

FLAMES ARE RAGING ALL OVER OREGON

Portland Is Ringed With Fire and Immense Damage Is Being Suffered—No Relief Is in Sight—Many of the Suburbs Are Suffering Losses.

Astoria Girls Anticipate the End of the World—Southern Oregon Under a Pall of Smoke—Trains Were Blocked on the O. R. & N. Last Night—Bridal Veil Suffers From a Crippling Misfortune.

HE'S FOR JOHNSON

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Judge Maguire Predicts That Depression Is Coming Again.

Judge James G. Maguire, Congressman from California from 1892 to 1899, is at the Portland. With a company of friends he has been on the Sound, where he appeared before the Federal Court of Appeals. Judge Maguire also today visited the Upper Columbia above Portland, and leaves tonight for his home in San Francisco.

Judge Maguire is a National figure in Democratic politics, and made a brilliant record in Congress, as well as being one of California's most prominent citizens. He keeps closely in touch with current progress in statecraft, and expresses himself in a manner to indicate keen penetration into the meaning of living issues.

HE'S A TOM JOHNSON MAN. In answer to The Journal's queries, Judge Maguire said: "Yes, I'm a Tom Johnson man. I believe in the Ohioan as one of the most hopeful elements in modern political affairs. He represents the true Democratic principle, and stands for equal rights for all men, for just taxation, for home rule and for prevention of monopoly."

LANE WILL WIN. "As to California politics, I believe that Franklin Lane is in a fair way to win out for the Governorship. He has the solid support of the laborers of the state, and besides holds the confidence of the other people."

TO FORCE THE ROADS. (Scripps-McRae News Association.) CINCINNATI, Sept. 12.—A petition for injunction against the Chesapeake & Ohio Railway was filed at Covington, Ky., this morning, on behalf of the United Mine Workers, to prevent the railway's delaying further delivery of cars and provisions to striking miners in the West Virginia coal fields. Sensational allegations are made that the company is conspiring with the operators to starve the strikers into submission, through cutting off provision supply.

STRIKERS WIN OUT. (Scripps-McRae News Association.) CHICAGO, Sept. 12.—The strike of the teamsters of the Swift Packing Company ended today, Swift conceding all the strikers' demands save the reinstatement of three men discharged for insubordination. The plant which has been practically tied up for the past two days, was reopened this afternoon in full blast.

STRIKE IS LOST. Says New York Report—Backbone Believed to Be Broken. (Scripps-McRae News Association.) NEW YORK, Sept. 12.—Rites in the granger stocks this afternoon were followed quickly by advances in the coal road stocks. This is under the influence of the feeling that is growing that the coal troubles are near an end. Later the report gained open statement, said to have first come from London, that the backbone of the strike is broken. It was said that crowds of miners are making ready to return to work, believing that the strike has been lost. This is believed to have resulted from the meetings and negotiations at Harrisburg.

SEATTLE MAN KILLED. (Journal Special Service.) SALT LAKE, Sept. 12.—While attempting to board a moving train here this morning, J. M. Sanders, of Seattle, fell under the wheels of the coach, and received injuries which resulted in his death. His right foot was cut entirely off and the left one so badly crushed that amputation was necessary. He was immediately taken to the hospital, where his wounds were attended to, but it was impossible to save his life.

OPPOSED TO LOAN. (Scripps-McRae News Association.) WASHINGTON, Sept. 12.—President Roosevelt and his official advisers, it is declared, are opposed to the proposed Cuban loan of \$35,000,000, and will endeavor to persuade Palma to veto it. Roosevelt's opposition is based on the fear that Cuban revenues will be unable to bear the strain of the debt.

RELIEF OF SUBJECTS. JOHANNESBURG, Sept. 12.—It is officially announced that two million pounds have been set aside by the British exchequer for the relief of subjects and foreigners who committed no breach of neutrality in the Boer war, which amount is entirely aside from the three million pounds provided for the Boers.

LABOR IS PREPARING FOR A GIANT WAR

Big Railroad Strike Will Commence January 1 If Increase in Wages Is Refused—Engineers Join With the Conductors and Trainmen.

Portland Labor Leaders Are Thoroughly in Touch With the Movement and Anticipate That the Demand for More Money Will Be Made Soon—Failure to Agree May Cripple Business of West.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 12.—The Pacific System of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers is in session in this city today. Their contract with the Southern Pacific Railroad expires on October 1st, and the same demands are to be made by the engineers of the Company as those presented by the conductors and trainmen unions, with whom they have recently affiliated. January 1st has been fixed as the date when the strike occurs if the demands are refused. At the last biennial convention held May 30, at Norfolk, it was decided that a higher rate of compensation should be asked for, and circulars were sent to all engineers asking for a vote on the question of higher remunerations. All replied in the affirmative, and January 1 was fixed as the date when a general demand should be made in conjunction with other unions.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Sept. 12.—The forest fires are raging fiercely in the vicinity of Vancouver. So far three probable fatalities have been reported. These are Mrs. Henderson and her two children, of Fifth Plains, ten miles northeast from here. Search has been made for them, but they could not be found. Among the others burned out on Fifth Plains are J. B. Pluss, G. Sears, J. M. McLaughlin, A. Johnson, Jim Wilson, A. C. Jackson, Fred Hansen, W. B. Campbell and William Snyder. Fifth Plains is literally a mass of ruins.

DESTRUCTION IS BEING WROUGHT ON ALL SIDES

The fierce forest fires that are raging around the suburbs of the city, and throughout Western Washington and Oregon are increasing in volume as the hours roll by. The dry grass, brush and moss afford no end of combustible material, and the flames, fanned by a strong wind, are leaping over miles of country. In the heavily wooded districts the heat is intense and great damage will result. The sun is obscured by the clouds of smoke, a shower of ashes and cinders is falling, the atmosphere is of an oppressive warmth and the pungent odor of burning forest irritates the nostrils.

THE GREATEST SUFFERERS from the flames up to this time have been the timber land owners and the farmers residing in the out-of-the-way localities. The latter have lost their fences, buildings and in some instances their crops. Two families on the Slavin road had their houses with all the effects destroyed, and only escaped themselves by taking to the open country.

At Gresham it looked for a time last evening as if the entire settlement was doomed to destruction. By hard labor on the part of the citizens the town was saved with only the destruction of the parsonage and a number of outbuildings. Yesterday afternoon, when matters began to look serious, assistance was telephoned for to Portland, but as the water supply near Gresham was not available the department did not respond, as they could not have done much good.

A number of houses at Hillsdale were destroyed today, and Montavilla is seriously threatened this afternoon. At present the ponds are out in forest, making a hard fight, but in spite of their efforts three houses were burned.

THE MEN RESPONSIBLE for the disaster have left the country, leaving violence at the hands of the community. The entire country is ablaze in that section and a number of families are homeless in all sides by the flames. Joe Hellerich's, Dutch Fred's and Huet's places have been ruined. Buckley's grove is a seething mass of flames.

Another fire is coming down the Base line road, and has traveled 20 miles from Powell's Valley since yesterday. Kelly's Butte is burning over. At Guild's Lake, Salmon Creek, Willamette Heights and in the Sandy Valley big blazes are in progress. In the vicinity of Marquam Hill and Fulton much cordwood has been destroyed.

FIGHTING THE FLAMES. Engine No. 7 and Chemical No. 3 are in the East Side in the neighborhood of Mt. Scott, fighting the further progress of the flames toward Portland.

Last night some parties residing at Cedar Mills started for home after the Carnival was out, but found the heat so intense that the horses refused to go along the road, and they had to turn back and go home by the way of Linton. It is said that the forests in that region are impassable today.

FLYING FOR THEIR LIVES. People of Gresham and Lents in Dire Distress. The fire fiend is sweeping everything in its path, from Gresham to Lents, a distance of about six miles.

The flames are spreading rapidly and at 12 o'clock noon had crossed the Oregon Water Power & Railway Company's track about half a mile north of Tremont Station. The fire was rapidly running in a southwesterly direction. Large numbers of houses were in the

path of the flames. It is estimated that in the vicinity of Lents about 20 houses were destroyed last evening. Nothing was saved, the occupants fleeing for their lives. At this time it is impossible to give the full list of names of those whose homes were destroyed. The following is a partial list: Mr. Hauer, residing near Lents, lost all his property, including his residence and stock; Patrick Hogan, residing near Lents, lost his residence and barn; Mrs. Rosenberg lost a residence. The home of Mrs. Stevens, in Marysville, adjoining Lents, was destroyed this morning. A man named Carlson lost his residence, barn and stock.

The fire was within 50 feet of the Lents postoffice at 12 o'clock. At the same time the flames were reaching out for several dozen houses in its path at Tremont. People are now moving all their household goods from their homes at Lents and Tremont. No one is allowed to come to Lents on account of the large amount of explosives stored in the vicinity by the contractors for the new railroad line.

Woodstock, Richmond, Ivishone and a number of other suburbs of Portland are in danger. Everybody is out fighting the flames, but to no avail. At 12 o'clock the flames were in reach of the Tremont waterworks and the structure is very likely destroyed.

MONTAVILLA IS SUFFERING. Fierce Flames Spreading Ruin in That Vicinity. G. Baloon, residing near Gresham, was in the city yesterday evening and reported that the forest fires that are raging throughout that country are doing immense damage to property.

He says that the fire had already reached Klugner's place, about 3 miles from Montavilla, and that it was rapidly spreading in a southwesterly direction. At 4 o'clock in the afternoon the fire had crossed the section line road and was burning on the south side. Numerous families, at the time Mr. Baloon was leaving, were packing their household goods into wagons and were preparing to leave their homes. A large number of houses had already been destroyed and numbers of others were in the paths of the fire demon.

The fire is said to have been started by a man residing in the vicinity of Rockwood, who it is alleged was burning some brush, and by carelessness, but the fire got out of his control. He denies it. People whose property has been destroyed say that they have proof and as the defendant has quite a lot of property they say that they will sue him for damages.

The fire in the vicinity of the "Butte" near Montavilla was burning fiercely all night and continues to spread rapidly. A number of dwellings have already been destroyed. All day the smoke has been so dense over Montavilla that it was with the greatest difficulty that a person could keep their eyes open. The roofs of the houses are entirely covered with ashes from the burning timbers.

NO RAIN IN SIGHT. "The main cause of the vast forest fires at the present time is the dry weather we are having," said Weather Bureau Official Edward T. Beals this morning. "You see the forest fires start in various ways. During the dry weather, rank vegetation and stumps grow up on the farmer's lands and he wishes to get rid of it so burns it out. A breeze springs up, causes the flames to spread, and the fire gets beyond the control of the farmer. Another way is the camper, who leaves some sparks in his camp fire and which are fanned by a breeze, until the whole adjoining country is afire. Then

there are various contributory causes, as sparks from locomotives, stationary engines, etc. "I do not see any rain in sight now, as the reports from the various weather bureaus do not indicate any storm coming which would produce rain. We have all the necessary conditions for rain now except moisture. The humidity of the atmosphere is very low now."

UP-RIVER MILL IS WIPED OUT. O. R. & N. Fighting the Flames Through Cascades. Train No. 4 of the O. R. & N. which left Portland last evening found the bridge at Multnomah Falls on fire and was obliged to turn back. Upon its arrival in Portland it was found impossible to get out and it was cancelled. Train No. 6 reached the falls before the burning bridge was discovered and turned back to this city to go out this morning as second No. 2. The train left this morning practically on time; regular No. 2 being only 15 minutes late.

Examination shows that the bridge at Multnomah Falls has three bents burned but the repair crew went there and quickly fixed it for passage of trains, but they worked under considerable difficulty on account of the great clouds of smoke by which they were enveloped. The telegraph service of the railroad is also very much disturbed from broken wires and poles being burned and in many cases the mail line is being resorted to where there is absolute necessity to have communication. The dispatcher's crew is busy getting the lines into serviceable condition, but of course, cannot restore perfect service until the fire has abated.

A report has reached here from Bridal Veil that the Bridal Veil Lumber Company's entire plant, which is situated on the mountains near that place has been destroyed. This was one of the large plants on the river and employed about 200 hands. Two miles of logging road has also been destroyed and it is hard to tell just how much damage will be done. The whole lumbering interest in the section is in peril and the other mills in the country are likely to follow the path of the Bridal Veil Lumbering Company's plant.

DOWN RIVER IS ALL AFLAME. Astoria People Dread the End of the World. ASTORIA, Sept. 12.—Yesterday was a yellow day for Astoria, and the whole city was saffron-hued from noon until late at night. After darkness had finally settled completely over the earth, the sky looked like a great ball of fire, and a more peculiar state of affairs was never before known in this part of the country. The color of the heavens was due to the forest fires which are raging in the vicinity of the city. A light easterly wind has prevailed for a week and the smoke was blown oceanward. Fog from the sea mingled with the smoke and everything took on a yellow appearance.

THE LOCAL LABOR LEADERS CONFIRM THE NEWS. The consolidation of the Order of Conductors and the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen as reported in a dispatch from San Francisco yesterday is verified by officers of the branch lodges in this city. Joseph Dunn is master of the local Brotherhood of Trainmen. A reporter called on him this morning and asked him to make a statement on the situation for publication. He smiled and stated that he did not care to be interviewed.

"There is nothing definite in that report from San Francisco," he replied, "but what there is of it is absolutely true. When do the employees contemplate making a demand of a 20 per cent increase in wages?" "In about 15 days," he replied, unhesitatingly, "but then I don't care to talk for publication," he quickly added.

"This is news never before published," the reporter answered. "Which road will be asked to grant the demand first?" "I do not know. It is not policy for me to talk further than to state that the San Francisco report is correct. I am being notified of what is being done at headquarters. The plans are yet incomplete. The organizations are working carefully and keeping their business to themselves as far as possible.

"Of whom is the Brotherhood of Trainmen composed?" "Switchmen and brakemen, mostly, although some conductors are members. The latter joined the lodge when they were brakemen and after their promotion to conductors they still remained members."

"Will the engineers and other employees assist you in gaining your demands?" "They will undoubtedly be asked to cooperate."

"It will affect all roads," he added, "west of the Mississippi River, and as far south as New Orleans. There is no particular grievance against the roads. Wages are not as high as they should be and the men naturally are dissatisfied."

Thomas Hughes, chief of local division of the Order of Railway Conductors, said: "I know that this matter has been talked of for some time, but I have been supplied with no definite information on the subject. Rumors have been rife, however, to the effect that a 20 per cent increase in wages would shortly be demanded. The grand lodge will attend to this altogether, but of course all local orders will be kept posted as to how things are progressing."

Others interviewed admitted that they knew the two organizations had joined forces for the purpose of gaining certain concessions, but refused to divulge any additional information.

W. C. T. U. WORKERS FOUGHT BOY KING. Successful Sessions Are Now on at Roseburg. (Journal Special Service.) ROSEBURG, Sept. 12.—The important features of the program at W. C. T. U. convention yesterday consisted of the treasurer's report and the reception given to the general officers, Colonel Sobieski and Mrs. Unruh, in the parlors of the church.

The treasurer's report showed an increase in paid up membership, all bills met and a larger surplus than usual in the treasury. The evening program consisted of a grand gold medal contest. This belongs to series of oratorical contests, and each participant had already won first a silver and then a gold medal, competing this time for a larger gold medal.

These selections were of unusual merit from a standpoint of oratory and together with music rendered by local talent and a solo by Miss Bennett, of Wasco, Or., the entertainment was of a high order. Mrs. Unruh presented the medal with a brief talk to Miss Bennett of Wasco, the successful contestant.

SERIOUS AT PANAMA. (Scripps-McRae News Association.) WASHINGTON, Sept. 12.—Commander Potter, of the gunboat Ranger, from Panama, under yesterday's date, cables the Navy Department as follows: "Revolutionists now near railroad line and the situation is serious. The Isthmian transit is still open, however."

HELD UP TROLLEY CAR. (Scripps-McRae News Association.) WILKESBARRE, Sept. 12.—Three hundred strikers held up a trolley car at Prospect this morning, roughly handling seven non-union men. Several shots were fired, but no one hit.

CABLE STEAMER ARRIVES. (Journal Special Service.) VICTORIA, Sept. 12.—The Colonial cable steamer reached here from Liverpool via Yokohama this morning to commence laying the cable from here westward.

ARMY MANOEUVERS ENDED. (Scripps-McRae News Association.) FRANKFORT ON ODER, Sept. 12.—The army manoeuvres were concluded this afternoon with the Kaiser repeating yesterday's spectacular evolutions with the combined cavalry.

FIRE IN LONDON. LONDON, Sept. 12.—A fire broke out last night in Harrow Road, and raged all night. Although believed to be under control, it is burning furiously today. Occupants of adjoining buildings are warned to move.