

FOREST FIRES BURNING STOCK; MENACE RANCHES AND LIVES; REPEL FIGHTERS

FLAMES HEM TOWN; FIERY TRAP BURNS BIG BAND OF SHEEP

Pall of Smoke Covers All Western Montana, Marking Vast Area Threatened; Peril Worst Since 1910 Holocaust.

Missoula, July 17.—St. Regis, Mont., which was partially destroyed in the forest fires of 1910, has been surrounded by the Gold Creek fire, which has leaped the river. The town is completely cut off from help and is declared to be in danger of destruction.

There is danger of the town of Alberton, 31 miles west of Missoula, being wiped out by the Nigger Hill forest fire, according to reports received here, tonight. The flames are about three miles from Alberton.

A band of thousands of sheep were burned when a blaze on Nigger Hill broke away and swept down on Tarkio, a small town west of Missoula, and trapped the animals, belonging to the Northwest Sheep company of Portland, Ore.

A fire near Evaro, 16 miles west of Missoula, will prove dangerous to many ranchers in that section if there is a shift of the wind.

The Rattlesnake creek fire in the Missoula forest has been fanned all day by a high wind and is sweeping down hill over a six-mile front into the Twin creeks and Blackfoot country. The fire line around this blaze now extends over 23 miles. One or two crews have had narrow escapes from death in fighting this blaze.

Reports received tonight at the forest service offices state that the Swartz creek fire in the Missoula forest has developed into a crown fire and is now beyond all control. Reports from the Selway forest in Idaho say that the Bear creek fire there now covers 10,000 acres while the Bemerick Meadow blaze now extends over 4,000 acres.

SITUATION IS DESPERATE

Spokane, July 17.—Unfavorable weather and lack of fire fighters in western Montana and northern Idaho served today to create what was characterized by federal forest service officials as a situation "potentially the worst since the holocaust of 1910."

Fire fighting crews were retreating before wind driven walls of flame that threatened timber, livestock and even human lives. Reports were received today of destruction of ranch houses and

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FIRE FIGHTERS OFF TO FORESTS; SMOKE DIMS SKY

U.S. Labor Bureau Can't Get Enough Men Here; Blaze Above Gilman.

With millions of feet of valuable timber at stake—and even lives—in forest fires the smoke of which Thursday began to reach the city, Great Falls received an emergency call for 235 fire fighters from the United States employment bureau, but may not be able to supply more than 114. Most of the men are desired for the fires which have been burning beyond Gilman and for a new one which has broken out in Hannon Gulch. Up to 4 o'clock Thursday afternoon that had burned over a strip of timber six miles long and several rods in width.

The high wind which swept thru the city Wednesday fanned the fires at Gilman, Whitfish and Coram—fires which had been under control for several days—that at Gilman having been counted extinguished.

Smoke from the Hannon Gulch fire is now hovering over the city, and the scent of burning timber is noticeable in all parts of Great Falls.

Ranger Station Menaced.

The call sent to Great Falls, yesterday, included one for 60 fire fighters to be rushed immediately to Gilman, to fight the fire on Hannon Gulch but up to the present time it has been impossible to fill this order. 40 to 35 men will be sent out to assist the forest rangers there today.

The rangers' station was threatened by the fire, according to a report yesterday afternoon, the message stating there was not much chance to save it. The destruction of this station will make the fighting of the fire more difficult. Since June 1, 186 forest fires have been experienced in the forest district, compelling an expenditure of \$135,000, and all these fires were largely due to human agencies, either to brush burning, logging, camp fires or cigarette stubs carelessly thrown into dead leaves or dry shrubs.

Hard to Get Men.

The drought of the past three years make every precaution necessary and Supervisor Witley asks all campers and persons visiting the woods to be careful of causing forest fires so far this year no serious damage has been experienced in the Jefferson National forest and it is hoped that this condition will continue. A large part of the credit for this is due to the quick and efficient work that is being done by the forest rangers of the Jefferson forest.

But the forest fire is not the worst danger, for with every day and the increasing demand for fire fighters, the

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BELAKUN IS OUT, TROOPS POURING INTO BUDAPEST

Peace Table Hears Hungarian Capital Is in Disorder.

Paris, July 17.—By The Associated Press.—Bela Kun, head of the Hungarian communist government, has been ousted, according to dispatches from reliable sources received by the peace conference.

Troops returned from the Czech front were reported entering Budapest in large numbers. Budapest was in disorder.

Herr Boehm and Herr Lander have taken over control of the communist government.

Bela Kun was reported in a Budapest dispatch received yesterday to have broken off with nearly all the socialist leaders. Officers of the soviet army were said to be deserting at every opportunity. The communist leader was quoted as having told his minister of education that he was tired of trying to ride socialist and communist horses.

Bela Kun assumed the post of foreign commissary or minister of foreign affairs in the Hungarian soviet government, which succeeded the republican government set up by Count Karolyi. He took office in March, 1919, and immediately got in touch with the heads of the Russian soviet government. He was considered the founder of the communist party in Hungary.

The council of five at Paris July 5 reached the conclusion, it was stated, that it was impossible to make peace with Bela Kun's government. Consequently it was considered necessary to maintain the blockade.

Recent events in Budapest have pre-empted trouble. An attack was made on the soviet headquarters by three monitors in the Danube, aided by land forces on July 2. As a result of this uprising forty youths from the Budapest military academy and three officers were hanged.

Bela Kun then issued a proclamation stating: "Blood shall flow henceforth, if necessary to insure the protection of the proletariat."

Since Bela Kun's advent to power there have been much friction between the Hungarian government and the allied representatives.

Suffrage Defeated in Alabama Senate

Montgomery, Ala., July 17.—The Alabama state senate today refused by a vote of 19 to 13 to ratify the federal woman suffrage amendment.

GERMANS TRYING TO ESTABLISH TRADE RELATIONS WITH SOVIET RUSSIA; HINT OF A MISSION

London, July 17.—The German government is believed to be trying to establish trade relations with soviet Russia, and a German mission has visited Russia or is about to do so, Cecil B. Harmsworth, under-secretary of state for foreign affairs, told the house of commons today.

Mr. Harmsworth said he had no exact information on the matter, but stated:

"I believe it to be the case that the German government is endeavoring to enter into trade relations with soviet Russia and that a German industrial and commercial mission has visited or is about to visit soviet Russia."

JAP BOGY BEFORE SENATE; CALLS FOR SHANTUNG PROTEST

Sherman Warns Colleagues of Peril of World Empire Designs Again Threatening Civilization; Brands League Colossal Game.

Washington, July 17.—Shantung and the league of nations were debated in the senate again today, while President Wilson was beginning his conference with republican senators.

Senator Colt, republican, of Rhode Island, one of those who were to see the president during the afternoon, announced to the senate his conviction that the United States must enter the league to fulfill its present obligations to the world, and Senator Sherman, republican, Illinois, made an attack on the league and the Shantung provision.

In making his announcement, Senator Colt said he withheld judgment on certain reservations.

Senator Sherman characterized the league as "the colossal confidence game of the ages," and said the president and his followers were living in "a psychological millennium."

Without a record vote, the senate adopted a resolution by Senator Borah, republican, of Idaho, asking the president for a copy of a letter said to have been written by General Tasker H. Bliss on behalf of himself and other American delegates at Paris protesting against the Shantung settlement.

By resolution introduced by Senator Spencer, republican, of Missouri, and referred to committee, the senate would declare its "regrets" at the disposition of Shantung.

Before the senate met, the foreign relations committee held another session to consider the treaty, but devoted its time to reading the text.

The text of the Spencer resolution follows: "Resolved, that the senate expresses its deep regret at the provisions of the treaty which transfers to Japan such broad rights and powers and physical possession over the territory and people

VAST STORED FOOD STOCKS IN CHICAGO KEEPS LIVING DEAR

Illinois Report Blames Big Five Packers for Terrific Prices.

Chicago, July 17.—In a report, issued today, officials of the Illinois department of agriculture declare that enormous quantities of meats, butter and eggs are now in storage in Chicago warehouses, chiefly under control of the five big packers.

The report states that since the last regular compilation of figures June 1, the stocks of these commodities have grown in abnormal proportions and that their release would go far toward relieving the present shortage and tend to reduce prices.

According to the report the following quantities are at present stored in Chicago:

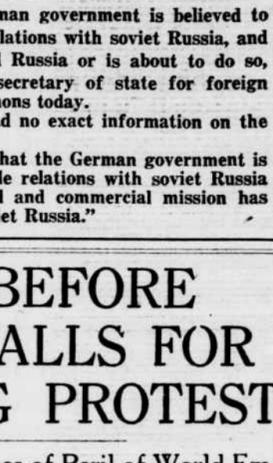
- Beef, 85,971,000 pounds. Pork, 70,517,000 pounds. Butter, 7,893,000 pounds. Eggs, 1,280,000 cases or 360,000,000 dozen eggs.

The figures in the report will be used by District Attorney Clyne in the federal government's inquiry into the high cost of food products in Chicago.

Raynham Crashes to Ground in Attempt to Start Sea Flight

St. Johns, N. F., July 17.—Fredrick P. Raynham failed again, today, to get away on an attempted trans-Atlantic flight in his Martin-craft plane. The machine rose only a few feet and then crashed to the ground. It was completely wrecked, and Raynham nor his navigator, Lieutenant Conrad H. Biddle, were injured.

AGED INDIAN CHIEF AIDS IN PAGEANT



Chief John Smith, Minnesota's oldest Indian, who is 130 years old, was the center of interest in the Cass Lake pageant, celebrated at the meeting of the Northern Minnesota Development association held here, in which was depicted the conquering of the American northwest by the white race. Smith's real name is Ka-Be-Nah-Gwey-Weneh, but Americans know him simply as "John Smith."

DRYS ROUGH-RIDE JURY TRIAL PLAN IN LIQUOR CASES

Keep Provision From Enforcement Bill by 2 Votes in House.

Washington, July 17.—Prohibitionists voted down in the house, today, every attempt to eliminate drastic provisions of the general enforcement bill and while in absolute control, shut off debate at the word of their leader, despite the protest of the minority.

When they voted thru the war-time enforcement portion of three-part bill and got into the constitutional prohibition measure proper, there were only 88 members on the floor and so much confusion that a speaker could not make himself heard. It was 7 o'clock, tonight, when the roll call to obtain a quorum was started and members then had gone home, after declaring there was no good reason for trying to force thru a bill to take care of a situation that would not arise until January.

Can't Make Wine in Home.

Before the house got into a snarl the prohibition faction had fought off every attack on their bill. An amendment to strike out the minimum fine for those convicted of violating the war-time act was defeated, 68 to 57. This was offered by Representative Travis, republican, Nebraska, a prohibition member of the judiciary committee.

Chairman Volstead, of the judiciary committee, patron of the bill, presented an amendment which was adopted without debate and which made the measure more drastic, in that it added the word "manufacture" to the many things a man may not do with liquor in his office or home.

For a moment, late in the day, the minority swung into power, only to be thrown out by a demand for tellers, which meant an accurate count on a vote to amend the bill so that a person charged with violating a liquor-selling injunction might demand and obtain a trial by jury.

Win by Two Votes.

This motion was offered by Representative Gard, democrat, Ohio, and supported by Former Speaker Clark, had provoked an hour debate, when the house

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\$400,000,000 R. R. DEFICIT IS CLASSED AS WAR LOSS BY CLARK OF U. S. COMMERCE COMMISSION

Washington, July 17.—The railroad administration's deficit, now exceeding \$400,000,000, might as well be classed as a war loss, Chairman Clark, of the interstate commerce commission, today told the house interstate commerce committee, considering the Esch bill for regulation of carriers after the period of federal control.

When the roads are returned, Mr. Clark said, the government should assist by lending them money at a rate not obtainable from banks.

It was obvious, Mr. Clark said, that the roads must be able to increase operating rates, as reduction of wages was out of the question.

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Senator Colt Expects Cession Clear.

Washington, July 17.—How the Versailles conference reached many of the agreements embodied in the treaty of peace was described by President Wilson, today, to three republican senators invited to the White House at the head of a long list of republican members whom he proposes to take into his confidence.

Afterward, one of his callers, Senator McNamara, of North Dakota, said Mr. Wilson had been able to place the Shantung settlement in a new light and had clarified other disputed points in the treaty. Senator McNamara, of North Dakota, said Senator Wilson, of Minnesota, the others who saw the president were reticent as to the subjects discussed, but said the president had given them much interesting information.

Senator Colt, who announced his general approval of the league of nations in a senate speech shortly before he went to the White House, indicated after the conference that his doubt over certain portions of the league covenant had not been removed. He said he was not ready to express an opinion regarding Shantung and intimated that the president might make a public statement soon on the subject.

Senator Colt said it had been pointed out to him that Japan had made certain concessions in return for what she received and that in considering the Shantung question, the influence of the league of nations on Japan should be remembered.

Insists on Article X.

Senator Colt intimated that there was a possibility the president might make a statement in regard to Shantung. The senator added he believed that, if made, the statement would be an open one and that it might even be delivered at an open session of the senate.

The president was represented by Senator Colt as feeling that adoption of article X of the league of nations covenant, was absolutely necessary in order to guarantee protection of France. The projected Franco-American treaty was necessary for the same reason, the president told Senator Colt.

Begins Talk With Foes.

President Wilson, today, began conferences with republican senators for discussion of the peace treaty and the league of nations covenant. His first caller was Senator McNamara, of North Dakota, a supporter of the treaty and the covenant.

"Our conversation covered a wide range," said Senator McNamara, "and if the president wants to say what we talked about that is all right. But as far as I am concerned, I consider that our conversation was confidential and I do not feel at liberty to disclose what happened."

Senator McNamara added that his position in regard to the league of nations "had been made as clear as the English language could make it," and that his position now was the same as it always had been.

The position of the foreign relations committee with regard to meeting the president as a body was explained in a

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GOVERNOR CALLS SPECIAL SESSION ON DROUTH CRISIS

Will Charge Lawmakers Specially With Amendment of Road Statutes to Permit Construction for Relief; Suffrage Up, Too.

Helena, July 17.—Governor S. V. Stewart today called an extraordinary session of the sixteenth legislative assembly, to convene in Helena Tuesday, July 29.

The legislature is asked to consider: The emergency caused by drouth conditions and especially to provide an amendment to the road and highway laws governing the state highway commission and the county commissioners in the building and improvement of roads.

To provide for the raising of funds for roads and highways and afford such relief as is possible for the farmers who have lost their crops.

To vote upon the question of ratification of the proposed amendment to the federal constitution extending the right of suffrage to women.

It is the expectation of the governor, who has consulted numerous well-known lawyers during the past month, that the state and county road law, as an emergency measure, may be changed so that highway work may be done without resorting to contract. The law limits the State Highway commission in its dealing with the federal government thru county commissioners to \$10,000 and if more than \$10,000 is to be spent the proposition

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VETO RAISES AID FOR WAR WRECKS TO \$14,000,000

House Passes Sundry Civil Bill With Increase of Six Millions.

Washington, July 17.—Amended to provide \$14,000,000 instead of \$8,000,000 for the rehabilitation of wounded soldiers, sailors and marine, the sundry civil appropriation bill, which was vetoed by the president, was passed, today, by the house and sent to the senate.

The original measure was vetoed by the president on the ground that the \$8,000,000 was insufficient to care properly for the country's wounded men. To meet his objection, the house appropriation committee increased the amount to \$12,000,000.

Democrats insisted on a larger sum and after Representative Buchanan, democrat of Texas, moved to recommit the bill with instructions to increase the amount to \$18,000,000, Republican Leader Mondell offered a substitute to the motion, increasing the amount to \$14,000,000. This was carried, 201 to 194.

Flier Falls 2000 Feet When Life Belt Gives Way; Plane Crashes

Americus, Ga., July 17.—Sergeant Eates, of Flushing, Long Island, was killed, today, during an aerial circus being held at Southern field.

Sergeant Eates was flying upside down at the time and it is believed his life belt broke. He fell 2,000 feet to the ground, while his machine crashed down nearly a mile distant.

Butte Carpenters Ratify Wage Increase

Butte, July 17.—The Butte carpenters' union tonight ratified the new wage contract offered by the mining companies which grant a wage increase of \$1 a day to mine carpenters.