

Fire Pictures

The Statesman presents a full page of pictures from the fire scene in Coos county on page 7, in addition to those on this page.

EIGHTY-SIXTH YEAR

Outlook Brighter in Fire-Threatened Area

Priests Slain Before Toledo Falls to Rebels

600 Catholic Churchmen Slaughtered; Alcazar Refugees Rescued

Loyalist Losses Heavy; Men in Fortress Were About to Give Up

By RICHARD G. MASSOCK
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TALAVERA DE LA REINA, Spain, Sept. 29.—Six hundred Catholic priests, supporting the fascist rebellion, were slaughtered by frenzied socialists during the last hours of a bloody insurgent drive on Toledo, survivors told me today.

Fascist sympathizers who survived the terrific siege of the Alcazar related horrible stories of looting and slaying as the guns of the driving insurgents boomed outside the city's gates.

"Everything was destroyed around the Alcazar," said one of those who resisted government attacks on the historic fortress.

He said the leader of Toledo fascists was one of the victims of the deadly barrage of dynamite, gasoline and shells which rained into the insurgent haven.

Government forces lost 500 soldiers in the withering steel barrage which swept through the streets of the war-battered former capital of Spain. One fascist bomb, survivors asserted, killed 40 socialist militiamen and wounded 80 others.

Capture of Toledo, often called the "Rome of Spain," because of the large number of priests living and studying in the city, came at a desperate moment for the self-imprisoned fascists in the Alcazar.

"Only courage inspired by radio reports that our soldiers were advancing to save us and food dropped from planes kept us going," asserted a survivor who had spent 72 days inside the fortress walls.

He declared women and children in the Alcazar all escaped without injury after the fascist troops drove the government defenders from the center of the city.

In one wing of the Alcazar, he said, 700 survivors huddled together awaiting rescue by the forces of General Francisco Franco, leader of the rebellion against the Madrid government.

Big Fire Covered By Salem Scribes

Salem is well represented among the newspaper workers on the Coos county fire front. Sheldon F. Sackett, managing editor of The Statesman and publisher of the Coos Bay Times, arrived in Marshfield Sunday morning after a brief visit in Salem Saturday. Besides covering the story for The Times, Sackett filed stories for the Oregonian, the News-Telegram and with his co-workers filed 25,000 words for New York.

David W. Eyre, city editor of the Marshfield paper, covered the story for the United Press, and Miss Isabel Childs, formerly of The Statesman staff, covered it for the Associated Press. Wendell Webb of the Portland-AP bureau, who worked Sunday in the Portland office, was in Marshfield Monday supplementing the AP report. Webb has worked on The Statesman and was formerly city editor of the Coos Bay Times.

Miss Rovena Eyre, of the Capital Journal staff, happened to be in Marshfield with her father, David W. Eyre, manager of the United States National bank here, and filed stories for the Oregonian, the Portland Journal and the Capital Journal.

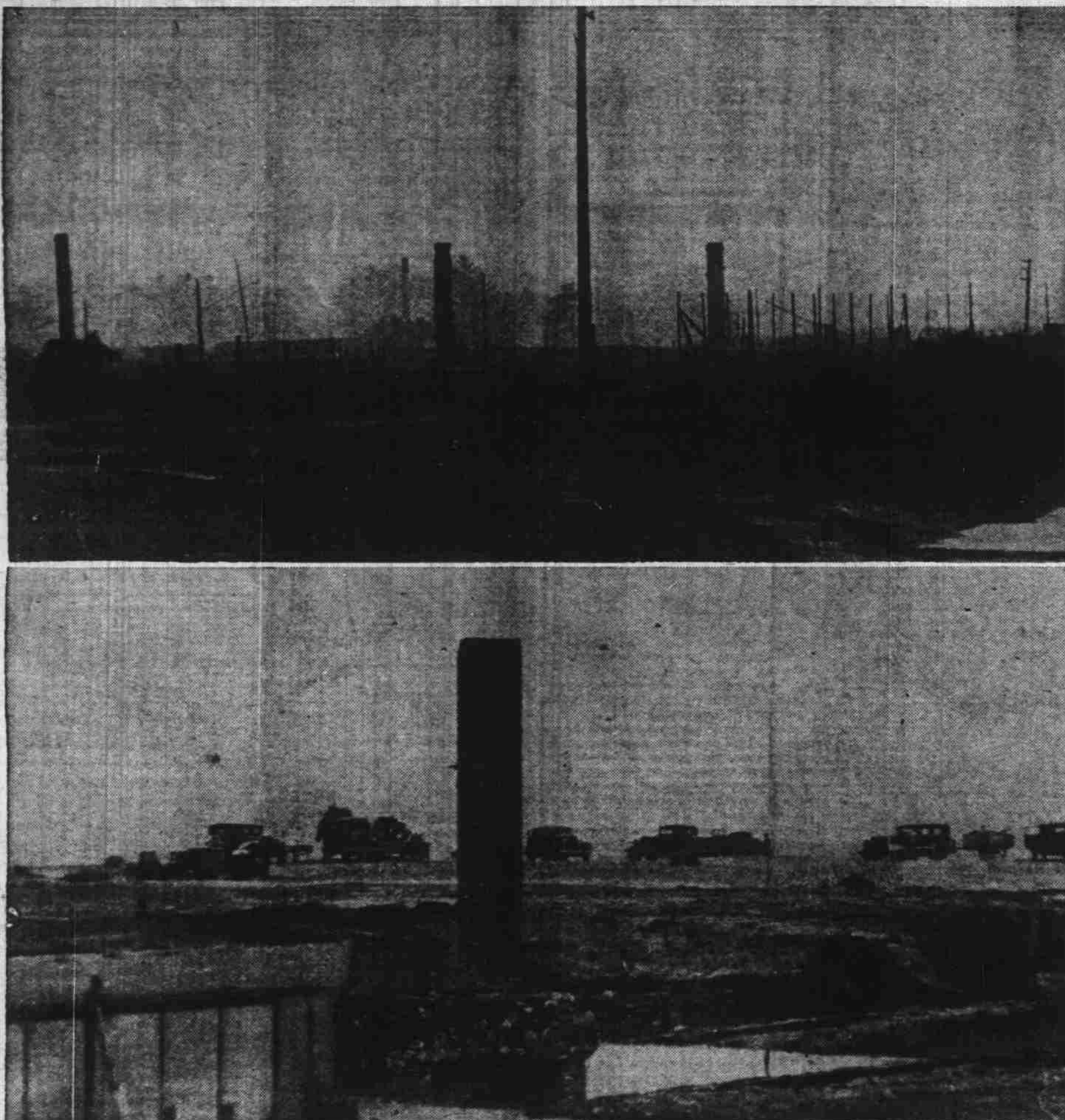
News coverage in the area was supplied by The Times which published six extra editions, running off 16,000 copies.

Enforce Blockade Around Fire Area

A strictly-enforced blockade against entry to the Coos and Curry county fire zone was ordered by Charles E. Fry, superintendent of state police, last night. Troopers already were stationed at the Coos and Reedsport highway junctions to turn back motorists who were considered not to have emergency business on the coast and others were told to set up similar stations at Newport and Waldport.

The blockade was designed to keep out hordes of curiosity seekers and to prevent creation of an additional demand upon emergency supplies in case the forest fires should again break out of control and shut off communications.

DESOLATION LEFT IN WAKE OF BANDON HOLOCAUST



Above, brick chimneys standing desolately alone where families dwelt in homes they thought secure before Saturday night's devastating fire. Below, looking across the ruins of Bandon's once-imposing neighborhood as cars lined up on the bluff overlooking the beach, waiting to be driven to Coquille when their owners, homeless Bandon people, decide the trip will be reasonably safe. This picture by L. J. Liljeqvist of Marshfield.—Cuts courtesy of The Oregonian.

Gold Beach Area Towns Are Safe

Fire Gets Close to Port Orford and Langlois, Says Onas Olson

Personal report of the fire situation at Gold Beach and other points south of Bandon was brought Monday night by Onas S. Olson, of the staff of the world war veterans' state aid commission, who, with Carl Cover of the state budget department, arrived home in Salem last night after a weekend trip to Gold Beach.

"Gold Beach was safe," said Olson. "We left there at nine Monday morning. At that time a fire on Hunters creek, about a mile south of Gold Beach, was under control. South of Hunters Creek there are fires along the highway for about 15 miles. We returned through Langlois and Port Orford where the residents had succeeded in stopping the fires' advance within about a half-mile of the towns.

"Fires still line the highway for (Turn to page 2, col. 5)

Entire Area Mobilized For Protection, Relief

Call for Fire Fighters Answered Readily; Care of Refugees in Hands of Red Cross; Check on Families Directed by Gen. Rilea

By SHELDON F. SACKETT
MARSHFIELD, Ore., Sept. 28.—(AP)—As I write smoke clouds the offices of the Coos Bay Times in Marshfield, the heaviest veil since the Bandon fire tragedy started Saturday night.

The entire area is now mobilized to fight fires in all sections of the territory. City officials and Brigadier-General Thomas E. Rilea have already made plans to evacuate the inhabitants should the flames come closer to the cities still standing in the county.

No one can accurately predict what will happen next. If prevailing winds do not sweep fires into the tops of timber and spread embers in existing towns, the area may stand—otherwise (Turn to page 2, col. 5)

Menace of Fire is Reduced Here and on Coast to West

Forest fires became less threatening in the Willamette valley region and in the mid-section of Oregon's seacoast late yesterday as falling temperatures and approaching ocean fogs gave rise to hope that the danger point may have passed.

Salem residents breathed timber smoke for the first time this season at 8:30 o'clock when the pungent wraiths of fallen forest giants drifted northward on a brisk breeze. Inquiry at official sources indicated the smoke came from the coastal fires which raged Sunday in Lincoln, Lane and counties to the southwest.

There were no fires of serious proportions in Marion county; the state forester's office at Tallahassee reported at 9 p. m. The Detroit and Gates-Niagara fires were well under control.

Heavy fog was drifting into the Polk county zone, District Fire

Disabled Veterans Give Toward Fire Relief Fund

The Salem chapter of the Disabled Veterans of the World war last night with its auxiliary voted to contribute \$21 to the local Red Cross chapter for inclusion in the Coos-Curry county forest fire relief fund. This sum was raised at the chapter and auxiliary meetings at the armory.

Blast Kills Two

FLINT, Mich., Sept. 28.—(AP)—Two persons were injured fatally in an explosion here today which wrecked a filling station and store of the General Tire and Appliance company, and 16 others were hurt.

Late Sports

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 28.—(AP)—Ray Impellitteri, 245-pound dreadnaught of the boxing ring, punched Phil Brubaker out of the heavyweight championship picture, at least temporarily tonight when he scored a convincing ten-round decision over the Californian, who attained national recognition during a brief career. Brubaker weighed 196 pounds.

DETROIT, Sept. 28.—(AP)—The Detroit Lions opened defense of their National League professional football title tonight with a driving 39 to 6 victory over the Chicago Cardinals.

Active Help to Stricken Area Arranged Here

Legion's Emergency Unit Here Takes Initiative in Statewide Move

Food to Be Delivered at Soldier Monument on Courthouse Block

Southwest Oregon's forest fire disaster yesterday brought here the first mass relief effort by the emergency unit of Capital Post No. 9, American Legion, of Salem, after State Vice-Commander O. E. "Mose" Palmateer had requested 25 posts to stand ready for service.

Palmateer took active command of Legion relief forces in the absence of Commander Guy Cordon of Roseburg, proffered the veterans' services to Governor Charles H. Martin and announced he would drive to Marshfield today to establish headquarters.

Intending to place Salem among the first cities to aid the fire-stricken citizens of Bandon and nearby communities, the Salem Legion emergency committee hurriedly convened at the city hall last night and laid its relief plans. Ask Food Delivered To Soldier Monument

First, the committee decided this morning to call upon all Salem citizens to deliver to the soldier monument on the courthouse (Turn to page 2, col. 1)

Officials Assist Disaster Relief

Governor Putting in Long Hours on Job; Police, Others Have Roles

Governor Martin, after spending all of Sunday and a large part of that night in his office in connection with the fire situation in Coos and Curry counties, was again at his desk shortly after 8 a. m. Monday.

Prior to noon the governor had received nearly 100 telephone calls and had conferred with Major-General Simonds of the 8th Corps Area, Presidio, San Francisco, and other prominent army men and officials. General Simonds yesterday made it possible to send a large quantity of army equipment to the fire area.

Simonds, following the conference with Governor Martin, left for Marshfield where he was to confer with Brigadier-General Rilea. He was provided with state police escort.

Governor Martin requested Lew Wallace, state game commissioner, and Frank B. Wire, game supervisor, to immediately issue an order closing the deer hunting season in all that territory lying west of the summit of the Cascade mountains. Wallace indicated that the order would be issued. Protection of wild life in the fire zone also was asked by the governor.

Governor Martin declared that at least a number of the fires (Turn to page 2, col. 2)

John Cooter Is Injured While on Hunting Trip

CONDON, Sept. 28.—(AP)—An archery hunting trip cost John E. Cooter, of Salem, state farm labor placement director, a cut face when the automobile his brother-in-law, John Huebler, was driving swerved from the road while crossing a section of highway.

Graphic Story of Disaster Is Told by Bandon Refugee

Persons who are apprehensive about relatives in the Bandon fire area should not attempt to go there, but should get in touch with them through the Red Cross at Coquille.

That is the word brought to Salem yesterday by Dr. W. S. Park of Bandon, one of the early refugees reaching here. He and Mrs. Park came to Salem with Rev. Lydia Berkey, Baptist minister living here, and Mrs. Berkey. The women are sisters. Rev. Berkey, incidentally, went to Bandon for a vacation, arriving there on the eve of the fire. Like the Parks, she spent all Saturday night and most of Sunday helping to relieve distress in the fire zone.

At police headquarters here there was an unverified report that other oil-soaked pieces of cloth had been discovered between Salem and Newport on a bridge and in nearby brush.

Weather Favorable For Blaze Control; Loss Three Million

Wind Dies Down, Humidity Higher in Coos County; Danger Points Are Coquille and Myrtle Point

Five Thousand Still Fighting Flames As Large Area Burns; Held Worst Conflagration in Many Years

MARSHFIELD, Ore., Sept. 29.—(Tuesday)—(AP)—A fog wafted in from the sea cooled southwestern Oregon early this morning and brought new hopes of permanent relief in this fire-burdened country.

The dry, dangerous east wind abated with the moisture from the Pacific. If the shift in the wind continues and the humidity rises, weather observers said other towns in the section were almost certain to escape the fate that came to Bandon.

While no immediate rain was forecast, meteorological conditions heartened the army of fire fighters over the 400,000-acre battlefield.

By WENDELL WEBB
MARSHFIELD, Ore., Sept. 28.—(AP)—There was hope in the once green country of southwestern Oregon tonight.

As though answering the prayers of 200,000 persons in this smoke-blacked country of natural wonderland, the wind died down. Reasonably favorable weather conditions brought encouragement to 5,000 men, fighting the flames over a 400,000-acre section, that other cities would be spared the fate of Bandon, a heap of ruins where at least nine persons lost their lives.

Coos County Judge Hugh McLain said property losses would be at least three million dollars. Added to this was the economic loss of lumber production. The majority of mills have closed indefinitely to permit employes to fight fires.

A late revision of fatalities eliminated the name of John Reider, who was found alive. Another charred body, that of an aged Bandon WPA worker, was discovered and identified as Nina Bottom, 70.

Search hampered by continued heat. Captain Lee Brown of the state police said the search through the ruins of Bandon was made difficult by the extreme heat.

Four coast guard cutters and a lighthouse tender rode at anchor off the coast waiting for the first sign of a destructive wind. Commanders held their crews in readiness to evacuate refugees should the spread of flames resume.

Chief points of danger tonight still were at Coquille, a logging town of 5,000, twenty-five miles southeast of here, and Myrtle Point, a town of 1,500 fifteen miles further on. Marshfield and her sister city of North Bend were placed out of danger for the time being by a fog.

CCC workers from Oregon, Washington and California have been brought into southwestern Oregon to aid the growing hundreds of volunteers. The Reconstruction Finance corporation has established a fund to enable the citizens of Bandon to undertake rehabilitation when the menace of new fires has passed.

Other Sections of West Endangered
The coastal country of Oregon, while most severely hit by flames, was not alone in the forest fire picture. The greater redwood forests of northern California were endangered. Northern California to the east looked anxiously at the weather reports. Southwestern Washington in the Tum Tum (Turn to page 2, col. 3)

Scoop Scored By Statesman On Fire News

The Oregon Statesman was the only newspaper in Oregon which carried the news of the Bandon disaster in all of its editions of Sunday morning. No other newspaper delivered here contained any information of the destruction of Bandon. The Statesman's report came in over the Associated Press at 12:30 Sunday morning. The news service wire was kept open one-half hour longer than usual, to 1:30 a. m., to give additional news.

Sunday afternoon The Statesman issued an extra giving further reports from the fire zone together with news of organization of relief at the governor's office here.

The Bandon fire is merely one example out of many where The Statesman is able to supply much later news than any other morning paper distributed in this area.

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