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CAMPERS FLEE BEFORE FIERCE FOREST BLAZE

Flames On East Side of San Bernardino Range Spread Beyond All Control—Troops Are Asked to Lend Assistance.

MOUNTAIN SUMMER RESORTS ARE IN DANGER

Hundreds of Terrified Campers Barely Beat Fire Into Little River Valley.

SAN BERNARDINO, Cal., July 31—Sweeping aside the feebie opposition of the exhausted firefighters the forest fire which has been raging on the east side of the San Bernardino range today spread beyond all control.

Leaping 300 feet through the air up the mountainside the flames crossed the ridge where the fight was made to control it and spread into Westville's canyon and Houston flat.

Hundreds of campers, fleeing for their lives, barely beat the advance guard of the fire into Little Bear valley.

Until a thorough check has been made, it will be impossible to determine whether any lives were lost.

Must Have Help.

Assistant Forester Long in a call for outside aid issued today declares that unless assistance came quickly there was no telling where the fire might end.

The Swyland resort was attacked early today. After heroic efforts the resort was saved for the time being. Two rangers have collapsed from overwork and heat during the last 48 hours.

After much bickering between fighters and the rangers directing the work, backfiring was resorted to. Stung by criticism for refusing to permit this through fear that more serious fires might be started, the rangers gave the order.

Many of the fighters, it is said, refused to work unless the rangers yielded.

The fire swept over the district from which the Arrowhead hotel obtains its water, completely destroying the supply. Squirrel Inn and Pine Crest were still unburned at noon, although completely surrounded by fire.

Will Ask for Troops.

Early today Assistant Forest Supervisor Long announced that he had asked the government to send several companies of United States troops from San Francisco to aid in controlling the flames. Wires are down and it is impossible to obtain an accurate estimate of losses. Couriers arriving today told of the destruction of the Elks lodge at Pine Crest. Squirrel Inn and Pine Crest, two of the largest camps in the fire zone, escaped serious damage. Women and children have been removed to Little Bear valley.

The summer home of James E Mooney, Cincinnati multi-millionaire, caught fire 12 times, but was saved. J. E. Fish's summer home also caught but the flames were extinguished.

EVEN TRAINS KEEP WILDE FROM OREGON

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., July 31.—Through a breakdown at Los Banos of the train on which Louis J. Wilde, the banker accused of embezzlement in Oregon, is coming from San Diego to surrender here to Oregon authorities, Wilde was not expected to arrive in San Francisco until this afternoon. He probably will not leave for Portland until tomorrow.

Wilde is accompanied from San Diego by Attorney Charles F. Sumner. He will surrender here to District Attorney Cameron of Portland.

CHICAGO—Women sympathizers of striking peddlers pelted a squad of police with eggs. The officers withdrew.

SAYS MAINE BLOWN UP FROM OUTSIDE

LEWIS NIXON.
PHOTO BY ALMAN & CO.

Lewis Nixon, the well known naval architect who designed several war ships for the United States government, in an interview in New York says he is convinced that the battleship Maine was blown up from the outside. Mr. Nixon bases his conclusions on the evidence of an eyewitness, whose story has not yet been published.

STANDARD OIL WILL BE SPLIT UP

Corporation Will Disolve Into Its Original 33 Corporations—Stock Will Be Distributed — Transfer Books to Be Closed August 31.

NEW YORK, July 31.—Positive announcement that the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey is to be split up into its original thirty-three corporations was made by the trust officials this afternoon. In a letter sent to stockholders it is stated that stock of the various subsidiaries will be distributed according to their holdings to stockholders of record on September 1.

According to the official notification sent out by the Standard, the transfer books of the company will be closed August 31 and will remain closed until the all the rearangements to turn the stock to its owners will be made.

The letter told the stockholders specifically that obedience to the final action of the supreme court, makes the move necessary.

NEW YORK, July 31.—Rockefeller ownership of the Standard Oil Company and domination of its affairs will continue as formerly under the reorganization of the Standard announced today from its home office. Instead of one big company, there will be thirty-three separate firms and holders of one share of stock in the Standard on August 31 will hold a proportionate fractional ownership in each of the thirty-three concerns.

SENATOR OWENS ATTACKS COURTS

Asserts That Recall of Judges Is Only Movement Which Will Protect People—Says They Have Usurped Functions of Legislatures.

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 31. — Asserting that the federal courts have invaded the constitution, the rights of the states and then legislative functions of congress and have become instruments through which the special interests have been enabled to block all progressive legislation, Senator Owen of Oklahoma in the senate today approved the recall of the judiciary.

"The moment a recall law goes into effect," Owen said, "the courts will promptly discontinue their unauthorized, unconstitutional and improper conduct of declaring acts of congress uncontitutional. To allow the decisions of those who make the laws to be set aside by a tribunal not responsible to the people is to establish a judicial oligrchy and to overthrow the republic.

"If the power of recall exists the conduct of the judges will be such that the recall will not be necessary. The recall is a much milder system than impeachment.

$90,000 STEAL IN CALIFORNIA PRINTING SHOP

Such Is Statement In Report Made to Governor Johnson—State Printing Department Will Be Investigated Thoroughly by State.

FAVORED FIRMS HAVE "PROFITED ENORMOUSLY"

Say Scheme Is to Load Up the Office With Supplies for Years In Advance.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., July 31.—The most sensational attack ever started on the state printing office and methods of doing business is begun in a report today to Governor Johnson by the state board of control in which it is charged that the state printing department, in conjunction with certain favored supply concerns, is engaged in a "scheme to mulct the state of $90,850.92 for the benefit of certain business firms which have been closely identified with the state printing office for years and have profited enormously as a result of vicious and illegal methods in the conduct of that department."

The report is on several claims of the Zellerbach Paper Company, the H. S. Crocker Company, the E. J. Shattuck Company and George D. Graham.

"The object of the scheme" the report continues, "of which these claims are a part, the board of control desires to inform you, is to load up the state printing office with supplies which will last for a period of from five to six years. The price which the printer is attempting to pay for these supplies is outrageously high and the state will be defrauded of many thousand dollars if the parties are allowed to consummate the deal."

The report to Governor Johnson, covering some thirty-five typewritten pages, goes into detail into the business of the state printing office during the past eight years, the incumbency of W. W. Shannon.

O. A. C. OFFICIAL VISITS VALLEY

President Kerr and Associates here to Choose Site and Complete Plans for Establishment of Branch Experiment Station.

President Kerr, J. Weatherford president of the board of regents and Professor Lewis of the Oregon Agricultural College arrived in the city this morning for the purpose of looking over the valley and choosing a site for a branch experiment station of the college, as provided by the late legislature.

The men are to meet Colonel Roy this afternoon to talk over plans. Col. Ray has offered to give a free site, water, power and light for the station.

VICE PRESIDENT SOLD SHORT WEIGHT PEAS

NEW YORK July 31.—That cans of peas shipped by the New Hartford Canning company, of which Vice President James S. Sherman is head, were seized by government inspectors on a charge of being short-weight, became known today following developments in the attack on Dr. Harvey W. Wiley. The seizure was made some months ago but all reports of the matter were suppressed, it is alleged, after the canning company had sent a letter of explanation.

LONDON, July 31.—The Prince of Wales today began his duties as a midshipman on board the battleship Hindustan, which is a part of the home fleet stationed off Portsmouth.

CHAMPION AND "WHITE HOPE"

WILLIAM PAPKE AND WILLIAM PAPKE JR

Here is a snapshot of "Billy" Papke, the middleweight champion, after his return to New York from a tour of Europe and Australia. While giving an interview to the reporters Papke held in his fatherly embraces little "Billy," Jr., six months old, who was born in London. "He's the 'white hope,' all right," said Papke, proudly exhibiting the youngster to a throng of admirers.

BOOSTERS TO VISIT J'VILLE

Want Five Hundred Taxpayers to Visit County Seat and Work for Better System of Highways Throughout State.

Good roads boosters from all sections of the county will make Jacksonville up next Wednesday when tax payers descend upon the county court in a body and demand that the court call a special election for the purpose of building a modern system of highways through out the county. The Good Roads fever has swept from Ashland to Woodville and has reached such a point that the county will soon have the best system of roads in the state.

From all of the towns in the county word has been received that a delegation of prominent taxpayers will be sent to appear before the court. Medford will also send over a large number. It is hoped that at least 500 boosters will be present when the court convenes.

WILD RUMOR EXCITES CITY

John Tells Bill and Bill Tells Charlie, and Charlie Tells Sam, Etc., Etc., Etc., Etc., Etc., Etc., Etc., Etc., Etc., Etc., Etc., Etc.

A rumor that the dead body of a negro had been found in the city reservoir Saturday spread like wild fire over the city and it still is being told about the streets some times for the truth and sometimes as a joke. As a matter of fact there hasn't been a coon dead or alive in the reservoir since Vincent & Baker fired one when the reservoir was about half completed.

Emphatic denials of the story have been issued by the police, the mayor, the caretaker of the reservoir, the superintendent o fthe water department, the health officer, the deputy coroner, the city recorder and a number of others.

The story was probably started by some practical joker and like most practical jokes after it was started it couldn't be controlled.

Look at the ads for the chance to buy the property you need at a "right price."

WOULD PLACE A SAFEGUARD ON INITIATIVE

State Representative Allen Eaton Will Probably Submit an Amendment to People's Law Safeguarding Signing of Petitions.

WOULD HAVE THEM SIGN AT COURTHOUSE

Says Present System Places a Premium On Forging of Names.

PORTLAND, Or., July 31.—With a view of abating frauds practiced in Oregon in securing signatures to initiative and referendum petitions, State Representative Allen Eaton of Lane county, said that he would probably submit an amendment to the initiative and referendum law requiring persons signing such petitions to do so at their court house Eaton said he would place the measure before the people at the next general election, under the initiative should he decide to act.

"The present system of securing signatures to initiative and referendum petitions by paid circulators at 5 or 10 cents a name has proved a premium on forgery and other crooked work to the detriment of an excellent measure and that I am in favor of amending it," said Eaton.

MORE TROOPS SENT TO ALBANIA BY TURKS

CONSTANTINOPLE, July 31.—Commanded by high staff officials additional troops were dispatched from constantinople today to Albania, where guerilla warfare and massacres have been raging for weeks.

The sending of more troops to reinforce the already large force in Albania is taken here as confirmation of the report that Turkey is preparing for hostilities with Montenegro, to which country thousands of Albanian refugees have fled for refuge.

O'ROURKE PUT OUT OF GAME

Attempts to Assault Umpire and Is Ordered From Field—Graham Suspends Sacramento Captain Indefinitely for His Action.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., July 31.—Thomas F. Graham, president of the Pacific Coast league today indefinitely suspended Captain O'Rourke of the Sacramento team as a result of the fight between O'Rourke and Hildebrand during the morning game at Stockton yesterday.

STOCKTON, Cal., July 31.—President Graham of the Pacific Coast league will at once take up the case of Patsy O'Rourke, captain of the Sacramento team, who assaulted Umpire Hildebrand during the Stockton-Vernon game yesterday morning. Immediately after the attack Hildebrand wired President Graham recommending O'Rourke's suspension pending a written report. Graham did not act in time to keep O'Rourke out of the afternoon game.

The fight occurred before the game was three minutes old. Kane had been declared safe at second and O'Rourke objected to the ruling. Hildebrand fined him.

Play was resumed but O'Rourke couldn't forget it and protested until Hildebrand ordered him out of the game. Then he flew at the umpire with clenched fists. O'Rourke's team mates tore him away fighting and struggling.

Assistant District Attorney Rendon rushed on the field and told the warlike captain to subside or he would be jailed.

Deputy Sheriff Cassidy escorted O'Rourke from the game.

SIXTEEN THOUSAND MILES TO WED

MISS KATHRYNE KIPP.

Traveling sixteen thousands miles to wed the man of her choice, Miss Katheryn Kipp left New York on July 21 for Rio Janeiro, Brazil, where her fiance, Gerald Peabody, is a geodetic surveyor in the employ of the Brazilian government.

Miss Kipp is a native of Los Angeles, Cal., and is a graduate of Leland Stanford University. Mr. Peabody is also a native of California.

OLD AGE PENSION BILL BY BERGER

Specifically Provides That United States Supreme Court Shall Not Be Allowed to Pass Upon Constitutionality of the Measure.

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 31.—Specifically providing that the United States supreme court shall not be allowed to pass upon the constitutionality of the measure, Congressman Victor L. Berger, socialist, of Wisconsin, today introduced in the house an old age pension bill.

Berger's measure proposes to pension every person in the country over 60 years and who has been a citizen of the United States more than 16 years, giving sums of from $1 to $3 a week.

PINCHOT BILL TO AID ALASKA INTRODUCED

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 31. — Broad provisions for the development of coal deposits in Alaska and the prevention of monopoly are made in a bill prepared by Gifford Pinchot and introduced in the senate today by Senator Works of California.

Under the terms o fthe measure a license may be obtained to prospect for coal during a term of two years and secure a lease of about 5,000 acres of coal lands for 30 years. All applications suggesting attempts at monopoly may be rejected. Coal producers are to pay a royalty of 25 cents per ton during the first year, 50 cents during the second year and $1 per ton thereafter.

$$ FOR STOCKINGS PENNIES FOR LORD

Pastor Declares That Women Think More of Their Legs Than They Do of Their Souls—Resigns Pastorate to Get a New Job.

CHICAGO, Ill., July 31.—Declaring that the women of his congregation think more of their legs than of their souls, and that after paying $5 for a pair of silk stockings, they make up for their extravagance by dropping pennies in the collection box, Rev. C. H. Heywood, the youngest ordained minister in Illinois, today quit the pastorate of the church of Wentworth avenue.

Heywood's resignation was tendered because his salary of $1000 a year would not permit him to wed the lady of his choice. Miss Florence Woodman is the young woman for love of whom he will hunt for a more profitable job.

BERLIN, July 31.—Emperor William returned today to Berlin after a vacation cruise of several days in northern waters, which was cut short by the acute crisis over the Moroccan situation.

DANGER OF WAR IS LESS TODAY THAN IN WEEKS

Understand That France Is Prepared to Accept Germany's Demand for Compensation If She Grants Free Hand In Morocco.

BRITISH FLEET SAILS UNDER SEALED ORDERS

No Disposition On Part of England to Take Chances by Going to Sleep.

LONDON, July 31.—Unofficial information emanating from the foreign office today tends to the conclusion that, for the present, danger of war with Germany has passed. An agreement on the Moroccan situation is expected to result from a conference in Berlin today between French Ambassador Jules Cambon and German Foreign Minister Kiderlin-Waechter.

It is understood that France is prepared to accept Germany's command for compensation if she gives France a free hand in Morocco, but what the extent o fthe Kaiser's final demand will be is as yet unknown.

While an early settlement of the difficulty is forecasted, there is still considerable doubt as to whether the proposed agreement will satisfy England and readjustment of the French and German territorial boundaries in Africa threatens to involve British interests.

Bitter Toward Germany.

Berlin cables contain indications that there is truth in the story that Germany may demand the dismissal from office of Chancellor of the lord mayor's banquet, which was taken as being aimed at Germany. This is causing increased bitterness here against the Germans.

Despite the fact that there is today greater hope in England than for weeks that Europe will escape war there is no disposition on the part of the British war officials to take chances, and a quiet movement of British troops to the east coast of England has been in progress since Saturday. It is similar to the recent American mobilization on the Mexican border.

Much speculation has been caused by orders issued to the second torpedo destroyer flotilla, attached to the home fleet, off Portland to sail at 4 o'clock this afternoon under sealed orders. The orders are only to be opened after the fleet is two hours at sea. Not an inkling of their destination has escaped.

BOSTON, Mass., July 31.— Declaring that the proposed arbitration treaty with England practically arraigns the United States against Germany in the present Moroccan difficulties, that it is a violation of the Monroe doctrine and an insult to every German-American and Irish American in the country, Congressman James Curley is opposing the proposed agreement. He is supporting resolutions of protest adopted last night at a meeting of German-American citizens.

NO DIVORCE IN SIGHT IN SHONTS FAMILY

NEW YORK, July 31.—Reports that divorce is imminent in the family of Theodore P. Shonts, Panama canal builder, were given a hard blow here today when Shonts in person met his wife, two daughters and his grandson when they arrived from Europe on the liner Rotterdaam.

"The fact that I am meeting my wife and family should be sufficient answer to the reports of divorce," said Shonts, and Mrs. Shonts chimed in with "I am not responsible for these rumors."

Shonts was photographed on the deck of the steamer with his grandson, the young Duke Dechaulnes.

CHICAGO—A county hospital patient who asked free treatment because of poverty, it has been found is worth $80,000.