

# Tract Is Added to National Forests

1,116,000 Acres in Thunder Mountain Region of Idaho Set Apart.

## HAS LONG BEEN A MENACE

Recurring Forest Fires Have Endangered Adjoining Portions of National Forests—Great Tract Is Difficult of Access.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

Washington, D. C.—In accord with almost unanimous sentiment in Idaho and in response to considerations vitally affecting adjoining national forests, congress has set apart 1,116,000 acres of land in Idaho known as Thunder Mountain region, as national forest lands. This great tract, difficult of access and having not over 1 per cent of its area suitable for agriculture, has for years been the scene of destructive fires and devastation due to overgrazing. It is now to be added to the Payette national forest which adjoins it on the south and west, and the Idaho national forest which adjoins it on the north and west. The area lies approximately 100 miles northeast of Boise. Because uncontrolled, it has been a recurring menace to the adjoining national forests by reason of fires that have gained great headway in its vast unpatrolled regions.

### Swept by Forest Fires.

What has taken place in the Thunder Mountain region, according to officials of the forest service, United States department of agriculture, is typical of what would have taken place in most of the national forests had these areas not been protected. Three hundred thousand acres, or approximately one-third of the area, has been swept by forest fires in the past twelve years, destroying approximately 700,000,000 feet of timber. The mining resources, after being superficially exploited by miners with scant equipment, have remained practically undeveloped. Much of the wild life has been ruthlessly exterminated, and the grazing lands have been destroyed by nomadic herds. The number of sheep which have been grazing without restriction or regulation during the past year total nearly 300,000, whereas a fair estimate of the "carrying capacity" of the entire country has been placed at 75,000 to 10,000 head of sheep.

There are no towns or villages in the whole region. The log buildings of the first settlement on Monumental creek still stand—vacant, specter-like reminders of the boom days of many years ago. Hundreds of claims which

were located during the rush of 1901 have been abandoned. Some high-grade ores have been found, and the general belief is that the region contains an abundance of low-grade ore, but its commercial use has not been possible because of inadequate transportation facilities. Control of the area as National Forest land, once opposed because it was feared that it might retard mine development, is now seen to be a practical step toward proper use of the mining resources, as well as conservative utilization of grazing facilities.

### Travel Is Difficult.

At present the roads, trails, and bridges are in a sad state of disrepair, making travel over them on foot or by horseback impossible. One of the important undertakings of the forest service, now that the tract has been added to adjoining national forests, will be to supply the area with improved lines of travel.

A large and important watershed is included in this area, which is estimated to supply at least 1,000 second-foot of water to the Columbia river at low-water periods. It is roughly estimated that more than 100,000 horsepower could be generated from waters rising in the area. The region includes no natural wonders, large lakes or

## COLLECTIVE BARGAINING URGED ON METHODISTS

New York.—Collective bargaining "as an instrument for the attainment of industrial justice," is recommended in a report by the executive committee of the Methodist Federation for Social Service, which requests ministers and members of the church "steadfastly to insist on its application and constantly to promote in the Christian spirit discussion of the methods by which it might be applied."

features of special scenic interest. Deer and trout are plentiful, and there are said to be a few wild sheep and goats.

## AIRPLANE IN CHURCH WINDOW

One in London Dedicated to Saint Michael, Patron Saint of Airmen.

London.—The church in Spanish place which King Alfonso attended on his visit to London has received recently a new window in honor of St. Michael the patron saint of airmen. It shows an airplane with the inscription, "Defende Nos in Proelio."

It is said to be the first window in which a flying machine has been a feature of a church design.

# Mishap to Auto Stirs All Slovakia

Soldier Cuts Telegraph to Make Repairs and Results Are Astonishing.

## HAS DIPLOMATS WORRIED

Ties Up Railroad Traffic and Results in Congestion That Takes Month to Straighten Out—Week to Restore Wires.

Szabadka, Slavonia.—When a wheezing little automobile of American make, driven by a Serbian soldier, broke down on a country road 40 miles from here, it started an international tangle which rolled up until it had the diplomats of four countries worried.

Here are some of the things that began to happen:

"Three hundred cars of French merchandise bound for Roumania piled up

on the four switches of the railroad yards here and congested things until not a wheel could move.

A Red Cross supply train of 30 cars, bound for Bucharest, came up behind the French trains and completed the tangle of communications.

Ten Americans were marooned for nine days on board the Red Cross train.

Sends Train to Investigate. Roumanian merchants who were relying on the prompt delivery of the French goods sent a special train from Bucharest to investigate the delay.

Szabadka, an important town on the frontier between Hungary and Serbia, was cut off from all communication with the outside world.

The Serbian soldier who was the innocent cause of all this trouble was driving his car merrily northward one day when the steering gear went wrong. He stopped, found the cause of the difficulty and decided that he needed a piece of stout wire to repair the damage. He reached up to the long-hanging, single-wire telegraph line and cut off a generous section. Having fixed his car, he drove blithely on. The wire gave out presently and he renewed it twice, thrice, four or five times, from the telegraph line beside the road.

Meanwhile the trains of French merchandise had begun arriving at Szabadka. Official sanction was necessary for the cars to proceed. The frontier officials framed the proper sort of telegram, and it was duly countersigned and presented to the operator.

Trains Congest Yards. He reported that the wire was "not working." So the frontier officials decided to wait until it began to work. They waited two days, while more and more trains drew into the congested yards. Szabadka was cut off from wire communication. Mails go only once a week, and then only if trains are running.

The telegraph officials finally decided to send out a line-repairing party. The party returned after another day's delay, with the announcement that so many breaks had been found their supply of spare wire had given out.

Meanwhile, congestion in the yards increased and the appeals from the French conveyors, the American conveyors and the Roumanian merchants became more urgent. It was a full week, however, before the wires had finally been restored and the official visas obtained. By that time the blockade had become so complicated that it will probably take a month to put Szabadka back on a normal basis.

# GET READY FOR "FLU"

Keep Your Liver Active, Your System Purified and Free From Colds by Taking Calotabs, the Nauseless Calomel Tablets, that are Delightful, Safe and Sure.

Physicians and Druggists are advising their friends to keep their systems purified and their organs in perfect working order as a protection against the return of influenza. They know that a clogged up system and a lazy liver favor colds, influenza and serious complications.

To cut short a cold overnight and to prevent serious complications take one Calotab at bedtime with a swallow of water—that's all. No salts, no nausea, no griping, no sickening after effects. Next morning your cold has vanished, your liver is active, your system is purified and refreshed and you are feeling fine with a hearty appetite for breakfast. Eat what you please—no danger. Calotabs are sold only in original sealed packages, price thirty-five cents. Every druggist is authorized to refund your money if you are not perfectly delighted with Calotabs.—(Adv.)

### Careless Handlers of Gasoline.

There is no excuse for being careless with gasoline, yet according to the reports of fire marshals fire after fire is caused by people who are careless in just that way: A man drew gasoline from his automobile by lantern light—the loss was \$300; a spark from an emery wheel set fire to a pall of gasoline—a man was severely burned; a woman lighted a match to see how much gasoline was left in a can—the explosion started a fire so serious that two fire departments were called to save the town. Those are a few of the accidents that occurred in one state in one month.—Youth's Companion.

### The Cuticura Toilet Trio.

Having cleared your skin keep it clear by making Cuticura your every-day toilet preparations. The soap to cleanse and purify, the Ointment to soothe and heal, the Talcum to powder and perfume. No toilet table is complete without them. 25c everywhere.—Adv.

### Not Always Elsewhere.

"Duty comes before pleasure," observed the sage. "Yes," replied the fool, "in the dictionary."

Most women are born leaders and most men are born followers thereof.

# It's Delicious

Just Right BRAND CORN SYRUP

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Just Right BRAND FOOD PRODUCTS

Pike Popular in Belgium. The bicycle is popular as a means of cheap locomotion in Belgium, women as well as men using wheels.

### BOSCHEE'S SYRUP.

A cold is probably the most common of all disorders and when neglected is apt to be most dangerous. Statistics show that more than three times as many people died from influenza last year, as were killed in the greatest war the world has ever known. For the last fifty-three years Boschee's Syrup has been used for coughs, bronchitis, colds, throat irritation and especially lung troubles. It gives the patient a good night's rest, free from coughing, with easy expectoration in the morning. Made in America and used in the homes of thousands of families all over the civilized world. Sold everywhere.—Adv.

It is easy to tell when the majority is in the wrong. It is when you are in the minority.

## BREW THIS TEA FOR BILIOUSNESS

Costs next to nothing, yet keeps bowels in fine order and ends constipation.

The head of every family that values its health should always have in the house a package of Dr. Carter's K. and B. Tea.

Then when any member of the family needs something for a sluggish liver, sick headache, or to promptly regulate the bowels, simply brew a cup and drink it just before bedtime.

It's an old remedy, is Dr. Carter's K. and B. Tea, and has been used for years by thousands of families, who get such good results from its use that they have no desire to take anything else.

Give it to the children freely—they like it and it will do them good. S. C. Wells & Co., Le Roy, N. Y.

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## GENERAL WOOD AND FAMILY



Maj. Gen. Leonard Wood, Mrs. Wood and their family, in the first photograph taken of them together since the general's return from France. The sons, Capt. Leonard Wood, Jr., and Lieut. Osborne C. Wood, went into the service at the outbreak of the war, the captain serving with the Eighty-first division in France. The daughter, Louise, is still in school.

# FACE MUCH RED TAPE

Americans Find Travel in Germany Is Difficult.

Absence of Official American Representation in Berlin Causes Embarrassment.

Berlin.—Lack of American official representation in Berlin is causing American travelers considerable embarrassment.

The Spanish embassy representing American interests can sometimes help the traveler, but more often not. It has too much business to handle, and red tape unwinds slowly in Germany.

As a result of this situation Americans coming here are complaining considerably of the situation.

England and France are liberally represented on missions here. America has none. And its interests have to be conserved mainly by the Amer-

ican legations in The Hague and Copenhagen.

Two stranded American sailors reached town recently, expecting passports here. They were penniless but expected a lift. They couldn't get a passport right away; maybe by waiting long enough they might have had one through the Spanish embassy. Probably they passed the borders somehow "on their own;" it can be done, but it's unpleasant.

And at the same time an American business man arrived with a perfectly good pass, but found he needed to travel to Czechoslovakia to complete an important deal. Could he get his pass amended here? No, he had to travel to Copenhagen and run the risk of losing his business deal through the delay.

These are only sample cases. Daily Americans with difficulties as bad as or worse than those above cited are here, and find that the U. S. A. isn't among those presents.

## Must Ride Wild Moose To Be Member of Club

Nipisiguit River, Can.—One of the most unusual sportsmen's associations is the Moose Riders of the Nipisiguit. To qualify a man must ride moose in the presence of a guide in good standing. He must get a photo and have this placed in the book of records there, together with the signatures of witnesses and guide. He then receives a metal badge picturing a man riding a moose and the words "Moose Rider of Nipisiguit."

## Wore Sister's Shoes to Fool Police.

Camden, Pa.—For months detectives followed what were evidently the footprints of a woman burglar. Five small boys were arrested and confessed to a long series of housebreakings. One of the youngsters said that he always wore his sister's shoes while on the job.