

PINE TREE LUMBER MILL AND PLANER DESTROYED BY FIRE; LOSS \$100,000

INSURANCE COVERS ONLY \$20,000.

HOT BOX IS CAUSE

Bend Fire Engine and Part of Volunteer Department Save 4,000,000 Feet of Lumber in Yards—Rebuilding Plans Not Definite.

Fire starting at 6 o'clock last night at the Pine Tree Lumber Co. mill, nine miles from Bend, destroyed the mill and planer, valued by A. J. Kroenert, principal stockholder in the company, at \$100,000. Of this, only \$20,000 is covered by insurance, he said this morning. The lumber yard, with approximately 4,000,000 feet of lumber, worth approximately \$80,000, and the mill pond dam were saved through the efforts of the Bend fire department and a bucket brigade of mill employees. In addition to the loss at the plant, close to 100,000 feet of lumber in the planer was destroyed, no insurance whatever covering this item.

A hot box, close to the "hog," which grinds up lumber waste as fuel for the operation of the plant, started the conflagration, Mr. Kroenert said. The alarm was given by Mrs. H. Mullins, wife of the mill foreman, who saw the flames as the employees of the plant were seated at the table for supper. As they rushed out, almost the entire interior of the mill was seen to be on fire.

Bend Department Aids.

An attempt was immediately made to call Bend by phone, but the wires were already down as the result of the fire, and only after a six-mile trip toward Tumalo could connections be made. Then the alarm was phoned to Fred N. Wallace from a farmhouse, and relayed by him to Bend. On the direction of Mayor J. A. Eastes, the new city fire truck was dispatched at 7:30 to the scene of the conflagration, in charge of Fire Chief Tom Carlson, and with a force of 10 men accompanying it. The trip out was made in 45 minutes.

Assistant Chief Fred Ellenburg drove out to the fire, but came back shortly after to assume the direction of the remaining members of the department in case an alarm should be turned in the city. The old city truck was in charge of a competent man in the absence of the new equipment, Mr. Ellenburg said.

Mill Built in 1917.

Members of the department who took the nine-mile jaunt to the mill worked until 3 o'clock this morning, saving the lumber yard. The mill and planer were too far gone when they arrived to offer any chance of saving either part of the plant.

The mill which was destroyed last night started operation early in the spring of 1917 as the property of the Gardner-Wilkinson Lumber Co. In June of the same year, a controlling interest was purchased by Mr. Kroenert, and under his management many improvements in operation were introduced. These, together with advanced costs in all material, account for the estimated loss as set by Mr. Kroenert, as the plant, it was understood at the time of its construction, cost in the neighborhood of \$75,000. More than 100 men found employment with the Pine Tree company.

TO ASK EXTENSION OF FOOD CONTROL

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 21.—The extension of the federal food control act to include wearing apparel and giving the department of justice power to act against profiteering retailers was agreed on today by the house agricultural committee.

Rangers to Lead Volunteer Crews of Fire Fighters

[By United Press to The Bend Bulletin.] DENVER, Aug. 21.—Experienced forest rangers to lead the crews of volunteer fire fighters are being sent from district forest service headquarters here today to Missoula, Great Falls, Libby and Kalispel, Montana. The Montana fire situation is critical.

SMOKE BLINDS FIRE LOOKOUTS

SITUATION ON DESCHUTES FOREST MOST SERIOUS OF YEAR—RANGERS PATROL MAIN TRAVELED ROADS.

With smoke blown from across the mountains so completely covering the Deschutes national forest as to preclude the possibility of observations by lookouts stationed on the highest points within the forest boundaries, the real danger time of the fire season is at hand, Supervisor N. G. Jacobson declared. The lookouts are the eyes of the forest service, and with only rare intervals of vision are to all intents and purposes blinded.

As an alternative means of fire detection, Mr. Jacobson has detailed his rangers to patrol the roads through the forest, as the chief danger at present is admitted to be from campers' fires and cigarette stubs carelessly cast aside while still burning. The wisdom of this course was demonstrated yesterday when Ranger Oney found and extinguished a small blaze and in the course of his work discovered the lighted end of a cigarette almost in the center of the fire.

Another fire covering about two acres was reported on the East lake road in a heavily timbered pine area by Oscar Carlson of Bend, and prompt work by County Fire Warden J. D. Bowman prevented, early yesterday morning, what is believed would otherwise have developed into a most destructive conflagration.

Supervisor Jacobson sees hope in the change of wind, and states that unless fires spring up in the lower part of the forest there is a chance that the heavy veil of smoke may be carried away.

Aside from the fire fighting work of the service, he has sent to Portland for a special deputy game warden to be stationed in the vicinity of Bend to check the activities of deer hunters who are anticipating the season.

TROOPS CALLED TO QUELL STRIKE RIOT

[By United Press to The Bend Bulletin.] HAMMOND, Ind., Aug. 21.—Officials here feared a new outbreak today when 800 militiamen arrived to guard the Standard Steel company's plant against possible rioting by strikers, but so far no trouble has occurred. Hundreds of foreign-born workers in the car plant refused to listen to the dictates of their leaders, and are still striking, refusing the compromise offered by the company.

Stating that the situation was beyond their control, city and county officials called on the governor to send troops.

NASHVILLE WALKS DURING CAR STRIKE

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Aug. 21.—Citizens walked to work today in a drizzling rain as the result of a street car strike.

WHERE FLAMES CAUSED HEAVY LOSS

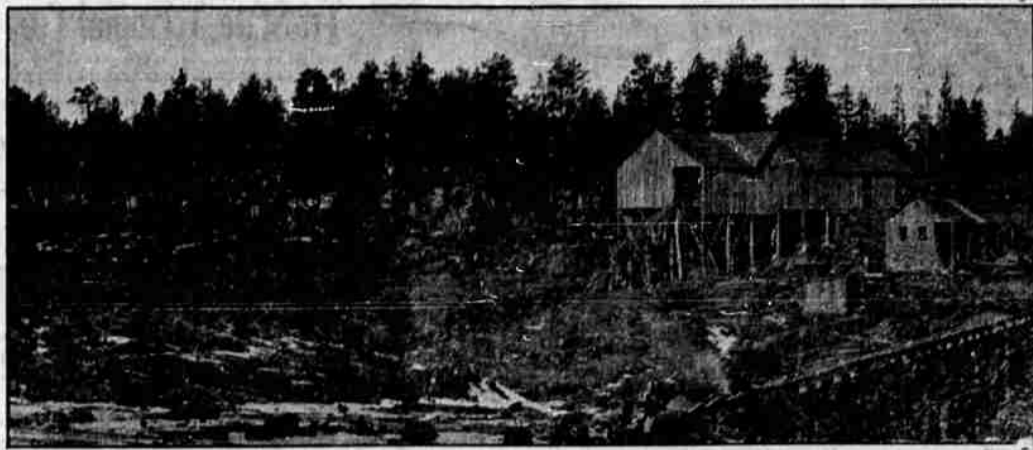


Illustration shows plant of the Pine Tree Lumber Co., near Bend, as it appeared shortly before construction was completed late in winter of 1917 by its first owners, the Gardner-Wilkinson Lumber Co.

Charges Packers Monopolize Many Classes of Food

[By United Press to The Bend Bulletin.] WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 21.—Charges that packers, through their ownership of refrigerator cars, are able to control groceries, canned goods and other commodities, as well as meat shipments in the southwest, were laid before the senate agricultural committee today by Dr. Lewis Haney, director of research and publicity for the Southern Wholesale Grocers' association, who appeared in behalf of the Kenyon packers' regulation bill.

CAN'T DECLARE PEACE EXISTS

WILSON HAS NOT POWER TO DO SO BEFORE THE TREATY IS SIGNED, HE SAYS, AND WOULD NOT DO SO IF HE COULD.

[By United Press to The Bend Bulletin.]

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 21.—Replying to a question submitted by Senator Fall, President Wilson declared today that in his judgment he has not power to proclaim a state of peace to exist before ratification of the treaty by the senate.

He stated that the renunciation of territory rights by Germany does not convey title to the allies, but does put the disposition of the territory in their names.

The president, in addition to declaring that he has no power to declare peace, clearly indicated that he would not consent to take such a step if he did have the power. He asserted that such a course "would put a stain upon our national honor, which we could never efface."

FARMERS AND BANKERS TO RUB ELBOWS ON SEPTEMBER FIRST

The farmers and bankers of Central Oregon will rub their elbows on the same festive board Monday, September 1, when they gather at the big mixer to be held on the Tumalo Island under the auspices of the Deschutes County Farm Bureau and the Bankers of Central Oregon.

Tumalo Island has been selected on account of its central location and because it is one of the beauty spots in Central Oregon and especially suited to a gathering of this nature. From now on until Labor Day the housewives of the county will be providing special rations for young fry for the occasion, and as the number to be provided it is not certain, but sufficient in quantity to fill the stomachs of more than 1000 expected to attend the gathering.

This event is significant because it marks the first steps taken in bringing together in more close working form the financial interests of the county and the crop producers. This work has been more or less individual, each and every banker having some ideas which he desires to develop, but at this time it is expected that something more

MEXICANS WILL PROTEST INVASION; EARLY RECALL OF TROOPS IS FORESEEN

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 21.—A protest against the American invasion of Mexico will be made to the state department today or tomorrow by the Mexican ambassador, according to a statement received here from the Mexican foreign office.

WILL RECALL TROOPS.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 21.—Army officers believe that the Eighth cavalry troops will be withdrawn from the Mexican expedition within the next few days. The expedition, which was started across the border Tuesday, was sent to follow a hot trail left by the bandits who kidnapped two American officers.

If the trail becomes cold, it is thought that the bandits may disappear in the rough country through which the cavalry is now moving, and it is probable that the search will be given up.

INVASION PROTESTED.

LAREDO, Tex., Aug. 21.—Charges that Carranzista soldiers have been implicated in the robbery of American oil companies in the Tampico district have resulted in a number of arrests, according to reliable information received here today.

Mexican secret agents, posing as soldiers, have been working in all commands in the Tampico district for several weeks, and made the arrests yesterday.

The prisoners included several members of the gang which robbed several American sailors from the warship Cheyenne recently.

Delayed messages received from Monterey stated that a mass meeting was held there Tuesday night, attended by several thousands, to protest against the American punitive expedition sent to capture the

bandits who captured and held for release two American aviation officers.

KILL SEVEN BANDITS.

GALVESTON, Tex., Aug. 21.—Seven Mexican bandits who recently committed outrages in the Tampico district were killed by Mexican federal forces, according to a Mexican government telegram received here.

TWO SUSPECTS TAKEN.

SAN ANTONIO, Aug. 21.—Two Mexicans believed to be members of the kidnapping gang which a few days ago held two American officers for ransom were captured by American troops south of Candelaria, according to information received here.

LEGION DANCE BIG SUCCESS

SERVICE MEN OF PERCY A. STEVENS POST, ASSISTED BY RED CROSS, ENTERTAIN AT ATHLETIC CLUB.

One of the most successful social affairs of the summer season was given last night at the Bend Amateur Athletic club gymnasium, when Percy A. Stevens post, American Legion, entertained with a dancing party. The hall was filled almost to capacity and a novelty in the conduct of dances in Bend was the introduction of the use of programs.

In these, the daily routine of army camp life was outlined, the opening dance starting with "first call," and each number throughout the evening was preceded by a bugle call in the order in which these would be usually sounded in camp.

Toward the close of the evening, a canteen luncheon was served by members of the Bend Red Cross chapter, assisted by other ladies of the city, and immediately after a brief address was given by Charles W. Erskine, sketching the purpose of the American Legion, its patriotic ideals, and urging that all men discharged from army, navy or marine corps, who served during the world war, become enrolled in the organization. Later, he mentioned the subject of a ladies' auxiliary, to be formed by mothers, wives and sisters of service men.

The dance committee was composed of Gene G. Comstock, M. W. Wagner, F. R. Prince and Don C. Rogers. The patronesses were Mrs. C. S. Hudson, Mrs. Charles W. Erskine, Mrs. R. W. Hendershott, Mrs. F. R. Prince and Mrs. J. P. Keyes.

EXPRESS ROBBERS MAKE RICH HAUL

[By United Press to The Bend Bulletin.] NASHVILLE, Tenn., Aug. 21.—Three masked bandits today held up the Louisville-Nashville train near Columbia and escaped with valuable mail and express packages.

TWO CONVICTS GET WARNING IN NEWS STORY

SUSPECTS NO LONGER IN THIS VICINITY.

SHERIFF CHAGRINED

County Official, Working Without Aid from State, Was in Search of Hiding Place When Preliminary News Was Given.

Warned by stories appearing in Portland papers, D. C. Brichoux and Edward Southwick, convicts who escaped from the state asylum August 13 and who were thought to have taken refuge in the vicinity of Bend, have left this section in the endeavor to make good their escape in some other direction, Sheriff S. E. Roberts believes. He declared today that he was unable to find any trace of the men suspected of being the escaped convicts, and has every reason to believe that they have left the county.

Reward Is Raised.

In a special message from Salem today, The Bulletin was advised that a reward of \$100 each is now offered for the apprehension of the escaped prisoners, double the price previously set for the capture of the men.

Early in the week Sheriff Roberts received information which led him to believe that the convicts were in hiding in Deschutes county, and he immediately telephoned to the penitentiary at Salem, asking that men and bloodhounds be sent, as it would have been virtually impossible to find the suspects without the aid of dogs. He was referred to the insane asylum officials, as Brichoux and Southwick had been recently transferred to the latter institution before making their escape, and was then advised that no bloodhounds were available and that no more would be sent to aid in capturing the state prisoners.

Suspects Leave No Trace.

Receiving no encouragement from state officials, Mr. Roberts has been working alone endeavoring to locate approximately the hiding place of the men before calling a posse, and in order that his work might be effective he has used the utmost secrecy. He was greatly chagrined this morning to learn that his plans had been tipped off through the medium of a news story in Portland publications, the information on which the article was based having apparently been given out by Salem penitentiary officials. If the convicts were at any time actually in this county, they were apparently in communication with Bend, as they have completely disappeared, he says.

Brichoux was committed to the penitentiary from Malheur county in 1916, where he was convicted of the murder of R. C. Goodwin, a Vale rancher. He is known as a desperate character and a sure shot. He was serving a life sentence.

Southwick was sent to the state prison from Walla Walla county in March of the present year on a double charge of larceny and assault with intent to kill.

SHINGLES SHIPPED BY PARCELS POST

Lumber Company Fills Rush Order by Sending 80 Bundles of Roofing Material Through Mail.

THE DALLES, Aug. 21.—Probably the oddest shipment ever made from here by parcels post was completed early in the week when 80 bundles of shingle intended for a school house at Anton, Oregon, were sent out from the local post-office by the Tum-a-Lum Lumber Co. To get around the provisions of the parcels post law, which places a 50-pound limit, the shingles were sent to a number of different persons in Anton, instead of being consigned in one shipment to the Anton school board.

Unwilling to trust to the uncertainties of freight transportation, the directors had agreed to receiving their shingles by mail, as the building must be completed by the opening of the fall school term.