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Wallace, Aug. 11.—Charged with leaving a camp fire alight within the boundaries of a forest, William Farr has been placed in jail here. According to the law of 1900 covering this matter, Farr is subject to a maximum penalty of \$5,000 fine and two years in jail.

Farr's arrest was made by Forest Ranger George Hamilton. At this time Mr. Hamilton was going to the big forest fire near the divide with a party of men. About seven miles from Murray this party met Farr, who asked the way to Thompson Falls, and all proceeded for some distance together.

After Farr left the party his late camp fire was seen burning inside the forest and a pursuit was started immediately. Farr had almost reached Thompson Falls before the arrest took place.

Ranger Hamilton then communicated with Forest Supervisor Weigle at Wallace, who, in turn, communicated with district headquarters at Missoula, receiving instructions to prosecute to the full extent of the law.

Mr. Hamilton stated that if the camp fire had spread or been the cause of a forest fire, a force of about 25 men would have been entrapped, and it was possible that all might have been burned to death.

Two similar arrests were made this week at Deer Lodge, Mont.