

4 1/2 MILLION FEET BURNED IN BIG FIRE

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loss was one of the heaviest fire tells here in many years.

Company officials said the entire stock of lumber was protected by insurance. It appeared unlikely the burned trams and pile bottoms will be replaced immediately, because the air-drying season is about over for this year. There will be no immediate shipping loss, company officials stated, but the firm will be hampered in meeting market demands next winter.

Most of the lumber that burned was box, about half dry and half green. There is heavy defense use of box from this and other local mills in making shell cases and fruit and vegetable crates.

Rapid Spread

Ewauna's fire equipment and crew, the city fire department, two fire-fighting cars and locomotives from the Southern Pacific, fire-fighting equipment from the Great Northern, were used in the struggle to quell the flames.

All who witnessed the early stages of the fire were amazed at its rapid spread, despite high humidity and the afternoon rain storm.

But despite the uncertainty of the fire origin, all who saw it were agreed that it gained headway with amazing rapidity, in the face of high humidity of the afternoon and the rain storm.

A strong wind was blowing from the south when George Erlandson, mill superintendent at Ewauna, saw a curl of smoke rising from a pile near the corner of the yard, and turned in the alarm. W. J. Spracher, driver of a lumber carrier, saw it about the same time.

Almost instantly, the flames ran to the top of a lumber pile, and some witnesses said the pile seemed to explode and settle back down again as the blaze roared through it.

Awesome Sight

Great masses of black smoke, shot with heaving flames, poured from the 40-foot piles of lumber. It was an awesome sight, viewed by people from miles around, and there began an automobile trek to the industrial district along South Sixth street that threatened a complete tie-up.

The city fire department got the alarm at 3:22 and ran quickly to the scene with all available equipment. Ewauna's fire-fighting operations went into immediate action. Within a few minutes, water was pouring on the flames and the surrounding property. A switch engine dragged half a dozen cars of logs from a spur adjoining the burning yard. Two Southern Pacific engines pulled in the fire-fighting cars, their pumps began to work, pressure on the hose streams was increased, the fight began in earnest.

Poles Catch Fire

The rolling flames generated enormous heat. The lumber piles in the other yard, 50 or 75 yards away, began to smoke. Power poles half that distance away caught on fire. But water was brought to play on these spots and the flames never got seriously started outside the one yard.

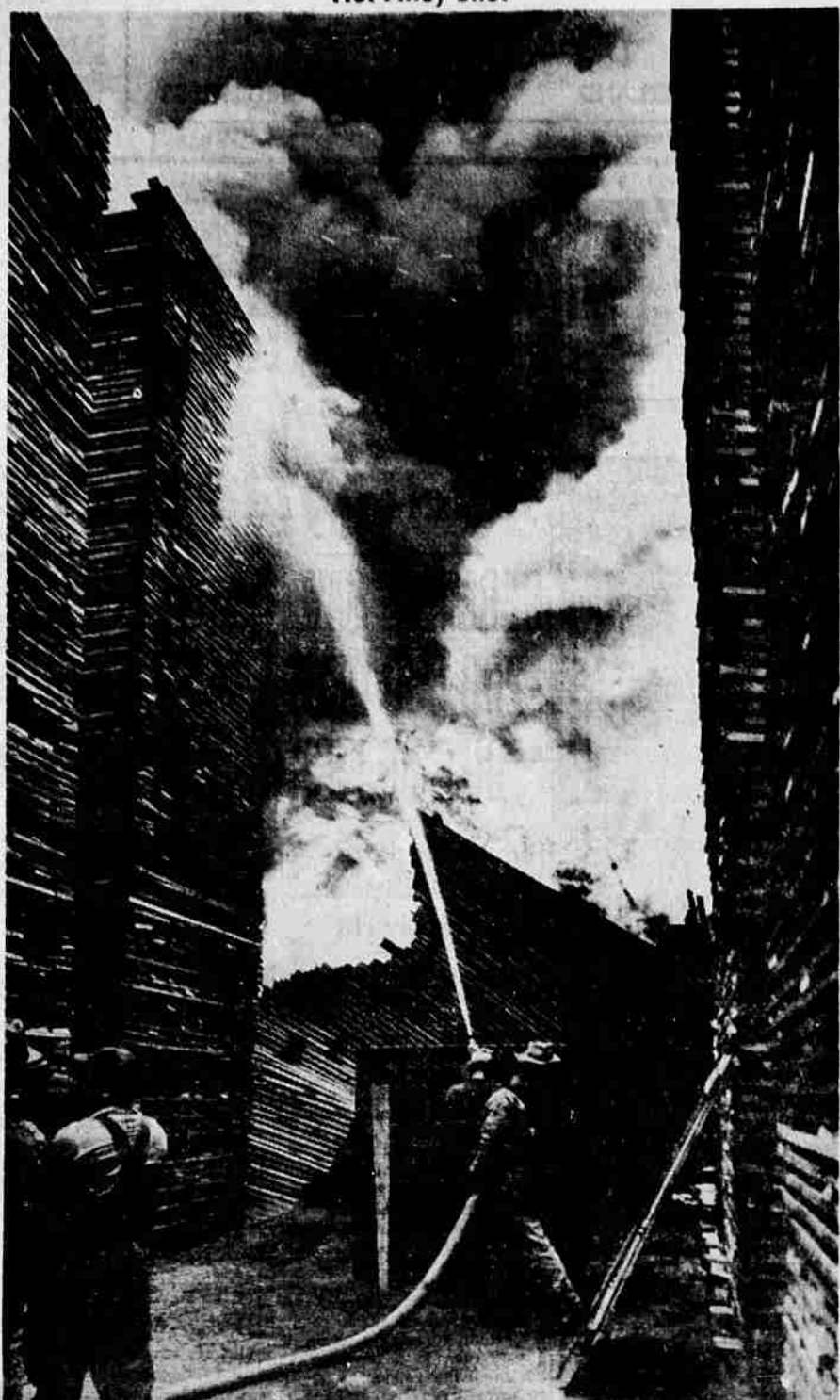
Down in the hot alleys between the towering lumber piles men approached the fire from behind shields, training water on it. They would soak down lumber piles ahead of the flames until they ran with water, but the layers of boards, held apart by "stickers," created such a draft that the dripping lumber was soon a mass of flame.

"Alley oop!" the crews would shout, pulling their shields away and yielding another pile. For two hours, it seemed inevitable that this would continue until the entire 6 or 7 million feet in the yard was consumed.

Upper Hand

Preparations were started to make a final stand for the mill when the yard would be afire

Hot Alley Shot



This picture shows operations in one of the hot alleys at the Ewauna Box company fire, with men playing a hose on the fire from the protection of a shield.

from end to end. But it was then that the fire-fighters began to get an upper hand.

Over on the railroad side, where the SP pumps worked steadily, the high pressure streams began to have an effect, despite the fact dry lumber piles stood "shoulder to shoulder" there. There came a pile where the fire failed to take hold as it had on all the others. The crews pressed this advantage, dumping burning boards from the top of the pile and soaking it anew.

On the other side, "stickers" burned from the fire side of one of the piles, it collapsed and for the first time the fire-fighters had a solid wall to defend. There, too, the advantage was used for all it was worth. In the center, another pile toppled partly over, and the flames began to die down.

Wind Favorable

Hose crews climbed the toppled piles and doused the blaze anew, while others added more water to the still-standing lumber. It was there the fire was stopped, after it had burned about two-thirds of the way through the yard.

Wind conditions were generally favorable, as was the humidity. The wind shifted sharply on several occasions.

Thousands of spectators trekked into the mill district to view the fire from close at hand. South Sixth street was jammed with automobiles, and the police, with eight men on traffic duty and both day and night forces at work, diverted inbound traffic to East Main street. A temporary jam developed at the Main street underpass, many blocks from the fire.

The "home guard" gave aid

to the officers in handling the situation, and the Salvation Army brought coffee and doughnuts for the hard-working fire-fighters.

There were no serious injuries. Many told of seeing the fire start and offered theories as to the cause.

Lending credence to the belief that the Ewauna fire was started by lightning was the report given by J. R. Childers, 5146 Bristol avenue carpenter. "I was working on a job on Shasta Way when I saw a big flash of lightning which seemed to strike just about in the mill yards. Then I saw a puff of smoke and thought sure it had hit," Childers stated. He rushed to the mill yards when a moment later he saw flames leaping in that direction.

Start Described

George Bell of the Klamath hotel, working in the Awauna mill running the hog, said he was one of the first to see the fire.

"It seemed to start right down by the tracks in the lumber stacks. It appeared to me that the fire just came right now—it started just like a ball of fire shooting up," Bell remarked.

George Erlandson, mill superintendent of Ewauna, was the first to turn in the alarm shortly after 3:15. Erlandson said he and Al Brownell, planing mill superintendent, were talking.

"We were standing on the tram by the sawmill when I happened to glance over toward the pile of lumber. It was sultry and a strong wind was blowing from the north. Suddenly I saw a curl of smoke coming from the first pile on the corner (in the yard).

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GERMANS SAY 200,000 REDS OUT OF FIGHT

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lavi, 60 miles southeast of Smolensk, on the central front guarding Moscow.

The German fuhrer's field headquarters, in a special communique, declared that newly-trapped soviet forces had been wiped out in the Smolensk sector with more than 38,000 prisoners taken.

Earlier, the high command reported that German troops slashing into the treasure-house of the Ukraine, on the southern front, had destroyed 25 soviet divisions, capturing 103,000 prisoners and leaving more than 200,000 Russians killed and wounded on the battlefield.

The Germans also reported the capture of Korosten, rail junction town 80 miles northwest of Kiev, after nazi troops had fought in thick forests and swamps for days in the dreary region of the Pinsk (Propet) marshes.

Authoritative quarters in London conceded that the Germans seemed to be making headway in attacks toward Odessa, key Black Sea port, but they depreciated the "high-sounding claims" the Germans are making of other gains in the Ukraine. "Hailed by the nazi high command as 'the first great success' in the south, the vast slaughter in the Ukraine was declared to have annihilated the soviet 6th and 12th armies and part of the 18th.

In a swift follow-up movement German troops reported driving down the west bank of the Dnieper river toward the big industrial center of Dnepropetrovsk.

No hint of such a major defeat was contained in the Moscow communique. The mid-day bulletin said bitter fighting raged throughout the night with the key sectors unchanged.

Again the red armies were reported holding doggedly in the Karelian Isthmus, north of Leningrad; on the Estonian front, below Leningrad; near Smolensk, on the central front, and in the Bel Tserkov sector, 50 miles south of Kiev.

The Russians said their air fleet, which nazi communiques have pictured as virtually destroyed, had struck heavily at German troops and panzer forces along the front, and raided the luftwaffe's airdromes far behind the lines.

The soviet high command declared fires were started during the red air fleet's first bombing of Berlin Thursday night, and reports from London indicated the Russians had made the 1,200 mile round-trip again last night for a second successive raid.

Thunderclouds Shed Rain on Klamath

A pelting thunderstorm added .12 of an inch to the already high figure of 14.17 inches for the year when skies opened up late Friday afternoon, bearing out the weatherman's forecast of rain. A trace was recorded early Saturday morning.

Friday's precipitation was 84 degrees. Continued warm weather but a hint of thunderstorms were predicted by the weather bureau for the weekend.

Russians Use Huge Bombers Against Nazis

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on flights requiring a minimum round-trip range of about 1800 miles.

Russian planes were reported to have attacked Berlin on the past two nights.

British bomb loads soon will be greater than those of the last eight weeks and it is thought possible that with lengthening darkness bombers attacking nearby continental targets will be able to make two trips each per night.

Eleven German fighters were destroyed today in air fights over the English channel and northern France and five RAF planes are missing, British sources said tonight.

STRIKES HOLD UP BIG DEFENSE JOBS

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another \$493,000,000 of defense orders—for naval vessels—as the huge shipyards of the Federal Building and Drydock company at Kearney remained in the grip of a CIO strike.

Meanwhile, the defense mediation board announced in Washington that an agreement had been reached for settlement of a dispute between the CIO packinghouse workers organizing committee and Armour and company, of Chicago. The agreement, details of which were not announced, must be ratified by the union.

Issues in the dispute, which affects about 14,000 workers, include a closed shop, a check-off system, overtime pay, a grievance clause and wages.

Peter Flynn, vice president of Local 16, Industrial Union of Marine Shipbuilding Workers of America, called upon the government last night to take over the Federal Shipyard plant "without another hour's delay." Flynn, the union official who announced the walkout, spoke after Ralph Bard, acting secretary of the navy, had warned that steps would be taken to get production resumed unless there was a quick settlement.

The union said it called the strike to back up demands for what it said was a modified union shop as recommended by the defense mediation board. The management declared a closed shop was asked and rejected the provision in a proposed work contract.

RENO LICENSES

RENO, Aug. 9 (AP) — Oregon residents receiving marriage licenses here included: Joe House, 26, and Dorothy Murray, 16, both Klamath Falls; Grant Bellion, 22, Sonora, Tex., and Betty DeMain, 20, Klamath Falls; Charles S. McPheters, 32, Fort Klamath, and Dorothy Wolsenholms, 31, Gerber, Calif.; Leo D. Deen, 24, and Kathleen Burg, 16, both Butte Falls.

To the Coast—Harry I. Wayne, general agent for the Great Northern railroad, is leaving Sunday for a week's vacation. He will spend some time in Crescent City and the vicinity.

HOUSE GIVES UP ON UNLIMITED SERVICE

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ice of selectees, national guardsmen and reservists.

Chairman May (D-Ky.) insisted, however, that the house military committee would stand by its unlimited service version of the controversial legislation — and republican opponents declared they would not compromise either.

With important votes not scheduled until Monday, or possibly Tuesday, President Roosevelt's lieutenants took advantage of a weekend recess to buttonhole undecided members and urge the 18-months extension, and to select a man to offer the compromise.

One administration whip said that he had changed two votes during yesterday's listless debate on the legislation — "and it was tough sledding," he added.

All but 10 or 15 of the 170-odd republicans were being counted as against any extension for the draftees, although they said they were agreeable to continuing guardsmen, reservists and enlisted men in service indefinitely. One democratic strategist said that if 20 or 25 republicans voted for the bill, "we might have a chance."

The opposition based its stand on the ground that the national interest was no more imperilled now than a year ago when the selective service act was passed; that the government made a contract with the selectees to keep them in uniform only a year; and that the army would not be disorganized — as President Roosevelt said it would — if they were not kept longer.

Trains Delayed By Wreck; Eight Workmen Hurt

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to dislodge an overturned tender from the blockade. As the equipment hauled on the tender, something slipped and the wrecking car went over an embankment.

Klamath officials of the Southern Pacific said that northbound morning trains through here were held up from five to eight hours but expected the 9:35 northbound this evening would be only a little late.

The 4:35 a. m. train to Portland arrived in Klamath Falls at 12:45 p. m., according to the S. P. and the 10:45 pulled in at 2:20.

Southbound trains, on time through here, were also being held up near Redding.

REDDING, Calif., Aug. 9 (UP) Southern Pacific company announced that an engine and 14 cars of a southbound freight train were derailed 12 miles north of Redding Friday night.

Company officials said they believed there were no casualties because "no ambulances or medical help" was requested from Redding or Shasta dam, two miles north of Motion, scene of the wreck.

Southern Pacific said the en-

gine and cars knocked over several telegraph lines, disrupting communications.

The freight was a manifest, loaded with general merchandise. Wrecking trains were dispatched from Gerber, Cal., and Dunsmuir, Cal., to clear the tracks.

There were no indications immediately as to what might have caused the train to leave the tracks.

WORKMAN INJURED AT EWAUNA CAMP

Sylvester Smith, 35, employed at the Ewauna camp near Chiloquin, is in Klamath Valley hospital seriously injured as the result of an accident which occurred late Friday afternoon at the camp. It is understood Smith was loading logs when a hook slipped and struck him full in the face. He was admitted to the hospital at 6 p. m.

Also in Klamath Valley hospital is Tom Jackson, 24, employee of the Yamsay Land and Cattle company of Williamson river. The young man suffered a broken back while working Friday and was admitted at 5:50 p. m. He will be confined to the hospital in a frame from three to five months, it is understood.

LA GRANDE, Aug. 9 (AP) — Nearly 200 persons were called out to fight a grain fire that destroyed more than 80 acres of standing wheat near here yesterday before it was controlled.

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