

ROOSEVELT WILL WAGE WAR ON THE OLD GUARD

Colonel Is Determined to Fight Battle to a Finish, Win or Lose.

GOING INTO THE FRAY WITH HIS EYES WIDE OPEN

Although He May Be Unsuccessful, the Ex-President Declares He Will Carry on an Uncompromising Warfare --Wants Republican Party to Be Given a Fair Chance for Decent and Honest Politics.

Utica, N. Y., Aug. 24.—Theodore Roosevelt served notice today that he would wage war without quarter on the "old guard" of the republican party in New York state.

qualified support from the organization at the polls. Colonel Roosevelt's endorsement of State Senator Frederick Davenport yesterday was the first step in the fight which he expects to carry on from now until election time.

Colonel Roosevelt spent the day with his brother-in-law, Douglas Robinson, at his country home, 20 miles east of Utica.

When a statement by William Barnes, Jr., the Albany leader, to the effect that there would be a fight in the convention against its domination by Mr. Roosevelt was read to him, Mr. Roosevelt said:

"They will have all the fight they want. I am only going to the convention because I feel that the interests of the people of New York demand that the republican party be given a chance to stand squarely and uncompromisingly for clean, decent, honest politics.

"I go to that convention to make the speech exactly as it had been planned originally, and while I hope there will be enough good sense to prevent any one opposing the principles for which I shall stand, yet, if they do oppose them, then it is their own affair and so far as I am concerned the issue shall be absolutely clean cut."

Some of Colonel Roosevelt's closest friends in the state have told him that they were doubtful as to the outcome and he has replied that he himself felt that even though he should be successful in the state convention at Saratoga and such a platform as he desired should be adopted the result of the election would be in grave doubt.

ATTORNEY PLATT WILL NOT GO ON THE STAND

San Francisco, Aug. 24.—When the inquiry by the select senate committee into the conduct of criminal law by federal officials was resumed today Senator Stone announced that he had reconsidered his determination to place United States Attorney Platt of Nevada on the stand, as he did not believe the latter's action in procuring the indictment of Snell for alleged perjury committed in the Perrin-Benson land fraud cases had anything to do with the present investigation.

L. P. Boardman, attorney for Snell, stated to the chairman that his purpose in calling him to place Platt on the stand was to make the investigation as comprehensive as possible, in the belief that the inquiry concerned the administration of criminal law by all federal officials and not by Federal Attorney Devlin alone in the case of Dr. Perrin. Senator Stone, denounced Boardman's statement as a grave discourtesy to himself and declared that the present phase of the inquiry would deal exclusively with the conduct of Devlin's office.

MANY LIVES ARE LOST IN A MICHIGAN WRECK

Durand, Mich., Aug. 24.—Fifteen bodies have been recovered from the wreck of Grand Trunk train No. 14, Chicago to Montreal, which was struck by train No. 4 last night three miles east of this city.

Each side of the right-of-way. But one of these passengers, A. Davis Trenton of Montreal, is thought to have escaped from the sleeper. His invalid mother and trained nurse, both of Montreal, were instantly killed.

UNCLE SAM'S FAMILY



LOST DERRY PARTY IN SANDERS COUNTY RAINS ARE WELCOME AT SALTESE IS SAFE FIRES BURN LOW IN FLATHEAD COUNTY

EDDIE KILFEATHER BRINGS GLAD NEWS FROM CAMPERS NEAR BRYAN MINE TUNNEL.

Eddie Kilfeather of Butte was in the city last night on his way home from Saltese. He brought news of Mrs. Charles A. Derry of Butte, Mrs. Marie LaLonde and Mrs. Richard Daxon of Saltese and Messrs Jim McWilliams and Bill Adams, who, it was thought, had perished in the Coeur d'Alene fires.

"The party, with Mrs. Anno and son, Dave Bobart, George Bruseck and the Protestant Kid, spent two days and one night in Bryan tunnel, about five miles from Saltese. The first the women knew of their danger was when Billy Adams went to the camp and told them to run for the tunnel. They had to beat the door down to get in by the means of buckets. A water pipe delivered water at a convenient place for them. They took some supplies with them and the women made coffee while the men kept back the flames.

"All of the Bryan cabins were burned."

HOKE SMITH ELECTED OVER BROWN IN GEORGIA

Atlanta, Ga., Aug. 24.—Cannonism played an important part at the state democratic primaries yesterday and brought about the defeat of Leonidas F. Livingston and William M. Howard, independent of the oldest members of the delegation in congress. In the Fifth district, William S. Howard, a young attorney, won a decisive victory over Livingston.

In the Eighth district the returns show a convention majority of four votes for S. J. Tribble, and today Congressman Howard filed notice of contest of the election. He charges irregularity at the two precincts in Elbert county, which gave Tribble a majority of four votes.

ENOCH ARDEN CASE AT INDIANAPOLIS

Indianapolis, Aug. 24.—Supposed to be dead for four years, Samuel Stephens came back to life and his wife last night, to find her the wife of another. She was known to her friends and neighbors as Mrs. William Hall. Just before Mrs. Stephens was arrested today on a charge of bigamy, made by the police, Stephens went to her home and took away with him Fred, aged 6, who was a baby of two years when his father left home. Stephens then disappeared.

REVIEW OF SITUATION WEST OF PLAINS—TWO LIVES REPORTED LOST.

Plains, Aug. 24.—(Special).—The people of Sanders county expressed thanks when they awoke this morning and found that nature had greatly assisted in checking the forest fires that have been devastating the country. Nearly an inch of rain fell during the night in the valley and the surrounding mountains were covered with a heavy snow. The damage to the settlers and timber interests caused by the flames was not so serious as pointed by some of the correspondents. At no time has Plains been in danger, the nearest fire being on Swamp creek, eight miles distant. This was in the district of Forest Ranger Robert Scarlett, and by backing and trenching the flames were kept as near under control as possible, considering the wind.

Tuesday night the fire came over the mountain from Cherry creek and destroyed the Dees buildings at the mine, but the family had moved to Weeksville. For three days the valley was covered with the heavy smoke, and Sunday at 2:30 it was found necessary to have lights, owing to the darkness. The smoke was of a heavy, lurid hue and was a pretty sight.

The heaviest losses were between White Pine and Heron. In that district the entire country along the railroad was swept by the fire and but for heroic work by the citizens all of the towns would have been consumed. The only station destroyed was at Tuscior. It was with difficulty that the family of Section Foreman Nelson was rescued. Mr. Nelson was working on the big slide, west of the section, and when the fire struck the section house Mrs. Nelson became bewildered and, with her three little children, had to be carried to the waiting Northern Pacific train. The family lost about \$600 worth of valuables. The fire came so swiftly that the operator did not have time to save even his typewriter.

Bridge Saved.

Contrary to report, the Tuscior bridge, known as the "half moon" bridge, was not destroyed. It was saved by Washington Christie, S. D. Bollinger and a newspaper man. The heat was intense and a 50-mile gale was blowing. These three worked all afternoon keeping the driftwood that was piled at the foot of the piers from catching fire. At one time the bridge caught fire on top, but was noticed in time. Big trees within 50 feet of the bridge were burned. The big trestle about a mile farther west was consumed Sunday afternoon. Roadmaster Bradley had a crew of seven men at work at daylight Monday morning and in eight hours the delayed trains were able to cross on the new structure. It was a feat in handling the proposition, as it was predicted by railroad men that passengers would have to be transferred for three days. The slide occurred between the two bridges and earth and rock loosened by the wind and fire on the mountainside continued sliding all day, preventing the men from working on the track. The old town of Trout Creek and the new one had narrow escapes. At

SIX INCHES ARE SAID TO HAVE FALLEN IN KALISPELL COMMUNITY.

Kalispell, Aug. 24.—Welcome showers fell during part of last night and in the mountains it snowed. A telegram from the summit of the Rocky mountains said six inches fell here and there, however, little rain fell here and fire conditions are no better. Rain was heavy over portions of Kalispell, but scarcely touched other places.

Several forest officials arrived in the city today from widely spread districts and said fires are becoming uncontrollable. An army camp was consumed yesterday on the Middle Fork, where soldiers are protecting the Glacier park. Other soldiers were wanted for service back in the North Fork valley but could not be obtained. Major Logan, park superintendent, wired to Washington for some of the 30 companies which the president promised. What success he had is not known. The fires here are completely across the North Fork valley at two places and are burning eastward toward Camas lakes and Lake McDonald. Companies F and H of the Montana national guard were called out yesterday on order of Governor Norris and placed at the disposal of State Forester Charles Dunberg, but they have not left here. Dunberg was notified yesterday of a fire at the lake near Logan where he intended to place one company, but when he went to investigate he could not locate the flames. The company will probably be turned toward Eureka, where there is said to be a large tract of state land.

NINETY-THREE ARE SAID TO BE DEAD

Wallace, Aug. 24.—(Special).—The list of known dead in the Coeur d'Alene tonight is: Twenty-six at Grand Forks, 20 at Avery, 8 at the Bullion mine, 6 on Placer creek, 4 in Wallace, 2 on Pine creek, 2 on Rock creek, a total of 93. The dead men at Grand Forks were found today by the soldiers and immediately the coroner here was wired. Coroner Hanson, with a jury from Wallace, set out on horseback at once to cover the 30 miles to the scene of the deaths. Government officers express fear for the safety of 100 men on the St. Joe headwaters and 85 men on the Clearwater, who have not been heard from for several days. People coming in from the St. Maries country, on the St. Joe river express the opinion that many homesteaders were lost, since the fire rushed across that country so rapidly that little chance to escape was given. A party of 50 men, who had a terrible experience near Avery, arrived in town today. They were so happy at coming out of their experiences unharmed that they sang and danced on the road into town. Most of the men had been employed at the Silica mine. They were packed at the railroad water tunnel for several hours, lying on their faces in the mud. Manager William Sites of the Silica mine was with the 10 men.

SENSATIONAL REPORT IS DENIED SOLDIERS NOT PRACTICABLE SAYS WOOD

DISTRICT FORESTER GREELEY DISCREDITS EXCESSIVE CASUALTY LIST.

CHIEF OF STAFF OF THE ARMY IS OPPOSED TO THE SCHEME.

EXPECTS FEW FATALITIES COOPER ON OTHER SIDE

States that Seventy-Five Will Include All Dead When Final List is Made Up—Fire Situation is Greatly Improved—Work of Reorganization Begun Over Entire Northwest.

Major General Wood Believes That Soldiers Are Not Needed in Fire Zone—Secretary of Western Pine Association Takes Issue With Him on This Important Subject.

District Forester W. B. Greeley reports the following casualties in the fire-swept districts: At Bullion mine—Eight. At Placer creek—Six. At Higher creek—Six. At Pine creek—Two. At Avery—Twelve. At Tuscior—Two.

In addition, Supervisor Weigle of the Coeur d'Alene district reported yesterday to the Associated Press the following: At Grand Forks—Thirty. At Big creek—Thirteen. At Selzer creek—Twenty-two. Seventy-four men under Joseph B. Halm, missing.

"I doubt all of these statements," said Mr. Greeley, when shown the above list, purporting to come from Supervisor Weigle. "The 30 men at Grand Forks and the 74 men said to be missing, I deny. The Grand Forks men are those thought to have been lost with Ranger Hattley. All of these, including their leader, are safe. There are only 15 men missing with Halm.

"I would not care to see such a statement issued by the service. I am sure that it is incorrect, and certainly is not based on facts. Mr. Weigle is not the sort of a man to do this thing and I would judge that, perhaps, he had been misquoted.

"I would not care to make an estimate as to the total number of dead, but, as a personal guess, I would say that the final list will not exceed 75. We shall be able, I think, to make an absolutely correct report by tomorrow night."

"Yes, the situation has improved decidedly since last night," said District Forester W. B. Greeley last evening. "The snow that fell here last night extended from the Absaroka range near Livingston, on the east, to St. Regis on the west and checked the flames decisively. A light fall was also reported farther west and in the country around Kalispell, but I am afraid that the Coeur d'Alene forest and the woods in eastern Idaho and northwestern Montana received but little, if any."

Two Dead at Tuscior.

Two men were added to the list of official dead by the forest service last night. They were lost in the flames near Tuscior, where a heavy loss of life was reported during the early hours of the fire, and were the only members of the large force of men stationed there who are known to have lost their lives. E. William and A. M. Barratt are the two men dead and were both hired laborers working under the direction of the forest service.

Two other men are still missing from the party, which was stationed three miles west of Tuscior and a searching party, headed by Ranger Kaufman, was sent out after them.

Reorganizing.

The work of reorganization was begun yesterday. In all of the affected country, with the exception of the Coeur d'Alene forest, where the flames are still raging fiercely, and where the work of the forestry people is still confined to relief work, forces of men are being gathered together, camps are being re-established, and the men of the service are preparing to begin anew the fight against the flames which was broken off so suddenly and so disastrously by the raging hurricane Sunday.

Better Outlook.

"Our reports from every side are most encouraging," said Mr. Greeley, "our first step everywhere has been to locate every man—he be in the forest."

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Spokane, Aug. 24.—The use of United States soldiers to protect from fire the national forests during the dry months is "wholly impracticable," according to Major General Leonard Wood, chief of staff, U. S. A., who has written a letter disapproving the suggestion of the lumbermen that the forest be saved by their troops from fires which they allege originated in the inadequately-protected forest. Steps are being taken to have the guarding of the national forests discussed at the national conservation meeting in St. Paul next month. It is proposed to organize the entire lumber industry of the Pacific coast in a campaign to obtain adequate policing of the national forests and to prevent repetition of the fires that are now sweeping over Idaho and western Montana.

The Western Pine Manufacturers' association, at a meeting held in Spokane early in August, passed a resolution asking for the assignment of federal troops for forest patrol duty in the dry months. The resolution was sent to President Taft, who referred it to General Wood. The latter, under date of August 17, sent a letter to the organization in which he said:

Co-Operate With Service.

"I have the honor to inform you that the commanding general, department of the Columbia, Vancouver Barracks, Wash., and the commanding general, department of Dakota, at St. Paul, have already been directed to place certain organizations from posts in their departments in the field for duty in co-operation with the forest service and with officials of the interior department in extinguishing the fires. In this connection it is deemed proper to state that suggested use of troops from May until October of each year, purpose set forth in the resolution of the Western Pine Manufacturers' association is entirely impracticable.

In a statement issued today Secretary A. W. Cooper of the Pine Manufacturers' association takes issue with General Wood. He asserts that the work in the woods would be wholly beneficial and better for the men than holding them in comparative idleness at military posts. He points to the fine work now being done by the soldiers in the burning forests as proof that the proposal of the lumbermen is not impracticable.

CONGRESSIONAL NOMINEE UNDER SERIOUS CHARGE

Franklin, Pa., Aug. 24.—Joseph C. Sibley of this city, whose arrest on a charge of conspiracy to bribe and defraud voters of Warren county followed his resignation as republican nominee for congress in the Twenty-eighth Pennsylvania district yesterday, issued a statement today in which he expressed the hope that after all an exhaustive audit of his campaign account will go on as planned.

CHARLES MACNEILL MARRIES MRS. IRWIN

Colorado Springs, Colo., Aug. 24.—Charles M. MacNeill, president of the Utah Copper company, the United States Sugar & Land company and actively associated with numerous other western enterprises, and Mrs. Marion P. Irwin of New York were married in Paris, August 8, according to information which has just reached this city.

FIRE AT DEER LODGE DOES NOT LESS THAN \$30,000 DAMAGE

Butte, Aug. 24.—A fire which did damage estimated at at least \$30,000 and which, it was believed at noon, would take the entire city of Deer Lodge in Powell county, 44 miles west of Butte, was brought under control at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon, after raging for two hours. Both Butte and Anaconda fire departments sent men and apparatus to the scene in force in the Hart cleaning shop in Main street started the blaze, which leaped swiftly from building to building, until several blocks were afire. Charles J. Zimmermann, a boot and shoe dealer, next to Hart's establishment, lost his store and contents.

South Main street was ablaze on both sides. The saloon of Joe Lodge was destroyed; Mand & Barton's barber shop went next. The business block of James Burden, former sheriff, was badly damaged, as was the Menard saloon. The Scott hotel was saved by heroic efforts. The California saloon was gutted, and the Rogers saloon destroyed. Chief Jensen and his department had the fire under control before Butte and Anaconda apparatus could get here.