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NEW FOREST FIRES
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Missoula, Mont., July 24.—Today brought distressing news from the many crews of fire fighters that have been sent out from the Missoula headquarters of the forest service over western Montana.

The smoke of a number of fires within plain sight of the city made the day cloudy and the heavens glow red tonight.

From the Flathead forest, many miles to the north, a heavy pall of smoke is sweeping over the foothills toward Missoula. From the Blackfoot canon, east of the city, comes word of more new fires and from the Bitter Root forest, south and west, four new fires are reported.

The worst is near Stevensville, where a three-day fight has met little success. The fire nearest to Missoula is gradually eating its way to the Lolo National forest and can be seen plainly. It is less than half a dozen miles from the city.