

MONSTER FIRE BARELY HELD BY BIG CREWS

NEW BLAZES REVEAL NEED FOR MEN.

RAIN MAY SAVE WOOD

Is Now Only Hope for Pack River Timber—Federal Action on Appropriations Bill Is Costly for the Forests.

[By United Press to The Bend Bulletin.] SPOKANE, July 21.—Grim crews of blackened fire fighters are barely holding forest conflagrations from Montana to the Rockies in the western foothills. Several new fires were reported, and the scarcity of men is seriously hampering forest supervisors.

The Pack river fire, above Sand Point, Idaho, is apparently the most serious, and Supervisor Ryan states that it is hopeless to try to fight it, as it is beyond control. No lives have been endangered in the Inland Empire.

It is asserted that many men are being rushed from Billings and Great Falls toward the scene of the fires. Forest bureau reports declared the situation is very serious. The only hope now seems to be rain.

U. S. AID NEEDED.

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 21.—Federal action regarding forest fires in Montana, Idaho and Washington are being greatly hampered because of the delay in the passage of the agricultural appropriations bill. Forest bureau officials said today.

\$500,000 FOR FIRES ASKED.

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 21.—Representative Johnson of Washington and Smith of Idaho asked for an appropriation of \$500,000 to fight fires.

GASOLINE FAMINE IS FELT IN BEND

Autoists Forced to Use Distillate—Similar Shortage Is Said to Prevail in Neighboring Towns.

Gasoline tanks at the garages and supply stations in Bend went dry this morning, and frantic calls revealed the fact that W. R. Speck, local manager of the Standard Oil Co., was unable to furnish any until a fresh shipment came in. It was reported that the same shortage prevailed in Redmond and Prineville.

In the meantime, many cars used distillate, and stage autos on their way in from the south were telephoned to fill up to the limit with gasoline at any point where it might be obtained.

DEMAND REDUCTION OF LIVING COSTS

Progressives Declare That Party Must Bear Blame if Immediate Steps Are Not Taken.

[By United Press to The Bend Bulletin.] WASHINGTON, D. C., July 21.—Progressive republican senators interviewed today demanded that congress act at once to reduce the high cost of living. Senator Capper stated that the situation is becoming so bad that the party in power must definitely act or accept the consequences. Senator Kenyon and others agreed with Senator Capper.

PRESIDENT IS ILL, BUT NOT SERIOUSLY

Cancels Engagements with Four Republican Senators—Conferences May Be Delayed, However.

[By United Press to The Bend Bulletin.] WASHINGTON, D. C., July 21.—President Wilson is suffering from a dysentery, but Dr. Grayson says the attack is not serious. The president has canceled his engagements with four republican senators. Sickness, however, may delay conferences for several days.

Chamberlain Asks Re-Instatement of Court - Martialed

[By United Press to The Bend Bulletin.] WASHINGTON, D. C., July 21.—Senator Chamberlain today introduced a bill which would restore to the colors all soldiers, sailors and marines who have been courtmartialled, and which would restore forfeited pay.

OPERATORS IN CITIES RETURN

PORTLAND ACCEDES TO UNIONISTS' DEMANDS—SEATTLE IS QUIET, BUT SAN FRANCISCO IS STILL UNRULY.

[By United Press to The Bend Bulletin.] PORTLAND, July 21.—Telephone operators and electrical workers returned to their jobs today after a three weeks' strike.

SEATTLE QUIET.

SEATTLE, July 21.—Nine hundred telephone operators and 200 electrical workers were assured here today that the compromise settlement which has been effected wins most of their claims. The returned to work.

FRISCO STANDS PAT.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 21.—Striking operators here declared today that not a striker had returned to work. They said that several had started to but had been dissuaded by pickets. The situation in Oakland is identical.

EXPERTS PREPARING FOR INVESTIGATION

Members of Party Representing the Reclamation Service Visits Deschutes River Valley.

In the course of a general survey, preparatory to a more detailed investigation of reservoir sites in the Deschutes valley, Professor W. O. Crosby, Andrew J. Wiley, Homer Hamlin and Irving B. Crosby, who arrived here last week, are starting a two days' tour today which will include Opal Springs, Crooked river and the Deschutes canyon at a point west of Culver, where approximately 1000 feet is exposed. From there the party will visit Suttles lake and the Metolius.

Tomorrow the government experts will leave for the Crane prairie reservoir site. Saturday the Benham falls dam site was inspected, and yesterday the Tumalo reservoir.

BUYERS ARE FACING UNUSUAL CONDITION

Bend Dealer, Returning From East, Finds Great Difficulty in Securing New Supplies.

C. F. McCallam of the Golden Rule store returned Saturday from a several week's buying trip to Chicago.

According to Mr. McCallam, the buyers of the middle west, to say nothing of the Pacific coast buyers, are facing an unprecedented situation in the buying market. Mr. McCallam says that it is almost impossible to obtain promises of immediate delivery, factories are practically sold up on their output until fall and spring of 1920, and prices are soaring so that it is almost impossible to calculate on the future of supply and price. Merchants everywhere in the central states are experiencing exceptionally good business.

LURID WORDS ARE USED BY SENATOR

[By United Press to The Bend Bulletin.] WASHINGTON, D. C., July 21.—Comparing senators who are opposing the league of nations to a rabble of hell hounds and snakes, Senator Harrison of Mississippi delivered a fiery address in the senate today.

RABBIT PEST KEENLY FELT

RODENT INCREASE IS UNCHECKED.

Inroads of Blacktails Supplement Late Frosts in Making Hay Crop of High Desert Practically a Failure.

Ranchers on the high desert will be lucky if they cut even a half crop of hay this year, not merely because of the late frosts, but chiefly on account of the enormous number of blacktail rabbits, which are harvesting the fields before the farmers have an opportunity of getting in their rye. A glimpse of the conditions which the few farmers remaining on the high dry land beyond Milliean are having to face may be gained by simply driving past the fields, noting the scant stand and long-eared rodents which are spread in thousands wherever any attempt at cultivation has been made.

So tame are the blacktails that autoists who returned this morning from a week-end trip report killing a number from their car, using automatic pistols and revolvers.

To a considerable extent, the high desert has reverted to a stock country, but the ranchers who are running stock endeavor to raise enough hay to feed their cattle during the winter months. Last winter, on the Brookings ranch the supply of feed was so short that the cattle were left to shift for themselves until well toward the end of winter, and were in good condition when the range was open. This year, however, feed will be much scarcer, and with the high prices demanded elsewhere the stock farmers are facing a grave problem.

Because of the comparatively few ranchers living on the vast acreage of the high desert, it is virtually impossible for them to take adequate steps toward eliminating the pest, and the blacktail will continue to eat what might be a fair profit unless aid is secured from elsewhere.

G. P. PUTNAM SELLS BUSINESS CORNER

One and a Half Lots at Corner of Wall and Franklin Bought by T. H. Foley and R. W. Sawyer

Announcement was made today of the purchase by T. H. Foley and R. W. Sawyer of the property at the corner of Wall and Franklin streets, G. P. Putnam being the grantor. One and a half lots are included in the purchase, The Bulletin building occupying the rear portion along the alley, and the building containing the offices of the Bend Water, Light & Power company a part of the front.

POLK IS OUR HAND ACROSS THE SEA



The United States established itself through the big war to such an extent that international affairs will always be with us. The first new office comes in the nomination of Frank L. Polk as under secretary of state, simplifying the transaction of business with Great Britain and France. Polk has been secretary of state during Lansing's absence at the peace conference.

RACE WAR IS ON IN WASHINGTON

NEGROES IN MOTOR CARS PASS NAVY HOSPITAL AND ENDEAVOR TO SHOOT OCCUPANTS—ATTACKS ARE REMEMBERED.

[By United Press to The Bend Bulletin.] WASHINGTON, D. C., July 21.—Five negroes motored past the naval hospital at noon today and fired several shots at the sailors. All shots missed, but citizens answered by commandeering automobiles and starting in pursuit. The negroes, however, escaped. Nearby Maryland towns reported similar instances.

Major Pullam, heading the Washington police, was expected to confer with military authorities to ask re-enforcements to prevent the renewal of fighting between the whites and blacks. The disturbances started at night.

There were fist fights on Pennsylvania avenue, and whites charged negroes around the treasury building, before the white house. The trouble is the result of recent attacks by negroes on white women.

LIQUOR STORAGE IN HOMES IS ALLOWED

[By United Press to The Bend Bulletin.] WASHINGTON, D. C., July 21.—The house today defeated the proposal to make unlawful storage of liquor in private homes for personal use.

PHONE STRIKE REACHES END

OPERATORS BACK AT SWITCHBOARDS.

Satisfactory Agreement Made, Says Head of Bend Local, but Details of Settlement are Not Yet Received By Local.

After remaining out on strike for a little more than two days, the telephone operators of the newly organized Bend union returned to work at 8 o'clock this morning by authority of a telegram received yesterday afternoon from headquarters in Portland.

The telegram stated that a very satisfactory settlement of the coast strike had been reached, the company guaranteeing the return of all striking employees and full seniority for them, in addition to a one-year agreement with operators and electrical workers. This will include concessions in regard to back pay.

Miss Irene Roney, president of the Bend local, was not informed as to the exact nature of the agreement, but was advised that full details would be received tonight, she said. No additional information was available through the office of Manager J. L. Gaither of the local office. "The coast strike has been settled, including, of course, the local demands. No word has been sent me as yet as to just what method of settlement was decided on," he said.

BEND COUPLE MARRY IN VANCOUVER, B. C.

Ward H. Coble and Miss Hazel Stevens Wed—Will Return to Make Home in this City.

Cards were received in Bend Saturday evening announcing the marriage of Mr. Ward H. Coble and Miss Hazel Stevens at Vancouver, B. C., on Tuesday, July 15th.

Mr. and Mrs. Coble will make their home in Bend upon their return from a honeymoon trip through Washington and Oregon, which they are making by automobile.

Mrs. Coble is a sister of Mrs. Frank R. Prince and has been in Bend for several years. Until just recently she was identified with the First National Bank of Bend. Mr. Coble until a few weeks ago was manager of the Liberty theater.

MEXICANS TO GIVE ANSWERS TO U. S.

Senate Foreign Relations Committee Recommends Resolution Which Will Demand Explanations.

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 21.—The senate foreign relations committee today ordered a favorable report on King's resolution ordering the state department to furnish the following information:

What steps, if any, have been taken to press for collection of damages for American citizens killed in Mexico since Diaz retired; the number who were forced to flee, and the value of property abandoned; the number now there and the value of their property, and the number of nationalists in other countries killed since the rule of Diaz.

SAGE HENS FOUND IN LARGE NUMBERS

Bend Hunters Get Bag Limit Without Difficulty—Young Birds Plentiful and Too Tame.

Although earlier in the season sage hens were reported to be almost a minus quantity this year, the statement of hunters who returned last night from trips into the High Desert country showed that there were just as many of the big game birds as in any preceding year. A number of Bend sportsmen got the limit without difficulty yesterday, and said that there are plenty of young birds to be had.

Probably the best hunting available was in the vicinity of Wagon Tive mountain, in Harney county, young sage hens being so numerous and tame that the element of sport was almost eliminated.

LOGGERS FIGHT TO KEEP FIRES FROM CAMP ONE

CARELESSNESS CAUSE OF FLAMES.

FEW BUILDINGS LOST

Second Conflagration Starts in Timber Near La Pine and Works Into High Grade Pine—Second Crew Leaves.

Fire thought to have been caused by some careless smoker caught in the timber near Shevlin-Hixon camp No. 1 yesterday afternoon and spread with startling rapidity, crossing a large tract of slashings and then attacking the standing timber again, covering fully 400 acres at one time.

One hundred and twenty-five men were in the camp at the time, and they immediately entered the fight against the flames, which bore directly toward the cars and bunkhouses. As the result of hard, fast work, severe damage was prevented. Logging machinery was taken out of harm's way, and a determined effort made to keep the flames from spreading to any of the buildings. As a result, the only loss sustained was the school house, two cabins and some logs which were attacked by the fire. Camp No. 1 was one of the newest and best maintained by the company.

Another blaze of large potential danger is believed to have been started by lightning in Shevlin timber eight miles southeast of La Pine, and to have spread to government forest land. Fifteen men were at work all day yesterday and the better part of last night, and 15 new fire fighters were secured this morning by Ranger H. E. Vincent and sent out to relieve the others at a time when the first crew was utterly exhausted.

A special source of danger from the La Pine fire is that it shows a constant inclination to clamber into the crowns, in which position it would extend with greater rapidity. Up to late this afternoon, no reports had been received as to what progress is being made.

SPEAKERS SUPPORT LEAGUE OF NATIONS

Common Sense of American People Must Prevail Is Declaration of Kentucky Senator.

[By United Press to The Bend Bulletin.] WASHINGTON, D. C., July 21.—Senator Beckham of the Kentucky senate, in a speech today, predicted that the common sense of the great mass of the American people will prevail against the prophets of evil who are demanding the rejection of the league of nations.

Senator Pomerene of Ohio, declared that the war must be fought over again unless the allied nations provide some means of making Germany keep the peace. He advocated the league of nations in his three-hour speech.

PORTLAND OPENS FIGHT FOR TRADE

Hearing Is Started Before Interstate Commerce Commission to Decide Question of Rates.

[By United Press to The Bend Bulletin.] PORTLAND, July 21.—Portland's big fight to win from Seattle the business of the Inland Empire opened here today before three members of the interstate commerce commission.

The commissioners heard evidence in the Columbia basin rate case, which, if decided as Portland desires, would result in a precedent which would cause readjustments of rates the country over.

The commission is asked to grant a lower freight rate by way of the water grade between the Inland Empire and ports of the Columbia than by way of the mountains between the Inland Empire and Puget Sound ports.

One Seat for Two Congressmen



When a candidate for office dies while the votes are being counted, does that nullify the victory of his opponent. Out of the frozen north of Alaska comes this question as two congressmen arrive in Washington with credentials for the office. James Wickersham, congressman from Alaska since 1906, had Charles Sulzer as opponent in 1918. While the votes were being counted in November, Sulzer died. The governor of Alaska ordered a special election. Wickersham claimed his election valid and went to Washington. He offered no opposition to George B. Grigsby at the special election and the latter was elected. Both have been given offices at the capital until the issue is decided.