

# FIRE DEMON RUINS UNCOUNTED ACRES IN BEAUTY REGION

### Loss of Bandon Only Part of Story of Sacrifice to Flames—Vast Stands of Virgin Timber Destroyed

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MARSHFIELD, Ore., Sept. 29.—(AP)—Heat, smoke, red eyes and raw throats, grim faces of people who stand to lose the work of their lifetimes on nothing more than a change of the wind; blackened ruins, blackened bodies of people who lost their all and their lives as well—that is southwestern Oregon.

pamphlets will tell you that it is the beauty spot of America—a great region of virgin timber, possessing no small part of those forest resources which combine to give Oregon and Washington most of the nation's standing timber—but today there is no beauty in this part of the coast. Bandon Only Part.

Most of it is hidden by so many fires that no one knows how many are burning or just where or what damage they have done. The \$1,500,000 damage estimated in the destruction of Bandon, second town of 1800, with a loss of nine to possibly 15 lives, is only a part of the story of the sacrifice to fire.

Thousands of acres in the 400,000-acre region in which the fires are centered have gone up in smoke. The skies are so blackened that around Coquille and Myrtle Point only your watch can tell you whether it is day or night. Automobiles creep along the roads, the vision of drivers limited to a block at most and in some places 50 to 100 feet is as far as you can see.

I drove through the worst of the area—Myrtle Point, Coquille, Bandon, Marshfield. When I reached Bandon the skies were clearing—the smoke was drifting away. It was like delivery to heaven to get out of the smoke.

Ran Fire laundret.  
Along the way I ran the gauntlet of fires which crackled along the roadsides. The smoke was bad, the heat terrific in places and I wondered more than anything else whether my gasoline tank might explode. It didn't.

Every once in a while, when you can't stand it any longer, you stop and rub your eyes in a futile attempt to relieve them. And then the heat makes you drive on again.  
Nobody talks much—talk seems rather idle—the danger is so apparent and it is so apparent, too, that it is all up to fate and that wind—if we get a wind, I, and probably a lot of other people, are heading directly for the Pacific ocean.

All Over in Bandon.  
The contrast between Bandon and Coquille is so sharp as to startle the one. It is all over in Bandon. The town is gone. There is nothing more to burn. So nobody is worried on that score, although a lot of people would like to know "what now?"  
But in Coquille, and Myrtle Point, it is like a player putting it all on the last card—if there is no wind, the homes that 4,500 people have spent a lifetime putting together are all right. If there is a wind, it will be like a state policeman remarking: "God help 'em!"

Nothing seems so apt now as that old saying of Mark Twain's about everyone talking about the weather but nobody doing anything about it—people here would give a lot if they could even tell what it was going to do in the next few days before these fires die out of the treetops.

## G. O. P. SOUND TRUCK COMES WEDNESDAY TO MEDFORD REGION

PORTLAND, Ore.—(Sp.)—Marking an innovation in political campaigns in a merging of an 1896 type of campaign with a 1936 means of public address, the state Republican central committee will dispatch a sound truck and three well-known speakers through the upper Willamette valley and southern Oregon.

Announcement of this was made by Arthur W. Prieuk, state chairman, who said the truck left Portland Monday and would wind up its tour in Klamath Falls about 7 p. m. Wednesday. Such speakers as Ralph Emmons of Salem, Senator Pitt of Iowa and "Low" Green of Portland are with the truck.

Principal points of contact will be Forest Grove, McMinnville, Dallas, Corvallis, Albany, Eugene, Cottage Grove, Grants Pass, Medford, Ashland and Klamath Falls, and as many of the communities in between as can be reached.

The truck is due at Grants Pass at 7 p. m. today and in Medford at 9 a. m. Wednesday, leaving here for Ashland at 9:45 with brief stops at towns between the two cities and arriving in Ashland at 11:30.

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## YOUNGEST CROSS-COUNTRY FLYER



Merton Ferwerda, three months old, is shown on arrival at the Newark airport after traveling by plane from Oregon in care of a nurse. Born while his parents were traveling, he had to be left in a hospital while they returned to their Brooklyn home. He is shown with Stewardess Selma Tilker and his sister Cynthia, 3. (Associated Press Photo)

## SCRIPTURES GIVE CLEAR PLEDGE OF CHRIST'S RETURN

Speaking Sunday night from the Nazarene pulpit, in the beginning of a series of messages on the second coming of Christ, Fred M. Weatherford, pastor-evangelist, said: "There have been so many wild theories advanced with reference to the second coming with reference to the fact of His return to my mind, has been clouded.

"A truth so prominently featured in the New Testament as the second advent of Christ must be given due place in our thinking and ministry. Such scriptures as these cannot be discredited: Titus 2:13, 'Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ.'"

"Again, the inspired Apostle Paul, in addressing the saints at Colossae, said in Col. 3:4, 'When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with Him in glory.' Acts 1:11, 'This same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen Him go into heaven.' First Thes. 4:13-17, 'The Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel and with the trump of God; and the dead in Christ shall rise first; then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air, so shall we ever be with the Lord.'"

"The catching away of the Bride of Christ (the saints) is inseparable to the resurrection of the saints. In this association the resurrection is spoken of more than forty times in the New Testament.

"It is clearly understood by all Bible students that the resurrection of the saints is the first in a category of two resurrections, the latter of which will be incident to the final judgment of the wicked. Rev. 26: 'Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection.'"

"The second coming of Christ and the rapture will be sudden. Christ's own words in the last chapter of the last book in the Bible are: 'Surely I come quickly.' Though sudden and unannounced, His coming will be given universal publicity, for as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west, so shall the coming of the Son of Man be."

## WILL START WORK ON LAKE RIM ROAD EARLY NEXT YEAR

CRATER LAKE.—(Sp.)—Bids are being received for two additional contracts on the Crater Lake rim road, Park Superintendent David H. Canfield has announced. These will place the entire route under contract with the exception of the last four miles leading to park headquarters.

A grading project covers 2,917 miles from the end of the Orino contract let this month from Kerr Notch to Sun Notch on the east side of the lake. This construction involves 30 acres of clearing, 18 acres of grubbing and approximately 164,000 cubic yards of unclassified excavation in addition to other details.

In view of the lateness of the season, it is not likely that actual construction will be started this year but will enable the beginning of early work next season.

A second contract calls for the surfacing of four miles of rim road from Cloudcap to Kerr Notch, the grading of which is being completed this year by the Von der Heiden & Peterson and Dunn & Baker companies.

Plans are continuing to have the rim road completed by or during the 1936 season, providing motorists with a paved highway of 35 miles around the lake. Considerable work was carried on during the past season on road construction, including the surfacing of 13 miles of the route from north entrance to Cloudcap by the Mills company of Portland. Finishing touches were placed on the six-mile completed section from the lodge to north entrance, as well as eight miles of completed road to the north boundary and Diamond Lake.

Other park roads were maintained and improved during the summer, including the closing of service roads in the park headquarters area.

## TRAGEDY OF FIRE NOTHING NEW FOR TOWN OF BANDON

### Three Blocks Destroyed in 1914 — Dynamiting of Store Saved Balance of Town; Homes Unscathed

MARSHFIELD, Sept. 29.—(AP)—The terrors and tragedies of fire are not new to the city of Bandon.

Bandon, now a scene of smoldering ruin, saw three blocks of its business district destroyed on June 11, 1914. The fire broke out in a restaurant adjoining the old Rasmussen saloon, raged all night and the following day and then finally burned itself out.

Dynamite Used.  
M. J. McKenna, of Marshfield, secretary-treasurer of the Moore Lumber company of Bandon during the first fire, said the dynamiting of a store saved the town from fatal destruction. The last building along the line of fire was located on the site of the Westland hotel, which was turned to ashes Saturday night.

Residents recall the heroism of Ted Petersen, laundry operator here and at North Bend, Petersen and J. T. Sullivan, a Marshfield insurance agent, fought desperately to save the men's furnishing store operated by Sullivan at Bandon in 1914. The fire of more than 20 years ago was tragic enough, but it had none of the horrors of this new conflagration. No lives were lost and no persons were injured. Homes on the bluff were out of the path of the 1914 fire.

Twice Loser.  
McKenna recalled that the first fire burned his furniture and household goods. They were stored down town while the lumberman and his family were on a trip east. The loss was duplicated Saturday night when McKenna's Bandon home was destroyed along with other residences.

The Hartman theater burned Saturday was also destroyed in 1914. The business district was an easy prey to the first fire. The town was built on pilings and the flames spread quickly from the saloon and swept under the docks of the Eastern-brooke lumber yard and destroyed the shipping office.

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As a river in Livonia, also is the name of an Hawaiian brittle. Delos is an island in the Grecian archipelago. Aadvaak, or earth-hog, is the only ant-eater with teeth. President Roosevelt has no brothers or sisters. California was the fourth and last wife of Julius Caesar. A delta is an alluvial deposit formed at the mouth of a river. Drought and rabbits are threatening the peanut crop near Curtia, Tex. White-tailed deer are said to signal with their tails.

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