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LOSES HIS LIFE  
IN FOREST FIRE  
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Missoula, Aug. 2.—William Hovey, youngest member of the Polleys' lumber company of Lincoln, Nebraska, and this city, was killed today in the woods near Tammany, a station on the Coeur d'Alene branch of the Northern Pacific, by a falling tree. He was leading a crew of fire-fighters and his is the first life to be lost to the forest fires that are scourging western Montana. He died on a train that was bringing him to Missoula.

Today in western Montana, and Idaho, the forest fire situation has assumed the most serious aspect since the first fire some 60 days ago. The forest officials of district No. 1, with headquarters here, are almost overwhelmed with the reports of new fires, old fires spreading, and the cries for help from the rangers and the men in the field attempting to hold the flames in check. The service here echoes the cry for help by calling for men, a young army being needed and the most encouraging thing today is the response to the call, which has been active, and large crews have been gotten together and dispatched to the most serious blazes. More are needed and more are coming—some from Spokane and points west, but more from Butte and Montana towns. Supervisor White of the Bitter Root forest arrived with 90 men this morning from Butte, and took them up the valley to be used in his district. About 25 more men have been secured in Butte and will arrive later today.