



TOWNS ENCIRCLED BY WALL OF FIRE

Lake Superior Country and Mesaba Range One Mass of Seething Flames.

DOZENS OF TOWNS AND HAMLETS SURROUNDED

People in the Remote Sections Are Fleeing Before the Wall of Fire Which Is Swiftly Closing in Upon Them—Lumber Camps and Fishing Villages Are Certain to be Destroyed—All Wires Are Down and Communication Cut Off—Fate of Thousands Unknown.

Duluth, Sept. 12.—Reports today say that in the Lake Superior region the situation is terrible. There is little hope of saving many homes. People are fleeing before the walls of fire. All wires are down. The fire is within 15 miles of Houghton, Michigan.

Loss Will Reach Millions.
Calumet, Mich., Sept. 12.—Messages from Isle Royale say that three cottages and much standing timber is ruined. The loss will be millions unless rain intervenes.

Dozens of Hamlets Surrounded
Duluth, Sept. 12.—Although the fires on the Mesaba range are burned out, there is no danger of further trouble there. Reports from the north shore of Lake Superior say the situation is serious.

The fire is sweeping in a wall on Chicago bay, Cascade, Beaver bay, Grand Marais, Pigeon River Indian reservation, Cofton, Nutsen and other scattered lumber camps and fishing hamlets.

It is impossible to learn the fate of settlers in the fire regions.

Entire District Will Be Ruined.
Milwaukee, Sept. 12.—Passengers arriving from Lake Superior declare if the gale blows up the whole country bordering north of the lake will be devastated. At Seymour, a big cedar camp is burning. The heat is unbearable. The whole country is dry as tinder.

Big Force Fighting Fire.
Pasadena, Sept. 12.—A hundred men were added to the brigade fighting forest fires north of here. The flames are spreading rapidly and are already among the big trees in the government reserve. Four thousand acres of brush and timber land have been swept.

Senator Bryce's Son Insane.
New York, Sept. 12.—Stewart Bryce, son of the late Calvin S. Bryce, United States Senator from Iowa, is pronounced helplessly insane. His brother, W. A. K. Bryce, is today taking steps to have him removed to the asylum where he was sent last April but from where he was released later.

American Autoists Make Gains.
Brighton Beach, N. Y., Sept. 12.—By a series of desperate sprints Mulford and Cobe, Americans, driving the Loxier car, today gained in the 24-hour endurance automobile race which began last night. The Italian drivers, Parker and Capra in a Fiat car are second. Nine miles behind.

HARRY THAW A NUISANCE AMONG THE PRISONERS

Poughkeepsie, Sept. 12.—Charging Thaw with demoralizing the prisoners in the jail here Sheriff Chanler is making arrangements to have him transferred to White Plains, where he will have a hearing on September 21. He is charged with stirring up trouble and dissatisfaction.

Thaw is practically declared in contempt of court for not appearing to answer a summons in his bankruptcy case. Attorney Body, appearing for the creditors, presented a long petition asking the referee to place Thaw in contempt.

STRAW VOTE TAKEN ON O. R. & N. TRAIN

If the vote of the passengers on O. R. & N. train No. 5 last night may be taken as an indication of the results of the presidential election, Bryan stands no chance of being elected, but instead, Taft will receive the overwhelming vote of his countrymen for that high office.

Coming down the Blue mountains last night, a hot discussion of national politicians was on, and a Missouri-an on the train who offered to bet a farm on Bryan wanted to take a

INTERNAL MACHINE FOR JERSEY GOVERNOR.

Philadelphia, Sept. 12.—An internal machine addressed to Governor Fort of New Jersey, was intercepted in the postoffice here today, and in the hands of the government secret men. It is reported the machine is a powerful one. One of the stories is that the machine was sent to him because of his stand on the Sunday closing of the seashore resorts.

GRITTY WOMAN MAKES LONG JOURNEY ON FOOT

Spokane, Sept. 12.—Mrs. Henry Johnson, aged 56, is making a remarkable journey afoot from Aberdeen, S. D., to Seattle, a thousand miles, to join her husband. Footsore but cheerful and confident the woman arrived here last night and slept in the city jail.

She resumed her walk at 6 o'clock this morning. Her husband went to Seattle, where he is working. He sent for his wife, who is penniless, and she decided to walk to Seattle to join him.

VETERAN SOLDIER STANDS THE TEST

Hunchuca, Ariz., Sept. 12.—Colonel William F. Stewart, the Fort Grant exile, is in the pink of condition today for the 90-mile test ride prescribed by the war department, after making a 15 mile ride last night as a preliminary jaunt in an hour and 26 minutes. He states his friends are delighted at the outcome of the ride.

PROTESTANTS CAN'T STOP PARADE

Close of the Eucharist Congress the Scene of a Tremendous Religious Demonstration—Injunction Secured by Protestants Fell Flat—Old Prejudice Is Set Aside and Catholics Will March Through London Under Police Protection.

London, Sept. 12.—It is announced that 2000 police will guard the immense parade marking the close of the nineteenth Eucharistic congress tomorrow and that the troops provided will prevent the slightest disorder.

It is decided to hold the parade despite the opposition of the protestant alliance. There is much increased interest in the event.

The alliance tried to prevent the parade by an injunction, declaring it against the law of the land. Twenty thousand Catholics will march. Cardinal Gibbons will celebrate pontifical high mass in the cathedral tomorrow. Many Americans will be present and take part.

Killed His Wife and Himself.
Muskegon, Mich., Sept. 12.—Because Minnie Cooper, aged 18 and pretty, wanted an education, her parents are dead today. Fritz Cooper, her father, objected to her entering the high school, insisting that she should work. The parents quarreled and the father shot and killed his wife and then killed himself.

Exploding Gas Injured Seven.
Chicago, Sept. 12.—Miss Etha Oaks, aged 20, and George Frost, aged 18, were fatally burned, and five were seriously injured in an explosion of gas today in the office of the Wall Adding Machine company. Gas collected in the vault last night, and when a match was struck in it this morning a terrific explosion occurred. The office was wrecked.

GOOD PROGRESS ON FAIR WORK

Pavilion is Now About Ready for the Installation of Exhibits.

INTERIOR OF PAVILION TO BE PAINTED GREEN.

Echo Booth Is Being Put in Place and From Now Until the Fair Opens, Work Will Progress Rapidly—Wheat in the Sheaf Will Be Used in Decorating the Interior—Entries May Now Be Made and Those Having Exhibits Are Urged to Bring in Their Products Early.

One fine feature in connection with the coming district fair is the fact that the preparatory work has been progressing so rapidly this year that every detail should be complete when the doors are thrown open September 28. Though it is yet two weeks before the fair opens the grounds are nearly in shape for use and already some of the booths are built. About all that now remains to be done is the placing of the exhibits themselves.

Today painters are at work inside the pavilion giving a touch of green to the interior. The covering for the bandstand and the seats, of which there are twice the former number, have been painted gaslight green. The pavilion is the better for the paint.

The Echo booth is now being built and all the other towns of the county have secured space for booths excepting Athena. Many local merchants have secured space but up to this time few have had their booths constructed. Those who have not yet done so are asked to get to work at once and anyone desiring space should apply to the secretary immediately, as the locations are being taken rapidly.

Inside the pavilion wheat will be used for decorating purposes this fall and the flags of all nations will be strewn about the fair grounds. The tent for the stock show will arrive here tonight.

Entries for the fair may be made now and exhibitors are asked to make their entries as soon as possible in order to save a rush at the opening of the fair. It is not necessary to wait until the exhibits are here before entering them.

Livestock, agricultural, horticultural and several other classes of exhibits require the deposit of 10 percent on the amount of first prizes, if the exhibits are entered in competition. Exhibits of any class may be entered for display and not for competition if the exhibitor so desires. For full particulars regarding the making of entries, fees, etc., consult Miss Gertrude Fitz Gerald at the secretary's office.

WASHINGTON WOULD TEST NEW FISH LAW.
Salem, Sept. 12.—Governor Mead today asked Governor Chamberlain to advise Fish Warden McAllister to make one arrest on the Washington side of the Columbia river for the purpose of testing the new fish acts.

Governor Chamberlain refused to interfere. The Oregon supreme court has decided the constitution of Oregon gives Oregon concurrent jurisdiction over the river. Governor Chamberlain answered Mead's communication, saying he would meet him in Portland Sunday to confer.

Uncle Sam Wants an Aeroplane.
Washington, Sept. 12.—Secretary of War Wright today declared he would grant A. M. Herring, the New York inventor, 30 days to complete the aeroplane which he is building, to demonstrate to the United States government. He had agreed to have it ready by Monday.

Winston Churchill Married.
London, Sept. 12.—Winston Churchill, president of the board of trade in the Asquith cabinet, was married this afternoon to Miss Clementine Hozier, daughter of the late Sir Henry and Lady Blanche Hozier. She is one of the most beautiful women in London.

World's Walking Record Broken.
London, Sept. 12.—T. E. Hammond, a member of the London Stock exchange, made a new world's record today when he won the 100-mile walk in the Stadium in 18 hours, four minutes and a fifth second. He was first in a list of 42.

BIG DEMOCRAT COMES TO FAIR

George Fred Williams of Massachusetts to Speak on Political Day.

BRYAN-KERN CLUB HAS BEEN ORGANIZED

At Meeting Friday Night Local Democrats Formed an Active Organization and Will Get Into the Harness for the Fall Campaign—Dr. C. J. Smith Held Over State Senator, Was Elected President—Although in the Minority the Democrats are Showing Activity.

Though their party is manifestly in the minority in Oregon the democrats of Pendleton and Umatilla county are going to wage an aggressive campaign during the time between now and the presidential election. Last night a democratic club was organized under very favorable auspices and it will have charge of the campaign in this city.

George Fred Williams of Massachusetts, former member of congress and a speaker of national reputation, is now slated to open the democratic campaign here. He will be here on September 29. Political day of the district fair, instead of John W. Kern, vice presidential nominee. Though Kern is still scheduled to speak in Pendleton it is now understood that he cannot reach here until a later date.

Aside from these two prominent democrats other speakers of lesser note will be brought to the city. The democratic club formed last evening is to meet weekly from now on and during October an outside speaker will be here for every meeting. Local democrats are free in declaring that Bryan will run strong in Oregon this year and they have hopes that he will carry the state. Consequently they are out to do what they can towards turning Umatilla county's vote to him.

The meeting last night was held in the headquarters room in the Association building, the location formerly occupied by W. R. Graham, and it was called to order by Will Moore. Permanent officers were chosen for the club as follows: Dr. C. J. Smith, president; T. J. Tweedy, secretary and treasurer; James Johns, Leon Cohen, W. H. Shannon and A. J. Goodman, vice presidents.

During the evening brief speeches were made by Will M. Peterson, James Johns, H. I. Watts, John Hall, Jr., and C. P. Strain. All were greeted with great enthusiasm.

SPIRITED DIVORCE CASE.

O. L. Chamberlain Seeks Separation From His Wife.
In the circuit court this afternoon the divorce suit of O. L. Chamberlain vs. Elizabeth Chamberlain, is being tried out and it is a spirited controversy. The suit was brought in behalf of Chamberlain by Peter West, and desertion was charged against Mrs. Chamberlain.

But the wife was unwilling to have the case go by default and in a cross-bill filed by her attorney, Will M. Peterson, she denied the charge and alleged her husband to be guilty of desertion and cruel and inhuman treatment. Yesterday Mrs. Chamberlain arrived from Billings, Mont., to appear in the case.

BUSINESS HUMMING ON STATE'S BIG FARM

Things have been humming at the experiment station lately, says the Union Republican. Six cars of tiling have arrived and three more are to come. Eight miles of tiling are to be laid and one mile has already been laid. About 25 men are at work on the farm.

Superintendent Clarke has collected and shipped an exhibit from the farm to the state fair at Salem, and left last Thursday to look after the exhibit in person.

Superintendent Clarke informs the Republican that experiments have been made on the farm for several years past with Alaska wheat, and that it does not come up to expectations. It is the old seven-headed wheat and has generally been condemned by the experiment stations over the country.

Portland's Population 230,000.

Mayor Harry Lane at the request of Labor Commissioner Hoff, has estimated the population of Portland and fixes it as 230,000. The labor commissioner will use the figures in the biennial report to be issued by his office about October 1.

We take a deep and vital interest in the affairs of our friends—if they owe us money.

STEAMERS CRASH ON PUGET SOUND.

Seattle, Sept. 12.—The steamer Chippewa, bound for Victoria, crashed into the steamer Sentinel, bound in from Bainbridge Island, this morning in a fog. The Sentinel was badly crippled and began to take water immediately. The Chippewa lowered the lifeboats and rescued the Sentinel's 75 passengers. The Sentinel ran to West Seattle and beached just as the water extinguished the fires.

O. R. & N. OFFICIALS GO OVER WALLOWA LINE

La Grande, Sept. 12.—J. P. O'Brien, general manager of the Harriman lines in Oregon, Division Engineer Boschke and General Roadmaster Bollons, accompanied by a large party of Portland people, are today inspecting the O. R. & N. right of way from Wallowa to Joseph.

The party reached here this morning from Portland in the manager's private car 61, and immediately started for Wallowa. The trip was made by rail to the first city, but from there the trip was made by team.

The purpose of the visit is to inspect the right of way and to locate definitely the depot sites at Enterprise and Joseph. It is planned for the officials to return to this city some time late tonight, the return trip by rail being scheduled to take place at night.

The trip will be a strenuous one, as it implies 50 odd miles by team, aside from the 60-mile trip to Wallowa by rail.

JUDGE BEAN SAYS OPEN THE ROAD

PENDLETON JUDGE GIVES DECISION AT LA GRANDE

Suit to Reopen County Road Now Occupied by Numberless Tacks Sausages a Stir in Union County—Palmer Sawmill Company Using Old Road Which May Be Reopened—Litigation Is Promised.

La Grande, Sept. 12.—Unlimited litigation is in sight over the decision of Circuit Judge Bean of Pendleton, made yesterday evening, and if carried out, the order will mean that the intricate tracks that now run from the Palmer mill to the company's yards, will be torn up to permit reopening the old road.

This piece of road, approximately three fourths of a mile long was vacated by the county court to make room for the George Palmer mill. The vacation included the district between the west line of the Cad Rynearson ranch to the Oro Dell bridge.

Since the vacation, dozens and even hundreds of narrow gauge yard tracks have been laid, and if the decision of the judge is carried out, the road will amputate the mill from its yards. It is freely predicted that litigation will follow immediately in an effort to forestall the order of the circuit court. At present, residents of the north side of the river, across the river at the George Palmer lumber mill, and reach the Oro Dell road at the stockyards.

The decision of the court came after action brought by several petitioners residing on the north side of the river.

Bryan Says It's False.

Cumberland, Md., Sept. 12.—Regarding the statement alleged to have been made by Hearst that Bryan offered to support Hearst for the democratic nomination for the presidency in 1912 if Hearst will support Bryan in the present campaign, the Nebraska said today: "If Hearst made the statement it is utterly and entirely false."

Raceball Scores.

Los Angeles 12, Portland 9, Oakland 1, San Francisco 0.

DISCUSS EXPERIMENTAL FARM TONIGHT

Business men, professional men, farmers and all others who would like to see Umatilla county land farmed for what it is really worth, and incidentally the big wheat farms broken up into prosperous diversified ranches, should be at the Commercial association rooms this evening to meet with President Kerr and the party of gentlemen who will be here with him.

STOLE \$1,500,000 BY HYPNOTISM

Rich Woman Held Prisoner in Richmond Hotel and Robbed of Her Estate.

DR. RICHARD C. FLOWER IS CHARGED WITH THE CRIME

Mrs. Frances Hagman, Wife of Millionaire Broker Is Penniless As a Result of a Most Sensational Experience—Held a Prisoner for Four Months She Claims and Her Immense Wealth Taken Through Hypnotic Influences—Million and a Half Fortune Has Vanished, She Declares.

Richmond, Sept. 12.—Mrs. Frances Hagman de la Barre, former wife of Theodore Hagman, the millionaire broker, is today almost penniless as a result of being swindled by Dr. Richard C. Flower, according to her story.

She claims he held her four months as a prisoner in the Colonial house and that during that time swindled her out of a million and a half dollars.

She says Flower secured the bulk of the money. He had a strong influence over her, she claims.

Hurricane Kills Many.

Grand Turkish Island, B. W. I., Sept. 12. Is estimated today that between 30 and 40 lives were lost in a hurricane which raged here last night, devastating most of the town. Many homes are destroyed.

No Decision Announced.

San Francisco, Sept. 12.—Although it is stated today that the state railroad commission has reached a decision in the Southern Pacific rebate case, it is announced that no decision will be made before the hearings are finished.

HIGH SCHOOL CAFE SERVES LUNCH AT COST

The High school cafe opened for business this noon, says the Spokane Chronicle, under the new management, the school board having decided to adopt Principal Hart's recommendation that the cafe serve lunches at cost and be looked after by the school itself. Under the last system each "dish" was 5 cents; under the new regime the pupils may get three for 10 cents.

It is arranged that for 10 cents a pupil must take some nourishing food, such as a bowl of soup, a sandwich and a piece of pie or cake or some kind of fruit. No one can get three pieces of pie or cake or such a combination for 10 cents. Pupils get extra service at 5 cents each.

The menu included rice soup, ham and beef sandwiches, cake, pie, pickles, milk, coffee, cocoa and fruit.

Little Child Drowned.

A child aged two and a half years, the son of Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Rhine, recently comes to North Yakima, was drowned about noon today in the irrigation ditch which flows past his home near the fair grounds, says a Yakima report. How the accident happened is not known. The little body was found by the mother lying at the bottom of the ditch shortly after she began a search for the little fellow, whom she had missed.

It is believed that the child fell from a small bridge or walk which crosses the water in front of the house. Another child, a brother a year older, was on the scene but either had not noticed the accident or was too much of an infant to realize its character as he gave no warning.

In the Irrigation Belt.

It is said that a gentleman not a hundred miles from Irriagon last spring seeded 40 acres to alfalfa, and that during the season, up to September 1, he watered that field to the extent of 96 inches. In other words if all of the water he has used upon it was placed on it at one time it would cover it to a depth of eight feet! And still that alfalfa does not do well!—Irrigon Irrigator.