

Forest Fires Growing Serious

AUTHORITIES ARE ALARMED AT SITUATION

APPEALS ARE MADE FOR MORE FIGHTERS

Fires in Ten Counties Are Now Raging, and Much Damage is Reported, Especially in The Deschutes and Minam Reserves—Mill Near Sherwood Is Destroyed—Small Fires in Other Counties.

PORTLAND, Aug. 23.—Forest fires were burning in ten counties today, causing great anxiety, owing to the continued drought.

In the Deschutes and Minam reserves heavy damage has been done in the green timber.

Appeals for additional fire fighters have been sent out from many points. Near Sherwood the women are helping the men fight the fires. A \$5,000 mill was destroyed there last night.

There were fires in Hood River, Washington, Lane, Linn, Baker, Wal-lawa, Yamhill, Polk, Deschutes and Clatsop counties, besides desultory blazes elsewhere.

BEAUTIFUL FILM PLEASURES PUBLIC

CELEBRATED "DAUGHTER OF THE GODS" PROVES ITSELF AS GOOD AS ADVERTISED, AT THE OPERA HOUSE

Gnomes and elves and fairy gods, wicked witches and beautiful spirits are woven into a wonderful tale featured by Annette Kellermann in "A Daughter of the Gods."

The grandeur of the scenery and elaborate staging of the "Birth of a Nation" are equaled by this wonderful film production of William Fox, in which the spectacular swimming and dancing of Miss Kellermann is one of the leading attractions, without the distressing scenes which are a part of the former play.

In the story the spirits of two lover song birds separated thru the evil designs of the witch of Badness, are brought together in their next existence as a prince and princess of the East. They are kept apart thru the efforts of the sultan and his favorite wife, to be brought together again after death by the beautiful good fairy.

The scenic effects are extraordinary thru-out the ten reels, and little wonder is felt after viewing them of the wonderful success of the piece over the country.

A well filled house enjoyed the production here last evening.

Steady Advance Made In West

SUSPICIOUS MEN LURK NEAR MILL

MEN CAUGHT ACTING IN MYSTERIOUS MANNER NEAR CHELSEA PLANT—SUSPECTED OF EVIL INTENT

The continual vigilance followed at the Big Lakes Box company was rewarded early yesterday morning in the frustration of what may have been another attempt at "sabotage" by the I. W. W. members here.

The watchman in making his regular rounds of the plant heard a low whistle coming from the railroad track just below the mill. Becoming immediately suspicious, he commenced a careful search of the surroundings, and shortly chased a man from under the run way.

The man ran and joined his comrade who had given the warning signal, followed by the watchman, who gave chase for a distance of two or three hundred yards, and then lost track of both men.

It is reported that he fired at the escaping fugitives, probably without inflicting injury.

Following the incident, Manager A. J. Vove was notified, who spent the rest of the night in assisting the guard. No further trouble has been experienced, but it is believed that the two men were lurking in that vicinity for no good purpose.

POSTMAN EXAMS ARE POSTPONED

The United States Civil Service Commission announces that the post-office clerk-carrier examination announced for August 23, 1917, has been postponed to September 22, 1917. For further information and application blanks apply to secretary, local board of civil service examiners, Klamath Falls, Oregon, postoffice, or district secretary, 393 Postoffice building, Seattle, Wash.

Applications should be filed with the district secretary at the earliest possible date.

Paul Bogardus is the civil service secretary for Klamath Falls.

MRS. SADIE FORD ASKS DIVORCE

Declaring that since her marriage to him in 1912, her husband, J. W. Ford, has failed to support her entirely, and that he has now deserted her without cause, Mrs. Sadie Ford has filed action for divorce in the office of the circuit court clerk.

She asks for the return of her maiden name, Sadie Wright, and any equity deemed fair and just in the opinion of the court. Attorneys Renner and Kent appear for the plaintiff.

FIRE DESTROYS LARGE BARN

BIG STRUCTURE ON FARM OF MARTIN GREEN, EIGHT MILES FROM KLAMATH FALLS, BURNS TO THE GROUND

Fire from an unknown origin destroyed the big barn on the Elmer Newton place in the Henley district, purchased last year by Martin Green, early yesterday morning.

Bellowing of four cows tied in the barn awakened those in the house between 1 and 2 o'clock. The cows were rescued, somewhat scorched, but the entire structure was destroyed. The barn was valued at between \$1,500 and \$2,000. The loss was partly covered by insurance.

John and Martin Green, who live on the place, are neither of them smokers, and the hay in the barn was dry, so they are at a loss to determine the cause of the fire.

President's Son-in-law Now in France



Francis Bowes Sayre, son-in-law of President Wilson is here shown in his uniform as a Young Men's Christian Association worker in France. The organization has been doing much there for the American soldiers. He was on his way to the British front to inspect the Y. M. C. A. canteens of the British army when this picture was taken.

GERRY AMENDMENT ADOPTED

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 23.—The senate has adopted the Gerry Amendment to the war tax bill, which would add \$40,275,000 to its revenue by greatly increasing surtaxes on incomes exceeding \$500,000.

Camp Freemont Has Been Abandoned

Government Considers the Sewerage System Demanded of the Palo Alto Authorities to Be Unreasonable

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 23.—It has been definitely announced by the officials of the war department today that forty men of the First National Guard, composed of troops from Washington, Oregon, Montana and Wyoming, would be sent to Camp Green at Charlott, North Carolina, for training.

Camp Freemont at Palo Alto, Calif., has been abandoned because the local health authorities insist on a complete sewerage system, which the war department considers unreasonable for a temporary camp.

Kings Son Wears Uniform of Private

WINDSON, England, Aug. 23.—Prince Henry wore the outfit of a private soldier, and carried a kit bag, and he discharged the usual fatigue duties incidental to an advance party, which consists of preparing the camp for the reception of the corps.

COMING MEETING TO BE ENJOYABLE

EFFORT BEING MADE TO MAKE TEACHERS' INSTITUTE HERE IN SEPTEMBER A MEETING OF UNUSUAL INTEREST

That the annual Teachers' Institute to be held at the Klamath County high school September 4, 5 and 6, will be one of more than usual interest, and that an effort will be made to have it one of enjoyment for those participating is the announcement made today by County School Superintendent Edna Wells.

Able instructors have been secured to address the convention this year, which is to be a live one from start to finish, with special musical attractions. A representative of the state superintendent's office is to be present, and attempts are being made to secure Professor I. E. Vining of Ashland, a noted authority on psychology, from the Columbia University.

Addresses will be made to the teachers by physicians of this city and talks are to be made by some of the business men.

A special invitation is extended to the general public to attend the sessions of the institute and to become better acquainted with the teachers of the city and county. It is felt by

Will Investigate Labor Troubles in West



Chief Justice J. Harry Covington of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia has been asked by the President to make an investigation of labor troubles and the I. W. W. demonstrations in the western mining camps. The Department of Justice, which would in the usual order of events handle the situation, is so busy that no one could be spared for the work.

MORE AMBULANCE WAGONS NEEDED

J. W. SIEMENS WILL CO-OPERATE WITH OREGON ARMY AND NAVY AUXILIARY TO PROVIDE THIS ASSISTANCE

Captain J. W. Siemens has been notified today of his appointment thru recommendation of Governor Withycombe, as chairman of the subscription committee of Oregon Army and Navy Auxiliary. This body is making an effort to buy and maintain a fleet of ambulances for the Third Oregon regiment.

Captain Siemens feels that this is a movement which cannot be neglected and that this is a time to give freely and abundantly to the calls for help for the home boys in foreign lands.

He will, therefore, do anything possible to assist this move, and any contributions made by generous citizens will reach headquarters thru him.

MOTHER OF FRANK IRA WHITE PASSES AWAY

Frank Ira White has just received notice of the death of his mother at Corning, Kans. Mrs. White was in her 88th year, and until recently had been in very good health. Mr. White was planning to make her a visit early next month.

GEORGE CHASTAIN BACK

George Chastain, clerk of the circuit court, has returned from an extensive vacation spent at the ranch of Dave Shook, near Dairy. Mr. Chastain returns with his family preparatory to commencing the fall term of school. They will reside in the John Coleman residence on Eleventh street.

VICTORY IN THE WEST REMAINS WITH ALLIES

SUBSTANTIAL GAINS MADE AT DIFFERENT POINTS

Progress Made on Isonzo Front. Heavy Resistance Is Broken Down. French Advance Along Banks of Meuse—Germans Drop Bombs and Kill Wounded in Verdun Hospitals. Enemy Makes Advance in Galicia.

By Associated Press

The biggest battle of the war is unabated in its fury along all lines in the European theater. On the Isonzo front the fighting is furious, with further gains for the allies, according to announcement made by the war department this morning.

The British declare that they have been definitely successful in their operations around Ypres. The intense German resistance of yesterday has been broken down.

On the left bank of the Meuse the French troops have captured important points, including the village of Regneville. On the right bank they have occupied Samogneux and carried a system of fortified trenches which links the place up with Hill 344.

Incendiary bombs dropped by Germans on the Verdun hospitals Sunday night, killed ten wounded men and twenty horses, say Paris reports.

Petrograd advices state that the Germans still continue to force the Russians back in Galicia.

The fighting on the Verdun front is now dying down. The French objectives to the north have apparently been obtained.

The Germans have continued their attacks on the Aisne front, but with no success.

Berlin announces that the German forces yesterday occupied without fighting Russian position at Odinbiguan, on the Riga front.

PORTLAND'S MUNICIPAL ELEVATOR STARTED SOON

PORTLAND, Aug. 23.—First steps toward the actual building of Portland's proposed municipal bulk grain elevator were taken this week, when the dock commission authorized the Witherspoon-Englar company of Chicago, to begin work immediately on designs for the plant.

Under the agreement reached the project is to be expedited. In addition to the elevator, the plans will include loading facilities for boats.

Hordes of Prisoners Captured This Week

PARIS, Aug. 23.—The French have taken 7,629 German prisoners around Verdun this week, the war office announces.

These, with the Austrians announced captured by the Italians during the last few days would bring the total to more than 25,000.

Mills Working Long Hours On Unfair List

SEATTLE, Wash., Aug. 23.—The Central Labor Council last night voted to place on the unfair list September 1st, all lumber mills which refuse to adopt the eight hour law. Mill men of the Northwest say that this move would work a severe hardship upon them unless the move is adopted over the entire country.