

# FOREST FIRES SWEEP WALLACE, IDAHO

## MANY HUNDREDS FLEE FROM HUNGRY FLAMES

### PANIC STRICKEN ONES CONVEYED TO SAFETY BY TRAIN

### DRIVEN BY HIGH WINDS, FLAMES DEVOUR FORESTS

Entire Male Population of Town Fights Oncoming Flames, But, It Is Feared, in Vain—Loss About \$1,000,000.

Although Struggling Desperately, Fire Fighters Unable to Cope With Situation Which Rapidly Grows Alarming.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)  
Spokane, Wash., Aug. 20.—The destruction by fire of Wallace, Idaho, is imminent. Believing the town to be doomed and abandoning their homes in the hope of saving their lives, panic-stricken residents are tonight fleeing the town. The loss is incalculable. Sweeping upon the town from the west, late this afternoon, the fierce flames created a general alarm that brought every available fire fighting force into play.  
Shortly after 9 o'clock tonight, the fire chief ordered all the people out of the town and within 10 minutes more the west side of the town burst into flames. Switching crews of the O. R. & N., under orders from the officials of the road, had hurriedly made up trains of all available freight and passenger cars in the local yards. To one string of 14 freight cars two fast engines were coupled and into them were loaded hundreds of women and children preparatory to leaving at the sound of the fire bells which were to sound the signal for flight.  
Upon the issuance of the order to flee by the chief of police, the locomotive whistles shrilled forth, the

The governor undoubtedly will be called upon to order out the full force of the state militia to fight forest fires in Oregon. Though called upon for 500 troopers in addition to the 116 already sent to Crater Lake park, General Mauss was unable yesterday to furnish a single additional man.  
Driven by high winds that give no promise of rain, the fire front in Crater Lake park attained yesterday a 25 mile stretch. The flames traveled at race-horse speed. The homes of squatters were consumed. Terrified men, women and children ran for their lives. Three hundred men desperately fought the onrush of the flames where a thousand were needed. By traveling more rapidly at the sides than in the center the fire fighters were hemmed in as night came and the danger of their being burned alive was great. The people are praying for rain.  
"Hell's broken loose!" exclaimed Associate District Forecaster George H. Cecil grimly as he received the reports just obtained by long distance telephone yesterday evening.  
"Come immediately a message saying that a tremendous fire had obtained an uncontrollable start in the dumpy valley lowlands not far from Roseburg. Twenty-five men were available to rush to the conflagration. One hundred at the very least were needed.  
Another fire broke out on Ashland creek and as it headed for Ashland with terrible speed, the militia was ordered out to fight it.  
A fire which had been burning slowly in Green River valley along the line of the Northern Pacific burst out in fury yesterday. Fifty men were hustled to Seattle to fight it.  
The situation in the Wallawa national forest became so serious that all the troopers remaining at Vancouver barracks were ordered to the scene. The soldiers probably will leave today, going by way of Huntington and Robinette to the vicinity of Half Way. Mr. Cecil telegraphed District Forecaster Chapman yesterday.

## FEARED FIVE HAVE BURNED TO DEATH IN FOREST FIRE

### Woman and Children in Heart of Burning Area Near Crater Lake Send Frantic Appeal for Aid.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)  
Medford, Or., Aug. 20.—Late this afternoon there came into the acting supervisor's office in this city a telephone message from Mrs. John Holtz, a ranger's wife at Mosquito swamp in the heart of the burning area which was pitifully short.  
"For God's sake send help. The fire is so near and there is no way out, come and save my babies!" Here the message was cut short whether by the flames at the cabin or by the telephone line going down is not known, but Acting Supervisor Swenning of the Crater National Forest tonight has a party making its way as rapidly as possible to the rescue.  
In the meantime the supervisor is awaiting anxiously for word as to the success. It may be that they will reach the spot only to find the charred remains of a mother and four children or it may be that Providence has provided a way of escape.  
**Death Almost Certain.**  
Mosquito swamp, where Mrs. Holtz, whose husband is one of the forest guards, is living, is in the heart of the great fire which is sweeping the country in the neighborhood of Four-Bit creek. The timber is heavy about the little cabin in which she lives and if the flames had surrounded the cabin before she attempted to get away it is almost certain that she and her children would have perished.  
The forest fire situation is worse tonight than at any time since they started over a week ago. By tomorrow the forestry officials will have between 750 and 1000 men fighting the flames.  
Two distinct sections of the neighborhood are affected. One is in the neighborhood of Ashland, south of this city, and the other is raging about the base of Mt. McLoughlin, directly east of this city. Both of these fires are beyond control and doing immense damage, constantly spreading over additional territory. The estimated damage done by the fire was placed tonight at \$1,500,000.  
**Urgent Calls for Help.**  
The forestry officials yesterday sent a request to Grants Pass for 50 men. Rosburg was asked for 100 and the department in Portland was asked to take up the matter of securing the Roseburg company of militia to fight local fires. In addition to this the office was notified that 250 additional troops would be rushed to this section

## CHARGES AGAINST SHERMAN FAIL OF SUBSTANTIATION

### Congressional Committee Officially Exonerates Vice President Sherman and Senator of Graft Charges.

(United Press Leased Wire.)  
Sulphur, Okla., Aug. 20.—The congressional committee investigating the bribery charges brought by Senator Thomas P. Gore in connection with the proposed Indian lands contracts held by John H. McMurtry, today formally and officially exonerated Vice President Sherman and Senator Curtis of Kansas of any connection with the contracts.  
Before the adjournment today Chairman Burke read the following statement:  
"The committee has heard and carefully considered all testimony submitted and is unanimously of the opinion that there is and was no warrant for any person to authorize the names of Vice President James S. Sherman and Senator Charles Curtis in connection with any improper relation with any Indian contracts whatever, and commends the statement of Senator Gore in this connection."  
**Gore Statement Read.**  
The reading of this followed the reading of a statement prepared by Senator Gore, exonerating the two men and urging the committee to take formal action on the matter.  
Gore in his statement said he felt duty bound and "was impelled by considerations of justice" to clear the names of Sherman and Curtis. Senator Gore's statement says:  
"I feel in duty and in honor bound to make the following statement. It is also dictated by considerations of common justice toward the parties concerned. Neither the name of Vice President Sherman, nor Senator Curtis was mentioned by me on the floor of the United States senate. That the name of either of these parties was alluded to by Mr. Hamon was absolutely withheld from the public until this investigation began. No public mention of either name was made, either directly or indirectly by me until I was required, and obliged, to do so in testifying as a witness under oath, and detailing the



## MULKEY WILL TRY TO GET BOOST IN OFFICIAL PAPER

### Congressional Candidate Will Bring Mandamus Proceedings Against Secretary of State Tomorrow Morning.

B. F. Mulkey, candidate for the republican nomination for congressman from the first district against W. C. Hawley, has decided to bring action against the secretary of state tomorrow morning to force that official to allow him to file his campaign arguments in the state pamphlet provided for by the corrupt practices act.  
The secretary of state has ruled that candidates for office must have filed their signed petitions prior to August 23 to entitle them place in the state pamphlet. Mulkey contends that the law intended that all candidates who had filed their declarations are entitled to place in the pamphlet.  
Accordingly Mr. Mulkey will bring mandamus proceedings against the secretary of state tomorrow morning in Salem, in an effort to secure the inclusion of his name in the pamphlet.  
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## ST. LOUIS, MO., HAS 687,029 POPULATION

(United Press Leased Wire.)  
Washington, Aug. 20.—The census bureau tonight announced that the 1910 enumeration showed a population of 687,029 for St. Louis, Mo., which is an increase of 111,731, or 15.4 per cent, since 1900, when St. Louis had 575,298 inhabitants.  
In 1900 Boston had 580,892 people, and not until the next census for Boston is announced will it be known positively whether St. Louis holds her place as the fourth American city.

## CONNELL SHIES AT NOMINATION ON ASSEMBLY TICKET

### Managing Committee Meets Behind Closed Doors at the Cornelius and Contemplates "Busted" Slate of Beach.

The "managing committee" held a star chamber session last night in the Cornelius hotel. John H. Gibson, the Clackamas county bosslet, was there. So was J. F. Clark of Oregon City. There was no one there from Columbia county. A. B. Manley was there. J. W. Beveridge, McKinley Mitchell, M. C. George, A. J. Fanno, Jimmy Ketchum, Charley Lockwood, Major Kennedy and one or two of the other leaders were present.  
Nothing was done, except to talk, so it is said. How hot the talk was, is not related. It is a fact, however, that the slate of S. C. Beach was "busted." Sam Connell withdrew as a candidate for the state senate from Clackamas, Columbia and Multnomah counties. He was Beach's candidate, and headed the next little ticket that Beach had printed and distributed. When he saw what

## PRODUCERS FORM MERGER AGAINST J. ROCKEFELLER

### Organize \$10,000,000 Corporation to Clip Tentacles of the Standard Oil Octopus in Pennsylvania Fields.

(By the International News Service.)  
Butler, Pa., Aug. 20.—A gigantic struggle between the 4000 oil producers in the Pennsylvania fields, representing a daily production of 30,000 barrels high grade crude oil, and the Standard Oil company, was foreshadowed this week when producers from Washington, Allegheny, Butler, Clarion Venango, Armstrong, Warren, Forest and McKean counties launched the High Grade Oil Producers' company—a sequel to the movement which has as its slogan, "Producers, refine your own oil."  
Strongly organized and encouraged by ready support, the leaders of the movement to tie up the production in the high grade oil fields adopted a plan of or-

## I. C. CAR GRAFTERS ABOUT TO REVEAL GREATER THIEVES

### Pressure on Taylor and Others So Great They Threaten Still Higher Higherups—Harahan Relentless.

## SHERMAN CALLED TO ACCOUNT FOR PEANUT POLITICS

### New York Assemblyman Charges Vice President With Insubordination and Disloyalty to Taft and Party.

(United Press Leased Wire.)  
Utica, N. Y., Aug. 20.—Following former Assemblyman Merwin K. Hart's long conference with ex-President Roosevelt in New York yesterday, Hart this afternoon, speaking before the Onondaga County Republican league here, denounced Vice President Sherman for "playing petty politics and threatening the disruption of the party."  
He charged that the vice president conspired with the so-called machine leaders, Barnes, Woodruff and Ward, to have himself chosen as temporary chairman of the state convention and intimated that Sherman personally solicited votes to that end.  
"I assert," said Hart "that Mr. Sherman knew full well that it was Mr.

## ANTI-ASSEMBLY ORATORS GREETED WITH ENTHUSIASM

### Opening Shots of Campaign Fired by Malarkey, McGinn, Dimick and Mulkey at Open Air Oregon City Meeting.

## SENATOR BROWNELL ACTS AS CHAIRMAN

### Frantic Efforts of Corporations to Keep Control of Public Affairs Disclosed.

Oregon City, Aug. 20.—Anti-assembly medicine in large, old-fashioned homeopathic doses was laded out in the Plaza here this afternoon to a representative and enthusiastic audience gathered from different sections of Clackamas county. George C. Brownell presided at the meeting and the speakers were Judge Henry E. McGinn and Senator Dan J. Malarkey, of Portland; Walter A. Dimick, of Oregon City, and B. F. Mulkey, of Jacksonville.  
Judge McGinn is a candidate for circuit judge in Multnomah county, but is in Oregon City for the purpose of opening up the anti-assembly fight in Clackamas county. George C. Brownell is a candidate for state senator from Clackamas, W. A. Dimick is a candidate for representative from Clackamas. Dan J. Malarkey is a candidate for joint senator from Clackamas, Columbia and Multnomah counties, and B. F. Mulkey is a candidate for congress from the first district in opposition to W. C. Hawley, the assembly nominee.  
**Audience Is Appreciative.**  
The meeting was a most enthusiastic one and the vigorous applause given the different speakers showed very plainly the overwhelming anti-assembly sentiment in Oregon City and vicinity.  
The hot shot poured into the assembly camp by Judge McGinn, the earnest talks of the legislative candidates and the straight out insurgent statements of Mr. Mulkey were met with repeated outbursts of applause, while at the close of their addresses each speaker was surrounded by men who pledged their support to the anti-assembly cause. Senator Brownell opened the meeting. In his opening he said that the ques-

## TAFT'S PLAYMATE HURLS INVECTIVE AT INSURGENTS

### John Hayes Hammond Divides Them Into Four Classes and Calls Three of the Classes the Dreadful Names.

## ON FOURTH CLASS USES STANDPAT BLANDISHMENTS

### Feels Sure the Dear Progressives Would Never Think of Shaking Grand old Party.

(United Press Leased Wire.)  
Cleveland, Ohio, Aug. 20.—"Calamity howlers," "unintelligent intellectuals," "unctuous reactionaries" were some of the terms applied to the insurgents of the Republican party by John Hayes Hammond in a speech at the picnic of the Ohio Republican clubs in a local amusement park this afternoon.  
Hammond, as president of the National League of Republican clubs, went to the last national Republican convention with vice presidential aspirations. He has since been one of the most constant political associates of President Taft, both in Washington and at Beverly.  
To newspaper men, just before his address, Hammond admitted that he had come direct from the golf links at Beverly, and he took occasion to deny positively that President Taft had taken any hand in the New York state political squabble.  
The report that such action on the part of President Taft was responsible for the present breach between Taft and Roosevelt, he characterized as "absurd and wholly preposterous."  
**First, Calamity Howlers.**  
In his address, Hammond said:  
"Let me analyze insurgency by differentiating the varieties of insurgency."  
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## ASSEMBLY JOLTED IN STRONG TALK AT FOREST GROVE

### Hon. Henry E. McGinn Explains Motives That Prompt the Big Interests to Back This Institution of Bossism.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)  
Forest Grove, Aug. 20.—The people of Oregon to rule themselves or are they to be ruled by "Big Business?" This question was asked in its varying forms by Honorable Henry E. McGinn during the course of his address tonight before one of the largest mass meetings of voters ever assembled here.  
The answer, which was as emphatic as the question, was expressed in the cheers and hand clapping that followed each denunciation of the methods and motives of the so-called assembly, and the great attention given to what proved to be one of the most notable addresses ever delivered here by a political speaker.  
"When you go into any community in this state," said the speaker at one stage of his address, "who do you find aligned in favor of the assembly? You find the great interests who used to hold political jobs, but don't any more; you will find the fellows who hold the electric light franchise, the water franchise and the street railway franchise—all those who are enjoying special privileges. All of these men you will find in the ranks of the assembly, and with them you will find such of the citizens as are engaged in the task of exploiting the public, and those who hope to have the privilege of exploiting the public."  
Townpeople and farmers from the surrounding country, who made up the throng that filled to overflowing the great tent that stretched on the campus of the Pacific university, gave audible evidence of the fact that the direct primary, the initiative and referendum and Statement No. 1 have caught and held the popular mind and that they will have none of the old time machine methods described under the name of the assembly. From the moment Professor H. L. Bates, principal of Tuulatin academy, introduced the principal speaker of the evening, Henry E. McGinn, of Portland, until three rousing cheers gave final expression to the appreciation of the speaker.

## TIMBER BARONS PLOT TO GRAB OREGON'S FORESTS

### Senator Chamberlain Bares Scheme of Railway Company and Weyerhaeuser Interests to Gobble Up Land.

"I have been informed that the Northern Pacific Railway company has a contract with the Weyerhaeuser interests under the terms of which much of the right of indemnity selection has been sold to the Weyerhaeuser interests."—United States Senator George E. Chamberlain.  
Senator Chamberlain declared yesterday that Louis W. Hill, president of the Great Northern railway, favors opening up Oregon timber lands for settlement because under the terms of the indemnity selection act he has traded worthless areas in Washington for Oregon's best timber lands, which will be available when the lands are offered for settlement. Similar plans have been made, he says, by the Santa Fe railroad.  
When President Taft, at the instance of Richard A. Ballinger, secretary of the interior, opens up the timber lands of Oregon to settlement, the big timber interests will gobble up what they and the railroads do not already possess, and the homesteader will have, as before—nothing!  
Such is the Ballinger brand of conservation, declared United States Senator George E. Chamberlain yesterday. Such is the preparation for serving the interests that the secretary of the interior has made while apparently planning for the small settler.  
Senator Chamberlain laughed at the statement made by Ballinger while in Portland recently that he favored the restoration of all lands to public ownership that are available for agricultural or commercial purposes.  
"If a homesteader finds a goodly tract in the middle of the forest reserve he can settle on it lawfully," he said. "There is nothing in the withdrawal act that prevents homesteading on agricultural lands, no matter what their location. The assertion of the secretary that all lands, including the timber areas, must be restored to entry, if any are restored, is ridiculous."  
Senator Chamberlain explained what he meant by saying that restoration of