

ONE HUNDRED KNOWN TO BE DEAD AND LIST IS HOURLY INCREASING, FIRES ARE BURNING MORE SLOWLY THROUGH IDAHO

Avery, Ida., Aug. 24.—The bodies of twenty employes of the forest service were found in a radius of one mile on Selzer Creek yesterday by a searching party headed by Deputy Sheriffs Sullivan and Basset. It is feared that other bodies will be found when the searches are completed.

MONTANA TOWN DESTROYED

Wallace, Aug. 24.—John L. Baylor, who arrived here today, says Saltse, Mont., a town of 1000 population, was destroyed by fire yesterday without loss of life. Baylor says he saw the fire.

ONE HUNDRED KNOWN TO BE DEAD

Spokane, Aug. 24.—One hundred persons are known to have perished in the Idaho fires. There are several government crews still unaccounted for, but they are led by experienced men, and little fear is expressed for their safety.

Spokane, Aug. 24.—The red banners of the forest fires continue to advance through the mountains of Idaho and Montana, but more slowly and it is believed the strategy of man has triumphed over the fury of flame and wind. In Montana rain has fallen and there is promise of more. In Idaho the hoped for rain did not materialize, but the towns and ranches out of danger and with human life no longer threatened the fire fighters are able to make war directly upon the forest conflagrations themselves.

LAKE CREEK FIRES HAVE BECOME SERIOUS

Whole Territory from the Low Pass to the High Pass is in Flames

The forest fire that started in the vicinity of Goldson, 25 miles west of Eugene, only a few days ago, has now reached serious proportions, and threatens to wipe out the whole district, not only on this side of the divide, but all the way below Triangle Lake. Bridges have been burned out and people living in the endangered regions are hurrying to safety.

Before Mr. Anderson left he said: "The fire is worse than it has been yet, and has spread over many miles of the most valuable timber. Before it can be stopped the whole country out there will be burned over. The whole district from the low pass to the high pass is now afire, and there is little hope of checking it."

The pumps will be kept along the creek, and if the fire advances they will be dropped in the water and the men will escape. Gasoline pumps will be used on account of their portability. The sawmill is endangered more by the burning brands that have been carried all day for many miles by the hardest wind that has blown for some time.

Last night the fire seen by the Eugene party coming from Mapleton extended for only half a mile along the road, and this a few miles from Triangle Lake. The stage driver coming from Deadwood said this morning, according to the report brought to Eugene by G. W. Carter from Goldson, that the fire was burning in several places down in the valley, and that it would be impossible to get through again, as several of the bridges would soon be burned. He told those living a few miles this side

WENDLING WIPED OUT BY FIRE LAST NIGHT

Fire last evening wiped out the residence section of Wendling at 10 o'clock. 150 men are making desperate efforts to save the mills of the Booth-Kelly Lumber Company.

Women and children were placed aboard a special train and hurried to Marcola, where they are in charge of A. C. Dixon, manager of the Booth-Kelly Lumber Company. Later the train came on to Springfield and Eugene.

Including in the burned district of Wendling are the church, schoolhouse and the bunkhouses of the mill company. The town has 300 people, most of the men being employed in the mills and lumber camps.

Engine is kept in waiting. The lumber company has an engine in waiting to take the fire fighting in waiting all last night to take the fire fighters to a place of safety should the situation require.

Telephone and telegraph wires are down, but the latest report is that the two men, swept into the residence section and once there the fight was hopeless.

A telephone message from Pale at 9:45 last night brings the report that the fire raging along the Wild Cat and over the divide from Hale is not serious tonight, but grave fears are entertained if the winds rise again.

Hale also reports a big fire over in the Deadwood country, which destroyed the homes of A. Almast.

The stage driver from Hale to Eugene, who arrived about 8:30 last evening, reports that the fire now raging in that vicinity has a frontage of eight or ten miles. He does not think the stage between Hale and Mapleton can make the trip today.

The options taken on several pieces of property on West Fifth street between Olive and Charnelton, have been allowed to expire without a purchase being made. It was thought that the Oregon Electric railway was behind the move and was securing this property for terminal grounds, but the fact that the options were allowed to run out does not indicate that it was the Hill company.

Geo. W. Taylor has sold his well drilling outfit to George Buechholz and has retired from that business for the present.

LOCAL MILITIAMEN ARE WILLING TO FIGHT FIRES

Ready to Go At Moment's Notice at Call of Governor Bowerman

Practically all of the members of Companies A and C of this city have announced their willingness to go to the fire zone and make their best endeavors to vanquish the flames which are making such headway if the acting governor decides to call upon the state troops to lend their assistance.

One or two of the men have driven into the city from the country for several miles and have offered their services, telling their commanding officers that if they are needed they are willing to do all they can to assist in the work.

Salem, Or., Aug. 23.—Acting Governor Jay Bowerman is satisfied that the need of calling out the state militia is not urgent at present, as the result of a telegram received today from E. T. Allen, of the state conservation commission, in which Allen says the offer of the militia is much appreciated by all concerned but that the situation does not require the services of the state troops at present.

Adjutant General Finzer has replied to the acting governor that 800 officers and men can be put in the field at an estimated cost of \$30 a day for a company, not including transportation. He urges that provision be made for a hospital corps at an additional cost of approximately the same as for a company.

Iowa State Firemen. Red Oak, Iowa, Aug. 24.—With \$4000 in purses offered, the Iowa state firemen's tournament opened here today promises some exciting competitions. Fire fighters from many cities and towns are entered in the various events of the tournament.

WIND FANS FIRE IN WASHINGTON TIMBER BELT

Many Points of Danger and Heavy Losses Are Reported

Vancouver, Wash., Aug. 24.—A gale that sprang up about 2 o'clock this morning has fanned a multitude of brush and incipient timber fires between here and Stevenson into fury. Reports received today at noon indicate that the damage to sawmill property alone cannot be estimated at present. It may run as much or more than half a million.

Three places are threatened, Camas, Sunnyside and Mill Plain. The most serious fire is the one raging on Larch mountain, near Camas. This is said to have already consumed valuable standing timber and two mills. The wind veered this morning from east to north, and at noon the fire was less than six miles from Camas and rapidly approaching that place. Over 200 men are fighting it.

Back of Cape Horn there is another fire in the standing timber. Still another is threatening Sunnyside, a settlement four miles from Washougal. In the neighborhood of Yaocolt a fire is burning in the Weyerhaeuser timber, and in the vicinity of Mill Plain is a big fire which is menacing the houses on that prairie. The smoke is so dense in Vancouver that it is necessary to use artificial light.

DROVE AUTOMOBILE THROUGH FOREST FIRE 40 MILES AN HOUR

The party of county officials, consisting of Deputy District Attorney Skipworth, Sheriff Bown, Coroner Gordon and Deputy Sheriff Fisk, driven by Mahlon Sweet in an automobile to Mapleton to investigate the killing of E. S. Prindel by John Johnson, on the return trip had an exciting experience with a forest fire a few miles beyond Triangle Lake on the Lake Creek road that will long be remembered. For over half a mile they were hemmed in by the fire and in danger of being trapped any moment. They arrived in Eugene about midnight and felt glad that they were home. When within several miles of the fire they could see it, but upon questioning ranchers they were told that they could go through. They came to the edge of where the fire had burned when there lay a large tree across the road. It was already dark. They turned around and went to a logging camp a few miles back to get a saw. They hired a man to saw the log in two and tried to make a dash through the burning woods. The flames were so hot that they scorched their faces. On either side the fire was roaring and it was a most precarious position. The tall trees were crashing down on all sides of them and any moment they were in danger of being crushed by a falling tree. The road was good and Chausseur Sweet opened the throttle until the light car was traveling at forty miles an hour. The smoke was so thick that it was almost impossible to see ahead. It was with a feeling of relief that they soon reached the other side of the blaze. It is not known how serious or how much damage has been done, but the members of the party fear that a number of settlers will be burned out.

Governor Harmon of Ohio Likes Fishing Better Than Strikes



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Governor Harmon of Ohio likes to go fishing with the little ones, but just now he is engaged in a far more serious vocation—that of trying to keep peace among the strikers of his capital city. Thousands of street car men are asking for better conditions, and the state militia has been called upon to preserve order. Governor Harmon is daily about the scenes of the trouble, but will soon enter an active battle for a second term as governor of the Buckeye State. He was nominated by the Democrats, who may later urge his name for the presidency.

CORONER'S JURY VERDICT IS APPROVED

People of Siuslaw, Even Slain Man's Brothers, Think Prindel Got Dues

Deputy District Attorney G. F. Skipworth, who with Sheriff Bown, Coroner Gordon and Deputy Sheriff Fisk, went from here to investigate the killing of E. S. Prindel by John Johnson on Maple creek Sunday night, said this morning that the coroner's jury verdict of justifiable homicide was well received by the citizens of the lower Siuslaw and everybody, even Prindel's brothers and other relatives, seemed to be satisfied with the decision.

According to facts gathered by Attorney Skipworth before and during the inquest, Mrs. Johnson, who is a very pretty woman of a brunette type, did not bear the best reputation and her husband had suspected her a long time of not being right. He is of a very jealous disposition, Mrs. Johnson told the attorney, and she admitted that often she did things just to excite his jealousy. Her maiden name was Rose Case, and her folks reside at Yaquina Bay. She is said to have a little Indian blood, and is better looking than the average woman found in the mountainous regions.

The Johnsons have a little boy aged five years, named Bennie. Johnson declares he will not live with his wife again, and she seems to be willing to the separation and wanted to come to Eugene yesterday with Sheriff Bown, Attorney Skipworth and Coroner Gordon in the automobile, but there was no room for her in the machine. Johnson is a Swede and is a hard worker. He owns the 160-acre homestead where they have lived for the past five or six years. He was engaged at work in a logging camp previous to the tragedy.

Prindel was employed as cheese maker for George Hasbrough in the latter's cheese factory near Acme and was considered by his employer to be a hard worker and steady. Hasbrough says Prindel left Saturday afternoon to go to see Miss Ada Weeks, with whom he was keeping company, residing on Fiddle creek. The Johnson house is on the road between the cheese factory and the Weeks place and it was while on his way back that Prindel stopped to see Mrs. Johnson. Prindel owned a 160-acre ranch on Deadwood creek, besides considerable personal property. His parents and three brothers were at the inquest and they seemed to be satisfied with the result.

Mrs. Johnson's story. The story about the killing of Prindel by Johnson, as told Deputy District Attorney Skipworth by Mrs. Johnson, is substantially as follows: Her husband was away at the logging camp at the time. Late Sunday evening Prindel came along the road in front of the house and stopped to talk with her. He asked her to get into the house and she consented. The little boy, Bennie, soon became sleepy and was put to bed, after which Prindel made improper advances toward her. She resented this, she said, and then he began to struggle with her, trying to force her upstairs. He succeeded in getting her to a landing half way to the top of the stairway, when she heard the front gate creak and knew that someone was coming in. Prindel then ran out the back door and she immediately heard a shot. Soon afterward her husband came in badly excited and demanded to know who was in the house with her. She refused to tell and he replied that he would go out and see what had become of him. He soon returned and exclaimed, "Rose, I have killed my best friend." She then admitted to her husband, she says, that Prindel was there and that he had made undue advances but she had repulsed them.

Johnson then endeavored to reach some of his neighbors by telephone to tell them what he had done, but was unsuccessful. He then went over to O. C. Stanwood's house and Stanwood and George Hasbrough, Prindel's employer, went to the Johnson house and removed the body to Florence, where the inquest was held Tuesday. Johnson and his wife went along with Stanwood and Hasbrough and spent the remainder of the night at Florence.

Johnson Was Suspicious. Johnson's own story was that he was very suspicious of his wife and decided to go home in the dead of the night to see if there was really any foundation for his terrible imaginations. As he neared his home he saw footprints in the dust and found that they led directly to the gate. He then went inside the yard and sat down at the side of the house for at least half an hour. He could hear footsteps inside but could hear no voices. Being almost sure that someone was in there with his wife, he went into the road again to convince himself that the footprints led to the gate, and being satisfied, turned back. As he entered the gate the second time it creaked on its hinges and Prindel, hearing it, ran out the back door. Johnson saw a dark form but could not distinguish who it was. He had his 25-30 rifle and said he fired from the hip without taking aim, just to scare the man, fusing to tell who the man was, he refusing to tell who the man was, he

SMITH TURNS TABLES UPON HIS OLD OPPONENT

Atlanta, Aug. 24.—Governor Browne's managers have conceded Hoke Smith's election in the Democratic primaries. Smith has 15 or 20 votes in the convention more than the necessary 155. Two years ago Browne defeated Smith, who was then a candidate for re-election.

SHERMAN DECLINES TO TALK POLITICS

Utica, Aug. 24.—Vice President Sherman, who returned home today, declined to talk with reference to the New York political situation.

FATAL DUEL OVER OREGON ELECTRIC WOMAN IN CALIFORNIA MAY NOT BUILD ON FIFTH ST.

Frederick Becker Killed and His Wife and Her Father Wounded

Greenfield, Cal., Aug. 24.—During a desperate duel last night in which Frederick W. Becker and F. Tognazzini, both prominent and well-to-do citizens of King City, were principals, and a shotgun and rifle were the weapons, Becker was killed and Mrs. Becker and her father, W. L. Fowler, were wounded. The tragedy occurred in a shack in which Tognazzini and Mrs. Becker were discovered asleep. Becker immediately began shooting, the fire being quickly returned by Tognazzini. Many shots were exchanged, the shack being completely riddled.

Tognazzini, the only one of the four not injured, has been arrested and charged with murder.

JAPAN OFFICIALLY ANNEXES KOREA

Tokio, Aug. 24.—The text of the convention of the annexation of Korea to Japan was communicated to the powers this morning. The document was signed August 22 and will be effective when officially promulgated, which is stated to be August 29 or 30.

FARM PAPER FREE. Every subscriber to the Weekly Guard who pays one year in advance (\$1.50) will receive the Oregon Agriculturist free for one year. This is one of the best farm, fruit and livestock papers in the Northwest and its matter is well selected and thoroughly reliable. It is a splendid paper for the farmer.



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH, TO BE ERRECTED AT THE CORNER OF ELEVENTH AND OAK STREETS