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Settlers Flee From Sweeping Forest Blazes

VANCOUVER, B. C., July 18.—(United News)—With settlers in the interior fleeing for their lives from flames that are engulfing Kootenai forests and often seeking safety in lakes and streams British Columbia again faces a forest fire situation of extreme gravity, according to officials of the forestry service here.

All indications point to worse conditions in the woods, it is stated. At present the forests everywhere, and particularly in the Kootenai country are parched and dry as tinder and the smallest spark is a potential blaze capable of destroying millions of feet of timber.

The most disastrous fire is raging in the Slokan district. The timber damage will be high in the thousands of dollars in the great area between the upper Arrow lakes and the Kootenai lakes. Logging camps have been burned while saw mills and mine buildings near Slokan are in grave danger.

BRYAN-DARROW DUEL IS WARM

Bryan Assails Darrow As Big Christianity Killer In Exchange

DAYTON, Tenn., July 18.—(United Press)—William Jennings Bryan and Clarence Darrow tonight engaged in a bitter duel of statements, filled with personalities and the issues involved in the Scopes evolution trial.

The words battle was the only incident and in an extremely quiet day at Dayton, relaxed during a lull in the Scopes trial, which stood in adjournment until Monday when it will enter its last phase.

Bryan assailed Darrow as a confessed agnostic and leader of "the most militant anti-Christian sentiment in the country."

The Scopes case, he asserted, has "uncovered the conspiracy against Bible Christianity" and given impetus to the fundamentalist fight to save inspired religion.

"We are making progress," he said.

Darrow, replying, admitted his agnosticism, taunted Bryan with assuming to be "the only interpreter of religion in the world," and declared he was interested in the Scopes case only that "in other states, those who wish to pursue truth shall be left free to think and investigate and teach and learn."

Underworld Kings Of Chicago Slain In Revolver Duel

CHICAGO, July 18.—(United Press)—Two Italians, alleged gunmen and boasting long criminal records, were dead here tonight, the result of a sensational duel.

James Vinci, a leading figure in the murder of Mossy Knight, labor leader and "machine gun" Joseph Grenado, were the two men who fought to the death.

Upon finding the bodies tightly embraced in Shields avenue in the more or less peaceful Italian colony of the south side, shortly after 10 o'clock tonight police immediately placed the responsibility on the vendetta.

Further investigation, however, revealed the men had headed words in a saloon and had left to "fight it out."

EVOLUTION LAW IN OREGON OPPOSED BY NEWSPAPER MEN

S. PASS, July 18.—(United Press)—Newspaper men attending annual convention of the State Editorial association used to endorse a resolution to oppose the introduction of anti-evolution law in the introduction of the resolution considerable discussion followed that while

WAR SECRETARY WEEKS IS ABOUT TO RESIGN POST

Charles D. Hillis Slated To Fill Vacancy Is Reliable Report

SWAMPSCOTT, Mass., July 18.—(United Press)—An unannounced visit by President Coolidge today to Secretary of War John Weeks at West Gloucester, Mass., coupled with the visit three days ago of Charles D. Hillis of New York, to President Coolidge, revived reports that Secretary Weeks will resign soon, and may be succeeded by Hillis, who was formerly national republican leader, former assistant secretary of the treasury, and secretary to former President Taft.

The president and Secretary Weeks were closeted together at the Weeks' home for 45 minutes. It was believed by many that the purpose of the visit was to accept Weeks' resignation, which is understood to have been offered the president two months ago—just after Weeks passed the critical stage of his present illness.

Hillis three days ago had a long visit with President Coolidge at the close of which he refused to discuss the reason for the visit or indicate what subjects were argued. At that time there were reports that Hillis might be offered the position of secretary of war should Secretary Weeks retire.

The war secretary's job was excessively strenuous and it was the strain primarily that caused Weeks to have a partial stroke of paralysis.

Weeks has lost about 30 pounds and uses a cane in his daily walks. He is 65 years old.

Official quarters here were unable to confirm reports of the acceptance of the resignation and the appointment of Hillis. President Coolidge is expected, however, to sign the appointment and make the announcement some time next week.

Record Crowd Will See Pelican-Weeds Start At 2:15 P. M.

With a record crowd expected the Klamath Falls Pelicans will clash with Weeds with a possible chance of the winner of the game going into a tie with McClelland for league leadership. Weeds and Klamath Falls are now tied for second place, with Yeeka. An orchestra will furnish music and there will be a great horde of howling Weeds urging their team to victory, to say nothing of the frenzied Klamath fans. Sunny Mohler will twist for the locals and the batting order of last Sunday will stand unchanged. The game will be called at 2:15 sharp at the fair grounds.

\$300,000 FIRE IN BAKERSFIELD, CAL.

BAKERSFIELD, Calif., July 18.—(United Press)—Fire today destroyed a tank of the underground reservoir of the Pacific Oil company, causing an estimated loss of \$300,000. The flames threatened for several hours to spread to other property and tanks, but were finally controlled.

It was believed by investigators that the blaze was started by lightning. The tank destroyed had a capacity of 750,000 gallons.

CITIZENS BATTLE BANDITS
KULN, N. D., June 18.—More than a score of citizens here staged a successful counter attack today on 15 bandits barricaded behind a fortress of stones and iron girders, who had taken possession of the town preparatory to robbing the First State bank.

Tom Delzell Is Aw, Shucks, Is— Is—Married

A rather serious minded Klamath youth—too serious-minded in fact, to be suspected of being ready to take the matrimonial plunge left here several days ago for San Francisco, taking with him only one—a dear friend. Word reached here yesterday that Tom Delzell, secretary of the local Elks' club, erstwhile Copco executive and pleasing to the eye of prospective girls "about that age" was married in the bay city day before yesterday.

It is the culmination of a romance started when Sarah Croxton (now Mr. and Mrs. Tom Delzell) and Tom, (now a young bridegroom) were attending O. A. C. at Corvallis. The specific occasion of the first meeting was a Chi Omega sorority moonlight dance. That was in the springtime, several years ago.

The bride's mother accompanied her daughter from Los Angeles, their home, to San Francisco where the marriage occurred.

Kenneth Perry, a fraternity brother of Delzell's was the best man.

BIG OFFENSIVE IS FRENCH NEW PLAN

125,000 Troops Are To Be Amassed On Front Of Rebel Riff Line

PARIS, July 18.—(United Press)—France is about to bring its army in Morocco up to the grand total of 125,000 men.

Confronted with the news from Fez that the French casualties to July had come to 1473 dead and missing; 2773 wounded and 30 prisoners, France is determined to put an early end to the hostilities of Abd el Krim, Riffian commander.

Hence new forces are being rushed from the Ruhr and from Algeria and a big offensive of men, munitions and bombing planes is being mapped. Marshal Petain has conferred with Marshal Lyautey and Gen. Naulin, newly named commander for Morocco, is under way to the fighting zone.

Meantime, the foreign office revealed plans for a peace offensive with an ultimatum character. A Franco-Spanish delegation will convey to Krim the joint peace terms, and ask a "yes" or "no" answer. A negative answer is anticipated.

LAKE EWAUNA FISH STARTLES FLAPPER

Here's a different fish story for the tourists.

According to the account, two Klamath Falls girls were boating in Lake Ewauna. As they were rowing along, an exuberant fish leaped high into the air and fell in the bottom of the boat.

The flopping fish at her feet affected one girl as a small cheese-eating rodent does most of the feminine sex, and she stood up on the seat and shrieked for help.

No predatory pelican came to the rescue, but the second girl calmly lifted up the flopping and startled fish and put him back in the water, as he was a minor and wasn't big enough to fry.

Fire Wrecked Little Washington City To Rebuild From Ruins

SPOKANE, July 18.—"A bigger and better Creston." Before the smoldering ruins of the little town, partially razed by a \$100,000 fire Friday, had quit smoking, business men of Creston were "doing business" and preparing to rebuild.

The fire started in the dry grass under the platform of the Milwaukee grain elevator. The cause has not been determined, but it is believed that either sparks from a central Washington freight train, or carelessness of a smoker was responsible.

The blaze was confined to the portion of town located on the south side of Sunset highway. The town has a population of 600.

CENTRAL OREGON GETS 6 MILLION DOLLAR INDUSTRY

New Silica Industry With Eastern Capitalists As Backers To Be Started On Ore. Trunk Spur

PORTLAND, Ore., July 18.—A new industry for central Oregon became a certainty when it was learned here tonight that a \$6,000,000 corporation had been formed to develop the silica-containing deposits near Terrebonne, in Deschutes county.

The Terrebonne enterprise, which is backed by eastern financiers, is expected to rival the Bend lumber industry.

The earth, containing the siliceous skeletons of millions of small plant organisms, will be used in the manufacture of insulated bricks and polishing powder. It is said to be better material for insulation than asbestos and can be used as a filler for paint.

A spur track seven miles long and a number of brick kilns are scheduled for immediate construction. The track will connect with the Oregon Trunk and thus eventually will be on the direct line to Klamath Falls.

The new corporation was chartered under the laws of Delaware and is capitalized at \$6,000,000. The concern will be known as the Atomite corporation.

Atomite Corporation
The Atomite company will be the successor of the Diatomite corporation which has handled the excavation of the silica deposits in the past. The Atomite corporation will greatly expand the production, however, increasing the output to 50,000 tons within the next few years.

Hartwig N. Barnum, brother of Barney Barnum, the well known New York capitalist and former chairman of the war industries board, is chairman of the board of directors of the Atomite corporation. A. H. Krieger, W. L. Jordan and Phelan Beale are president, vice-president and treasurer, respectively.

The holdings of the new corporation represent approximately 5,000,000 tons of the deposit and the supply is said to be sufficient for the next century.

Fish Commissioner Still Thinks He's Fish Commissioner

PORTLAND, July 18.—"I am still fish commissioner until I am fired, am I not?" said Senator A. G. Beals of Tillamook, with some little naivete, and thus puts a new phase on the primeval uncertainty which has surrounded that unhappy organization for many moons.

There are three plain paths which the Tillamook senator might follow in getting out of the constitutional woods now enveloping his official status. He can hang onto commissioner and his senatorial commission until somebody "duly and regularly" persuades a supreme court to bring Gibson vs. McKay decision out of its archives and bludgeon him loose. He can decide that a commissioner's life is one of trial and trouble, bow before the opinion of the attorney general and quit. He can conclude that oratory is vain, resign his senatorship and let the governor validate his present apparently invalid commission as commissioner.

Just what he is going to do Senator Beals confesses he does not now know.

Turning to another interesting angle of this many-angled subject, it is entertaining to note that Senator Eddy of Roseburg is standing by all ready and perfectly willing to shoot the recommendation of an Umpqua river man into the governor's office, when, and if, his senate colleague gets out of the picture one way or the other.

Northern Lines Do Not Intend Invade Calif. Coast Line

That the Hill lines do not intend to penetrate deep into California, at least, not via the oft-mentioned route to Eureka and southward from there, or via any other point bordering the Pacific, was the emphatic statement of Louis K. Hill, chairman of the board of directors of the Great Northern railroad. Mr. Hill, in company with his son, Louis, Jr., Cortlandt P. Hill and C. V. Lintner, Oregon Trunk engineer, arrived here yesterday after a tour of inspection, starting at Bend and continuing southward over the Northern lines' surveys recently made, with a view to building into Klamath Falls.

That the northern lines do, however, intend to build farther south into California, as far south as the Walker timber country, however, was strongly hinted at by Mr. Hill, who will leave here this morning, continuing his trip southward into that portion of California.

Mr. Hill, when asked by a News reporter, if it were not a fact that the Northern lines preferred a common user from Odell into Klamath Falls, and even farther south, but had about decided they would rather build their own line in here, because the Southern Pacific would fight to the last ditch to prevent common user, holding up the Northern lines' extension program for five or ten years, declared that supposition was correct, reiterating that both permission to build their own line and also a request for common user had been made.

L. C. C. Hard To Dope
"What action the interstate commerce commission will take on the application to extend here I am unable to predict. Of course, I am optimistic. What the interstate commerce commission will do on any railroad problem confronting it is merely speculation, until they actually meet, consider and decide," Mr. Hill declared. "It is a comparatively new body, and no real great railroad extensions have been before it recently. Railroads aren't making enough money these days to extend their lines unless conditions actually warrant it."

Mr. Hill was very sportsmanlike in his reference to the Southern Pacific. "The Southern Pacific executives are mighty good business men. They most generally get what they go after, and they know how to conduct their business," he declared.

Coming By Request
"The Hill lines are not coming into the Klamath country merely as the result of a mid-summer's night dream," Mr. Hill declared.

"Empire Will Awaken"
"Oregon as a whole, has disintegrated since 1909," he declared. "The Willamette valley, in particular, has gone back since that time, instead of forward, as I had expected. Many a farm is vacant that should be in operation up in the valley." Despite these remarks, however, Mr. Hill declared that Oregon, in time, would be all that was hoped for, and that with railroad development, the "inland empire" would "awaken."

Mr. Hill recalled his last visit to Klamath Falls in 1909. The city has shown remarkable progress industrially, he declared, but regretted that he could not compliment the city on its civic pride. He lacked in more than one way, he said, citing Lakeview as an example, where, as far back as 1909, there were building restrictions placed on cheap frame structures, brick buildings being insisted upon in particularly the business section of the city.

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Naked Swimmer Drowns Protecting His Modesty

DILLON, Mont., July 18.—While taking an impromptu swim at Lovell's lake, nine miles south of here last night, Henry Sacher, local carpenter, was surprised by a group of picnickers, among whom were a number of women. Before Sacher could cross the lake to hide from view, he was seized with cramps and drowned. The picnickers helped recover the body, which was brought here this morning by County Coroner Lynch.

JUNIE AND ESTHER'S SISTER WAITS RETURN

Mrs. A. G. Wimer of Fort Klamath, an elder sister of Junie and Esther Bradshaw, was in Klamath Falls Saturday and Sunday. Mrs. Wimer came to Klamath Falls from Fort Klamath in the hope of seeing her sisters on their way back to Alturas from Portland.

Mrs. Wimer denied published reports that she had left home against the wishes of her father.

If her sisters do not return before Monday, Mrs. Wimer expects to return to Fort Klamath.

OREGON RECEIVES \$25,000,000 FOR GOOD ROADS THROUGH LICENSES

SALM, Ore., July 18.—(United Press)—More than \$25,000,000 has been contributed toward the construction and maintenance of good roads in Oregon through the medium of license fees by Oregon motorists since the enactment of the first automobile registration law in this state in 1907, according to figures compiled by Secretary of State, Kozier.

The figures do not take into consideration the additional millions, which the motorists have contributed toward the good roads fund through the medium of the gasoline tax. Motor vehicle license fees collected in the period since 1907 are shown as \$26,815,950.66 of which \$25,341,937.15 has gone into the state's road fund, the balance representing diversions to county funds.