

WALLACE, IDAHO IS THE VICTIM OF GREEDY FLAMES

Forest Fires Which Have Haunted the Town For Weeks, Finally Make Desperate Leap and begin Devouring the City

CITIZENS ESCAPE BY MEANS OF RAILWAY

Fire Bells Sounded the Alarm That Told of the Fire Entering City, and the Whole Western Side Then Burst Into Flames.

[Gate City Leased Wire Service.] BUTTE, Mont., Aug. 20.—Ignited by forest fire, Wallace, Idaho, a town of five thousand inhabitants, is burning, according to officials of the telegraph company here.

At 9:30 the wires went down and it was impossible to ascertain further information. The operators left their key after flashing a message that the town was afire and that there was little hope of saving it.

Wallace is situated in a narrow valley in the heart of a densely forested region. To escape from the town the inhabitants would be compelled to flee down a railroad track which is walled in on both sides by steep ridges. Should the fire jump across the canyon, the people would have little chance of escape from the valley. The wind blows almost continuously down the canyon. It is believed that the forest fire which was burning at Borax a few miles east of Wallace, spread westward and reached the town.

Early in the evening it was evident that the forest fire would reach the town. All the afternoon the streets were lurid with the glare of the advancing flames. As evening approached the smoke became so dense that the electric lights were turned on so citizens could see their way about the streets.

By 8:30 p. m. the intense heat of the fire was causing the roofs of the buildings on the west side to steam. Every bit of available fire apparatus was brought into play and every citizen, from small boys to old men, lent their assistance to the work of attempting to check the advancing wall of flames.

A C. R. and N. switching crew began assembling all freight and passenger cars in the yards ready for a hurried escape. Two fast engines were coupled to a string of freight cars and hundreds of women and children were loaded into them preparatory to leaving at the sound of the fire bells which was to be the signal that the fire had entered the city.

Before nine o'clock the frame buildings began to rock so violently that occupants could scarcely stand within as a result of the action of the heated atmosphere upon them.

A few minutes past nine o'clock the fire chief ordered all people out of town and ten minutes later the fire bells began to ring.

Almost simultaneously the whole western side of the city burst into flames. The locomotives whistled wildly, summoning the remaining citizens to board the cars. The first train bearing 2,000 refugees left the town at 9:15 p. m. At 9:30 the temporary wires which had been hastily connected up running to the east, went down.

The electric lights were cut off as the plant was burning and the flames around to the east side and practically all of Wallace was ablaze.

At ten o'clock the whole city was ablaze and Wallace one of the famed mining towns of the west was deserted city was left in darkness. The wind by this time had whipped up rapidly reduced to ashes.

[Gate City Leased Wire Service.] Newport Threatened.

PORTLAND, Oreg., Aug. 20.—A report received here late tonight states the town of Newport, in eastern Washington was in imminent danger of destruction by fire which has been raging in the forests.

Mayor Lutz has wired the state fire warden at Olympia, Wash., that the high wind which has prevailed all day is blowing the fire close to the city limits. The railroad line is tied up, and greatest consternation prevails as the inhabitants have no way of escape except by foot.

Libby Threatened. MISSOULA, Mont., Aug. 20.—Libby, Mont., is reported in grave danger of

destruction by forest fires. Fires have been raging in the vicinity for several days.

Another City in Danger. PORTLAND, Oreg., Aug. 20.—Burning brands from the forest fires on Cour d'Alene lake in northern Idaho have been falling all evening in the streets of Couer d'Alene city, according to despatches reaching here tonight. All male residents have been ordered out to fight the fire under penalty of going to jail. A stiff wind is blowing and until relief comes from an unexpected source it is feared the town will catch fire.

Conditions are Alarming. [Gate City Leased Wire Service.] PORTLAND, Oreg., Aug. 20.—From Montana, Idaho, Washington and California, telegrams are pouring into the various district headquarters of the forestry service tonight appealing for more men to fight the great fires that are devastating the big forests of the west. Hundreds of soldiers, farmers and laborers are already battling the fire lines, several hundred more are hurrying to the fire, and there is crying need for three thousand more at least in Oregon, Idaho and Montana alone.

The governor is spending approximately \$30,000 daily in an attempt to control fires, and forestry officials admit that the fires are spreading with frightful rapidity despite all efforts. Only rain to break the drought, the longest since 1902, and a cessation of the high wind can save thousands of acres of virgin timber land now threatened.

The damage done is already appalling. In the Crater Lake national forest in southern Oregon, four big fires and numerous small ones burned over an area of more than 30 square miles. Over \$1,000,000 worth of standing timber has been consumed and the fires are sweeping onward, turning into desolate ashes one of the richest timber belts of the Pacific slope. Eight hundred civilians and two companies of the United States infantry are making a dogged, obstinate fight against the flames but their exhausted efforts appear puny against the great seas of fire. In western Montana conditions but little better obtain.

Scattered through the mountains fifteen companies of United States corps are making stands against the fires and an urgent call for ten companies has been put in by forestry officials with only two companies available to fill the demand. In Idaho on the south fork of the Clearwater river, 18 square miles has been swept by the flames and later reports are to the effect that the fire is absolutely the master. In Washington a destructive blaze is reported to be working through the timber in the Rainier National reserve. Owing to the inaccessibility of the region little information as to the true situation can now be secured.

In California several square miles of forest in the Grass Valley district near Nevada City has been burned over. Five hundred men are battling against the conflagration tonight. The fires which are giving much trouble at present are in southern Oregon and in Montana.

According to dispatches reaching here, the situation in Montana is beyond human power to improve. The Lolo fire in western Montana is by far the most dangerous, according to late reports. There the fire is rushing through the dry forests, making a path over six miles wide. Millions of feet of timber have been burned and each hour sees thousands of trees becoming blackened stumps.

—Read the Gate City Want Column —The fire department made a quiet run at 1:15 o'clock this morning to Fifth and Johnson streets, where crossed wires had set a telephone pole on fire.

INSURGENCY IS QUARTERED

John Hays Hammond Divides the Insurgents Into Four Parts and Describes Each Part.

NOT COMPLIMENTARY MARCHING TO CAPITAL

Calamity Howlers Come First and Were Merely Masquerading Under Clothes of Republicans.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Aug. 20.—"Calamity Howlers, Unintelligent Intellectuals" were some of the terms applied to the insurgents of the republican party by John Hays Hammond in a speech at the picnic of Ohio republican clubs in a local amusement park this afternoon.

Hammond, who, as president of the National League of Republican Clubs, went to the last national republican convention at Chicago with vice presidential aspirations, has since been one of the most constant personal and political associates of President Taft, both in Washington and at Beverly. To newspaper men, just before his address, Hammond admitted that he had come direct from the golf links at Beverly and took occasion to deny positively that President Taft had taken any hand in the New York state political squabble. The report that such action on the part of the president was responsible for the present breach between Taft and Roosevelt, he characterized as "Absurd and wholly preposterous."

In his address, Hammond said, "Let me analyze insurgency by differentiating the varieties of insurgents. We may divide the insurgents into four classes, as follows: "First, the Calamity Howlers. These are simon pure socialists and demagogues. They have no standing in the republican party, but masquerade under the respectable name of republican. The calamity howlers aim to create political chaos so that by hook or crook they may be able to improve their depleted political fortune. The republican party would consider itself fortunate to get rid of men of this kind. The democrats are heartily welcome to them, especially as their natural affiliation is with the democratic party.

"The second class may be termed the unintelligent intellectuals. Men of this class are sometimes disrespectfully alluded to as high brow. The unintelligent intellectuals are ever ready to suggest how everything should be done and are better able to recommend a feasible way how anything can be done.

"The third class may be styled unctuous rectitudinists. They are characterized by self-righteousness and base their independence upon the belief that all other men are moral delinquents.

"The fourth and last class of insurgents may be referred to as progressive republicans, as the difference between them and those who call themselves regulars is too small to admit of calling them anything but republicans. I have a genuine sympathy for this class in many of their contentions. These men are sincerely desirous of raising the standard of political morals of the country. They are opposed to unscrupulous boss domination, just as you and I, but some of us think they are undertaking to remedy these evils by untimely, ineffectual and too drastic measures, though I freely admit that moral suasion at once would not suffice to accomplish some of their worthy aims."

MAYOR GAYNOR WILL NAME MAN

Prediction that He Will be Nominated and Refuse the Governorship.

[Gate City Leased Wire Service.] NEW YORK, Aug. 20.—Tammany leaders who came home this afternoon from Saratoga, where the democratic state committee met last night to issue the call for the state convention, predict that Mayor Gaynor will be nominated for governor. They say also that he will likely refuse the nomination on the ground that he promised the people of New York City that he would serve out his term as Mayor and that he will then be permitted to name the candidate.

—Reports were current in Quincy last night that Keokuk had enjoyed a cloud burst last evening and inquiries were made of The Gate City early this morning to learn how many people were drowned. The only satisfaction that could be given Quincy was to tell of the ballstones which were as big as baseballs.

REVOLUTION HAS CEASED TO REVOLVE

Nicaraguan War is Over Now That Madriz Has Been Cornered and Gives up Office.

OUR GREATEST NEED

Back From Trip Abroad Where He Investigated the Crop Conditions of the Old World.

[Gate City Leased Wire Service.] MANAGUA, Aug. 20.—The Nicaraguan war is over. This is conceded tonight following advices received here that General Luis Mena of the revolutionary army, has taken Granada, the most important city on the Pacific coast of Nicaragua.

President Madriz has resigned his office and Jose Dolores Estrada, brother of the revolutionist leader, has taken his place. General Mena is marching on toward Managua and it is believed the capitol will be taken without the slightest show of resistance.

Crowds in the streets tonight openly cheered for the revolutionists and it is reported that Madriz has fled into Corinto.

ROOSEVELT PLANS FOR WESTERN TOUR

Only Seventeen Newspaper Men Along so News Will Likely be Scarce.

[Gate City Leased Wire Service.] OYSTER BAY, Aug. 20.—Quiet broods over Oyster Bay tonight after a week of war alarms. Col. Roosevelt is preparing for a miniature family reunion before he starts on his three weeks trip of the middle west on Tuesday. All preparations have been completed for the colonel's trip.

He will go to Utica, N. Y., on Tuesday and will address the Herkimer County Grange Tuesday afternoon. The Roosevelt special train will leave Utica Wednesday evening and will go through direct to Cheyenne, Wyo., where his next speech is scheduled. At Cheyenne the colonel will meet his old brothers in arms, the rough riders and companions of his old days on the plains. From Cheyenne the colonel will journey to Denver where he will talk to the stock men. He will come back to Kansas City and Osawatimie, Kans., where he will attend a John Brown celebration. Omaha, Sioux City, Iowa, Sioux Falls, S. D., and Fargo, N. D., will entertain Roosevelt on his way to the national conservation congress at St. Paul September 6, where he and Clifford Pinchot will discuss natural resources. Leaving St. Paul the colonel goes to Milwaukee as the guest of the Milwaukee Press Club. He will then return to Chicago, to address the Hamilton club on political subjects. Cincinnati and Pittsburg will be the only stops on the return trip from Chicago to New York. Seventeen newspaper men will be on the special train.

TOM LEWIS IS TURNED DOWN

Miners' Convention by 250 Majority Fails to Sustain His Ruling.

[Gate City Leased Wire Service.] INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Aug. 20.—Tom Lewis, international president of mine workers, was repudiated tonight when by a vote of 250 majority, the convention failed to sustain him in ruling out of order the Green substitute report which bitterly attacks Lewis and the executives. At 1:00 o'clock the debate on the committee report and its substitute still continued. All hope of adjourning the convention tonight has gone aglimmering.

The committee's reported provided for a weekly assessment of \$1 on every man employed for the support of the striking miners in the various districts and a complete endorsement of the international officers and executive board. It recommends that the convention fully endorse the Illinois strike and the struggles where mines have been closed since April 1. The report states that \$144,000 weekly must be raised.

The substitute report, ruled out of order, which precipitated the fight was presented by Wm. Green, of the Ohio delegation. It more lavishly condoned the Illinois strike and makes some telling hits against Lewis and the executive council.

—Read The Daily Gate City.

CORN BREAD IS MIGHTY GOOD

Patten Says That Some Substitute for Wheat Should Be Found But it Cannot Be.

OUR GREATEST NEED

Back From Trip Abroad Where He Investigated the Crop Conditions of the Old World.

[Gate City Leased Wire Service.] CHICAGO, Aug. 20.—James A. Patten, retired wheat and cotton king, declared today that a substitute for wheat is the greatest world's need, but there could be none. Patten returned to Chicago today from a tour through Europe where he investigated crop conditions. He declared that the world's supply of wheat for 1910 is apparently the minimum of the decade and that the shortage is so great that it is high time to consider a substitute.

"How about corn as a substitute," he was asked. "People cannot live on corn bread," he declared, "nor on breakfast foods, many of the best ones being made of wheat."

"A real substitute is absolutely necessary," he continued. "Conditions in France are very bad. It is a non-importing country and the shortage within its boundaries reaches anywhere from 60 million to 120 million bushels. The Argentine Republic is a possible solution but it will be December before we know anything much about its yield."

Patten has retired but he could not get past the wheat pit on his way from the depot. He "looked in," and then went to his old offices in the Board of Trade building and placed an order to sell May wheat. "Have you really retired from active operations," he was asked. "Yes," with a big like grin; "but I may scalp a bit and then," he added, "you know it's hard for a man who has been actively engaged all his life to cease suddenly and stay away absolutely. But my retirement is sincere. I mean it."

CHOLERA SCOURGE IN RUSSIA

Already Nearly 60,000 Deaths Have Occurred From the Disease.

[Gate City Leased Wire Service.] ST. PETERSBURG, Aug. 20.—A remarkable feature of the cholera scourge that is today sweeping Russia and which has claimed nearly 60,000 deaths is the opposition in many places of the local authorities and of the people themselves to all measures to check the disease.

In numerous towns the authorities have prohibited public lectures on cholera and its causes, fearing that the lectures would show the people that they are suffering from conditions for which the authorities are responsible. Instances are reported of the peasants holding meetings and passing resolutions against allowing any steps to be taken. This strange attitude is due partly to religious superstition, inasmuch as a large part of the people believe that the epidemic is a visitation of the Almighty, which it would be wrong to oppose.

There are at least 1,000 "centers" of the disease now in southern, northern and central Russia, the principal plague spot being Yekaterinasslaf. The outbreak is seriously affecting the commercial life of the country for many European countries have established a practical quarantine against Russia.

TAFT WORKED ON HIS LETTER

Got up at the Hour Most Keokuk People Arise Each Morning.

[Gate City Leased Wire Service.] BEVERLY, Mass., Aug. 20.—His promised campaign letter for the republican congressional committee occupied most of President Taft's time today. He arose at 5:30 to start the letter, worked until noon, took a short cruise on the yacht Sylph and returned and wrote until six o'clock. All attempts to see the president in regard to the Roosevelt-Taft situation were futile and Secretary Norton declined to comment on it. "There is really no news," he said, "How about Oyster Bay?" he was asked. The discreet secretary shook his head seriously. The president even neglected his usual morning golf game for the campaign letter.

WHITE WASHING IS COMPLETE

Statement Issued by Congressional Committee Completely Exonerating Vice President and Senator.

NO WARRANT FOR IT

Gore's Mention of Sherman's Name At First Day of Trial Proves to Have Been a Falsehood.

[Gate City Leased Wire Service.] SULPHUR, Okla., Aug. 20.—The congressional committee investigating the bribery charges brought by Senator Thomas P. Gore in connection with the proposed Indian lands contracts held by J. P. McMurray, today formally and officially exonerated Vice President Sherman and Senator Curtis of Kansas, of any connection with the contracts.

Before the adjournment today Chairman Burke read the following statement. "The committee has heard and carefully considered all testimony submitted and is unanimous in the opinion that there is and was no warrant for any person to authorize the names of Vice President James S. Sherman and Senator Charles Curtis in connection with any improper relation with any Indian acts whatever, and commends the statement of Senator Gore in this connection."

The names of Sherman and Curtis were brought into the investigation on the first day of the hearing when Gore testified that Jake Hamon offered him a bribe of \$40,000 if he would withdraw his opposition to the approval of the McMurray contracts.

POLITICAL UPHEAVAL IN PANAMA

Acting President Has Resigned and U. S. is Said to Have Forced it.

[Gate City Leased Wire Service.] PANAMA, Aug. 20.—Acting President Mendoza resigned today and has been succeeded by Senor Don Samuel Luis, minister of foreign affairs. Intense excitement prevails throughout the republic of Panama tonight as a result of the complex political situation that has resulted. It is believed here that Mendoza's resignation was forced by the United States government under the stringent terms of its treaty with Panama and that the late President Montt of Chile who died in Germany after a visit to the United States had something to do with the move.

IOWA GOLFER LOST THE MATCH

Never Before Was There Such a Match in the Trans-Mississippi.

[Gate City Leased Wire Service.] DENVER, Aug. 20.—Wm. Sheehan of Des Moines missed an easy sixteen inch putt on the thirty-sixth hole of the finals for the Trans-Mississippi golf championship at the Denver Country club this afternoon and Harry G. Legg of the Minnikahda Club, Minneapolis, is second time champion. Had Sheehan made the putt the match would have gone into extra holes.

Never in the history of the Trans-Mississippi association has there been such a match and a one up score coming at the end of a bitterly fought contest.

CHANCE OUT OF THE GAME

Former Pitcher Brings Suit Against the Cubs for \$3,200 Damages.

[Gate City Leased Wire Service.] NEW YORK, Aug. 20.—Captain Manager Chance, of the Chicago "Cubs," has been "put out" of the game again, this time by Judge Hough of the United States Circuit court, as the result of the suit of Pitcher Andrew Coakley, formerly a member of the Chicago team, against the club for \$3,200 damages. Judge Hough today ordered Chance, who is also a director of the Chicago club, to appear before United States Court Commissioner Alexander on Aug. 25 and produce the books of the club, showing the receipts of the world's championship series of 1905, a portion of which Coakley claims to be due him.

NEW WONDERS OF AVIATION

Fly From Dry Town to Wet Spot to Get Drink and Pay Visit to His Wife's Father.

ADVANTAGE OF FLYING

Aviators Will Next be Trying to Milk The Cow That Jumped Over The Moon.

[Gate City Leased Wire Service.] ASBURY PARK, N. J., Aug. 20.—The first passenger carrying, cross country aeroplane flight ever made in America for the purpose of getting a drink was witnessed here this afternoon, when Walter Brookins and Frank Coffin, of the Wright Brothers' team, flew to the Deal golf club, three miles away, landed in front of the club house, refreshed themselves and then flew back to the aviation field.

The reason—Asbury Park is a "dry" town. Ralph Johnston made the longest flight of the meeting, remaining in the air 45 minutes in an effort to break the altitude record. His engine was working poorly, however, and the highest he could go was 2,950 feet.

Visits Father-in-Law.

[Gate City Leased Wire Service.] GREENWICH, Conn., Aug. 20.—Chiford B. Harmon, multimillionaire real estate man, in a Farman biplane this evening flew from Garden City, L. I., to Sandy Beach, this city, to visit his father-in-law, Commodore E. C. Benedict.

The flight of 18 miles across Long Island and Long Island Sound, was made in twenty minutes. Harmon ascended from the aviation field at Garden City at 6:45 and landed at 7:05 tonight. He says he intends tomorrow to fly back across New York City and land on Governor's Island, in the harbor. Harmon flew over Roslyn, Hempstead harbor, Larmont and Seafair at height averaging from 350 to 500 feet. His engine worked perfectly and his aeroplane was under splendid control.

Aviator Injured.

[Gate City Leased Wire Service.] CAMBRIA, France, Aug. 20.—Aviator De Barder was probably fatally injured here late this evening when he lost control of his aeroplane and fell to the ground. De Barder had made a number of splendid records of late and was regarded as one of the most sensational flyers in France.

ST. LOUIS POPULATION IS ALL COUNTED

Official Census Figures Gives the Town a Total of 687,029 People.

[Gate City Leased Wire Service.] WASHINGTON, Aug. 20.—The census bureau announced that the 1910 enumeration shows a population of 687,029 for St. Louis, Mo., which is an increase of 111,791 or 19.4 per cent since 1900 when St. Louis had 575,238 inhabitants.

In 1909 Boston had 560,892 people, and not until the new census for Boston is announced will it be known positively whether St. Louis holds her place as the fourth American city.

From the big increase shown by St. Louis however, it is believed here that Boston will not overtake the Missouri metropolis.

The numerical increase in St. Louis is one of the largest yet announced, though numerous cities have shown higher percentages. Detroit holds the record for the 1910 census as far as announced with an increase of 180,962, or 63 percent.

Mighty Close Vote.

[Gate City Leased Wire Service.] LINCOLN, Neb., Aug. 20.—The defeat of Governor Shallegger for the Democratic nomination for governor by one hundred votes, was admitted at the executive mansion tonight. Mayor Dahlman, of Omaha, is the winner. Returns are complete from all except ten precincts in the states and these cannot change the result.

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