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ESTIMATE OF FIRE SLAIN IS ONE THOUSAND

Millions of Dollars of Property Loss, Thousands of Acres of Timber Devastated Many Mines Ruined and Flames Still Unchecked in Ontario.

MICHIGAN PENINSULA FIRE BURNING ITSELF OUT

Twenty-one Counties Swept With Ruin and Desolation—Villages and Towns Destroyed.

COBALT, Ont., July 13.—That fully 1,000 lives have been lost in the forest fires which today are sweeping the greater part of 20,000 square miles in Northern Ontario, the Porcupine district, is the estimate this afternoon of many refugees from the stricken district.

The lowest death estimated, made by any in that 200 have perished and many declare that the loss is at least 500, but a majority of those who fled for life through the hell of flames declare the largest number will be found small enough till the total of death is completed.

Those who believe 1,000 have died point to the fact that at the town of Porcupine alone several hundred persons were driven into the lake by the roaring flames and that fully 100 of them are known to have perished. In addition one launch there holding twenty-two persons, was seen to go over and all perished. Six or seven other boats were also seen to sink with all their occupants and upset canoes have been found floating all along the lake shores.

It is believed that 200, perhaps 300 persons, perished at Porcupine alone.

COBALT, Ont., July 13.—More than 300 dead by forest fires in the Porcupine district of Ontario today is a record for holocausts in the Dominion of Canada. Damage to the extent of millions of dollars has been done, thousands of acres of timber have been devastated, many mines have been ruined and still the flames rage unchecked.

It is feared many lives have been lost in sections from which as yet have not been reported.

The following mines were totally ruined:

The Dome, North Dome, Vipond, Foley, O'Brien, Philadelphia, United Porcupine, Standard Imperial, West Dome and the El Dorado Porcupine.

At the Preston East Dome mine, survivors of which reached Porcupine today, many miners crawled into an unsheltered tunnel carrying with them food and water and managed to live, almost roasted until the great wall of roaring flames had passed them by. Others in the same section took refuge in creeks and lakes, standing in the water to their necks and ducking their heads under the surface until the flames roared past.

At South Porcupine while women and children were being hurried to (Continued on page 2.)

HEAT RECORD OF 1910 REACHED

Yesterday the Thermometer Soared to 102 Which It Was the Highest Mark Reached Last Year—Cooler but Sultry Today.

The heat record of 1910 in the Rogue River Valley was equaled Wednesday afternoon when the thermometer soared to 102 and remained there for a short time. On July 19 one year ago the mercury reached 102 which was the hottest day of the year.

It is much cooler today than yesterday although the sultriness in the weather makes it appear as warm. The electrical storm and accompanying shower of Wednesday afternoon proved a welcome relief. The weather man caught .09 of an inch in his register.

Ruler of Wales



PRINCE EDWARD OF WALES
PHOTO BY H. B. BAILEY

100,000 CHEER PRINCE EDWARD

Investment of Nominal Ruler With Ceremonies of Quaint and Medieval Magnificence Brightens Carnarvon Castle—Speaks Welch.

CARNARVON, Wales, July 13.—Cheered by 100,000 loyal Welshmen who gathered here today to greet their nominal ruler, Edward, the 17-year-old son of King George V. of Great Britain, was today invested with ceremonies of quaint and medieval magnificence as Prince of Wales; King George and Queen Mary played minor parts in the pomp and pageantry which brightened ancient Carnarvon castle, while their son occupied the center of the stage as the leading figure in the historic ceremony.

Returning from Ireland in the royal yacht the Prince of Wales with King George and his queen boarded a special train at Holyhead today and were at once taken to Griffith's Crossing, where they left the train and proceeded by coach to Carnarvon. Through the lavishly decorated main street of the little town the royal party passed to the great castle square, in the center of which a platform had been specially constructed. Here the mayor and members of the corporation presented addresses of welcome, to which the young prince responded in the Welsh tongue, which he has been studying for months.

As the royal Welsh choir of 400 voices broke into song the royal party entered the castle at the ancient water gate, the Prince of Wales and his escort in the lead and the royal party bringing up the rear. As the prince set foot in the castle entrance the ancient standard of Merlin was (Continued on page 4.)

DISTRICT FAIR TO BE MADE A PEAR SHOW

Mass Meeting Called for Monday Evening to Discuss Plans for Coming Event—Plan to Make It An Annual Affair to Advertise Valley.

PERMANENT ORGANIZATION TO ARRANGE FOR ESSENTIALS

August 29, 30 and 31, Favorably Considered as Dates Best Suited to Draw Attractions.

A mass meeting will be held in the old Emporium room in the Miles block on Monday evening next, July 17, for the purpose of completing permanent arrangements for a district fair to be held in Medford this fall.

It was the intention of the committee which inaugurated the Fourth of July celebration to make that event the forerunner of a permanent organization to hold a southern Oregon fair. So far the state has given an appropriation each year to Medford, Grants Pass and Ashland alternately, Medford getting the appropriation every third year, and little has been done on the part of either of these towns to give a fair anywhere near adequate to the possibilities and resources of the Rogue River valley.

It is the object of the proposed meeting to form a permanent organization which will hold a fair this year on the grounds where the Fourth of July celebration was held, and afterwards to purchase a piece of ground and make permanent improvements.

There are now so many resources little known and undeveloped in this region, which would benefit by the adequate publicity that would be given them at a district fair if properly managed. For instance, many of the ranch owners have gone into the breeding of fancy stock, hogs, cattle, angora goats, draft and fancy harness horses. The industry should be known and encouraged. Again a splendid mineral exhibit could be shown, which the recently organized mining bureau could supply. Local coal, lumber and clays should also be exploited. In fact each brand of industry peculiar to this region could and should be afforded an opportunity to make a public display of its best product.

Medford is the center of the great pear producing country in the world, and there is no reason why (Continued on page 4.)

New Building Planned for Corner Riverside and Main



MASONS ORDER CONSTRUCTION OF NEW TEMPLE TO BE ONE OF HANDSOMEST STRUCTURES IN CITY

WATERFRONT AT DULUTH BURNING

Many Spectators and Dozen Firemen Have Been Overcome—One Crowded Steamer Narrowly Escapes Destruction in Flames.

DULUTH, Minn., July 13.—The entire waterfront and most of the wholesale district of Duluth is threatened with destruction by fire this afternoon.

The flames started in the warehouse of Gowen and Peron, and all the lumber yards and warehouses in that section of the city are being swept.

More than a dozen firemen and spectators have been overcome.

One crowded excursion steamer was towed to safety barely in time, while on board, the women and children who composed most of her passengers shrieked and screamed in wild terror.

PITTSBURG, Pa.—Tipstaves have been kept busy here lately. The judges have ruled shirtsleeves in contempt of court.

4 STORY BUILDING PLANNED BY LODGE FOR ITS NEW HOME

The Medford Masonic Building Association held its annual meeting of stockholders at the Masonic lodge rooms Wednesday evening and after a discussion of plans the old officers were continued in office. It was decided to proceed with the erection of a temple in the immediate future and the committee was told to get busy.

The building committee in charge of the work is composed of the following men: R. H. Whitehead, Leon B. Haskins, F. C. Page, H. C. Garnett, Harry G. Wortman, Elmer A. Hicks is secretary.

This building will be second to none in the state in point of beauty and utility. It will have a frontage of 45 feet on Main street and 141 feet on Riverside avenue.

In addition to the four stories, there will be a full basement under the entire building.

The first story above basement will contain two mercantile store rooms, the air lobbies, vestibules and rest rooms.

Top Floors for Lodge.

The second story will consist entirely of office suites and rooms, together with wide corridors, hallways and stairs. The third and fourth stories will be used for lodge purposes exclusively. Rest rooms, parlor, library, commandery and other lockers and dressing rooms, banquet hall, ante rooms, kitchen, lodge hall and supplementary departments, will all be arranged admirably and provided with every facility essential to comfort of lodge attendants and their friends.

The ventilating and heating system throughout the building will be ideal.

The exterior of the building will be of white pressed brick and granite with terra cotta trim.

The building design throughout is massive and will, when completed, impart an aspect of dignified grandeur.

The designing and decoration of the lodge room and fixtures will be a modern adaptation of Egyptian modes.

The firm of Power, Reeves & West are in charge of the work. It is the intention that all work and all materials shall be provided, as far as possible, with local people. All materials must be of Oregon production.

The special furniture of the lodge room will be designed by the architects and will be built in Medford shops of native woods and finished in a way to procure unique effects of the highest degree of perfection known to the craft.

PORTLAND, Me.—The National Young People's Christian union of the Universalist church in the United States and Canada began its 23d annual session here today.

COKE RECALL TO FALL THROUGH

Not Enough Signatures Have Been Secured On Petitions to Make Recall Movement a Success Against Judge.

PORTLAND, Ore., July 13.—That the agitation to invoke the recall against Judge J. S. Coke of Marshfield, who presided over the Roy McClallen murder case at Roseburg has reached its zenith and enough signatures will not be secured to submit the question to the people, is the opinion expressed today by C. F. McKnight of Marshfield, who was one of the attorneys for the defense in the case.

"My opinion is that they will not receive the required number of signatures to place the matter before the people," said Attorney McKnight. "And if they should secure enough names, I don't believe they would be able to get any reputable attorney to run against Judge 'Coke.'"

PEARCE ELECTED TEACHERS CHIEF

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., July 13.—Winning all along the line the "insurgents" of the National Educational association this afternoon broke the power of the "old guard" in that body when, at a general session of the convention, Carrol G. Pearce of Milwaukee was elected president and Miss Katherine Blake of New York treasurer of the association.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., July 13.—Carroll G. Pearce of Milwaukee will be the next president of the National Educational association. In the nomination session this morning Pearce had 27 votes to 20 for A. E. Winship of Boston, the "old guard" candidate. Durand W. Springer, the present treasurer, received 24 votes to 23 for Miss Katherine Devoreaux Blake of New York, the insurgent candidate.

Undismayed by this, the insurgents will carry the fight for the treasurer to the floor of the convention. The following were nominated for vice president:

Mrs. E. F. Young, Illinois; George H. Carpenter, Texas; C. W. Phillips, Arizona; Mrs. Helen M. Wixson, Colorado; Dr. Sam Andrews, Pennsylvania; R. H. Wilson, Oklahoma; P. S. Stockwell, Wyoming; Edward Hyatt, California; Woodland C. Phillips, Maryland; E. D. Kessler, Oregon; Vaughan McCaughey, Honolulu.

As there are but 11 vice presidents to be elected, the nomination of those named are equivalent to their election.

THREE FOREST FIRES STARTED BY LIGHTNING

Flames Break Out On Wagner Creek, Griffen Creek and Grizzly Butte During Electrical Storm—Ranchers Get One Under Control.

ERICKSON AND SWENNING IN CHARGE OF OTHER TWO

Fire On Wagner Creek, Within National Forest, Is Spreading—Fire Season Now Here.

The electrical storm Wednesday afternoon started three forest fires in this district, two of them being within the territory covered by the forest service. The third fire was on the slopes of Grizzly Butte and was watched last evening by many people in this city.

A fire started on Wagner Creek within the national forest late in the afternoon. Supervisor M. L. Erickson of the Crater National forest left at once to direct the fight against it. Reports reaching Medford today from that section are to the effect that the fire is spreading rapidly but that the rangers expect to get it under control before much damage is done.

Fire also broke out on Griffen Creek about a half mile from the forest boundary. Assistant Supervisor Swenning left for the scene and now is endeavoring to get it under control.

Ranchers living at the base of Grizzly Butte left last night to fight the fire near the summit and reports today are to the effect that this fire is under control. The flames could be plainly seen from this city.

The forest fire season is now at hand and the forest service is taking every measure of precaution to prevent the flames from getting away from them, as they did last year, when troops were imported to fight the flames.

The valley towards the south is filled with smoke today. Last year so heavy did the blanket of smoke become in the valley that it created considerable discomfort.

ORANGEMEN PARADE STREETS OF OTTAWA

OTTAWA, Ont., July 13.—For the first time in the history of the Orange order, members of the order, 1000 strong, paraded the streets of Hull City yesterday. Trouble was expected, but nothing happened. The chief of police walked in advance of the parade, and warned the people not to interfere. The crowd was good natured and made no demonstration. When the parade was over the Orangemen cheered the chief.

\$4.10 PER BOX FOR BARTLETTS

First Pears Offered In East Bring Higher Price Than Opening Offering of Last Year at Chicago—Prospects Good for Big Prices.

Advices from Stewart Fruit company to Rogue River Fruit and Produce association state that the first Sacramento Bartlett pears were sold in Chicago yesterday averaging \$4.10 per box. This starts the season strong and as Rogue River pears will come at least a week later than last season we can look for a good average the season through. Many orchardists do not expect to begin picking until August 15, but the earliest pears from the valley will be picked about August 7 or 8. The crop will be of better quality than that of 1910.

The first Bartlett pears from California have reached the New York market and were a feature, averaging \$4.22 a box. The fruit was in good condition, but somewhat green. The demand for good fruit of all kinds is active, but the ratio to the total receipts is comparatively small.

LA FOLLETTE CALLS TAFT A BETRAYER OF PARTY

Canadian Reciprocity Condemned and Its Author Grilled by Wisconsin Progressive.

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 13.—In a speech bristling with invective and satire, Senator Robert M. La Follette of Wisconsin today on the floor of the senate bitterly denounced Canadian reciprocity and its sponsor President Taft. He flatly accused Taft of not having kept his promises, of having added betrayal to betrayal and of having sacrificed the progressive policies to Aldrichism and the reactionaries.

Benefits Only Trusts.

"The advocates of Canadian reciprocity," he said, "promise to reduce duties for the benefit of the people. It will reduce duties the effect of which never reaches the people, but it will reduce them for the killers, the packers, the brewers, Standard Oil and the coal companies who are already grossly protected. It is nothing that it pretends to be and professes to be nothing that it is. It is a little brother to the Payne-Aldrich bill, the greatest legislature wrong inflicted on the American people in half a century."

LaFollette said that in his campaign President Taft had promised a downward revision of the tariff, adding: "It is an interesting study in political psychology to observe his cam-



ROBERT M. LA FOLLETTE
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paigned devotion to Roosevelt and the Roosevelt politicians. The people elected Taft in the belief that he would hold fast all Roosevelt had gained and not that he would revoke his orders and reverse his action."

Condemns Aldrich Tariff.

The Wisconsin insurgent declared that after the election the Aldrich tariff bill was passed revising the tariff upward. He charged that Taft had co-operated with Aldrich to kill the income tax feature of the tariff bill which the progressives had offered by enacting an alleged tax on the corporations.

"The stand-patters knew," he said,

Reduces Tariff for Packers, Brewers, Oil and Coal Trust but Not For the People.

"what Aldrich and the president knew that every corporation would add the tax to the fixed charges of their business, exacting from the public through increased rates and prices every dollar paid to the government. The corporation tax amendment fittingly came from Aldrich but what will be said of the president of the United States who in his campaign gave the voters to understand he would favor the income tax?"

Increased the Burdens.

"It was increased the people's burdens and adds to the long score of betrayal after betrayal which can be laid at the door of Taft."

Summing up his indictment of the president, LaFollette asserted that chief executive had attempted to secure the enactment of an interstate commerce law favorable to the railroads; that he threw open controller Bay to the "interests," and that he had removed "honest and efficient Garfield" from the interior department and replaced him by Ballinger.

He declared that Taft's course had been vacillating and without definite policy, "because, apparently, there has been throughout the administration no deep conviction other than

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