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## HIGH WIND GIVES FLAMES ADDED FURY

### RANGER GRIBBLE CALLS FOR MORE HELP IN ASHLAND

#### PRESENT FORCE NEAR ASHLAND IS EXHAUSTED

Little Apprehension Felt as Yet for Safety of City, But Populace is Closely Keeping Tab on Situation—High Wind New Factor.

#### LIGHT RAIN IS HELP TO THOSE FIGHTING FIRE

Believed Now That Death List in Washington, Idaho and Montana Will Not Exceed 100—Known Dead Now Number 53.

SPOKANE, Wash., Aug. 24.—Light rains, which fell during the afternoon and night, and slight indications that more rain will follow soon in the forest fire zone of Idaho and Montana, did much to inspire the blistered and exhausted fire fighters with hope today.

While nothing less than a heavy downpour can quench the big fires, the showers of the past 12 hours did much to improve the appalling situation.

Many Rumors Afloat. Owing to lack of rapid communication within the bounds of the fire zone, there are many rumors afloat concerning heavy loss of life, which it is believed will prove groundless in most cases with a return to normal conditions.

It is believed that the death list in Washington, Idaho and Montana will not exceed over 100. Early today the known dead numbered 53. In and near Wallace 38 of the fire victims were found.

Lost Ones Safe. The 200 men under Ranger Kottkey, reported lost yesterday, have reached Missoula safely, according to telegrams received here by officials of the forestry service. He and his men had been fighting fire near Adair, Idaho.

Rangers Van Dyke of Independence and Derrick of Saltene, likewise reported during the night. It had been feared that Van Dyke and his gang of 75 men had been hemmed in by the fires.

There are several gangs of fire fighters scattered through the mountains, but owing to the improved condition of the situation but little anxiety is felt, although they have not reported in to headquarters.

Heavy Damage. Most of the damage thus far wrought by the conflagrations have been in the United States forest reserves of northeastern Idaho and western Montana, in the Bitter Root, Coeur d'Alene and Cabinet ranges of mountains.

Although exact figures cannot be secured at present, it is estimated that fully 1700 settlers were burned and that 1200 persons who lived in settlements lost their homes.

Persons conversant with the situation declare that fully \$11,000,000 worth of valuable timber has been destroyed.

Some of the timber can be saved if removed immediately, as in many places the fires killed the forest, but 4% did not damage the merchantable timber.

LIGHT SHOWERS AN AID. Fire Situation in Montana Much Improved—Bridge Gangs Sent Out.

MISSOULA, Mont., Aug. 24.—Although the indications for rain in this territory is slight today, the light showers which fell in the Iron Mountain district last night did much to improve the forest fire situation.

### Pioneers of West Will Hold Carnival With Colonel Roosevelt as Their Guest.



In thirteen years, from an event of local importance, the annual carnival known as "frontier days" at Cheyenne, Wyo., has grown to an almost international celebration, for to the scene of shooting and riding contests come people from all quarters of the earth. Horsemen of the plains of Australia, vaqueros of old Mexico, Canadian drivers of logging oxen and skilled "ropers" of steers from the Sandwich Islands. This year, however, the celebration is to be on a grander scale than ever, and one of the biggest attractions will be the presence of former President Theodore Roosevelt, who has promised to greet his old comrades of the frontier at the show, which opens Aug. 24 and continues for four days. All the scenes of border life as experienced by the pioneers of the early fifties as well as life on the big cattle ranges and battles with Indians will be depicted, not after the manner of the modern wild west show, with its tired performers who practice the same plays daily, but by the real Indians, cowboys and plainsmen who have lived in the west for a lifetime.

### ROOSEVELT ISSUES WAR DECLARATION TO THE "OLD GUARD"

#### TRAGEDY MAY LURK WITHIN AN OLD TUNNEL

Coat, Dynamite and Tools Found Without Prospect Tunnel, While J. T. Hagan Cannot Be Located—May Have Perished Behind Cavern

Does any one know the whereabouts of J. T. Hagan, prospector and seeker for the yellow metal, which buys the things every one desires? If so, a clue to his present location will be a solution of the problem which has arisen by reason of the finding by Bert Rippey, who, with his father and brothers, are camped near Gold Ray, of a caved-in tunnel in front of which was piled several tons of ore, and besides, picks, shovels, a wheelbarrow and several drills were scattered about. The condition of the tools and the appearance of the earth and rock which filled the mouth of the tunnel indicated that the cave had occurred at a recent date.

The Rippey boys did not disturb anything and mentioned the occurrence to no one until W. H. Whisenant visited the camp and went on a hunt with them in the hills south of the river. In coming back they mentioned the find and Whisenant immediately became curious, thinking that perhaps someone might be buried there.

One thing overlooked by the first discoverers was a coat hanging in a tree near the mouth of the tunnel. In one of the pockets was a letter addressed to J. T. Hagan, Tolo, and signed M. L. Payne, giving information concerning certain samples of rock sent to the Opp mine for assay. This letter was dated in May, but from appearances the slide had occurred some time later.

The circumstances which lend color to the supposition that Hagan or someone else is immured behind an almost impenetrable mass of rock and earth or is crushed beneath the slide is the fact that the tools, coat, etc., are distributed as if the miner had brought them out of the tunnel just before "shooting" the holes he had drilled. A sack of dynamite hanging in the tree beside the coat is "mute evidence" that something unforeseen had occurred to the miner. Did a blast explode prematurely and bring down the roof of the tunnel upon the lone miner, or did some carelessly placed timber leave a weak place which the weight of the mountain found and broke through?

The authorities are taking steps to investigate the matter and the tunnel may be reopened and the mystery solved.

#### KID EAGEN SUES MAGAZINE FOR \$100,000 DAMAGES

CARSON CITY, Nev., Aug. 24.—Kid (Joe) Egan, former secretary to Jim Jeffries and connected with Jim Corbett's training camp, today is plaintiff in a suit for \$100,000 damages against Pearson's Magazine of New York. The article which Egan alleges libeled him was written by Richard Barry and referred to Egan's connection with Jeffries in the latter's early pugilistic days.

Barry and Egan clashed a few days before the Jeffries-Johnson mill. They met in a Reno saloon, where Barry charged Egan with having defrauded Jeffries.

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#### SHERMAN WILL NOT DISCUSS LETTER OF TAFT

Keeps Mum Regarding Taft's Letter to Griscom on Teddy's Speech to Farmers—Battle Royal is Expected on Next Monday for Control.

HERKIMER, N. Y., Aug. 24.—Colonel Theodore Roosevelt today issued a declaration of war to the "old guard" in the Republican party in New York. Roosevelt's attention was called to a statement of W. H. Barnes, leader of the "regulars," that he and his adherents would welcome a fight at the Saratoga convention.

"If they want to fight, all right," said the colonel. "I like fighting. As long as it is going to happen I expect they will have all they want." "I am going to the Saratoga convention only because I feel that the public interest demands that the party be given a chance to stand squarely and uncompromisingly on a clean and decent policy. I am going to the convention and make a speech just exactly as I originally planned. While I hope there will be enough good, honest delegates to prevent the overthrow of the principles for which I shall stand, yet if a certain element feels that it is their duty to oppose them, then it is their affair. As far as I am concerned the issues will be clean-cut."

Colonel Roosevelt's statement followed a cross-country ride. Numerous farmers stopped the former president as he cantered over the country roads. He shook hands heartily with them. The farmers expressed gratification that Roosevelt had returned to politics.

Colonel Roosevelt indicated that he expected to fight in the convention even if a majority of the delegates opposed his ideas.

#### SHERMAN IS QUIET. Refuses to Discuss Political Situation in Taft Letter to Griscom.

UTICA, N. Y., Aug. 24.—Vice-President James S. Sherman refused today to discuss President Taft's letter to Lloyd C. Griscom, which is regarded as a repudiation of Sherman's political tactics in connection with the selection of a temporary chairman of the New York state republican convention.

The refusal of Sherman to discuss his selection by the republican state central committee after Roosevelt's name had been presented for the place is regarded as another indication that the vice-president will "stand pat."

Roosevelt, while addressing the farmers here yesterday, endorsed State Senator Frederick Davenport, who is opposed by Sherman, because Davenport supported the direct primary measures in the New York assembly. This is considered an indication that the colonel has no idea of dropping the fight.

#### BATTLE ROYAL MONDAY. Politicians Active Preparing for the Struggle for Convention Control.

NEW YORK, Aug. 24.—A battle for control of the state convention, in which the regulars, led by Chairman Timothy L. Woodruff, and the

BULLETIN. The fire alarm was sounded in Ashland at 2:15 this afternoon in order to get more men to combat the flames. Ranger Gribble is now addressing a large crowd pleading for more volunteers. It is probable that all stores will be closed and the business men will take the field. The wind continues high.

A sudden high wind arose in the fire district of Southern Oregon about 11 o'clock today and the fires have redoubled their fury.

Ranger Gribble has sent an urgent call for more men to combat the flames raging south of Ashland. His present force is said to be exhausted.

It is believed that if the wind does not die down soon that Ashland will be in danger, although at this time but little apprehension is felt.

It is in the path of the flames which are said to be advancing rapidly, although as yet it is some four miles from Ashland.

A large number of men started at once to the aid of Ranger Gribble, who has a large force of civilians and 50 soldiers fighting the flames. These men are nearly exhausted and was to relieve them that more men were sought.

If the situation grows worse stores will be closed and all available men will go to the front.

Fires in other parts of Southern Oregon are said to have gained renewed energy from the wind and that such of the good work done has been wiped out.

Reports this morning were most favorable, as there was little wind and men are now at all critical points. The sudden rise in the wind was changed this, however.

The fires at Colistin are said to be practically under control. A system of reports has been established and from now on the local fire will be in much better touch with the fires.

The squads fighting the fires have been divided into three shifts. Each shift for eight hours.

A large number of civilians are combating the flames on Evans peak and the fire is getting under control.

### H. VON DER HELLEN IS OUT FOR STATE SENATOR

#### RAIN RELIEVES MONTANA FIRES

Situation Greatly Improved by Slight Downpour and Snowfall—Cold Wave Lowers Temperature—Incendiaries to Be Prosecuted.

HELENA, Mont., Aug. 24.—With a slight rain falling over the valleys and snow in the mountains, the forest fire situation in Central Montana is greatly improved today. It is almost certain that the majority of the big fires will be subdued, should the downpour continue long.

Sunday the temperature was 90 degrees. Today overcoats are in great demand. The change in the meteorological conditions is most remarkable.

The lowered temperature is doing much toward reducing the danger of fires spreading.

Encouraging reports of the fights against the forest conflagrations was received from nearly every quarter of Montana today. It is believed that the critical stage has passed and that normal conditions soon will be restored.

It was announced that careless campers and incendiaries will be vigorously prosecuted by the government.

When in doubt put a want ad in The Mail-Tribune

#### SUBSCRIBES TO STATEMENT ONE

Is Popular Throughout County and Will Make a Strong Race—Has Served in House of Representatives With Much Credit.

Hon. H. Von der Hellen of Helena has filed his declaration of candidacy for the republican nomination for state senator from Jackson county. He subscribes to Statement No. 1, agreeing to vote for the popular choice for United States senator. His declaration reads as follows:

"If nominated and elected I will devote my best efforts to the safeguarding of my constituents and of the people at large.

"I further state to the people of the state of Oregon, as well as to the people of my own legislative district, that, if elected, during my term of office that I will always vote for that candidate for United States senator in congress who has received the highest number of the people's vote at the general election next preceding the election of the senator in congress, without regard to my individual preference."

Mr. Von der Hellen desires that the following appear under his name on the ballot:

"Favors economic administration of public funds; good roads; im-

#### JONES FILES HIS DECLARATION

Is Candidate for Renomination as Sheriff—Very Popular Throughout the County—Received Large Vote Last Time.

Wilbur A. Jones, sheriff of Jackson county, has filed his petition as candidate for renomination by the democrats. So far, Mr. Jones is the only democratic candidate for any office, and there are not likely to be many others.

Sheriff Jones is probably the most popular man in the county. Although a democrat, two years ago he received the largest majority of any candidate, and as history repeats itself, the same result is looked for this year. His republican opponent will be John H. Bellinger.

Mr. Jones has made a good record in office, both as tax collector and sheriff. Under his administration, the middle previously existing in the county tax rolls, has been straightened out and business methods prevail. Quiet and fearless, he has enforced the law without fuss and feathers, or grandstand performances, and proved a most capable official.

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