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WIND FANS FOREST FIRE IN MOUNTAIN

Huge Swath Is Cut Through Holdings of Silver Falls Timber Company

MEN ARE FIGHTING BLAZE

All Available Men Engaged in Logging Operations Are Pressed Into Fighting Threatened Area

A forest fire, fanned by a heavy wind, is headed in the direction of Mill City, a distance of 10 miles, according to word received here Wednesday. The fire is in the property of the Silver Falls Timber company and has been burning since Monday. A path 10 miles long has been cut through the forests by the flames. One camp has been badly burned and three donkey engines destroyed.

Every available employe in the logging operations of the Silver Falls company has been pressed into service to fight the further advance of the fire. Owing to the heavy wind their efforts so far have brought but little results. The Santiam river may stop the progress of the flames, but it was believed yesterday the fire would be carried across the river.

Telephone reports later yesterday from the Silver Falls company stated that it was possible that the fire would be under control before this morning, as far as their property was concerned, but that it had jumped to the holdings of the Silverton Lumber company. This is confined to old slashings and not the green timber, and no damage is reported. J. W. Ferguson, fire warden, has a crew of men and are making rapid headway in extinguishing the fire.

VICTORIA, B. C., Aug. 5.—Rain in northern British Columbia today brought promise of relief from forest fires. All but small blazes on Vancouver Island were reported under control. On the mainland at British Columbia fires continued at Sechart, Pender Harbor and Stillwater, destroying timber.

A camp of the Challenger Timber company at Loughborough, 225 miles north of here was destroyed Sunday.

WALLACE, Idaho, Aug. 5.—(By Associated Press.)—Forest fires in the Couer d'Alene district continue with unabated fury, resisting the determined efforts of fire fighters to bring the blazes under control. Forest service officials said tonight that the situation is more serious than at any time this year. Nearly 5,000 acres have been burned over by fires in this district. The Adair district fire is sweeping everything in its path and the forest service officials believe that the destruction of Bullion mine surface workings is probable tonight.

Southwest of Wallace the Big creek fire has started down both sides of the ridge and threatens to destroy buildings of several small mining companies. A fire 10 miles north of Pritchard, a small settlement in the north fork country, was beyond control early tonight.

BELLINGHAM, Wash., Aug. 5.—(By Associated Press.)—A fire which threatened several homes in the delta district along the international boundary eight miles east of Blaine, was brought under control by a crew of volunteer fire fighter today. The fire burned over 1200 acres of slashings, it was kept from crossing into Canada. There were several other brush fires near Bellingham, but none appeared serious tonight.

PROSECUTION ORDERED

PIERCE CALLS UPON ATTORNEY GENERAL TO ACT

Declaring that he "wanted no whitewashing and to go the limit," Governor Pierce yesterday directed I. H. Van Winkle, attorney general, to prosecute charges filed in Klamath county against William S. Levens, state prohibition commissioner; L. L. McBride, state agent, and E. L. Elliott, district attorney.

Levens is charged with the larceny of a revolver from a Mexican, McBride with failure to make a return on a search warrant, and Elliott with the disposal of several sacks of sugar, the three charges growing out of recent liquor raids.

The attorney general left on his annual vacation yesterday and though the defendants are all demanding immediate trials, it is expected that action will be delayed until the return of the attorney general.

RAY ABLE CONVICTED BY POLICE COURT JURY

SENTENCE TO BE PASSED AT 2 O'CLOCK TODAY

Jail Sentence, Fine and Suspension of License Mandatory Under Law

After deliberating but 15 minutes a police court jury late yesterday afternoon returned a verdict of guilty convicting Ray Able of Silverton of operating his car while intoxicated. Sentence will be imposed by Police Judge Poulson at 2 o'clock today.

Nearly three hours was consumed in the hearing of the case with the city offering six and the defense three witnesses. The feature of the case came during the testimony of Ruby Green, companion of Able at the time of his arrest. The prosecution had withheld from the direct testimony evidence concerning an alleged admission by Miss Green to Police Officer Olson and Police Matron Shanks that Able had been drinking on the night in question, but brought the subject up for review when the defense put the girl on the stand. Challenged by City Attorney Kowitz the girl at first denied the alleged confession and then under further cross-questioning reluctantly qualified her statement by declaring: "If I did talk with them I was not responsible because I had been drinking."

Questioned as to how many drinks she had taken she admitted having taken one. Later in the closing argument when a dispute arose between counsel as to the meaning of "intoxication" the prosecution made use of her testimony as an admission by a defense witness that one drink was sufficient to render one irresponsible.

In an effort to establish that the four liquor bottles found in the car at the time of Able's arrest had been placed there before he borrowed the car from a friend, the defense called Alvin McKee, Silverton logger and owner of the car, who testified that the bottles had been in his car for two days before the machine had been loaned to Able. Able later admitted on the stand that he knew that the bottles were in the car but asserted that he had left them there because he "didn't think it was a crime to carry around empty bottles." One of the bottles submitted in evidence contained a small quantity of moonshine.

A further bit of evidence stressed by the prosecution was a statement made on the stand by the defendant himself. He had

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STRIKE IS AUTHORIZED

WALK-OUT TO RESULT IF AGREEMENT NOT REACHED

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Aug. 5.—(By Associated Press.)—Authority to call out 158,000 anthracite miners, if no agreement with the operators is reached by midnight, August 31, today was vested in the subcommittee which terminated here yesterday. The action is taken by the full scale committee composed of 40 members.

Further, the scale committee empowered the subcommittee to arrange with the mine owners for employment of maintenance men to keep the mines from flooding or caving in during a shutdown.

The stand which John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers of America, had taken as head of the subcommittee, in breaking off negotiations with the owners yesterday was ratified unanimously. The endorsement was accompanied by a rising vote of "thanks and confidence."

The miners now look for no peace overtures, either the state or federal in the future according to a canvass of various leaders. "We're done now," one negotiator said. "There is nothing on the boards we can see."

APE TIES UP TRAFFIC

GIBBERING MONKEY MAKES WILD TOUR OF NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Aug. 5.—(By Associated Press.)—A gibbering chimpanzee pursued by a throng of pedestrians led by 10 young women employed by a Fifth Avenue bookshop it had entered today, fled through the traffic mazes of Fifth Avenue, causing a general tieup. The chimpanzee sought refuge in a woman's lingerie shop but was ousted by fear-stricken shoppers.

Then the animal sought refuge under a taxicab, riding for some distance. Routed by a traffic policeman, the chimpanzee was captured by another policeman as it tried to enter a mail box. It was taken to police headquarters while police sought the owner.

PUBLICITY DECLARED OBJECT OF CHARGES

Defense Attorneys in Alleged Kidnaping Case Say Story Is Frameup

GLORY SEEKING CHARGE

Louis Geck Said by Attorneys to be Police Informer; Defendant Says That Geck Proposed Plan

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 5.—(By Associated Press.)—Evidence to indicate that Louis Geck, said to be a police informer, was in the employ of Los Angeles police department at the time he talked over an alleged plot to kidnap Mary Pickford, film star, with three men, was offered at the trial of the trio here late today.

The defense opened the battle to free the men, after its motion for an instructed verdict was denied by the court, by placing Chas. R. Moffett, retired police inspector, on the stand. With records of the detective bureau, he declared that Geck had been paid numerous sums on the order of Chief of Detectives George K. Home, recently retired.

Over the objections of the prosecution, it was established that Harry J. Raymond, a private detective who gathered part of the asserted evidence against the men, also was paid several sums from the secret service fund.

Charles Z. Stephens, one of the accused men, was the first witness called by the defense, and he denied that he ever intended to participate in any kidnaping plot, further stating that he was led to the Pickford studio in Hollywood where he was arrested by Louis Geck.

Stephens also testified that he had been approached on many occasions during the past two years by Geck, who outlined kidnaping plots. One time, Stephens said, Geck suggested kidnaping a daughter of Carl Laemmle, a moving picture producer.

In an opening statement, the defense declared to the jury that it intended to prove that the whole story of the alleged plot was a scheme to gain publicity on the part of Harry Raymond and Home "for the purpose of reflecting glory on themselves as detectives" and selected Mary Pickford because of the publicity value of her name.

LIQUOR IS STOLEN

CHILLIWACK, B. C., Aug. 5.—Cases of liquor valued at \$1,200 were stolen from a government store here early today. Thieves were thought to have used a small automobile truck.

DRAINAGE ELECTION TO BE HELD FRIDAY NIGHT

REPRESENTATIVE VOTE OF DISTRICT IS WANTED

Three Supervisors to be Selected; Meeting Will be of Informal Nature

Efforts are being made to secure a full representative vote of land owners interested in the drainage district in the southeastern part of the city and owners of land southeast of the city. The meeting held last month for the election of supervisors who are to have charge of the district was postponed until Friday night, Aug. 7. The election will be held at the Richmond school in Salem, beginning at 7:30 o'clock.

Each land owner is entitled to vote for one acre of land. Any one may vote by holding a proxy, as the election is for three supervisors who will have charge of the district.

The election of the three supervisors is necessary in perfecting the organization of the Salem drainage district which was recently organized by the county court.

According to those who are well informed on conditions southeast of the city, as well as conditions in the southeastern part of Salem, the drainage district will do much to enhance the value of property, especially of farm lands.

The meeting will be informal, as no names have been submitted to serve as supervisors. It is the hope of those interested in the development of the country southeast of Salem that responsible men will be elected.

TWO KILLED IN CRASH

MAN AND WIFE DIE WHEN AUTO HITS MOTOR STAG

SANTA ANA, Cal., Aug. 5.—(By Associated Press.)—George Humphrey and his wife, Mrs. Laura Humphrey of Fullerton, Cal., near here, were killed and their daughter, Mrs. Donald King of Seattle, seriously injured today when the automobile Humphrey was driving collided with a motor stage on the highway in Los Angeles county near the Orange county line.

BLAST DAMAGES WHARF

PORT ANGELES, Wash., Aug. 5.—An explosion in a pile of sulfur here today tore a huge hole in a wharf and started a blaze that kept firemen busy two hours. Two hundred tons of sulfur fell into Angeles bay. The loss, without that of the sulfur, was put at \$1700.

FLOUR MILL BURNS

BOISEVAN, Man., Aug. 5.—A fire here today destroyed a flour mill operated by the Turtle Mountain Milling company with an estimated loss of \$25,000. A large quantity of flour and grain was consumed.

STEPPED ON!



BROWNING WARD IS SAID MOVIE ACTOR

Girl Near 21, Has Worked in Movies and Been Engaged, Neighbors Say

PARENTS HELD WEALTHY

Millionaire Falls To Be Disillusioned; Girl Is Taken on a Shopping Tour on Fifth Avenue

NEW YORK, Aug. 5.—(By Associated Press.)—The wonderland into which Mary Louise Spas, daughter of Bohemian immigrants, stepped yesterday when she was adopted by Edward A. Browning, millionaire realtor, today became a sizzling reality with its main highway Fifth avenue, and its chief diversion an Arabian Nights shopping tour.

Neighbors of the Spas, in talks with reporters today, insisted that the girl was nearer 21 than 16, as announced by Mr. Browning, had worked in the movies, and prior to her adoption was engaged to marry a dentist. The Spas family, they asserted, far from being in poor circumstances, enjoyed the income from a \$60,000 apartment house in addition to the father's salary as the superintendent of another house.

Although it had been announced that Mary was an only child, neighbors also insisted that another daughter, Mildred, now in Denver, where she has gone for her health.

Mr. Browning appeared undisturbed by these developments. Originally he had announced that the winner of his Cinderella race for a companion for his foster child, nine year old Dorothy Sunshine, would have to be an orphan who had never known anything but poverty and misery. He also specified that she must be about 12 years old. Today, Browning insisted that Mary was just 16 years old, while she added that she was "just over 16."

Happy in their new relationship, Mr. Browning and his adopted daughter spent the day touring sumptuous shops. The tour ended after the purchase of 40 dresses, 20 pairs of delicate hosiery, 10 pairs of specially designed shoes and dozens of other bits of feminine apparel. But that is only the start of the wardrobe of the modern Cinderella. Mr. Browning said it will not be long before she will have 150 of the smartest frocks with a maid to care for them.

BANCROFT SERVICE SET

CHICAGO, Aug. 5.—(By Associated Press.)—The body of Ambassador Edgar A. Bancroft, who died in Japan, will be buried in Galesburg, Ill., the old Bancroft family home, a sister, Mrs. Antonette Pierce, announced today. When the body arrives, funeral plans will be arranged by relatives and state department representatives.

DENVER, Colo., Aug. 5.—(By Associated Press.)—Behind the walls of a sick room where she is suffering from tuberculosis, Mildred Spas, 23, self styled sister of Mary Spas, who has been adopted by Edward A. Browning, New York realtor, today conceived her identity beyond the bare assertion that she is the fortunate girl's sister.

Internes at the sanitarium where she is fighting against the ravages of the "white plague," said the girl was too ill to see visitors.

They also declared that she called the office of the institution early today, immediately after reading Associated Press dispatches telling of her sister's formal adoption and issued orders that no information concerning herself be given out.

When she came to the sanitarium and who her parents and relatives are remain a mystery aside from the few who are bound to secrecy by her request.

POSTAL RATES FLAYED

SECOND CLASS TAX IS CRITICIZED BY WITNESSES

NEW YORK, Aug. 5.—(By Associated Press.)—Present second class postal rates and the zoning system were criticized by witnesses appearing today before the special joint committee of congress as discriminatory and uneconomical from the government standpoint. Not only do the new rates impose a heavy burden on education, they asserted, but profitable mail traffic has been forced to other channels. Louis Wiley, business manager of the New York Times and chairman of the postal committee of the publishers' association of New York City, recommended permanent legislation to remedy the present situation. The newspapers ask no privileges, he said, but only that postal rates be determined upon the basis of facts and statistics correctly ascertained. The argument that the government was losing revenue also was presented by Howard Davis, business manager of the New York Herald Tribune.

FIRE TAKES ONE VICTIM

MAN DIES IN BLAZE WHEN WATER HEATER EXPLODES

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 5.—Max A. Levinson, 48, burned to death in his bathroom here today behind a door that had jammed and prevented him from being rescued by neighbors. Levinson was running water for a bath when the water heater exploded. The flames spread throughout the apartment, driving the would-be rescuers to the street and doing damage estimated at \$10,000.

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BANDIT KILLED IN GUN BATTLE WITH OFFICERS

MAN DRAWS GUN WHEN BANK REFUSES TO CASH CHECK

Watchman Overpowered, Motor Commandeered and Running Fight Staged

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 5.—(By Associated Press.)—Before a crowd of thousands, Richard F. Battles, aviator and deputy constable of Overland, Mo., here today disarmed a bank watchman, wounded two policemen and a bystander, and was finally wounded and captured after a running revolver battle through the downtown business section. He died in the hospital tonight.

The shooting followed Battles' unsuccessful attempt to cash a personal check.

Besides Battles, the wounded are Patrolman Joseph Duggan, left shoulder and right hand; Patrolman Louis Falkenberg, left knee; Deputy Sheriff Rudolph Lange, left knee and right hip, and Charles Gamacho, a bystander, left foot.

Shortly before noon, Battles walked into the Mississippi Valley Trust company and presented the check to Robert Dime, teller, who pronounced it a forger and summoned James O'Neal, a watchman. Battles grappled with O'Neal and took his revolver, simultaneously drawing another.

Flourishing a weapon in each hand, he fled into the crowd, commandeered an automobile driven by J. Spier of University City, a suburb.

Hundreds of pedestrians joined in the chase which ended in a barber shop where Battles was surrounded and wounded in a lively gun battle.

COOLIDGE IS SECLUDED

PRESIDENT MAY EXTEND VACATION ANOTHER MONTH

SWAMPSCOTT, Mass., Aug. 5.—(By Associated Press.)—Holding himself even more aloof than when he first arrived here, President Coolidge today began the seventh week of his vacation, with indications that he may remain in New England for another month.

Of late the president rarely has ventured out of the summer White House grounds. He is receiving only a limited number of callers, has discarded his practice of taking short motor rides for relaxation, and is confining his exercise to morning and evening strolls along the rocky shore.

Mr. Coolidge's isolation is building him up physically for the winter grind in Washington. At present the anthracite situation is the most threatening cloud on the horizon, in his opinion, but apparently he sees no immediate need for action on the part of the government.

He intends to pay another visit to his father's home in Plymouth, Vt., and it is not unlikely he will return here to remain until around Labor day. No date has been determined for his departure to Plymouth.

BOOKS FOUND BY BODY

NEW CLUES ARE DISCOVERED IN MARTINEZ MYSTERY

MARTINEZ, Cal., Aug. 5.—(By Associated Press.)—District Attorney A. B. Tinning declared today that three religious books found by the side of the murder victim in the Pacific Cellulose company's plant may lead to establishment of the identity of the dead man in connection with the case in which Charles Henry Schwartz, officer and chemist of the company, is sought on a murder warrant.

That the books were discovered by the charred body was not made public until tonight. One of the books contains the signature of G. W. Barbe, for whom the authorities are now searching. In another is the name of F. M. Tiller with his address given as Dallas, Texas.

Tinning said he had communicated with the Dallas chief of police who stated that Tiller had never been in California.

Contra Costa county officials are bending effort to find some trace of Barbe with the belief that he may have been the victim in what is believed to be a plot to fraudulently collect more than \$100,000 in insurance.

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RAILROAD ENTRANCE MEETS OPPOSITION

Fourteen Klamath Lumber Mills Declare Against Building New Lines

S. P. ROAD IS UPHELD

Written Statement Issued Demanding That Southern Pacific Be Granted All Support Possible

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., Aug. 5.—(By Associated Press.)—Fourteen Klamath lumber mills, comprising all the companies operating in this district, except for one small mill, today issued a written statement declaring against the entrance of the northern lines into the district by coming south from Bend.

The mills signing the statement were: Pelican Bay Lumber company, Ewauna Box company, Shaw Bertram Lumber company, Clifton Lumber company, Nine Lumber company, Algona Lumber company, Big Lakes Box company, Lamn Lumber company, Klamath Moulding company, Klamath Lumber & Box company, White Pine Moulding company, Klamath Lumber & Millwork company, Sixth Street Lumber company, Campbell-Towle Lumber company.

The Southern Pacific's announcement recently that shops and a division point would be established here if there were no destructive competition was believed to have been a factor in winning the mills' support. Another factor, it was said, was the statement that switching charges and other rates would be lessened providing the Interstate commerce commission approved all the Southern Pacific and Oregon, California and Eastern's proposed extensions.

The statement was as follows: "We have received with interest the announcement of the Southern Pacific company regarding their plans for development in this vicinity, a copy of which is attached to this statement.

"Having faith in the published assurance that the Southern Pacific company will carry out with quick dispatch these plans if permitted to do so, it is our belief that the plans thus announced by the Southern Pacific company would make Klamath Falls a railroad center, having a direct route to Portland and the north coast via the Kirk and Eugene road and a direct route to San Francisco, via Dunsmuir and the extensions east to a connection via Ogden, giving us the great advantage of a short and direct connection to our markets here. This is the railroad development program that would best serve the transportation needs of this community and bring about the just and most rapid growth of this region. Their plan affords the most direct route to practically all the markets

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SHIPS LEAVE MELBOURNE

U. S. FLEET ENDS VISIT IN AUSTRALIAN HARBOR

MELBOURNE, Aug. 6.—(By the Associated Press.)—Shore leave for all officers and men of the United States fleet terminated here at midnight last night in preparation for the visiting warships today (Thursday).

Until a late hour the streets were thronged with Americans taking their final glimpses of Melbourne and buying souvenirs of their visit.

The admiral's hall aboard the three battleships Pennsylvania, Nevada and Oklahoma, was a fitting climax to the two weeks of festivities which have attended the presence here of the Americans. Six thousand guests were present.

Premier Allan sent a cordial message of farewell to Admiral Robert E. Coontz on behalf of the people and government of Victoria, in which he declared of the men of the fleet were a credit to themselves and to the United States.

FRENCH FRONT IS QUIET

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