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GOVERNORS OPPOSE PINCHOT POLICIES

Salt Lake Conference Resolves to Participate in Conservation Congress.

SALT LAKE CITY.—Resolving to take part in the proceedings of the St. Paul conservation congress and adopting a platform of principles directly opposed to the Pinchot policies, the conference of Rocky Mountain and Pacific states governors went on record as favoring state administration of natural resources, and it was quite evident from the expressions of attending governors and representatives that, in their opinion, western men are more capable of carrying on the work of conservation than the theorists of the East.

Participation Is Question.

The principal object of the conference was to determine whether or not



GOVERNOR M. E. HAY.

the Rocky Mountain and Pacific Coast states should participate in the St. Paul conservation congress.

The formal request of Governor Marion E. Hay, of Washington, that these states be represented on the programme at St. Paul was denied by officials of the conservation congress and this plain and positive manifestation of discourtesy and unfairness prompted Washington's chief executive to call the conference of governors.

A delegation of St. Paul business men appeared before the assembled governors and their representatives and promised the West fair treatment and that an extra day during which all governors or their representatives will be given a hearing, would be added to the programme.

PANAMA PRESIDENT QUILTS HIS OFFICE

PANAMA.—Acting President Mendoza resigned and has been succeeded by Senor Don Samuel Louis, minister of foreign affairs.

Intense excitement prevails throughout the republic of Panama as a result of the complex political situation that has resulted. It is believed here that Mendoza's resignation was forced by the United States government, under the stringent terms of its treaty with Panama.

Wendling Capotr Ill.

ALBANY, Ore.—John Taub, who discovered Joseph Wendling, the alleged child-murderer, in San Francisco three weeks ago and is claiming the \$11,000 reward for Wendling's capture, is lying ill in St. Mary's hospital in this city. He was forced to leave the train here while on the way from San Francisco to Portland.

Roosevelt Off for Trip.

OYSTER BAY.—Theodore Roosevelt started Tuesday on a journey of 5493 miles, which will extend over nearly three weeks and in the course of which he will travel through 14 states. During the tour he will deliver fourteen set speeches and many extemporaneous addresses from the rear platform of his car.

Nicaragua's Government Tottering.

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The provisional government of Nicaragua is tottering to its fall, the Madriz army is demoralized, consternation reigns in Managua, and Dr. Madriz, his general-in-chief, Toldeo, and General Irias are preparing to flee the country.

Packers to be Indicted.

CHICAGO.—It is expected that the federal grand jury, which has been investigating the methods of the so called beef trust for more than a month, will attack what the government considers the heart of the problem by returning indictments against individuals of the packing companies.

IDaho FOREST FIRES DO GREAT DAMAGE

Property Loss Will Be Close to Million, and Many Lives Are Reported Lost.

MISSOULA, Mont.—Except for Wallace, Idaho, the forest fire situation on both sides of the Idaho-Montana line is more serious.

Flames are sweeping over an increasing area, destroying small settlements and wiping out of existence millions of dollars' worth of property.

The loss of life will be large. It grows hourly, and the number of injured is constantly increasing. In and around Wallace it is estimated here the death list is at least fifty.

In addition to at least 25 otherwise hurt, it is said that ten persons have been made blind.

The loss to the city is estimated at close to \$1,000,000, about half of the city being saved.

Forest Supervisor Geo. W. Weigel reports that the region between Wallace and the St. John River is swept practically clean, with enormous loss.

Fires between Burke and Mullan threaten both towns and many women and children have been sent out.

At War Eagle tunnel six were found dead and two were badly burned. Five of the dead were in the tunnel, where they had sought refuge. They lay face down in water, covered with wet rags and blankets. Some had died from the fire and others from suffocation by smoke. The injured were taken to Providence Hospital in Wallace.

Twelve dead were recovered at Big Creek. There were three injured at the place. There are at Pine Creek three dead, five blinded and five otherwise injured.

The bodies of the dead are being burned where found. It may be weeks before a complete estimate of the fatalities can be made.

Elsewhere in the fire zone the outlook is bad. In St. Joe 18 men are missing and it is feared that they have been burned to death. The forestry service has organized a relief train well equipped with pack animals carrying provisions and hospital supplies and will endeavor to get through the fire.

PROMINENT RAILROAD MEN ARE ARRESTED

CHICAGO.—The first blow in the \$5,000,000 Illinois Central graft scandal has fallen, and three officials of the road were landed in jail.

It was a full confession from an official of the Blue Island Car & Equipment Company, declared to involve not only these, but numerous others of the road's former officials, that finally resulted in the arrests.

The men arrested today were: Frank B. Harriman, former general manager for the Illinois Central, released on bond of \$40,000; John M. Taylor, former general storekeeper at Burnside, released on bond of \$40,000; Charles L. Ewing, former general superintendent of the Illinois Central lines north of the Ohio river.

Nicaraguan War Over.

MANAGUA.—The Nicaraguan war is over. This is conceded, following advices received here that General Louis Mena of the revolutionary army has taken Granada, the most important city on the Pacific coast of Nicaragua. President Madriz has resigned his office, and Jose Dolores Estrada, brother of the revolutionist leader, has taken his place.

APPROPRIATIONS DIVIDED

War Department Announces Apportionment of Fund.

WASHINGTON.—The war department announced apportionment of \$4,000,000, the appropriation made by congress for militia of various states. Of this total fund allotted according to congressional representation and militia strength of respective states, Oregon will receive \$36,137, Washington will receive \$33,632, and Idaho \$21,032.

Enlisted strength of militia of various states is reported as follows: Oregon, 1415; Washington, 1244; Idaho, 642.

Rains Help Canada Crops.

WINNIPEG, Man.—The total wheat yield will be larger than was expected two weeks ago according to statements made by grain elevator men and elevator interests. The rains just before the harvest did wonders and increased the yield to such an extent that now the estimates for the total yield run as high as 120,000,000 bushels.

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