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CORONER TO BIG CREEK.

Coroner Hanson plans to leave today or tomorrow for Big creek to investigate the deaths of the men buried in the prospect hole or homesteader's cellar and learn their names if possible.

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OLIN LOSES IN FIRE.

O. A. Olin, proprietor of the Banquet restaurant, suffered a loss of about \$500 in the fire Saturday night, the loss being from meat stored in a warehouse in the burned district.

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GO AFTER BODY.

Remains of Smith to Be Brought  
in from Big Creek.

E. E. Hale and Jack Thomas, friends of young Smith, who was burned to death on Big creek, left this morning to get the body and bring it to Worstell's. The remains are to be shipped to the father in Mansfield, Ohio.

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CLOTHING FOR SUFFERERS.

Many Wallace people and people from outside are donating clothing for the use of the fire sufferers. A large number of the men injured are without suitable clothes to wear.

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MURRAY ALL RIGHT.

No Danger to North Side Town Just  
Now.

MURRAY, Aug. 25.-- Murray is in no immediate danger from forest fire and things look favorable at present.

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CENSURES PHONE COMPANY FOR FIRE

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CORONER'S JURY ACTS ON TESTIMONY  
OF WITNESS.

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The verdict returned by the coroner's jury in the inquest into the death of a man in the Coeur d'Alene lodging house, censures the North Idaho Telephone company, this stand being taken following the testimony of Mrs. E. W. Stewart of the Home Hand Laundry, who says she called up the telephone office, asked for the fire department and was informed there "is no fire department." She said that about 20 minutes later after she was part way down to the N.P. depot, the fire bell rang.

The verdict of the jury reads in part as follows.

"The fire started from sparks from the forest fire. The fire started in the rear of the Whelan office about 9 p.m. Saturday, August 20. In which an unknown person lost his life in the Coeur d'Alene lodging house. The body was found to be very much charred lying on the bed springs. A fire alarm was turned in over the North Idaho Telephone company but it was about 20 minutes before a response was made owing to the neglect of the North Idaho Telephone company."

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BACKFIRE NEAR TOWN TO PREVENT SPREAD OF FIRE

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The troops have been backfiring last night and today on the hill near Sutherland's residence and fronting on the Osburn road. Fire has continued to burn in the timber there and it was feared a wind might carry the blaze into town.

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FIRE NEAR OSBURN.

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MEN OUT FIGHTING IT --- SMOKE IS BAD TODAY.

OSBURN, Aug. 25.-- The smoke is very heavy in Osburn today but no fire can be seen from here. It is believed the fire is not far distant. Some are out fighting it now.

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NEARLY \$1500 IS RAISED FOR RELIEF

SUBSCRIPTION LISTS SHOW LARGE DONATIONS.

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The four subscription lists left at the banks and Cogswells contains over \$860 already while about \$600 has been raised from the Elks lodges who wired offers of assistance to the local order.

The subscription lists have only just been started and indications are that the committee will have no trouble in raising money sufficient for the needs of the sufferers from fire here.

Among the larger subscriptions are the following: White & Bender, \$250; First National bank, \$100; State Bank of Commerce, \$100; Wallace National bank, \$100; Senator W. B. Heyburn, \$50; Sheriff J. F. Moffatt, \$50.

Others who have subscribed are: C.E.O. Merriam, P. F. Smith, A. C. Cogswell, Herman J. Rossi, Rush J. White, Charles H. Smith, W. J. Bailey, Irving Anderson, W. J. Hall, Dr. F. Leo Quigley, Otterson Co., H. P. Knight, James A. Wayne, J. J. Hayes Clothing Co.

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STERLING AND MOFFAT GO TO GRAND FORKS

Robert Sterling, chairman of the county commissioners, and Sheriff Moffatt left today for Grand Forks to investigate the death of 26 men near there.

Coroner Hanson had planned to leave with a jury from here for Grand Forks to hold an inquest. The coroner was called before Commissioners Sterling and Keys last evening and informed that no inquest was needed as it was already known what the men died from. Coroner Hanson replied that the names of the men were not known. The commissioners retorted that the coroner couldn't find the men's names if he did go and further declared they wouldn't foot the bills for taking the jurors over there. The coroner said he wouldn't go without someone to assist him in the work.

Commissioner Sterling then volunteered to make the trip and take Sheriff Moffatt.

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TRAIN PURSUED BY FIRE TO ST. REGIS, SAY PASSENGERS

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Wallace People Return From Missoula and Give Glowing Report of Hospitality Extended

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A number of the Wallace people who returned last night from Missoula via Spokane and were on the relief train that went from Wallace to Missoula Saturday night when the fire broke out here, give a glowing report of the hospitality extended them by Missoula. Their story of the ride to Missoula tells that the train was in great danger scores of times of being cut off by the flames and even of being burned.

"The fire pursued the train all the way to St. Regis" said Mrs. E. A. Lockhart today. "The train kept stopping to take people on all the time and our progress seemed fearfully slow. We thought the fire would catch up to us many a time.

"The Missoula people should be given hearty praise for their kindness toward the Wallace people and others on the train. They endeavored to see that everyone was cared for. I was standing in the office of the Shapard hotel when a man walked in and asked if he could get a bed. He said he had no money. He was told that lack of money made no difference whatever and that he surely could have a bed."

Mrs. Otto Graffenberger, wife of the engineer at the brewery, returned last night with her five children, coming from Missoula by the way of Spokane.

"Missoula certainly did treat us fine," she exclaimed. "When the relief train pulled into the depot we found breakfast was all ready and waiting for us. A committee was there and took hold of the situation, seeing that everyone got rooms and something to eat. Not a person stepped off the train but what someone would speak to them and ask them if they had any means to care for themselves. I had four of my children with me, Willie being left behind by accident. The committee sent us a meal ticket worth \$5 for use while in Missoula. When we got ready to leave for home they furnished our family with transportation to Spokane. In Spokane the first thing asked for was money. They wouldn't do a thing for us."

~~GOLD MINING~~

## TRAIN PURSUED BY FIRE TO ST. REGIS (Cont.)

Willie Graffenberger the 7-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Graffenberger, was among the passengers on the relief train that left here for Spokane Saturday night.

When Spokane was reached, he went straight to the Spokane hotel and stated to the clerk that Wallace had become too hot for him, he had come to Spokane and he wanted a room and bed. A Wallace woman who was there took charge of the lad at once.

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### DRIVEN FROM FIRE FIGHTING BUT ESCAPE THE FLAMES.

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A number of Slate creek fire fighters arrived in Wallace yesterday, all men in their camp being reported safe.

Those who came in yesterday were J. A. Gockstetter, C. W. Tourtillotte, Otis Wilcox, Fred C. Welch, James Ellis, Andrew Neigard, Jack Basser, James Traxel, August Bruner, S. A. Lienlokker, Joe Batt, Chris Milneovich, Mike Jarbick, Alex Koman, Tony Massa and Rudolph Luchsinger.

Fritz Uhlman, John J. Rathjen and Charles Burnner arrived in the city from Slate creek Sunday.

C. W. Gregory, a logger for the forest service, came in Tuesday.

"We were driven out form the Slate creek fire Saturday night at 6 o'clock," said Timekeeper Lienlokker last night. "We were not able to stop until we had gone 10 miles or so. Sunday morning we tried to return to Slate creek and couldn't. So we went to Hoyt's flat and from there to Avery, getting into Wallace by way of St. Joe and St. Maries.

"Many men are said to be lost in the river country and four or five rescue parties of 15 men or so have left Avery."

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COLD HARMS MORE THAN THE HEAT

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More men who have arrived from Big creek, being part of 46 who spent some of the night in the water, say that the worst inconvenience they suffered was from the cold of the two days they spent on the mountain tops after they had emerged from the cold water.

The men who came in yesterday and today are all burned about the face and hands. Their clothing also was burned and they suffered from the smoke that they had inhaled. David Bailey, Joe Smith and Joe Arno, who arrived yesterday, all had harrowing tales to relate of their suffering.

Bailey had been knocked out by being hit by a falling tree, but after he had recovered himself managed to crawl into the creek and join the others who were there to save their lives.

"The flames kept sweeping over us from both sides," he said today, "and it was while holding a covering over my head that I burned my hands. We were in the creek for about two hours I believe and we were all shaking from the cold as though we were suffering from the fever when we piled out. After getting out of the creek we lay huddled together about some stumps trying to get warm. After some of the boys had regained their strength they started out for help. It was pretty tough up on the summit without any covers and soaked to the skin. One of the boys contracted pneumonia from his experience.

"The hole where the seven dead men were found was nothing more than a vegetable cellar dug into the hill. It was only about five feet deep and it was there the seven men fled. I think that they went in there simply to get out of the way of the falling timber that was caused by the great wind that came in front of the fire. Soon after they were in there the fire came and they were cooked alive. All of them tried to get at the very end of the small hole and they were piled up in an awful. It was impossible to take out their bodies, for they would fall to pieces.

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BIG CREEK MINE PROPERTY BURNS

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GEORGE SPARENBERG SAYS DAMAGE  
MUCH IN BIG FIRE.

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The fire damage to mining properties along Big creek of the Coeur d'Alene near Kellogg is large, the wind Saturday afternoon sweeping the flames along almost the entire length of the stream. From the head of the creek where Pulaski's camp had been situated to within a mile and a half of the mouth of the creek the fire cleaned out most of the timber and cabins.

"When the fire was in the heavy timber I saw a solid mass of flame a mile in extent," states George Sparenberg, manager of the Western Star, who came in last night from the property. "The fire is now burning near the North American of which John Presley is manager.

"Among the properties burned and I think the list includes them all, are the Powhattan, the Liston, Blue Bell, Big Creek, Blake Brothers, Western Star, Magnees and Gullikson groups.

"At the Liston the compressor and other machinery burned as well as several sets of timbers in the mouth of the tunnels. The Blue Bell cabins were destroyed. The Big creek Mining Company lost a compressor, I think. Blake Brothers at the Yankee Boy claims lost their cabins.

"At the Western Star we managed to save all but one tunnel which had just been started. Five sets of timbers burned, allowing the tunnel to cave. We threw water over the buildings with tin cans and at times it didn't seem that would do much good. After the first heat of the flames went past it was easy to keep things safe.

"Carl and Leonard Magnee lost the blacksmith shop at their claims while several sets of timbers burned and the tunnel caved in. Four cabins were lost at the Charles Gullikson property. Gullikson is now in Sweden. I understand that Magnee brothers and the Blue Bell will rebuild right away."

The loss at each property is indefinite but ranges from \$3000 to \$6000 on most of them with an even larger loss at the Liston. Mr. Sparenberg returned to the property yesterday.

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GIVE RELIEF TO ALL  
THE NEEDY

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COMMITTEE ANXIOUS TO HELP DESERVING--  
HAS A MEETING.

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The fire relief committee met last night and each member took a list of names of people who were known to have suffered loss from the fire here. The committee will investigate each case, ascertain the loss sustained and its effect on each person's circumstances. The results of the work will be reported at a session Friday night.

The committee is urging everyone who knows of cases of real need to report them to some member so that attention can be paid everyone who deserves it. The officers of the committee are P. F. Smith, chairman; A. J. Dunn, secretary; Gary C. Burke, treasurer. H. E. Howes and Wm. Stinson are members while the Revs. R. F. Carter and Clifford W. Williams are ex-officio members and are among the workers.

It is hoped that the forest service can be induced to take care of those fire fighters who are in the local hospitals, though none of the rules of the forest service require such attention. Influential men are doing what they can to gain that result. If the government decides to care for those injured in the employ of the forest service, the relief work will be materially lightened.

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POLARIS WIPED OUT.

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Fire Destroys Everything at  
Hayburn Property.

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The forest fire has wiped out the Polaris property on Polaris gulch, destroying timber, buildings and machinery. Senator Hayburn was among those heavily interested in the property.

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CANARY BIRDS GIVEN FREEDOM

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OWNERS RELEASE THEM NIGHT  
OF THE FIRE.

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Canary birds are flying about the city and the cages that once held them are now in the back yards inviting their former occupants to return.

A number of housewives, when they believed their homes were doomed, took their cages to the street, opened them and allowed the birds their freedom. The canaries flew to the timber. Since then they have been seen about some of the Placer creek houses, but they have not yet ventured into the cages.

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WIRES CONDOLENCES.

Fred Moore has received the following telegram from Michaels-Sterns Co., Rochester, N. Y.: Exceedingly sorry to hear of the misfortune you have experienced. If there is anything we can do, do not hesitate to let us hear from you. Will be pleased to hear particulars and that all are well."

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BOHUNKS BARELY ESCAPE LYNCHING

DRANK UP CONDENSED MILK OF BIG  
CREEK SURVIVORS.

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A bohunk, who escaped from the Big creek disaster and then proceeded to get drunk and attempted to clean out the forestry office, met his match at the hands of Supervisor Weigle, who picked him up bodily and threw him down a flight of stairs. The bohunk was crazy drunk and was threatening to lick everybody about the office, including Supervisor Weigle and assistants. Mr. Weigle stood him just as long as possible and then seized him and threw him down the flight of stairs.

The fire fighters present applauded the action of Mr. Weigle, for they said that the bohunk was hated by all of

## BOHUNKS BARELY ESCAPE LYNCHING (Cont.)

the other survivors. He was sent to one of the camps to bring in some condensed milk for the injured after the fire. When he and another bohunk sent with him did not return searchers were sent after them and found that the two had drunk all of the condensed milk and had eaten everything they could find. They came near being lynched by the other survivors.

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## THE WALLACE SPIRIT.

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The splendid spirit of the Wallace citizens is shown by their action in starting to rebuild before the embers of the recent fire have cooled. Nothing indicates better their faith in the future of the city and their belief that Wallace will rise triumphant from its disaster. The Coeur d'Alene Iron Works company started to rebuild when the ashes of the destroyed buildings were still warm.

All of the other large firms that suffered damages from the fire are planning to rebuild just as soon as insurance matters are adjusted. It is believed that most of the residence property will be rebuilt at an early date. Nearly all of the fire sufferers were owners of their own homes and a number of them have announced their intentions of rebuilding.

George W. Walker, who returned to his home here from Montana only to find that his residence with all of its contents were destroyed and another house owned by him a total loss says that he intends to rebuild immediately.

These instances show the abiding faith of the Wallace people in their town. The great industry of the country has not been damaged. The great mines of the country are continuing uninterruptedly their tremendous output of lead and silver. None of them have been damaged by the fires and the big payrolls of the mines have not been disturbed ~~by the fire and the big pay~~ in the least.

Everyone is confident that it will be but a short time till the business of Wallace is again normal.

Wallace is responding nobly to the rescue fund for the aid of those who are in want and distress and there is no need for anyone to be in want with the large fund that is being raised for the aid of the destitute.

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LOSES BIG STRING OF PACK HORSES

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MISSOULA, Aug. 25,-- Two charred bodies lying on the summit of Cedar gulch give the best indication of the ferocity of the flames that are devastating the country in the famous old placer district. The cessation of the wind has given a breathing spell and it is thought that it can be saved if the wind should come up again.

The Amador mine is located at the head of Cedar gulch which has its ending two miles east of Iron Mountain. Although the flames have made this erstwhile mining camp a smouldering heap of ashes, still no lives have been lost there. The Kansas City Commercial company's dredge, located farther north in this gulch has not fared so well. A reliable report was received at Iron Mountain yesterday to the effect that four men had been smothered to death at that place. Just how they met their untimely death could not be ascertained yesterday.

In Oregon Gulch.

These horrors, however, can not compare with the terrors to be found in Oregon gulch which leads into the St. Joe country and has its mouth in Cedar gulch. Two charred bodies on the summit give a shadowy comprehension of the rapacity of the flames. Clayton McBride, an employee of the Big Flat Mining company, which is located in Oregon gulch, made his way into Iron Mountain and reports that one man was smothered there and that he had very grave fear for the safety of others. The Big Flat Mining company's buildings are wiped out and the country is a mass of flames.

Rangers Missing.

It is highly probable that Joe Sadler and Charley Buckhouse have met a tragic fate in the roaring furnace in what was formerly Oregon gulch. These two men arrived at the summit with a pack train of 30 horses. At this point they met McBride, who had made his way from the Big Flat Mining company's property. He pleaded with them in an endeavor to dissuade them from an attempt at passage, but they replied that two men and a woman had gone into the Clearwater country the day before and that they must be rescued. Baxter is thought to be the name of the people who went into the Clearwater where they have a claim on Sherlock creek. That their pack train is doomed is certain, but there may be a slight chance that the men saved their lives through Sadler's intimate knowledge of the forests and their ways. Joe Sadler is considered to be the best guide in the Ovando country and will be able to get

## LOSES BIG STRING OF PACK HORSES (Cont.)

out if it is any way possible. Charley Buckhouse resides south of Missoula at the Buckhouse bridge. When these two left McBride, they said that they would try to reach Olson's or Utz's camp.

Joe Gareau and William LaCombe escaped from death by a small margin and arrived in Iron Mountain yesterday with four horses remaining out of a total of 50 which they were packing into the Clearwater.

The people living up Cedar gulch were awakened Sunday night, first by the electric spidders which the Amador and Kansas City companies used as an avenue for escape and then by the men, who were fleeing on foot from the pursuit of the flames. The women have all been removed. Much property had been cached in tunnels and root cellars.

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### HOLMAN OFFERS HOMES FOR THE FIRE SUFFERERS

G. R. Boomer has received the following letter from J. W. Holman of Seattle, Wash., offering the use of his three houses at Wardner for any fire sufferers who are homeless:

"Mr. Boomer, Dear Sir: I wish to say in regard to helping the homeless families of Wallace that I have three houses at Wardner that I am willing to donate to the deserving free of charge for three months."

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### TO CLOTHE SURVIVORS.

#### Rev. Carter Collects Garments for the Fire Fighters.

Rev. Mr. Carter of the Congregational Church is collecting clothing for the survivors of the forest fires. Scores of men have arrived in the city from the fire region with little or no clothing. All they had was on their backs and in nearly all cases this is of little worth. Many of the men have lost their coats and hats in making their thrilling escape and the clothing they have left has been burned and singed.

Mr. Carter has supplied a number with clothing. He says that if anyone will notify him of any clothing that will be donated to the cause he will see that it is called for. All kinds of men's wearing apparel will be very acceptable.

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MARBLE CREEK DAMAGE SLIGHT

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MRS. J. K. BOOTH TELEPHONES  
FRIENDS THEY ARE SAFE.

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Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Booth are at St. Maries today, having come out from their homestead on Marble creek. They will remain at St. Maries a few days and if it rains will return to the homestead. If the dry weather continues they will come in to Wallace.

Mrs. Booth telephoned to Mrs. L. L. Leighty last night that Marble creek had not been burned over so far as they could see around their homestead. She said they knew of no fire near there. No trouble was had in getting out from Marble creek.

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MAY GET PNEUMONIA.

Seven or eight of the patients at the Wallace hospital who came in for treatment for injuries sustained in fire fighting are expected to develop cases of pneumonia.

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HOLD RYSON FUNERAL.

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Remains to Be Buried Saturday  
Morning Here.

The funeral of Larry Ryson, who was killed in the Ballion mine, will be held Saturday morning at 11 o'clock with services at Ward's chapel. Father Becker will officiate. The interment will be in Miners' Union cemetery.

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MULLAN'S FIGHT A GALLANT ONE

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MULLAN, Aug. 25.-- People of the Coeur d'Alenes have been so engrossed with the reports of great loss of life in the forest fires that they have not heard much of the wonderful fight that was made by the citizens of Mullan Sunday night in keep the flames from destroying the town.

For many hours the fire was on all sides of the town and in many places it was burning the very edge of the houses. Every available man was needed for duty and the citizens of the city have no kindly feeling toward those who deserted in the hour of need. There is no complaint against those who were forced to go on account of their wives or children's conditions, but those who fled the city in fear are no longer held in high esteem.

It took a night of labor to save the city from ruin, but all the men labored incessantly in back firing and with water and at last won a victory over the devouring element.

The Mullan water held up in great shape. With a number of lines of hose running continually, the high pressure line at the Morning mill in use and with scores of small garden hoses in play, the overflow at the reservoir kept running until after 10 o'clock, the great amount of water being used for fire fighting purposes making no impression on the reserve supply of the water.

Not a house was burned in the main section of Mullan. Tenttown was destroyed, but no great damage was caused by the loss of fire because there were only shacks in that part of town.

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BOARD OF TRADE MEETS.

Will Discuss the Change of the  
Road's Course.

The board of trade will hold a special meeting tonight in the probate court room for the discussion of the alteration of the course of the Mullan and Burke road.

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**FIVE HUNDRED MEN ESCAPE FROM THE BIG CREEK  
FIRE**

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**Were Engaged in Fighting Blaze for Lumber  
Company and All Flee and Save Lives**

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John Cliff received word this morning from St. Maries that all of the men working on the Big creek railroad were saved. He received this information from Charles Harrigan, his son-in-law, who was in charge of the construction work on the new railroad building into Shoshone county.

Mr. Harrigan said that of the 10 camps seven were destroyed but that the headquarters camp was safe. The powder that was buried, however, did not explode.

When the wall of flame was seen advancing work was given to all of the employees to flee. The men had been gathered together from all the camps and were engaged in attempting to prevent the approach of the fire. This great force of men, however, were of no avail when the hurricane blew and they fled. From this great force of men every one escaped, but one life being lost.

Arthur Olson, who is well known in Wallace and who was in charge of the rock work at the various camps, had a narrow escape. He was forced to sleep in the creek during the night to save his life. The only inconvenience he has suffered, though, has been the cold.

Mr. Harrigan says that the Milwaukee Lumber company, which is building the road, is yet undecided about the future. They have lost thousands of dollars worth of timber and the building of the road may be discontinued. All of their cedar has been destroyed, but much of the pine is standing. As soon as cruisers go over the ground, which will be at once, the future of the company will be decided.

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**MULLAN MENACED BY FIRE. ONE BREAKING OUT  
NEAR HUNTER**

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MULLAN, August 25.-- Mullan is again in danger of fire, one having broken out this morning in the timber near the Gold Hunter mill. A force of men is out fighting the blaze, all the men from the Hunter being employed. The Mullan fire department is also at the scene. The fire has not been burning for several hours. There is considerable wind. No damage has yet occurred. Every precaution is being taken to keep it from getting into town.

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**ED STEWART BADLY BURNED.**

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May Lose Limb as Injury is  
Severe One.

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E. W. Stewart of Wallace, proprietor of the Home Hand laundry, is at the Hope hospital. He was badly burned on the leg in the fire Saturday night and his burn is one of the worst ones treated in Wallace. The injury became infected. He may lose his leg as a result of the burn.

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William Graff, a member of the city fire department, sustained a broken bone in his right wrist Saturday night while fighting fire in Wallace.

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LEAVES CHILD--SAVES HER DOG

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The streets were deserted at an early hour this morning. The visitors, tired, footsore and sleepy, went in for a good night's rest, and the residents, glad of the opportunity to take a vacation, followed suit. The men and women at the chamber of commerce were so completely worn out that they almost went to sleep at their posts. They had been on the go all day. Therefore the town wore the aspect of a deserted village in the wee small hours. The run of the news for hours had been encouraging and everybody satisfied, says the Missoulian.

During the day the refugees viewed the city from the main streets. Some of the women did a little shopping.

The refugees, were out bright and early, yesterday, seeking news of friends and relatives. Those who fled from the burning country the day before had caught their second breath and their thoughts turned to ones dear to them. Dozens of women carrying babies and leading older children by their hands moved about the city, going from place to place to see if they could hear anything from absent members of their families. A group of Wallace women stood about the Northern Pacific station, hoping that some one would drop in from somewhere to tell them the latest news from their deserted homes. While there they were approached by an excited, nervous woman, who, the moment she opened her mouth to speak, began to weep. "Oh," she sobbed, "where are my boys? Where are my children?". It was some minutes before she could calm herself enough to tell her story, but it gradually developed that she arrived here on a morning train, from the east, where she had been to see her sick sister.

"I am Mrs. John Miller," she said, "and we had charge of the Pacific Hotel annex, which was burned. I left home a week ago to attend the bedside of a sister who is desperately, and am trying to go home. My boys, Wesley and Warren, are lost from me. I have sent two telegrams but they were not delivered. I am desperate. Has anybody heard of them".

The woman was in a most pitiful condition. Her eyes were red and her face tear-stained from eyes to chin.

BRIGHT GIRL.

"Have you heard anything from Wallace?" asked a bright, blue-eyed girl who escaped in a Northern Pacific caboose Saturday night. "Nothing later than you see in the Missoulian. Why, are you specially interested in anyone?"

"Yes: I left an uncle and an aunt there. I fear they went

the wrong way to get out. I feel pretty sure that they started for a tunnel. My uncle has had experience with forest fires before. But if he got to the tunnel he may have perished. That fire came with such force, though I do not believe they lived to get to cover of any sort."

"Did you lose anything?"

"Ask me if I saved anything. I can answer in fewer words. The only toilet I made this morning was to wash my face. I have a little money, but am afraid to spend it for clothes lest I need it worse for something else. Our little home was destroyed before we got to the train."

"How many people were in your party?"

"I have no idea, but they say that 75 crowded in the caboose. One mother got on with seven small children. Another woman left her daughter, but saved her dog. She was clinging to the pup and weeping for her girl. There was a great scramble to get aboard."

"I was glad to get away with my mother, sisters and brother," said another woman. "We did not save any wearing apparel. We were thankful to escape with our lives. The way it looked as we raced through the streets we feared worse than we got."

"I believe when the truth is known," said a man from Wallace, last night "that the number of dead will run up to nearly 100. I feel certain that some of the fire fighters were caught in the gulches. The country was literally alive with Spokane crooks and hoboes, who had been sent out by the government."

"Sister Joseph was one of the many heroines of the Wallace calamity," said a refugee. "She went in the basement of the Providence hospital to help some crazy patients, and would not give them up. Of course the way it turned out, all the occupants of the building could have remained there, but no one could foresee the result."

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FEAR DEATH OVERTOOK MINER IN  
FLEEING FROM THE FIRE

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TOMMY ROBERTS ONLY MEMBER OF PATTISON'S  
PARTY MISSING -- WOMAN HOLDS UP IN RACE  
FROM FLAMES

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Struggling up the mountain side with the flames at their heels all the time, forced to fall to the ground and cover themselves with blankets at frequent intervals to catch a little air, a party of seven men and one woman fought all night to save themselves from becoming prey to the forest fire near the Amador mine.

Seven of them are known to have been successful, but one, Tommy Roberts, a prospector, is missing and it is feared he was either overcome by the heat and smoke or else struck by a falling tree. He left the main party soon after the rush from the cabins was made.

In the group were Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Pattison of Wallace, their guest Wm. Korts of Boise, Tommy Roberts, Peter Sherlock and Oscar Norlander who were working at the Sherlock placers, George Gordon and Claude Easley who were <sup>working</sup> for Frank Rose.

Mr. and Mrs. Pattison arrived in Wallace last night, Mr. Korts being with them. They had come in from Spokane and Missoula. The clothes they wore showed the marks of their fearful experience, being burned and torn. The personal belongings they took with them when they went to the placers a week or so ago were all destroyed.

"The fire reached us Sunday evening," said Mrs. Pattison, "and we left camp between 6 and 7 o'clock. At that time a tornado struck the mountain on both sides. Mr. Sherlock and Mr. Roberts believed there was no danger and had taken to their bunks. We had to rouse them and hurry from the camp.

"We struggled up the mountain side and fought the flames, going about a mile I believe. Then we turned and rushed back through the fire where it was possible to get through until we reached a burned space.

"We stayed there the rest of the night until 4 o'clock Sunday morning when we worked our way back down to the Sherlock camp for water. We found the fire had cleaned up everything there. Nothing was left. We walked all day with hardly anything to eat, going to the Kansas City Commercial. We remained there all night and went to Iron Mountain Tuesday morning.

"The wind storm was something terrible Sunday night. The big trees didn't wait for the fire but the wind carried them over and it was crash crash all the time. The wind was so strong I could hardly stand and wouldn't have been able to if a couple of the men had not helped me along.

## FEAR DEATH OVERTOOK MINER IN FLEEING FROM FIRE (Cont.)

"When we were hurrying from the fire we had to fall to the ground on our faces every ten minutes to get a little air into our lungs, the smoke was so bad. We had some blankets with us and we would draw them over our heads and lie still a moment. Then we would feel the fire scorching our clothes and we would have to get up and hurry on again.

"We didn't have any place as a goal. We simply had to keep running to stay ahead of the fire."

Roberts was with the party when they left camp but soon afterwards yelled that he knew where there was a flat that would be a safe place to stay. He turned off at an angle and soon was out of sight. The others cried to him to come back but received no answer.

The men of the party were in bad shape next day with their eyes, hardly being able to see. All have recovered greatly, however, and it is believed none of them have suffered permanent injuries.

The first hint the people had of the storm arising was Sunday morning about 10 o'clock when it became so dark that candles had to be lit in the cabins. The trees began to fall and the crash and roar of the falling giants added to the fearfulness of the scene.

It was not till night that the flames were seen rushing toward the camp. At that time the wind was so strong that it was seen that it would be but a few moments until the flames were onto the cabins. The fire was literally at the heels of the fleeing men and women for several hours that night. When a safe place was finally reached the air was so freezing cold that sleep was hardly possible.

It was on Bean creek, a St. Joe tributary, where the fire started July 4 and where it has been burning since, covering a vast area. In two days, Saturday and Sunday, it is estimated that the fire destroyed timber on 100,000 acres along Bean creek.

Moscoe Haines, deputy supervisor, met the Pattison party at Iron Mountain and accompanied them to Missoula.

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LIST OF PATIENTS AT THE HOSPITALS

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NEW ONES RECEIVED TODAY BRING LIST  
TO ABOUT 50.

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With the receipt of a number of forest fire patients at the local hospital today the list of injured at the hospitals is about 50. Besides that number there were close to a hundred who have been treated for burns and injuries and have not entered the hospital to remain.

At the Hope hospital Thomas Farley, Fred Owens, H. D. Crouse and Jack Graham were received today from Big creek. Owens has pneumonia and was carried in on a stretcher. Crouse has bronchitis. Graham has two broken ribs.

At the Wallace hospital, John Casey was received today suffering from burns and inhalation of smoke.

The full list of patients suffering from fire injuries and admitted to the hospitals is as follows:

At the Wallace hospital---

Received Sunday -- A. R. Sullivan of Wallace, Tony Varich, Charles Webb of Spokane, B. M. Britten, Percy Stewart of Blackfoot, Idaho, discharged, J. G. Danielson, P. W. Sullivan, T.G. Myers, Wm. Christenson of Racine, Wis., Mike Darrick of Spokane, Robert McGinnis, Thomas Noonan, Charles Ryan, M. J. Carrahan, M. Juergens, Antone Canyar, C. W. Fanning, Jack Flinn, Herbert Brown, Mr. Hickman, O. Tucker of Kingston, Mr. Rickey.

Received Tuesday -- A. L. Case of North Yakima, G. W. Ward of San Francisco, Charles Hanson of Whitefield, S. D., George Williams of Spokane, Charles Frank of Lafayette, Ind., Herbert Hennes of Wardner, Joe DeMarco of Murray, John Morrissey of Independence, Iowa, Gustaf Reisinger of Wallace.

Received Wednesday -- Peter W. Schmidt of Avery, Knute Berger, Nick Ross.

Received Thursday -- John Casey.

At the Hope hospital --

Received Sunday -- Hugh Morrison, E. G. Pulaski, John Hasker, K. Roomb.

Received Tuesday -- Edward Conroy, Clarence Bush, Mike Sukie.

Received Wednesday -- E. W. Stewart of Wallace, Jacob Vlasic from Big creek.

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FEED HUNDREDS OF THE HUNGRY

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RELIEF HEADQUARTERS OPENED BY THE CITY  
YESTERDAY.

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"Relief Headquarters" reads the sign in the window of the rooms formerly occupied by Segerstrom's jewelry store and located on Sixth street near the Moore clothing store.

The headquarters were opened by the city yesterday under the direction of the mayor for the care and relief of the hundreds who are temporarily out of jobs, without homes and in a number of cases stranded financially.

A cook has been employed and a table set in the headquarters where the hungry can find good meals without charge. Lon Lewis was placed in charge yesterday and during his tenancy of the place fed 250 men.

The Academy hall was obtained for sleeping quarters and many of the men who had blankets but no rooms or chance of getting rooms were given opportunity of camping out in the hall.

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MINE BUILDINGS ARE DESTROYED

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MULLAN, Aug. 25.-- Many mining properties near here have had their buildings wiped out by the fire of Sunday, but the loss has not been particularly heavy because the buildings were not valuable. The Lucky Calumet and the Reindeer are the heaviest losers. Both lost their compressor buildings but the amount of damage to the machinery is still problematical. It is believed that the loss to the Lucky Calumet will reach \$5000 and to the Reindeer about \$2000. All the buildings about the properties have been wiped out.

Other companies that lost their buildings are the Carney Copper company. The Idaho Giant and the Argenta. The fire also visited the Copper Queen, but that company's buildings were damaged by a snowslide last winter and there was nothing more to damage.

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The/upper workings of the Gold Hunter were swept clean by the forest fire, but the loss there will not amount to \$1000. They have been abandoned for some time.

The Copper King sustained some damage to its flume and to the power line, but it will be working again in a few days. Trees fell across the power line and put it out of commission. About 1000 feet of flume was consumed by the flames. The fire raged fiercely about the company's property. In the vicinity of the mine were great quantities of dead timber that had been piled up by a snowslide last winter. This added greatly to the flames. It was so hot on the dump at the mine that the miners who were fighting the flames from that point were only with difficulty able to hold their ground.

Other properties that escaped the blaze with little or no damage are the Snowstorm, Missoula Copper, the National and the Butte & Coeur d'Alene. The fire was all about them but they managed to escape.

The mountain about the Copper King has been wiped clean of timber and brush and it is now possible to ride a horse anywhere over the mountain, where before one was able to make one's way only over well beaten trails, so thick and heavy was the underbrush.

The fire has continued on over to Montana.

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DECLARE MARBLE CREEK WAS AFIRE WHEN THEY LEFT

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Mrs. Carrie Shearer of Gem and a companion from Marble creek arrived in the city today from the Marble creek district and said it was in flames when they left there at midnight the first of this week. They walked 25 miles, the men starting the women out and then returning to their claims. Later the women sent in help to their husbands and other male relatives.

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CANYON RESIDENTS FLEE.

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Do Not Stop to Tarry Till They Reach  
Thompson.

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Canyon residents who fled from the fire Saturday night, not stopping till Thompson Falls was reached, are loud in their praise of the care that was given them at the Montana city.

When the Wallace fire was at its height Saturday night an alarm was spread in the canyon that Wallace was entirely destroyed and that the fire would be at Gem within an hour and a half.

A number of persons became greatly frightened at the report and fled for Montana. Among those in the party were Henry Henderling, his wife and two small children, Phil Dubey, A. Dubey and the two Miss Dubey and F. F. Haugen.

On their walk to Thompson Falls they were overtaken by a wagon not far from the Great Western mine and were given a ride for a considerable portion of the distance. They returned by the way of Spokane.

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E. C. Pulaski who is at the Hope hospital is improving. He will save both eyes and has escaped pneumonia.

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DEATH LIST 130; 200 MISSING

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UNCONFIRMED FIGURES PLACE DEAD AT THIS NUMBER,  
BUT CONFIRMED LIST OF SUPERVISOR WEIGLE TOTALS  
70 -- MANY ADDED TO KNOWN LIST OF DEAD -- MISS-  
ING NOW 200

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Supervisor Weigle this afternoon gave out the confirmed death list as follows:

Setzer Creek	24
Hollingshead's crew	14
Rock's crew	1
Big creek,	11
Placer creek	6
Bullion	8
Stevens Peak	1

In addition to this list there are many deaths reported that are not confirmed and the list does not include the three or four at Wallace. With the unconfirmed list the death total now reaches more than 100. Work today was received of the death of 38 more, but Supervisor Weigle believes that 24 of these have been already reported under the Setzer creek list.

The missing list has now been reduced to about 200.

The list of dead at Avery has not been officially confirmed to the supervisor. The unofficial list yesterday was 92. If there is no mistake in reporting the casualties today the unconfirmed dead list has reached 130 in the Coeur d'Alene National forest.

Fourteen more dead were added to the list this afternoon when Supervisor Weigle received word of the loss of part of Ranger L. E. Hollingshead's crew. The ranger is reported safe, but there is no reliable information of the balance of his men. The dead bodies of the 14 have been found and searching crews are out looking for the remainder. They had 60 men with them.

Word also was received today that 24 dead had been found on a camp on Saltese creek, but Mr. Weigle does not believe that this is a new death list, but that a mistake was made in transmission and that the message refers to the dead found on Setzer creek.

DEATH LIST 130; 200 MISSING (Cont.)

Hollingshead's men were caught in between the St. Joe Big creek and Trout creek.

The missing now numbers Joe Halm's, Hollingshead's and Ferns' crews. In the Halm force of fire fighters there are 85 men, while Fern had 60.

Attempts to get to the upper St. Joe from Avery have proved impracticable, according to word received by the forest office, and a relief expedition is being formed at Missoula ~~to~~ try and reach Halm and his crew.

Fern and his force of fire fighters are at Forty Nine Meadows. This is not under the jurisdiction of the Coeur d'Alene forest, being just over the range in the Bitterroot reserve of which Mayor Fenn of Kooskia is the supervisor. Fern and his men, though, were sent from the Coeur d'Alene Forest. They have a good chance to escape.

Telegrams to Mr. Weigle state that all of Ranger Kottkey's men are safe. There were more than 200 men fire fighting under his direction.

There are five men unaccounted for at Setser creek and it is believed that they have expired with the others. There were 66 men in the crew there. Twenty-four are dead and five missing.

Ranger Debitt is also out with a relief crew searching for the missing.

Supervisor Weigle today gave the dead list, so far as is positively known as 66. This does not include the three at Wallace or a number of others which have been reported dead, but which have not been officially confirmed. His list does not include the Grand Forks dead wither.

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SPOKANE, Aug. 25.-- Charles Miller and Warren Weston, lumber jacks who arrived today from the St. Maries district in Idaho, tell a heart rending story witnessing the death of 30 Italians, fire fighters, as helpless. They huddled together shrieking and praying, cursing until the fire came and put them to death. All were working in a canyon, fighting fire which was coming down. The Italians were about 50 yards above the lumber jacks. Suddenly the flames came up the canyon. The two lumber jacks saw them and ran for a creek in which to submerge themselves. The Italians became panic stricken, tried to climb the walls of the canyon and fell back. The flames came then and the lumber jacks saw no more until after the fire had passed over. Nothing was left of them but a heap of charred flesh.

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