

FOREST FIRES ARE STILL BAD

THREE MEN ARE KILLED IN OREGON FOREST—FIRE WIPES OUT THREE TOWNS.

CANADIAN FIRE SERIOUS

Manitoba Woods Are Swept by Raging Flames, Despite the Work of the Firefighters and Fire is Spreading—Conditions About Seattle Are Still Grave.

LATER.

Winnipeg, July 20.—Forest fires continue to burn with intense fierceness in the Slocan and Kootenai districts in the west and are breaking out in the Rainy river district in the east. Only a heavy rain can stay their progress. It is impossible to get details tonight as the wires are down and the whole country is covered with smoke.

Albany, Ore., July 20.—Three men were burned to death Tuesday night in a forest fire along the North Santiam river, four miles east of Detroit. The bodies were not recovered until today. The dead: PHILIP RICHMOND, of Salem, Ore.; JAY M. BROOKS, of Crawfordville, Ore.

FRANK MGOEY, of Clearfield, Pa. Acting against the advice of their foreman, the men met death in an effort to save their tools. The fire had communicated to the timber from a donkey engine in a logging camp while the men were at work in a forest. After fighting the fire for an hour the three men died. It was a steep hillside to where they had left their tools. They never returned. The fire destroyed the entire logging camp and then swept into the timber. Another big fire is burning in the Cascade mountains, northwest of Mount Jefferson.

Towns Destroyed. Winnipeg, Man., July 20.—The town of Three Forks has been wiped out and the towns of Jaffray and Baynes Lake are also reported to have been destroyed by the forest fires. They are in the Slocan district. Sandon, in the same district, is said to be doomed.

Fires are also raging over 200 square miles in the Kootenai districts. At Kaslo the fire is traveling rapidly and back fire is being done. At Maylie the fire is still causing anxiety, but for the present the town is safe. The air around Nelson is dense with smoke and fires north are blazing furiously. Fires at Salmon, Arrowhead and elsewhere in the Kaslo district are doing great damage.

The heaviest losses have been suffered by the Consolidated Mining & Smelting company at Moyle. Buildings at Aldrich park had been reduced to ashes.

A serious fire is raging on Clarkston Brothers' timber limits, south of Hall, and the fire is spreading toward Nelson. A large gang is fighting the blaze. At Arrow Park the fire has overtaken the efforts of the fighters and reinforcements of 100 Doukhobors have been dispatched to aid.

Wallace Fires. Wallace, July 20.—(Special)—The county commissioners have hired a score of men to aid the settlers in fighting the huge Pine creek forest fire. This is the first time that the county has given help of this sort.

Heavy Losses. Seattle, July 20.—The forest fires raging between Lakes Washington and Sammamish near Seattle, are destroying second growth trees and stumps.

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UNIONS OF HELENA DENOUNCE PLAN

TRADES AND LABOR ASSEMBLY OF CAPITAL CONDEMNS CONVICT LABOR.

Helena, July 20.—(Special)—Forty convicts in charge of three guards arrived in Helena this afternoon and were taken to the state fair grounds, under orders from the state board of examiners, where they will be employed on the race track and on the grounds. Tonight the Helena Trades and Labor assembly held a meeting which lasted until midnight and as a result of it resolutions were offered denouncing the action of the state board and appeals to the county commissioners and the city council not to make any appropriations for material to be used on a proposed boulevard to the state fair grounds to be built by convict labor. The Helena Commercial club was condemned for endorsing the proposition of employing convict labor on the road.

RAWN'S DEATH MYSTIFIES POLICE

CHICAGO RAILROAD MAGNATE DIES OF MYSTERIOUS BULLET WOUND AT HIS HOME.

SUICIDE IS HINTED AT

Despite Fact That Family Insist That Rawn Was Killed by Burglar Detectives Assert That He Died by His Own Hand—Was Worrying Over Illinois Investigations.

Chicago, July 20.—Ira G. Rawn, president of the Chicago, Indianapolis & Louisville (the Monon route), died of a bullet wound at his summer residence in Winnetka, 15 miles north of Chicago, early today. Members of the Rawn family say he was killed by a burglar. The police are working on a theory that Mr. Rawn killed himself as a basis for their suicide theory, the police point to the fact that Mr. Rawn was operating vice-president of the Illinois Central railroad at the time fraudulent car repair contracts were put through and that recently he has been drawn into the Illinois Central graft investigation as a chief witness. They say the action of Mr. Rawn's relatives in refusing the aid of the Chicago detective department to search for the alleged murderer is suspicious.

Burglar Story. They declare there exists a lack of convincing evidence that an intruder had actually been in the Rawn residence. Mrs. Rawn, the widow, R. C. Coburn, his son-in-law, Mrs. Coburn and two children and three maids were in the house when the tragedy occurred. Mrs. Rawn says her husband was aroused from sleep at 1:30 o'clock in the morning by a noise on the first floor of the residence. She says Mr. Rawn picked up a revolver, started downstairs and was shot while on a landing halfway down. Both Mrs. Rawn and Coburn say two shots were fired. A minute search of the front hall and adjoining rooms of the residence, however, show but one bullet, that fired from Mr. Rawn's revolver, and which, apparently, had passed through Rawn's body just below the heart.

Coroner Peter Hoffman took personal charge of the investigation into the death. He said powder marks had been found on Mr. Rawn's nightgown, indicating that the revolver from which the fatal bullet was fired was discharged at close range.

Friends and business associates of Mr. Rawn say he has been looking badly for several weeks. Some thought he was worrying over the investigation of the conspiracy by which the Illinois Central railroad claims it was snatched of thousands of dollars.

On two successive days last week Mr. Rawn begged for and secured a postponement of his examination as a witness on a plea that his wife was ill. His examination was scheduled to be taken up again Tuesday.

Mr. Rawn left the Illinois Central railroad in November, 1909, and became president of the Monon. Early this spring the Illinois Central fraud came to light. At the first hearing before Master in Chancery Thomas Taylor, Jr., Mr. Rawn testified that the contracts all came under his supervision. He admitted he was responsible for farming out the cars to the various repair companies.

Family Investigates. Mr. Rawn's son-in-law, R. G. Coburn and R. C. Brinkley, assumed command of the investigation of his death from the start. A number of detectives from a private agency were summoned hurriedly to Winnetka early this morning. A number of these were stationed at various points in the house and grounds. They were told to give no information to any persons making inquiries.

This situation was further complicated tonight when a squad of employees of a second detective agency arrived at Winnetka. Three men stated they had been ordered to make a full inquiry into the death. They visited the village police headquarters, talked with numerous residents of Winnetka and for a time it was believed they also were in the employ of members of the Rawn family. But when they went to the Rawn residence they were repulsed by detectives from the first agency and were ordered off the ground.

A brief altercation ensued and the members of the Rawn family were called to settle the dispute. Mr. Coburn and Brinkley told the second squad they were not wanted at the residence and had not been ordered. It is not known who is responsible for engaging the second detective agency.

For a time it was rumored that insurance companies carrying risks on Mr. Rawn's life for \$100,000 were the employers. This report, however, was denied. It was then stated that the detectives had been employed by railroad interests.

Several neighbors in the vicinity of the Rawn residence state they heard a single shot close to 10 o'clock on the Tuesday night. None has been found who heard a shot Wednesday morning.

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FEDERAL COURT AFFIRMS EDWARD DONLAN'S CLAIM TO THE THOMPSON FALLS

Decision of Judge Rasch in Helena Ends Long Suit Over Wonderful Water Power Site in Sanders County in Favor of Defendant Company



THOMPSON FALLS POWER SITE.

Helena, July 20.—(Special)—The water power site at Thompson Falls, Sanders county, capable of developing 20,000 horsepower, was this morning decreed by Judge Carl Rasch to belong to Edward Donlan and the Northwestern Development company. The plaintiffs, Fred M. Steele, Edward Maher and Z. E. Wenham, with Charles F. Wenham, added by order of the court, are perpetually enjoined from asserting any right or title to the property in controversy, consisting of realty bordering on the Clark's Fork of the Columbia river, and of a water right of 15,250 cubic feet of water per second.

The court finds that Edward Donlan and the Northwestern Development company are the owners of the first and prior rights from the stream, to the amount above named, and that the attempted appropriation of C. F. Wenham was invalid and void, and that the deeds of agreement he made to the plaintiffs were likewise invalid and void. The plaintiffs are taxed with the costs of the action.

MEETING IN DENVER DISCUSSES MINE CONDITIONS

REPORTS FROM MOST STATES UNFAVORABLE — SIX HOUR DAY URGED FOR MONTANA.

Denver, July 20.—The report of the executive board of the Western Federation of Miners, made to the convention here today, reviews conditions in the mining fields in which the federation is active. Conditions in Kansas, Missouri and Arkansas are characterized as deplorable. In this field, the report says, wages are low, sanitary conditions are bad and there is a lack of intelligence and unity among the workmen.

The Joplin, Mo., district, where 17,000 men are employed, is described as particularly bad.

District No. 4, comprising Colorado, New Mexico and Utah, is more prosperous than last year. There are comparatively few miners idle at present. Efforts are being made to organize 8,000 men employed in the mines and smelters of Garfield, Murray and Bingham, Utah. Twenty-five per cent of the workers in these camps are Greeks and Austrians.

In Nevada, Arizona and Southern California conditions are improving, the report states, but Nevada is still suffering from "wild cat" mines, and most of the work is being done in prospecting properties. The report recommends the agitation for a federal law wiping out the "wild cat" who, it states, exploits a prospect and leaves the miner to hold the bag.

Mining conditions are stagnant in Idaho and the greater portions of Washington and California except in the larger camps. The railroads and some of the larger mines of California, the report asserts, are ignoring the state eight-hour laws. Conditions in Canada are described as good, but little is known of Alaska because federation officials have been unable to send out mail in the winter and steamship service has only recently opened.

The report suggests that the federation use its influence to have a six-hour law for the mines passed in Nevada, Montana and Arizona, because of intense heat in the mine workings. It asserts there is more ice used in the mines underground in Nevada than on the surface because of the intense heat and that the miners worked with ice packed in their rubber boots. Sometimes they are compelled to stand in water which is at a temperature of 150 degrees. Ninety degrees temperature is a common thing in the three named states, the report says.

The executive committee asks that one day's pay of each union miner be contributed to the organization fund and another similar sum to the defense fund. It is asserted there are 200,000 miners unorganized and the organization fund will be used to urge

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CANNON FIRES SHOT AS HE LEAVES KANSAS

St. Louis, July 20.—Speaker Cannon, who tonight passed through St. Louis on his way to Danville, Ill., declared that after the present campaign insurgency would cease to be an issue. He said he was much pleased with his reception in Kansas.

"I haven't been bitter against Senator Fristow and the Kansas insurgents," he said. "I do not want them shot, as I have been quoted as saying. This is not warfare. If it were warfare, they certainly would be shot because they are nothing more than guerrillas. You know guerrillas fight on both sides. That's what the insurgents are doing."

AUSTIN EPPERSON IS DROWNED

MEMBER OF PROMINENT FAMILY OF MISSOULA FINDS DEATH IN WATER.

Austin Epperson, one of the most prominent young men of Missoula, was drowned in a little lake on the Flathead Indian reservation Tuesday evening, according to word that was received here yesterday morning. He was swimming in a little lake 14 miles north of Ravalli and was seized by cramps. The tragedy was witnessed by Leroy Beckwith, a nephew of J. M. Keith of this city. Coroner Kendrick brought the body to Missoula this morning. The funeral will be held this afternoon at 2 o'clock from the residence of T. L. Greenough.

Young Epperson, who had been residing in this city, was in the employ of the United States reclamation service on the reservation, having left his home but a short time ago. He was connected with an engineering corps and, after eating a hearty meal, sought the lake. He struck out for the opposite shore from where he plunged in, but, with a shriek for help, sank, when in about the middle of the little body of water.

He rose again, striving to reach his companion, young Beckwith, who was making a desperate but hopeless effort to help. Epperson went down again and Beckwith summoned aid from the camp. The unfortunate young man sank for the third time, however, before the men from the camp could arrive and his body was not recovered for nearly an hour. Life was extinct.

Miss Bessie Epperson, a sister, and two aunts, Mrs. T. L. Greenough, and Mrs. Samuel Walters, are residents of Missoula. His father lives in Granite, Idaho.

Young Beckwith made a gallant attempt to save the drowning lad. Three times he plunged back into the little lake; so exhausted did he become that he himself sank twice.

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PRESIDENT ARRIVES IN MAINE RESORT

MAYFLOWER WITH TAFT AND PARTY ON BOARD REACHES BAR HARBOR—LONG STOP.

Bar Harbor, Me., July 20.—Sailing from Eastport at 8 o'clock this morning, President Taft and his party on the Mayflower arrived at Bar Harbor at 3 o'clock this afternoon to remain until Saturday. Mr. Taft will devote his mornings to golf and he, Mrs. Taft and the other members of the cruising party will be entertained by a number of old friends here at luncheons, receptions and dinners.

The president will have an important conference tomorrow with H. C. Emery, chairman of the new tariff committee, on the latter's tariff inquiries abroad. Mr. Taft hopes to have the entire commission meet at Beverly later, and tomorrow's conferences will be preliminary to that gathering. Reports have reached the president of the mystery surrounding a letter he was said to have given to Judge Reynold Kinkaid of Toledo at Beverly, Sunday last. According to reports, the letter was an endorsement of Judge Kinkaid as the republican candidate for governor.

Mr. Taft made matters clear this afternoon. When Judge Kinkaid called at Beverly Sunday he told the president he was going to oyster Bay and asked for a letter of introduction to Colonel Roosevelt, which was gladly given. Mr. Taft is still keeping "hands off" in Ohio and there is no indication of a change in his attitude prior to the selection of candidates.

Senator Hale arrived in Bar Harbor shortly after the Mayflower was sighted and had a long talk with the president. Senator Hale is assisting in the arrangements for the president's trip to Bangor on Saturday. Mrs. Taft and her friends on the Mayflower followed the president ashore late in the afternoon for a coaching trip along the shore.

ROOSEVELT'S FRIENDS ORGANIZE NEW LEAGUE

Kansas City, July 20.—The Republican National league, whose object is to perpetuate the Roosevelt policies and principles, was organized here at a meeting of prominent republicans. It is planned to organize a similar club without delay in Missouri and to form a state league, eventually spreading the movement over the entire country.

Resolutions adopted declare, "We recognize in Theodore Roosevelt, America's greatest defender of the people's cause."

LIBEL CHARGE CRUISER SENT TO PROTECT CONSUL

GRAND JURY RETURNS TRUE BILL AGAINST GOVERNOR CARROLL OF IOWA. CONSUL MOFFATT AT BLUE-FIELDS SENDS TACOMA TO RESCUE OF COMPATRIOT.

FREED ON RECOGNIZANCE ANTAGONISM STRONGER

Indictment is Made in Connection With Articles Published by Governor in Des Moines Capitol Against Head of Industrial School Board in Which Resignation Was Demanded.

Des Moines, July 20.—Governor B. E. Carroll, of Iowa, was indicted for criminal libel by the Polk county grand jury, which returned the bill against the governor here today. The indictment is the outgrowth of a lengthy investigation by the grand jury of affairs at the Iowa Industrial school for girls at Mitchellville. It is alleged in the bill that the governor made libelous statements concerning John Cowie, former chairman of the state board of control in an article published in the Des Moines Capitol of May 2, in which the governor sets forth at length his reasons for demanding the resignation of Mr. Cowie.

Governor Carroll was notified over the telephone by Sheriff Ness that the indictment had been returned against him. Attorney M. W. Cohen entered an appearance for the governor who did not go to the court house. The governor was permitted to remain at liberty without bonds.

Washington, July 20.—Fear exists that Edwin Trimmer, United States consul at Cape Gracias, Nicaragua, may be assaulted or possibly even assassinated, and it has been decided to send the cruiser Tacoma to that port to investigate. If conditions demand it, marines will be landed to protect American lives and property.

This was the report made to the state department today by Thomas P. Moffatt, United States consul at Bluefields. Two officers and 45 men were ordered to Cape Gracias on the Tacoma, he says, after a conference between himself and Commander Hines of the Dubuque. The Tacoma probably has reached the scene of trouble by this time.

Feeling Strong. An article in La Nación, an official Madrid organ published at Managua, indicates the feeling in Nicaragua against Americans. In part it reads as follows: "We Nicaraguans have some limited means to which we may resort as a final course if it comes to the point that the Yankee tries to execute his threat. Let us lay hands on all the North Americans residing in Nicaragua and let us say to Mr. Taft, 'For each shot you hurt against us a head of one of your countrymen shall roll on the ground.'"

"Another of the means to which we may resort in revenge for this I do not believe we are less able than the Young Turks—let us organize in the form of a powerful coalition, to the end that in all the Latin-American countries, no goods shall be purchased from the United States; making our people understand that this is the most efficacious method of combating the common enemy of our race."

CONDITION OF BANKS IS SHOWN BY REPORT

Washington, July 20.—(Special)—An abstract of the condition of the national banks in Montana made at the close of business of June 30, reported by comptroller of currency shows an average reserve held at 19.50 per cent against 19.83 per cent on March 29. Loans and discounts increased during the quarter from \$26,342,118 to \$29,879,226. Gold coin decreased from \$1,729,459 to \$1,687,732. The lawful money reserve decreased from \$3,418,756 to \$3,224,572. Individual deposits decreased from \$32,137,137 to \$31,291,905.

Pirates Routed. Lisbon, July 20.—An official dispatch received here today says the operations of the Portuguese troops against the Chinese rebels of Colowan Island, off Macao, have been successfully terminated. The troops are now in entire control of the island, where they released 16 prisoners and captured 44 of the Chinese pirates.

COLLISION KILLS ONE. Boise, July 20.—In a head-end collision between cars on the Boise & Interurban railroad near Boise this evening Motorman William Farwood was killed. Four passengers were badly hurt and five others sustained minor injuries. Farwood's parents reside at Randolph, Neb.

TOO LATE. San Luis Potosi, July 20.—Francisco L. Madero, candidate of the anti-revolutionist party for president of Mexico, who has been held in prison here on a charge of defaming President Diaz, was released on a bond of \$8,000 today.

FOUR CHILDREN DIE WHEN BARN BURNS

Bradford, Pa., July 20.—Four children perished in a burning barn on the farm of John Adams at Rassolus this afternoon. Several others had narrow escapes. Three of the four victims were sons of John Adams. The fourth was a neighbor's boy.

ADVERTISERS ELECT. Omaha, July 20.—The convention of the Associated Advertising clubs of America closed today with the selection of Boston for next year's meeting place and the election of officers as follows: President, Samuel C. Dobbs, Atlanta; vice-president, I. H. Sawyer, St. Louis; secretary, P. S. Florea, Indianapolis; treasurer, M. A. McMartin, Minneapolis.

A new executive committee of eight members also was selected.

THIEVES ROB STORE. Wallace, July 20.—(Special)—Breaking open three barred doors, two thieves broke into the Tabor & Co. store here tonight and rifled the cash drawer of \$13. The noise of their entrance was plainly audible to a barber who was in his shop next door at the time but the barber supposed no one but one of the store employees would make so much noise.

LIGHTNING KILLS GIRL. Boise, July 20.—A bolt of lightning carried into the house of Dayton Hedges by a telephone wire this evening killed Mr. Hedges' two-year-old daughter. The child was playing on a sofa under the wire. A playmate near her was stunned.

UNCLE SAM WANTS ONLY MEN

WOMEN STENOGRAPHERS ARE NOT DESIRABLE IN EYES OF GOVERNMENT.

Washington, July 20.—Women stenographers apparently no longer are wanted in the government service. This announcement was made today at the civil service commission in an effort to put a stop to a steadily increasing flood of letters from women throughout the country, who seek information about an examination for stenographers to be held next Tuesday in all the states and territories. This examination is for the purpose of recruiting only men stenographers and typists, the demand for whom the civil service has been unable to supply. Practically all the various departments of the government are seeking to replace women stenographers with men on the ground that the latter are more amenable to discipline, and are more easily transferred to places where their services are needed and can more readily be drafted into other kinds of work.