

FIRE IN RUCH AREA BATTLED; ARSONIST BUSY

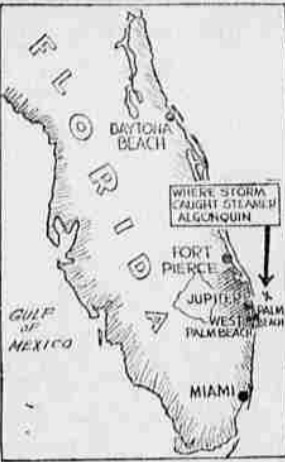
Gall's Creek Blaze Breaks Out Anew—Kane Creek District Hit—Flames Raging On Bishop Creek Darken Sun — Rushing Crews to Affected Section.

The forest fire situation in Jackson county was made more serious yesterday afternoon with the outbreak of a new fire in the Ruch district above Jacksonville, where a large area was reported to be ablaze last evening. The Gall's Creek fire, which was reported under control yesterday forenoon, was again out of control last evening having broken out on the Kane creek side and spreading over a new territory. The Gold Hill fire, burning this side of the town, was still under control according to late reports.

The Ruch fire is not endangering farms so far, but yesterday was burning rapidly through brush and small timber along Bishop creek over the ridge to Poor Man's creek. It sent up a huge column of smoke into the sky and it appeared from this city as if the whole section were ablaze. Men are on the scene and the situation is expected to be under control by tomorrow evening. The fire is burning in the neighborhood of a mile and one-half from the Holzgang ranch.

The Gall's creek area is the main trouble center and it is believed that an incendiary is at work in that district, undoing the work of the small army of fire fighters. The fire Friday afternoon burned down three ranch homes and destroyed the barns and outbuildings of another.

FLORIDA HURRICANE RECALLS DISASTER OF 1926



Laid by a gale approaching that of September, 1926, in fury, a section of Florida is taking toll of the damage done by hurricane which leveled telephone poles, blew down trees, snapped light and telegraph wires and tied up shipping. Above, Lake Worth and West Palm Beach in the path of the storm. Below, a map of the affected area, and a 1926 view of wreckage in the hurricane-struck part of Florida at that time.

CAROLINA TOWNS MANEUVERS SHOW HURRICANE RACKS FLOOD MENACED; LONDON AT MERCY COAST OF HAITI; CROPS, STOCK HIT OF ENEMY PLANES DAMAGE IS HIGH

RICHMOND, Va., Aug. 18.—(AP)—Swollen rivers at flood crest were rushing by two southern cities, Richmond and Columbia, S. C., tonight, but little serious damage was anticipated from inundations.

The James river flooded lowlands in the vicinity of Richmond, but precautionary measures prevented serious overflows in the city proper. The southwestern section of the state which received the brunt of last week-end's storm had virtually recovered and all its streams were reported below dangerous flood stages.

At Columbia the Congaree river with a flood crest of 33.5 feet, its second highest on record, inundated marshes and lowlands about the city, causing some loss to livestock and farm crops. In the city the damage was confined to flooding of basements of mills along the riverfront and one of the three units of the municipal water works was put out of commission.

Chappella, S. C., a small town on the Saluda river, was cut from communication by flood waters and the southern railway was forced to convey its passengers bound for the north by boat from Augusta, Ga., to Bath, S. C., and 65 miles, to make train connections. Cheraw on the Great Pee Dee river reported 200 miles and cattle drowned in a community pasture.

In North Carolina the situation was believed to be materially improved. Fears of the breaking of the Lake Lure dam impounding millions of gallons of water were dissipated when dam officials announced that the impounded water, up to the dam's brim last night, had been lowered 4 feet today by use of flood gates. Residents of the valley who fled to higher ground expected to return to their homes by tomorrow.

LONDON, Aug. 18.—(AP)—The capital of the British Empire is absolutely at the mercy of an air attack launched from the continent, army experts now believe.

That much, it is claimed, has been learned definitely from the annual maneuvers of the Royal Air force which ended this morning. In those maneuvers "enemy" bombers made 57 daylight raids on London, in nine of which they completely evaded the defenses and dropped theoretical messengers of supposed death and destruction. Brig. General Groves, former director of flying operations and now secretary of the air league said:

"London is too big to be adequately defended from an air attack. In a short time its vital points would be in ruins and all other sections of the city would be rendered uninhabitable because of gas."

One of the facts of the maneuvers which the experts consider significant is that theoretically 200 tons of bombs loaded with gas and high explosives were dropped on London within one week. This equals the bombs dropped on all of England by the Germans in the entire period of the World war.

General Groves is certain that if war breaks out between England and a continental power, the civilian population will suffer most of all. "High explosives and gas bombs will be used freely in the next conflict," he said. "It will be the aim of each side to terrorize the civilian population of the other. London is peculiarly vulnerable to an air attack."

PORT AU PRINCE, Haiti, Aug. 18.—(AP)—News of the disastrous hurricane which struck the southern peninsula of Haiti three days ago and is believed to have cost many lives, reached Port au Prince today.

In some estimates the number of killed was placed at 200 and the damage to property in the neighborhood of \$1,000,000. Small boats were sunk or hurled against the beach, crops were destroyed and all communication disrupted.

From the fragmentary reports received here it is believed the damage was confined to a relatively small area.

The naval tug Woodcock returned today from the peninsula after having distributed food and medical supplies to some of the stricken villages. Officers reported that in the Miragone area a lake was formed 20 feet deep and four miles in length and at Aquitie, a dock was lifted bodily and carried 300 yards inland.

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JUNIOR DRUMMERS OF CITY PLACED IN TWO DIVISIONS

Among the newest and most successful projects to be started in this city is the Junior boys' drum and bugle corps which was recently organized by Clayton Isaacs, a member of the Medford American Legion drum corps for the past five years.

Twenty-two new drummers and buglers will be initiated into the group at the next regular practice which will be held Tuesday evening at Boy Scout headquarters.

It will be necessary to separate the boys into two groups, one consisting of boys from 9 to 11 and the other from 12 to 16 years, Mr. Isaacs said yesterday. He expects to have an enrollment of 42 members in each division. Ralph Bots is director of the buglers.

The next big event in which the corps will take part will be the Boy Scout Jamboree at the city armory, August 31, beginning at 8 o'clock.

With few exceptions the young musicians are earning money to pay for their own instruments.

FOUR READY FOR PLEAS OF GUILTY

Jack Crowdon and Jack O'Brien, arrested by the police last week on moonshine possession charges and later charged with the burglary of the Al Hayden home on Millstone street, are reported to be ready to enter pleas of guilty in circuit court on the burglary charges, but cannot due to the fact that Circuit Judge C. M. Thomas is now on his vacation. The same also holds true for Roy Nelson and Victor Reynolds, charged with the theft of a car in Medford and a car in Ashland and arrested last Thursday in Tumacac and brought back to Medford.

ARIZONA LAUDS HOOVER

Arizona and California, which has proved the stumbling block to national legislation was left to negotiation. The Boulder canyon situation will come in for some consideration, but the conversation between the nominee and the party leaders are expected to deal largely with matters of organization and strategy in the coming campaign.

After leaving his home state last night, Hoover put the final touches on the four thousand word speech he will deliver at his birthplace next Tuesday night. With this off his hands his mind will be free for the consideration of the political problems involved in the four states through which his train will pass before he reached West Branch.

KLAMATH FALLS — New Hot Springs school estimated to cost \$20,000.

DRY AIDE CENSORED

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every state to act under the direction of a small coterie who control the organization.

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THREATEN STRIKE WHEN MOVEMENT OF FRUIT HEAVY

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 18.—The railroads of California and other western states are facing a strike of their conductors and trainmen early in September when movement of perishable fruit will be at its peak is the tenor of a statement issued here today by a committee consisting of the general managers of trans-continental railroads operating in California.

The statement was issued following advice that the trainmen and conductors have refused arbitration on their wage demand and are now considering a strike ballot to be returned Sept. 2. This class of railroad employees submitted their demands to a federal board of arbitration, the states said, and after hearing the case the board declined the request on June 25, 1927, on the ground that no increases were warranted in the west except to yardmen, who were granted 7 1/2 per cent. The conductors and trainmen of railroads operating in California and other western states are now receiving higher wages than trainmen in eastern and south even under recent increases given in these territories.

The conductors and trainmen promptly renewed their demands for increased wages but were unable to reach an agreement with the railroads. The railroads offered to submit the matter to a board of arbitration under the Watson Parker Railway Labor act passed by congress two years ago. This act was drafted by the railroad labor organizations and a majority of the railroads, passage being urged by both of them. The western railroads, the statement continued, though they were earning well below a fair return on investment, in the interest of harmony were willing to allow their conductors and trainmen an increase of 6 1/2 per cent the same as was recently granted engineers and firemen and which would cost about \$6,100,000 per annum or allow an increase of 7 1/2 per cent provided the employees would agree to remove certain restrictive rules that now prevent the securing of full use of modern motive power and which rules are not in effect in other territories. Either offer meant higher rates of wages and greater earnings than they had ever before received in the history of railroading. The organizations are unwilling to accept either proposal and declined the suggestion.

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of the United States Board of Mediation that the dispute be submitted to arbitration in accordance with the provisions of the Railway Labor Act. The railroads are still willing to arbitrate but the labor organizations affected have refused arbitration are now taking a strike vote.

The committee issuing the statement consists of F. H. Knickerbocker, Gen. Mgr. Union Pacific System, J. H. Dyer, Gen. Mgr. Southern Pacific Lines, W. J. Eiler, Gen. Mgr. Atchafalaya, Topoka and Santa Fe, and E. W. Mason vice president and general manager of the Western Pacific.

COCHRANE, Ont., Aug. 18.—(AP)—Bert Hassell and Parker Crum took off here at 12:12 p. m., eastern standard time, for St. Evans, Greenland, on the second leg of their flight from Rockford, Ill., to Stockholm, Sweden.

SCIENCE PICTURED AS PEACE ALLY

EVANSTON, Ill., Aug. 18.—(AP)—Dr. W. Lee Lewis, inventor, tonight called "science the ally of peace" a few hours after army airplanes covered the north shore towns suburban to Chicago with a smoke screen as a demonstration of the new technique of war.

The smoke screen demonstration was followed by addresses of army officers who lauded new applications of science in developing greater military action at the closing session of the American Chemical Society institute at Northwestern University.

"If science served warfare only it would indeed be a human curse," said Dr. Lewis, who outlined the developments in warfare from the time of primitive man to the present and showed how science lessened "the possibilities of war by providing means of protection and peaceful internal expansion."

Dr. Michaelson III Agate, PASADENA, Cal., Aug. 18.—(AP)—Dr. Albert Michaelson, noted University of Chicago scientist here for a continuation of his famous experiments with the speed of light, today was reported greatly improved, following his confinement to a local hotel because of a cold.

Newport votes \$20,000 bonds for city hall, to be offered for county courthouse.

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