

WAY STREWN WITH DEAD

FORT WILLIAMS, Ont., Oct. 8.—A special from Beaudette, Minn., about 200 miles west of here on the Canadian Northern railway, which was destroyed last night by forest fires, says:

"Most disastrous forest fires in the history of Northern Minnesota and Western Ontario visited this vicinity last night, in which a number of lives were lost and millions of dollars' worth of property was destroyed. It broke out northwest of the town about 6 o'clock and by 6:30 the whole towns of Beaudette and Spooner were on fire.

"The downcoming trains report the right of way strewn with corpses, five having been found between here and five miles west. They were endeavoring to get away from the fires and got out on the track only to be burned to death between the rails, the bodies being destitute of clothing, everything being burned except the shoes. One mother was found with a young babe lashed to her breast. Both were so completely charred by the flames as to be unrecognizable.

"It is feared that hundreds of settlers south of here have perished as it is known yesterday they were packing up to come to town but have not reached here yet."

"DEATH TO TAFT'S DOGS" IS CRY NOW IN HONDURAS

GUATEMALA CITY, Oct. 8.—Foreigners are fleeing in terror from Amalpa, Honduras, following the imprisonment of English and Americans and the seizure of their property by the city commandante last night.

The jailing of the Americans and Englishmen is believed to be tantamount to condemnation to death.

The foreigners are accused of fomenting a revolution.

Anarchy prevails and the authorities are not attempting to prevent pillage.

The British consul at Amalapa has fled to San Salvador and has cabled asking for a cruiser.

The commandante announces that he will burn the city of the warship approaches.

American interests are menaced and the property of the American colony has been seized by the authorities.

American refugees are appealing for protection.

Warships have been ordered to the scene.

ROGERS NOW HAS CHARGE

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Oct. 8.—The search for the men who are believed to have dynamited the Los Angeles Times plant centered about Los Angeles today.

Attorney Earl Rogers, who is in charge of the investigation for the Merchants' and Manufacturers' association, arrived from San Francisco this morning. He refused to talk until he had rested.

William J. Burns, in charge of the detective work for the city, detailed several operatives today to work on new clues which, in accordance with his recent orders, were withheld from the public.

Burns and Rogers are working independently, the Los Angeles police department being at Burns' disposal. It is believed, however, that they are working generally upon the same clues.

Work amid the ruins of the Times building is being rushed. Seventeen bodies have been recovered and the Times management believes that at least six more lie in the debris. Efforts will be made to find these bodies today, so that they may be buried at the general funeral tomorrow.

The workers are handicapped by the awakened condition of the walls that still are standing. Several times during the night they were ordered from the pit while the walls were being tested.

It is not believed that the clearing of the ruins will be completed before late next week.

WORK COMMENCES ON CRATER LAKE HIGHWAY

C. H. Natwick and company, who have the contract for building the section of the Crater Lake highway around Florence rock, have established their camp and have started construction work. They have at present in service twenty-five men

and fourteen head of horses. This crew is to be enlarged within a week.

Contractor Natwick states that he will push the work to completion as rapidly as possible.

The work is being done under the supervision of Engineer Heidel.

MANUEL IS BANISHED

LISBON, Oct. 8.—The republic of Portugal today formally proclaimed an order of banishment against King Manuel, Queen of the Amelie, Dowager Queen Maria Pia and the Duke of Oporto. It was learned today that the Duke of Oporto was captured while fighting and that he was escorted to the sea coast and placed aboard the royal yacht Amelie. The order of exile against him and the fallen king is most strict.

It was reported here today that Dom Manuel had attempted to commit suicide at Gibraltar following the news of the banishment, and that he was prevented from carrying out his purpose by his mother.

President Braga insisted today that reports from the provinces are encouraging to the republicans.

It is certain, however, that undesirable Catholics will be expelled and that monasteries and convents will be closed and their contents seized. All monastic and conventual lands and valuables will be re-empted by the republic. In this way lands will be practically condemned by the government and purchased for a normal sum.

BOHEMIANS MAY LOCATE IN ROGUE

Agent is Here Looking for Tract of Land Enough to Accommodate Colony of Not Less than One Hundred Families.

C. V. Tarbell of San Francisco is in the valley determining whether or not a suitable tract of land can be secured at a reasonable figure on which to locate a colony of Bohemians similar to that located last year in the Langwell valley country near Klamath Falls. Whether or not the Bohemians will invade this valley depends upon whether a tract of land suitable in size can be secured. The Bohemians live a great extent by themselves, mixing little with other races.

Last year a colony was established on what is known as the Lakeside tract on Tule Lake, in Klamath valley.

These people purchased from 10 to 160 acres each at the time and only a few families came in at first. Since that time they have been coming in from time to time until they cover a large territory there, and when all of the lands are sold out in this colony and more of their people come in those who have purchased again divide their lands and dispossess some of it to the newcomers.

BOX SHORTAGE IS GROWERS' WOE

Yakima Valley Men Cannot Get Appleholders, and Grape Baskets Are Few—Picking Now Well Under Way in That Section.

NORTH YAKIMA, Wash., Oct. 8.—There is an apple box and grape basket shortage here, which threatens to seriously embarrass the growers in handling their crop. There were shipped by freight from North Yakima during the month of September, 25,000 boxes of apples; more were sent out by express. The local box factory has not been able to keep up with the demand, many carloads of boxes being shipped in from Grays Harbor and the sound mills. There is a small supply on hand, but dealers are allowing only a limited number to each rancher.

In the matter of grape baskets, one trouble has been the inability of the individual grower to estimate their needs. One man, who had 150 baskets last year, this year will need 4,000, but had no idea of it until almost time to harvest his crop.

Apple picking began early this year, owing to a season advanced from the normal from two weeks to a month. In the majority of the orchards careful spraying has been done and the fruit averages very high, the percentage of worms being small.

LOGGES TURN TO BUILDING

With the general development throughout the city continuing without abatement the Medford fraternal orders are turning their attention to building and within the next year many of the lodges will be occupying houses of their own. The past week has seen work start on the erection of the new Odd Fellows building on Sixth street while the Masonic building committee at a meeting on Wednesday evening authorized Power & Reeves, architects, to get out suitable plans for a new three-story building, which is to be erected on the corner of Main and Riverside.

In addition to these two lodge buildings the Elks are known to be considering a building on their Central avenue property and the Woodmen are planning the erection of a "log cabin." Within a year the city is certain to be well equipped with lodge halls. As all of the lodges are making a healthy growth there is no reason apparent why any retrenchment in their plans should appear.

APPLE DEMAND IS GETTING READY FOR SEASON

Northwestern Fruit Exchange Reports Call Is Principally for Red Varieties, But This is Indicative of Splendid Prices.

The Northwestern Fruit exchange issued the following special report on apples Saturday:

The demand from all directions today is quite active, centering particularly in good red fruit, suitable for cold storage, such as Ben Davis, Black Twigs, Rome Beauties, Ganos and medium priced varieties. We have confirmed orders for one block of 10 cars Ben Davis to a large eastern buyer, half extra fancy and fancy grade, equal proportions, 4 and 4 1-2 tier at \$1 f. o. b. Washington, and we have sold several cars Winesap, equal proportions extra fancy and fancy and \$1.50 for fancy f. o. b. Washington.

We are negotiating a deal for 20 cars of Ben Davis. Our North Yakima office reports sale to a middle western buyer of nine cars of choice grade apples assorted varieties at 85c f. o. b. In the higher class of fruit values remain steady. We sold two cars of fancy and extra fancy Spitzenberg a \$2.25 for 4 tier and larger, \$2 and 4 1-2 tier f. o. b. Washington.

LOCAL GUNSMITHS RUSHED WITH BUSINESS PREPARATORY TO OPENING OF QUAIL SEASON NEXT SATURDAY—MANY COVEYS SEEN.

For the past week the gunsmiths in the city have been working overtime in an effort to keep up with the rush of business now that the quail season is near. The season opens next Saturday and local sportsmen are getting in readiness for the opening day, and great will be the slaughter of the little brown beauties. A number of local sportsmen are planning to leave for the hills on Friday evening and remain over Sunday in order to get the pick of the season's offering.

From all reports quail are more plentiful in the foothills this year than they were last. Very little out-of-the-season hunting has been reported and no violators have been caught, and this accounts for the quail being not as wild as usual. The season is a short one and no doubt the woods will be filled with hunters during the last two weeks in this month.

RAILROADS NOT SUCCESS FRANCE

PARIS, Oct. 8.—Of course it does not necessarily follow that nationalization of public utilities is not a good thing because it fails to give very satisfactory results in France. For that matter public utilities in private hands are very generally mismanaged all over the Gallic republic. French genius doesn't seem to run to the successful operation of such enterprises. But it is only after they have been nationalized that they reach their very worst. And when they reach the worst it certainly does appear as if they had gone the limit.

There is certainly no telephone system in the world that is so bad as the one in Paris. The state tobacco monopoly is a swindle from the very people who support it. The telegraphs are slower and more unreliable than in any other country in Europe. The postoffice is not overly efficient. The railroads are shockingly handled. Everything, in short, that the government touches, somehow contrives to go to the bad.

But in the conduct of the recently nationalized Western Railroad of France, the state has been really outdoing itself in the course of the past few months. It is about 18 months since the government, after a long debate in the chamber, resulting in a small majority for the administration, bought the line.

Well, since June 15, of this year, there have been 71 deaths by accident upon that one road—which is not a long road at that. A still larger number of passengers sustained more or less serious injuries. The Western Railway of France has to a certain extent a monopoly. The country through which it passes is very little touched by other systems so that many of the people who patronize it must use the Western or none.

REGISTRATION IS VERY LOW

Fifteen hundred voters must register within the next week if Jackson county's registration for this general election is to equal that of the one two years ago. The registration booths will close on October 15. Medford's registration is 500 shy of that for the last general election and a great many of the country precincts do not have 50 per cent of the enrollment that they ought to have. For instance, Weimer has an enrollment of 25 voters up to date this year, while its registered voters numbered 70 at the last general election. Trail has 34 registered voters compared with 85 at the last general election and Jacksonville 207 compared with that of 413 for the last election.

The population of the county has increased fully a fourth in the last two years and the enrollment should be much larger than in the past.

SICK MAN OF THE EAST VERY LOW

ATHENS, Oct. 8.—The situation in Turkey has become acute, according to official advices received today. The Greek Minister to Turkey has been recalled owing to persistent aggressions on the part of Turkey against Greece. It is feared that the "four protective powers" will intervene to the detriment of both Greece and Turkey.

AUTO SEASON LOOKS GOOD

The outlook for fall and winter sales in automobiles is very bright indeed according to the local agents. Medford, long noted for being the leading automobile city of America, having more machines per capita than any other city yet reported, is evidently going to break her own record. All of the dealers state that they have a number of spring deliveries booked and that nearly every newcomer to the valley, if he has purchased an orchard is considering the purchase of a machine in order to get into town and out again.

The Rogue River valley is ideal for motoring, the only fault which can be found is in the faulty construction of the roads. Within the next year it is believed that work will be under way to remedy much of this, and then motorists indeed will be in clover.

MAN IS HELD FOR ASSAULT ON OFFICER

Ed Cole, a member of the gang of criminal hobos who dropped off the freight cars last week, was bound over to the grand jury in a hearing before Judge Canon last Friday for assaulting G. Brosh while aiding Officer Kincaid in arresting him and some of his pals for disorderly conduct on the streets of Medford. While Brosh was alone with Cole and another hobo Cole hit him over the head with a hard, short instrument and in company with his companion ran and hid among the freight cars of the depot yards. Brosh received a nasty wound on the head but took up the chase. Through the joint searching of Brosh and Kincaid the hobos were recaptured and placed in jail.

Cole was the only one kept for trial. The penalty for assaulting an officer while under arrest for the purpose of escaping and aiding other prisoners to escape is from two to seven years in the penitentiary. The case seems a clear one and the lesson that a conviction will inculcate will

LOCAL ORCHARDIST WINS FIRST PRIZE

Medford's contingent of exhibitors at the Rogue River valley fair, although few in number, all won prizes. Against thirty-seven competitors J. A. Westerlin carried off first honors in the Yellow Newtowns plate exhibition. George A. Hoyer won second place. This is the fourth time that Mr. Westerlin has won prizes with his Yellow Newtowns during the past two years. Last year his Newtowns carried off the first honors at the Denver national apple show, and second prize at the Spokane national apple show and at the Ashland fair the prize winning apples came from the Western Oregon orchard tract of seven year old trees. George A. Hoyer won the blue ribbon in the three-box exhibit of Bose and Comice pears and in the six plate exhibit of peaches. Sonysmith, the only other orchardist of the Medford district to show fruit, won the second prize with his Comice.

GROWERS WAIT FOR HIGHER PRICE

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Oct. 8.—Because orchardists are holding their fruit for prices ranging from 15 to 25 cents per box higher than buyers are willing to pay, little trading has been reported to date. It is estimated that less than 25 per cent of the apple crop of the northwest has been sold, according to commission men.

If this state of affairs continues, say buyers from the east, they will be forced to buy the crops of the middle west, now already in barrels in Colorado and east of the Ohio river. They expect to see Walla Walla valley apples placed on the market in large quantities, however, in the next few days.

Apples are ready here this year fully ten days ahead of the usual schedule. Weather conditions have been such that the fruit has ripened early and the fruit growers have been active in boxing the fruit as soon as it was ready.

TO PUT FIGHTING ON PLANE WITH VAUDEVILLE

LONDON, Oct. 8.—A step to put prize fighting on the same plane with vaudeville is being planned by Hugh McIntosh and Jimmy Britt. The scheme is for the establishment of a regular circuit, the fighters to play the circuit in approved vaudeville fashion.

The British Isles, France and one other country on the continent will be included in the circuit. American boxers will be the headliners.

LARGE SALE OF ROGUE APPLES

The first large sale of Rogue River valley apples took place in Medford Saturday evening. J. Howard Detwiler of the Philadelphia firm of Detwiler & Sons company, and Ego Olivit, head of the New York firm that bears his name, each placed an order with Manager Wilmeroth of the Fruit association for 25 cars of apples, part to be of Spitzenberg and part to be of Newtowns. The price paid was not given out but that the fruit went at a good figure is certain.

Detwiler and Olivit have during the past two weeks visited the Colorado and intermediate fruit growing districts. They say the orchards which they have seen in the last weeks while in the hands of Manager Wilmeroth are vastly superior to the orchards of Colorado. They state that the orchards here are much better kept and the fruit better colored and of finer quality.

LECTURER TO SPEAK TO MEDFORD PEOPLE

Adam Dixon Warner, a nationally known lecturer, will give two illustrated lectures in the Natatorium on Thursday and Friday evenings of the coming week. The first address will be given under the auspices of the Medford Commercial club and will be entitled "See America First." Mr. Warner has a collection of slides that is more extensive and up to date than any other in existence. Commercial clubs up and down the coast have recently supplied him with slides picturing the wonders of the Pacific coast. The lecturer has some excellent photographs of the "Oregon Caves." Mr. Warner considers that these caves of Josephine county are more wonderful than the Mammoth caves of Kentucky.

MANY NOTED KINGS OF THE AIR COMING

HAVRE, France., Oct. 8.—A formidable array of talent sailed from here today for New York to enter the international aeroplane contests to be held at Belmont this month. Desseps, Latham, Aubron and Simon were among the bird-men departing.

Miss Margaret Hubbard was the guest of Mrs. E. B. Davis last week.

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