



FIRE DOES LESS HARM

Forests Suffer Less This Season Than Last.

RAINS PREVENT DANGER

Experts of the Weyerhaeuser Company Expect no More Fires.

NO GREEN TIMBER DAMAGED

Fires Occurred in Places Which Had Been Logged and Nothing But Dry Brush Remaining—Forest Rangers Are Not Given Credit For Condition.

TACOMA, August 28.—According to the Weyerhaeuser timber syndicate which keeps closer tab on the forest fire situation than any other firm or interest in the northwest, there has been less destruction of timber by fire in Oregon and Washington this season than during any previous year since logging operations and lumber manufacturing have been features of the commercial activities of the Pacific northwest.

It is conceded now by loggers and lumber manufacturers generally that the heavy rains of the past few days, which have been general over the Pacific slope, have practically wiped out all danger of further forest fires for this year, and in summing up the damages done by the fires it is found that they are practically nil.

"In all of the territory in this state and Oregon in which our company is operating," said George S. Long, manager of the Weyerhaeuser Company today, "there has been no destruction of green timber by fires this season. In fact, I have not heard of any timber being destroyed. The fires that have taken place have been entirely confined to logged-off lands and brush fires in old burns and here and there in second growth timber that has grown up on ancient fire-blasted areas. The biggest fire that has been in our immediate territory, and by that I mean territory in which we have merchantable timber in striking distance of the fire, was a nasty fire that broke loose in the Saccotash Valley in the basin of the upper Nisqually River. It burned extensively in logged-off lands in the vicinity of Ashford, but happily did not do a bit of damage and was finally overcome and put out.

"There were several fires" in the northern part of Washington, and while we have no forestry fire patrolman in that section as we have in other portions of the state, I understand that those fires did no damage.

"The immunity the timber interests have enjoyed from fires this season is something distinctly lucky, and is due to natural causes or the working of a providence rather than to our fire wardens and fire patrols. There were three times during the season when the woods of the Pacific slope were as dry as timber, following long dry and hot spells of weather. On two of these occasions fires had broken out in many sections of the country and were ranging through the logged-off lands, and there certainly would have been serious forest conflagrations had there not come timely rains. These thoroughly wet the forests and checked the incipient fires. I don't believe there will be any more fires this season."

POPE CASE ADJURNS.

HARTFORD, August 28.—Creditors of the Pope Manufacturing Company, representing claims to the amount of \$750,000 appeared in the court at the hearing on the confirmation of Albert L. Pope as temporary receiver. It is expected that opposition will develop against making the present receiver permanent. After discussing the subject of appraisers the court reserved its decision and adjourned the hearing to September 10.

IN GAY PARIS.

Los Angeles People Are Showing the Natives How to Live.

PARIS, Aug. 28.—There is an unusually large number of Los Angeles in this vicinity just now.

Mrs. T. L. Grassell of Los Angeles gave a California dinner at The Hague several days ago on the eve of her departure for Switzerland.

Charles Munroe and wife of Los Angeles gave a tea party here this week, which was attended by a large number of Californians. There were several novel features introduced by the hostess, among them a new cocktail compounded of cognac, Madeira and lemon.

Abner Ross of Los Angeles arrived in Paris a few days ago and is going to leave shortly for a tour of Switzerland. Among the Los Angelians who are visiting Paris at this time are Mrs. Fanny Shaler Godfrey, the Misses Gower, Frederick Barman and wife and D. B. Beggs.

Mrs. English, nee Sutro, a member of the well-known Sutro family of San Francisco, is at Rouville.

Jack Blum and his wife and Charles Blum of San Francisco have arrived in Paris and are preparing for an automobile trip through the chateau country. Samuel Dixon and his wife have arrived from Weisbaden.

Mrs. A. Spreckles and her daughter Lurline, who is the wife of Spencer Eddy, have been at Carlsbad. The Eddy infant is in good health. Spencer Eddy has been motoring in the vicinity of Carlsbad.

CLEVELAND ILL MAN.

NEW YORK, August 28.—It is announced that Grover Cleveland has again been attacked by acute indigestion, and has consequently relinquished his idea of visiting his summer home in New Hampshire. Mrs. Cleveland has returned to Princeton from New Hampshire with their children.

FINALLY CONVICTED.

ST. LOUIS, August 28.—Lord Frederick Seymour Barrington convicted of the murder of James McCann was taken from the Clayton jail where he has been confined for four years and conveyed to Jefferson City to begin a life sentence. Barrington was handcuffed to Thomas Morgan who is sentenced to 20 years for murder.

PILING GIVES WAY

Three Chinamen Killed, 5000 Cases of Salmon Lost.

IN DUNDAS BAY, ALASKA

Piling Underneath the Cannery Gives Way on Account of the Weight and Large Percentage of Season's Product is Lost—Cannery is Wrecked.

TACOMA, Aug. 28.—That the Dundas Bay Cannery, in icy straits, Alaska, slid into the water about August 10, occasioning a loss of at least 5,000 cases of salmon, much damage to the plant, and the death of three Chinese employees, was the information brought down by the Black Ball line steamer Dirigo, Captain J. Livingstone, which arrived at Tacoma last night.

News of the catastrophe reached Juneau while the Dirigo was in port. The cannery is about 150 miles to the westward. The piling foundation of the main plant is reported to have given away and 10,000 cases which had not been moved to the warehouse were dumped into the bay. Half of them are said to have been recovered. Details of the disaster were meagre, but from all advices the cannery was so badly wrecked that resumption of operations for this season is out of the question.

Officers of the steamer say that the salmon run has been satisfactory in some parts of Alaska and extremely light elsewhere. Traps have proven successful this season, while the fishing boats have had poor catches. The American Fishing Company's plant at Chilkat had up 80,000 cases when the Dirigo steamed for the south. It was reported also that the Chatham Straits cannery had a full pack. The steamer Farallon was there loading a cargo of 6,000 cases when the Dirigo departed.

HIS PLEA FALLS FLAT

The Resolution Criticising Roosevelt Fails.

MEETS WITH OPPOSITION

American Bar Association Will Not Back up Whitlock Resolution.

PARKER STRONG AGAINST IT

Matter Was Brought up on Account of Roosevelt's Opinions Expressed Concerning Decision of a Chicago Judge Over a Year Ago—Election of Officers.

PORTLAND, Maine, August 28.—A resolution criticizing President Roosevelt for commenting on the trial of the trust case in Chicago a year ago, and adversely criticizing the presiding judge and his rulings was introduced into the final session of the American Bar Association by George Whitlock of Baltimore, met with instant disapproval from all parts of the hall.

President Alton B. Parker repeatedly asked Whitlock to withdraw the resolution but Whitlock insisted that it be voted on.

A motion to table the resolution prevailed after the gentleman in the audience who failed to secure recognition showed "When the President of the United States violates his trust it is the duty of the American Bar Association to criticize him."

The following officers were elected: President, J. M. Dickinson, of Chicago; secretary, John Hinkley, of Baltimore; treasurer, Frederick Wadhaus, of New York.

The convention then adjourned.

GREAVES RE-CAPTURED.

LEAVENWORTH, August 28.—The man under arrest at Oseola, Neb., has been positively identified as Benjamin Greaves, the notorious criminal, who escaped from the Kansas penitentiary at Lansing during the prisoners' mutiny in 1900.

ACCLAIMED AS SULTAN.

TANGIER, August 28.—It is announced that the Sultan's brother was acclaimed as the Sultan by the entire population of Mazaga.

MOULD IN HOPS.

Outlook is Poor for Good Crop—Growers Have Trouble to Get Picking Money.

SALEM, Or., August 28.—From all sections of the Willamette Valley come reports that black mould is spreading to an alarming degree in the bopyards. One of the local dealers received a letter from Woodburn last evening which stated that the mould is taking the yards by the wholesale in that section, and predicting that not one-half of the crop in that vicinity will be picked. The same condition is reported to exist in many localities in this immediate section, and the mould, which is increasing rapidly on account of the damp, chilly nights and the hot sun of the day, threatens to devour the entire crop before it can be picked. Growers are unanimous in the resolve to strive for the banner crop in the history of the industry in this state from the standpoint of quality, and wherever mould exists the hops will be left upon the vines.

There is no relief as yet for the growers in the matter of procuring picking money. Scores of yards will be abandoned this year through absolute necessity. About the best proposition that is being offered growers here who are having trouble in securing picking money is a guarantee of at least 7 cents upon contract, which will give the grower only a margin of 1 cent profit over picking expense, but he has already lost at least 2 cents upon his prospective crop in cost of cultivation. Many growers absolutely decline to accept this kind of proposition, and declare they would rather leave their hops on the vines and take their chances with a better market another year.

WESTERN UNION OFFICE BURNED.

ARKANSAS CITY, Kan., August 28.—The Western Union telegraph office and all its contents were destroyed by fire today. It is believed to have been incendiary.

PROSPEROUS CANADA.

NEW YORK, August 28.—Lord Strathcona high commissioner of Canada, said today before sailing for London:

"In a very few years Canada will have as big a population, if not bigger, than the United States. Northwestern Canada is now a mass of farms which produced last year a million bushels of wheat and about two million bushels of cereals."

ARE IN PERFECT ACCORD.

WASHINGTON, August 28.—Acting Secretary of State Adee said that he is authorized to announce that President Roosevelt and President Diaz are now in accord concerning the future of Central America and the settlement of disputes between the five republics. This is taken to mean that the United States and Mexico have formulated a joint note to the Central American republics inviting them to hold a conference with a view of agreeing upon a treaty insuring permanent peace. The impression is that all five have expressed a readiness to enter into such a conference. Adee said that he hoped within 24 hours to make a statement outlining the policy under consideration.



Uncle Sam—I'm going to let this Pacific dog of mine run at large. He won't bother you if he ain't riled.

CROWNED QUEUELESS

Korean Emperor Cuts Off Pigtail.

TEARS OF COURT FALL

Absurd Ceremonies are Impressive and Attractive in Oriental Style.

YISEKI THE NEW RULER

Action of the King Created Unusual Sensation as it is Considered a Sacrifice of Beauty and Honor—Ceremony Lived With Speeches and Music.

SEOUL, August 28.—The coronation of the new Emperor Yiseki this morning was a simple but impressive ceremony, purely Oriental, with the exception of an incongruous effect caused by the accidental uniforms of a number of officials participating.

The ceremony opened with the appearance of his majesty in the state hall about 10 o'clock dressed in full Korean costume, wearing a crown with pendants and a robe of deep blue embroidered with gold. In the midst of music by the court band and the profound obeisance of those present, congratulatory documents were presented to his majesty. This was followed by the premier reading another speech of felicitation on his accession to the throne.

More music followed, and after another deep obeisance of the assemblage, his majesty retired, but soon reappeared garbed in an occidental military uniform. He then received the congratulations of General Hasegawa and all the consuls, all of which were read aloud. The premier then stepped forward and called thrice, "Vice Emperor," in which the 300 present heartily joined.

Early in the morning both his majesty and father had their queues cut off, despite the remonstrances of some of the court, who protested in tears. The day was bright and was observed as a general holiday.

LABOR LAWS VIOLATED.

EAST AURORA, August 28.—E. H. Williamson, deputy state inspector of factories, made a visit to this place this week and caused trouble in the ranks of the Roycrofters. He did not find things to his liking in Elbert Hubbard's printery shop and hotel, and he demanded the immediate discharge of a dozen girls and boys who are under 14 years of age, and who had been employed by Hubbard in violation of the state labor laws. Hubbard's excuse was that he was giving these child laborers a chance to make a few dollars during the vacation.

JAPANESE CITY DESTROYED.

YOKOHAMA, August 27.—The conflagration which yesterday destroyed 70 per cent of the city of Hakodate, has caused much suffering among those who reside in the burned district. All the Americans in Hakodate are safe, including the consul-general to Yokohama, who is there on an official visit.

Consular Agent King immediately made a requisition for supplies, which were promptly forwarded. It is understood that Mr. King is caring for all foreigners who suffered by the fire.

LEAVE IT TO ROOSEVELT.

NEW YORK, August 28.—The leaders of the Telegraphers' strike will, according to announcement made today, appeal to Roosevelt to take some action toward terminating the strike. The situation is unchanged today.

DEATH RECALLS OLD MURDER.

Alexander Jester Accused of Killing John Gates' Brothers, Dies in Oklahoma.

GUTHRIE, Okla., Aug. 28.—Alexander Jester, defendant in one of the historic murder trials of the country, in which he was acquitted of the murder of a brother of John W. Gates, is dead at his home in Pottawatomie County.

Jester was a fugitive from justice for more than thirty years, and was surrendered to the officers by his sister in a moment of pique over a petty quarrel. The murder of William Gates took place in Nevada, Mo. Gates was traveling in a wagon over the old trail to California for his health.

Jester fell in with young Gates and traveled with him for several days. About that time Gates disappeared, and shortly afterward his body was found in the river. Suspicion was directed toward Jester by the fact that he had Gates' team and wagon, and was able to give no satisfactory explanation of how he got them. He was arrested and imprisoned at Nevada, but escaped before the time of his trial.

Jester was arrested in 1897, when he was nearly 80 years old, and his feebleness and snow-white hair and beard naturally drew the sympathy of the jurors on his side. His attorney also made the plea that Jester was a poor man who had lived an upright life with his family for more than 30 years. The jury was out only a few minutes.

OCEAN LINERS LOOTED.

ROME, August 28.—A gang of men and women have been arrested at Naples, charged with the thefts aboard transatlantic steamers, especially those belonging to the Naples-New York line. An enormous amount of stolen property, such as clocks, china and wines, was seized by the police, and it required three carts to convey it to the police station. The prisoners had numerous pawn tickets for jewelry in their possession.

CZAR TO ATTEND INAUGURATION.

ST. PETERSBURG, August 28.—The Czar is expected to attend on September 1 the inauguration of the church built at the place where Alexander II was assassinated. This will be his first official visit to St. Petersburg since the opening of the first Duma.

TELLS LIFE'S STORY

Chester Runyan Attributes His Downfall to Woman.

URGED HIM TO TAKE MONEY

He Began at First to Take Windsor Trust Funds to Speculate With But When He Lost Laura Carter Advised Him to Take Some For Himself.

NEW YORK, August 28.—Chester H. Runyan, a former paying teller who stole nearly a hundred thousand dollars from the Windsor Trust Company, today told the court the story of his downfall. He attributed it chiefly to Laura Carter, who is charged with having received some of the stolen money.

After he had taken some money for the purpose of speculation and lost she urged him to take more so to "Have enough for yourself."

Runyan said that he gave her \$10,000 besides several smaller sums. Of the amount stolen \$25,000 is still missing.

NAVY IS ROTTEN.

Commission in France Gives the French Sailors Bad Reputation.

PARIS, August 28.—The full report of the senatorial commission on the explosion of March 12 at Toulon which destroyed the battleship Iena has been published.

It charges the disaster directly traceable to the irresponsibility and general indifference and lack of harmony prevailing in the navy.

The report demands the inauguration of several reforms and says the various branches of the naval service are divided by jealousy. There is no superior authority and each branch works only in part resulting in a state of anarchy.