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ST. JOE FIRES HEM IN 180 MEN; WHO MAY NEVER ESCAPE

Twenty out of 200 Escape, but Trace of rest is Lacking

Missoula, Mont. August 21, 1910. - Mercilessly and relentlessly the forest fires in western Montana are sweeping over a vast area, driving hundreds of fugitives before them, destroying small settlements and wiping out of existence millions of dollars worth of property.

The situation tonight is more serious than it was in the early morning, except as to Wallace, Idaho.

Missing, 180 Men

Elsewhere in the fire zone the situation has gone from bad to worse today. The most serious incident is reported late this afternoon from the St. Joe country, where 180 men, engaged in the forestry service are missing, and it is feared they have been burned to death.

When the fire approached the camp where there were 200 men, two of the fighters took a horse and, riding the animal to death, reached another camp and organized a rescue party, which penetrated the fire to Bird creek. Eighteen of the men were found in the water, where they had gone for safety, and they were unharmed. Of the remaining 180 no word has been received. 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.

Thousand Refugees in Missoula

About 1000 refugees have been brought into Missoula today. There is distress among them. Their wants are being supplied by Missoula and they have been given temporary homes. The first of the trains over the Northern Pacific's *****

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WALLACE FIRE LOSS 41,000,000; 50 DEAD --- 180 MISSING IN ST. JOE ZONE

TERROR-STRICKEN, 2000 REFUGEES DASH THROUGH FLAMES TO SAFETY

FOREST FIRE VICTIMS, DRIVEN FROM HOMES, FLOCK TO SPOKANE

THIEVES LOOT AND PLUNDER

Mothers and Children Separate in Rush to Relief Trains -- Sufferers Give Graphic Description of Ravages

Fleeing from the fire scourged districts of northern Idaho and western Montana, 2000 refugees, driven from house and home or threatened by breeze-fanned encroaching flames, reached the city yesterday over the Idaho and Washington Northern, the O. R. & N., the Northern Pacific, and the Great Northern railways, and the Inland Empire system. The hotels of the city were filled, many stopping at the homes of friends or relatives. The exodus from the danger zone will continue today.

Freighted with women and children from Wallace, a special train over the O. R. & N. railway reached the city at 7 o'clock yesterday morning, the men remaining at home to fight the fire fiend. Five hundred people were on this train. In the early evening hours yesterday 1200 reached the city over the Washington & Idaho Northern and O. R. & N. Added to this was a quota of 200 carried by the Inland Empire system from Wallace and Mullan, which reached the city at 8:10 p. m. Westbound passenger trains of the Northern Pacific and Great Northern railways arriving last night brought more than 200 people from towns and hamlets of western Montana seeking safety away from the fire zone.

Fires Delay Relief Trains.

Along the line of the Idaho and Washington Northern railway for seven miles below Newport a forest fire rages on both sides of the track. Newport is ~~seriously~~ threatened with destruction. Citizens of the town, according to arrivals from there last night, are back-fighting the fire and have hose laid in in danger zone * * * * *

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CONFLAGRATION DIES DOWN IN Coeur d'Alene Metropolis, but Other Regions
Are Blazing

MULLAN SAFE; TAFT BURNS

WESTERN MONTANA FORESTS; WITH SMALL TOWNS VANISHING —

Reasons of Forest Fire Situation

Fifty persons dead in and around Wallace, Idaho; property loss \$1,000,000. Fire has not enlarged the area burned Saturday night. Mullan probably safe, but fires threaten.

Elk City reported still unburned.

Four or more dead in fires near Newport, Wash.

One hundred and eighty men in the forestry service are missing in the St. Joe country.

Taft, Montana, has been burned; Salters surrounded by fire; De Borgia and St. Regis are seriously threatened. Haugen, Montana, is reported destroyed.

Solid line of fire from Thompson Falls, Montana, for 50 miles to Idaho line, with portions of Belknap, White Pine, Noxon and Heron burning.

Conflagration rages in Gallatin forest, Mont. Thompson Falls is in peril.

Avery

markham, Idaho, destroyed and people flock to Teton.

Anatone, Washington is threatened with destruction.

Imir, Idaho, ~~markham~~ is in danger from fires which are burning in the bush. Other fires are gaining headway in that region and the situation is alarming.

Fires in the Blue mountains, southeast Washington.

Conditions in the Clearwater reserve are the worst yet.