

MANY ARE DEAD IN FIRE'S TRACK

Number of People Who Perished in Wallace and Surrounding Districts May Number Over One Hundred

FLAMES THREATENING MANY SMALL TOWNS

One Fire Patrol Party of 26 Men Thought to Have Been Burned—Incendiaries at Work in Oregon

PORTLAND, Aug. 22.—With over 50 people certainly dead, and with 100 more missing and a list of injured that will approximate two hundred, with half the town of Wallace swept clean and the possibility that three more complete devastations with half a dozen more small towns and villages seriously threatened, and the inhabitants to the number of thousands hurrying to places of safety, the forest fire situation is most acute in the Coast Range district of northern Idaho.

Reports from other parts of the northwest are of a less discouraging nature. Some of the fires have been stopped, others are less threatening through the absence of wind, while in some districts the fighters have diverted the course of the flames from towns that were threatened.

The new fires that have sprung up during the past twenty hours have not so far proved serious. A report received early today that the Colville fire in eastern Washington had broken out again with renewed fury does not seem to be borne out by the facts. This fire and the one in the Wallows are the only ones that appear to be under control. A fire which has been burning on the Wenatchee reserve in southern Washington for the past week became ugly yesterday, and advice today indicates that it is still raging with undiminished fury. In eastern Oregon, between Baker City and LaGrange, several fires are raging through live timber. It is feared that these fires will not be controlled until there is rainfall.

There are several fires in the Timpqua valley, in southern Oregon, but so far they have not done any great damage. The fires in the neighborhood of Grant's Pass, Oregon, which became decidedly threatening on Sunday evening, are for the time being under control. The situation in the Crater Lake reserve and the Mt. McLaughlin district on the southern edge of Oregon, appeared to be drying out in the few days. Today, however, with a strong wind they seemed to be gaining ground again.

In the vicinity of Medford and Ashland, Oregon, the fires are less menacing only because there is no wind. In both these places all the men obtainable have been drafted into service to back fire and trench.

The fires in southern Oregon, in many cases, are of incendiary origin. This has been a matter of general knowledge in Medford for several days, but it became officially public today, through the Associated Press, a dispatch from Washington stating that the associate forester at Portland had notified the Crater Lake reserve and Medford fire origin and new fires are being set constantly.

No hope of rain is yet given by the United States weather bureau at this city, the prediction of the district forecaster for tonight and tomorrow being fair weather throughout Oregon, Washington and Idaho.

Death Roll Increasing
SPOKANE, Aug. 22.—Specials to the Spokesman-Review tonight from the forest fire zone accentuate the horror of the scene and state that fatalities are hourly increasing.

A special to the Spokesman-Review from St. Joe, Idaho, says six unidentified bodies of a fire-burned gang of 25 men have been found between Elk Prairie and Avery. The bodies of the men are missing, and probably will never be found.

The fire, now raging between St. Mary's and St. Joe, and have reached a point six miles from St. Joe. The wind is blowing hard and the fire is gaining rapidly and immense clingers are falling in the streets of St. Joe. The fire is more than a mile wide and rages on both sides of the river. The whole country north of St. Joe is ablaze. A number of homesteaders, unable to make their way put over the prairie to Lane, Idaho, were compelled to retrace their steps and go to St. Joe by a southerly route over the divide. So exhausted were some of the parties and children that two reserve women went to St. Joe to aid the travelers. Among those who reached St. Joe from that vicinity were Mr. and Mrs. Smith and three children, Mr. and Mrs. Osborne and two children, Mr. and Mrs. Andrews, a crippled old man and two other families, including several children.

A party of twenty men is probably surrounded, if not consumed, by forest fires in the Nature creek vicinity. One man of the party arrived here yesterday, and he is the only known person to have escaped. He says that the flames got so close to his party that each man abandoned everything and ran for his life.

From the Trout creek region, eight miles east of here, two travelers who had a remarkable escape from death arrived this morning. For six days the men lay in the creek their heads under water except when they were compelled to breathe. Fire was raging on both sides of the creek. The hospital at St. Joe is crowded with injured and burned. There are between 75 and 100 refugees at St. Joe already.

Montana Towns Threatened
HELENA, Aug. 22.—Gold, Mont., seven miles from here is entirely surrounded by a heavy forest fire that is hourly increasing in intensity. Wildburg, just over the mountain from Gold, is also threatened, and the inhabitants are leaving the place. The timber around

Lincoln is burning rapidly and the occupants of the Vanceave and Harmon ranches are packing preparatory to leaving.

Suffocated in Tunnel
WALLACE, Idaho, Aug. 22.—The arrival of E. D. Hale from the fire fighting camp at the Bullion mines, 25 miles from Wallace, with news of the catastrophe last night brings the total list of known dead to three. The dead at Bullion are: Val Nicholson, of Geni; Larry Ryan, Wallace; Leslie Sellers, Geni; S. D. Adams, Schingee; Erin Dinton, Millside; Louis Holmes, Spokane, member of the cooks' union, Birmingham, England; Tom Welch, Spokane; E. Elgin, Wallace. They were buried in a trench near the Bullion dump, under the direction of Second Lieut. Titus, 14th Infantry, can placed at the head of each body contains the name.

The disaster occurred on Sunday night at 11:30 o'clock, when Ranger Green called on the force of 10 men to a tunnel to escape the on-rushing flames. Mals and the others took turns holding wet blankets at the portal of the tunnel, but the smoke crept in. All the dead were suffocated, while the others got out and escaped. The men were identified by letters now in the possession of Lieut. Titus. Welch, of Spokane, had \$100 on his person. The danger has passed Wallace, and Burke and Mullan are reported as fairly safe tonight.

A party of 140 fire fighters under Ranger Rucker reported dead at Avege have escaped to St. Joe, according to word received from Rucker by Supervisor Wright.

They were in the heart of the fire for an hour and a half, and Walter Ingerson, an 18-year-old fire fighter, who escaped with slight burns, and how we lived through it is more than I can tell. The men saw the fire coming down the gulch on four sides. They were panic-stricken and with two homesteaders, Ames and Beauchamp, ran and hid in a small cave. Beauchamp had provided the cave to hold his valuables. Six or seven were suffocated in the cave; the rest were killed by falling trees. The terrific wind picked up every direction and threw them about in every direction. Out of 25 men in the Big Creek party, perhaps eight escaped unhurt.

The Wallace board of health has issued an order that all drinking water be boiled, fearing an epidemic. Creel is thought to have contaminated the supply. It is not thought that the rescue parties sent to Big Creek this morning can return tonight with the dead and injured of the Bell party. Fallen trees are strewn thickly along the way, and a trail has to be made to reach the party in distress. Supplies of medicine and first aid have been sent.

The only rescue party out is in touch with local headquarters.

"Barney," well known at Wallace as a gambler, is believed to have been killed in the fire in the east end of the city on Sunday night. He left his coat in a hotel to go to his home in the burning district, but has never been seen since.

Wm. McKay, burned, while fighting fire at Sallies, died of his injuries at Telf today. Three Northern Pacific bridges between Lookout and Horax, Taft and Sallies, three trains are stalled, being gutters, and two are stalled at Taft. The division superintendent is at Sallies.

Twelve Die in One Party
SPOKANE, Aug. 22.—Survivors of the Big Creek disaster report that twelve men died in one party. They said that a rescue party headed by Ranger Wells had reached the place and that the dead was at hand. Food and tents, they said, were badly needed, and six men with provisions and shelter left for that place tonight. Twelve men were killed in this party and they were buried in the woods where they died. Most of them being burned beyond identification. The victims of the Bullion Creek fire will also be buried in the woods.

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VANCOUVER HAS NEW AMBITION

Plan's Great World's Fair to Celebrate Jubilee of Confederation—Will Ask for Substantial Grants in Aid

VANCOUVER, Aug. 22.—By reason of the great success of Vancouver's first fair, which closed on Saturday, its directors and officials now suggest the holding of a great world's exposition in 1917 to celebrate the Jubilee of Confederation.

Others favor 1919 as the more appropriate date. The directors intend to aim for the big event from now on, and will request the city and the provincial government to make grants of aid. The plan is to have a total area of nearly two hundred acres of meadow, forest, mountain, and seashore, making the site one of the most ideal on the continent. The Federal government will also be approached for grants.

Wright Beats McLaughlin
NEWPORT, R. I., Aug. 22.—Playing in splendid form Beals C. Wright, of Boston, today defeated Maurice McLaughlin, of California, straight sets in the sixth round of the all-Canada lawn tennis tournament for the national championship on the Casino courts here.

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