

THIRTEEN STATES IN DROUGHT AREA BATTLING FIRES

Army of Experts and Volunteers On Fire Lines—Prospect of Rain Heats Weary Working Force

By the Associated Press. Brisk winds fanned flames through thousands of acres of dry timber land today as an army of workers rushed to forest fire fronts in 13 states.

State Forester D. B. Griffith reported one-fourth of West Virginia's total area was spotted with uncontrolled blazes. Fire fighters were helpless in some sections.

In at least two states in the blaze belt—extending from the Ohio River valley to the Gulf and from the Mississippi watershed to the Atlantic seaboard—wary forces succeeded in stemming conflagrations.

In several others they were heartened by prospects of rain. Fires in Wayne and Hamilton counties in southern Illinois were reported "about under control."

Wind Aids Control. In neighboring Indiana, a drying wind aided CCC workers and farmers in gaining control of a fire north-west of Columbus after it had burned over 2,000 acres.

The weather proved a favorable factor in the deep south. General rains moving eastward from the Mississippi valley were expected to douse most of the fire-menaced sections.

Firemen of four communities extinguished flames which had threatened farms in the St. Morris sector of New York.

The Michigan conservation department estimates 4,353 acres of lower Peninsula woodland had been charred. The largest blaze covered nearly 2,000 acres in Presque Isle county.

On the fire lines were forest rangers, convicts, farmers, CCC and WPA workers and volunteers. Some crews in Kentucky and West Virginia withdrew hurriedly last night to avoid being trapped by flames.

Rains checked the flames in some parts of the far-flung fire area but in others stubborn blazes spread despite efforts of weary fire-fighters.

Fires dotted an area of 1,800 square miles in southern West Virginia, burning thousands of acres of timber, destroying valuable hay crops and sending up a blanket of smoke 8,000 feet thick in places.

The fire epidemic was described as the worst in eight years. A call was issued for 2,000 men to assist 1,600 who have been at work two weeks.

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Meteorological Report

Forecasts. Medford and vicinity: Unsettled tonight and Saturday with showers tonight; little change in temperature. Oregon: Unsettled tonight with showers in west portion and snows in mountains and in east portion.

Local Data. Temperature a year ago today: highest 54; lowest 34. Total monthly precipitation, 1.27 inches; excess for the month, 1.29 inches.

Total precipitation since September 1, 1938, 2.83 inches; excess for the season, .80 inches. Relative humidity at 5 p. m. yesterday 96 percent; 5 a. m. today, 96 percent.

Observations Taken at 5 a. m., 120 Meridian Time.

Table with columns: CITY, High Temp, Low Temp, Precipitation, Wind, Clouds. Rows include Boise, Boston, Chicago, Denver, etc.

J. O. Hazard said the "whole Cumberland mountain area was in a condition to burn." Convicts were pressed into the fire lines in Alabama where more than 200 blazes were reported in northern timber lands.

Edna Purcell Wins Recognition In M. M. Blanket Competition

In a blanket contest sponsored by the Portland Woolen Mills, Edna Purcell of the M. M. Department Store won second place, according to an announcement by that company.

The winner of the contest, a California woman, will receive a free trip to New York. Mrs. Purcell made an excellent showing by selling almost as many blankets as were sold by the winner of first place.

The M. M. Department store sold more blankets during the contest than many of the stores in the larger cities.

Auto Kills Man, 70. OLYMPIA, Nov. 4.—(AP)—Patrick Malloy, about 70, was killed here last night when struck by an automobile, and two Chehalis men are held for investigation.

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HOPKINS BLASTED BY CALIFORNIAN

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 4. (AP)—Harold English, chairman of the Good Government Democrats of California, said today:

"Harry Hopkins, WPA administrator, violated every decent principle of political ethics last night when he put politics right back into relief."

The group for which English spoke included Irvin Cobb, Joseph P. Chandler, Eleanor Banning MacFarlane and Joe Messner.

"While all good citizens have been trying to take politics out of relief and relief out of politics, and while lesser relief officials have been criticized for mixing the two, we see the sorry example of the chief administrator of relief taking advantage of his position which should be non-partisan, to say the least, urging voters to support candidates whom he favors."

"That was bad enough, but Hopkins is also guilty of bad political manners when he comes all the way out to California to tell the sovereign voters of this state what to do."

Whitney Has New Job. OSSINGTON, N. Y., Nov. 4.—(AP)—Richard Whitney, one-time head of the New York stock exchange, got a new job in Sing Sing prison today.

Notice of Sheriff's Sale. Notice is hereby given that by virtue of an execution and order of sale issued out of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Jackson County the 4th day of November, 1938, upon and pursuant to a decree duly given and made by said Court the 4th day of November, 1938, in a suit pending therein in which the Federal Land Bank of Spokane, a corporation, is plaintiff, and Lettie Amelia Owens, a widow; James Tre-fren and Jane Doe Trefren, husband and wife; Paul S. Seeley and Vernita Seeley, husband and wife; C. M. Williams and Bertha E. Williams, husband and wife; W. G. Williams, a single man; J. R. Williams and Bertha May Williams, husband and wife; F. T. Williams, a single man; James M. Parks and Elizabeth Margaret Parks, husband and wife; B. A. Clark and Mary Clark, husband and wife; Rogue River National Farm Loan Association, a corporation; The unknown heirs of Thomas Owens, de-

ceased; and also all other persons and parties unknown claiming any right, title, estate, lien or interest in the real estate described in the complaint herein, are defendants, which execution and order of sale was made directed and commanded me to sell the real property hereinafter described to satisfy certain liens and charges in said decree specified, I will on the 6th day of December, 1938, at the hour of 10 o'clock A. M. at the front door of the County Court House in Medford, Jackson County Oregon, offer for sale and sell at public auction for cash, subject to redemption as provided by law of all the right, title, and interest of the defendants in said suit and of all parties claiming by, through or under them or any of them since the 20th day of June, 1918, in or to the following described real property situated in Jackson County, Oregon, to-wit:

A tract of land situated in the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section Sixteen, Township Thirty-five South, Range Four West of the Willamette Meridian, described as follows: Beginning at a point 8.57 chains North of the Southeast corner of Section Sixteen, Township and Range aforesaid; thence West twenty chains; thence North ten chains; thence East twenty chains, more or less to the East line of said Section Sixteen; thence South on East line of said Section Sixteen 10 chains to the place of beginning, containing 20 acres.

Dated this 4th day of November, 1938.

Executrix's Notice to Creditors. Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed by the County Court of Jackson County, Oregon, executrix of the estate of Henry A. Meyer, deceased. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same, duly verified, to the undersigned executrix at the office of her attorney, Gus Newbury, in the United States National Bank Building, Medford, Oregon, within six (6) months from the date of this notice.

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