

POSSE SURROUNDS SOONER'S SLAYER

Heavily Armed Murderer Cornered in Grove; Fight Is Expected.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Los Angeles, Cal., Aug. 28.—Heavily armed and desperate, Manuel De La Torres, alleged to have murdered Pasqual Sooner Thursday night near Watts, is cornered this morning in a eucalypti grove one mile south of Willowbrook by a posse from the sheriff's office and a desperate battle is expected at any moment.

According to reports received at the sheriff's office, the officers have the grove surrounded and there is no possibility of De La Torres' escape. The officers, if allowed to carry out their plans, probably will play a waiting game.

As De La Torres is known to be desperate and thought to be demented, it is likely that he will come out of his hiding place and start a gun fight. He is said to have plenty of ammunition and is known to be carrying the same gun with which it is alleged he killed Sooner. He is said to have declared after the murder that he would never be taken alive.

SARDINE MOUNTAIN FIRE, COVERING 36 SECTIONS, ALARMS

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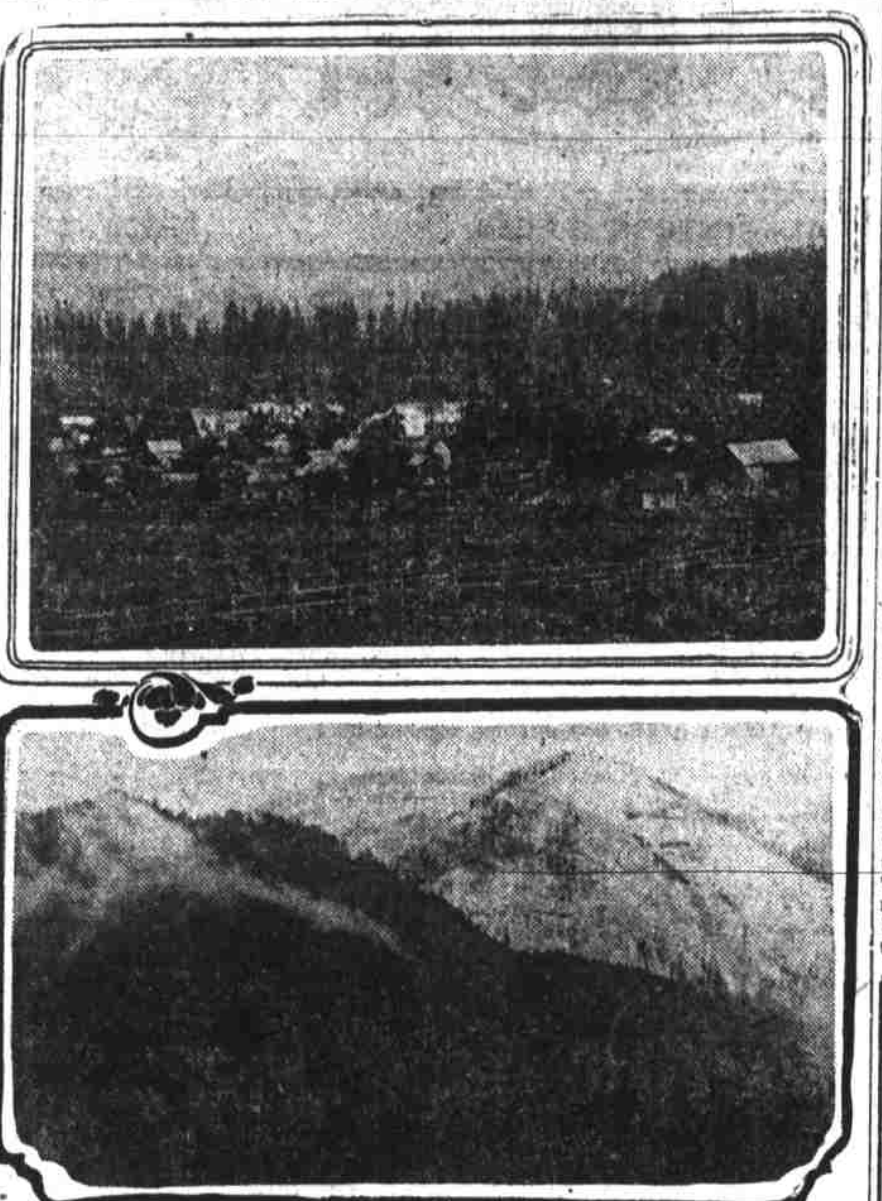
This fire, it originally started from the Camp Six fire of the Curtis Lumber company, which was supposed to have been kept under control. We have a crew in this district which is doing everything possible and will send in nine men Monday from here if they can be obtained.

35 U. S. Firefighters on Seven Mile

On the Seven Mile mountain fire the government now has 68 men, and the Oregon and Western Land & Colonization company which now owns the old military wagon road land grant, has had fire men at work. I understand that this company expects to send in 20 additional men today. United States Forest Ranger F. W. Stahlman, assisted by Guard James Hanchett, are in charge of the fire brigade, with O. A. Knowles at Cascadia as headquarters chief. Our force here is being augmented as rapidly as possible. The land company has suffered but slight loss to date, the principal damage being inflicted on government land. The fire is now in green timber but unless untoward wind conditions obtain, we expect to get it under control the coming week.

This fire is now reported to be eight

SCENE OF LINN FIRE AND TOWN THAT IS IN DANGER



Mount Horeb, northeast of Gates, Or., where forest fires are burning and the village of Gates. Fires are now within two miles of Gates.

miles long and from a half mile to three miles in width.

Bear Creek Fire Checked.

The fire reported six miles south of Seven Mile mountain on Bear Creek is now under control. No word has yet been received from the force sent in to the fire on Pyramid creek, and it is presumed to be not dangerous. State Supervisor and County Firewarden Watkins in charge of the fire northeast of Gates, has 12 men at work in the Mount Hovel section where the fire has already destroyed much green timber. The present crew has been insufficient to cope with the fire here and more men have been called for. This blaze is now within two miles of Gates and is working around both sides the mountain to the south. All points east of Gates on the Corvallis & Eastern railway are in jeopardy. The com-

pany has a considerable force patrolling the track between Gates and Detroit.

MOLALLA FIRE BELIEVED DUE TO INCENDIARISM; BENTON FLAMES REVIVE

(Salem Bureau of The Journal.)
Salem, Or., Aug. 28.—Incendiarism are operating near Molalla Springs, in Clackamas county, according to a message received today by the state forester from J. V. Green of that place. Efforts to trace the criminals thus far have not been successful. After one bad fire had been put out the district is again threatened today. In Benton county all the strategy known to firefighters is being used to check the second outbreak of a bad fire in township 13 south, range 6 west.

This fire was under control Saturday, but is today springing up and becoming dangerous.

The fire which ran through the big body of Spaulding Lumber company timber on Rickreall creek, Polk county, last week, started in a forest where no work has been done for years. It is supposed campers or hunters set it out. The guilty parties have not been located.

STATEHOOD BILL PASSED TO AVERT LONG DEADLOCK

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the desperate straits to which stand-patism is driven," said Senator Clapp. "When the matter came up a serious complication presented itself. Friends of the recall in the lower house desired to pass the Flood resolution which the president had vetoed, over his veto. Friends of Arizona and of the recall in the senate knew that we had not enough votes to do this in the upper house. Had the bill passed over the veto in the lower house and been denied passage in the senate a deadlock would have resulted and Arizona would have lost statehood.

Two Reasons for Passage.

"There were two reasons why the resolution as finally passed—minus the recall—was certain to go through. One was that the reactionary senators thought its passage would humiliate friends of the recall and be a slap in the face for the progressives; the other, that it would save the president's face. This left it open for progressives to recognize their protest against Arizona's humiliation without endangering the

admission of the new state and they embraced the opportunity.

"Under the circumstances the humiliation of the elimination of the recall is not to be laid at the door of the progressives.

"As soon as the state is formed the enemies of good government who have temporarily succeeded in arresting this movement for the recall of judges, will be overwhelmed with discomfiture by the determined and emphatic manner in which the patriotic people of Arizona will put back the recall of judges into their constitution—that principle which they have been temporarily denied by something only a little short of brute force."

Joyrider Loses Peg Leg.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
San Francisco, Aug. 28.—Richard Rietio, a barber on the San Bruno road, today is awaiting the claimant of a peg leg which he found in the dust after party of joyriders passed.



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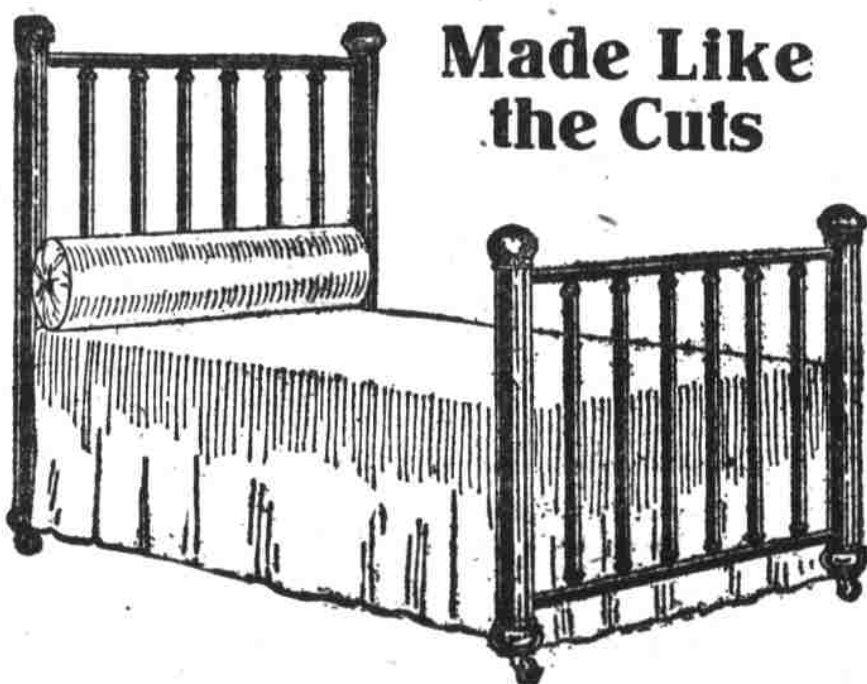
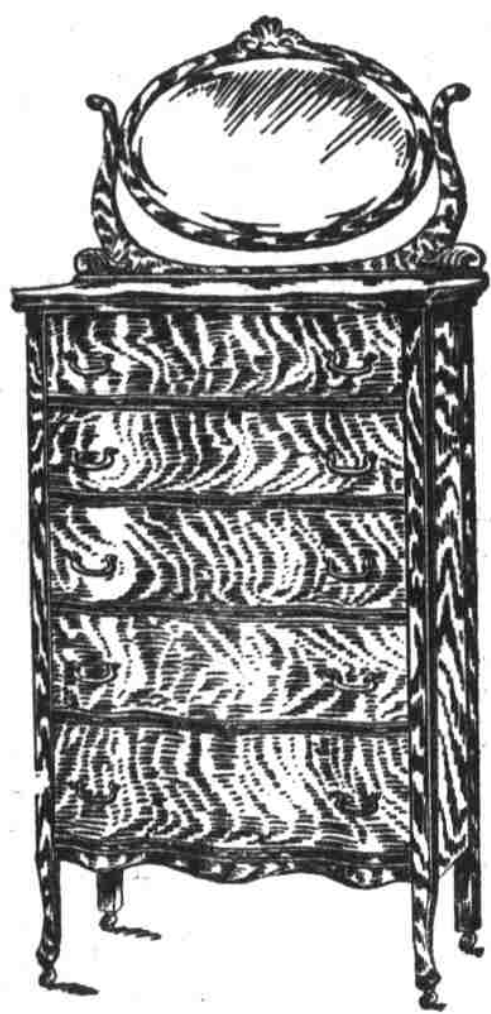
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