

HURRICANE WINDS FANNING FOREST FIRES

FLAMES GALLOPING AWAY FROM FIGHTERS AT 70-MILE SPEED

Only Rain Can Save Situation Is Belief; Extra 1540 Men Battling With Regular Force; Trying to Rescue Towns.

Missoula, July 18.—Racing over the mountain ridges of western Montana, forest fires which have been burning in the district for the last week are spreading destruction today in northern Idaho, even threatening some of the smaller towns which have been severed from communication with Missoula by the flames.

The fire near Henderson, Mont., last night jumped the mountains into the Mullan Gulch country, where there is said to be practically no opportunity to catch it.

The fire near St. Regis, Mont., crossed the Clark Fork river and now is spreading unabated over a large area at a rate reported as 70 miles an hour. Forest service headquarters were unable today to get into communication directly with the forces fighting fires that are threatening St. Regis, but it is known that the fires are serious and the fate of the town is still undecided.

One hundred forest service men and as many employes of railways and lumber companies are fighting desperately to check the flames before they reach the town.

The fire at Swartz creek, in the Missoula forest, east of here, still was beyond control today and reports to district headquarters said the situation there was serious. Other fires in the district were reported to be growing. One of them was threatening the plant of the Mann Lumber company at Henderson, near the Idaho line, northwest of here.

Only with favorable weather conditions is there any possibility of controlling the flames, district forest service officials here said today. Should a high wind arise there are not enough men in this country to stop the flames, it was declared by Supervisor White, of the Lolo forest, in which the area covered by the Henderson and St. Regis fires is located.

Spending \$15,000 a Day. It is costing the forest service \$15,000 daily to fight the fires in this district, it was stated today, besides the damage done to valuable timber and other property. Extra fire fighters now in the field number 1,540, besides the regular forest service forces, the extra patrol and construction crews now fighting the fires.

A fire on Ashley creek, in the Blackfoot forest, today had burned over 3,000 acres. No official report had been received from the Flathead forest, but more men have been asked for and it is supposed by forest service officials that conditions are still bad there.

RELIGION ABLE TO UNLOCK WINE VAULTS LEGALLY

Revenue Rules Permit Supply of Liquor If Used as Worship.

Washington, July 18.—Regulations just issued by the bureau of internal revenue afforded every religious organization in the United States opportunity to obtain wine for sacramental purposes.

"We have endeavored to cut out all 'red tape,'" Deputy Commissioner Gaylord said, "and have made the regulations easy for bona fide organizations to follow."

Where sacramental wines are produced and distributed under clerical supervision, as in certain monasteries of the Roman Catholic church, the usual internal revenue tax must be paid and accurate records kept of all shipments.

In case of purchase of wine from dealers not under church supervision, the bureau expressed a preference that an affidavit of the use to which the wine was to be put accompany the order for the protection of both the seller and the purchaser. Churches not having hierarchical organizations will obtain wine on the application of the minister or duly authorized officer of the congregation.

VICTIMS OF ARMY BRUTALLY BEAT OFFICER TO PULP

House Wants to See Him Now on French Prison Camp Tortures.

Washington, July 18.—Army officers composing the court-martial that tried Lieutenant "Hardboiled" Smith and Lieutenant Mason, formerly in charge of American military prisoners in France, where soldiers are alleged to have been beaten and even driven to suicide will be called before a special house war investigation committee within a few days to explain the sentences they imposed, according to Representative Dallingier, republican, Massachusetts.

Other witnesses to be called, Mr. Dallingier declared in a prepared statement, "will testify that the trial of these two men was a joke." Both Smith and Mason were given only sentences of dishonorable discharge, the statement asserted, despite testimony of their brutality.

"Hardboiled" Smith arrived at Fort Jay, N. Y., the other day," declared Mr. Dallingier, "and was almost at once seen by some of his victims there serving sentence. He was recognized by them and before the guards arrived he was beaten to a pulp and I believe he is now in the hospital recovering from a punishment meted out to him by those very men whom he had himself tortured."

GERMANY RETAINS CAPITAL PUNISHMENT Weimar, July 18.—(By The Associated Press)—The national assembly today rejected a motion introduced by the independents, to abolish capital punishment.

PEACE BEFORE TREATY IS RATIFIED STRICKEN FROM SUNDRY CIVIL BILL

Washington, July 18.—An amendment to the sundry civil appropriation bill, designed to end enforcement of the trading-with-the-enemy act was rejected in the senate today, 33 to 27. It was offered by Senator Fall, republican, New Mexico, who said there should be no restrictions on trading with Germany. There was disagreement over the exact meaning of the amendment, which would have inserted a provision "that the status of the peace between the former imperial German government and the United States being declared to exist," no part of the money should be used to enforce the trading act. Senator Fall, declared that, while his

WILSON WINNING TREATY FIGHT; ASKS HIGH RANK FOR WAR STARS

SARCASTIC DEMOCRAT URGES WILSON AS LIFE PRESIDENT; "MAKE HIM CZAR" G. O. P. ECHO

Washington, July 18.—When President Wilson's message to congress, proposing bestowal of permanent rank of general on Generals Pershing and March and the permanent rank of admiral on Admirals Sims and Benson was read, today, members jumped from their seats and greeted the name of General Pershing with enthusiasm. General March's name was applauded by some members, while others shouted "No! no!"

FORD COMPLAINS HEADLINE DUBS HIM AS BOMBER

Defence Uses General's Testimony to Brand War Ad Untruth.

Mount Clemens, July 18.—The heart of Henry Ford's libel suit against the Chicago Daily Tribune was reached, today, when Attorney Elliott G. Stevenson, representing the Tribune, began to question Mr. Ford regarding the alleged libelous editorial headed, "Ford is an anarchist," published in the Tribune June 23, 1918.

Attorneys Alfred Lucking and Alfred G. Murphy peppered the examination with objections on behalf of the plaintiff, and Mr. Lucking characterized the examination in the course of which Mr. Stevenson again attempted to get the witness to admit that he was an "ignorant idealist" as brutal and particularly distressing to so modest a man as Mr. Ford.

GENERAL'S RANK PLEA FOR MARCH AS FOR PERSHING

President Starts Buzz of Feud; Elevation of Admirals, Too.

Washington, July 18.—Permanent ranks of general in the regular army of General Pershing and General March, chief of staff, and permanent ranks of admiral in the navy for Rear Admirals Sims and Admiral Benson, chief of operations, were asked of congress today by President Wilson.

The president's message follows: "I take the liberty of calling your attention to a matter which I am sure is at the heart of the whole country and which I have had very much in mind throughout all these months when we were trying to arrange a peace that would be worthy of the spirit and achievements of the men who won the victory in the field and on the sea.



Victoria Hall, Geneva, Switzerland. This beautiful hall, erected by F. Barton, a British patron of music, will be used by the league of nations representatives for their meetings. It will be virtually the capital of the world. There has been talk, tho, of holding the first meeting in Washington as a courtesy to the United States.

WILSON LINING UP SENATORS; MESSAGE ON SHANTUNG LOOMS

Republicans Who Go to White House More or Less Wobbly, Come Away in New Mood, Nursing Some Converting Secret.

Washington, July 18.—President Wilson talked over the peace treaty with four more republican senators at the White House, today, and later he went to the capitol and discussed the entire senate situation with Senator Hitchcock, leader of the administration forces in the ratification fight.

The republican senators asked for information about many features of the treaty, and Senator Hitchcock told the president of other points that have come into dispute during the senate debate.

After conferences Mr. Wilson told a group of correspondents he was satisfied to reach a solution it was only necessary to "clarify counsel."

There had been many misunderstandings about the treaty, the president said, adding that some of the constructions placed on it seemed to him evident misrepresentations.

Capper's Vision Cleared. Senator McNary, Oregon, one of the republicans who went to the White House, said first impressions about the Shantung settlement had been softened by his talk with the president, while Senator Capper, Kansas, said Mr. Wilson had given him much new and pertinent information on that subject.

Senator Kellogg, Minnesota, and Kenyon, Iowa, the others who saw the president, declined afterward to talk.

Senator Capper said that the Shantung settlement was discussed at length and that the president appeared to be in possession of many pertinent and important facts. The senator declined, however, to say what these were.

Danger in Reservations. The president pointed out, Senator Capper said, that if all nations adopted their own reservations and placed their own interpretations on the covenant, the real meaning and purpose of the

YANKEE PRELUDE TO LONDON PEACE PARADE JUBILEE

Deluxe Sword Presented Pershing, Americans Reviewed by Wales.

London, July 18.—(By The Associated Press)—Great Britain's peace celebration began informally, today, with many ceremonies, most of which were in honor of General J. J. Pershing and the American troops who will participate in the Victory parade Saturday. A large part of the population stopped work and filled the parks and streets, watching the many contingents of American, British and allied soldiers and sailors marching about and the procession headed by General Pershing and Marshal Foch, of France, on their way to various functions in their honor.

It was chiefly an American day. General Pershing's program began with a review of American troops in Hyde park, where he conferred the Distinguished Service medal on 80 British officers, more than half of whom were generalists. The ceremony was attended by the Prince of Wales, Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig and other celebrities.

The chief event of the day took place at the Guild hall, where the city chamberlain presented a sword of honor to General Pershing. At the Guild hall General Pershing delivered an address of thanks for the honors given him. The prince reviewed the American troops.

The sword of honor is gold mounted and is a handsome reproduction of the American army pattern. On the upper half is displayed the arms of the United States on one side and the arms of the city of London on the other. In the enamel below the American coat of arms is General Pershing's monogram in diamonds and rubies with the American flag and the Union Jack. On the reverse side, enamelled ribbons display the names of the battles in which the American troops participated and of General Pershing's campaign.

The decoration of a Knight Grand Cross of the Order of the Bath, with which General Pershing has been presented, appears on the lower band. The hilt and bands are of eighteen karat gold. The sword was made by the Goldsmiths and Silversmiths company. (Continued on Page Two).

RECLAMATION FUNDS FOR RELIEF OF WEST REFUSED BY SENATE

Senator Myers Tries to Tack \$50,000,000, Then \$5,000,000, to Sundry Civil Bill.

Washington, July 18.—Carrying increased appropriations for the rehabilitation and education of disabled soldiers, sailors and marines, the \$613,000,000 sundry civil appropriation bill was passed today by the senate. It now goes to the president, who vetoed the original bill because it limited funds for training wounded service men.

MILL AND SMELTER MEN OF ANACONDA ACCEPT HIGHER PAY

Only 50 Per Cent of Union Vote, Proposal Was So Sure to Carry.

Butte, July 18.—By a vote of 534 to 78, the mill and smeltermen of Anaconda, at a referendum election, tonight, accepted the new wage proposal of the Anaconda Copper Mining company. Confident that an affirmative ballot would be cast, only 50 per cent of the members of the union cast their ballots.

GREAT STEEL TRUST TO SPRING OUT OF FOE'S BELGIAN RUIN

Wrecks to Pool Interests and Arise Phoenix-Like From Ashes.

Brussels, July 18.—(By The Associated Press)—Out of the ruins of Belgium's steel industry, which was systematically destroyed by the Germans, will spring one of the biggest steel combinations in the world. Ten or twelve of the most powerful corporations, whose plants were laid waste, have decided to pool their interests into one immense undertaking.

100-MILE GUN READY IN FRANCE TIME OF TRUCE

Paris, July 18.—While giving evidence before a committee of the chamber of deputies, M. L. Bourgeois, chief engineer of the navy department, said that at the time Paris was being bombarded by German long-range guns, he had designed a cannon with a range of 100 miles, which could be put in position in an hour.

HOLLAND MAY HAND OVER KAISER AT HAGUE; FORMER RULER HOURS AT PRAYER

Paris, July 18.—(Havas)—The Nord Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung of Berlin, the mouthpiece of the government under the imperial regime, declares it has information that Holland will consent to the extradition of former Emperor William, according to a Berlin dispatch to Paris newspapers. The formal handing over of the former emperor to the allies, it adds, will take place at The Hague.

Berlin, July 18.—(By The Associated Press)—The Pan-German Deutsche Zeitung, which stands close to former royal circles, takes a serious view of the illness of former Emperor William, calling it "deep melancholy." It is said that the one-time monarch is so depressed that his physician views his condition as critical.