

APPALLING DEATH LIST AT FERNIE GROWS LONGER

being rushed to the stricken region. Fires near Hosmer, Michel and Cranbrook, which threatened those towns, have apparently been checked and there is less anxiety today. The latest news received at Michel places the number of dead at Fernie at 102, with 64 others burned in the logging camps of Elk river. An unofficial statement, said to have come from Fernie, places the total list of dead of Fernie and surrounding camps at 173, with a property loss of \$8,000,000.

Dispatches received by the underwriters say that Hosmer and Michel have been burned. At the former place the Canadian Pacific's new coal tipples is valued at \$250,000. A dispatch from Winnipeg declares the death total will reach 400.

Vancouver wired \$5000 for relief yesterday, and a trainload of supplies.

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MANY BURNED TO DEATH IN CROW'S NEST REGION

60 DEAD IN ONE CAMP

Vancouver, B. C., Aug. 2.—A report from Cranbrook, the first station west of Fernie, says that 61 men and 2 women were burned to death in No. 4 logging camp of the Elk River Lumber Company. The camp was surrounded by fire and not a single person escaped.

Hundreds of refugees are being brought through Fernie to Cranbrook tonight.

Vancouver, B. C., Aug. 2.—Fire between 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon and darkness tonight burned for 40 miles along the Elk river valley, in what is known as the Crow's Nest region of East Kootenay.

Loss of life has been heavy. Some reports make the death list between 70 and 100.

Property damage has been estimated at between \$5,000,000 and \$10,000,000.

Fernie has been wiped out and the towns of Hosmer, Michel, Sparwood, Olen and Cokato are reported burned. Michel is threatened unless the flames are checked.

The fire is still raging.

Towns hemmed in by flames. The disaster is unique in the history of Western Canada. For an entire section of country towns, railroads, bridges and forests were swept away. Hosmer, the pet town of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, and Michel, 28 miles east of the point where Fernie stood yesterday afternoon, are making a desperate effort to stay on the map. These towns are surrounded by flames, and if they burn tonight the added loss of life will be comparatively small, while the property loss will be practically doubled.

When the blaze occurred at Fernie yesterday afternoon wire communication was wiped out. This afternoon at 4 o'clock the Canadian Pacific had succeeded in establishing a temporary station one mile west of the town.

Loss of Life Appalling.

From there, Cranbrook, the next divisional point to the west, learned that not less than seventy lives were known to have been lost in Fernie alone. In Nelson, which is fairly well in touch with the situation, this estimate is regarded as conservative. The total death list in the valley may reach twice that number when the

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THEY NEVER SPEAK AS THEY PASS BY.



BOOTHS AND SINGLETON WERE QUICKLY ACQUITTED

SENATOR BOOTH WAS FOUND NOT GUILTY ON FIRST BALLOT AND ONLY TWO JURORS HELD OUT AGAINST SIMILAR VERDICT IN REGARD TO OTHER DEFENDANTS—DEFENSE INTRODUCED NO TESTIMONY.

Portland, Aug. 3.—Separate verdicts of acquittal were reported in the United States court at 9:30 o'clock yesterday morning against each of the three defendants in the Booth-Singleton conspiracy case, Robert A. Booth, ex-state senator; James Henry Booth, ex-receiver of the Roseburg land office, and their brother-in-law, Thomas E. Singleton.

The jury retired at 2:40 p. m. Saturday and agreed on verdicts in favor of all three defendants at 9:15 Sunday morning. Judge Wolverson was notified and the verdicts were received and read shortly before 10 o'clock. Robert E. Davis, of this city, was foreman of the jury.

Friends Hear the Verdict.

It was a glorious Sunday morning for the three defendants and the members of their families and several intimate friends, who were in constant attendance during the three weeks' tedious trial. Patiently and confidently did they loiter in the court room waiting for the message "not guilty" from the jury room until midnight Saturday night, when Judge Wolverson ordered the jury locked up for the night. Early yesterday morning they were back in the courtroom apprehensive lest the jury should fail to agree.

This feeling of uncertainty was dispelled about 9:30 o'clock, when it was announced the jury had a report to make. When the jurors entered the courtroom the interested group, from an inspection of the 12 men, was convinced that only good news was to be expected.

Gate Way to Tears.

Tears mingled with hearty congratulation when Clerk Marsh finished reading the verdict, which declared the innocence of the three accused men. It was not until the acquittal of his two co-conspirators was assured from the reading of the verdicts that Robert A. Booth surrendered to his emotions, and, with tears rolling down his cheeks, joined with the other defendants personally in thanking each of the jurors.

The verdict acquitting Robert A. Booth of any complicity in the alleged conspiracy amounted to a complete vindication. It was apparent to those attending the trial that the govern-

BRYAN'S ACCEPTANCE SPEECH NOT LENGTHY

Fairview, Aug. 3.—Contrary to expectations, the speech of acceptance of W. J. Bryan will be short. It is stated today that by actual count it contained five thousand three hundred words, and while the issues of the campaign will be discussed they will not be gone into at great length, his views being reserved for more elaborate treatment in special speeches.

Bryan's letters from all parts of the country bring encouragement as to the political outlook. Especially gratifying are the advices from Democratic newspapers reporting steadily growing contributions to the campaign funds.

TAFT'S HEALTH IS UNUSUALLY GOOD

Hot Springs, Aug. 3.—About 30 members of the Virginia Bar Association called on Taft today to exchange felicitations, and there was universal comment among the lawyers on the splendid physical appearance of Judge Taft, who said he has never in better health, for which he gives golf much credit.

Today's early hours were as usual devoted to correspondence, after which followed a four-mile trip over the golf course.

EX-MAYOR DAVIS PLEADED GUILTY AND GETS FINE

Portland, Aug. 3.—W. M. Davis, ex-mayor of Albany, Or., pleaded guilty today under an indictment for conspiracy in the United States court.



W. J. BRYAN, JR.
Only son of the Democratic presidential candidate. The young man expects to follow journalism.

PRICES SOAR IN WHEAT AND CORN IN CHICAGO PIT

Chicago, Aug. 3.—Scorching hot weather throughout the corn belt and the Dakotas and Minnesota threw the board of trade into wild excitement today and sent the price of wheat and corn soaring skyward. The former advanced nearly three cents a bushel and the latter showed almost an equally sharp bulge in price.

PAPER TRUST'S MEN GO OUT ON STRIKE

Boston, Aug. 3.—The papermakers of the mills of the International Paper company, at various places in New England, are affected by the strike order of President Cooper, of the International Brotherhood of Papermakers, on account of the recent announcement of a decrease in the wage schedule. On this account some of the mills of the company have been closed for several weeks, and others entered closed, which lessens the force of the strike order.

HEAVY FIRE LOSS OCCURS IN CHICAGO

Chicago, Aug. 3.—Fire today destroyed the Burlington transfer dock and warehouse at Canal and Sixteenth streets, one hundred box cars and elevators E and F, owned by the Burlington and containing over half a million bushels of grain owned by Armour. The loss is estimated at \$1,500,000. The cause of the fire was due to the explosion of a barrel of dynamite.

CIVIL WAR HERO DEAD AT DES MOINES

Des Moines, Aug. 3.—Major Kellogg, who offered in the Iowa legislature the famous resolution pledging Iowa's faith, credit and resources to men and money to the maintenance of the national honor during the civil war, died at his home here last night.

GOLDEN GATE TRAIN IS WRECKED

Los Angeles, Aug. 3.—The Golden Gate Limited, west bound, struck a broken rail at Hills, Arizona, near Benson, on the Southern Pacific tracks, over which the Rock Island train runs to the coast from El Paso. Four persons are reported seriously hurt, three others slightly, and many others severely shaken up.

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 - 5.00 and \$6.00 Kimona sleeve waist, extra fine; only few left, half price \$2.50 and 3.00
- Wash Goods 1/2-Price**
- Balance of our lawns, mulls, poplins, in fact entire line of these wash goods to be closed out at one-half price.
- 20 cent materials 10c
 - 25-cent materials 12 1/2c
 - 30 cent materials 15c
 - 50-cent materials 25c

- Wash Belts of all Kinds**
- Every white wash belt in stock worth from 25c to 75c on sale at, each 19c
- Wool Remnants at 1/2-Price**
- Owing to the extra amount of business during these days of merchandise moving, remnants are accumulating very fast. To keep them sold out we mark them at just one half the former price.
- \$2.00 remnants at \$1.00
 - 50c remnants at 25c

- Long or Short Kimonas Reduced**
- \$1.25 long kimonas, sale price \$1.00
 - 1.50 long kimonas, sale price 1.25
 - 40c short kimonas; sale price 25c
- Nazareth Union Suit Waist.**
- Just the best undergarment for children yet; Nazareth with the best shaped drawers attached, the suit 50c



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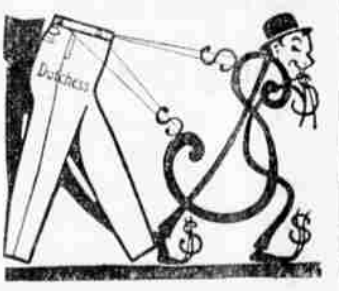
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