

## MANY HOMES BURNED IN VANCOUVER ISLE FIRES

Forest Flames Wipe Out Third of Soldier Settlement

### TWO DIE IN MERVILLE FIRE

More Than One Million, Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars' Worth of Standing Timber Destroyed

VICTORIA, B. C., July 7.—After wiping out a third of the Merville soldier settlement and destroying many homes in Bayward, forest fires raging in many parts of Vancouver Island today had cut off Nanaimo's water supply, threatening logging camps in the Cowichan lake district, and were threatening to wreck enormous damage in many districts.

So far the most serious loss has been in Merville, where, according to information late today no less than 25 homes have been burned with the death of two men and serious injuries to three others.

In the Nanaimo area the fires which surrounded the town are a serious menace.

Two men perished and three injured.

rowly escaped death in the Merville fire. Jack Clifford, sixteen years of age, was caught by the flames as he rushed from his home and died soon afterwards in the St. Joseph's hospital at Courtenay where Ernest Layland, aged 42, also died from burns.

**Settlers Spend Night in Crawl.**  
A Barr and a man named Penwick, Merville settlers, and a logger named Churchill were cut off by the flames and spent last night in the shallow waters of Black creek, while most of their clothing was burned from their bodies. They are now at St. Joseph's hospital where they are suffering from serious burns about the face and what is thought to be only temporary blindness.

Latest reports from Merville and the Nanaimo district are that the wind has dropped.

Provisions are being rushed into the stricken area. The soldiers' store at Merville which was in the depth of the fire last night was saved. The Nanaimo district are that the feed the refugees and fire fighters until the outside supplies arrive.

More than one million and two hundred and fifty thousand dollars worth of standing timber in British Columbia have been destroyed by the fires, according to official figures made public today by the provincial fire warden, J. A. Thomas.

**Mayday's Being in Supplies.**  
Airlanes are being used by the forestry department in shipping supplies to the fire fighters. Forest

fire fighting forces have been in action steadily for two weeks. Forest fires on the northern half of Vancouver Island gained new impetus tonight, when the Comox fire joined the one burning out of Menzies bay and swept forward to wreak destruction on timber areas hitherto untouched. Weather forecasts are for dry weather and fire fighting has become almost a hopeless task.

Loggers have exchanged their normal tasks for fire fighting. The Brooks-Scanton and O'Brien camps are menaced and the wind, which is blowing a gale, brings the settlement of Campbell river within the danger zone.

The absence of railways and roads hamper the work in the lumbering areas. Logging railways are burned out in several places. Steamships from the government station here which are carrying equipment to the fire fighters are compelled to fly and encounter all sorts of air pockets and smoke barriers. The upper sky for miles is opaque with smoke, making high flying impossible.

Later arrivals from Lang Bay, which was practically wiped out last night, say that six families there are homeless and destitute and all other residents of the summer resorts have been compelled to leave.

**DEATH PENALTY PAID BY RATHIE AND KIRBY**

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under arrest for some minor crime. While Patterson and Anderson had taken an active part in the attack on Jailer Martin, they ran out of the courthouse as soon as they escaped from jail. Lindergrill followed them.

But Kirby, Rathie and Hart had sworn to "get even" with Sheriff Taylor because he had arrested them. They had made big plans for a series of crimes and their capture had angered them.

The men saw Taylor in the private office, the door being open, and they ran for it. Taylor jumped for them and in the tussle a small revolver fell from his pocket.

Kirby yelled for Hart to grab the weapon and kill the sheriff. While Kirby held the sheriff and the other was fighting with Weyrick, Hart leaned over and coolly fired.

The murderers calmly proceeded to look for arms and ammunition in the office, after which they left the courthouse and ran to the railroad yards, about the time a train was leaving.

An employee of the county road department was in his office downstairs in the courthouse, heard the shot fired, but he did not investigate. As soon as possible a physician was summoned, but the most popular sheriff Oregon has ever known was past human aid.

**Sheriff Is Mourned.**  
He died that evening in the little hospital to which he was taken a few hours after the murderers had gone into the wilderness. Mrs. Taylor was with her husband when the end came.

Strong men, who had not cried since childhood, broke down and wept when they heard that Taylor had been killed.

Poses were quickly formed and the man-hunt began. A number of detectives and 124 Woods, chief special agent of the O. W. R. R. & N. went from Portland to aid in the search. All the nearby towns and cities sent word shots and gunmen to hunt for the murderers; cowboys came in from the range to help.

About 1 o'clock in the morning of Saturday, July 21, Hart and Kirby were captured while asleep in a sheep camp near Wolf Gate by a posse from La Grande. That same afternoon Rathie was captured by a Gibbon citizens' posse as he was sneaking through the brush along the road near Gibbon.

Lindergrill had been taken a few hours after the capture of Patterson and Anderson were arrested the Saturday when the murderous trio was taken. They are serving life sentences for their part in the crime.

It was only after Acting Sheriff "Junkie" Taylor, brother of the murdered man, pleaded a number of times with the crowd in the courthouse yard that the citizens decided to let the law take its course. Even then a mob broke into the sheriff's office about midnight demanding the three murderers, but as the crowd lacked a leader, the cowed prisoners, who were begging in their cells to be protected from the mob, were not molested.

**Same Thing**  
"How did you happen to become a burglar?"

"It runs in the family, your honor."

"I don't."

"My father drove a taxicab and my mother used to get a hat full of change on tag days."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

**Traffic Manners Again**  
Scene—Crowded thoroughfare. Impatient motorist. "Come on, my man—get out of the way!"

Costermonger (in donkey cart): "Righto guv'nor! Where'll I go—up the lamp post or dahn the drain?"—Passing show (London).

**Michigan University Has New Woman Dean**



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## GUARDSMEN TO HOLD SHOOT

LOCAL COMPANIES TO START RANGE PRACTICE

All Members Urged to Be Out for Rifle Competition Which Begins Sunday, July 9, also Sunday, July 16, preparatory to holding a competition in which all members will participate. The competition will start on July 23 and continue until at least six or eight matches have been completed.

Officers of the local guard are urging all the members of their companies to be at the armory Sunday at 8 o'clock, when a truck will be ready to leave for the range.

The state pay checks for the men of Company C who attended the recent annual camp at Camp Lewis have arrived here, according to Captain Lawrence Jensen, company commander, and the pay will be distributed at the next drill meeting Tuesday evening. All checks not paid out at that time will be returned to the Salem headquarters, is the official notification that will assure a full attendance of the guardsmen at the session.

The following men of Company C will be paid:

Sergeants White, Wood, Mahany, Patterson; Corporals Mercer, Hayden, Sloan, Peerce; Privates, 1st class, Wilcox, Evans, Blair, Bonar, Dixon, Gray, Haxby, Mathers, Peerce; Privates Crocker, Guldager, Guthrie, Hendricks, Kanoff, Knapp, Knight, Klackert, Perin, Stevenson, Waltruff, Westrop, Wise, Wycoff, Riley.

## MEN CLING TO THEIR SKIRTS

BALKANS DANDIES WEAR LACE TRIMMED PETTICOATS

(Correspondence of the Associated Press)

PREDA, Transylvania, June 1.—Since Rumania wrested Transylvania from the Austrians, efforts have been made to get the men to discard their skirts and wear modern masculine attire. But they have resisted all attempts to deprive them of their hand-embroidered shirtwaists. They declare that trousers and coats are unsuitably as well as unnecessary and unbecoming, and they have given notice to the Rumanian authorities that they will brook no invasion of their traditional habits of dress.

In this part of the Balkans the raiment of the women is no less novel than that of the men. The well-to-do natives wear garments made of solid coils over rich lace embroidery. The coils are handed down to them as heirlooms from generation to generation, the number and weight of the gold pieces being a sure token to the outside world of the degree of opulence of the wearer and an ever-present incentive to the neighboring swains to marry them.

## Heap Bad Injuns

Arizona Automobile club has about given up hopes of maintaining signboards on one of Arizona's principal routes. It lies through the Navajo reservation in the northern part of the state. It seems the Navajos have a distinct liking for anything not nailed down and that includes signposts and milestones. Anything of an ornamental or decorative nature observed on the landscape promptly attracts the eye of some brave, and he walks off with it. As a result a lot of palefaces bound for the last snake dance held by the Navajo tribe became lost on Painted desert. The Arizona club reports that when a chief or a young buck fails to tote away a signboard some bright white man comes along and with the aid of a shotgun blows it over into Colorado or Utah.—Detroit Motor News.

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