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## DEATH LIST AT WALLACE TOTALS 27

### 1000 REFUGEES MAKING THEIR WAY TO PLACES OF SAFETY

#### TOTAL DEAD IN NEARBY TOWNS NOW REACH 23

Believed That Death List Will Grow—Wind Dies Down at Wallace and Portion of Town Is Safe—A Few Are Returning to Their Homes.

SPOKANE, Aug. 22.—That a trainload of 42 refugees and nine nurses probably were burned to death near Wallace, while fleeing to Missoula, Montana, was admitted by Northern Pacific Railroad officials here this afternoon.

The railroad officials said that all track of the train has been lost and that reports indicate that the persons on board had perished.

The refugees were patients from the Providence hospital at Wallace, Idaho, in the care of Sisters of Charity. The 51 victims were on a special train.

PORTLAND, Aug. 22.—Burke, Idaho, ten miles from Wallace is now at the mercy of the forest fire, according to dispatches reaching here this afternoon. The town is afire, and though the energies of all available men are being pressed into service, it is reported that the town cannot be saved. Burke has a population of about 1000.

The negro troops from Fort Wright, Spokane, are exhausted. They have been on duty continuously since Saturday afternoon. They cannot take up the Titanic battle against fire until midnight tonight. Several hundred men are making a stand against the fire at Burke.

At Wallace today Mayor Hanson appointed himself chief of police. He immediately ordered a heavy patrol of citizens on the streets to protect.

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### TERRIFIC FIRES IN MONTANA

Worst fires in History of State Now Raging—Governor Leaves to Take Personal Charge in Directing the Fight to Save Town.

HELENA, Mont., Aug. 22.—The worst fires in the history of Montana for the decade are burning in various parts of the state today. A few settlements are endangered and communication with some parts of the state is impossible, as the wires are down.

Just before midnight, when the wires went down, the situation in the Flathead district was reported as hopeless. The fires were spreading rapidly and new ones had broken out.

In the Bitter Root valley fires are sweeping the timbered regions. A high wind is driving a fire deep into the Gallatin forest, seven miles west of Bozeman. The fire has crossed over Mount Ellis and is invading a valuable timber region. If this fire is not checked timber along the border of the Yellowstone national park will be endangered soon.

Governor Norris left for Libby, Mont., last night. It is believed he will take personal charge of the fire-fighters who were battling against the dangerous blaze which threatened Libby since Friday.

#### BRIDGES BURN; TOWNS DOOMED; WIRES GO DOWN

Frantic Appeals For Help Are Heard Over Telephone Wires Then End Comes—Bridges Are Burned and no Help is Available.

RATHDRUM, Idaho, Aug. 22.—Cut off from the outer world by complete and overwhelming destruction of Northern Pacific Railroad bridges, unable to reach surrounding towns by telephone and telegraph with Athol, Granite, Severna, Dry Wood and other small towns reported to have been destroyed, the entire intervening country between Rathdrum and Spirit Lake apparently is seething, wind-swept furnace.

Since distress calls were received from many surrounding towns Saturday night and frenzied voices excitedly declared that Athol and other towns could not last an hour longer, wires have been down in all directions and a dozen villages are completely isolated from communication with the outer world.

#### SECRET SERVICE NOW LOOKING FOR DOCUMENTS

WASHINGTON, Aug. 22.—Secret service operatives are trying today to locate immigration records of great value that have disappeared from the state department archives. The figures for the last three-quarters of the fiscal year ended June 30, 1868, are contained in the missing documents. No motive can be assigned for the alleged theft.

The immigration commission in compiling a table of the total immigration since the year 1822 sent to the state department for the records of the sixties. No trace could be found of those of 1868, covering an important period—that following the close of the Civil war.

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### NO SPEAKING DATES FOR CANNON

Another Step is Taken in Attempt to Relegate Speaker Cannon to Less Important Place—Regulars Find That Insurgency Should Not Be Tampered With.

WASHINGTON, D. C. Aug. 22.—Another step in the reported attempt of the administration to regulate Speaker Cannon to a less important place in the councils of the republican party it was learned today, has been made by the republican congressional campaign committee. For the first time in many congressional campaigns, Cannon has not been assigned speaking dates by the committee.

Republican leaders say Uncle Joe's services are not wanted because of his avowed attitude on insurgency which he is prone to express in his speeches. His attitude, they declare, in his addresses in Kansas and the results in Kansas and the charges and countercharges stirred up there are sufficient to show the leaders that insurgency is a good thing to let alone.

It is reported that Taft and his political advisers, after studying the results in Kansas, Iowa, California and other states, have concluded that

#### TWO-STORY FALL DID NOT HURT THIS BOY MUCH

Twelve-Year-Old Bertie Rumsey Plunges Down Elevator Shaft in New Building—Taken to Hospital, But Injuries Are Slight.

Twelve-year-old Bertie Rumsey, a grandson of B. H. Rumsey of this city, while playing about the new Davis block, near the postoffice, Sunday afternoon, lost his balance and plunged down two stories to the basement. He stumbled into the elevator shaft. The lad was taken to the Southern Oregon hospital, where today he gives little evidence of taking such a fall. A cut on the head and a few scratches alone show he was in an accident.

The boy struck on his head and shoulder, the blow dazing him. As soon as he regained consciousness it was found he was not injured to any extent.

#### INSPECTOR DEW NOW ON WAY TO ENGLAND

FATHER POINT, Que., Aug. 22.—The wireless station here reports that the steamship Megantic with Inspector Dew and his party, who are conducting Dr. H. H. Crippen and Miss Leneve back to England, left the mouth of the St. Lawrence river early today.

The prisoners are kept closely in their cabin most of the time a portion of the promenade deck being screened with canvas to prevent intrusion while they are taking air and exercise.

The departure of Inspector Dew, equaled in open bouffe features the arrival of the famous sleuth. Dew, on his arrival, was found to have registered as "Dewhurst" and to have endeavored to conceal his identity aboard the steamer Montrose by posing as a merchant.

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The campaign will be a "treadlightly" affair, as far as insurgency goes, it is said, none of the regular leaders desiring to raise the issue any farther than it has already been stirred up.

That Speaker Cannon could not take the stump without expressing his views on the republicans who did not conform to his idea of party regularity is so firmly believed that the congressional committee will not put him on the stump.

Politicians here, forecasting the result of the speakership fight in the next congress, following the announcement of Representative Longworth that he will not vote for Cannon, believe that another presiding officer will be chosen. The desertion of Congressman Smith of Iowa, who is a candidate for speaker himself, and of Congressman Humphreys of Washington, it is believed, indicates that it is impossible for Cannon to be re-elected.

### ESTRADA IS PRESIDENT NICARAGUA

General Mena Enters Managua With Several Thousand Troops—President Madriz Thereupon Acknowledges His Defeat and Proclaims His Rival as President.

MANAGUA, Aug. 22.—General Mena, commanding the advance of the revolutionary army, entered Managua today with several thousand troops.

President Madriz thereupon acknowledged his defeat and proclaimed General Juan Estrada president of the republic.

BLUEFIELDS, Aug. 22.—American demands were formally served on the revolutionists of Nicaragua for the protection of American interests and lives, following the defeat of the government forces under President Madriz.

Americans are demanding that the revolutionists protect their investments and that a bond issue be authorized for the purpose of restoring American loans given for financing the revolution.

The demands created excitement among the revolutionists and rioting and disorder have begun at Granada and in Managua. Insurgent sympathizers are reported to be robbing houses at Granada and making Americans their victims. Americans here have threatened to ask Washington to send the gunboats Yorktown and Vicksburg from Corinto to maintain order if the riots continue.

BLUEFIELDS, Aug. 22.—Elated by victories at Tipitapa river and at Granada, the insurgent armies are advancing on Masaya today in direct line for Managua, which is expected to fall soon. President Madriz and his leading advisers are in flight and the provisional army is receiving recruits on every mile of their advance toward the capital.

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### FOREST FIRE IN TAHOE TIMBER

Plant of Huge Mine Is Destroyed—Heavy Timbered Land Is Being Swept by Flames—Troops Will Be Taken to Assist in Fight.

NEVADA CITY, Cal., Aug. 22.—Fire gained a foothold today in the Tahoe forest and miles of heavy-timbered land are being swept by a great conflagration, according to a message received here today.

The plant of the Bullion mine near Forest Hill, Placer county, was destroyed. A force of 150 men is fighting the flames and help is needed. It is rumored that the Forest Hill fire was started by an incendiary.

Forest Supervisor Bigelow said that troops would be sent to the Placer county fire as soon as they could be spared from fire fighting in Nevada county. The men are exhausted and in dire need of reinforcements.

The Bullion mine is owned by Harold Powers. The fire started in the hoisting works and soon got beyond control. Powers declared that 200 men were needed to save mining plants and settlements threatened with destruction. Several other mining plants are reported destroyed.

### MORE TROOPS TO ARRIVE THIS AFTERNOON TO FIGHT FIRES

#### NARROW ESCAPE LOCAL PEOPLE AT COLESTIN

Forest Fires Nearly Entrap Large Number of People—Great Excitement Prevailed—Buildings Are Saved After Most Difficult Work.

One hundred men, women and children, many of them from Medford, had a narrow escape from a forest fire at Colestin Sunday afternoon. At one time it seemed certain that they could not be saved, but the flames did not carry out their threat.

Colestin is a little mountain resort in the Siskiyou on the line of the Southern Pacific and is very popular with local people. It is in the heart of a heavy growth of timber. Shortly after luncheon Sunday fire was noticed in the hills about a mile distant. Less than five minutes later a great sheet of flames was coming toward the hotel at an enormous speed. It seemed certain that there could be no escape.

The wildest excitement prevailed. Trunks were packed and the little gravel patch at the depot was crowded. Sick persons in bath robes were standing, waiting for the train; women were praying or sobbing, horses were brought out blindfolded. Finally a number started down the track. The men in the party refused to let the women run. Finally the first section of train 16 came along. It was flagged and passage secured.

"The scene was such as to make any one have fears of the consequences," said C. I. Hutchison, who, with his family and H. U. Lumsden and family, were there in their cars. "The flames were leaping many feet in the air, waving through the trees and flaming brands were starting new fires every minute. Women and children were crying in terror and some of the men were just as badly scared. A scared man, I believe, is worse than a scared woman. Lumsden and I ran our cars into the open where we thought they were safe, and then went back and helped some of the people out. They finally all huddled down by the railway track and waited for the train. A fortunate

#### ASHLAND WILL BE IN DANGER IF WIND SHIFTS

Fire Alarm Is Sounded and When Large Crowd Gathers Ranger Gribble Explains Situation and Calls for Volunteers.

If the wind should switch from the west to the south, with the present fires raging near Ashland, there would be great danger of the town burning, according to Ranger Gribble, who is directing the fight near that city.

In order that the people of Ashland might understand the seriousness of the situation, the city fire alarm was sounded this morning and soon the square in front of the city hall was crowded. Mr. Gribble then spoke to the crowd, telling of the danger and calling for volunteers. Over 150 men responded and are now on their way to the fire line.

The fires continue to rage unchecked in this section. More help is wanted and great efforts are being made to secure men. The additional troops are badly needed.

Three new fires were reported this morning and one on the Applegate, a region heretofore untouched by fire this season. A great number of settlers live in this region, and if the fire grows bad troops are certain to be needed there.

veer in the wind at the height of the fire prevented the loss of the hotel and perhaps a loss of several lives."

W. J. Burbidge, who remained after the departure of the majority of the people and helped fight the flames away from the building said: "After we got rid of the crowd we could do something, but it was impossible to do anything with hysterical women and children and fool men. At the time I left there on No. 14 the fire was dying down and the buildings were out of danger for a time. The fire came in on us from three sides and three times the hotel was on fire, but we managed to put it out. If the fire springs up again from the west they may have another fight, but I think they are reasonably safe now."

#### 5 COMPANIES 1ST INFANTRY ARE ON WAY

Will Arrive About 4 o'Clock—They Have 19 Cars and Are Running as the Second Section of Train 13—Four to Butte Falls, One Ashland.

Companies A, F, G, H and I, First Infantry, numbering 253 men, and a pack train from the Second Artillery, arrived in Portland last night from American Lake and left almost immediately for Medford to fight the forest fires in the Crater national forest of Southern Oregon. The troops will reach Medford this afternoon and will be sent to the fire front as soon as possible.

The men will arrive on a special train of 19 cars running as the second section of No. 13. They will be taken out to the end of the Pacific and Eastern.

Fires Grow Worse  
The fire in the Crater national forest grows steadily worse, according to information received at the local forestry headquarters today. The present force of fire-fighters is inadequate to handle the situation. Some of them have been on the fire line for 72 hours without sleep. Many exhausted men have dropped in their tracks.

The troops are under the command of Major Martin. Four companies will go to the fire at Butte Falls, while the remaining company will be rushed to Ashland to join the militiamen in an effort to check a disastrous blaze near Ashland.

Call For Volunteers  
Acting Governor Bowerman probably will issue a call for volunteers to go to the fire front in Southern Oregon. Governor Bowerman intended to call out the state militia for fire duty. He found, however, that the law would not allow him to do so. Bowerman said that he would call.

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### WAR EXPECTED IN PORTUGAL

Great Unrest is Shown Throughout Kingdom—Elections Will Be Held Next Sunday, Which Will Add to Troubles.

OPORTO, Portugal, Aug. 22.—Revolution may break out in Portugal at any moment. It is reported that the clericals are awaiting a signal to rise, following word from their brethren in Spain. Meanwhile, rifles are being brought into Portugal and put into the hands of the republican leaders. They hint at a plan to bring differences to a head, and it is asserted that they will meet the clericals on their own ground.

Monsignor Tenti, the papal nuncio at Lisbon, is looked upon by the republicans as being highly objectionable to their views. It is reported that plots against him are numerous and that he has taken refuge in the fortress.

To add to the general unrest, elections will be held next Sunday. It is believed that the assemblies of people attendant upon the elections will be the signal for the commencement of hostilities. The situation is critical.

### MEDFORD MAKES GOOD RECORD

Every City in Northwest Is Led When Population Is Considered, and Only Three Pass Her, Regardless of Population, for the Number of Buicks Sold During Year 1910.

"Medford leads all cities in the country, in proportion to population; for the number of Buick automobiles sold in 1910," states Norman De Vaux, of the Northwest Buick Company who spent Sunday and Monday in Medford. "Regardless of population Medford runs high as a sales point, he continued.

"Sales for 1910 of Buicks in Washington and Oregon total 535, far exceeding those of other makes. Portland ranks first with 126 Buicks, Spokane second with 72. Seattle third with 68, Medford fourth with 52, Tacoma fifth with 46, Everett sixth with 30, North Yakima seventh with 26. So it will be seen that even Tacoma is hardly in Medford's class, when it comes to automobiles.

"Prospects are that sales of Buicks for the coming year will far surpass those of 1910 and Medford is ordering far more cars than sold the present year, to satisfy the demand."

#### THREE BODIES ARE RECOVERED FROM WRECK

ESSEN, Germany, Aug. 22.—Three bodies were reported recovered this afternoon from the wreckage of the Krupp experimenting laboratory, following an explosion early today. Several workmen are missing and 20 injured persons are in a local hospital.

#### Heinze to Wed Actress.

NEW YORK, Aug. 22.—It was announced today that F. August Heinze, who recently figured in federal prosecutions, is engaged to marry Bernice Henderson, a member of the "A Fool There Was" company. The marriage is set for this week and the couple will start on a honeymoon journey in a special car.