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Billions of Feet of Valuable Western Timber Protected During Fire Season.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 15.—Aviators of the United States forest service last season in California covered 388,820 miles, more than 18 times the circumference of the globe, according to records recently compiled.

In the flights the aviators protected from fire 24,000,000 acres of wooded lands growing 110,000,000,000 feet of marketable timber, conservatively estimated by the forest service as worth \$220,000,000.

Twenty-six airplanes took part in the forest flights and in spite of the extreme hazards entailed by flying over fires, there were but three fatalities. The patrol was from the Ninth Aero squadron of the army and included a radio service effective in locating fires.

The squadron base, during the season, was at Mather field, Sacramento, and there were smaller bases at Red Bluff, Fresno and March field.

Next season, according to present plans, the airplane forest service will be extended to Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana.

The patrol lacked little of the romance and glamour of war, although its mission was essentially a peaceful one. Often there was sharp necessity for instant action and one particular test of mobility was called for when 22 fires broke out in the Lassen forest in a two-day period. There were plenty of good fighters on hand but few experienced leaders. An S. O. S. call was sent to Sonora, 200 miles away, and in a few hours two forest officers from that place were efficiently directing the fighting. A few days later the Stanislaus forest caught fire, and the officers were rushed back.

Through liaison officers the radio was given a thorough and effective test. Even when the airplane failed to make the fire discovery the data the observer furnished were important to the protection organization. The system was particularly effective in detecting fires caused by other than human agency.

Tests that probably reminded the aviators of experiences on the western front came when the airplanes were used for reconnaissance work over large fires. Then there was the same necessity for directing the charge of the fire-fighters as there was for directing the barrage of war days. As the fires moved toward the aviators, by wireless, told the fighters below where to attack. Fire lines were watched for new out-breaks just as enemy lines were watched for new attacks.

The forest "front" extended 750 miles from Oregon to the Mexico line and the "battle" lasted from June 1, until rain came late in the fall. The "winners," the fire, made 72 attacks, but the airplane-directed army won, for the figures of fire destruction fell far below those of former years. Sometimes the fires appeared to win and often brought down ships, there being 36 forced landings reported during the season.

TAHITI WOMEN CLOTHED

Beauty Unadorned Is Not Chief Feature of Landscape.

PAPEETE, Tahiti, Dec. 15.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—Indignation is expressed by Tahiti residents because magazines, moving pictures and Sunday supplement pages of the mainland have long pictured native Tahiti women as wearing few clothes, when, as a matter of fact, the average woman's dress is a Mother Hubbard which begins behind the ears and flares voluminously to the knees.

"The impression has got abroad that beauty unadorned is one of the chief features of our landscape," one Tahiti resident said recently. "As a matter of fact, we see that sort of thing about as frequently as New Yorkers see a band of Chinamen striding down Broadway in full war paint. Such shocking pictures as have appeared in mainland prints and movies are merely photographic tricks. Missionaries changed the style of native dress long before any of the present generation were born and designed the Mother Hubbard for the female of the species here."

MAXWELL MOTORS SUED

Petition Asks Court to Establish Creditors' Claims, and Assets.

DETROIT, Mich., Jan. 15.—A petition asking that claims of creditors and assets of the Maxwell Motors company be established and that suits for an injunction restraining other creditors from interfering while suit

for the recovery of \$6064 is pending, was filed in United States district court here Friday by the Jenks & Mairs Manufacturing company of Detroit.

In the bill of complaint the manufacturing company states that about 150 other creditors hold claims against the Maxwell company. These claims aggregate about \$4,000,000, the petition states, and that other indebtedness in the form of loans brings the company's total liability to \$16,900,000. The Maxwell company has assets, the petition continues, aggregating more than \$25,000,000, but these could not be converted into cash without great loss. The plaintiff contends the immediate realizable assets of the Maxwell company are not sufficient to meet claims of creditors.

In an answer filed by the Maxwell Motor company, the petitions of the plaintiffs for an injunction restraining creditors and for establishment of claims of creditors and assets are concurred with.

CURB ON PACKERS URGED

RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY NATIONAL LIVESTOCK BODY.

Senator Kendrick Re-elected President and Colorado Springs Is Chosen for Next Convention.

EL PASO, Tex., Jan. 14.—The American National Livestock association in convention Friday adopted a resolution recommending enactment by congress of constructive federal legislation regulating the packers, commission men and traders.

Neither the Gronna bill, now pending in the United States senate, nor the Anderson bill, now pending in the house, was endorsed by name, although debate on the convention floor on the report of the resolutions committee centered about the Gronna bill.

During this debate Fred H. Bixby of Long Beach, Cal., one of the principal advocates of an endorsement of the Gronna bill, explained that he had consented in the resolutions committee to have the words "as set forth in the Gronna bill" eliminated from the endorsing resolution "for the sake of harmony and unity."

United States Senator Kendrick of Wyoming, president of the association, was re-elected.

Colorado Springs was unanimously selected for the next annual convention.

The only part of the resolutions committee's report that was contested was the section dealing with packer legislation, which was adopted as reported by the resolutions committee.

Capital Punishment Defeated.

PERDUE, S. D., Jan. 15.—A senate bill providing restoration of capital punishment in South Dakota, was defeated in the state senate Friday, 25 to 17.

EVEREST TO BE SCALED

PERMISSION GIVEN BRITISH EXPLORERS TO TRY ASCENT.

Dalai Lama at Lhasa Sanctions Expedition to Invade Tibet to Conquer Lost Peak.

(Copyright by the New York World. Published by Arrangement.) LONDON, Jan. 15.—Lhasa, the "Forbidden City" of Tibet, has at last granted permission for a party of British mountaineers to climb Mount Everest.

This announcement was made by Sir Francis Younghusband to an enthusiastic meeting of the Royal Geographical society.

Political obstacles having now been overcome, the physical obstacles, which bear comparison with those surrounding the conquest of the north pole itself, will have to be overcome. The problem is being tackled without delay and the grand assault upon the mountain almost certainly will be made next year.

Mount Everest, in the Himalayas, the highest mountain on earth, rises slightly more than 29,000 feet above the sea, a height at which aviators risk death without the aid of artificial respiration. Until 1903, when Sir Francis Younghusband entered Tibet, the peak had never been seen by white men, except from India, where mountains at its base obscured a complete sight of it.

Mount Everest is on the frontier line of Nepal and Tibet, about 150 miles from the British border. From the Tibet side, the "Lord of the Snows," as the natives call it, can be seen to rise thousands of feet above any others.

The ascent of Mount Everest presents tremendous difficulties. The intervening peaks are difficult, and the climate is unfavorable.

OCCUPATION PLAN STAYS
No Order Received at Coblenz on Troops' Return Here.

COBLENZ, Jan. 15.—(By the Associated Press.)—No instructions have been received here thus far with reference to an immediate reduction in the American occupational force.

The policy, as outlined by the war department before Christmas, is to send the American soldiers home for discharge or reassignment as time may necessitate. Nothing was said about moving any of the organizations home. Under this policy 400 men would return to the United States for discharge during the year and, unless the old plans are changed, it would take two years to reduce the American force in the Rhineland to 8000 men.

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