is said, being made in the Portland section as well as throughout the United States. It is believed this will seriously tie up wires and business of the Western Union at small stations, where one man is both station agent and railroad and Western Union operator the tie-up will be complete.

Employers employed by the Western Union in Portland declared last night that they would go out with other employees.

In issuing a call yesterday for the meeting tonight, James R. Kelly, organizer and president of the local council of the Telegraphers' Union, declared that practically every employee thus far discharged by the Portland section had found a more remunerative position.

President Otto R. Hartwig and Secretary E. J. Stack, of the Oregon State Federation of Labor, will be the chief speakers at the meeting.

GOLDEN WEDDING HELD

Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Mosher, of Eugene, Hold Jubilee Reunion.

EUGENE, Or., July 6.—(Special.)—Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Mosher celebrated their golden wedding anniversary today at the home of their son, Councilman S. R. Mosher. They were married at White Pigeon, Mich., July 5, 1863.

Mr. Mosher served during the Civil War in the 18th New York Infantry. About 40 friends, including Union Army veterans and the ladies of the G. A. R., surprised the bride and groom of half a century with a party.

Mr. and Mrs. Mosher have two sons, one daughter and eight grandchildren. Their daughter, Mrs. E. R. Bignell, and her three children came from their home in Lincoln, Neb., to be present at the celebrations. The sons are S. R. Mosher, of Eugene, and H. H. Mosher, formerly of this city, now a resident of Lincoln, Neb.

WOMEN TO PATROL FOREST

Eugene Girl First to Enter Service of Forestry Department.

EUGENE, Or., July 6.—(Special.)—The United States Forest Service is putting a plan to employ girls as fire patrols into effect. Miss Helen McCormick, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. McCormick, of Eugene, has been employed as a patrol in the Upper McKenzie country, within the Cascade National Forest. She will begin her duties within a few days.

Miss McCormick will ride a horse and cover territory between the Blue River village and the Blue River mine. She will carry an emergency camping outfit and will be compelled to camp out in the forest at times.

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