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HEAVY FOG SLOW WIND FIRE DIES

Situation in Crater Forest Is Best in Two Weeks—Nearly All Fires Now Under Control—Situation Improves With Heavy Drizzle Over Mountains—All Controlled Soon.

A heavy fog amounting to a drizzling mist, and a lack of wind has put a better phase on the forest fire situation than has prevailed at any time during the past two weeks. If the wind does not come up again the fire will all be under control within the next 24 hours.

Favorable reports were received today from all of the different fires by Assistant Forester Buck, who is in charge of the local office. Not a single fire is showing any great amount of activity and the firefighters are today patrolling rather than battling with the flames.

A heavy fog hung over the Big Butte district Sunday. At times this amounted to a drizzle and aided the men combatting the flames. A calm prevailed and this also was a great aid.

The Cat Hill fire is now practically under control, as are the fires near Prospect, Dudley, Rancharoe and Big Elk.

One new fire was reported Sunday and that on the divide between Rogue river and the Umpqua, near Abbott's Butte. This is an open country for the most part and it is believed that it can be controlled.

So far not a single fatality has been reported locally. A report late Saturday from Trail that certain settlers, with their families, were in danger has been proven untrue.

The following is from a Klamath paper dealing with the conditions on that side of the forest:

The fire situation both in the Clover creek country and Mount Pitt region are still assuming serious proportions, and instead of being under control have broken out anew in many places.

Word came yesterday from the Clover creek fire to send more men, and twelve went out last night. Another crew of eighteen were taken there today, and an effort is being made to get more. That this fire is still raging in new territory to the east toward the Aspen lake country has been confirmed, and it is now stated that it has jumped the old fire line in several places and is rapidly being driven into the big timber belt in that section before a stiff breeze which prevailed yesterday, and which is still continuing to a considerable extent. The winds of the past few days have been playing havoc with the firefighters and forcing the blaze out in many places in spite of the most strenuous efforts of those trying to hold it in check. Jack Kimball, head ranger for the Weyer-

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THEODORE IS GUEST OF DENVER

Biggest and Noisiest Crowd Since Leaving New York Greets Teddy in Colorado—Given Presidential Salute of Twenty-one Guns—Having a Busy Time.

DENVER, Colo., Aug. 29.—A salute of 21 guns, the special salute of a president of the United States, boomed forth as Colonel Theodore Roosevelt, former chief executive of the nation, arrived in Denver today. It was only a small part of the noisy welcome given the colonel by the thousands of visitors gathered in the Colorado capital to greet the former president.

Roosevelt's train arrived a few minutes before 11 o'clock. As early as 8 o'clock the crowds had begun to assemble and by 10 a. m. they had overflowed from the big union station and streamed up the street, forming a solid mass of humanity many blocks long. It was the biggest crowd that has greeted the colonel since he left New York. And it was the noisiest, too. The crowd sounded like a national convention trying to outdo the long-distance cheering record. When the colonel left his train and was escorted through the streets he was kept busy bowing to his acknowledgments to shouts of "Teddy."

Crowds yell greeting. The colonel left Cheyenne at 8:40 last night and his train stopped only twice on its way to Denver. At every station, however, big crowds had gathered and yelled their greetings. Roosevelt breakfasted in his private car. He was met at the station by Governor Shaffroth, Mayor Speer and committees representing the Colorado Livestock association and the Spanish-American war veterans. Roosevelt was escorted at once to a waiting automobile and taken through the principal streets to a reviewing stand, where he reviewed the parade of the Spanish War Veterans, the Indian Fighters' association and a number of civic bodies. The streets were gaily decorated and were lined with cheering thousands in honor of the former president.

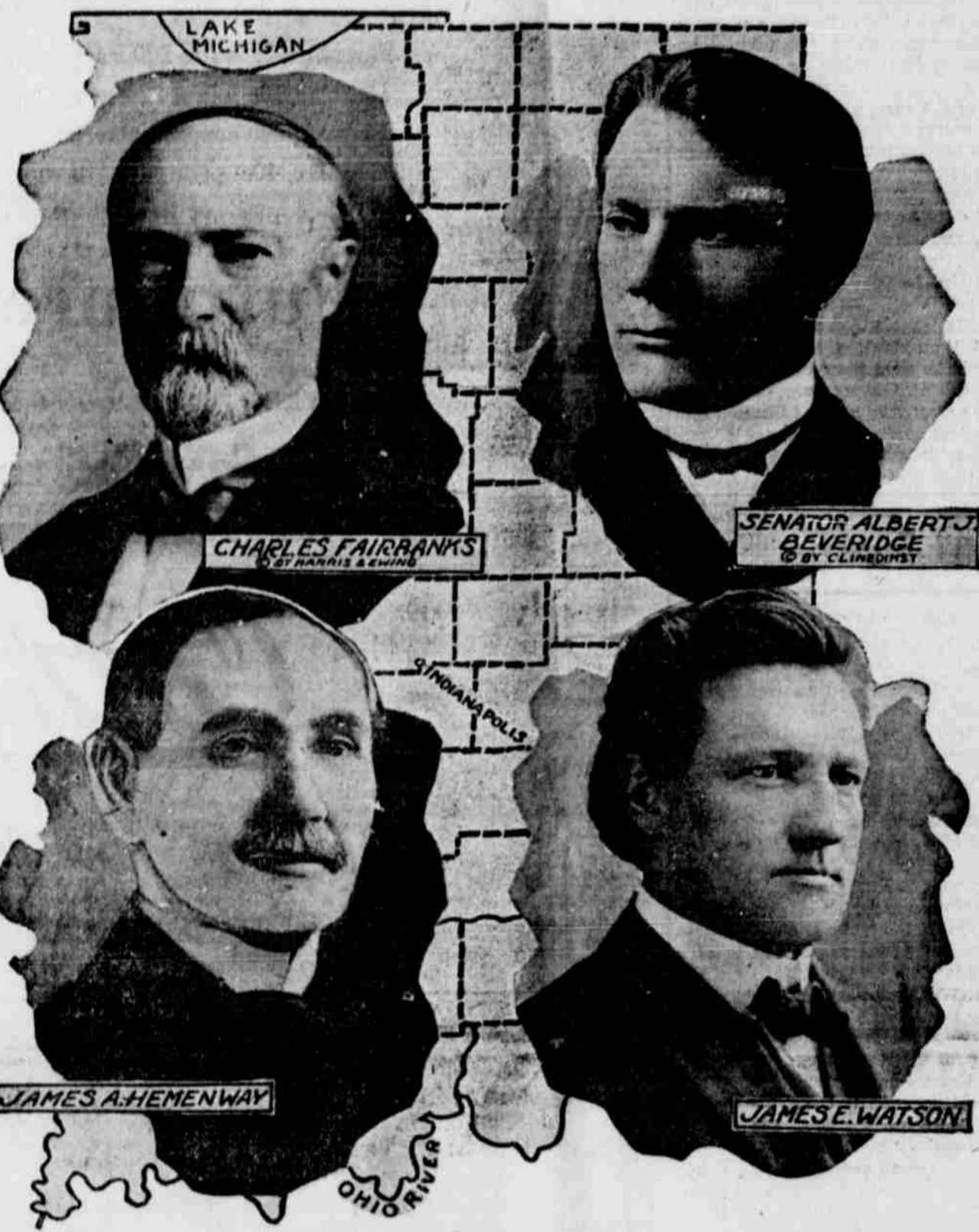
At noon Roosevelt became the guest of the Denver Press club and was then escorted to Overland Park, where he was the guest of honor at a "chuck wagon" dinner.

Food in Round-Up Style. Real chuck wagons were standing in the park, and two old "cow camp" cooks prepared the food. The feast was served in genuine "round-up" style.

After the spread had been disposed of the colonel was escorted back to the heart of the city and taken to the Auditorium, where he was the guest of honor and principal speaker at the afternoon session of the convention of the Colorado Livestock as-

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Republicans of Hoosier State Are Working For Harmony In Party.



Republicans of Indiana promise to get together in fairly good shape before the opening of the campaign in a few days. Ex-Vice President Charles Fairbanks has informed the state chairman that he is willing to take the stump, as usual, and both ex-Senator James A. Hemenway and Congressman James E. Watson have signified their intention of taking an active part in winning voters for the G. O. P. It is believed that, while Hemenway, Watson and their followers are not enthusiastic over the candidacy of Senator Albert J. Beveridge, they are not anxious to turn Indiana over to the Democrats. The next legislature will reappoint the state for legislative and congressional purposes, and if the Democrats get control it is predicted that they will arrange the districts so that it will require the Republicans years to regain lost ground. For this reason if for no other the Fairbanks-Hemenway organization, which dominated the party completely for a decade until the election of 1908, is showing a disposition to line up with Senator Beveridge's followers.

TAFT IS NOW AT WORK ON LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

MULKEY TELLS WHERE HE STANDS

Discusses Issues of the Campaign and Explains Why He Stands as He Does on Certain Issues—Talks of Mr. Hawley's Stand.

B. F. Mulkey, insurgent candidate for congress in speaking of the pending congressional campaign has this to say:

"I understand that Congressman Hawley, who is a candidate for reelection to Congress, says he will not vote for Joseph Cannon again for speaker. He says Cannon is not an issue. This is rather sudden. During the closing days of the last session of Congress Cannon was the only issue and Mr. Hawley and Mr. Ellis voted with and for Mr. Cannon. When Victor Murdoch and other insurgents were struggling to overthrow "Cannonism" in the House, Mr. Hawley stood with Mr. Cannon. Mr. Cannon is still a candidate for Speaker and the issue is burning hot and no longer able to hold on to it, the Congressman drops it.

"To discard Cannon is to dodge the issue. The public at large are not so much concerned about Cannon as they are 'Cannonism.' That is, whether legislative power shall be concentrated into the hands of a few men that the special interests by

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NEXT HOUSE MAY BE DEMOCRATIC

And the President Realizes It—The Coming Short Session Will Be Made as Productive of Legislation as Possible, if Taft Has His Way.

BEVERLY, Mass., Aug. 29.—President Taft is not overlooking the possibility of democratic control of the next house of congress, and with that possibility in view is working out a legislative program for the coming "short session." The program will include the platform pledges of the republican party which have not yet been fulfilled.

The program will be made as short as possible, it is understood, and every preparation will be made to get the biggest part of the legislation passed between December 5 and March 1. A special message to congress urging haste in handling the legislation has been considered, it is reported, and may be sent to congress, provided the Republican majority is lost in the coming election. The president is very anxious to bring about harmony between the insurgents and the regulars. It is only with such harmony that the program can be carried out and the president is doing everything in his power to make the leaders realize this. It is said he has told many of

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BOLD ROBBERY ON STREET CAR

Motorman Beaten Into Insensibility by Masked Men, Who Secure One Hundred and Fifty Dollars and Make Clean Getaway.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 29.—Three masked and armed men held up and robbed the crew and passengers of a Mission street car, inbound, on the outskirts of the city shortly before daylight today. Motorman B. C. Reimer resisted and was fatally beaten. The conductor and passengers were beaten unconscious by the bandits, who robbed them of \$150 and escaped without leaving a clue.

Motorman Reimer was running his car at fair speed from Hillcrest, on the Mission road, when he was signalled to stop. As he slowed down he noticed that the man wore a mask, and instantly threw on the power. "Stop the car and then hands up!" he ordered, and Reimer obeyed. As the car came to a standstill two other masked men stepped aboard and covered Conductor West and three men passengers with revolvers.

Reimer resisted when one of the thugs began searching him. The bandit dealt him a dozen blows and the motorman fell unconscious. West

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YOU GOT UP EARLY, NOW DIDN'T YOU?

Huge Crowds Flock Into City to See Big Circus Parade at 8 o'clock—Greatest Show on Earth Gives One Performance Only, But That One Was Greatly Enjoyed.

The song of the circus is heard in the land, The banners are silken from far Samarcand, Then wave o'er the wombat, the quagga and gau, The camel, the yak, the blithe kangaroo.

The hand-painted zebra's a symphony grand, The song of the circus is heard in the land, The poster is blooming green, yellow and red, And stands the blithe urchin with joy on his head.

The barrel of fancy we spin on our shoon, And jump from the nag through the paper balloon, The song of the circus is heard in the land— The trick mule embroders his tricks on the land.

The peanut discourses its solo serene, With envy the red lemonade's turning green; The clown on the sawdust cavorts to the band— The song of the circus is heard in the land.

Pa was routed out of bed in the cold grey dawn this morning in order that the cows might be milked, the pigs fed, and Nancy and Dobbin hitched to the spring wagon in time to get Ma and the kids into town in time to see the big parade of the Barnum & Bailey circus, scheduled at 8 o'clock. And not alone did Pa arise. Mr. City Man was in his office an hour earlier than usual that he might get his work out of the way so he could snatch an hour to see the mile of gilt and glittering wagons. It was a horrible hour for a circus, anyway, wasn't it, Arabela?

There was no more popular spot in Jackson county today than the 15 acres of ground occupied by Barnum & Bailey just at the end of the Main street pavement. A tremendous crowd gathered there early today and this afternoon are wending their way homeward with nothing but praise for the "greatest show on earth."

Barnum & Bailey arrived in the city Sunday afternoon. They gave one performance here at 10 a. m. and are now leaving for the south.

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KOREA IS FORMALLY ANNEXED

Japanese, Without Little Country's Consent, Make Korea Part of the Nipponese Empire—Not a Slip in the Well-Oiled Wheels of Diplomacy.

TOKIO, Aug. 29.—An imperial edict, an official announcement and a military order respecting the action of Resident General Terauchi and the independent empire of Korea became a part of the Japanese empire.

The emperor, Yi Syek, became officially the "wang"; outwardly, the change has been made without a single slip in the well-oiled wheels of Nipponese diplomacy. In unofficial circles, however, come rumors of discontent and threats of revolt from Seoul.

The edict of the minister of the interior threatens to change the entire diplomatic alignment in the far east, and the effects of the annexation or "amalgamation," as the diplomats here prefer to call it, will be felt by every world-power.

Made Over Protest.

The annexation was made without the consent of the Koreans, over the protest of China—as yet too feeble or too unready to enforce her objections—and with the careful watchfulness of the United States. America enjoys under Korean treaties many privileges that Japanese treaties refuse. The Japanese statesmen have announced that the Korean treaties will be recognized for a time. The situation is a gigantic far eastern game of "freeze-out," with Japan dealing the cards and Russia playing to Japan's hand.

England and Russia today notified the foreign minister of their full recognition of Japan's move. Russia especially assured Japan of her hearty co-operation and promised that the czar's ministers would use every effort to keep Koreans in good order in Northern Manchuria and Siberia, where hundreds of discontented Koreans have taken residence pending a decision on the question of a revolt.

Russia Cognizant.

It is acknowledged here that Russia was acquainted with every detail of Japan's plans in regard to Korea at the time the Russo-Japanese convention respecting the status quo in Manchuria was negotiated and signed.

Although the annexation of Korea was regarded as assured several weeks ago, the announcement of the annexation caused the Tokio newspapers to issue extra editions today. The general tone of the press is that Korea had fulfilled her destiny as a nation and that Japan was ready to crush out any revolt on the one hand

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96-DAY DROUGHT IS BROKEN

Showers Fall in Western Oregon, After Longest Drouth Since 1902—Brings Relief to the Firefighters in Oregon Timber Forests.

PORTLAND, Aug. 29.—Showers yesterday and last night ended the 96-day drouth in Western Oregon, the longest since 1902, and at the same time came strongly to the relief of the forest-fire fighters in Southern Washington and Western Oregon. According to dispatches received here today from Southern Oregon, there was only a slight precipitation in the Crater national reserve, where a heavy downpour is badly needed to extinguish the great forest fires sweeping through the region. It is believed now that the civilians and troops fighting fires in the Mt. Hood district of Oregon will be able to prevent the conflagration from spreading further. It is well known that a crown fire will burn through the tree tops only when the atmosphere is dry. In the Camas district, north of Vancouver, Wash., there was a heavy rain. As a result, a vast improvement in the fire situation has been noted. Not one of a store's "regular customers" fail to note—with personal interest and pleasure—every evidence of increasing advertising enterprise which it shows.

CONSERVATIVE STAND EXPECTED

Insurgents Will Control Kansas Convention, But It Is Believed That Radicals Will Be Unable to Have Own Way—Froese Boom May Be Sprung.

TOPEKA, Kan., Aug. 29.—In spite of the fact that the insurgents will be in control, it is predicted that Kansas republicans, who will meet in state convention tomorrow, will adopt a "conservative progressive" platform. The radicals, who will seek to denounce the Taft administration, probably will fail, it is predicted, and the platform, while declaring for progressive ideas in national affairs, probably will indorse President Taft mildly. The resolutions, it is predicted, will ask a revision of the tariff and will indorse the "good points" of the Taft administration; will approve Senator

Bristow and Congressman Madison and Murdock unqualifiedly, and will say a good word for the "good intentions" of Senator Curtis and Congressmen Anthony and Campbell. Cannon, Aldrich and Ballinger probably will be sharply criticized.

The platform probably will declare against the life tenure of their places held by the members of the United States supreme court. It is rumored that a Roosevelt boom may be sprung, but this has not been confirmed.

Little interest is shown in the democratic, prohibition and socialist conventions, which will be held at the same time.