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NORTHWEST FOREST AREAS THREATENED

Siletz Basin Conflagration, Fanned by Wind, Spreads Toward Northwest

MAIN BLAZE CONTROLLED

Fire Starts From Engine Sparks; Central Oregon Forests Burning; Timber District in Danger

Forest fires in the Siletz basin are continuing and the camp of the Williamson Valley Lumber company, northeast of the basin, is directly in line of the advancing conflagration, according to reports received last night from Dallas. The fire in the Siletz basin is making much headway. The fires started Wednesday and which swept the basin proper are under control. Climbing the ridge and fanned by a southwest wind, the red menace is spreading toward the northeast. Because conditions it is impossible for fire fighters to backfire because of the extremely dry weather. The fire, according to reports received here, started from sparks from a large donkey or "yarder" engine.

PORTLAND, June 25.—Dry, hot winds sweeping over Oregon and Washington from the north and east drove the last vestige of moisture from the forests today and fanned a hundred insignificant fires into serious blazes. Loss was as yet not heavy and acreage covered was not large, but from every corner of the two states there were reports of threatening blazes.

Lumber companies reported fires from many parts of western Oregon and western Washington. The forest service reported three areas in which there were fires of importance.

Head Reports Fire

BEND, Or., June 25.—A forest fire was reported this afternoon at the top of the Cascade divide, directly west of Crane Prairie, Charleton lake. An electric storm was breaking. The wind was strong to the south. A dust storm was sweeping Bend, and rain was believed to be falling to the southward.

Only one new fire was reported today, being near Union on the south side of Hood canal. A fire reported earlier in the day near Seaback, Kitsap county, had increased its area by late afternoon, reports received at the forestry office indicated.

Timber Threatened

EATONVILLE, Wash., June 25.—With a body of timber rated the third largest on the Pacific coast standing adjacent to Eatonville, the forest fire situation caused uneasiness in this district tonight.

Frost Bros. sawmill at Silver Lake, seven miles east of Eatonville, burned yesterday. Flames were fought from a neighboring mill.

Fires in the trees were reported from Mineral, 12 miles south; Tillamook, 25 miles southwest; and Ashford, 15 miles southeast. All these had been held in leash.

COUNCIL ORDER PAVER MACHINE DOES EXCAVATING AND ROUGH GRADING

At a special meeting of the city council last night final decision was reached on the purchase of a Keystone traction excavator. The new excavator, or skimmer as it is commonly called, will be used to do all rough grading for the paving department.

Several days ago members of the street commission were in Portland consulting contractors who are now using the skimmers, and the decision was reached that paving costs could be cut materially by the purchase. The new machine will not only reduce the cost but will speed up paving.

The price quoted on the Keystone excavator is \$7,700. The city was given a discount of \$325, making the purchase price \$7,375. Delivery will be made in 10 or 15 days and a company man will operate the skimmer for the first week or so as a guarantee that the excavator will perform all services advertised.

CAKES FREE

The Statesman is giving away 100 cakes free to those bringing in classified ads to run in The Statesman for three issues, including Sunday's issue June 28th.

There are no strings other than bringing in 5 cts. The regular rate of the ad is per word for three issues is being charged. Many have already been in and ordered their ads to run and received the tickets for the cakes, which will be ready for delivery this afternoon and tomorrow. The cakes are being baked today and are guaranteed to be good. They sell regularly for 25 cents.

Don't wait until too late, as only 100 cakes have been ordered. Bring your ad in today if possible.

COUNTY COURT ENJOINED IN UNION SCHOOL DEBATE

GERVAIS HIGH SCHOOL ADHERENTS GET INJUNCTION

County Officials Restrained From Declaring Dissolution of School

A temporary restraining injunction prohibiting the county court from declaring the dissolution of the Gervais union high school, was granted by Judge L. H. McMahan yesterday afternoon in the circuit court. Final disposition of the injunction will be undertaken by Judge McMahan this afternoon at 1:30 o'clock.

The petition to grant the injunction was sponsored by John F. Manning, E. S. Natzger, Sam H. Brown, John A. Fereschweiler, and E. G. Smith, district officials of the union school. County Judge J. T. Hart, Commissioners J. E. Smith and John Porter, and Mary L. Fulkerson, county school superintendent, are made the defendants, although that fact denotes in no way whatever their personal standing on the matter, as they are members of the county board of directors which is investigating the matter.

The opponents of the plan to dissolve the school declare that illegal votes in the Manning district, one of the units of the union district, caused the election to swing in favor of disbanding the school. Two ballots are contested, on the grounds that the voters were not residents of the district.

It is further stated that contracts with the teachers have been signed for the coming term, and that the board has authority to break the contracts. Another argument for the continuation of the union district is that the parents can give their children the benefit of a high school education at much less cost than if they were sent to another district.

In order to disband a union district, it is necessary that a majority of the voters favor the dissolution. In the case at hand, it is declared that the necessary majority is lacking.

SLIDE FORMS HUGE LAKE

ENTIRE CONTOUR OF VALLEY CHANGED BY AVALANCHE

JACKSON, Wyo., June 25.—(By The Associated Press.)—The geography of the famous Jackson's Hole region was permanently changed by the gigantic landslide of Tuesday, forest officials say. The Gros Ventre, above the natural dam formed when the north side of Sheep mountain crashed into it now being destined to become a lake more than a mile in width, six to seven miles long and nearly 200 feet deep. It will take four weeks, it is estimated, for the river to fill the lake.

The slide was preceded by earth tremors, which were felt here last Sunday. Another tremor was felt yesterday and it is feared that further slides may take place as the wall of boulders, trees and earth nearly a hundred feet high. His frenzied horse, struck by flying stones, finally leaped to higher ground at one side and the slide missed him by only a few feet, he reported.

Huff dashed to his home where his wife and daughter were. The slide had narrowly missed the building. Today it is under many feet of water. He saved his belongings by working through the night. Several head of his cattle were killed. Two ranches above his are wiped out and it is feared that the forest ranger station is in danger of being submerged by rising waters.

CHINESE TROOPS GATHER

PLANS MADE TO TRAP FORCES FOREIGNERS ESCAPE

CANTON, June 25.—(By The Associated Press.)—Many Chinese troops are gathering in positions in the Chinese city opposite Shamen, the foreign settlement on the river between Chinese demonstrators and British and French marines took place last Tuesday. There has been no firing up to the present, but the tension is very great.

Strict orders have been given by the senior naval officer in command of the defense forces to concentrate the firing on buildings occupied by the Chinese troops should the latter, who have quick firing guns, attack.

Owing to the exposed position of the fronts of the buildings occupied by foreigners, holes have been broken through the rear walls to afford a means of escape should this become necessary.

CHALLENGE IS ISSUED

SEATTLE, June 25.—A challenge to the defense forces of America expressing his willingness to meet David Starr Jordan, William E. Ritter or Luther Burbank in a debate over evolution was issued by Dr. W. B. Hiley of Minneapolis here tonight.

DEFENSE PLEADS TO RELEASE SHEPHERD

Final Plea for Acquittal Made by Stewart; State Witnesses Attacked

CASE WILL END TODAY

State to Start Closing Arguments This Morning; Jury to Decide on Acquittal or the Gallows

CHICAGO, June 25.—(By The Associated Press.)—After six weeks trial, the fate of William Darling Shepherd is expected to rest in the hands of the jury by tomorrow night. Final pleas for his acquittal were made today and tomorrow will see the presentation of the state's closing argument, after which Judge Thomas J. Lynch will charge the jury.

Throughout the entire session today the jury listened to pleas to acquit Shepherd, first made by William Scott Stewart and followed by his associate counsel, W. W. O'Brien. Arguing for acquittal, the defense attorneys combined their plea for justice with a virulent attack upon the state witnesses. They excoriated Dr. C. C. Falman for the accusations against Shepherd.

Falman testified he gave Shepherd typhoid germs and taught him how to slay Shepherd's foster son, William Nelson McClintock. "All you can give Shepherd is his liberty," Stewart asserted. "You cannot give him back his good name. We ask you not for sympathy but for a fair trial. We ask you to do what is right and to acquit him."

Prosecutor Robert E. Crowe will make the closing argument for the state. Opposing attorneys were agreed tonight the arguments have left the jury to decide between two verdicts—acquittal or first degree murder, with death on the gallows.

COURT RECEIVES QUESTS

MANY ARE PRESENTED TO KING AND QUEEN

LONDON, June 25.—(By Associated Press.)—One thousand guests, including a number of Americans, tonight attended the court at Buckingham palace and were presented to King George and Queen Mary.

King George wore an informal royal horse guard's blue uniform. Queen Mary was dressed in a gown of pure gold brocade with a pale blue train. The royal circle was smaller than usual but otherwise the brilliant function followed the customary routine.

MINER'S BODY FOUND

KELLOGG, Idaho, June 25.—The body of Nick Lamana, who lost his life when he fell from a scaffolding in the OK mine here yesterday was found today in 25 feet of water at the bottom of a shaft.

SALEM AD CLUB WILL INVESTIGATE TRAFFIC

SOURCE OF ROUTINGS FAVOR WEST SIDE HIGHWAY

Membership Drive Is Planned; Eligibles Are Placed in Three Groupings

At a meeting of the newly organized Salem Ad club at the Gray Belle Thursday noon a temporary traffic committee was appointed to investigate why traffic is being directed by the West Side highway, both from the north and south. The committee appointed was Edward Schunke, chairman; A. H. Drake and S. E. Keith. This met following the meeting of the club.

It has been reported and is a known fact that traffic from the north has been routed through Portland via the West Side highway, and also from the south tourists have been advised to go the west side route. The committee will try and find out where this routing originates. They believe it is propaganda against Salem.

E. A. Brown, the newly elected president, presided at the meeting. It was decided to appoint a membership committee so as to get a representative group into the organization as soon as possible. Ralph H. Kletzing was appointed chairman of this committee, other members being Joseph J. King and A. H. Drake. The constitution and by-laws were adopted, which included the qualifications for membership, which are advertising writers, artists, or buyers or sellers of advertising. The committee recommending the constitution was headed by William Paulus.

ROBBED UPON HIGHWAY

TOURIST SNATCHES HAND-BAG FROM AUTOMOBILE

Police are seeking the identity of a "highway robber" traveling in an automobile bearing a California license plate.

Ether Swartz of route 7 reported that she had stopped her machine on the Pacific highway near Brooks in order to change a tire, placing a handbag on the running board. While engaged in changing tires she noticed that a California registered automobile drove alongside of her machine, slowed down and then sped down the highway toward Salem. Upon investigation the handbag was found to be missing.

The handbag contained several silk dresses, a flashlight, a pair of shoes, a pair of gold rimmed glasses and a small amount of cash and other articles.

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DENNEY & COMPANY ARE NOW READY FOR FRUIT

BEGINNING TO RECEIVE SOME BING CHERRIES

Convenient Headquarters Located at Kings Dehydration Plant On Front Street

Denney & Co., fruit dealers, are ready for business at the Kings dehydration plant on North Front street. Their phone number is 291. They are very well prepared for business there, with two scales for weighing and good facilities generally.

R. R. Hurst, representing Denney & Co., is on the ground and will remain here during cherry picking season, and likely through the pruned buying season also. His firm shipped 230 cars of prunes green last year, and made the best returns to the growers of any shippers of prunes.

Mr. Hurst says that, in the matter of the cherry contracts made with black cherry growers of this district, his company sells its services. It agrees to advance 5 cents a pound to the growers, and will do this upon delivery in each case; and it agrees to give the grower whatever profits there are after sales are made, less costs and commissions.

Mr. Hurst says all the cards are on the table. The grower has a right to have submitted to him the auction reports; or if his cherries are sold privately, he has a right to know who bought them, and

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35 MAY DIE IN BLAST

CASUALTIES IN THEATER BLAST MAY MOUNT HIGH

KANSAS CITY, Mo., June 26.—At 2 a. m. this morning police and fire department officials estimated that from 35 to 40 persons had lost their lives in the explosion and fire which last night destroyed the Willis theater building here.

The officials, however, made it plain that their estimate was at best guess-work, and declared that the number of casualties could not be determined with any accuracy until a thorough check is made of the ruins.

It was estimated by Paul Schultz of Waldron, Mo., that between 75 and 100 persons were in the theater a few minutes before the blast. Schultz left the play house five minutes before the explosion and later ran back into the building in an effort to rescue a brother. He said the small audience appeared panic stricken and unable to reach his brother, he made his profit there are after sales are made, less costs and commissions.

The police received a report that 15 men, who were gambling in the basement of the building were trapped. When police and firemen arrived at the scene there were many bleeding and injured persons crying in the streets.

REVOLT OVERTURNS GREEK GOVERNMENT

Militarists Depose Premier and Assume Full Authority of the State

NATIONAL ARMY DESERTS

People Remain Unchanged Despite Serious Revolutionary Condition; New Cabinet Proclaimed

ATHENS, June 25.—(By The Associated Press.)—The Greek government, under the premiership of Michalakopoulos, has been deposed and a new government under military control. The revolutionary movement started at dawn simultaneously in Athens, in Saloniki, when anti-government forces, after a brief and harmless fusillade, seized the telegraph offices and cut communications. The military movement had been foreseen for several days but up to the last minute the government had declared itself master of the situation and was absolutely convinced of the loyalty of the troops.

At five o'clock this morning, however, General Pangalos, who was former generalissimo of the Greek army and held the office of minister of war for a short time, with a number of officers occupied the barracks of the regiment of engineers and forthwith issued an ultimatum to the government demanding its resignation and holding the ministry responsible for any bloodshed. At the same time an ultimatum was issued by Admiral Hadjikirakos, former minister of marine, who was aboard the warship Aver, and by the commander of the troops at Saloniki.

The whole of the Athens garrison did not at first declare in favor of the revolution and Premier Michalakopoulos and his cabinet remained in session in the parliament building guarded by loyal troops.

In the afternoon General Pangalos and his staff took up quarters at the war ministry, where he assumed the attitude of leader of the revolution and issued orders accordingly. In the meantime the government resigned, and the provisional president of the republic, Admiral Coundouriotis, sent out an urgent summons to the parliamentary leaders. He invited M. Papanastasiou, former premier, to organize a cabinet, but in political circles it is generally believed that Pangalos has designs upon the premiership and would not likely be willing to serve under Papanastasiou.

Admiral Hadjikirakos assumed command of the fleet and is expected to become minister of marine. It is understood Admiral Coundouriotis intended to resign the presidency but was dissuaded.

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AMERICANS SAID SAFE

RESPONSIBILITY FOR SHOOTING IS NOT YET FIXED

WASHINGTON, June 25.—(By Associated Press.)—The question of responsibility for the riot and machine gun firing at Canton Tuesday between Chinese demonstrators and French and British steamers was avoided today in a summary of an official report to the state department from the American consul general at Canton, Douglas Jenkins.

The summary said: "Heavy rifle and machine gun firing started between the Chinese soldiers and French and British sailors, lasting 20 minutes with sniping for an hour afterwards."

Jenkins reported no Americans were hurt while the number of Chinese dead was estimated at nearly a hundred. The shooting was not continued Tuesday night it was added, but the situation remained tense and fighting may be resumed at any moment.

"The few Americans remaining in missions near Canton are believed to be safe."

SOLDIERS RETURN HOME

CAMP JACKSON MEN DUE BACK IN SALEM TONIGHT

Camp will be broken today at Camp Jackson, near Medford, and by midnight tonight all units will have arrived at their respective homes. The Salem National guard units are due to arrive at 6 o'clock tonight. A detachment under Lt. Col. A. C. Baker will remain for a few days to look after the dismantling of the camp.

"Because of the record breaking heat field maneuvers this week were curtailed. Wednesday afternoon the thermometer touched 108.8 degrees. Inspection and muster kept the men busy Thursday while military ceremonies in connection with the visit of Secretary of Agriculture Jardine were also held. The annual dinner of the 1st division was held last night with about 300 present, including General Hunter Liggett, commander of the national division.

SHOELESS DAYS HERE; GIRLS TAKE IT EASY

HOW TO KEEP COOL IS SOLVED AT STATE HOUSE

Offending Footgear Is Discarded After Long Hot Walk During Lunch Hour

Various are the methods employed in an effort to obtain relief from the weather, but perhaps the most novel is the one adopted by a number of girls employed at the state house. Feet were burning from long walks back to work after the lunch hour. The temptation to remove the hot leather footwear proved too great. A surreptitious kick and the offending shoe disappeared. Another kick and its mate hit the floor. The word was passed among the employees of offices on the second floor that are seldom visited by outsiders.

Into the family group wandered a newspaperman. The girl whose office belongs there but one from an adjoining office was sitting at another desk—oh, so demurely.

Another employe from the adjoining office stepped to the door and called to the demure one. Someone wanted her to take a letter.

No response. The newspaperman wondered if the heat were affecting her, for she did not move. Having a stickie idea, he decided to stick it out and see what would happen.

Disgusted with the invader's lassitude and fearful to remain away from her own office, in the face of the call, the demure dame got up and made a dash for the door—displaying silk-stockinged limbs and feet, but minus all footwear.

ITALIAN DEBT IS ARGUED

MELLON DEMANDS PAY; EXCUSSES MADE BY ITALY

WASHINGTON, June 25.—(By Associated Press.)—The capacity of the Italian government to pay its war debt to the United States was established today at the first funding conference since the outbreak upon which negotiations for a settlement will proceed.

At the outset Secretary Mellon as chairman of the American debt commission informed the Italian delegation of the American view that the \$3,128,000,000 debt should be "funded now" and on conditions "taking into consideration Italy's ability to pay."

The Italian reply, made by Ambassador De Martino was that his government could not give consideration to any proposal that threat ended it with disaster nor would it agree to any arrangement which it did not believe it could carry to a successful conclusion.

The remaining discussion in the conference, which lasted three hours, was limited to generalities. Specific provisions were left to be taken up at the next meeting, scheduled for Tuesday of next week.

Ambassador De Martino did not fail to mention that "the real conditions, economical and financial, in which Italy finds itself" must be weighed carefully in arriving at a settlement and that it must be adjusted to them in "the amount, form and the time of payment."

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RAPE APPEAL ARGUED

ATTORNEY IN HIGH COURT WITH MAC LAREN CASE

Appeal of Allen MacLaren, son of W. G. MacLaren, members of the state parole board, Gladwin Lawbaugh and Archie Livingston, was heard by the supreme court Thursday. All three youths live in Portland and were convicted in the Clackamas county court on a rape charge. All were sentenced to the penitentiary. A previous trial in Multnomah county resulted in an acquittal.

The case grew out of a "pick-up" of three Portland girls, 17, 18 and 19 years old, the night of July 28, 1923. The boys drove south near the county boundary, line where the alleged attack upon one of the girls is said to have taken place. The trial attracted a great deal of interest owing to the prominence of the principal youth.

Argument for the defense was based chiefly on the ground that the crime was not committed in Clackamas county and that the court of that county had no jurisdiction over the case.

PIERCE CANCELS DATES

LUMBAGO KEEPS GOVERNOR FROM EASTERN OREGON

Because of an attack of lumbago, Governor Walter M. Pierce has been forced to cancel several eastern Oregon addresses dates this week. W. A. Delzell, his private secretary, left yesterday to fill the engagements as a substitute speaker.

BURGLARY IS ATTEMPTED

For the second time in the week the burglar alarm of the U. G. Shipley store sounded at 12:15 o'clock this morning. Although an entrance was not made into the building, the man on the rear windows showed where the breaker had attempted to enter. Another attempt to gain admittance to the store was made Tuesday morning at about two o'clock.

HEAT WAVE STILL GRIPS NORTHWEST

Oregon, Washington and California Cities Report Sweltering Weather

99 DEGREES IN SALEM

Drop of One Degree Is Recorded; Swimming Resorts Are Thronged; Nights Are Bracing Belief

Swimming resorts were crowded yesterday with the second hottest day of the year. A temperature of 99 degrees was recorded, one degree cooler than the previous high record set Wednesday.

Parks were filled with persons seeking relief from the heat. The wind, while still lacking the characteristic cooling qualities, was slightly cooler than that of the preceding day, which resembled that from a blast furnace.

Hundreds of youngsters, clad in bathing suits, managed to keep cool by the time-honored custom of "bathing" in the family lawn sprinkler.

As was the case with Wednesday, the setting of the sun brought relief. From 100 degrees Wednesday afternoon the thermometer dropped to 98 degrees during the night, with a corresponding drop again last night.

High temperatures were general throughout the northwest and Pacific coast states.

102 at Portland

PORTLAND, Ore., June 25.—Portland reports its hottest June day, the heat providing sufficient impetus to push the mercury to 102 degrees. Forest fires in central and western Oregon have broken out. A train was derailed at Metolius when excessive heat spread the rails.

Medford Sizzles

MEDFORD, Ore., June 25.—Today was a sweltering one with a temperature of 105 degrees. Wednesday's temperature was 108.8 degrees.

Cool at Astoria

ASTORIA, Ore., June 25.—A breeze straight from the ocean halted the rise of the mercury here shortly before noon today. The high mark was little above 70 degrees. Topcoals are being worn tonight.

Eugene Beats Salem

EUGENE, Ore., June 25.—The maximum temperature in Eugene today was 100 degrees, the hottest here in many years, according to the local government weather observer. No prostrations were reported.

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COOLIDGE WALKS IN RAIN

NATION'S CHIEF EXECUTIVE REFUSES TO STAY IN

SWAMPSCOTT, Mass., June 25.—(By Associated Press.)—In the mood for rest and recreation President Coolidge refused to stay indoors today, despite a steady rain. Twice he took long walks, accompanied only by secret service men.

After breakfast Mr. Coolidge contacted himself with a quarter of a mile from White Court, the summer White House, without raincoat or umbrella when it began to drizzle.

He received a slight wetting before reaching home. Late in the day the president again ventured out for a stroll on the rocky coast to Little point, where he stood for a quarter of an hour. Undaunted by the weather, Mrs. Coolidge took both a morning and afternoon in the rain with Bob Roy, her white collie, scampering at her side.

Aside from their walks, President and Mrs. Coolidge spent the day in seclusion. Mr. and Mrs. Frank W. Stearns, their close friends, were luncheon guests and twice Secretary Eggers motored from his office to White Court for conference with the president on routine matters.

Announcement was made that tomorrow the president would receive his first caller, Mayor Edward J. Quinn of Cambridge.

The latter will outline to Mr. Coolidge plans for his appearance in Cambridge July 3 to deliver an address in connection with the celebration of the 150th anniversary of George Washington's assumption of command over the Continental army.

METHODIST BOARD MEETS

CHURCH PROGRAM FOR YEAR REMAINS UNCHANGED

Program for the First Methodist church for the year starting September 1 will remain the same as the one carried out in the past year, was the decision reached at the annual board meeting held at the church last night. Henry Hester, former Williamson student, was chosen director of religious education, and Mr. Hobson, church leader, Professor Roberts will continue as organist.

The offices of financial, session, and church secretaries were left to the financial committee, who will fill the offices later.