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Rains in Kootenay Dis-Aid in Checking Pross of Flames-Nearly All es Under Control.

N OF SANDON . NOW QUITE SAFE

ther Conditions Indicate urther Rainfall — Officia lvices Show Heavy Loss of Lumber Companies

"no news is good news," then the est fire situation is at least reasing, for yesterday's official advices in the threatened districts centain no suggestion or statement of fresh saster. Everything possible is being one by the united forces of the government, the C. P. R. and the Great orthern to quell or confine the fires, and if but a little more rain would one, the danger would be reduced o'a minimum. Superintendent E. L. Brown of the Great Northern, with headquarters at Spokane, wired yesterday that that railway would give every possible assistance until all danger ceases. Government Agent Teetzel, of Nelson, telegraphed that several outlying settlements in the Kootenay are still unfortunately menaced, and received instant directions in response to take all possible measures the protection of the beleagur-

the Revelstoke and the Arrow Lake umber companies being approximately a million in each case.

The question of North Vancouver municipality securing control of all timber limits on the lower upper reaches of the Capilano, Lynn and Seymour rivers, for the purpose of establishing a reserve, to assist the protection of the forest against fires, and incidentally to protect the city's water supply, has been suggested in a letter from W. C. Gladwin, chief fire warden, and consideration of the subject was referred to a committee on the whole municipality council.

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NELSON, B. C., July 22.—Light rain fell last night and this morning, materially assisting the various forces engaged in fighting the bush fires, and good progress has been made in exinguishing the fires.

The forest fire situation generally in a southeastern portion of the ovince is distinctly better this morning. The sky is overcast, and all incations point to much cooler weather and local showers.

The fire at Siocan Junction was conquered yesterday, and the men sent

red yesterday, and the men sen from Nelson to assist the rancher in fighting it, returned last night. No late report was received from the fire at Arrow Park, on the Arrow lakes, but it is now known that the fire did not get into the valuable timber on Mosquito creek. It is probable that this fire is well under control and on the way to extinction.

The only serious fire in this district new is that at Hall's Siding, above Nelson, on the Great Northern, and it is under control. It is understood that the town of Sandon is now quite safe and all the fires in the Kaslo district are well in the safe and safe and safe and safe and safe and safe and safe are safe and safe and safe are safe are safe and safe are safe are safe are safe and safe are safe land. It is significant that no new ires have been reported. A falling baromoter forecasts rain, and a good rain over the district is now all that is required to place things on a safe footing.

BALLOON EXPLODES

VIENNA, July 22.—An army officer and a number of peasants have been severely injured by the explosion of the Austrian military balloon Hungarla, in the province of Neutra, Hungary.

The balloons started from the Vienna arsenal in the morning, and had a slow uneventful journey until Lieutenan Hoftsaetter, who was in command, decided to alight about four o'clock.

A large crowd of peasants assembled A large crowd of peasants assembled to hold and pack the balloon, but as it was being emptied of gas, a violent explosion occurred, which completely wrecked the balloon. The officers and peasants were enveloped in a sheet of fame. The accident is believed to have been due to a peasant smoking a pipe.

Confesses to Burning House PRINCE RUPERT, July 22.—G. T Williams confessed to the police tha he set fire to his Talbot house or

Baron Calthope Dead. LONDON, July 22.—August Chol mondely Gough-Calthope, sixth Barot Cathope, died here today. He wa born November 8, 1829.

Ex-Premier Maura Attacked

BARCELONA, July 22.—Antoni Maura, former Spanish premier, wa wounded today by a would-be assas sin. His assailant was arrested. Taken For Dr. Crippen CHICAGO, July 22.—A ma thought to answer the description of Dr. Crippen, who is wanted for the murder of his wife in London, we arrested here late today. The ma arrested carried about \$2,000 worth negotiable paper with him, and refused to answer questions regarding his identity. After thorough examination the police concluded that the suspect was not Crippen.

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Wielence at Belleville.

BELLIEVILLE, Ont., July 22.—Joh McMaan, conductor, and M. Donova brakeinan on the local train that a rived here last night from Toron were badly beaten, and are now lyin in a critical condition in an hot near the rallway station. Doctors se that they have a chance to recove They were set upon by a mob that he kept in hiding until they left the station and started to cross the street.