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**THE TROOPS ARE  
TO FIGHT FIRES**

Secretary Wilson of the Department  
of Agriculture Advised of the  
Plan of the Government.

United States troops will be used to aid in the prevention and suppression of forest fires, now so prevalent in some of the states of the west and northwest. The following telegram has been received from Washington by Secretary of Agriculture James Wilson, who is now in Denver:

"At the request of the president, the war department has directed the commanding officers of forts in Montana, Idaho, Washington, Oregon and California to lend every possible assistance in the suppression of forest fires. This information has been wired to the district foresters at Missoula, Portland and San Francisco.

"The forest fire situation is still very bad, but hope for more favorable reports later.

(Signed) POTTER,  
Assistant Forester."

District Forester Riley, whose headquarters are in Denver, said today:

"There are no forest fires of consequence in my district, so that it will not be necessary to ask for the troops."