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TROOPS ORDERED TO FIGHT FOREST FIRES

President Taft Authorizes Their Use to Save Northwest Forests.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Commanders of military departments of the Columbia, Dakota, California and the Missouri have been ordered to instruct post commanders to lead troops on request to assist in fighting forest fires near forts. This order emanated from President Taft, who was appealed to by Governor Hay, Washington; Western Pine Manufacturers' Association, Spokane, and Western Forestry & Conservation Association, Portland.

Immediately Acting Secretary of Agriculture Hays conferred with War Department officials and Associate Forester Potter and telegraphed district foresters at Portland and Missoula, Mont., in which districts most damage is being done.

Fires Worst in History.

The Forest Service hopes that army co-operation will check the flames, which are the worst in history.

Two hundred thousand acres of timber are burning in the Northwest, half in national forests and half on private land. There are 50 fires in Idaho and Montana, of which 15 are under control. Fifteen hundred men are on the fire line in the Missoula district, where \$45,000 is being spent in fire-fighting. This district was allotted \$30,000, but Secretary Wilson authorized District Forester Greely, of Missoula, to check the flames regardless of expense. The situation is said to be the worst near Coeur d'Alene, where the loss is over a million dollars. The total loss is \$10,000,000, and billions are endangered.

HARVEY W. SCOTT DIES

BALTIMORE.—Harvey W. Scott, editor of the Portland Oregonian, died in Johns Hopkins Hospital Sunday shortly before 6 p. m. of heart failure, 3 hours after a surgical operation for prostatectomy.

He went off the operation table Saturday morning in strong condition. Sunday morning at 7 o'clock he began sinking and in spite of the best stimulants known to medical science his heart grew steadily weaker until the end. He was conscious almost to the last and the end was painless.

To Oppose Uncle Joe.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind.—Six republican candidates for congress, if elected, are planning to oust Uncle Joe Cannon from his job as speaker and elect Congressman E. D. Crumpacker of the tenth Indiana district. Resolutions were adopted endorsing Crumpacker as Cannon's successor at a conference of Indiana republican congressional candidates and state party leaders. Six of the congressional candidates present pledged Crumpacker their support.

SOCIALISTS CAPTURE CHICAGO UNIONS

CHICAGO.—Socialists captured the meeting of the Chicago Federation of Labor Sunday. At the close of a three-hour debate they had matters their own way and forced through a motion to submit to a referendum vote of all the unions of the city the question of co-operating with the Socialist party or the formation of an independent labor political organization.

The old party politicians were swept off their feet by the flood of oratory. "Jackpot" legislation was said to be the only kind that could be expected from either of the old parties, and the whole debate centered on the question of forming an independent labor party or taking advantage of the organization of machinery of the Socialists.

CASTAWAYS REACH PORT

Passengers of Princess May Rescued and Not One Injured.

JUNEAU.—The steamer Georgia brought the passengers of the wrecked steamship Princess May to Juneau. The Princess May left Skagway, Alaska, southbound, for Vancouver, with 80 passengers and a crew of 68, and struck the North Reef of Sentinel Island, and sanding in a smooth sea two hours after striking. None of the passengers or crew were injured.

Japs Will Study Flying.

BERLIN.—The Japanese Military Commission, which for several months has been studying military conditions in Europe, has arranged with the company controlling the Wright aeroplane patents in Germany to buy a number of Wright machines.

BALLINGER BACK HOME

Says Visit East Was Misunderstood; Resignation Not Asked.

SEATTLE.—Secretary of the Interior Richard A. Ballinger returned from his visit to Minnesota and Chicago, which has been made the occasion of so much speculation and gossip. Interviewed, he said:

"My conference with Senator Crane had no relation to any matter personal to myself—not in the slightest degree. Let me tell you this: If I should resign it would be in order to leave me free to prosecute those persons who have been instrumental in the publication of libelous and defamatory attacks upon my character and it is undoubtedly from them that the repeated stories of resignation emanate."

MAYOR OF NEW YORK SHOT BY ASSASSIN

NEW YORK.—Mayor William J. Gaynor, of New York, was shot and probably fatally wounded on board the steamer Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse as he was sailing for Europe Tuesday morning.

The man who shot the Mayor was arrested on shipboard and gave his name as Jules James Gallagher of 440 Third Ave., New York City. He was identified as a city employee who recently had been discharged.

The Mayor, who was about to sail for Europe for rest, was on the upper deck of the liner, well forward, talking with Commissioner Thompson, Corporation Counsel Watson, and his secretary Mr. Adamson, when the shot was fired.

Three shots were fired at the Mayor. Two of them missed and the third lodged in the fleshy portion of the left side of the neck. Blood gushed from the wound, and the first hasty examinations led to the belief of serious and perhaps fatal consequences. The Mayor retained consciousness.



JUDGE WILLIAM J. GAYNOR.

sciousness and later examinations by the physicians at the hospital gave a more hopeful outlook.

The shooting occurred under circumstances of the most dramatic character. Mayor Gaynor came aboard the steamer accompanied by a number of prominent city officials about to bid him good-bye. The party proceeded to the upper deck and were assembled in a group giving final greetings. Crowds of passengers were waving adieu from the pier. The Mayor's party had just formed a group preparatory to having their pictures taken.

Suddenly a man pushed through the crowd from the rear. He approached the Mayor, and without a word began to fire.

Mayor Gaynor was seen to fall and a gushing wound told that he had been hit. At the same moment a ship's guard sprang forward and dealt the assassin a blow on the head with a billet, felling him to the deck, where officers quickly seized him.

THE MARKETS.

Portland.
Wheat—Track prices: Club, 86c; bluestem, 96c; red Russian, 85c.
Barley—Feed and brewing, 82c.
Oats—No. 1 White, 82c per ton.
Hay—Timothy, Willamette Valley, \$18@19 per ton; Eastern Oregon, \$20@22; alfalfa, \$13@14.
Butter—Extra, 33c; fancy, 33c; ranch, 23c.
Eggs—Ranch, candied, 23c.
Hops—1909 crop, 10@13c; old, nominal.
Wool—Eastern Oregon, 14@17c per pound.
Mohair—32@33c.

Seattle.

Wheat—Bluestem, 94c; club, 92c; red Russian, 90c.
Oats—\$33 per ton.
Barley—\$24 per ton.
Hay—Timothy, \$22 per ton; alfalfa, \$14 per ton.
Butter—Washington Creamery, 33c; ranch, 22c.
Eggs—Selected local, 32c.

MEN INVOLVED DENY SENATOR'S CHARGES

Vice-President Mentioned as "Interested," but No Direct Evidence.

MUSKOGEE, Okla.—The sensational testimony of Senator Gore before the congressional committee investigating the charges of attempted bribery in Oklahoma Indian land deals, which involved the names of Vice-President Sherman, Senator Curtis, of Kansas, Representative McGuire, of Oklahoma, and others, has resulted in a series of denials by all the men involved.

Senator Gore testified, he had been approached by Jake L. Harmon, former chairman of the Oklahoma state republican committee, who said that a bribe of \$25,000 or \$50,000 had been offered him to remove certain legislation pending in congress so that \$3,000,000 might be paid to J. F. McMurray, an attorney of McAlester, Okla., and his associates.

Representative C. E. Creager, of the third Oklahoma district, supplemented the testimony of Senator Gore.

D. C. McCurtain, a Choctaw Indian, son of the governor of the Choctaw Nation, and an attorney for that tribe, testified that J. F. Murray had offered him \$20,000 not to oppose the land deal.

Thus far, however, there has been no evidence supporting the Gore charge that Vice-President Sherman was interested in the case.

Vice-President Free of Blame.

MUSKOGEE, Okla.—When the statement issued by Vice-President Sherman, emphatically denying any connection with bribery charges, was read to Senator Gore, the senator said:

"I have never charged, directly or indirectly, at any time, that Vice-President Sherman had any interest, immediate or remote, in the McMurray contracts. I did not intimate before the committee that he was implicated. I was compelled to state, as evidence that Mr. Harmon had advised me that the vice president had such an interest. I made the statement under protest, as I have expressly said, with great reluctance and regret."

"I merely told the tale, told to me by Harmon, and I was obliged to do so."

13 Killed When Trains Collide.
IGNACIO, Cal.—Thirteen persons were killed and at least 12 injured, several of them badly, Monday night, when a passenger train on the Northwestern Pacific Railroad, running between San Francisco and Santa Rosa, met in head on collision with a work train a mile and a half south of this place.

GOVERNMENT PLANS TO RECOVER LAND

BEVERLY, Mass.—A vigorous prosecution to reclaim title to a vast amount of Indian land in Oklahoma is being planned in the Department of Justice for the coming autumn.

One of the principal actions in prospect is to overcome the effect of an ingenious "joker" written into the Indian appropriation bill just before that measure was handed to the President for his signature. The "joker" was discovered by Solicitor-General Bowers, but it was agreed between the President and Mr. Bowers that it was too late to send the bill back to Congress and that a means of offsetting the "joker" would be devised.

This "joker," which is now a law, granted the right of appeal to the United States Supreme Court in a case involving over 20,000 Indian contract, which had been decided in favor of the government by the Court of Appeals of the Eighth Circuit. As the matter had been taken into the Circuit Court on a demurrer, the defendants had no right of appeal to the Supreme Court.

Knights Templars Hold Conclave.
CHICAGO.—The thirty-first triennial Knights Templars conclave was what Chicagoans say the most spectacular week of entertainment since the World's Columbian Exposition in 1893. When the parade of escort opened the conclave Tuesday, it is estimated that 500,000 visitors were here.

Governor Brady Asks Troops.
LEWISTON, Ida.—Governor Brady at Grangeville said he had petitioned through the Secretary of the Interior to urge the War Department to send troops into Idaho to fight forest fires. The governor said troops are asked, not only to work in National forests but to protect state timber as well.

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