

HEAVY DAMAGE BY FOREST FIRES

Worst Ones Are Reported in Montana—Every Northwest State Is Suffering—Heavy Rain Is Only Hope to Save Timber.

PORTLAND, Or., July 15.—Unless forest fires burning in Oregon, Washington, Montana, Idaho and British Columbia today are extinguished either by the men battling against them or by a heavy rain, timber estimated to be worth hundreds of thousands of dollars will have been destroyed.

The worst fires are reported in Idaho and Montana.

According to Forest Supervisor Weigle, of the Coeur d'Alene national forest, seven big fires are playing havoc with some of the finest pine in the state.

Worse in Idaho.

Big Rock in Idaho is the scene of the worst fire. Another almost as extensive is burning at Nelson's Siding on the Coeur d'Alene river. Dudley and Pine Creek districts likewise are fighting fires. North of Harrison on Carlin bay a valuable tract of timber was destroyed. This fire is one of the few under control.

At Spirit Lake, Idaho, four square miles of brush and timber are reported to have been burned. Another destructive blaze is giving trouble at Loon Lake and in the Colville valley.

Three in Montana.

In Montana three distinct fires are playing havoc with timber on Flathead Indian reservation. The government has empowered the agent to spend a sufficient sum of money to prevent the spread of the fire.

From Kalispell, Mont., comes a report of a great fire in the Flathead valley, which is beyond control of the scores of fire fighters. A number of Great Northern tie camps have been destroyed already and no hope is entertained of extinguishing the fire until rain falls.

Fires are also doing much damage near Libby, Cyro, St. Regis and Whitefish. The blaze at St. Regis already has cleared a path a mile and quarter wide. The timber in that district is dry on account of the extended drought and is proving excellent tinder to keep the blaze going furiously.

Four New Fires.

According to a report reaching here today, four new fires have sprung up in the Western Park in Montana during the night.

Three hundred men are attempting to hold the forest fire in the Kootenai national reserve in check. The flames continue to spread, however, and a call for additional help has been made.

Although forestry officials, assisted by loggers, settlers and private employes of railroads, mills and timber companies, are making a valiant fight, it is admitted that the only real hope of getting the fires under control is a copious rainfall.

There is little indication that any rain will fall in the fire-swept regions today or tomorrow.

Weather experts declare that rain may not fall for a week or more.

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FOR SALE—Sixty-foot east front lot on Riverside ave.; shade trees; price \$500; a bargain. See Ed Van Dyke. 105

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FOR SALE—Or will exchange for city property, Ford runabout in excellent condition; 4 cylinders; was thoroughly overhauled at factory last fall; may be seen at Valley Auto Co.'s garage until 5 p. m. Saturday, July 16th. 100

WANTED—Cheap horse, buggy, shotgun, fishing outfit. Address Frank, care of this office. *

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TITLE OF FISH LAKE COMPANY PASSES TO F. N. CUMMINGS

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Taken all in all, the undertaking is a gigantic one. Before putting a grading outfit in the field, the company expended nearly \$30,000 in making a contour map of the valley showing the elevation of every tract. It is proving the greatest individual enterprise in southern Oregon and one that will mean much to the valley.

Fish Lake Company Organized in 1900.

It was in 1900 that the Fish Lake Water company was organized by Hollister, Cal., people, induced so to do by the report of V. T. McCray, who had, as engineer, filed upon the waters of Fish Lake at the southern base of Mt. McLoughlin. The original members of the company were C. D. Vincent, William Palmtag, J. H. Belser, C. B. Williams (since deceased), Leon and Fred Williams, of Hollister, Cal., I. L. Hamilton and V. T. McCray, M. Purdin and the late Rufus Cox of Medford.

Primary Object of the Company.

The primary object of the company, which is now being carried out by the new owners, was to bring a canal around the foothills so that any portion of the valley north of Talent might be irrigated. They began work on their canal in 1901 and in 1903 had completed 16 miles of ditch to the Bradshaw drop, from which place, the next year, they offered to deliver free to farmers beneath the ditch all the water needed. At first opposition was met, residents claiming that water was not needed, but since that time orchardists have become more or less educated, and over 60 miles of laterals have been constructed.

Realizing in 1907 that the demand for water would be much greater in the next few years, Mr. McCray conceived the idea of bringing the waters of Four-Mile lake, lying on the east side of the Cascade divide. By building a dam of probably 40 feet high across a narrow gorge it was estimated that the water could be carried over a low place in the divide between the two lakes and utilized to increase the water supply for the Rogue River valley. The proper representations were made and the right to the waters of Four-Mile were assigned by the government to the Fish Lake company, which assures their successors of water in plenty for all time.

In the passing of the Fish Lake company, a corporation which has done much to develop the valley merges into one which may do even more still it was necessary for the pioneer to come and "show" those who came afterward.

Statement to Water Users.

For the benefit of the water users in the valley, Mr. Cummings, manager of the new company, has issued the following statement, which gives in a concise form the purposes of the new company, together with its proposition to the public:

"To the water users of the Rogue River valley. "The Rogue River Valley Canal company, a corporation duly incorporated under the laws of the state of Oregon, has completed surveys and plans for the enlargement and extension of the Fish Lake Water company's canals, which it has acquired.

"The project when completed will serve all that part of the valley lying between the foothills on both sides of Bear creek, from Talent on the south to Rogue river on the north—a total area of approximately 55,000 acres.

"It is the company's intention to diligently prosecute the work of construction already commenced, and to be in a position to meet all demands made for irrigation service at as early a date as possible.

"Lands lying under the Hopkins canal can be supplied with water for the season of 1911, and the company is now prepared to execute contracts for perpetual water rights on any part of this area.

"That construction may not be delayed on canal lines yet to be built, the company desires an expression from the land owners of the valley as to their needs for water, and to this end will appreciate applications being made so that requirements for construction may be anticipated.

"The cost of a perpetual water right will be \$50 per acre, payable one-fifth (1-5) in cash, the balance in four (4) annual installments, bearing six per cent interest.

"The annual maintenance charge for water delivery will be \$2 per acre, per annum, payable at the company's office on or before January 1st of the year in which service is required.

"Payments on both water rights and maintenance become due and payable only after actual delivery of water to the land.

"Respectfully,
FRED N. CUMMINGS, Manager."

CRIMINAL IS SURROUNDED.

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had gone to Los Angeles, Cal., was written shortly after Crippen and his companion had dissected the body.

The police admitted that they "shadowed Crippen for several weeks prior to the discovery of the body, but excuse their failure to keep him under surveillance by saying they had no authority to arrest him."

An inquest will be held tomorrow. It is believed that the police have sufficient evidence to establish the identity of the body or they would not be willing to have an inquest at this time.

Additional information gained by the detectives purports to show that after Mrs. Crippen's death Crippen and Mlle. Leneve were frequently seen in London by friends of Crippen's wife and that Dr. Crippen's companion was wearing the clothing, furs and jewelry of Mrs. Crippen.

ARRESTED FOR THEFT; SAYS CHARGE IS MALICIOUS

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., July 15.—J. Noble Jones, president of the Madeline Land & Irrigation company, and John Niemeyer, advertising manager for a mail-order house, arrested on charges of having stolen \$1000 in gold dust and nuggets from the Southern Cross mine, near Oroville, today promise trouble for those responsible for their predicament.

Both men were employed by I. L. Rosenthal, principal owner of the mine. Rosenthal caused their arrest. After being in the local jail Jones obtained bail and Niemeyer went to Oroville with Sheriff Chubbuck of Butte county, where he says he will have no difficulty in establishing innocence.

"I am a victim of malicious prosecution," said Jones. "I have been in business in San Francisco for a long time and no one ever accused me of shady dealings. I shall consult my lawyer as to what action I shall take."

SUNDAY'S GAME WILL BE BEST OF SEASON

Regulars Are Not Certain That They Can Solve Coleman's Delivery, or Shoot a Hot One Through Short or Second.

The baseball game next Sunday between the Regulars and Yanigans is causing considerable controversy among the fans. Curious as it may seem, the majority of the fans think the Yanigans will win.

The regulars will have the best batters, and the advantage of team work, but the Yanigans will have the more experienced battery. At first the regulars made light that there was a possible chance of their being beaten. But conditions are now changed and they realize that they have a game on their hands.

Manager Hall says he has a cinch and has the regulars already on the run. It will be worth the price of admission to see Schultz and Rader play second and short. These two boys are only 15 and 16 years old, respectively, and are the two fastest ball players for their age on the coast.

This game will be the last that the regular team will play until September 1. The game will be called at 3 p. m.

BELGIAN AVIATOR IS DEAD FROM INJURIES

LONDON, July 15.—Daniel Kinet, well-known Belgian aviator, is dead from injuries sustained in an accident to his biplane while flying Sunday, according to a dispatch from Ghent received by Reuter's Agency today.

Kinet was flying at a great height when the rudder of his machine broke. The biplane fell, burying the aviator beneath the wreckage.

Hotel Arrivals.

The Nash—H. H. Penn, Eagle Point; C. E. Armstrong Jr., Lafayette, Or.; R. J. Burward, K. W. Dav, San Francisco; W. Michaels, J. B. Levi, Chicago; A. Sinskean, Portland; W. N. Harmon, Eagle Point; E. J. Downey, Tucson, Ariz.; W. G. Freeman, Dallas; W. J. Carruthers, San Jose; P. A. Flemming, Sacramento; E. F. Saylor, Eugene; R. W. Wilson, Portland; Frank Wood, Shasta Springs; Harry Holden, St. Johns; F. McNevin, Oakland; F. C. Carrington, Portland; Mr. and Mrs. Johnson, Seattle; J. H. Thompson, Portland; C. S. Holbrook, Portland; G. R. Slocum, St. Paul; E. L. Marvin, Portland.

The Moore—Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Hughes, Butte Falls; R. V. Edwards, Urbana; S. B. Bond and wife, Tacoma; R. H. Benedict and wife, Boise; George J. Yocum, Portland; D. D. Force, Jacksonville; H. S. Hosler, Etna; W. H. Kennedy, Farnsville; W. C. McLaren, Ottawa; W. A. Woodward, Portland; C. E. Shultz, New York; J. L. Shultz and wife, Denver, Colo.; Archdeacon Chambers, Portland; D. H. Parker, Yreka; M. Griffin, San Francisco; T. C. Norris, Gold Hill; E. J. Kraus, Corvallis.

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LIBERALS TO FORCE ASQUITH INTO ACTION

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LONDON, July 15.—Although they anticipated some outcry over the alleged lack of respect for the memory of the late King Edward, the Liberals are preparing to force Premier Asquith into definite action respecting the abolishment of the house of lords.

The progressive Liberals were waiting for a brief respite out of respect of the late king's memory, but they cannot see the necessity of a continued truce.

The progressives have the support of the Irish and Labor league. The fight for reforms in the house of lords, therefore, will be resumed at the autumn session of parliament, and by January, it is predicted, another general election will be called, on the definite issue of the lords' extermination.

REVISES HIS OPINION OF MEDFORD WHEN SHOWN

William Palmtag of Hollister, Cal., who has been here for several days in connection with passing of the title of the Fish Lake company to the Rogue River Canal company, took a trip over the valley Thursday and was immensely surprised at what he saw.

"When I came up from Hollister," said Mr. Palmtag, "after an absence of several years, I was surprised at the great growth of Medford, and declared that the town was growing too fast for the country surrounding. The other day I took an automobile ride through the country and was compelled to reverse my opinion. When a German makes up his mind, it usually stays made, but this time the arguments on the other side were too strong to be resisted, and I am inclined to think now that the town must hustle to keep up with the country surrounding. Never have I seen such beautiful orchards and farms, nor greater possibilities than you have here."

Notice of First Meeting of Creditors.

In the District Court of the United States, for the District of Oregon. In bankruptcy. In the matter of George A. Butt, bankrupt.

To the creditors of George A. Butt of Medford, in the county of Jackson and district aforesaid, a bankrupt:

Notice is hereby given that on the 7th day of July, 1910, the said George A. Butt was duly adjudicated bankrupt, and that the first meeting of his creditors will be held at the office of the referee in Medford, Or., on the 21st day of July, 1910, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, at which time the said creditors may attend, prove their claims, appoint a trustee, examine the bankrupt, consider and order the sale of the property of the bankrupt, and transact such other business as may properly come before said meeting.

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PILOTAGE ON COLUMBIA IS CUT 50 PER CENT

PORTLAND, Or., July 15.—Pilotage for freight steamers entering the Columbia river has been cut in half. The new rate became effective today.

The decision to slash rates was reached late yesterday at the regular meeting of the port commission. It is estimated that the deep-sea freighters will save on an average \$150 for pilotage in and out of the river. The usual charge heretofore was \$300.

The Port of Portland commissioners have secured the services of

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