

FIRES IN FORESTS COST FIFTY LIVES

Citizens at Wallace Try to Estimate Number of Deaths in Woods

TEN TOWNS ARE IMPERILED

Government Official Informed That Incendiaries Applied Torch in Oregon

(Continued from Page One) opened freely, and the homeless are in comfortable shape for the present.

A dense pall of smoke hangs all over western Montana. In Missoula, it was dark as midnight at 10 o'clock, the smoke having a lurid hue.

TOWN OF TAFT DESTROYED

The town of Taft, near the Idaho line, was entirely destroyed before daylight this morning.

Saltz, just below Taft, has been abandoned by its inhabitants and is known to be surrounded by fire. De Borgia is seriously threatened and one man is missing. At St. Regis, the fire has crossed the river and threatens outlying buildings, though no fears are entertained for the town.

Haughan is reported to be destroyed, the last word from there having been that the fire was about to reach near and the telephone operator was preparing to flee.

The area covered by the fire is roughly 100 miles square, persons on in the mountains and sparsely settled districts. It is difficult to obtain information from any of the points, and impossible to reach some of the isolated places. There is a probability that there has been serious loss of life, as there are prospectors, camping parties and lumber men all through the mountains, and the fire may have come upon them while they slept last night or they may have wakened this morning to find themselves cut off.

George Walling, a packer, and two companions reached Missoula tonight from Adair, a station on the Milwaukee road, west of Missoula, about 100 miles, arrived here this afternoon, having ridden their horses nearly to death in escaping the flames.

They saw a car of dynamite and oil at a construction camp near Adair exploded as they left. The fire spread rapidly and they believe the camp was destroyed. There were 25 men there.

RESCUE TRAIN ARRIVES

Camass Prairie, a farming village in the Blackfoot country, surrounded entirely by hills, is the scene of a serious conflagration tonight.

A courier arrived here tonight from that place with an appeal for aid. From Bonner 50 men were sent to help the farmers and others who are being driven from Missoula. The fire came out of the timber and is sweeping across the valley. Grain and hay are being destroyed.

Three more rescue trains reached Missoula tonight from the west. The Milwaukee ran in two of them and the Northern Pacific another. The last Northern Pacific train brought information that the town of Saltz, near reported earlier to be threatened, had caught fire before the train left St. Regis.

MANY DEATHS REPORTED

From all directions come reports of deaths in the flames, but they are not authenticated, and it is not believed there have been many fatalities. Two unknown men were overcome by smoke today in the forest near Iron Mountain.

A telephone message from St. Regis, received here at 10 p. m., says the fire swept down Mullen gulch tonight and cut off the town of De Borgia and Henderson. The Mann Lumber company ran its logging train down from Henderson, bringing men and their families, after all bodies had been burned. These towns will doubtless burn.

The old town of St. Regis at 10 p. m. is threatened; the fire is in a canyon a mile from the town and is spreading rapidly. The last equipment of the Northern Pacific in that section is being used to bring away the women and children from St. Regis. Most of the men of the town were at De Borgia, seven miles above, fighting fire, and many of them must have been cut off.

DANGEROUS FIRE RAGING IN GALLATIN FOREST

Flames Invade District Seven Miles from Butte

BUTTE, Mont., Aug. 21.—A special from Bozeman says: A dangerous fire is raging under the high wind in the Gallatin forest, seven miles south of here, and has crossed over into the district of seven miles from Butte.

Aldret's sawmill is in danger, as is a flock of 1500 sheep belonging to John Works. Another flock of 3000 sheep belonging to John Harvey of Livingston has just escaped the fire. The blaze started from sparks from a threshing engine on the ranch of Charles Hoy. Under a high wind the fire swept in a few minutes across a mile of stubble into the brush at the timber edge between Lime Kill and Bear canyon. The fire has progressed through the forest at a rate of more than a mile an hour, and has been so powerful that the flames have been visible for several hours at a distance of seven or eight miles in daylight.

It is not possible now to get any estimate of the extent of the burned area, but it is many square miles. Supervisor Conkling has been calling since 2 p. m. for 100 men to fight the fire, but so far only 35 have responded. Henry Ferguson, game warden, and A. S. Pepper will go to the front in Bear canyon and have hopes of stopping the fire when the wind goes down tonight.

EXPRESS LITTLE HOPE

If the fire is not brought under control tonight there is little hope of stopping it, and the whole region between here and Yellowstone park, including the Middle Creek and Gallatin regions, will then be in very grave danger. A slight change in the wind would take the fire directly to the spot where a dangerous conflagration was stopped two weeks ago. Another fire of serious proportions is reported tonight between Storrs and Hoffman, 12 miles southeast of here. Miners from Hoffman have started,

Members of Royal Family Who May Risk Lives in Effort to Aid Victims of Cholera in Southern Italy



THE KING OF ITALY ENROUTE

under Ranger Baker, to take care of this. Another fire was reported from near Maudlow, just at the southern edge of the Helena forest. There are also several fires in the brush north of Bozeman, which may become serious if the wind continues.

A special from Thompson Falls, Mont., says: The fire situation is alarming. Thompson Falls is threatened by forest fires. A portion of Belknap, White Pine, Noxon and Heron burning; one solid line of fire from here to the Montana-Idaho boundary line, embracing a distance of 50 miles. Senator Dondan's lumber yards, 20 miles west of Thompson, saw mills and yards at Cedar Spur, were burned last night.

"The forest reserve have approximately 600 men in the field fighting fires, but there is no communication with them, all wires being down."

FLAMES NOW THREATEN 2,000,000 TIMBER ACRES

Situation in Southern Oregon Alarms Washington Officials

WASHINGTON, Aug. 21.—Incendiarism is now believed to be responsible in large measure for the spread of the devastating forest fires in the West.

Acting Forester Albert F. Potter tonight received advices from Supervisor Buck of Medford, Oregon, stating the continued spread of the fires in southern Oregon had revealed clearly the work of incendiarism. Mr. Potter would not discuss, even inferentially, what may be the purpose of the firebug, pending an official report. Forest rangers are now engaged in rounding up definite evidence.

Mr. Potter views with anxiety this particular side of the situation and intimates it may be necessary to call upon Governor Benson of Oregon for aid of the Oregon National Guard. As many federal troops as possible are being pushed out into the burning regions from nearby posts.

DANGER NEAR CRATER LAKE

The fires are especially threatening to Crater Lake country of southern Oregon. Advices tonight indicate at least 2,000,000 acres of timber are in danger of being swept away. Superintendent Buck reports the situation at Medford, Ore., also is extremely critical, and there is little likelihood of extinguishing the flames which in the region are spreading with tremendous speed.

Forest officials are now directing their fighting forces to confine the fires if possible to the east side of the Crater Lake. Some encouragement was felt in late advices tonight stating the fires in the Wallowa, Ore., district were under control, and troops there would supplement the forces now at work in the Crater Lake country.

War department officials professed to know nothing regarding the alleged refusal of Brig. Gen. Maus at American Fork to send troops to southern Oregon. Forestry officials, however, were advised that at noon today five companies of 250 met left American lake and are proceeding with all haste to supplement the forces now at work in the Crater Lake country.

WATCHERS THROG HILLS, FEARING FIRE ADVANCE

SPOKANE, Aug. 21.—The staff correspondent of the Spokesman-Review at Wallace wires at 4:30 p. m.: "Safe for the moment at least, the people of Wallace are looking to the hills around them through blood-shot, heavy-lidded eyes, watching forest fires that ring the city around on every side. They should break through. Lines of hose are laid along the west side of the city where the fire will strike first, if it comes, and all available fire fighters are being held ready to start work at once.

From Mullen, up the canyon, refugees bring word that fires have almost reached the buildings, and that the water supply may be cut off at any time. In every direction the sky is red with flames, and a rising wind would bring them here.

"The list of fatalities will run high, just how high no one will know for a day or two. There are parties of fire fighters scattered through the woods everywhere, and it is regarded as a certainty that a great number of men must have been cut off by the flames. It is said that not fewer than fifty have perished.

REFUGEES ON SPECIAL TRAINS

"In every conceivable conveyance people are being taken from the fire-swept district to places of comparative safety. Special trains made up of box cars, baggage cars and a few coaches are packed with refugees.

"At Gardner and Kellogg the people have thrown their homes open wide to the Wallace sufferers, many of whom lost everything they had in Saturday night's fire.

"Stories of narrow escapes and stirring adventures come in with every group of weary fighters. In a tunnel of the old War Eagle mine, on Placer creek, seven miles from Wallace, forty-one men under Forest Ranger Pulaski were packed tightly together to escape a sheet of flame that swept down the

PLOT OVERTHROW OF KING MANUEL

Portuguese Newspapers Claim Clerical Party Is Planning Revolution

REGIMENTS JOIN MOVEMENT

Propose to Stamp Out Republicans and Establish Military Dictatorship

(Associated Press) LISBON, Aug. 21.—The newspapers today print alarming reports of an alleged plot of the clerical party for the overthrow of the Portuguese government and the establishment of a military dictatorship.

The Seculo says the clerical party's strong and growing dissatisfaction with the liberal policy of the government has culminated in the organization of a revolution to overthrow the administration, seize its members and set up a military dictatorship, the first object of which will be to stamp out the Republicans.

El Mundo says that several regiments have joined the movement and the duke of Oporto, the heir apparent to the Portuguese throne, while at the Casino at Cascaes last night was apprised of this fact and took refuge in the fortress.

King Manuel is at Bussaco mountain, near Coimbra.

The government is greatly disturbed over the intense activity of the Republicans in preparing for the general elections next Sunday.

FIND ARMS STORED

The candidates for office have entered every constituency in the country. The authorities have searched the homes of a number of Republicans and have found stores of arms and ammunition.

It is known that a quantity of rifles and revolvers are being smuggled into the country along the Spanish frontier, and that the Republicans now are well armed.

No explanation has been vouchsafed by the government as to why it considers the papal nuncio at Lisbon, Mgr. Dr. J. Font, objectionable. The semi-official communication published Saturday said the Portuguese charge d'affaires to the Vatican had explained the situation to the pope.

Despite the silence of the government it is understood the trouble between it and Mgr. Font had its origin in the campaign of clericals following the government's censuring the archbishop of Braga for suppressing a paper without submitting the matter to the government, and for the alleged difficulties in the way of the appointment of an ambassador to the Vatican.

Forest fires are spreading rapidly in the Pend Oreille country, especially around Newport, Wash.

Reports reaching here say Newport itself is in flames but this is impossible, as yet, to verify.

REPORT 80 LIVES LOST IN WEST MONTANA FIRES

BUTTE, Mont., Aug. 21.—Ten railroad bridges of the Chicago, Milwaukee & Puget Sound railroad tonight were reported burned out in western Montana, and traffic on the line is tied up for at least 10 days.

Arrangements are being made to detour all Puget sound trains over the Great Northern. Considerable rolling stock of the railroad is stalled at various points in the fire zone, but no word as to how many have been lost in western Montana, and traffic on the line is tied up for at least 10 days.

Scattering reports, in the nature of rumors, sent over the wire by telegraph operators at different points in the fire district, would indicate that about 80 lives have been lost in western Montana, but this is impossible of verification at the present time.

All Northern Pacific and Burlington overland trains tonight were ordered routed between Butte, Helena and Spokane over the Great Northern tracks, via Great Falls, because of the number of fires west of Missoula, where the flames are approaching close to the railroad right of way.

Northern Pacific trains from the west tonight are reported as indefinitely held up at Great Falls, where clouds of smoke rolled over Butte today from the west, it being necessary to light all lights at 7 o'clock.

WALLACE GIVEN HEAVY VOTE IN TULARE COUNTY

LOS ANGELES Candidate for Lieutenant Gov. Has 748 Total

FRESNO, Aug. 21.—Tulare county returns from Tuesday's primary election, one precinct lacking, shows: For lieutenant governor—B. L. Farner 367, Ferris 101, Keesling 161, Wallace 748.

For secretary of state—Jordan 409, Morrow 130, Mouser 71, O'Brien 529, Wagner 239.

For clerk supreme court—Bemis 274, Coughley 190, Fitzgerald 167, Taylor 707.

For superintendent of printing—McDonald 162, Phillips 139, Richardson 169, Shannon 172, Smart 96, Thorpe 134.

For United States senator—Meserve 217, Spalding 350, Works 761.

MADERA GIVES WAGNER SAFE LEAD IN ELECTION

FRESNO, Aug. 21.—The complete official vote for secretary of state from Madera county follows: Jordan 117, Morrow 49, Mouser 18, O'Brien 78, Wagner 130.

No preliminary count of votes for state officials was made in Madera county. An official count is now being made by the supervisors, but this will not be completed before Monday.

CHILD BURNS TO DEATH

SAN DIEGO, Aug. 21.—The 4-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Haley of Julian was burned to death in a fire which destroyed the family home this afternoon.

AMUSEMENTS LOS ANGELES THEATRE VAUDEVILLE

ANOTHER GREAT BILL COMMENCING MATINEE TODAY

A BUNCH OF ROLLICKING RAG-TIMERS

JOSEPHINE SAXTON AND HER DIXIE KIDS

JOHN FRANCIS O'REILLY MABEL VALENTINE MOREE

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MOROSCO'S BURBANK THEATER Wanted—A Few Men and Women To buy up the remaining seats for this week's performance of THE TALK OF NEW YORK

This will be the last appearance of the Burbank Theater in musical comedy for many months. The seats are going fast. Give yours today. Matinee Saturday and Sunday, 10c, 25c, 50c. Next week—"SALVATION NELL"—Return of A. Byron Henley.

BELASCO THEATER TONIGHT AND ALL THIS WEEK—The Belasco company will offer Hoyt's Biggest farce-comedy success, A Contented Woman

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NEXT WEEK—Commencing Monday Night—NEXT WEEK THE BELASCO COMPANY WILL GIVE BY SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT WITH HENRY MILLER THE FIRST STOCK COMPANY PRODUCTION ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD OF CHARLES RANN KENNEDY'S GREAT PLAY,

THE SERVANT IN THE HOUSE SPECIAL ENGAGEMENT OF MR. HOBART BOSWORTH IN THE ROLE OF MANSON (BY PERMISSION OF THE SELIG POLYSCOPE COMPANY).

SEATS FOR THE SERVANT IN THE HOUSE GO ON SALE THIS MORNING. This is another of the Belasco's BLUE RIBBON \$1000 a week royalty plays, but there is no advance upon the regular Belasco prices.

If you want to see "The Servant in the House" you'll have to get your seats at once, as this great play will be given for one week only.

MASON OPERA HOUSE TONIGHT and balance of week; matinee Saturday only Opening attraction for Season 1910-1911. Frederic Thompson presents THE SPENDTHRIFT

WHICH DORIS MITCHELL and a notable cast of players. Prices—50c to \$1.50. Seats now on sale. Next Week—Henrietta Crossman in "Anti-Matrimony." Seats Thursday.

LYMPIC THEATER ALPHON and FARGO offer "POLITICAL FOLLIES," a musical satire. Featuring OLIE MACK and JULES MENDEL, with music 10c, 20c, 25c.

BASEBALL—Pacific Coast League SACRAMENTO VS. LOS ANGELES—Wednesday, August 17; Thursday, August 18; Saturday, August 20; Sunday, August 21; Monday, August 22, at Chutes Park. 2:30 p. m. Friday, August 19, at Vernon. 2:30 p. m., Sunday, August 21, at Vernon. 10:30 a. m. Ladies' day every day except Saturday, Sunday and holidays. Kids' day Saturday.

CANADIAN CLUB HOLDS SUCCESSFUL PARK PICNIC The Canadian club of Los Angeles held its annual picnic at Echo park Saturday, August 20. The attendance was large. After partaking of a generous lunch the picnickers were entertained with speeches and a good program of sports. The principal speaker was Rev. R. Renison.

OFFERS \$40,000 TO AVIATORS PARIS, Aug. 21.—The Journal announces an offer of a prize of \$40,000 for an air race from Paris, through Brussels to London, in 1911.