

THE LIMIT REACHED--COUNCIL OR PEOPLE MUST END PRESENT REIGN OF MISRULE

And now two more men have forfeited their lives in the riot of incompetency, mismanagement, extravagance and dishonesty that has marked the course of the present city administration for the past 14 months. With the recent water famine, due to jugged and belated water extensions; the Monroe street bridge farce, the Sprague avenue fill abomination, and last but not least, the notorious conditions of depravity in the police department, the limit of endurance of misgovernment has been reached.

For two years the Sprague avenue fill has been a menace to life and property. It has hung as a pall over the east end of the city, causing a number of lawsuits, and will cause a great many more—all because an incompetent city administration lacks the foresight and ability to extricate itself from the abyss into which it has fallen.

How much longer are the people going to stand for this carnival of waste of human life and the squandering of the money wrung from the taxpayers? The city has just been held for \$10,000 damages to the widow of one of the victims of the Washington street bridge. Another widow will probably recover a like sum.

On the Monroe street bridge damage suits from personal injuries, due to one dead and six injured, total over \$167,000. And now the Sprague avenue fill has added its share to the growing list of human sacrifice and wasted resources of the people.

The limit of endurance has been reached in the mismanagement of city affairs. The most direct remedy lies with the city council, and should it fail to exercise it, the council will likewise be held accountable to the people for the suffrage of present conditions, when the day of reckoning comes. Mayor Pratt should step down and out and admit that his career in the city hall is the monumental failure in the city's history. The mayor seems to have lost all control of the situation, and under the advice of ill-starred counselors, has permitted the ship of state to drift with the winds.

The city council can give the people relief by placing new executive heads in the city hall. Should the city council arise to the occasion and meet the demands of the hour it may avert the impending storm that threatens popular vengeance at the polls against every official at the city hall, and which will make a clean sweep from top to bottom.

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FOREST FIRES APPROACH SPOKANE CITY LIMITS POINDEXTER HAS THE PRIZE IN HIS POCKET

FIRES ARE BURNING NEAR HERE

Blaze Along Hangman Creek and On Pleasant Prairie.

A forest fire that broke out yesterday on Hangman creek about two miles south of Manito is still burning today. Fire Chief Myers visited the fire yesterday, which is over two miles from the coast fire hydrant. No danger is anticipated from the fire unless a high wind should blow up from that section.

A woods and prairie fire was reported this morning on Pleasant prairie. Another fire is reported in the big stump area north of the city west of Division street.

For two days the city has been

ALL BUT 25 ARE HEARD FROM

(By United Press Leased Wire) LEWISTON, Idaho, Aug. 26.—All but 25 men out of a total of 500 men employed by the government in fighting forest fires in the Clearwater reserve have been heard from, according to reports received today by Major F. A. Fenn, supervisor of the forest.

The 25 men are believed to be surrounded by fire, but little anxiety is felt for their safety. The missing men compose three parties and each is headed by experienced mountaineers.

The first party is in the vicinity of Oldman's basin, the second is camped on Cook's mountain, between Welton and Cayuse creeks. This party is entirely surrounded by burning forest. The third party is at Sixty-two camp.

GIRL SLEEPS 8 MONTHS

PARIS, Aug. 26.—Mlle. Josephine, a beautiful young woman of Alencon, has been lying in a continuous sleep in the local hospital since last January, and prominent specialists are dumbfounded. In spite of a complete lack of consciousness, the woman speaks in a loud voice and under the influence of auto-suggestion and converses rationally, although quite insensible to the influences of the nervous system.

NAT GOODWIN'S FOURTH WIFE DENIES SHE WANTS DIVORCE

(By United Press Leased Wire.) NEW YORK, Aug. 26.—Back from Europe, Miss Edna Goodrich, fourth wife of Comedian Nat Goodwin, today is busy denying the rumors that she is about to apply for a divorce from her actor-husband.

"There is nothing in the story," she said. "I have been separated from Mr. Goodwin on account of divided theatrical engagements, but I am hurrying to Ocean Park now to meet him."

With Miss Goodrich was her mother, Mrs. Nellie Goodrich, and with her mother were 12 trunks crammed to the covers with gowns and lingerie and Parisian creations and silks from Liberty's. Miss Goodrich was compelled to pay \$500 to the customs officials for the release of her baggage. She and her mother will leave in a short time for Los Angeles, thence going to Nat Goodwin's California seaside home at Ocean Park.

Mountains of Fire Rushing Through Coeur d' Alenes



THE FOREST FIRES IN IDAHO, EAST OF SPOKANE, GAINED SUCH SIZE THAT THEY SPREAD TO THE BITTER ROOT MOUNTAINS AND DOWN THE WHOLE WESTERN BORDER OF MONTANA, DEVASTATING AN IMMENSE DISTRICT. THE PICTURE SHOWS THE FUTILITY OF HUMAN EFFORTS WHEN A FOREST FIRE GAINS GREAT HEADWAY.

SHIP TURNS TURTLE IN MID-OCEAN

(By United Press Leased Wire.) BREMEN, Germany, Aug. 26.—News that the steamer Harvest Queen turned turtle in mid-ocean was brought to port today by the liner Koenigin Louise. All the passengers and members of the crew are safe, having been picked up off the Azores by the Louise, which landed them here today.

Lookouts on the Louise sighted some boats tossing in the heavy seas off Fayal. The steamer lay to, dropping her cutters to the water. On reaching the small craft, the rescuers found some of the passengers huddled together while five members of the crew took turns guiding the boat and watching for passing vessels. Several of the party were delirious from exposure and lack of water.

Some of the other boats from the Harvest Queen had already landed after undergoing great hardships. These were also picked up and brought to Bremen.

Boy Dying; Mother Ill; Will YOU Help Them?

"Papa, I know I'm dying. Mother's sick and I can't live long. Can't you send me a little money?" That was the plea sent by Charles Griffith, a lad of 21, who has been bed-ridden for nearly three years, to his father in Missoula, Mont. Both he and his mother are in destitute circumstances, and absolutely penniless, have neither clothes nor medicine, and would have died of starvation before now had it not been for aid rendered by a friend or two, who have little more than sufficient for themselves. The mother divorced the father—for good and sufficient reasons—nine years ago, and since then he has married again and is living in comparative luxury.

And what reply came to the dying boy?

"I am very sorry, but we have

just come back from our vacation, and spent a good deal of money then, so that we need all that we have now for current expense."

That was the father's answer, and the only reply which he has vouchsafed to continual pleas made by both the son and his former wife.

Mrs. Griffith is rooming at present at 823 1/2 Second avenue, and has been trying to earn a few dollars a week by sewing. But her eyesight has given out, her strength has failed her, her boy is so sick that he needs her tenderest care—and there is no money to purchase medicine and dainties—let alone the plainest and most necessary articles of food.

HASN'T EVEN NIGHT CLOTHES.

Mrs. Minerva Berry, landlady at the house where Mrs. Griffith and her boy are living, has permitted

them to run along in arrears with the rent, but the question of food and medical attendance has yet to be settled. Mrs. Berry offered to call in a doctor a few days ago, but Mrs. Griffith's reply was that the boy didn't even have any night-clothes to put on and besides being ashamed to call in a doctor under such conditions, she had no money to pay him.

The doctors say that the lad has enlarged liver and catarrh of the stomach, and this is augmented by incipient tuberculosis. He has been a clerk at times, but is usually so weak that he can't work. For most of the last three years he has been confined to his room or to his bed. Mrs. Griffith is a wan-faced little woman, not yet 50, with a gentle, sweet appearance, although the lines in her countenance are deep.

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The Ads Are Mighty Interesting Today

Readers will find it profitable to look them over carefully. The ads today tell many interesting things, both in the way of bargains and news of the new things for fall and winter wear. One of Spokane's leading stores is remodeling its building and for this reason offers many tempting bargains. Another is closing out at its present location and offers many attractive specials as a consequence, while still another "has taken the big stick" to all summer goods and offers bargains that will fairly make the mouth of the thrifty housewife water.

Read the ads carefully every day, not alone at this time, for money saving opportunities they present, but also because they are fairly teeming with interesting news about the wearing apparel for the coming season.

TODAY'S LIST OF FOREST FIRE VICTIMS

Official records of the forest service do not include scores of men who have been fighting the forest fires in Washington, Idaho and Montana. This has been proven by the arrival of several parties of fire fighters in this city during the past few days, who have reported concerning parties heretofore unheard of. For this and other reasons the official list of the fire victims probably will never be known, as many a lonely settler and traveler must have perished, leaving no record behind. The list of dead and missing today follows:

Dead:

- U. S. forest employees, Idaho and Montana 100
- Settlers and firefighters, St. Joe valley, Idaho 50
- At Newport, Wash. 3
- At Wallace, Idaho 4
- At Mullan and Spokane 3

The missing:

- Negro soldiers, near Avery 4
- Ranger Halm's party, headwaters of St. Joe 15
- Forest employes in St. Joe valley 25

PROUD OF WORK OF FORESTERS

Gifford Pinchot Says Vast Forest Fire Losses Can Be Prevented.

(By United Press Leased Wire) WASHINGTON, Aug. 26.—"I am proud of the work of the foresters against the western forest fires," said Gifford Pinchot, former chief forester, today. "Many foresters have given their lives to protect homes and settlers in the western forests upon which western prosperity depends. Forest fires are preventable, or nearly always so, and all loss and suffering and death from the fires is wholly unnecessary."

"A forest fire is the same sort of

91,000,000

That Is Probable Present Total Population.

(By United Press Leased Wire) WASHINGTON, Aug. 26.—Completion of the present census will show a population in the United States of between 90,000,000 and 91,000,000, according to the first official statement made by Director E. D. Durand of the census bureau, published today. Adding to this the probable population of the Philippines doubtless will give a total of 100,000,000.

Although it was hoped that the United States proper would reach this total, calculations are far enough advanced now to predict with certainty that the number will be smaller.

"The net gain from immigration," said Durand, "during the last ten years has not been as large as might be supposed. For example, immigration from 1901 to 1907 into the United States was only 6,219,000 in round numbers."

BUCK WINS

(By United Press Leased Wire) ELGIN, Ill., Aug. 26.—D. Buck, driving a Marmon, No. 26, won the Kane trophy race here this afternoon.

Livingstone Lewis, in a National car, won the Illinois trophy. A Benz car, with Hearn at the wheel, won the Fox River trophy.

TRAINMEN KILLED

(By United Press Leased Wire) BOONEVILLE, Mo., Aug. 26.—Engineers Finter and Kuhn and Fireman Frederick were killed and three stockmen seriously injured today in a butting collision between freight trains on the Missouri Pacific railroad near Buckwater.

UNLESS ONE WILSON GRACEFULLY RETIRES

Will Hitchcock Bounce Bricks Off of Wilson's Cranium With Effect?

BY DANA SLEETH. SEATTLE, Aug. 26.—(Staff Special)—"Unless Taft sends Hitchcock or Ballinger here to bounce a brick off the cranium of Wilson until he will quit, Poindexter has this senatorial prize in his pocket."

That's what the old time machine politicians, the bosses of the Piles machine, the deep burrowing wisecracks in the republican party say today about the Washington senatorial situation.

"Ex-Senator Wilson will not quit this fight until the legislature selects a republican for the United States senate," is the official word from the Wilson camp.

"Judge Burke would have withdrawn weeks ago had it not been definitely shown by reports from every part of the state that he was the only hope against Miles Poindexter. But Judge Burke will not go before the legislature unless he receives the plurality vote at the primaries."

That's the last word from the Burke corral. Which means, what? Which means that the shrewd, the shrewdest available political opinion is that Miles Poindexter is

going to get the popular endorsement at the primaries September 13, and that he is going to get it because Wilson persists in fighting a losing fight, and Judge Burke, in

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NEWS THAT HAS NOT HAPPENED YET

Mayor Pratt today arranged for the early completion of the Sprague avenue fill. Acting Chief of Police Sullivan declared that he would adopt the "Golden Rule" policy initiated by Chief Fred Kohler of Cleveland, Ohio.

The Milwaukee and North Coast roads announced to the council today that they have decided to grant terminal rates to Spokane.

The council has solved the dust problem, and will lay the dust on all streets with crude oil imported from California.

The Grand avenue paving job was completed today, after the street had been widened again.

The Northern Pacific announced that it would remove the freight depot to another site, in order that business may extend up Riverside.

The splendid system of street lights will be turned on in all their brilliancy tonight.

GIRL STRIKES; SHIELDED BY UNWRITTEN LAW

(By United Press Leased Wire.) NEW ORLEANS, La., Aug. 26.—Katherine Fritsche, who shot and instantly killed her lover, Frank Mischler, whom she charged with betraying her, attempted to commit suicide today by stabbing herself with a hatpin. The girl thrust the pin through her throat and then tried to pierce her heart. She had been refused permission to look upon the body of Mischler.

The girl shot Mischler following the acquittal of Mamie McLaughlin, who pleaded the "unwritten law" as her defense when tried for the murder of Hugh Smith, a wealthy young man, whom she charged with having betrayed her.

The Playmate, in an editorial today, upholds the "unwritten law" in its proper application for remedying the wrongs of women as well as men. The paper suggests that the "Cudaby-Lillis penalty" be applied to all "rounders."

Jack Cudaby, whose wife a few days ago obtained a divorce, discovered Jere Lillis, a Kansas City banker and club man, with Mrs. Cudaby in his home. Cudaby was found by the police bending over Lillis, inflicting gashes with a carving knife on the banker.