

TWENTY HOMES BURN IN TOWN OF RONALD

Two Thousand Miners Fight Fire Which Sweeps Washington Village.

Ellensburg, Wash.—Twenty homes and several business buildings in Donald, a mountain mining town 33 miles north of Ellensburg, were destroyed by a fire which for a time threatened to sweep on to the neighboring town of Roslyn.

The blaze was checked by more than 2000 miners and residents when it was about a quarter of a mile from a powder house, in which were stored a considerable quantity of explosives. Buildings and a two-mile wooded stretch which separated Ronald from Roslyn burst into flames rapidly, as no rain had fallen for several weeks.

A strong wind fanned the blaze as it ravaged the business section and miners' homes, but it died suddenly as the flames neared the powder house. The explosion of a still was credited with starting the fire.

Damage was estimated at around \$100,000. Many of the miners' families whose homes were destroyed kept their money hidden under their houses and these treasures lay hidden under the smoldering ruins.

Ronald is an unincorporated village of more than 500 population. A half mile to the north is Jonesville and two miles to the southeast is Roslyn, a mining town of over 3500 population.

OPEN SWITCH WRECKS BURLINGTON LIMITED

La Crosse, Wis.—The engineer was killed and more than 100 passengers were slightly shaken when the limited Burlington train, "the Blackhawk," from Minneapolis to Chicago, ploughed through an open switch and ran nearly 400 feet on a sidetrack. The engine and two mail cars went through the walls of a machine shop and roundhouse at the Grand crossing here. The engineer was C. W. Soules, 52, La Crosse.

An element of mystery is being investigated by railroad detectives, and they are holding a man after finding that the switch had been tampered with. According to authorities, the switch was closed for the limited to speed through the yards but, after the wreck, it was found that the switch was opened to send the train on the side track. The key to the switch was gone. Police said it was not found on the man being held.

END OF WAR NEAR

President Coolidge Lauds Kellogg Treaty as Peace Victory

Wausau, Wis.—Emphasizing America's earnest determination to promote international peace, President Coolidge hailed the pending covenant for the outlawry of war as the brightest hope for peace the world has ever seen.

Addressing more than 15,000 persons at the convention of the Wisconsin American Legion, the chief executive described the Kellogg-Briand pact as an international agreement which would have prevented the catastrophe of the world war had it been in existence in 1914.

Interrupted frequently by applause as he stood bareheaded under a canopy facing the grandstand at Marathon park, President Coolidge pointed to the anti-war treaty as witness that America's military establishment was not maintained for any aggressive purposes.

Canvas to Settle Ohio's Close Vote.

Columbus, Ohio.—Only the official vote, as declared by the secretary of state after a canvass of the certified count by the 85 county election boards, will determine whether Senator Cyrus Lecher, Cleveland, or Graham P. Hunt, Cincinnati liberal, has received the democratic nomination for the short-term United States senatorship. A complete recheck of the vote, most of it unofficial, gave Hunt the slender lead of 96 over Lecher, who had the indorsement of the Anti-Saloon league.

Influenza Kills 275 Canadian Natives.

Edmonton, Alta.—Scourging the population along the banks of the MacKenzie, the influenza epidemic which has been raging in the north for some time has taken toll of 275 of the native population within a period of a couple of weeks, according to reports received in Edmonton. As far as was known only one white man has succumbed to the disease.

31 Planes Enter Air Derbies.

Los Angeles, Cal.—Thirty-one pilots and airplanes from all sections of the United States officially have been entered in the New York-to-Los Angeles air derbies to be staged in conjunction with the national air races at Mines field here starting September 8.

DR. EDWARD FRANCIS



The most important work in medical research during the past year was done by Dr. Edward Francis, of the United States public health service. Dr. Francis received a medal for his research work on tularaemia, better known to laymen as "rabbit fever."

AERIAL ATTACK ON LONDON POSSIBLE

London.—The capital of the British empire is absolutely at the mercy of an air attack launched from the continent, army experts now believe.

That much, it is claimed, has been learned definitely from the annual maneuvers of the royal air force. In those maneuvers "enemy" bombers made 57 daylight raids on London, in nine of which they completely evaded the defense and dropped theoretical messengers of supposed death and destruction. Brigadier-General Groves, ex-director of flying operations and now secretary of the air league, said: "London is too big to be adequately defended from an air attack. In a short time its vital points would be in ruins and all other sections of the city would be rendered uninhabitable because of gas."

One of the facts of the maneuvers which the experts consider significant is that, theoretically, 300 tons of bombs, loaded with gas and high explosives, were dropped on London within a week. This equals the bombs dropped on all of England by the Germans in the entire period of the world war.

BRIEF GENERAL NEWS

A tariff treaty between Germany and the nationalist government of China has been signed.

President Coolidge was presented with a 125-pound wheel of fancy Swiss cheese by a delegation of farmers of Greene county, Wisconsin.

Glyer Kronfeld, Austrian glider expert, made a flight of 7 hours and 54 minutes, beating the previous record, which was 5 hours and 22 minutes.

Luke S. May, Seattle detective, was elected president of the Northwest association of Sheriffs and Police for the ninth time at the closing session of its convention in Boise, Idaho.

Next week the representatives of 500,000,000 persons will meet in the Salle de L'Horloge of the French foreign office, exchange greetings and sign their names to an extraordinary document clearly and irrevocably renouncing war as an instrument of national policy.

Large Idaho Ranch Holdings Bought.

Lewiston, Idaho.—At a reported price of \$175,000, John Kimbrou of Riggins has purchased the Holt half interest in the Holt-Rhoades ranch properties, said to comprise 10,000 acres of Salmon river and Camas prairie ranch lands and numerous cattle and sheep. Announcement of the sale was made at Cottonwood.

Army Pilots Break Record.

Washington, D. C.—Covering the 240 miles between Bolling field Washington and Mitchell field, New York, in 1 hour and 10 minutes, Lieutenants Ford J. Lauer and Gordon P. Saville, army air corps pilots, have broken the unofficial record for transit between the two points.

Bamburger Named for Senate in Utah.

Ogden, Utah.—Utah republicans in state convention here nominated Ernest Bamburger, ex-national committee man, for the post now held by Senator King, democrat, and adopted a platform indorsing Herbert Hoover, William H. Yattis, Ogden, was nominated for governor.

Secretary Kellogg May Visit Irish.

Washington, D. C.—Secretary Kellogg has practically decided to visit Ireland after signing the 15-power anti-war treaty in Paris August 27, in order to return the call of President Cosgrave of the executive council of the Irish Free State.

OREGON STATE NEWS OF GENERAL INTEREST

Principal Events of the Week Assembled for Information of Our Readers.

The Grangers of Oregon took in 2811 new members the past year, but lost 118 by death, 186 by demit and 1487 by non-payment of dues.

Killing of a cougar just as it sprang on the back of a deer is reported by J. A. Walsh, of Marshfield, Coos county district fire warden.

A new bridge has been completed across Deep creek at Sandy ridge by the county bridge force. The structure is called Boltano bridge.

Twelve cars of celery have gone out of Quincy since the beginning of the season in June and two other cars are loading for eastern points.

Fire in the business section of North Powder caused estimated loss of \$4000. It partly destroyed a brick building occupied by a restaurant and shoe shop.

Governor Patterson appointed Donald S. Riches Justice of the peace of the Turner district in Marion county, to succeed H. L. Earl, who died recently.

Pioneer history of Oregon and the northwest was linked with the life of Josephus Thompkins, 90, who died at the home of his son on Grand island last week.

Lewis O. Leach, 58, was killed in the Connie Dye camp on the Netarts road in Tillamook county when a log fell on him as he was at work bucking logs in the camp.

Thrown out of his wagon, which was piled into the ditch by a car, W. J. Stowe of Eugene suffered a fractured skull and six broken ribs when kicked by his horses.

Umatilla county business men and farmers are urging the acquisition of a tract of land by the county court in the immediate future for crop rotation experiment purposes.

W. W. Rankin, 54, county road supervisor, was killed and L. J. Casey and son Leslie were injured when a touring car driven by Rankin left the grade at Rocky hill, near Butte Falls.

C. L. Barrett of Bend has paid John Moran of Ashwood \$12 for each of seven sheep he killed when his car plunged into a band being driven to summer range in the Cascade mountains.

Frank Shepherd, 24, who had been employed two weeks, was killed last week at a Powers logging camp when a sapling sprang back from a falling tree and struck him in the neck.

Members of the new Baptist church recently formed at Salem by former members of the First Baptist church, have selected the name "Calvary Baptist" for their organization, it was announced.

The Bowman-Hicks Lumber company's sawmill in Wallowa resumed operations last week, following a 90-day shutdown. In addition to the old crew, 40 new men have been placed on the payroll.

The fourth annual picnic of the Cove old folks given by the Woman's Improvement club in Ascension grove brought together 70 persons of 60 years; the oldest, Mrs. Mary P. Chambers, 85, was guest of honor.

A state highway department crew is placing a two-inch surface of bituminous macadam on the highway between Coquille and Myrtle Point. Fifteen men are at the work, which will occupy about three weeks' time.

Wheat that yielded 65 bushels to the acre has just been harvested from a 36-acre field belonging to W. T. Crook, nine miles southwest of McMinnville. The same field in clover last year brought \$125 per acre.

The warehouse at Payetteville, belonging to Shultz Brothers was totally destroyed by fire, burning not only the grain stored therein belonging to many of the farmers around Peoria, but a lot of machinery was also destroyed.

Before calling a special election to again vote on the question of selling the electric light and power and water systems, the town of Canby has decided to employ an engineer to determine the actual value of the property.

The onion harvest will begin in about three weeks in the Labish Center district. About 500 acres of beaverdam land are devoted to this crop, which is expected to have at least an average yield of 300 sacks to the acre.

Work has been started on the three new buildings to be occupied by the Four-H clubs of Lane county at the county fair grounds in Eugene. The cost of the buildings will be low, as much of the material and labor has been donated.

Irrigated spring wheat of the federation variety has yielded an average of 58.6 bushels to the acre over a seven year period on the Harney branch experiment station at Burns, where irrigation by pumping has been tried extensively since 1919.

The 19th annual Coos county farmers' picnic was held at Norway, near Coquille, last week.

The plant of the Beaver company, operating a small sawmill 15 miles from Corvallis, was destroyed by fire last week.

The fruit picking and packing season is now at its height around Medford, with five switch engines engaged every day in the yards, and between 50 and 60 cars of pears being taken to the yards at Ashland, where they are speedily made into trains for shipment east.

T. L. Billingsley, superintendent of the Southern Pacific motor transportation, and A. Mickle, assistant superintendent of passenger and traffic manager of the Southern Pacific railroads, perfected arrangements to operate stages from Albany to Newport, beginning August 21.

The Oregon Historical society has just secured acres to two and a half additional acres at the site of Old Fort Clatsop on the Lewis and Clark river, where the explorers spent the winter of 1805-06, according to an announcement made by T. C. Elliott, director of the society.

At the close of August 14 a total of 72,550 visitors had entered Crater Lake park in 22,140 automobiles, as compared to 47,965 visitors in 13,583 cars to the same date in 1927. Every state in the Union was represented, all the territories except Alaska, and nine foreign countries.

In celebration of the opening of the road from Tillamook to Bayocean, the Tillamook-Bayocean company entertained with a dance, clam bake, beach sports, bathing beauty contest and other features. Fifteen hundred cars drove to the resort with an estimated number of 6000 persons.

The Edward Hines Western Pine company has filed with the public service commission application for a certificate of public necessity and convenience authorizing construction of a new railroad and acquisition of the Malheur Railroad company's line between Burns and Seneca.

The Coos county poor farm no longer carries that title following the filing of a report with the county court showing that \$3100 alone had been realized from the sale of farm produce and stock in the last year. There are 24 inmates of the county farm at present, all between the ages of 60 and 80.

Cheap land and other inducements under the Eagle Point irrigation district offered farmers is bringing many new settlers to that section. Last Saturday three more new families from out the state were camped in the city park auto grounds waiting for accommodations to be completed for their going on new ground that they recently purchased.

"These be perilous times" for the cougars that infest the forests of Oregon, and no fewer than 240 of these deer-devouring animals have been killed in ten months from October 1, 1927, to July 31 of this year, according to figures compiled by Harold Clifford, state game warden. Only 159 were killed last year from October 1, 1926, to September 30, 1927.

That this is an unusual dry spell is indicated by the fact that for the first time in many years it is possible without getting one's feet wet, to walk across the Coast fork through Cottages Grove. The Coast fork is one of the principal branches of the Willamette, and one of the largest streams in this section. Despite the low stage of the streams of this vicinity, the city has at no time experienced a shortage in its municipal water supply.

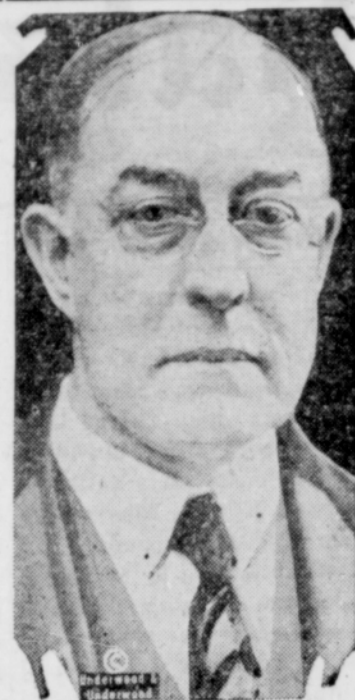
An old-fashioned "camp meeting" harking back to the days of long ago will be put on by the Salvation Army of the Oregon division under the direction of Brigadier Albert E. Baynton and his army staff. The sessions will be held daily extending from August 27 to September 3 at the newly acquired Salvation Army camp near Barton. The camp grounds of 27 acres will accommodate thousands of people and salvationists from all parts of the state are expected to attend.

According to figures received by Harold Clifford, state game warden, from the various state game farms, 23,800 China pheasants were hatched out this year and a total of 9128 liberated. According to the new state law governing the release of game birds the pheasants must be liberated in all counties having an open pheasant season 30 days prior to the opening of such season, which will make the limit for the freeing of the birds August 31. Nine hundred and eighty-seven Hungarian partridges were hatched on the state game farms and 250 wild turkeys.

Horse racing, with several noted strings from over the northwest imported for the event, will hold a prominent place on the 1928 Coos and Curry county fair program this fall, it was announced at a meeting of the board of directors at Myrtle Point.

There were eight fatalities in Oregon due to industrial accidents during the week ending August 16, according to a report prepared by the state industrial accident commission. There were 955 accidents reported to the commission during the week.

ROY O. WEST



Roy O. West of Chicago, who was appointed secretary of the interior by President Coolidge to succeed Hubert Work. Mr. West is Republican national committeeman for Illinois.

INTERVENTION URGED TO PREVENT STRIKE

Washington, D. C.—Urgent pleas for an appeal to President Coolidge for creation of a special federal board to inquire into the threatened strike of trainmen and conductors on western railroads have reached the United States board of railroad mediation from business and civic organizations all over the west.

Chairman Winslow of the board refused to say whether an appeal to the president had been or would be made, but in answer to the question said:

"There appears to be no reason for supposing that the law would not be adequate to meet any situation likely to arise or that the machinery of the law will not be operated if necessary to protect the interests of employes, carriers and the public."

ITALY SENDS SHARP NOTE

Jugo-Slavia Notified She Must Pay Indemnity to Consul.

Belgrade, Jugo-Slavia.—Italy, by its minister here, has presented a second sharp note to the Jugo-Slavian government protesting against the recent anti-Italian demonstrations in Spalato, in which the Italian consul there was slightly injured.

The note is described as couched in "peremptory" terms and demands the suspension of the chief of police of Spalato, the payment to the consul of an adequate indemnity and compensation for the damage done to the property of Italian nationals.

FOOD PRICES HIGHER

Slight Increase Shown According to Latest Report.

Washington, D. C.—Figures made public by the department of labor show that food prices advanced one-tenth of one per cent from June 15 to July 15, a decrease of less than one-half of one per cent since July 15, 1927, but an increase of 53.5 per cent compared with July 15, 1913.

The prices of 18 staple foods advanced from June 15 to July 15, 1928, while nine showed a decrease and 15 no change.

Kansas Farmers Plow at Night.

Salina, Kan.—Day and night plowing, with three eight-hour shifts operating motor-pulled plows, has been inaugurated by a number of farmers in this section. They are attempting to make up for the time lost because of rains and flood.

THE MARKETS

Portland

Wheat—B. B. bluestem, hard white, \$1.29; soft white, western white, \$1.12; hard winter, western red, \$1.07; northern spring, \$1.08.

Hay — Alfalfa \$16.50@17; valley timothy \$17.50@18; eastern Oregon timothy, \$21@21.50.

Butterfat—50c.

Eggs—Ranch, 26@33c.

Cattle—Steers, good, \$11.50@12.50.

Hogs—Medium to choice, \$10.50@13.25.

Lambs — Good to choice, \$10.75@12.25.

Seattle

Wheat—Soft white, western white, \$1.13; hard winter, western red, \$1.07; northern spring, \$1.05; bluestem, \$1.20.

Hay — Alfalfa, \$24; timothy, \$30; P. S., \$24.

Butterfat—65c.

Eggs—Ranch, 25@33c.

Cattle—Prime steers, \$11.75@12.50.

Hogs—Prime, \$13.25@13.50.

Lambs—Choice, \$10@10.50.

Spokane

Hogs — Good, and choice, \$12.50@12.60.

Cattle—Steers, good, \$11@11.75.

SENATOR CURTIS IS FORMALLY NOTIFIED

Non-Partisan Disposition of Farm Problem Advocated in Acceptance Speech.

Topeka, Kan.—Nonpartisan disposition of the vexing agricultural problem through a joint congressional committee was advocated here by Senator Curtis of Kansas in his address formally accepting the republican vice-presidential nomination.

Tariff revision and development of inland waterways were other suggestions for relief of the farmer by the Kansas senator, who gave first attention and greatest space in his address to a discussion of the agricultural situation.

Speaking from a temporary stand shielded from the setting sun on the south steps of the majestic Kansas statehouse, Senator Curtis was given an ovation by the crowd before him on the lawn. Kansas who have sent him to congress for 33 years made up most of the throng, which also included national party leaders and a representative from each state.

Senator Fess of Ohio, temporary chairman of the republican convention, notified Senator Curtis of his nomination and in declaring his choice a "wise decision" related "the legislative record of the nominee, culminating in his advancement to the post of leader of his party in the senate three years ago.

It was a great moment for Kansas as Senator Fess turned to pronounce the senator as choice of his party for vice-president. He is the first vice-presidential candidate from this state and, if elected, will be the first ever to attain that office from west of the Mississippi.

FARM BUREAU WILL QUERY CANDIDATES

Maryville, Mo.—Concentration on candidates for congress in an effort to obtain farm relief legislation was decided upon here by 200 delegates from 12 states attending the convention of the midwest farm bureau federation.

Plans were outlined for the submission of questionnaires to candidates for office in middle western states to develop their views on agricultural questions.

J. F. Reed, president of the Minnesota Farm Bureau federation, declared that "neither presidential candidate can bind candidates for congress, and it is with a view to committing these candidates on a relief bill that the idea of a legislative questionnaire is being formulated."

Each state federation, under the plan, would draw up its own questionnaire and see that every candidate receives one, covering all phases of the farm relief problem.

WILL DISCUSS TAXES

Idaho Chamber and Grange Plan for December Session.

Boise, Idaho.—A joint session of the advisory board, the directors and the taxation committee of the Idaho state chamber of commerce, together with the special taxation committee of the Idaho state grange, resulted in the decision to hold a meeting in December of all organizations and citizens interested in taxation and the cost of government. The exact date and the place of the meeting will be decided later by the directors of the state chamber.

The meeting will be for the formulation of a program of suggestions to the legislature for changing the revenue laws of the state government in political subdivisions. Many of the state chamber directors were in Boise for the western tax conference, and remained over for a day to attend the board meeting.

Smaller Acreage in Wheat in Prospect.

Washington, D. C.—Farmers are intending to sow this fall an acreage of winter wheat 2.1 per cent less and an acreage of rye 8.6 per cent greater than last year, the department of agriculture announced after compiling farmers' intentions as expressed August 1. Intentions as to winter wheat, if carried out, would mean a total area of 46,523,000 acres, compared with 46,535,000 acres planted last year.

Italian Ace Dies From Crash Hurts.

Rio De Janeiro.—Major Carlos del Prete, Italian flier, who recently flew from Rome to Brazil, died at 6 a. m. Thursday from injuries he received in a recent airplane crash on the waters just outside Rio de Janeiro.

Mail Bandits Kill Farmer

Toronto, Ont.—Thomas Jackson, a Waubnick, Ont., farmer, was killed, and Walter and Frank Laird, brothers from Ohio, were wounded in a nine-mile chase of three bandits who robbed a mail train at Sudbury, Ont.