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## GRASS FIRE BURNS OVER 50,000 ACRES, THREATENS RANCHES

### BLAZE STARTED IN FERN VALLEY SWEEP SOUTH

SEVERAL RANCHES MADE SAFE FROM FLAMES BY BACK-FIRING

Damage Reported to be Comparatively Light, Although Escape of Grain Crops Is Regarded as Almost Miraculous.

In the neighborhood of 50,000 acres of grass land in the hills north east of Talent and Phoenix, were burned over yesterday. All efforts to stop the blaze were of no avail until late last night when it was halted on a few miles from Ashland.

The fire started in Fern Valley, eight miles north of Phoenix, and swept down the valley toward the town at a speed equal to a galloping horse. On reaching the crest of the hill across Bear creek from Phoenix the fire swung to the left and ran along the side hills towards Talent. Owing to the irrigation ditches in the valley near the stream, which formed barriers of green grass, the fire stayed well upon the hillsides. The large pasture of Sylvester Patterson, north of Talent, was almost completely burned over, the flames creeping up to the rear of the Sun-crest orchards, burning a good deal of the fence along the boundary of the orchards.

The fire then burned across the hills to the edge of the L. H. Gallatin ranch, where it seemed to turn towards the higher ground again. The Louis Werth ranch, which is near the Gallatin place, was endangered for a while, the fire making rapid progress towards the ranch buildings about 8:30 o'clock, and a back fire was set to save the buildings. This strategy saved the buildings by the narrowest margins, as the flames were within 15 feet of one of the large barns on the place before they were stopped. With the blaze shooting up 10 or 15 feet high at times, it was thought the barn would surely be lost despite the heroic efforts of the fire fighters.

Many of the men engaged in battling the flames stayed on the job until after 10 o'clock without stopping to eat. At 10 o'clock the fire appeared to be under control and the men took time for supper, but most of them returned and kept an outlook until well towards morning when it was definitely known that any danger was past.

Reports from the burned-over area today are that except for a few smoldering stumps and fallen trees, the fire is entirely extinguished.

It is not known here just how much damage was done in the Fern Valley district, but it is thought to have been light. Information at hand now fails to show any other damage than the burning of a few small isolated stacks. Mr. Werth and Mr. Gallatin consider themselves very fortunate that their grain was untouched, although the fire came to the edge of the fields. There is a good deal of grain on the sidehills below Talent, but according to report none of it was injured.

It is said the fire was started by children playing with matches. It gained headway so rapidly that the ranchers of Fern Valley were helpless to stop it, and they restricted their efforts to keeping it out of the heavily timbered mountains. It is thought this effort was successful.

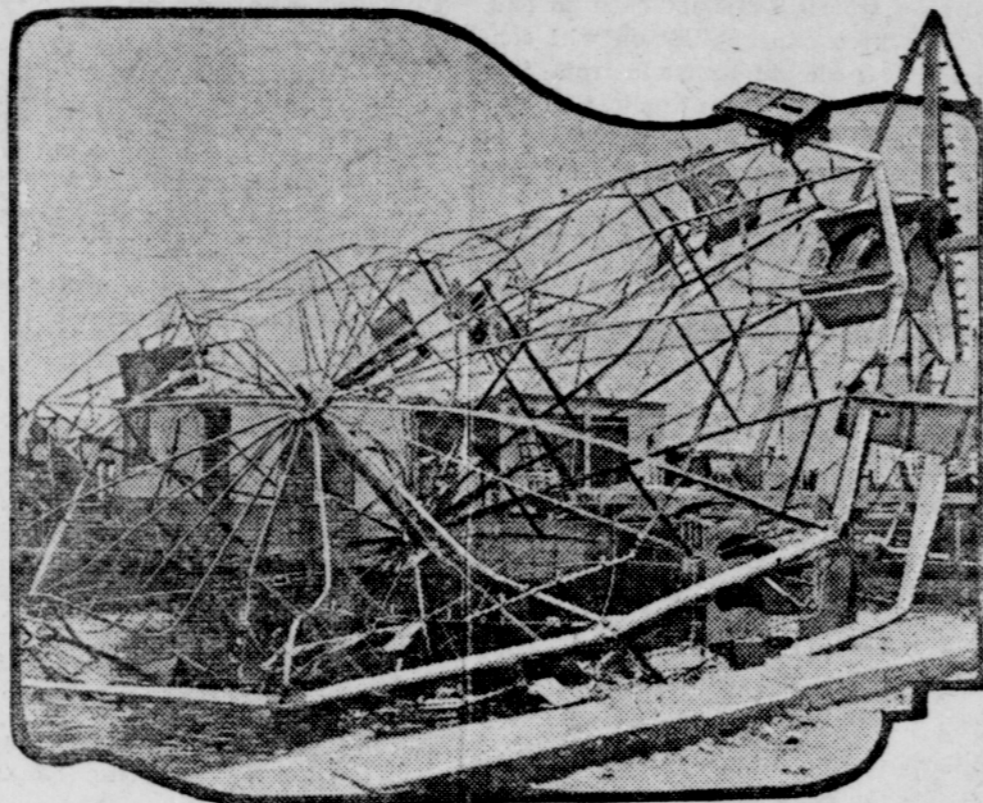
The point where the fire started is about 12 miles from the Werth ranch where it was finally brought under control. The territory burned over varied in width from five to ten miles.

### LARGE NUMBER OF CHILDREN GUESTS OF JESSE WINBURN

Over 100 Ashland children were taken in cars this afternoon to Jesse Winburn's summer home, "Sap-and-Salt-in-the-Woods," in Ashland creek canyon, where they were to go given a picnic as a reward for having aided in the Fourth of July celebration.

Every child that was present at 2 o'clock was provided with a way to make the trip, although it was feared for a time there would not be sufficient means of transportation.

### Gale Wrecks Ferris Wheel; Seven Dead



View of the tangled wreckage of the Ferris wheel at Clason's Point, the Bronx, New York City, which was blown off its base by a sudden gale that swept over New York at 80 miles an hour or more. Seven persons were killed and more than 35 injured, about 60 persons being in it. The squall came so suddenly that the operators had no chance to stop the wheel and let the occupants out.

### ESPEE PROMISES PROTECTION FROM REPLACEMENT

General Manager Dyer of the Southern Pacific railroad today sent out the following notice and ordered that the same be posted in conspicuous places in the shops and elsewhere along the entire line:

"It comes to my attention that strikers and their paid leaders are spreading false propaganda to the effect that our shop craft men now at work will be displaced later on by men now on strike. Nothing could be further from the truth. Our shop craft employees have my promise that there will not be at any time any understanding or agreement reached with anybody that will require their displacement by men now on strike. You have my assurance that shop craft employees who remain loyal, those who returned to service in response to my notice of July 3, and new shop craft employees will be positively protected against displacement at all times. So that our present employees will have a clear understanding as to their seniority rights, you should immediately arrange to start your new seniority lists and post them in shops, roundhouses and car yards, adding thereto from day to day the names of men entering the service in the order of their employment."

### JURY OUT 15 DAYS ACQUITS HUSBAND OF WIFE MURDER

PITTSBURG, Pa., July 8.—James Flannery, charged with the murder of his young wife last February, was today acquitted after the jury had deliberated for 15 days, 14 nights and one hour.

Flannery was charged with first degree murder. He claimed he had mistaken his wife for a burglar and shot at a shadowy form in their home at midnight, but when he fired his wife screamed, "My God! Jim you've shot me!" He immediately surrendered to the police.

### RICH ORE STRUCK IN MINE NEAR GAZELLE

DUNSMUIR, July 8.—What promises to be one of the richest mines in this section of the state has been taken over by Captain Furlong, James Furlong and C. M. Conner. The mine is located about 28 miles west of Gazelle. Assays made from the ore show it to be rich in nickel, cobalt, gold and silver. W. Reed, a mining expert of Colorado, states in his estimation it is the biggest deposit of the kind known. It assays from \$16 to \$70 per ton.

### DEMPSEY MAY REFUSE \$100,000 LABOR DAY FIGHT

CHICAGO, July 8.—Jack Dempsey and his manager, Jack Kearns, in spite of the flattering offer of \$100,000 with privileges of 50 per cent of the gate receipts to meet Harry Greb at Pittsburgh on Labor day, had their eyes turned toward Floyd Fitzsimmons' new arena at Michigan City, when they made their flying trip through Chicago en route to Syracuse, N. Y., where the championship is billed for an exhibition tilt with Les Darcy.

When he announced the Pittsburgh affair and discussed the champion's affairs in general, Kearns said he had closed no contract with Fitzsimmons for a Labor day match with Bill Brennan or with any other heavyweight, but Dempsey, who next risks his crown, is anxious to have the bout at Michigan City.

### REBEL LEADERS CAPTURED BY FREE STATERS

DUBLIN, July 8.—The irregular republican leaders, McDonnell and Boland, are among the prisoners taken when Free State troops captured Blessington today, according to an official communique by the Free State headquarters.

DUBLIN, July 8.—Free State troops sent into the southern counties to round up the rebels are advancing and making many prisoners as they go. An official communique says the regulars have sustained casualties of 16 killed and 22 wounded.

Heavy fighting is reported on the border of Wicklow and Dublin counties, and outside of Blessington. Many prisoners have been taken by the Free Staters.

The regulars won a victory over the irregulars at Skoogh, county Donegal, the irregulars surrendering after an engagement lasting for 24 hours.

### PREACHER GETS JOB AS A TRAFFIC "COP"

FAIRMONT, W. Va., July 8.—Rev. M. J. Pritchard, a Methodist Episcopal minister, temporarily without a job, has been appointed at his own request, a member of the Fairmont police force. He is now serving successfully as a traffic officer. His first day's duty resulted in the arrest of seven traffic violators.

### GERMAN PLIGHT IS SO DESPERATE MAY COLLAPSE

MARKS SELLING AT 550 FOR A DOLLAR, LOWEST IN HISTORY

Political and Financial Condition of Germany Is So Desperate That the Wirth Cabinet Cannot Last a Week—Coalition Expected.

AMSTERDAM, July 8.—The political and financial position of Germany has become so desperate that it is believed the Wirth cabinet can not last another week, said a Berlin dispatch received here today. If the ministry falls, it is anticipated a coalition government will be formed.

NEW YORK, July 8.—The German mark fell to the lowest price in its history today, selling at .0018, as a reflection of the acute financial and political situation existing in Germany. At this level more than 550 marks can be bought for one American dollar. The pre-war value of the mark was 23.8 cents.

### EFFORT IS MADE TO RECALL THE RECALL OF SHERIFF

The promised hornet's nest in connection with the filing of the petition for the recall of Sheriff Terwiller has materialized with a vengeance. Yesterday a petition urging the "recall of the recall" was being circulated throughout the county, its preamble citing that "the effort is non-partisan and circulated in the interest of harmony in the community, good government and economy." It goes on to charge that the charges against the sheriff are too vague and not sufficiently specific to warrant a recall election within 20 days. In soliciting signatures the sponsors point out that a special election would cost the county close to \$4000 at a time when it is already overburdened with taxation, and that the recall election could just as well be held at the general election, and thus save expense. Those from Ashland who have signed the petition are:

- Sam B. McNair, W. G. Ehrke, G. E. Simpson, Frank Grubb, J. M. Hughes, A. H. Pracht, E. V. Carter, H. Mattern, Dwight Roys, T. O. Slade, William Myer, G. S. Songer, Mrs. J. M. Hughes, H. C. Galey, William M. Briggs, J. W. McCoy, W. H. Breese.

Coupled with this petition for a recall of the recall is a statement in the form of a circular sent broadcast throughout the county signed "Citizens Committee for Justice and Economy." It takes up the matter of the recall, which it condemns, and intimates that it is the work of a secret society which worked for the defeat of Governor Oleott for renomination at the recent primary.

- BASEBALL RESULTS TODAY: National League: At Pittsburgh 7; New York 5. At Cincinnati 7-5; Philadelphia 1-3. At Chicago 6-5; Boston 5-2. American League: At New York 1; Cleveland 3. At Philadelphia 1-3; Chicago 4-2. At Washington 1; Detroit 2. At Boston 2-6; St. Louis 1-10. Pacific Coast League (Yesterday's Games): At Portland 1; San Francisco 7. At Seattle 6; Los Angeles 5. At Vernon 16; Sacramento 5. At Oakland 5; Salt Lake 3.

The glossiness of the finish of book papers is estimated by a Wisconsin scientist's device which measures the proportion of polarized to ordinary light which they reflect.

### Telling of Cheyenne Frontier Days



"Miss Wyoming," otherwise Miss Helen Bonham, famous cowgirl "trader" of Cheyenne Frontier Days, the West's great roundup of cowboy sports which comes in July.

### Mlle. Lenglen Wins World Tennis Championship

WIMBLEDON, Eng., July 8.—Mlle. Suzanne Lenglen today demonstrated in a masterly manner that she is the greatest woman tennis player in the world. Before a monster crowd, including the king and queen, the brilliant French woman defeated Mrs. Molla Ma'ory, 6-2, 6-0.

There existed the greatest enmity between the two women ever since Mlle. Lenglen defaulted to Mrs. Mallory at Forest Hills, Long Island, last fall. The feud has raged in the newspapers. Supporters of the American woman claimed Suzanne defaulted, fearing defeat. The Frenchwoman stoutly maintained that she collapsed physically. After today's match there can be no doubt of the superiority of the French star. She dominated the match all the way through.

### ROBT. MIDDLETON AND L. J. ORRES IN BAD ACCIDENT

An auto accident happened this morning at about 5 o'clock, on the Pacific highway at the second turn north of Medford, in which Robert Middleton was very seriously cut by glass and L. J. Orres had one arm badly hurt, perhaps broken. L. N. Hanson, a brother-in-law of Orres, his son Donald and a Mr. Durfee were in the car at the time, but escaped with a few bruises and minor scratches, none of which are at all serious. The men are all residents of Ashland.

All the occupants of the car were taken to a Medford hospital for medical attention, but were able to come home about noon, with the exception of Mr. Middleton. He was kept in the hospital, although his injuries are only of a minor nature, according to the attending physician.

The accident occurred on a left hand turn. The car was apparently traveling at too great a rate of speed to take the turn and went over a 15 foot bank and into a wire fence. The car was the Oldsmobile belonging to Mr. Orres who was driving at the time. The right front wheel of the machine was completely demolished. The car rolled over completely once and half way again but fortunately stopped in such a position that the men were able to get clear of the wreck.

This corner has seen accidents before, it being the same turn where a young man by the name of Tufts took the curve at too high a rate of speed and was killed.

Try the classified columns.

### CHINKS OPERATE GAMBLING DENS UNMOLESTED

SACRAMENTO, July 8.—The Chinese gambling houses in the down river towns, which have made that section famous throughout the state as the Monte Carlo of California, continue to run full blast. The Chinese are reaping the earnings of the hundreds of men and boys who are engaged in the harvest of the delta crops.

The games are virtual mints for the Chinese during this time of the year, when the harvest hands are on the job and each night youths in their teens and men buck the tiger, pouring their money across the padded tables and into the coffers of the operators of the games.

What these men lose is hard to estimate, but this is certain—few ever leave the harvest fields of the delta section with any of their earnings, if they have been lured by the desire to try their changes of breaking the games.

And it is the working men and boys of the harvest fields who are supporting these gambling dens. In fact the garb of a working man is an unquestionable pass into any game that operates along the Sacramento river in the delta towns. It is to the men who toil with their hands that these gamblers cater.

### BABY ELK BORN IN LITHIA PARK THIS MORNING

A baby elk is a new addition to the Elk family in their grounds in the upper end of Lithia park. It was first observed this morning and within a few hours was jumping and playing about with all the activity of a healthy youngster.

The two female elk have been in their present quarters for over two years, being brought here from Medford. The male elk was brought from Eugene last fall. The present arrival is the first to be born in the park.

A number of people have been out to see the youngster today and pronounce it a fine specimen.

### DAYLIGHT BANDIT HOLDS UP GARAGE EMPLOYE

SACRAMENTO, July 8.—In a daring daylight holdup, an unidentified bandit today robbed C. W. Alexander, foreman of an automobile repair shop in the rear of 1238 H street, of \$215, and made his escape, abandoning an automobile stolen in Oregon.

Alexander had just opened the shop at 6 o'clock, when the bandit drove in.

MALARIA GERMS cannot survive three months in the rich ozone at Ashland. The pure domestic water helps.

### PRESIDENT MAY TAKE OVER COAL MINES MONDAY

DRASTIC ACTION IS URGED IN ORDER TO END NATIONAL WIDE STRIKE

Administration Advisers Insist That Temporary Operation of Key Mines Is Only Method Whereby Next Winter's Fuel Is Assured.

WASHINGTON, July 8.—The ultimate seizure of the key mines to guarantee the supply of fuel for next winter has been virtually decided upon by the Harding administration as a final drastic step to end the nationwide coal strike, it was learned today on reliable authority.

President Harding is said to have held out for a postponement of this action until he had exhausted all efforts to achieve a peaceful settlement of the strike through arbitration. His advisers, however, are urging him to end the strike on Monday with an executive proclamation ordering temporary government operation of the key mines to meet a national emergency.

### FOREST FIRE IS RAGING IN ORE. COAST COUNTIES

PORTLAND, July 8.—Forest fires are sweeping through the timber of the Wheeler company, near the Washington-Tillamook county line. The camp of the Reliance contract camp was destroyed last night with a loss of many thousands of dollars. Scores of camp buildings were completely destroyed.

There were serious fires today in Tillamook, Columbia, Clatsop and Washington counties. One of the most serious fires is raging near Keasey, in southwest Clatsop county. Several railroad trestles have been burned.

### ARRESTED FOR REFUSAL TO FIGHT FOREST FIRE

Perry Northcott was arrested by a forest ranger last Saturday for refusing to fight fire. He was given a minimum fine by Justice of the Peace Lawrence.—Sisson Headlight.

### LOGGING TRUCK UPSETS AND DRIVER IS KILLED

KLAMATH FALLS, July 8.—D. L. Hamilton, aged 42, died yesterday from injuries received when a logging truck upset, crushing his body and pinning him down beneath a stream of boiling water from the burst radiator. He remained in that position 15 minutes before being extricated, and the flesh was almost entirely scalded from one arm. He leaves a widow and two sons.

### RABBIT MOTHER AND HER BABE

LOVELOCK, Nev., July 8.—A huge wildcat, believed to be rabid, was killed by Hans Kruse and Alfred Jurgenson, after it had invaded the latter's premises. The animal first approached a little child, then sneaked upon Mrs. Jurgenson.

Jurgenson beat it off from his wife with a shovel and the two men succeeded in shooting the wildcat after it had taken refuge under the house. The animal was the largest ever killed in this section.

### SPENDING \$45,000 IMPROVING SACRAMENTO CANYON ROAD

REDDING, Calif., July 8.—It is not generally known that through the influence of T. A. Bedford, division engineer on the state highway, the sum of \$45,000 is being expended improving the road through the Sacramento canyon.

The state highway commission appropriated \$30,000 on the recommendation of Engineer Bedford, and the state automobile association, it is announced here, gave half as much more.

### LIQUOR HEARING WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY

WASHINGTON, July 8.—Attorney General Daugherty will hold a hearing Thursday on the legality of permitting the sale of intoxicating liquors on shipping board vessels, it was announced here.