

RIDERS ARE DRIVEN THROUGH FIRES

TRACKERS ARE FORCED TO TAKE DESPERATE RIDE THROUGH BURNING WOODS.

George H. Waldbillig and John W. Thomas of Woodworth, accompanied by Carl U. Gray, father of A. H. Gray of Saltese, arrived in Missoula at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon on one of the Northern Pacific relief trains from Saltese and related a most vivid description of their experiences in the forest fire between Adair and Saltese Saturday evening and early Sunday morning. When the fire surrounded Adair, the four men state, a train was made up to carry persons beyond the danger zone. They had a pack train consisting of 20 horses with which they had been carrying supplies to fire fighters in the employ of the forest service about Adair. They attempted to load their horses onto the cars, but after loading three it was decided that it was impossible to transport the remainder by rail, and the four men took the trail through the fire to Saltese. They left Adair at 11 o'clock Saturday night and were compelled to fight their way through a solid wall of flame for a distance of half a mile. During this dash 12 pack horses perished in the flames and the horse ridden by Mr. Waldbillig dropped dead under him. He made the rest of the trip by doubling on the horses of his three companions. A. H. Gray, a man of 48 years, who was a member of the party, was quite ill and the trip was hard on him, leaving no serious effects, however. At the tunnel at Adair the party left 25 men. On the siding of the Puget Sound at Adair there stood a carload of dynamite and a carload of oil, which was heard to explode after the party had been gone about a half hour. There were two big explosions and two or three minor ones, and the men think there is no question but that the men at the tunnel lost their lives. Back in the woods from Adair between 175 and 200 men are employed in fighting fire, and it is their belief that these men must have perished. After breaking through the wall of flame near Adair the four men pushed through the burning woods at the most rapid rate possible. Flaming trees fell about them; embers, described as being as large as a man's head, whizzed through the air, and the men were in momentary peril of their lives. At one place the men swear the flames leaped from the crest of one gulch to another, a distance of nearly four miles. This cut off the trail they had been following, forcing them to break through the woods over untrodden ground.

When asked how wide was the area covered by fire, the men could not definitely state, but said the appearance was that the entire country was aflame. After fighting their way through narrow flame-filled gulches and experiencing many dangers, during several of which each believed the others had lost their lives, they arrived in Saltese, having been traveling for over five hours. Here they found the fire within a half mile of the town and immediately aroused the people and warned them of their danger. At first the people were inclined to be incredulous but were soon convinced of the great peril which threatened them and immediately took

steps to save themselves. Aside from being scorched by the flames and burned by embers and flaming logs the men were compelled to leap, they are unharmed. The three horses which survived the trip died soon after the arrival at Saltese. The pack train belonged to Mr. Waldbillig and were quite valuable animals. The men express themselves as being very thankful to have escaped unharmed and have no desire ever to renew their experiences.

BEATS WORLD'S RECORD IN A BROAD JUMP

Chicago, Aug. 21.—F. Holmes of Chicago, a member of the American Olympic team, beat the world's record for three standing broad jumps here today at the track meet of the Gaelic association, making 36 feet, 3 1/2 inches. The record which has stood since 1876, was 35 feet, 9 inches and was held by W. S. Lawton.

J. G. BOYD IS VICTIM OF FLAMES

FORMER CITIZEN OF MISSOULA LOSES LIFE AT WALLACE IN BIG FIRE.

Wallace, Aug. 21.—(Special)—Sixteen are dead, 100 seriously burned and more than \$1,000,000 worth of damage has been done as a result of the progress of forest fires last night and today. The fires seriously menace Mulligan, which is expected to go up in smoke at any time tonight. Murray is in serious danger. The majority of dead are unidentified, being, in numerous cases, men hired through employment agencies to fight the fire. J. G. Boyd, former Northern Pacific agent at Wallace, met his death in a vain endeavor to save his pet parrot. His son, Fire Captain Boyd, had forced the members of the family to flee from their home on the hillside when the flames drew near. The father happened to think he had forgotten the parrot and started back to get the bird. He was not missed for 15 minutes. When a search was instituted he was found lying face down in the road 100 yards from the house. He had been overcome by the heat and smoke, but was not burned. The parrot lay dead in a cage beside him. In the ruins of the Michigan house this noon two skulls, presumably of men, were found. The names of the dead persons cannot be learned. The Michigan was patronized by laboring men.

NICARAGUA IS NOW IN HANDS OF INSURGENTS

New Orleans, Aug. 21.—According to cable advices received from Managua, Jose Dolores Estrada, reported to have temporarily received the reins of de facto government of Nicaragua from Madrid, issued a proclamation turning over the government to the insurgents.

It is believed Juan de Estrada, leader of the insurgents, will become president.

The St. Louis Browns have seven scouts scouring the country for young talent and Jack O'Connor believes that he will have several stars next season.

FIGHTING THE FIRE IN MANY PLACES

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situation was serious. The wind, he said, was high, and from the Cabinet mountains to the valley, where the fire crept yesterday morning, the whole forest was ablaze. Numerous settlers had been burned out, and the loss of life was not known. At the time Mr. Bushnell telegraphed the wire had been working for the first time all day, and as nothing else has been heard and as nothing could be sent to Thompson Falls afterward, it is supposed that the town is again cut off from all communication.

In a number of instances the crews about Thompson Falls could not be located by the officials in the town. The fire was raging in a single front for 50 miles, and it is feared that some of the men have been cut off.

At Haugan.

Supervisor Koch of the Lolo forest left yesterday morning for Haugan, and in the afternoon he reported that he had sent in 200 men to the Puget Sound relief train. Two men, under Ranger Beal, are said to be in Haugan making an effort to save the town. Mrs. Beal, for whom the forestry people felt some anxiety for a time, caught the train by coming in on a speeder.

One Man Killed.

Charles Farmer came in on the Puget Sound relief train and reported to headquarters that he had been unable to reach Adair, for which he had started. He stated that one man had been killed at Taft. He stated that he had located Packer Bennett in tunnel 25 on the Puget Sound and that he and all of his crew were safe. He says that the fire all along the loop is bad. He started in for a crew of men of whom no report had been received, but on receiving definite word that the men had gotten in and boarded the train he returned.

Rainey creek is reported swept by fire, but Mr. and Mrs. Kesh, who were stationed there at the Savenach nursery, across the river from Haugan, and for whom considerable anxiety was felt, are reported to have escaped by handcar and are safe in Missoula.

Supervisor Koch continued his trip alone from St. Regis in an effort to get more people in to safety. Nothing has been heard of him since, but, as he is an experienced man, it is not thought that he will be overcome by the fire.

The fire along Amador and Cedar creeks is reported bad, but so far as can be ascertained, all are safe.

In the Bitter Root.

The situation in the Bitter Root valley was very serious last night. Rangers reported that the Sandy fire from the Clearwater had crossed the divide, and it is feared that unless the wind shifts, soon the timber along the west side of the valley, and, possibly, a few outlying ranches will go.

A great deal of apprehension was felt among the officials of the forestry service last night as to the safety of a crew of men on Lost Horse. Eighteen men have come out, but the rest are unaccounted for. Ranger Wilkerson is eager to take a crew of men in to see if the party can be found.

The men have been taken out from the Rich creek fire, and some men are reported to be still fighting the Blunt creek blaze.

The Blackfoot.

On Camas Prairie, between McNamara's and Potomac, a bad fire was raging last night, according to advices received by the forest service. The Big Blackfoot Milling company has from 125 to 150 men fighting the blaze, but the progress of the battle could not be learned last night. The government people are anxious to help fight this fire, although it is not on the reserve, and Kinney will probably go out in the morning with a force of men, no transportation being available last night.

A fire is reported at Bozeman in a wheat field, a spark from a threshing machine engine having started the blaze.

In Avery, where a number of refugees from the little camps and sections along the "loop" on the Puget Sound were taken, serious conditions existed at the time of the last report. At 4:10 Ranger Debbitt reported that the men in town had been drinking heavily all day and that in order to maintain peace it had been necessary to close all the saloons and patrol the town with a company of federal soldiers stationed there.

At 6:25 last night Joseph Streit from the Missoula offices sent word that the flames, fanned by a high wind, had approached so close to town that the women and children were being taken farther west.

Man Surrounded.

Carl Gray, an employe of the service, sent word yesterday afternoon from Adair that two men on a single horse, which they had ridden to death, had come in from an out-of-the-way camp with the word that the entire camp, containing 200 men and from 30 to 50 horses, had been overcome in the fire. This is on the divide between Bird creek and the South Fork of the St. Joe. The men could not be located, but the report of their death could not be verified.

No reports have been received from crews of 100 or 170 men along Independence Creek and Deep creek and the Coeur d'Alene river, and some anxiety is being felt for them.

Nothing was heard from Kooskia yesterday. At 5 p. m. Saturday all fires there were reported under control, but since that time nothing whatever has been heard.

Friday in Fire.

R. C. W. Friday, a forest ranger from Missoula, is reported to have started from Iron Mountain Thursday night. The next morning a train of pack animals was sent out behind him. Both parties were headed for Chamberlain Meadows, and nothing has since been heard from them, the fires having cut off all communication by sweeping over the intervening forest. In case Friday reached the Meadows, where it is fairly clear, he will probably be safe, but if he has missed it he is undoubtedly in grave danger. The fires at Indian lake are said

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