

FIRES ENVELOP WHOLE TOWN OF WALLACE, IDAHO

Telephone Operator Sends Messages Until Flames Compel Him to Abandon Post Women and Children Are Rushed Out on Trains and Escape Death

Conditions at Mullan Are Similar, but Wires Are Down and Details Lacking

MISSOULA, Mont., Aug. 20.—Wallace, Idaho, is doomed. At 10:30 o'clock tonight the whole town was on fire. The flames were first communicated to the south end of the town from the forest fires.

The last words of the telephone operator were that the fire was within 15 feet of him and that he had to run for his life.

Women and children were rushed out on a special train over the Oregon railway and navigation line, and it is thought that no lives were lost.

The Western Union telegraph company lost all its wires to Wallace at 9:20 p. m., Pacific coast time.

Flames Surround Towns At 6 o'clock tonight the mayor ordered the chief of police to impress into service every able-bodied man in Wallace.

Some refused, and were either jailed or run out of town. The nearest fires were then within a mile and the wind was rising.

Conditions at Mullan were similar to those at Wallace, which was surrounded on all sides by fires, and many of the residents were terrified.

It was said that the falling barometer indicates only wind.

The fires have reached Stevens peak, near Mullan, and a telephone message from there stated that they were approaching by leaps and bounds.

The Mullan fire department was in the street ready to stop incipient fires.

Telegraphers Leave Wires At 11:15 p. m. communication with Wallace was impossible, as telegraph and telephone operators had left their posts.

The Northern Pacific division officials at Missoula had a wire to Wallace but were unable to learn details.

The O. R. & N. and Northern Pacific were rushing people out of town in the direction of Kellogg and Gardner as fast as possible.

Extent of Fire Unknown The forestry officials here are still in ignorance as to the cause or extent of the fire.

The latest bulletin issued by the local officers was that the town was safe. This was timed 8 o'clock.

The Postal telegraph company ordered its operator when he left his office at Wallace to cut in farther down the line and a report from him is expected later.

Shortly after 11 o'clock the district officials of the forestry service were notified that the little town of Libby in Northern Montana was in imminent danger.

Town of Loyaltan Saved RENO, Aug. 20.—The forest fire which threatened the town of Loyaltan, Cal., this morning is practically under control and did not come closer to the city than a mile and a half.

The intense heat compelled the residents and the employees of the lumber mills to the town of Loyaltan, Cal., to leave their homes and the huge lumber piles.

Fortunately the wind favored the fire fighters and the country between the town and the fire line being thinly wooded made the efforts of the fire fighters practically easy.

Millions of feet of sawed lumber was in danger at one time, as well as many homes on the outskirts of the city.

Grass Valley Seems Safe GRASS VALLEY, Aug. 20.—The great forest fire which for several days has raged east of this city is believed to be under control this afternoon.

though a strong wind might cause it to start afresh. More than 2,500 acres of land have been burned over. The fire at Mount Oro is still burning.

Forest Rangers Rescued KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., Aug. 20.—Telephone messages from Mount Oro, Cal., today state that six of the forest rangers, for whose safety there have been fears, have been accounted for.

There is still one missing, however. The fire situation is a little better today because of the absence of wind.

Student's Fast Is Now Forty-six Days Old

Has Lost Forty-six Pounds While Subsisting on Water

DENVER, Aug. 20.—Rowland Miller, a young student of this city, has not tasted food for 46 days. Water he drinks in great quantities. He intends not to eat for 10 days more.

Suffering from catarrh and being too poor, he says, to obtain professional medical attention, Miller decided to fast himself into health.

He came to Colorado a year ago from Wisconsin, in the hope of bettering his physical condition.

The young man weighed 148 pounds at the beginning of his heroic treatment, and up to now has lost 46 pounds. He was quite strong and able to be about until a few days ago.

Victim of Death Fast Pact Formerly a Clergyman

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 20.—From a story of many threads, secured from Alice Griffin, 16 years old, the authorities have discovered that John Irving O'Neil, who died today as the result of a religious death fast pact, was formerly a Baptist minister of Dallas, Tex.

O'Neil first met Mrs. Nellie E. Boyle, with whom he was living, in Jersey City. He converted her to the Holy Roller faith. As a result of the prolonged fast her condition is serious.

The woman bears traces of refinement. The condition of the girl is the most grave of the four persons found in a bungalow in Arroyo Seco yesterday, and as a result it is difficult to secure a connected story.

She refers to her father as a detective for one of the eastern railroads, and it is evident that she had been with the couple since leaving the east.

The officials say tonight that Dr. George A. Griffin, a Brooklyn, optician, is an uncle of Alice Griffin.

With J. E. Butler, an old man, also party to the pact and very ill, the three occupied a bungalow in what has been discovered to be a Holy Roller colony.

The members of this colony have assumed an attitude which hampers the authorities in learning much about O'Neil and his companions.

It is admitted, however, that much fasting has been indulged in, but this is the first case where death has been invited.

O'Neil refused to partake of food and died with a smile on his face. The others are more pliable to the wishes of the authorities, but recovery in any of the cases is doubtful.

NAVY TO TEST OIL BURNERS THIS WEEK

Official Experiments With New Boiler Planned

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 20.—Tests are to be conducted at Bayonne, N. J., next week of a navy type of boiler burning oil fuel, representing the kind that are to be placed in the battleships Arkansas and Wyoming.

This is practically the only opportunity the naval engineers will have to obtain direct information as to the use of oil fuel in connection with the boiler adopted for burning both coal and oil on battleships.

The navy department will be represented at the test by Commander Charles W. Dyson, Lieutenant Commander J. K. Robison, and Lieutenant H. C. Dinger of the bureau of steam engineering.

CONSTRUCTOR CAPPS TO INSPECT NAVY YARDS

Chief of Navy Bureau Coming to Pacific Coast

WASHINGTON, Aug. 20.—Chief Constructor Washington L. Capps of the navy will leave Washington next week for a long inspection trip which will not be concluded until late in September.

He will proceed first to the Pacific coast, where he will inspect the navy yards at Mare Island and Bremerton and the private ship building yards at San Francisco and Seattle.

"INFLUENCE" NOT USED IN PERRIN CASE

Attorney A. P. Black Declares There Was No Wrong Motive Back of Prosecution Lawyer Says Snell Took \$8,000 Bribe and Swore to False Document

Senator Stone's investigation into the administration of the criminal law arrived at its reputed—and denied—destination yesterday, but with no more success than attended the bootless expedition of the famous old Mother Hubbard.

For the Roosevelt cupboard, which the senator from Missouri tapped, was found to be bare of any inspiration for the prosecution of Dr. E. B. Perrin, Assistant United States Attorney A. P. Black was the sole witness examined during the day, and it was to him that Stone put his questions.

"Was any influence exerted on you by any person to press the indictment or prosecution of Doctor Perrin?" Stone asked of Black.

"No," answered Black. "No more than in any other case."

"Was there any word from the president?" (Roosevelt).

"No."

Hitchcock Interested "Was there any word from the secretary of the interior?"

"Nothing," beyond that Burns said that Secretary Hitchcock was very much interested in breaking up the land frauds in the west.

"What was said in the way of urging by the department of justice?"

"Nothing at all prior to the return of the indictment."

"Did Burns say anything about Senator Morgan's attitude?"

"I have no recollection," replied Black, "of any mention of Senator Morgan."

That did for the morning session, but in the afternoon Senator Stone returned to the cupboard and rapped a few more times at its bare shelves.

"Did Burns say to the grand jury that he had returned from Oyster Bay and the president (Roosevelt) said 'Perrin ought to be indicted'?" asked Stone.

"No," answered Black, "not to my knowledge."

"Did you hear Burns say anything to the grand jury to the effect that the president, the secretary of the interior or any one wanted a conviction—or trying to make a showing that officials wanted an indictment?"

"No," said Black. "I heard rumors that some such statement had been made."

"Did you consider that an important factor?" continued Stone.

"No; it was not important at all, only in regard to the Washington transactions of Benson, to which Burns testified."

Black stated that Burns did not talk to the trial jurors or have anything to do with them.

"He procured the men we had to watch the jury, but had nothing to do with it," he said.

Heney Mentioned The name of William J. Burns figured rather largely in the investigation yesterday and the name of Francis J. Heney was also introduced through the reading of part of a report of George C. Hunt, a special agent of the land office, who worked on the Perrin case and expressed belief in Perrin's innocence.

Barclay Henley, attorney for the "prosecution," undertook to show that Charles P. Snell, Perrin's nemesis, had been engaged by Perrin as an attorney, a fact Snell denied on the witness stand.

To contradict that allegation Black read from the Hunt report, on which the "prosecution" placed great reliance, to the effect that "Perrin had employed F. J. Heney when Bolton was his attorney, merely to get Heney's protection in the Benson case. Heney is Perrin's brother in law."

EXCITEMENT IN CLOSING HOURS OF THE VOTING

Fair Candidates for Regent of Admission Day Festival Watch the Count Scene at the St. Francis Is One of the Utmost Interest

Marked with the keenest rivalry and intense excitement was the final count in the contest for queen of the Admission day festival, and, though the balloting had not closed up to shortly before midnight last night, the expectations were that Miss Grace Smith would ultimately win and be proclaimed queen of California.

She had a big lead, but Miss Lillian Jordan, her closest rival, was known to be holding back her votes for the day, and there was a belief at the last moment she would turn the scale for victory for herself.

The voting took place in the tapestry room of the St. Francis hotel, which was packed from end to end. The evening was one of intense excitement.

None knew until the very last moment who would be declared the winner, and the uncertainty added zest to the proceedings.

Fifteen pretty young women with wrinkled brows shot constant glances at their respective managers, inquiring as to the next best step to be taken, and as the voting proceeded and the contest began to be limited to a few wrinkles of some changed to looks of regret and disappointment and in others to half smiles of expectancy.

Each of the candidates was accompanied by her manager and a coterie of young men and women who, at opportune times, went forth and scurried up votes. Balloting lasted all during the evening. Every now and then, some candidate would come in with a few thousand votes, which would be the instant signal for the others to use every endeavor to make up the lost ground.

Though Miss Jordan was the leader on the board, Miss Smith was regarded as a possible victor. The reason for this lay in the fact that Miss Jordan turned in the greater part of her vote for the evening at the beginning of the balloting, while Miss Smith held back.

The sole question that was as to whether the latter had enough of her secret votes to beat Miss Jordan's big majority. Opinion on the subject was divided, and as the hours went by the interest centered on these two.

Holding Back Votes It became palpably evident before long that many of the candidates were holding back their votes, ready to throw them forward at the last moment.

Until 10:30 o'clock in the evening Miss Jordan was far and away in the lead. She started with it, but as the hours progressed Miss Grace Smith pressed her closely and the knowledge that any one of the candidates was likely to make a radical change in the situation gave to the proceedings an interest and excitement which straight voting would have failed to produce.

This was exemplified shortly after 10 o'clock, when Miss Grace Schultz leaped to second place with a vote of 50,444. Despite the large crowd the excitement was so keen that, in the main, the hall was swept by a great silence.

In the center of the room was a large blackboard on which the votes were displayed.

Fifteen Contestants The contestants, 15 in number, were: Miss E. Johnson, Miss J. Bolger, Miss J. Shultz, Miss A. Gallagher, Miss H. Landers, Miss E. Marsky, Miss A. Donnelly, Miss J. Mantor, Miss L. Peterson, Mrs. J. Weeks, Miss L. Jordan, Miss A. Gillilan and Miss L. Ballard.

Miss Jordan, with 96,761, led the board and at 10:30 p. m. increased her lead to 98,996. At that time her nearest competitor was Miss Schultz, with Miss Peterson third. Despite Miss Jordan's lead, the manner in which the vote fluctuated left an impression that the others were holding back and were likely to outdistance her at any time.

National Parlor Headquarters National parlor No. 118 of the Native Sons of the Golden West, which during the celebration of the golden anniversary of the admission of the state, had its headquarters in the Techau auditorium and broke all records at that time for entertaining, has secured for the festival this year the red room and the ballroom of the Fairmont, where it proposes to entertain in a manner that will excel any previous effort.

The parlor will parade 150 members in a new uniform being made for permanent use by a local tailoring establishment. It is of dark green, military cut, with military cap of the same color set off with gold braid. Each member will wear a beautiful badge. The following program for headquarters has been adopted:

Thursday, September 8—Night at home, banquet for members and ladies.

Friday—General reception to the public after the parade; evening, reception to friends, admission by card only.

Saturday—Afternoon at 2 o'clock, reception to visiting members and others. Evening, musical ball. At each reception there will be music and refreshments.

MILK INSPECTOR CAUSES ARREST—Alameda, Aug. 20.—Mrs. Mary Paulson, proprietor of a store at 929 Central avenue, was arrested this morning by Detective G. H. Brown on a complaint sworn to by Dr. Tom Carpenter, city milk inspector. Mrs. Paulson is charged with having offered impure milk for sale.

Regal Honor Sought Eager to Be Queen



Miss Grace Smith, who is ahead of all competitors in the race for the honor of being Queen California during the Admission day festival.

KATHERINE ELKINS MAY BECOME GREECE'S QUEEN

ROME, Aug. 20.—Should Miss Elkins become the wife of the duke of the Abruzzi she is likely to be Queen Katherine of Greece.

The strong opposition on the part of the Italian royal family to her marriage with the duke of the Abruzzi has been successfully overcome, due chiefly to the duke's devotion to the handsome Miss Elkins. Their open courtship has been resumed at Vichy, where daily they are seen together.

Now comes from the great political powers of Europe the secret of the withdrawal of the objections by Italian royalty to the marriage of the cousin of the king to an American girl.

The duke of the Abruzzi is a possible successor to the throne of Italy. He was willing to renounce his right of succession in order to marry Miss El-

kins; but it is understood that Miss Elkins would not hear of such action. But since then, in fact, in the last few weeks, it has become very probable that the duke of the Abruzzi will be called to the throne of Greece.

As king of Greece the duke would be obliged to renounce his rights of succession to the throne of Italy. The duke, who can confidently promise his bride a throne, has overcome the objections of the Elkins family to his renunciation of his rights and titles, has mollified the royal family and is now openly the devoted slave of the American girl and the announcement of their engagement, from official sources, may be expected in a few days or within a month at the most. It is understood that the wedding will occur in January.

WILSON BROTHERS THREE, GOLD LADEN, ARE JAILED

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Aug. 20.—Dizzy, per-haps overloading his pockets, Elijah H. Wilson, a fruit grower of Hanford, Cal., was locked up at the central district police station last night for safe keeping. Among his burdens was a wallet containing certified checks amounting to \$5,600.

Instead of a cloudy brain and empty pockets, Wilson happily possessed, the reverse today, and before leaving the police headquarters building thanked his hosts for their genuine hospitality.

On Thursday night William and Chad H. Wilson, brothers of Elijah, were prisoners at the same station, also heavily laden with gold coins. They were allowed to go yesterday morning.

When Elijah lost his brothers he started out sightseeing. He was near union station, declaiming on the cheapness of paper and silver currency, when the police found him.

LEGISLATURE PROBABLY WILL MEET SEPTEMBER 7

SACRAMENTO, Aug. 20.—A call for an extra session of the state legislature to decide whether California shall be bonded for \$7,000,000 to help secure the Panama-Pacific exposition in 1915 for San Francisco will be issued early next week, probably on Monday, and the date of the session, it is believed, will be September 7. Governor Gillett has received the proposed constitutional amendments from the exposition people and stated before leaving for Gridley today that there are many legal questions to decide before he can call the special session. It was stated at the capitol that September 7 had been practically decided upon for the meeting day. The legal obstacles will be removed by the governor during Sunday. Attorney General Webb was in conference with the governor on the matter last night.

LILY LANGTRY WILL BE SEEN ON THE STAGE AGAIN

LONDON, Aug. 20.—Lady de Bath, (Lily Langtry) is to return to the stage after an absence of several years. She will appear in a new melodrama at the Drury lane theater.

This announcement has just been definitely made by the management. "We think ourselves very fortunate," said Manager Birch, "that a part in the new autumn drama has been accepted

INSURGENTS TAKE TAFT TO CAMP

National Administration Is Said to Have Surrendered to the Progressives

BLUE PENCIL CUTS OUT FAMOUS WINONA SPEECH

President's Oratorical Effort Is Removed From Campaign Textbook

ONE TIME OUTCASTS OF PARTY IN HIGH FAVOR

Sherman Accused Of "Cooking Up" Convention Vote

UTICA, N. Y., Aug. 20.—At the Saturday afternoon luncheon of the republican league in this city today former Assemblyman Hart, who has just returned from a visit to Colonel Roosevelt in New York, declared that the vote in the state committee that chose Vice President Sherman for temporary chairman of the convention was "cooked up."

In the course of his speech Hart said: "I assert that Sherman knew full well that it was Taft's wish that no move be made toward choosing a temporary chairman without the fullest consultation with Roosevelt. A telegram from Taft to Sherman to this effect appears to have been suppressed, for nothing has been heard of it."

"I ask Sherman if it is not true that in spite of knowing that Roosevelt had shown a willingness to act as temporary chairman, and in the face of Taft's telegram, he personally solicited votes for himself as temporary chairman on Monday night in New York city."

"Sherman, by leading himself to this act of pettifogging politics, and by insisting on holding the appointment as convention chairman, if he can hold it, has allied himself openly with the Woodruff-Barnes element and has threatened the disruption of the party in the state."

[Special Dispatch to The Call] CHICAGO, Aug. 20.—President Taft the national administration and the national congressional committee are reported to have surrendered to the insurgents. The information of The Call correspondent comes from a trustworthy source.

Any insurgent republican candidate for congress can have the aid of both the national administration and the congressional campaign managers by asking for it. The regulars will be accorded the same treatment.

The surrender to the insurgents appears to be complete. This is indicated by official confirmation of the report that the forthcoming campaign text book will not even carry the famous Winona speech of the president. In this celebrated pronouncement the president declared that the tariff law was the best of the kind ever passed by congress. This declaration will not be found in the congressional book as it was penned a few weeks ago by leaders in Washington.

The significant information is also secured that the president is preparing an exhaustive statement for the campaign book to take the place of the Winona speech. It will deal exclusively with the work of the last congress.

This is what is holding up the text book, according to reliable information. The book is also being held up to await the completion of the president's new foreword on the republican situation in this country at this time.

Of little less sensational significance than the expunging of the Winona speech from the text book is the decision to incorporate speeches from some of the insurgents.

False, Says Roosevelt OYSTER BAY, Aug. 20.—Theodore Roosevelt denied emphatically today that he had sent an ultimatum to President Taft demanding that the president break with Vice President Sherman.

Roosevelt's attention was called to a report that Lloyd C. Griscom, chairman of the New York republican committee, was to go to the summer white house next week "to carry the terms of peace between Beverly and Sagamore hill."

The report had it that Sherman was chiefly responsible for the action of the state committee in refusing to select Roosevelt as temporary chairman of the New York state republican convention.