

# FIRE DAMAGE TO DATE LIGHT IN OREGON FORESTS

PORTLAND, Or., Sept. 1.—Extremely dry weather, innumerable fires from various causes, but comparatively small damage to green timber, and only normal loss of logging equipment and ranch improvements, due to prompt action on the part of patrolmen, sums up the fire season to this time in the Pacific northwest, according to reports received by the Western Forestry and Conservation association. The absence of future damaging fires will mark 1914 as the most successful season, taking conditions into account, that has ever been experienced by fire protection agencies. Co-operative patrol has everywhere shown its efficiency and preparations to meet a bad year, which have been going forward the past two favorable seasons, have helped during the present dangerous year. Comparative absence of east winds has been the only factor favorable to the work of fire suppression this season, which in many sections is the driest since weather bureau records have been kept. Cost of protection will, of necessity, be high in most localities.

Washington had over 100 fires during August. Some logs have been burned, but very little damage to settlers has resulted, and only a small amount of green timber has been damaged. The chief danger until rain comes is high winds. Fires started during the season are being carefully guarded, but unusually bad conditions might result in their breaking out and causing damage as well as heavy expense to fight them. Over 200 regular, association and state wardens are on duty. No rain has fallen since June, and the woods are extremely dry.

Idaho associations have had unusually bad and expensive fires to contend with. Prompt action and the employment of a large number of fire fighters has, however, prevented great loss of green timber. Not less than 200 fires have been handled during August, the bulk of these having been caused by lightning and ranchers burning slashings. Two arrests for failure to secure permit before burnings have been made. With heavy dews and cooler weather it is not expected that the fire-fighting forces will fail to control all of the fires.

Montana reports an extremely dry and dangerous year. A large number of fires have occurred on government and private land, necessitating the employment of large crews of fire-fighters. Numerous lightning fires have occurred, and though all fires have been promptly detected and fought, the season will not be one without loss of green timber.

Oregon has experienced the driest season ever recorded by the weather bureau. Although patrons were materially increased early in the month, over 200 fires have occurred. Practically no green timber has been destroyed, the fires for the most part being confined to old farms. Loss of logging equipment has been sustained in a few cases. The most common cause of fires is reported to be campers and ranchers burning slashings. Lightning also has been responsible for some fires. The country is very smoky in some localities, rendering the lookouts useless. As a result, reports that hunters were leaving camp fires extinguished and because of the long dry spell, Governor West on August 17 declared a closed season on hunting until fall rains occur. There are approximately 400 private, state and government wardens guarding the area outside the national forests.

Incomplete reports from California indicate that conditions continue more favorable than last year, and that fire losses have been light.

## ORDER ALL BRITISH EXPELLED FROM BELGIUM

LONDON, Sept. 1, 5:15 p. m.—A dispatch received here from Ostend, says Independence, a local newspaper, declares that the German governor of Brussels has ordered the expulsion of the British residents within twenty-four hours. The Englishmen have lodged a protest with Brand Whitlock, the American ambassador. The Germans are fortifying the environs of Brussels and they have transformed the cemetery into a redoubt.

**Kaiser Gives Iron Cross**  
BERLIN, Sept. 1, via London, 1:25 p. m.—Emperor William has conferred the decoration of the iron cross, first class, on General Von Ludendorff.

## A PHOTO IN WHICH PEACE AND WAR ARE CURIOUSLY MINGLED



This photograph was taken after the hard fighting at Yser, Belgium, and shows German cavalrymen who were wounded in the battle. Their wounds are being dressed by the medical corps.

## CRIMSON TRAIL OF BLOOD OVER ALL OF LIEGE

NEW YORK, Sept. 1.—The battlefield of Liege as seen through the eyes of an American girl, was vividly described today by Miss Anna Laing, a graduate nurse of the Bridgeport, Conn., hospital, a passenger on the steamer Ryndam from Rotterdam.

"I was in Liege when the fighting started," said Miss Laing. "Several Belgian officers who were friends of mine took me to a house where I was practically out of the range of the shells that were being hurled at the city by the Germans. During the evening the Germans withdrew for some reason, and during the lull in the fighting two of the Belgian officers invited me to go out over the field where the heaviest of the fighting had taken place.

"The ground was literally soaked with blood and the bodies of horses and men lay everywhere. There was many a place where blood had flowed down the sides of little hills, and earthworks; its course was plainly marked. Some bushes were spattered with red as high up as eight feet above the ground.

"I saw trenches filled with dead German soldiers. These trenches the Belgian officers explained had been dug by the Belgians and occupied by them until the great army of advancing Germans forced them to retreat. As the German infantry mounted the breastworks in front of the trenches the retreating Belgians poured a murderous fire into their ranks and their bodies fell in the trenches. Then, the Belgian officers said, their men moved down more Germans with a deadly cross fire, which not only filled the trenches with bodies, but left many piled on top of one another on the breastworks and the ground nearby."

When Miss Laing returned to the city she helped dress the wounds of many Belgian soldiers. She left the city before it was captured by the Germans, however, and managed to make her way to Rotterdam, where she boarded the ship that brought her to New York.

## FRANCE ISSUES CALL FOR ALL RESERVISTS

PARIS, Sept. 1, 1:25 p. m.—Official announcement was made this afternoon to the effect that the minister of war has decided to call out immediately all the reservists in the country who have not been previously summoned to the colors.

## BRITISH SHIP TAKEN AS GERMAN PRIZE

MOBILE, Ala., Sept. 1.—The British Kalama, a merchant vessel of 3200 tons, which sailed from New Orleans on August 21, has been captured in the Atlantic, presumably by a German vessel, according to advices received here today by the shippers.

**Why Not**  
Get the best smoke, Gov. Johnson, and also patronize home.

## NURMBERG SHOWS UP AT HONOLULU WITHOUT COAL

HONOLULU, T. H., Sept. 1.—The German cruiser Nurnberg, whose whereabouts have been a mystery since she left here early last month, appeared off this port early today. Inasmuch as the time limit of three days imposed by the neutrality regulations has not expired, she cannot again coal here unless she can show that in the meantime she has touched at a German port. Where the Nurnberg expects to get coal is a puzzle. Japan has invested Germany's base on the China coast, and Great Britain has seized German Samoa.

Nothing has been seen of the German cruiser Leipzig, the only other German warship in the Pacific bottled up in Kiao Chow bay, since the Leipzig left San Francisco, August 15.

The British steamer Strathaird, with coal from Newcastle, made port here last night after having been chased by a warship, which it is now known must have been the Nurnberg.

The German cruiser has been thirty-five days out from this port. Her commander says he has touched nowhere else in the meantime.

## MIDDIES ON LARK ASKED TO RESIGN

WASHINGTON, Sept. 1.—On account of alleged misconduct during the recent summer cruise three Annapolis widshipmen have been asked to resign. Simon J. Lonergan of Nebraska, of the first class, and Thos. L. Chalmers of New Hampshire, of the third class, already have resigned and the authorities are awaiting the resignation of the third, Manuel J. Jenail, of Rhode Island. The nature of the delinquencies was not disclosed.

## RUSS CAPITAL NOW SHY TEUTONIC FLAVOR

LONDON, Sept. 1, 10 a. m.—A dispatch to the Reuter Telegram company from St. Petersburg says that by imperial order the city of St. Petersburg, capital of the Russian empire since 1712, will henceforth be known as Petrograd. This change eliminates the Teuton construction in the name by which the chief city of Russia has been known since it was founded by Peter the Great in 1703.

## GARIBALDIAN VOLUNTEERS SERBIAN RANKS SLAIN

PARIS, Sept. 1, 2:43 a. m.—A dispatch to the Havas agency from Nish, Serbia, says that eight of the Italian Garibaldian volunteers, with the Serbians against Austria, have thus far fallen in the fighting on the frontier.

## PAPAL CONCLAVE MEETS TO NAME POPE; DEADLOCK

ROME, Sept. 1.—The doors of the conclave hall, behind which the college of cardinals gathered last night to elect a successor to the late Pope Pius X, were still closed this morning. Not until a new pope has been chosen will they be opened, or any news of the result of the proceedings be given out. Behind the portals the cardinals last night prayed for inspiration to enable them to choose a pope who would fulfill the requirements of his high office, both from the standpoint of the church and that of humanity.

Owing to a persistent rain there were few people this morning in the square outside St. Peter's. The streets in this vicinity are patrolled by police, and detachments of troops are kept in readiness for any disorder, but there is no thought that they will be required to exercise their authority.

## SILLIMAN HOPES FOR MEXICAN PEACE SOON

VERA CRUZ, Sept. 1.—John R. Silliman, of the American consular service, who recently has been in conference with General Carranza as the personal agent of President Wilson, came here today from Mexico City.

He expresses himself as hopeful of the final success of the new constitutionalist government in Mexico but he is doubtful of early peace throughout the republic. He declares that no fewer than 167 policemen were killed in the recent rioting in Mexico City, following the entrance of the constitutionalist forces.

**Astor Gives \$125,000**  
LONDON, Sept. 1, 1:20 p. m.—William Waldorf Astor has contributed \$125,000 to the Prince of Wales' relief fund, which is now approaching \$10,000,000.

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## CRUISER IDZUMO JAP MAN-OF-WAR OFF MARSHFIELD

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Sept. 1.—Steaming slowly southward, a three funneled warship resembling the Japanese cruiser Idzumo was sighted at 5:30 a. m. yesterday 14 miles due west of Coos Bay, Oregon, by the steamship Rose City, which arrived here today. The cruiser seemed to be making about ten knots.

The German cruiser Leipzig also has three funnels, but the Idzumo is a larger vessel of different lines, and passengers familiar with them were positive no mistake in identification had been made.

The Canadian naval authorities, however, have denied that either British or Japanese warships are south of the Canadian boundaries.

British vessels continue to arrive and leave here without concern. Their agents and masters keep in touch with the British consulate, which apparently is satisfied that it knows the position of the German cruisers.

## FIRST PASSENGER THROUGH CANAL REACHES PORT

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Sept. 1.—The Admiral Dewey, the first passenger vessel to pass through the Panama canal, arrived here today, 23 days out from New York. Formerly of the United Fruit company's fleet, the steamship has been bought by the Alaska Pacific Navigation company and will be put on the run between this port and Seattle. The Admiral Schley, bought by the same company from the same former owners, is following the Admiral Dewey at an interval of three days.

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