

FIRES CONTINUE TO RAGE UNCHECKED

FOREST RANGERS ARRIVE IN THE NICK OF TIME TO SAVE WOMAN AND FOUR CHILDREN FROM DEATH

MRS. HOLT SENDS CALL FOR HELP; FOUND IN TIME

Fire Situation Worse Than at Any Time Previous—Late Reports Show That Private Holdings Are Considered Safe.

HERE'S LATEST ON THE FIRE SITUATION

The fire burning in the Four Bit country ran west this afternoon to sections 14, 23 and 28, range 3 west, township 35, where it was checked by 50 soldiers. This territory is along the eastern boundary of the timber holdings of the Crater Lake Lumber company, and is principally sugar pine in a flat, open country on which there was little brush. This enabled the soldiers to check it, and all danger of its coming west into the holdings of the company is over. The fire just east of Butte Falls is reported under control, as is the fire four miles below the Falls, which did little damage. The Ashland fire is spreading, unchecked. It is doing great damage.

BULLETIN.

Reports late tonight state that four rangers, headed by old Holtz, arrived in time to save Mrs. Holtz and family from the flames. Mr. Holtz noticed the fire near the cabin from a distance, and calling four men, rushed to the scene. After a hard fight the cabin was saved.

When this is read it may be that the great forest fires which are sweeping southern Oregon, will have claimed their first victims. If so, it will be a woman and four small children who perished. Late this

BUTTE FALLS IS NOW INSURED

One Agent Writes \$8000 Worth in One Day—Great Fears Entertained at One Time for Safety of the Mountain City.

Butte Falls is now carrying more insurance than at any time in its history. One agent succeeded in writing \$8000 in one day and this on small buildings that would not carry over \$500 each.

The residents of Butte Falls entertain great fear as to the safety of their town during the week, but the situation now is much improved. While the fear of fire was the greatest one man began to write insurance and made a great success of it.

OTHER SECTIONS THAN THIS ARE BEING BURNED

Reports From Over State and the Northwest in General Show That Much Damage Is Being Done by Forest Fires.

ENTIRE MILITIA OF STATE MAY COME

PORTLAND, Aug. 20.—The war department has been requested to order out the entire state militia to be taken to fight the forest fires in the Crater national forest in Southern Oregon. This action was taken following receipt of information that no more regulars were available.

PORTLAND, Aug. 20.—With forest fires in the Crater National forest in Southern Oregon spreading rapidly today, Associate Forester Cecil has sent in an appeal to General Maus, commanding the troops at the American lake encampment, for 250 soldiers to fight the Oregon fires.

"Conditions are pretty bad," said Cecil today. "I can't tell just how much timber is being burned, but the loss must be tremendous." According to the telegrams I have just men are needed. A high wind is blowing in the mountains and the flames are spreading. I have asked General Maus for 500 troops if he can secure that many for us. He said he would do everything possible to send us the men sometime today."

Fires Over Northwest
Additional reports coming in later today from all parts of the northwest indicate that the forest fire conditions are worse than previously believed.

Fifty men are fighting a blaze out of Roseburg in southern Oregon and a like number of firefighters are

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SECRET SERVICE MEN WATCHING FOR FIRE BUGS

No Doubt But That Fires in Big Butte District Are Being Set Out—Disgruntled Homesteaders Said to Be Trying to Get Even.

FIRE-FIGHTERS WANTED; 25 CENTS AN HOUR

Men are wanted by the local forest officials to fight the fires burning in the different sections of the county. The office will pay 25 cents an hour for men and will give them their board. Those who are willing to go should apply to Acting Supervisor Swanning in the forestry offices, in the Jackson County Bank building.

That the present forest fires raging in the Crater National forest were set by some disgruntled homesteader in an effort to even up scores with the rangers who reported upon his homesteads last fall is the belief now of the forestry officials and residents of the sections in which the fire is raging. It has also developed that the government now has three secret service men in the vicinity of the big fires endeavoring to apprehend the guilty party or parties.

Sore At Rangers
During the past year a number of homesteaders found, when they came to prove up, that adverse reports had been made regarding their homesteads. This investigation was made for the most part by rangers, or special agents and this is said to be responsible for the forest fires. A representative of the Mail-Tribune traveled 100 miles Friday by automobile, horseback and on foot, through the burning area. Unmistakable evidences were found that fires were set. In many instances

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\$50,000 PAID FOR ASTBURY PLACE

Chicago Man Makes Splendid Buy on Rogue River Above Gold Hill—An Elegant Site for Country Home and One Will Be Built by the New Owner.

A new investor has been found for Rogue River valley fruit land and he has secured one of the best tracts in the valley, but none.

John F. Morrell of Chicago Thursday clinched the bargain by which he became the owner of the R. F. C. Astbury orchard, four miles up the Rogue from Gold Hill, and one of the best Spitzberg and Newtown orchards in the valley.

Mr. Morrell, aside from the commercial value of his orchard, appreciates the site for a summer home. He intends building a summer residence there, fitted with all modern improvements, and this fall he intends to go after that "apple king"

title. The price paid for the Astbury ranch was \$50,000, and the sale was made through the agency of J. E. Barkdull.

This is the second investment Mr. Morrell has made in the Rogue River valley, having purchased a year ago 23 acres of the Barrell orchard tract for \$21,000.

The home Mr. Morrell intends erecting on the Astbury ranch will be an ideal country home with modern city conveniences. You may "take a dip" in the river which flows through the farm, or a "tub in your room," as you please. Beside that, the orchard is just about now ready to produce the fruit which will win the prize.

WALLACE, IDAHO, IS DESTROYED

No Information Is Available, as Telegraph Operators Were Forced to Abandon Their Keys—Rescue Trains Made Up in Butte—Forest Fire Destroys City.

BUTTE, Mont., Aug. 20.—Wallace, Idaho, a town of 5000 inhabitants, is burning tonight, with no hope of saving, according to telegraph companies.

At 7:40 p. m. all communication with the stricken city was cut off. Operators deserted their keys with a flash that they could no longer remain at their posts.

All day a great forest fire had been sweeping the country near the city. It is supposed that the flames swept near the town and ignited it. Wallace is situated in a narrow valley. The inhabitants are compelled to flee on one narrow track. If the fire jumps before them there will be no chance to escape.

One of the most fearful catastrophes in recent years threatens. Rescue trains are being made up in this city to be rushed with food and provisions to the stricken city. Troops will be taken to fight the flames. A company of colored soldiers at Borax are to be dispatched at once to Wallace.

Dispatches received before the wires went out stated that during the afternoon it became evident that the fire would reach the city.

A dense smoke so clouded the skies that electric lights were turned on in the streets, while lurid glares showed how fast the flames were approaching.

Many began to pack their personal belongings preparatory to flight. The last information received was to the effect that the mayor had ordered every one out to fight the fires which were approaching the city limits.

SIX PEACHES WEIGH OVER THREE POUNDS

Six peaches, total weight three pounds, were brought in by H. B. Nye from his Riverside orchard Thursday, says the News. The largest was ten inches in circumference and weighed ten ounces. The peaches are of a variety unknown to Mr. Nye. Three years ago last February he planted 150 young peach trees, which came into bearing this year. He at first thought that they were Hale's Earlys, instead of Early Crawford, for which they were planted, but he has found that 121 of the trees are of a variety known as Champions, while the remaining 29 are unidentified.

Mr. Nye is satisfied with his peaches, but the nursery from which he bought the stock has offered to refund the purchase price of furnish its equivalent in new stock. Mr. Nye will accept the latter proposition, as he still has many acres of fine peach land which he has but recently cleared.

\$30,000,000 MORTGAGE IS FILED IN NORTH YAKIMA

NORTH YAKIMA, Wash., Aug. 20.—The Pacific Power & Light company, whose manager is A. S. Grenier of Portland, yesterday filed a mortgage of \$30,000,000 with the Yakima county auditor. It is given to the United States Mortgage & Trust company, as trustee.

New York's Mayor, Photographed as He Fell Toward Steamer's Deck After Being Shot.

(Mayor Gaynor kept from falling by friend. From snapshot by American Press Association photographer.)



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Mayor William J. Gaynor of New York city as he was shot Aug. 9 on the steamer Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse reeled and would have fallen to the deck but for Benjamin Clarke Marsh, secretary of the committee on congestion of population of New York, who was reaching forward to grasp the mayor's hand. Mr. Marsh grabbed the wounded man, holding him up. The photograph shows Mayor Gaynor being held with the blood streaming from his wound immediately after the shooting. The photographer was about to take a picture of the executive before he sailed for a month's vacation in Europe. The picture is unique in the history of prominent men in that it was taken before the wounded man realized what had occurred and before the assailant had been felled to the deck by Commissioner William Edwards of the department of streets. The picture shows the blood on Mayor Gaynor's face and the horrified look on the face of the man in front of him.

AUTO WRECKED IN BIG RACE

Tearing Along Home Stretch, Marion Car Turns Completely Over—Car Eliminated From Race—One Slightly Injured.

BRIGHTON BEACH, N. Y., Aug. 20.—Tearing along the home stretch at a terrific pace, the Marion car in the midnight-daylight 24-hour automobile race at the Brighton Beach motor-drome turned completely over, crushing and burying Driver Wally Owens and Mechanician Thomas Williams in mud under the debris of the machine.

The accident occurred at 3:45 a. m., the race having started under the white glare of electric arcs at

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CRATER CAR AT KENTNER'S

Automobile to Be Raffleed Off for Benefit of Crater Lake Road Is on Exhibition—Tickets Will Soon Be Offered for Sale.

The Flander's 20, donated by E. M. F. and Studebaker companies, to be raffleed off by the Crater Lake Highway commission for the benefit of the road is now on exhibition at Kentner's, where it may be seen.

The car is a beauty and and will be raffleed. It is planned to sell 1200 tickets. These tickets will be placed on sale during the next week. It is probably that they will be offered at the Nash and Moore hotels and at Ryan and Brown's as well as by the committee.

PUMICE HILL ROAD COST \$24,000

Engineer Heidel Makes Report to Crater Lake Highway Commission—Will Meet Thursday Night to Consider Contracts—Maximum Grade Will Be Four Per Cent.

Engineer B. F. Heidel of the office of public roads, U. S. department of agriculture has completed the survey and estimates of that portion of the Crater Lake highway to be built by the Forestry Bureau in the Crater National Forest and for that portion of the road eliminating the Florence Rock hill. The commission will soon call for contracts for the building of this section of the road. Mr. Heidel made his report to the commission Saturday evening.

The road will be 23 feet from the face of the cut to the edge of the hill, including the gutter on the upper side, or a width of 19 feet for the road bed. The estimated cost of this 2.7 miles, will be \$24,000, including clearing, grubbing, grading and surfacing.

Mr. Heidel stated that the grading should be done during the winter months, owing to the character of the soil, mostly pumice, which must be handled while wet to make a permanent roadbed. A surface dressing of decomposed serpentine rock, of from 4 to 8 inches, specially rolled,

is called for in the specifications, as well as drains and ditches to prevent flood damage.

As the crews at work on the Pacific and Eastern will soon be laid off until next spring, when the roadbed from Butte Falls eastward will be constructed, this is an opportune time to let contracts for building the highway, as it will enable the contractors to maintain their organization and keep busy during winter months.

Two and a quarter miles of roadbed will be graded in the National Forest reserve, between Union creek and Whiskey creek, and several rock cuts made, thus greatly improving and straightening out the highway. This will be a separate contract and let by the government.

The commission authorized Geo. L. Davis to prepare for publication, a complete financial statement, after which bids will be asked for the construction of the highway. A committee was appointed to have the

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TEDDY ASKS FOR SCALP OF SHERMAN

Taft Said to Consider Plan as Preposterous—Politicians Hint That Colonel Is Asking Things That He Knows President Will Deny—Means Big Rupture in Party.

BEVERLY, Mass., Aug. 20.—That Colonel Roosevelt has demanded that Vice President Sherman be dropped from the administration political councils as the price of peace and that President Taft considers the plan preposterous, is the report current here today.

It is believed that Roosevelt, though Lloyd C. Griscom, who will call an Taft some time during the month and through Congressman Nicholas Longworth, who is at Oyster Bay, today supposedly as an emissary of the president, will both inform Taft of Roosevelt's position.

Say Move Preposterous
Politicians were many who freely commented on the report today, say that such a move is preposterous; that it would put the administration in the position of yielding to Roosevelt and that in all likelihood the request will not be heeded.

Most of the politicians who are considered close to Taft, even in these days of party readjustment, openly hint that Roosevelt is purposely asking Taft to make concessions which he knows the president will not make. This, they say, will put the administration in the light of rebuffing the former president and will give the colonel a sufficient reason for an open break with Taft.

Sherman the Sacrifice
Sherman, it is declared, is picked out as the "sacrifice" which Roosevelt demands because the vice president part of the administration itself, was used in the first direct move against Roosevelt. Therefore, the Roosevelt men say, unless the administration intend directly to rebuff the former president, Sherman should be dropped from the administration political councils. Sherman was named by the New York state committee as temporary chairman of the state convention after Roosevelt's name had been presented.

Means Rupture
The dropping of Sherman would mean a rupture of administration forces, the Taft supporters say, and they declare it is preposterous for the president to break with the man who made the race with him as head of the ticket in 1908.

That the breach between the president and his predecessor is really serious, is indicated by the comment on the situation, and that the break will soon become admittedly open is expected.

Griscom's coming is awaited here with deep interest. Longworth is also expected to return to Beverly within a few days with a message from Roosevelt defining his attitude in light of the message he is supposed to have carried from Taft.

BANANA CHAMP EATS 64 TO RETAIN HIS HONORS

NEW YORK, Aug. 20.—The banana-eating championship of the world is claimed by Morris Leoposko, a Pole, who lives on the east side and who, after a desperate struggle, and against tremendous competition, won a \$100 gold watch in the annual international banana-eating contest at Massapequa, L. I. Morris ate 64 1-3 bananas. The rules of the contest prevent entrants from taking any liquids while competing.