Cream of the Week's News.

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Portland, Sept. 13-The fires on the ablaze on both sides. The smoke is so Bay. dense that the river steamers are guided by compass only.

Most of the logging camps are wiped out, including Benson's and Oak Point, where hundreds of men were employed. The homes of many settlers have been burned and possible their livestock

The Upper Columbia from Cascado Locks to Bridal Veil falls is affame. All trains are running with the greatest difficulty and considerable danger.

Late reports from the towns of Lentz, Harmony and Gresham, show hard fire fighting and the people struggling desperately to save their belongings.

Many who are not burned out have their effects loaded upon wagons and are ready to flee at any moment.

Astoria, Sept. 13-The steamer Colombia left here Friday morning for Portland but owing to the dense smoke on the lower river soon lost her bearings. At last accounts she was fast in the mud some distance above her starting point.

The fires all over the state ara spreadwill be lost.

The situation in the Gresham and Troutdale district is desperate as is also he case at Oregon City.

Most of the logging camps on the lower Columbia river are burned out. The whole country is a sea of flames and farmers are spending elcepless nights fighting fires.

Smoke is dense here and aches are falling. The darkness in the city neces sitates lights.

Corvallis, Sept. 18-A wide expanse of timber on the south side of Mary's peak

Portland, Sept. 13-Major Kinney lower Columbia have extended so that chief engineer of the Great Central, refor many miles the river is practically turned last night from a trip to Coos

> He had spent two weeks on the Bay and in Roseburg and announced that h had settled the route of the railroad from Coos Bay to the Southern Pacific and it would practically be the route of the Coos Bay Roseburg and Eastern R. R. forming a junction with the S. P. at Roseburg.

> The plan is to build to the present lin of the Coos Bay, Roseburg and Eastern at both ends and buy the Spreckels road if it can be had on reasonable terms, if not to parallal the road.

This does away with all possibility that the road will get out by way of Drain or Eugene. It is definitely settled that it will go to Roseburg.

Another important announcement is that Nelson Bennett, the well known contractor who built several hundred miles of the Northern Pacific, wil undertake the contract for the railroad to connect that, part between Empire City and Roseburg

The contract will be formally awarded at the fifst meeting of the board of diing with a probability that many lives rectors, which will be in a day or two. That part of the road will be in operation within 15 months from the date of the contract. The work will be done through the instrumentality of the Em pire Construction Company.

> Trenton, Spet. 15-The American Molasses Company with capital of three million secured a charter here today. It is looked on as a new trust.

> Lynn, Mass., Sept. 15-Chief Justice Horace Gray of the United States Supreme Court died today from paralysis.

Colobo, Ceylon, Sept. 15-The British

disaster le not known. Thousands of | acres are burned over and hundreds o people are homeless and utterly destitute. The list of dead will reach fifty. Reports from different parts of the state are to the effect that the forest fires are abating and in many places are entirely under control.

Wherever possible fire fighting has been going on day and night. In many cases the men were obliged to return to their homes worn out and exhausted from the heat and smoke. From Bridal Veil it is reported that two nnknown men were burned to death.

Tacoma, Sept. 15-An immense fire is raging on the Coweman river. in Cowlitz county. There the fire is sweeping everything before it.

Settlers are eccaping and taking refuge in the waters of the Coweman.

Losses are estimated at \$300,000 in Clark county, \$400,000 in Chehalis county. Cowlitz, Lowis, Pacific and Thurston counties have suffered equal devastation.

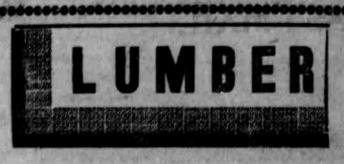
Relief committees are busily working to aid the homeless.

Astoria, Sept. 15-A slight fall of rain this morning extinguished most of the fires in this vicinity. At Oak Point and Skamokawa on the north side of the Columbia the fires are still burning but are not so extensive as on Saturday.

Eugene, Sept. 15-The Booth-Kelly Company have the fire on the Mohawl controlled. The damages are nominal, The two fires on the McKenzie river are not so bad.

Wilkesbarre, Sept. 16-Conyingam colliery without warning opened this morning. Mobs of strikers gathered but no demonstration or effort was made to prevent the non-union men from go ing to work.

New York, Sept, 16-The Kron Prinz Wilhelm broke the western transatiantic record, arriving this morning after voyage from Cherbourg, France, 3047 miles, in 5 days, 11 hours and 57 minutes. Lowering the record, previously



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and Grass mountain in the same vicinity is burning, some of which is reported to be tracts recently taken by timber claimants. In another section 10 miles south of Corvallis also the fire is reported as spreading.

The fires that threatened Summit station on the Corvallis and Eastern R R. have been driven back by the efforts of the initabitants and the situations is better.

It is not believed that any ranohers have suffered seriously. The loss is confined to timber only.

Tacoma, Sept. 13-Fires continue throughout eastern Washington with no possibility of abatement until the rains come.

Six lives are reported lost.

All the Noathern Pacific bridges and trestles near Elma have been burned, The torests in Cowlitz and Clark counties along the Columbia are ablaze The towns of Rayville and London, in Chehalis county, are destroyed and thir-ty square miles of Msson county is ablaze. It is impossible to get details from Grays Harbor.

steamer Nithsdale foundered near the island of Carlar today. The captain and thirteen of the crew are believed to be held by the Deutchland, 26 minutes. drowned.

> Scranton, Sept. 15- Three Italian la, borers going to work on a sewer this norning were mistaken for non union miners and were attacked by strikers. One man is reported dead and two aer lying in a critical condition in the Lackswanna hospital.

Tamaqua Sept 15-Although the operators have made no decisive gains toward peace, this morning three washeries of the Reading campany were opened with non unionist men. Fifty extra deputies were on the ground.

Wilkesbarre, Sept 15 - A mob of strikers attacked two non union miners returning from work this morning near Pittstone. One was fatally injured. The other escaped.

Portland, Sept. 15-Twenty-three people are dead from fires in Clark county, Washington. Many districts are still out of reach, and the exact extent of the

Glasgow, Sept. 16-It is authoratively announced today that Sir Thomas Lipton will issue a challenge for the America cup by the end of this week. Dennys Broz. will be the builders of the new yacht. Five designs have been submitted and final details will be settled tonight.



Washington, Sept, 16 .- Thirty-three painters employed on the White House struck today. They are members of the Brotherhood of Painters and object to the presence of three members of the Amalgamated Painters, New York independent organization.

The strikers are afiliated with the American Federation, and appealed to President Gompers for an order for a sympathy strike.

F. S. Dow starts today on a trip to Gold Beach in the interest of the firms he represents, the Standard Oil Co. and Sperty Flour Co.