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LIFE, PROPERTY AND NATURAL WEALTH ARE TOLL TO FIRES

WALLACE IDAHO LAID IN ASHES BY FOREST FIRES

OTHER TOWNS BURNED

LIST OF VICTIMS WILL NUMBER HALF HUNDRED

Forest Fire Situation Worst in History—Flames in Idaho Sweeping Over Towns and Settlements—Thousands Flee from Burning Homes—Fifty Known to Have Perished. Firemen and Soldiers Battle Bravely Against Flames—Losses Are Enormous.

112 Are Burned. Spokane, Aug. 22.—According to dispatches from Idaho, 112 are dead in the forest fires there. According to a report from the Wallace Press this afternoon eighty are dead around Wallace. Thirty-four bodies were found on Big Creek. The party of 180 men in the forestry service who were missing yesterday, have worked their way to the shore of the St. Joe river and are safe, four excepted, who are burned. It is reported the town of Sallies, 35 miles from Wallace, is burning and the entire country from Wallace to the St. Joe river, a distance of 25 miles, is on fire. There is a high wind again at Wallace, but it is believed the town is saved.

Spokane, Wash., Aug. 22.—With half of Wallace in ruins, the little towns of Taft, St. Regis, in Montana, and Avery in Idaho burned, and various other settlements in Washington, Idaho and Montana threatened, the forest fire situation is worse than ever before. In the fire zone thirty bodies have been recovered up to an early hour today. The death list near and around Wallace will be at least fifty, it is reported. At sunrise seven bodies had been recovered in Wallace, 12 at Big Creek, Wash., six in the War Eagle mine near Wallace, 12 at Big Creek and one at Mullan. At St. Joe, southwest of Wallace, 18 men are missing. One hundred eighty are hemmed in and a party of 100 has gone to the rescue. The flames are sweeping over an ever increasing area and the damage already will amount to several millions. Approximately 3000 refugees are here and one thousand at Missoula. Many escaped with only their garments, a few are blinded and some are badly burned. The loss at Wallace is a million dollars. The fire department and a company of the 25th infantry are trying to save the remainder of the city. Only rain can save the country from enormous losses and a number of smaller settlements will go, it is believed, unless it rains.

Oregon Towns in Danger. Medford, Ore., Aug. 22.—If the wind switches to the south with the present fire raging near Ashland, there would be great danger of the town burning, according to Chief Ranger Gribble, who is directing the fight against the Ashland fire. This morning bells rang, the people assembled and Gribble told the people of their danger. A call for volunteers was answered by 150 men who left immediately. The fires continue to rage unchecked in southern Oregon and new fires are starting.

Settlers Flee to La Grande. La Grande, Aug. 22.—Homesteaders living ten miles south of La Grande are fleeing to this city for their lives. A forest fire springing up suddenly, has wiped out eight homesteads since yesterday and many mountaineers are endangered. The fire is at the head of Rock and Ladd creeks.

Montana Fires Unchecked. Helena, Aug. 22.—The forest fire situation in Montana is the worst in the history of the state. Communication with the Flathead country is cut off but last reports said the conditions are hopeless. The Bitter Root fires are going with renewed vigor. High winds are spreading the Gallatin forest fire seven miles south of Bozeman. There are other fires in the western part of the state and it is impossible to secure men to fight them. Libby was reported surrounded by fire. Governor Norris who was on an inspecting trip with the army engineers has left the party and started for Libby where it is believed he will take personal charge of the work.

Fighters are Powerless. Lewiston, Aug. 22.—Fire is again

raging through the Clearwater forest reserve. The eight hundred men in the reserve are powerless until the wind drops. Miles of forest are being consumed.

Burke Reported Burning. Spokane, Aug. 22.—The town of Burke, Idaho, is reported burning. Its population is 1000 and it is set in a narrow canyon ten miles from Wallace.

To Arrest Fire Bugs. Washington, Aug. 22.—The forestry service telegraphed Forester Buck at Medford today to use every effort to arrest the men who set the fire in southern Oregon. Buck replied saying 25 detectives are already hunting down the incendiaries.

TRAINLOAD OF REFUGEES IS REPORTED BURNED

Spokane, Aug. 22.—That a trainload of 42 refugees and 9 nurses were probably burned to death near Wallace while fleeing to Missoula is admitted here this afternoon by Northern Pacific officials. The railroad officials said all trace of the train had been lost and that reports from the scene of the fire indicate the persons on board ran into the fire. The refugees were patients from the Wallace Providence hospital in care of sisters of charity.

BIG STEAMER BURNING IN SAN FRANCISCO BAY

San Francisco, Aug. 22.—Seething with flames the steamer P. A. Kilburn is adrift in the bay today. Fireboats are close to the vessel pouring streams into the ship but it is believed it will be a total loss. The Kilburn plied between San Francisco and Humboldt bay and it is said, had just completed a voyage and had landed her passengers and went to the long wharf at Oakland to discharge her cargo. The fire broke out this morning so suddenly that the few men aboard hardly escaped with their lives. Hawser were cut and the ship allowed to float into the bay. The loss will be \$200,000.

Priests on Retreat.

Chicago, Aug. 22.—Many priests of the Chicago diocese went into retreat today at the University of Notre Dame.

CANNON IS TO BE KEPT IN BACKGROUND

WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO SPEAK DURING CAMPAIGN

Experience in Kansas Shows Republican Leaders Folly of Allowing Aged Speaker to Take Stump—Insurgency Will be Left Alone.

Washington, Aug. 22.—Another step in the attempt of the administration to relegate Speaker Cannon to less important places in the councils of the republicans, it was learned today, has been made by the republican congressional campaign committee. For the first time in many campaigns Cannon will not be assigned speaking dates by the committee. Republican leaders say "Uncle Joe's" services are not wanted on account of his avowed attitude on insurgency. Cannon's experience in Kansas which went insurgent after he spoke, showed the leaders insurgency had best be left alone. It is reported President Taft and his advisers, after studying the results from Kansas, Iowa, California and other states, have concluded their campaign would best be a "tread lightly" affair as far as insurgency is concerned.

ROOSEVELT READY FOR SPEAKING TOUR NO. 1

Oyster Bay, Aug. 22.—Colonel Roosevelt tomorrow begins his first of a series of speaking tours during which he will travel over five thousand miles. His first address will be at Utica, N. Y., although he will speak informally at a number of towns enroute. His most westerly points will be Denver and Cheyenne. Roosevelt is expected to outline his idea on the progressive national policy and on conservation.

Garment Workers in Session.

Detroit, Mich., Aug. 22.—The United Garment Workers of America convened here today for an important session, during which labor troubles increased wages and other matters will be discussed.

MAY EXPLOIT HEPPNER COAL

Walla Walla Capitalists Go to Morrow County to Inspect Coal Lands.

IF SATISFIED, WILL FORM CORPORATION AND DEVELOP

Fifteen Garden City Men Enroute to Heppner, Headed by Dr. Blalock, Who Has Option on Over 5000 Acres—Has Great Confidence in Proposition—Capitalists Will Inspect Mines and are Willing to Invest if Prospects are as Reported.

Fifteen Walla Walla capitalists, headed by Dr. N. G. Blalock, passed through Pendleton this morning in automobiles for Heppner, where they will inspect a large tract of coal land which is now under option to Dr. Blalock. If the prospects prove to be all that they have been represented, the party of capitalists will form a corporation and proceed to develop the mines. It is proposed to start development work immediately, if the result of their investigations are satisfactory.

Dr. Blalock has already made a personal investigation of the land and is very well satisfied in his own mind that it is worth developing. When seen this morning while in Heppner I heard of this tract of land which contains 5,100 acres, and of the coal that showed on the surface. After an examination of the land I secured an option on it and ever since that time I have been making an investigation of the natural resources of the property and the possibility of developing them. The land is in the Blue mountains, twenty miles from Heppner, at the head of Willow creek, and is connected by a good road to the O. R. & N. branch that runs to Heppner. A mining expert has been all over the land and in his report he says that the property overlies a coal deposit of from 20 to 24 million tons. That means an output of 150 tons a day would not be exhausted for 55 years. There are now five tunnels on the tract and in every one of them veins running from 2 1/2 feet to 4 feet in thickness have been cut.

"We have a \$5000 diamond drill that has been used in determining the location of the deposits and by its use we know that there are two veins of ore one 2 1/2 feet in thickness, less than 500 feet below the surface. Besides this wonderful coal deposit there is an estimated amount of timber that will run from 57 to 62 million feet. "The location of the land is favorable to shipping and as we have a number of streams on the property I see nothing that will hinder us from starting developments on a big scale immediately. The coal is of a semi-antracite variety and is excellent for cooking. It makes a hot fire and leaves little ash. Different tests that have been made show that it is better for fuel than some coal on the local market. There has been probably 150 tons of the coal taken from the mines there but none of it has been shipped out of that immediate neighborhood. Farmers come there from miles around to haul it away. "The development of this property would mean a great thing for this part of the country as it would give us cheaper fuel in the absence of the big freight rates. Some twenty years

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MARK MOORHOUSE WILL TAKE NOTES ON CHEYENNE SHOW

Mark Moorhouse, exhibition manager for the "Round-Up" left last evening for Cheyenne to attend the frontier celebration to be held in that city this week. He has been especially commissioned by the "Round-Up" organization to make observations, note defects as well as successful features and also to enlist the services of the best talent to be found at the big Cheyenne celebration. Every effort will be put forth to exceed the Cheyenne show, both in the matter of a performance and that of attendance and for that reason no stone will be left unturned. The Oregon, Washington and Idaho riders and ropers will be given an opportunity

NEW RAILROAD COMING WEST

Report is that Denver, Laramie and Northwestern is Headed for the Coast.

WELL KNOWN ENGINEER IS ON WAY TO OREGON

J. F. Wallace, Formerly Chief Engineer on Panama Canal and Prominent Railroad Builder, and W. E. Green, Official of Railroad in Question, Headed for this State to Look Over Field—Puget Sound Is Goal of Proposed Road.

Boise, Idaho, Aug. 22.—Railroad circles were stirred today by the announcement of J. F. Wallace, one of the biggest engineers in the country, that the Denver, Laramie & Northwestern is headed for a Pacific coast outlet on the Puget Sound, through Boise.

Mr. Wallace was the first American engineer on the Panama canal, a member of the Isthmian commission, vice-president and general manager of the Panama Canal Steamship line, has built several railroads and now makes New York his headquarters. He arrived in Boise yesterday noon, accompanied by W. E. Green, vice president and general manager of the Denver, Laramie & Northwestern; his son, W. U. Wallace, chief engineer of that road, and W. D. Hodge, engineer in charge of construction department.

The party started from Denver and made the entire trip overland by automobile. They made the run from Idaho Falls in fast time, having left there Wednesday morning. In discussing their trip, Green said: "We are making a reconnaissance. The road's present terminus is Greeley, Colo., but survey is completed to Elk Mountain, Wyo., 250 miles from Denver, and the road beyond Greeley for that distance is being rapidly graded and will soon be ready for traffic. "The Denver, Laramie & Northwestern is going to build to Puget sound as fast as possible. We had practically decided on this step, but to make assurance doubly sure, brought J. F. Wallace out from New York to pass on the matter. Mr. Wallace says that he has found no obstacle so far, and we are certain that our plans will go through now without a hitch."

The party left Boise this evening, declining to make their destination, but it is believed they are bound for Oregon on a scouting trip. It is understood that Rock Island interests are behind this road.

JAPS WILL RECOGNIZE TREATIES WITH KOREA

Tokio, Aug. 22.—Preliminary to signing the imperial proclamation that shall transfer the sovereignty of Korea to Japan, it was published today that the Japanese government will recognize, for a time at least, the existing treaties between Korea and foreign nations. This is particularly important to this country, as the United States enjoyed more rights in Korea than under the Japanese treaty. The annexation proclamation will give the Korean emperor all the rights of an ex-emperor. These include freedom of supervision and a certain income.

FOREST FIRES SWEEPING DOWN ON WENAHA SPRINGS

AERONAUT HAS HARD LUCK IN HIS FLIGHTS

London, Aug. 22.—Misfortune continued to pursue Moissant today. After circling high into the air in an attempt to fly from Upechurch to London, a high wind finally compelled him to descend. He flew to Seven Oaks and went far to windward of London. He descended on a field and broke his propeller, the planes and rudder. He said later he intended to try it again tomorrow. Seven Oaks is 22 miles east of London. In the course of his flight a gale tipped the aeroplane dangerously.

F. AUGUSTUS HEINZE WILL MARRY ACTRESS

New York, Aug. 22.—It was announced today that F. Augustus Heinze, the Montana copper magnate who recently figured in federal prosecutions, is engaged to marry Bernice Henderson, a member of the "A Fool There Was" company. The marriage is set for this week after which the couple will go to Europe.

INSPECTOR DEW TRIES TO FOOL THE NEWSPAPERS

Father Point, Aug. 22.—The wireless station reports the liner Megantha bearing Dr. Crippen and Mrs. Leneve, at the mouth of the St. Lawrence river. The prisoners are kept closely guarded in their cabins. Although Inspector Dew is known to a dozen newspaper men aboard he registered the prisoners under assumed names, and himself also. He professed not to recognize the newspapermen. His unusual actions are causing much joking.

Eagles Fly to St. Louis.

St. Louis, Aug. 22.—Two thousand lodges scattered throughout the United States, Canada and Mexico, are represented at the eleventh grand assemblage of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, which opened in St. Louis today. In addition to the business sessions, there will be a great parade, band concerts, drills and social entertainments galore. There are now approximately 375,000 Eagles, making the order one of the five largest fraternal organizations in the United States.

WARSHIP GROUNDS 18 ARE DROWNED

BRITISH SHIP GOES ASHORE LAST NIGHT

Bedford is Pounding to Pieces—Efforts to Refloat Ship Made Futile by Storm.

London, Aug. 22.—Eighteen sailors were drowned when the British warship Bedford went ashore last night at Quelpart Island near the Korean coast, according to a report reaching here. She carried a crew of 687 men and was enroute to the Nagasaki squadron. The position of the ship is perilous and it is believed it will be pounded to pieces. It was built in 1902 costing over three million dollars. The cruisers Monmouth and Minozta attempted to refloat the stranded ship but were driven to sea by rising gale.

Moose Meet in Baltimore.

Baltimore, Aug. 22.—With characteristic Maryland hospitality, Baltimore today extended the glad hand of welcome to the thousands of good fellows gathered together at the annual national convention of the Loyal Order of Moose, "Merchants' week," which always attracts thousands of southern business men and buyers, also commenced today, and Baltimore faces the busiest six days in its history. The Loyal Order of Moose was organized in Louisville in 1888 and is especially strong in the south and west. Lodges have recently been organized in many eastern cities and the convention here is expected to give added impetus to the growth of the order along the Atlantic seaboard.

Priests to Elect Chief.

Rome, Aug. 22.—Priests of the Order of Minor Conventualists from all nations, including the United States are in Rome today to take part in the chapter elections of a general of their order. The election will take place tomorrow. The Rt. Rev. Dominick Reuter of Albany, N. Y. is the present incumbent.

CAMPERS ARE FLEEING

FLAMES AT TOLL GATE GET BEYOND CONTROL

Forest Ranger Roy Moss Phones to Walla Walla for More Help—Says Fires Burning Along Stretch Three Miles in Width and Small Force is Unable to Combat Them Successfully—Force is Organized in Walla Walla.

Campers at the Toll Gate in the Blue mountains have been driven out by forest fires and the flames are sweeping south and westward toward the Umatilla river and Wenaaha springs, according to reports reaching this city today. It is not believed, however, that the famous Umatilla river resort is in any danger.

Forest Ranger Roy Moss, who has been directing the work of fire fighting in the vicinity of the Toll Gate for the past eight or ten days, wired to Walla Walla late last night for more assistance. He said that the high wind of yesterday fanned the smouldering flames that they had about controlled until the line of fire extended along the mountain for a distance of three miles and that the small force of fighters was entirely inadequate to combat the conflagration.

When Moss sent out his call for help last night the flames were within five miles of the Toll Gate and were advancing on that resort so rapidly that all campers were leaving in precipitate haste. M. N. Unser, acting forest supervisor in Walla Walla during the absence of Supervisor Schmitz, organized a company of men in the Garden City and started for the scene of the fire early this morning.

"COURT OF HONOR" AT OREGON STATE FAIR

Salem, Ore.—Work on the "court of honor" at the state fair grounds is progressing rapidly, the flowers and vines are maturing to a state of perfection, and every detail is rounding to just as figured on by Landscape Gardener Hugh Bryan. This added improvement toward the beautifying of the fair grounds will be a surprise to the many visitors to the show in September, as the floral display and artistic scheme worked out is the most beautiful in the northwest.

FREE THINKERS COMMENT CANALEJAS IN HIS STAND

Brussels, Aug. 22.—Resolutions commending Premier Canalejas of Spain, and urging him to remain firm in his attitude toward the Vatican, were presented today at the first business session of the International Free Thought congress. The resolutions declare that the present crisis in Spain was brought about by the influence of the "martyr Ferrer."

Mrs. Kate Tromble Woolsey of Kentucky, delegate-at-large from America, presided at today's session over an assemblage which includes some of the foremost scientists, literary men and philosophers of the world. The only other woman delegate is Mme. Curie, the discoverer of radium. Mme. Curie is a firm freethinker, and declares that Christianity is the greatest foe to the world's progress.

Mrs. Woolsey comes from a family of scientists, jurists and patriots, one of her ancestors having been instrumental in saving the manuscript of Thomas Paine's "Age of Reason" when the author was imprisoned in France, during the revolution, because he dared advocate mercy. Mrs. Woolsey's grandfather, assisted by his brother, John Trimble, afterward a justice of the American supreme court, drew up the first bill to secure to married men the control of their property.

THE WAR IS OVER AND ESTRADA IS PRESIDENT

Managua, Aug. 22.—The Nicaraguan revolution ended today. General Mena, the revolutionary leader, entered Managua today with several thousand troops. President Madriz thereupon publicly announced his defeat and retired from the presidency after proclaiming General Juan Estrada president.

DENIES GOVERNOR BENSON IS AFFLICTED WITH CANCER

San Francisco, Cal., Aug. 22.—Dr. Culver today issued a bulletin denying Governor Benson of Oregon, is afflicted with a cancer. He said Benson's recovery is rapid and he will soon be able to return to Oregon.