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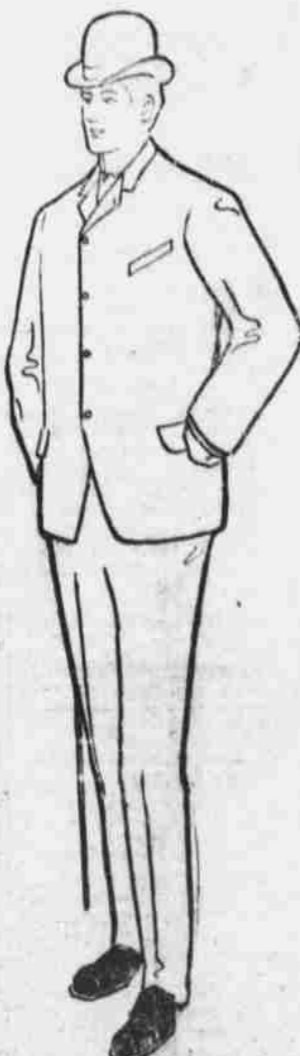
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TWENTIETH CENTURY

## WHOLE COUNTRY AFIRE AND MANY HOMES RUINED

Tillamook in Jeopardy--Serious News Coming in Every Hour--Fort Columbia Surrounded.

Many Farmers Lose Everything--Fires Still Spreading--Oregon City District Suffers Heavily--All Hands Are Out Fighting to Save Lives and Property--Losses Will Be Enormous.

TILLAMOOK, Sept. 11.--Forest fires are raging on three sides of the city and destruction of the entire town is threatened. Nearly the entire male population has turned out to fight the flames, and those who remain behind are in a state of panic.

The Five-Mile house on the road toward North Yamhill, was destroyed last night and four farmhouses were burned.

The fire has completely surrounded the reservoir which have the city's water supply and on whose resources the fire fighters' entire hopes depend. Donaldson's big saw mill has burned, causing a heavy loss.

1:30 a. m.--Portland reported Tillamook wires down. Last message by telephone stated that the city was completely surrounded.

### OREGON CITY DISTRICT.

OREGON CITY Sept. 11.--Late reports state that fierce fires are raging in the vicinity of Springfield. Houses, barns and stock were burned and the whole contry was devastated. Many cattle were caught in the timber and were burned to death. Heavy fires four miles east of Olalla. The timber is on fire and the flames are approaching Russell Brothers' saw mill. The fire between Shubel and Clarke is still spreading and much damage is being done. Charles Hettman's house was burned. There is a large fire in the timber less than two miles from Howard's mill. The fire near Wood camp, four miles west of the city, burned three hundred cords of wood today.

There is another heavy fire three miles north of the city going towards the Willamette river. The sky to the

north and west is aglow with the flames, which are increasing hourly.

FIRE AT NEWPORT. NEWPORT, Ore., Sept. 11.--Newport is surrounded on the north and east by a heavy brush fire. The fire swept down on the Seal Rock resort today, burning several seaside cottages, among them that of C. B. Irvine, of Salem, and the barn in connection.

VANCOUVER SURROUNDED. VANCOUVER, Wash., Sept. 11.--A number of large slashings in this vicinity have been burned during the past 19 days and leading to extreme dry weather fires have spread to the adjacent timber and several heavy fires are reported burning in the vicinity of mountains and Eureka neighborhood, and no other localities. The air is filled with ashes and cinders and smoke hangs over the river like a pall. Considerable loss is already reported.

BLIND SLOUGH WASH. News came through from Knapas yesterday that the schoolhouse two large barns and two or three houses were destroyed by fire early yesterday at the Blind Slough.

NEHAMA AND ELKHORN. SALEM, Sept. 11.--A telephone message from Nehama to the Statesman says that the timber fires all around that town are doing great damage to the forests and that they are threatening the settlers' houses and property. Thousands of dollars in property have already been destroyed. The Elkhorn country fires are also raging in the choice timber doing great damage.

ST. LOUIS SCANDALS. ST. LOUIS, Sept. 11.--In a talk with the Associated Press reporter, Circuit Attorney Folk said that almost every one of the indicted members of the House of Delegates combine have offered to turn state's evidence, but that he declined to accept more than two or three with a promise of clemency. Before J. K. Murrell's return and confession, the members of the combine, Folk said, were so sure of their position that the offers of the authorities to take care of the informants were spurned. Now the situation is different.

The grand jury held two sessions today. At each session a number of members of the council that passed the city lighting bill in 1899 were called on to tell what they knew of the transactions connected with such measures.

WARSHIPS TO PANAMA. WASHINGTON, Sept. 11.--Secretary Moody today telegraphed commanders of the battleship Wisconsin at Bremerton, and the cruiser Cincinnati, at Cape Haytien, directing them to proceed to the isthmus of Panama.

Commanders of the Wisconsin and Cincinnati will be instructed to enforce the treaty stipulations with Colombia strictly by preventing interference with the traffic across the isthmus and also to prevent bombardment of Panama from the sea on the ground that this would constitute menace to the traffic.

CHOLERA ON TRANSPORT. WASHINGTON, Sept. 11.--Confirmatory information of prevalence of cholera and of several deaths from that disease on the transport Sherman has been received at the war department from Nagasaki. The names of those who died are not given.

station agent at North Powder, to open the safe and turn over the money and valuables, amounting to \$300, late Wednesday night. The robbers then bound and gagged Walters and left him lying on the office floor. They made their escape, traveling towards Union.

UTAH REPUBLICANS EN-DORSE SECOND TERM. OGDEN, Sept. 11.--United States Senator Beveridge, of Indiana, opened the Republican campaign in Utah tonight, speaking before the delegates to the Republican state convention. Senator Beveridge was given close attention and was heartily applauded.

United States Senators Clark and Warren, of Wyoming, were also present, and spoke briefly. The Republican state convention today nominated Joseph Howell, of Wellsville, for congress; Judge W. M. McCarthy, of Sevier county, for the supreme court justice, and adopted a platform in which the mention of Cuban reciprocity was omitted. On this point the beet sugar interests of the state won out after a somewhat bitter and protracted debate in the committee on resolutions.

An amendment to the platform declaring it to be the sense of the convention that "President Roosevelt be nominated for president in 1904 as his own successor," was carried with a whoop.

KRUGER'S AUTOBIOGRAPHY. NEW YORK, Sept. 11.--Ex-President Kruger's autobiography soon to be published will be a volume containing 100,000 words, cables the London correspondent of the Tribune. The book contains the story of Mr. Kruger's life from childhood to the declaration of peace. The manuscript of the work here brings the story down to the Jameson raid, and the remainder will include the story of the negotiations with Mr. Chamberlain, an account of the war until Mr. Kruger's departure from the Transvaal, and incidents of his life in Holland.

DEATH FROM FLY'S BITE. NEW YORK, Sept. 11.--Bitten by a fly two weeks ago, George Lyndhurst, of Brooklyn, is dead. The physicians pronounce it an extraordinary case.

Lyndhurst was bitten on the thumb of his hand. Three days later swelling began and spread rapidly. The doctors declare the fly-bite had caused blood poisoning which they could not check, and the victim died in great agony. Lyndhurst was 55 years of age and in fairly good health before he was bitten.

DEMOCRATS SPLIT IN BUTTE. BUTTE, Sept. 11.--A meeting of the Democratic county central committee tonight resulted in a split between the Heinz forces and those of Clark and Amalgamated forces. The regularly elected chairman was deposed and Clark and Amalgamated withdrew and organized independently.

MITCHELL NOT LIKED. NEW YORK, Sept. 11.--Abram S. Hewitt today said he knew positively that J. P. Morgan would not interfere in the coal strike. Hewitt also said that the coal operators would not agree to arbitrate with John Mitchell, but he believed they would consider grievances presented by the employees.

TROOPSHIP MEADE ARRIVES. SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 11.--The troopship Meade arrived today from Manila. She brings the headquarters and organization of the Fifteenth Infantry, under the command of Colonel H. C. Ward.

OIL FIELD BURNING. BEAUMONT, Tex., Sept. 11.--An oil field is on fire and there is a grave fear that a great loss will be sustained if the field is not entirely destroyed. A number of huge tanks containing thousands of barrels of petroleum have already exploded and others are in a direct line of the fire, which has spread over a large area. The ground is saturated with oil and there is no chance of stopping the flames tonight.

ADVANCE ON PANAMA. ASHEVILLE, N. C., Sept. 11.--United States Consul Gudgeon, who is now here, tonight received a cablegram from his son, which stated that the revolutionists are advancing on the city of Panama. The message says the outlook appears grave.

TWO NOMINATIONS MADE. FORT WORTH, Tex., Sept. 11.--The state Republican convention adjourned tonight. Only two nominations were made: For governor, George P. Burkitt, and treasurer, Eugene Nowit.

PENDLETON HOLD-UP. PENDLETON, Sept. 11.--Two masked men compelled Harry Walters, the

## TRAINMEN ARRANGE POWERFUL UNION

Are Demanding a Twenty Per Cent Advance in Wages.

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Circulars Sent Out and Signed By Each Member Swearing to Stand by Each Other--Perfect Organization.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 11.--The Call this morning says that the largest and most far-reaching union in the history of railroads has been recently formed by the railroad conductors and brakemen working on roads west of Chicago. The men are dissatisfied with the present rates of wages and will, in the immediate future, make a demand for an increase of 20 per cent. The Call is in a position to announce that this union will make a test case of one of these roads. Should their request be refused on any one of these roads, the engineers, brakemen and conductors will be able to tie up every road west of Chicago. The organization was effected last June in Kansas City, and W. V. Stafford, a passenger conductor on the Southern Pacific, residing at Oakland, was elected its executive head. Circulars have been secretly passed around among the men and as a result every trainman has signed the request asking for the increase of 20 per cent.

Chairman Stafford, of the executive council of the union, when seen confirmed all of the above statements and added:

"Our organization is perfect. The circulars we have been sending have been signed not only by myself, but by E. E. Clark, grand chief conductor of the Order of Railway Trainmen, and P. H. McRieley, grand master of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen. We have every trainman in the country back of us and will win our demand."

Manager James Alger, of the Southern Pacific, stated that he was fully aware that the organization had been perfected, but he refused to discuss the subject.

MILES IS COMING. WASHINGTON Sept. 11.--Lieutenant General Miles left here today for the West and will sail from San Francisco on the transport Thomas for the Philippines.

BASKETBALL. NORTHWEST LEAGUE. At Portland--Portland, 5; Seattle, 7. At Butte--Butte, 8; Spokane, 1. At Helena--Helena, 3; Tacoma, 2.

AMERICAN LEAGUE. At Philadelphia--Philadelphia, 9; Baltimore, 1; (second) Philadelphia, 4; Baltimore, 2. At Boston--Boston, 7; Washington, 8. At Cleveland--Cleveland, 2; Chicago, 5.

NATIONAL LEAGUE. At Boston--Boston, 4; St. Louis, 3; (second) Boston, 2; St. Louis, 2. At Philadelphia--Philadelphia, 5; Pittsburgh, 7; (second) Philadelphia, 2; Pittsburgh, 8. At New York--New York, 3; Chicago, 2; (second) New York, 2; Chicago, 7. At Brooklyn--Brooklyn, 3; Cincinnati, 11; (second) Brooklyn, 4; Cincinnati, 2.

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