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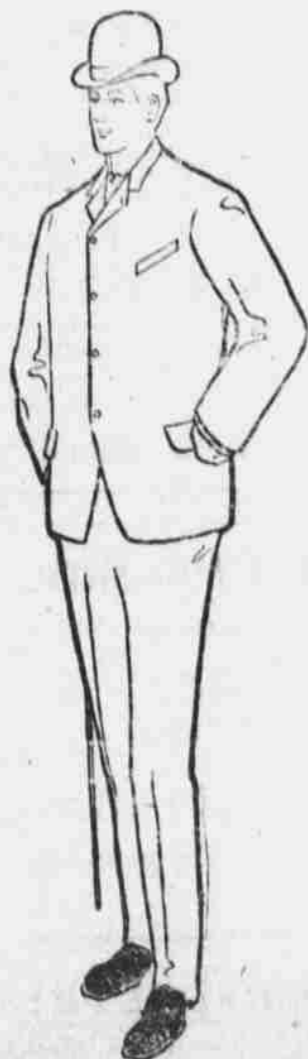
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TWENTIETH CENTURY



DEATH DEALING FLAMES PRODUCE DEVASTATION

Two States Swept by Disastrous Fires--Eastern Multnomah Women Out Fighting Along With the Men.

A Woman and Her Children Are Supposed to Be Lost Near Van- couver--Many Burned and Others Missing---Tillamook Is Saved by Hard Fighting.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Sept. 12.—Three men are reported to have perished while fighting the flames. The flames have driven many people from their houses, barns and much livestock have already been destroyed. At Lents, which is six miles east of Portland, several houses have been burned today. At Bridal Veil, two saw mills were burned, and in Clackamas county near Springwater, 15 houses and barns have been burned. In Clark county, Wash., 15 miles from Vancouver, eight farmhouses were burned.

In Portland houses are covered with ashes and lights had to be turned on early this afternoon on account of the thick smoke which envelopes the city.

TILLAMOOK IS SAFE.

So Far as Known--Firefighters Rest When Cool Ocean Breeze Sets In.

TILLAMOOK, Sept. 12.—The situation is not so threatening, but the excitement is not subsiding. With a cold wind blowing from the ocean and indications of rain, the firefighters are taking a rest.

PORTLAND, Sept. 12.—Forest fires which are raging in the mountains in Western Oregon and Western Washington are probably the most widespread ever known. The northwest wind last night and today fanned the flames and spread them over the new district. Within a radius of 15 miles of Portland five people are reported missing and they are thought to have perished in the flames. They are Mrs. Henrickson and her two children, of

TEXAS OIL FIRE.
Still Burning and Hard to Get Under Control.

BEAUMONT, Tex., Sept. 12, 12:30 a. m.—The agent at Gladys, the railroad station at the oil fields, telephones that the fire seems to have burned itself out to a great extent and is now confined to one well in the Keith ward district and the Huggins tank No. 2. The oil from the latter has ceased to flow and is now burning inside the tank and will do damage only to the tank. The extent of the damage cannot be told, the smoke completely obscuring a great portion of the burned district.

A large number of terricks and several pumping plants have been destroyed, much oil has been burned and one gusher continues to shoot up a column of flame.

This is about all that can be told at this hour and until daylight nothing will be learned. As it appears at this hour the field is no longer in danger, save that portion of it in the south of the burning tank as that might fall to pieces. But unless something of the kind occurs there will hardly be another spread of the flames. The extinguishment of the burning well is a problem yet, but not a hard one, and if there be only one well burning, as it is believed, it can be put out in a short time, after the workmen are enabled to get at it.

HOUSTON A SEAT.

HOUSTON, Tex., Sept. 12.—At 3:30 a. m. the Postal Telegraph operator says the fire is increasing in brilliancy as seen from the city and is lighting up the place as though it were located near the city limits. It may be that this indicates that the fire is again spreading. He also says that parties are expected back from the field momentarily, when the details of the outbreak may be learned.

DENVER REPUBLICAN TICKET.

DENVER, Sept. 12.—The Republican State convention made the following nominations: Congressman, Franklin Brooks, El Paso county; governor, James H. Peabody, Fremont county; secretary of state, James Coyne, Boulder county; auditor, John Holberg, Denver; treasurer, Whitney Newton, Pueblo; attorney-general, N. C. Miller, Durango; superintendent of schools, Mrs. Anna B. Brandt,ripple Creek.

Fifth Plain, Clark county, Wash.; L. C. Palmer, Bridal Veil, Ore., and a Mr. Trickey, of Brower, Ore.

SEATTLE SWELLS THE LIST.

SEATTLE, Sept. 12.—The density of the smoke from the forest fires from the various parts of the adjacent country districts is increasing. People everywhere are anxious watching for a change in the wind, indicative of the approaching rain. So far, but little hope has been given.

Up to this time but little change has resulted in this vicinity, except indirectly. Transportation facilities on all sides are badly impaired and communication with many counties is cut off. The most serious fear is that Enumclaw, a little town south of Seattle, will be entirely wiped out by the fire. The people are coming into this city tonight and report that but few houses and oat fields have burned. The citizens are all fighting the fire in the woods near by and so far have succeeded in stopping its approach toward town.

SPRINGWATER GETS IT HARD.

OREGON CITY, Sept. 12.—Late reports from Springwater state that 20 people are homeless. All the country known as the Rocky Point section is burning. Fire reached Springwater this morning and destroyed a church, the schoolhouse, Maccomb hall, the postoffice, store and many dwellings. People were forced to flee for their lives. Many horses, cattle and hogs were burned. The most valuable timber belt in Clackamas county is practically wiped out.

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Sept. 12.—General Firmin has issued a violently worded proclamation to his partisans concerning the death on board Crete-a-Pierrot of Admiral Killeck. He urges his followers to fight until the end against the provisional government of M. Boisersond Canal, which he accuses of having excited Germany against him to the point of effecting the destruction of the Crete-a-Pierrot. The population of Gonaves and St. Marie are greatly excited. Bills expressing hatred of Germans are being posted there and cries of hostility to that nation are heard in the streets.

PASSES AWAY IN MEXICO.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 12.—A telegram from Batopilas, Mexico, announces the death there of Alexander Shepherd, at one time governor of the District of Columbia. Shepherd as an executive officer of the board of public works began and successfully continued improvements in all parts of the city, the result that Washington became a magnificent capital.

PANAMA QUIET.

COLON, Colombia, Sept. 12.—The situation on the isthmus remains unchanged. The government is determined not to be surprised by any sudden movement on the part of the revolutionary General Herrera. All approaches to Colon are well defended. Trains are running across the isthmus as usual.

HOLD-UP IN CALIFORNIA.

COLFAX, Cal., Sept. 12.—Charles Murray was held up between Colfax and Iowa Hill today. The robbers secured \$100 in coin which was an route to pay off the men at the Big Dipper mine.

Fires at Gladstone and Jennings station are under control.

Reports from Salmon river state that the McIntyre place was destroyed, a store, the postoffice, a house and barn and 55 tons of hay were consumed. Large numbers of livestock were burned to death.

ONE WOMAN BURNED.

A Victim While Her Husband Is Fighting Fire.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Sept. 12.—Fire has been raging in the La Camas neighborhood, 10 miles from Vancouver, for the past three days. The fire has swept the country for 25 miles. A large amount of farm property, consisting of buildings and crops, has been destroyed. The wife of August Meyeds was burned in their home on the Lackamas creek while her husband was from home fighting the fire yesterday.

SEVEN MILLS GONE.

ELMA, Wash., Sept. 12.—Forest fires are raging over a large area of country east of Elma. Seven large mills have suffered more or less and some have been destroyed.

ALVIN BRIDGE BURNED.

EVERETT, Wash., Sept. 12.—Forest fires are raging along the Great Northern between Skykomish and Wallington. Freight and passenger traffic is demoralized from the East by burning of the bridge at Alvin near the Cascade tunnel. The Great Northern is patrolling with engines fitted with a fire-fighting pump.

CHINA WANTS RUSSIA OUT.

PEKIN, Sept. 12.—The Chinese government is disturbed at the apparent determination of Russia to delay the restoration of Manchuria. It asserts that Russia promised to evacuate New Chwang and return the Manchurian section of Peking New Chwang railroad when the Chi section of the line was returned by Great Britain. Members of the imperial government are frequently in conference with Paul Lessar, Russian minister to China, urging upon him the fulfillment of Russia's promise.

COAL CONFERENCE.

HARRISBURG, Pa., Sept. 12.—A conference was held tonight between Governor Stone, Senator William Flynn and W. K. McMullin, of Pittsburgh. President Mitchell and district Presidents Duffy, Fahy and Nicholas, of the United Mine Workers, for the purpose of discussing means of settling the anthracite coal strike. The conference did not begin until after midnight.

NORTHWEST LEAGUE.

At Portland--Portland, 3; Seattle 1. At Butte--Butte, 8; Spokane, 1; (second) Butte, 2; Spokane, 6. At Helena--Helena, 1; Tacoma, 2.

AMERICAN MODISTES WILL INVADE PARIS

Decided in Convention to Establish Headquarters in San Francisco.

French Costumers Are Smiling at Attempt to Defeat Them--Opinion That Rebuff Awaits American Dressmakers.

NEW YORK, Sept. 12.—Dressmakers of the American Protective Association will establish their first foreign headquarters in Paris. This was decided by the convention of the association now in session here. After a report from the president, on its advantages and possibilities, the project was unanimously endorsed and the details turned over to a committee of three members. Paris was selected as the stronghold of the enemy, where the modistes of world-wide renown may be fought on their own ground and the grit of the American army of invasions proved before going further afield. The convention will close today.

LONDON, Sept. 12.—There are no bounds to the ambition of American prices, says the Daily Graphic with reference to the report of the American invasion of the Paris dressmaking trade. In this line of business, however, the Graphic is sure that the Americans are courting a sure rebuff and says it understands why French costumers smile at the report. "They know the worst enemies of the invaders," says the paper, "will be those of their own household."

SUTRO'S WILL.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 12.—A decree of distribution has been granted in the estate of Adolph Sutro, deceased, and \$22,000 in legacies will be paid to Vassar College, the heirs of the late Congressman C. F. Woodward, the late Congressman Biggs, the late Judge Orange Berris, of New York, and the late Congressman Harold Stryckland, of Michigan. The deceased congressman, who was all residents of Eastern states, aided Sutro in his tunnel controversy, and the dead millionaire bequeathed \$300,000 to his survivors. Vassar College gets \$10,000. Mrs. Dr. Merritt, one of the executors of her father's will, testified in the probate court that \$2,000,000 will be distributed to the residuary legatees.

KING'S HEALTH IMPROVED.

NEW YORK, Sept. 12.—There has been a marked improvement in the king's health since the coronation, says the Tribune's London correspondent. His diet is strictly regulated in quantity and character. Those who have seen and talked with him in Scotland assert that he is in better health than for many years and that his vivacity and cheerfulness are noticeable. His June illness is now regarded by many as a blessing in disguise which may help to prolong his life for many years.

LOUIS TURNER DEAD.

LONDON, Sept. 12.—The death is announced at Malvern, of Louis Turner, who married a daughter of the late Governor Morris, of New York.

BANBEALL.

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