

WORST FIRES IN A DECADE IN MONTANA

Situation in Flathead District Now Seems Hopeless--Governor at Libby.

(By United Press Leased Wire.) HELENA, Mont., Aug. 22.—The worst fires in the history of Montana for the decade are burning in various parts of the state today. A few settlements are endangered and communication with some parts of the state is cut off as the wires are down. At midnight when the wires went down, the situation in the Flathead district was reported hopeless. The fires were spreading rapidly and new ones had broken out. In the Bitter Root valley fires

are sweeping the timbered regions. A high wind is driving a fire deep into the Gallatin forest, seven miles west of Bozeman. The fire had crossed over Mount Ellis and is invading a valuable timber region. If this fire is not checked timber along the border of the Yellowstone National Park will be endangered soon. Governor Norris left for Libby last night. It is believed he will take personal charge of the fire fighters who were battling against the dangerous blaze which threatened Libby since Friday.

WANTS MAYOR TO BE MATRIMONIAL BUREAU

Because she is a widow, is without means, wants a western man and doesn't mind trying a novel way to get him, Mrs. Bonnie Scott, of Indianapolis, has asked the mayor to perform the part of a matrimonial bureau. Her letter, which is self explanatory, follows: "Hope you will pardon me for this letter. But for the fun of it I am going to see what this will bring me. At the same time, I mean business. Please do not think there are no nice men in Indiana. But I have always had the desire to have

a man from the west. Will now give you a description of myself: weigh 130, brown hair and black eyes, height 5 feet 5 inches, age 30. I have no means whatever. I prefer a man with means. I have been married and am well experienced in housekeeping and know I could make the right man happy. Will you please hand this letter to one of your daily papers to be published. I hope some time that I will be able to do the same for you. Truly yours, Mrs. Bonnie Scott, 3115 Indianapolis avenue, Indianapolis, Ind.

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BODIES FOUND

rounding Wallace, as a result of fires which are still raging throughout the Coeur d'Alene district.

THE DEAD.

J. G. Boyd of Wallace, suffocated by smoke.

Six fire fighters from the crew of Ranger Bell, unidentified; working on Big creek of the St. Joe.

One dead unidentified man belonging to the crew of Ranger Danielson, working on Stevens creek.

From all sections of the burning district for 80 miles around comes the report of many missing.

The injured list, mostly fire fighters, will reach, according to the statement of W. R. Weigle, forest superintendent of the Coeur d'Alenes, over 100, many of whom have been stricken blind and others with broken limbs.

THE INJURED.

Among the list of body injured from the flames are:

A. R. Sullivan, totally blind, right arm broken, may lose right hand.

Tony Varich, totally blind, body badly burned.

J. E. Webb, burned about body.

J. Bickey, hands, face and feet badly burned.

John Blitten, right arm burned so badly that it will have to be amputated.

George Stewart, totally blind.

P. W. Sullivan, will probably lose both hands.

T. Gayers, face terribly burned.

William Christianson, a mass of burns from head to foot.

Mike Darrick, totally blind, burned about the face and neck, will probably die.

Robert McGinnis, badly burned about the head, shoulders and hands.

Charles Ryan, face and hands terribly burned.

Ben Smith, hands, face and head badly burned.

Thomas Noonan, burned about the hands and face.

M. J. Carrahan, badly burned.

W. J. Juergens, hands and face terribly burned.

Anton Conyar, hands and face terribly burned.

C. W. Fleming, totally blind.

Jack Plinn, blind.

Herbert Brown, hands and legs badly burned.

George Carrigan, feet burned badly; will be crippled for life.

Edmond Hickman, face terribly burned; nose completely burned off.

OFFICIAL STATEMENT.

In an official statement made by Superintendent Weigle this morning, he said:

"All crews are hopelessly lost and those who are not dead are being taken care of in the three Wallace hospitals—the Wallace, Providence and Hope.

"Ranger Edward Gulaski, who was working with a crew of 80 men on the west fork of Placer creek, reports that six men are dead, five of whom smothered while seeking refuge in the War Eagle tunnel. The remainder of the crew were compelled to find safety in the creek, where for nearly five hours they stood with only their heads above water.

"Ranger Bell reports 12 men dead

COLORED PEOPLE ARE INDIGNANT

Protest Against Sullivan's Lack of Action Against Vicious Element.

The law abiding colored people of Spokane are up in arms over the protection of the vicious element of their race by the police. A good percent of the colored voters supported Mayor Pratt, under the belief that he represented law and order. Soon after John T. Sullivan was appointed acting chief of police a committee visited him and asked that the portions of the east end of the city where numerous colored families reside be freed from bad characters. Nothing has been done and conditions now are much worse than they were when the present administration took hold. The lawless element, finding that crime was permitted to go unchecked, unless for personal or other reasons the police might occasionally make an arrest, have flocked into the city and take more liberties now than at any time for years back.

The other day, after Lou Wells, a colored woman who conducted a hop joint in Dennis & Bradley's addition, was arrested, Detective Edwards testified that he came into possession of her private memorandum containing the names of all the colored "hop" fiends of the city. The amounts each one had consumed or the amount owing was there; also the names of the dealers and a complete exposition of the "hop" trade among the colored people of the city. Mrs. Wells forfeited her bond and was released, and no arrests have been made since. The names of 50 "hop" users were in the book, it is said.

A colored woman has opened a resort on Second avenue. There are neighbors around that have time and again reported this house to the police but the officer on the beat passes to and fro and nothing is done.

On the witness stand in the police court Chester Edwards, detective, testified that he had called Marie Taylor, colored dive keeper, on the phone and said that he knew her resort was filled with men soliciting business for the women. Edwards said that Bill Lewelling was the only one they were after; and that if Marie did not surrender Bill the police would pull her whole house. The Taylor woman gave up Lewelling, but none of the others.

In the police court Lewelling was fined \$100 and given 30 days, but the fact that he had written certain letters to a white girl called Sunshine was the occasion for his sentence.

FLEEING TO LA GRANDE FOR SAFETY

(By United Press Leased Wire.) LA GRANDE, Ore., Aug. 22.—Homesteaders living 10 miles south of La Grande are fleeing to this city to escape a forest fire which, springing up yesterday, has swept over a large area of forest and destroyed eight homesteads. Many mountaineers and large bands of sheep and cattle are endangered. The largest fires are at the headwaters of Ladd and Rock Creek.

TRAFFIC BLOCKED

(By United Press Leased Wire.) HELENA, Mont., Aug. 22.—With flames ravaging towns and timber throughout western Montana, the fire situation is the most serious that this state has ever been called upon to face. Every hour brings news of some new outbreak. All telegraph and telephone communication with the west is cut off, and before night it is probable that the Northern Pacific, Great Northern and St. Paul roads will be completely blocked between Helena and the Idaho line. The losses will aggregate many millions.

FOR MILES THE FOREST IS ONE GREAT FURNACE

LEWISTON, Idaho, Aug. 22.—The Clearwater national forest reserve is again the mercy of the flames, according to reports received here today by Forest Supervisor Fenn. High winds of the past 24 hours have rendered the work of the

LATEST FIRE BULLETINS

Here are the latest afternoon bulletins on the great fire situation: A report that a train load of 42 refugees and nine nurses were burned to death near Wallace, while on a Northern Pacific train, is denied at Northern Pacific and other railroad headquarters. No word of any railroad disaster has been received in this city. The O. R. & N. railroad reports that the fires are dying down along their route, but raging fiercely on the Northern Pacific route. It is thought that Wallace is out of danger. Newport is still threatened, but a big force of fire fighters are confident of preventing the town from being burned.

Odd and Ends

"THEN IT HAPPENED"

(Our Daily Discontinued Story.)



"Believe me, I am all the stuff with the ladies," gushed Henry Henkennius, as he meandered up the ballroom to the prettiest peach on the promenade. "Better steer clear of her," whispered one of Henry's few male friends. "That big mug over in the corner there is her beau." "Pooh, pooh," responded Henry. "Leaving over the fair maid in question, Henry bellowed in her ear, to wit, as follows: "Lady Bird, you look awful good to me." "Let's trot to a secluded corner," Honey Bunch, and hold hands awhile." "Huh?" yelled the Big Mug, looming over Henry like a mountain over an ant hill. (The End.)

These new hobble skirts are causing a deal of embarrassment as well as amusement. The skirts fit so tightly around the ankles that the poor girls are having hard times to get on and off street cars. When the wearer of this new-fangled piece of wearing apparel steps on to a car platform, the skirt necessarily has to rise at the same time in a quite embarrassing manner. Women on the cars who are not wearing hobble skirts remark that they can't see how anyone could wear such a thing, and the men blush and smile to themselves.

"Are you going to Reno for your divorce?" "I can't. My husband is there." "In Reno?" "Yes. He went there to see the fight and can't get away. It's awfully provoking."

Indolence is the mother of good intentions that never bear fruit.

HARRINGTON, Wash.—A new addition has been made to the list of pets owned by Harrington children. Ruth and Hazel Strickler were given a little pig, and it follows them most everywhere they go.

Ambition is the alarm clock that causes a man to rise to the occasion.

MOLINE, Ill.—Hundred white residents of South Moline are seeking five negroes, who attacked a white girl; police already have rescued several negroes from lynching by the mob.

COPENHAGEN.—Claim made at a meeting of the Medical Society of Lund, Sweden, that tuberculosis of the larynx has been successfully treated by use of sodium iodide and inhalation of ozone.

DENVER.—Mrs. Emma Frieberg commits suicide because of family's straitened circumstances.

LATE NEWS BULLETINS

(BY UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.) NEVADA CITY, Cal., Aug. 22.—Fire gained a foothold today in the Tahoe forest and miles of heavy timber land are being swept by a great conflagration, according to a message received here today. The plant of the Bullion mine, near Forest Hill, Placer county, was destroyed. A force of 150 men is fighting the flames and help is needed. It is rumored that the Forest Hill fire was started by an incendiary. MEDFORD, Ore., Aug. 22.—If the wind should switch from the west to the south with the present fires raging near Ashland, there would be great danger of the town burning, according to Chief Ranger Gribble, who is directing the fight near that city. In order that the people of Ashland might understand the seriousness of the situation the city fire alarm was sounded this morning and soon the square in front of the city hall was crowded. NEW YORK, Aug. 22.—The police are reported today looking for a man who shot four persons at the Sixth avenue entrance to Central Park. Two of the victims are said to be in serious condition. Two shots were apparently fired from the ambush of some bushes near the entrance to the park.

COMPANY OF COLORED TROOPS ARE MISSING

(By United Press Leased Wire.) MISSOULA, Mont., Aug. 22.—A relief train left here this afternoon for Borax, Idaho, east of Wallace, to locate a company of colored troops.

NO FIGHT PICTURES HERE

Louis J. Berger of New York City, secretary of the fight picture promoting company, has received a positive and official assurance from Mayor Pratt that no Rockefeller's portion is \$1,620,000.

Reno pictures will be allowed on exhibition in Spokane. A request from Berger was received this morning and the following reply was sent at noon today: "L. J. Berger, New York. Dear sir—in answer to your inquiry of August 18 the mayor directs me to say 'No.' Very truly yours, M. E. Jessep, Secretary to the Mayor."

NEW YORK.—Standard Oil trust declares a dividend of \$6 a share on its 1,000,000 shares. John D. Rockefeller's portion is \$1,620,000.

CROOKED WORK LOOMS IN SENATORIAL FIGHT

Corporations and Liquor Men Unite to Down Popular Will--Concede Poindexter at Primaries.

Developments in the senatorial fight in the last day or two go to confirm the belief that a movement is on foot by the reactionary forces to sweep aside the popular choice for United States senator and throw the election into the legislature, regardless of what may be in the primaries.

The information has passed down the line that the "barrel," which one of the senatorial candidates was expected to open will be reserved and spent in the election of certain candidates for the legislature.

The nomination of Poindexter in the primaries is a foregone conclusion, and the fight is to capture the legislature, if enough candidates can be had who will disregard the popular choice pledge and take orders from the machine.

Candidates who are willing to stand for this program have already been found in some of the districts in the city of Spokane and the word passed down the line to nominate these men.

In this combination to capture the legislature, the corporations, chiefly consisting of the railroads, have united forces with the Royal Arch, the organization of the liquor men. The railroads want the sen-

ator, the liquor men the defeat of any more hostile temperance legislation.

This combination is a strong one and it will take hard work for the balance of the voters to break it. The only way it can be broken is for the people to stand together for certain candidates in the primaries, and see that they are men that no special interests can approach.

PASADENA, Cal.—Attendance of 12,000 is expected at Pasadena day picnic at Long Beach.

- At 12:00 today 14 men outside a Riverside avenue hotel.
- Eleven were reading a copy of a Spokane daily paper.
- Ten were reading noon editions of a daily paper.
- Nine were reading the noon edition of The Press.
- One was reading a noon edition of another afternoon paper.
- One was reading a morning paper.
- One man was dozing.
- The other two were not reading.

41 MEN BURY THEMSELVES TO ESCAPE FIRE DEMON

In a tunnel of the old War Eagle mine, seven miles from Wallace, Idaho, 41 men under Forest Ranger Pulaski were packed tightly together yesterday to escape a sheet of flame that swept down the gulch. They huddled the ground and buried their faces in the mud on the floor of tunnel until the fire swept by, and then, half mad from the heat, they ran and threw themselves into the creek. Five were left dead in the tunnel, and another, cut off from the crew, was found burned to a cinder. "I don't see how we ever got out of the tunnel alive," said Charles Hickman of Leeds, S. D., a survivor. "Even the stones were so hot after the fire had gone by that we could not touch them, and had to wallow in the water of the creek. When I got up to leave the tunnel I was nearly crazy with the heat, and my partner, named Clark, was unconscious. He has not been found. We drank of the warm creek water, and it made us all sick."

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Boys' \$1.25 School Pants 65¢	\$1.50 to \$2 Pillows, each 98¢	\$6.00 to \$12.50 Fur Muffs and Scarfs \$2.95	65c 72x90 Sheets 47¢
\$2.50 to \$6 Furs 98¢	\$3.50 to \$5.00 Misses' Skirts \$2.45	\$1.50 to \$2 Petticoats 98¢	20c Pillow Cases 15¢
\$3.50 Men's Pants, all sizes \$1.85	35c Turkish Towels, each 19¢	75c to 90c Men's Shirts 53¢	\$2.50 and \$3 boys' solid leather School Shoes \$1.79
\$1.00 dozen School Napkins 3 1-2¢	\$2.00 to \$3.00 Bedspreads \$1.48	\$1.00 Men's Union Suits 39¢	\$5.00 Boys' Fine Suits \$2.95
3c and 5c School Handkerchiefs, each 1¢	15c and 18c Ladies' Hose 10¢	50c Men's Neckwear 28¢	\$5 Boys' Overcoats \$1.95
\$1.75 Boys' School Shoes \$1.29	35c to 45c child's underwear 23¢	\$2.00 large 12-4 Cotton Blankets \$1.29	25c and 35c Misses' Hose 23¢
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