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DAMAGE AT THE MONITOR LARGE

J. L. Bailor says it will reach \$60,000 probably.

"The damage at the Monitor mine from fire Sunday will reach \$50,000 besides \$15,000 loss to myself individually," said J. L. Bailor today, following his return from Saltese.

"Three of us had a serious time of it Sunday. John Hart, Dan Wendel and myself were driven into the Log Cabin tunnel and we were penned in there for hours. We hung wet blankets over the face of the tunnel but even then the sparks kept blowing in. By keeping the blankets wet all the time we kept much of the smoke out.

"On the way from the Monitor to Saltese I counted 250 big trees that had been blown across the road. The sights in that country are remarkable as the result of the fire.

"My own biggest loss at the Monitor was 1500 cords of wood.

"We were unable to ascertain what the damage was to the tunnel and the shaft as when we left it was too hot to make an examination. I did notice that the fire was burning down into the timbers in the shaft and that the shaft was caving in in places."

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TWENTY SIX DEAD AT GRAND FORKS

Telegram from Deputy Sheriff This Morning Conveys News--
Coroner and Jury to Investigate.

The list of dead from forest fires in this district was heavily added to this morning when Deputy Sheriff McMullen of Falcon telegraphed to Sheriff Jack Moffatt that 26 were dead near Grand Forks.

The telegram reads:

"Many people burned. Troops will bury immediately where found unless you order differently. Twenty-six dead."

The sheriff wired back that the coroner would leave this afternoon with a jury for Grand Forks to conduct an inquest.

Little is known of the dead but it is supposed they are from one of _____ fire fighters which were employed near Grand Forks, these _____ including many Milwaukee section men.

Coroner Hanson or a deputy coroner _____ this afternoon with a coroner's jury for Grand Forks, going around by the Mullan road. It is expected that the jury empanelled for the Wallace inquest will be taken over.

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MANY RANCHERS THOUGHT LOST

Pat M'Govern in St. Maries When Fires Reached There.

"There is no doubt in my mind that it will be discovered that a large number of homesteaders and others were lost in the St. Maries country Saturday night and Sunday morning when the forest fires swept through that country," said P. F. McGovern last night. Mr. Govern was formerly a resident of Wallace and still owns property here. He is now chief of policy of Coeur d'Alene city and is out for sheriff on the democratic ticket.

"I was in St. Maries Saturday night" he said. "The back firing is what saved the town. The men ploughed a trench around town and started a back fire which burned out and met the wall of flame coming in, effectually stopping it. This back firing was done at 2 o'clock Sunday morning. The fire was all around town then.

"From the St. Joe up to Mount Baldy the fire jumped from peak to peak and scattered fire along in the valleys. There is no question great damage was done in these valleys to homesteads and I believe many lives were lost. I do not see how people could have saved themselves, the rush of fire was so great."

SUSPECT THREE DEAD IN ASHES.

Coroner's Inquest Does Not Develop Fire was Incendiary.

Three people may have been burned to death in the fire in Wallace. The information given at the inquest held last night and this noon developed that there were probably two bodies in the Coeur d'Alene lodging house and possibly one in the Stanley house.

The only one whose identity was in any way hinted at was a young man by the name of Curtis, employed as car repairer by the O.R. & N. and who had been in Wallace a week. He had room No. 9 in the Coeur d'Alene lodging house and the skeleton found in the ashes lay in a part of the basement that was directly under room 9.

Albert Magnuson, landlord, testified that his wife informed him that there were two people in room No. 9 though she did not say who the second person was.

In the ashes of the Stanley house there was found parts of a woman's dress, a row of buttons lying in order, the buttons being of the sort used on the back of a woman's dress, while parts of a pair of green stockings were near the dress. Charred bones were found also but the bones were so badly crumbled that it was impossible to tell if they were the bones of a human being or not. If it had not been for portions of the pelvis remaining intact it would have been impossible to say that the bones in the Coeur d'Alene house ashes belonged to a person.

During the examination of the witnesses in the inquest hints were given by remarks of the witnesses and the questions of the jurymen that the fire which destroyed part of Wallace was of incendiary origin. The witnesses when pressed to answer pointed questions admitted in each case, however, that they didn't know anything about the cause of the fire.

Chris Pfitsenmier, John Metz and Albert Magnuson were examined last evening. Today J.W. Miller, who conducted the Pacific Annex, Judge J. W. Myers, Tom Nicholson and Mrs. Sarah M. Stewart, laundress, testified.

Mrs. Stewart said that previous to the fire she lived at 747 Cedar Street near Bellinger's store. She testified to seeing a small blaze in some paper under the rear of the Whelan office, saying it was probably the paper had been blown there by the wind. The blaze then was the size of a large pan. The building was not burning. She immediately called up central and asked for the fire department. She testified that the answer she got was, "There isn't any fire department." Then she took her children, went around the O. R. & N depot and was halfway down to the N. P. depot when the fire bell rang.

SUSPECT THREE DEAD IN ASHES (Cont)

Mrs. Stewart said it was from 15 to 20 minutes after the fire started before the fire bell rang. She admitted, however, that she was nervous and might have made a mistake in the length of time that elapsed.

Her theory of the origin of the fire was that a spark from the hillside fell on some of the waste paper in the yard by the Times office, ignited the paper which was then blown under the Whelan office. She said sparks were falling in the yard back of the Times while she was looking at the fire on the mountainside.

J. W. Myers and Tom Nicholson were on the Back street sidewalk watching the fire on the hillside when the flames shot around both sides of the Whelan office. Mr. Myers said he imagined the fire started under the building. He said he rushed inside and warned the Whelan family, escorted them to the depot and then returned to find the entire end of town ablaze.

MISSING MEN LIST NOW NUMBERS 400
Parties Sent to St. Joe Force of More Than 100 Return Beaten Back
by Raging Flames.

Known Dead.

Grand Forks	26
Bullion	8
Wallace	3
Avery	12
Big Creek	13
Placer Creek	6
Pine Creek	2
Setser Creek	20
Rock Creek	2
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Twenty Bodies Found.

EVERY, Idaho.--Bodies of 20 employees of the forest survey were found within a radius of one mile of Setser creek yesterday by a searching party headed by Deputy Sheriffs Sullivan and Bassett. It is feared other bodies will be found before the searching is completed.

Government officers express fears for the safety of the force of fire fighters on the upper St. Joe river. There are 100 men on the St. Joe side of the mountain on the Clearwater there are 85 men. Reports have not been received from these crews and Supervisor Weigle said this morning that he is greatly worried over their safety.

Deputy Supervisor Roscoe Haines had been in charge of the force, but he had gone to the railroad on business. While attempting to get back to the forest camp Mr. Haines was cut off and was forced to return. Another force of men who tried to get in were not able to pass through the fires. A rescue party has now been formed at Avery and they will go to the scene of the fire to learn if the men have lost their lives.

SEVENTY ARE SAFE.

Seventy men from Ranger Kootkey's crew have reached Saltese, according to reports received here. In their escape from the burning forests, 16 of their pack horses were lost.

NEARLY 200 ARE UNACCOUNTED FOR.

Supervisor Weigle said this afternoon that so far as he believed the Big Creek loss of life would not reach over 13. He had talked with Milwaukee Lumber company's representative and he had said nothing about losing any men, so it is thought that the thousand railroad laborers in the various camps along the new line being built into the Big Creek timber district have been saved.

FIFTEEN MISSING.

Peter W. Schmidt, the cook at the government camp on Setser Creek where 30 men were reported dead, arrived here from Avery, saying that when he left there yesterday all the men but 15 had been accounted for. There were 75 at his camp.

He said that a camp of 50 Bulgarians and Austrians not far from the Setser creek camp were missing and it is believed at the Ranger's headquarters at Avery that all have perished, but there is nothing definite. Survivors of a Japanese fire fighting crew came into Avery with the report that six of their countrymen had been burned to death.

Schmidt was in camp Sunday afternoon with seven other men when the fire reached them. A regular hurricane warned them of the approaching fire and they left for the river. So fast did the flames travel that at times the trees over their heads were on fire. All were singed and burned. The shoes of one man were burned through.

HOMER BROWN WIRES.

Joseph Trimble, bookkeeper for the Sunset, has received a message from Manager Homer G. Brown in Denver, Colorado, asking about the damage. Mr. Brown did not say when he would return to Wallace.

GOVERNOR SENDS MILITIA READY TO GIVE AID

Governor Brady has sent two companies of militia to Coeur d'Alene city to act for the assistance of any section in northern Idaho that needs the men.

OTHER HOMES BURNED

The following is an addition to the list of destroyed property printed: John Theriault of Wallace, father of Mrs. B. G. Brown, six houses in "Y" next to coal sheds, loss on houses..... 2,000
E. G. Campbell, house and furniture on hill 1,800

CORONER TO GRAND FORKS

Coroner Hanson, accompanied by a jury, left this afternoon for Grand Forks to hold an inquest into the reported death of 26 men there. He took with him the same jury who sat on the inquest into the identity of the man found in the Coeur d'Alene lodging house ashes. The members of the jury are George Birlew, Wm. Irle, P.O. Knox, Benjamin Lambert, John Rossman and Oscar Pennecamp.

GOVERNOR ANXIOUS

Governor Brady has been receiving several messages daily from the Rev. O.P. Christian who is in Wallace, the telegrams giving the governor constant information regarding the situation here.

SUPPLIES COMING IN

"We are preparing to do business at once," said M.A. Corner of the firm of Corner & Fisher, who were burned out Saturday night. "A car of meat, a car of flour, one of hay, four cars of coal and a car containing oats, bran, shorts and wheat are all due here now or are on the way."

COUNTY GIVES AID

Robert Sterling, chairman of the board of county commissioners, said today that any of the fire fighters who had no place to go or who were injured or temporarily out of work can go to the Providence hospital at the expense of the county.

TIMBERS FROM STREAM

The street overseer and a gang of men are cleaning the South Fork of bridge timbers and other debris that threaten to jam up the river.

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ACCEPT OFFERS OF OUTSIDE AID.
Relief Committee Organizes and Plans Campaign

Offers of financial aid received from many outside cities will be accepted.

This was decided by the relief committee which organized yesterday.

The offers to the mayor and board of trade come from Boise, Coeur d'Alene, Lewiston, Walla Walla and Spokane among other places. The Elk's have received offers from many places, even as far away as New Orleans.

With these outside offers it is not believed there will be the least trouble in raising a sum sufficient to meet all needs.

The relief committee was appointed by the mayor. The Committee as it organized yesterday consists of P. F. Smith, chairman, A. J. Dunn, secretary; Gary C. Burke, treasurer, H. E. Howes and Wm. Stimson. Rev. Clifford W. Williams and Rev. R. F. Carter are associated with the committee as ex-officio members.

The committee has placed subscription lists at each of the three banks and also at Cogswell's and all who wish to contribute are asked to sign one of these lists. It is not the intention of the committee to make a canvass and approach citizens, asking for donations.

The committee will meet tonight at 7:30 in the Elk's temple.

DANGER OF FIRE MAKES HIM INSANE

Youth in the County Jail is a Raving Maniac.

Fear of forest fires is believed to be the cause of the insanity of Alick Helmer an 18-year-old youth of Wardner, who is in the county jail. He was brought to the jail Saturday and he is said to have scarcely slept an hour since his arrival there. He carries on at a frightful rate, raving nearly all of the time. He is suffering from a religious mania. He will be sent to the asylum. His parents live at Wardner.

HAMMOND WIRES TO RELIEF FUND

Send Telegram to B. F. O'Neil in Care of S. A. Easton.

The following telegram to B. F. O'Neil addressed in care of Stanley A. Easton, general manager of the Bunker Hill & Sullivan mine, has been received from John Hays Hammond, the world-renowned mining engineer: "I extend to you and all friends of Wallace heart-felt sympathy for the loss of your town. Please draw on me for \$250 as subscription to the relief fund. Please notify me if I can be of further assistance."

The telegram was sent from New Haven, Conn.

DESCRIPTION OF DEAD AT THE UNDERTAKER'S
Little to Identify Two Charred Bodies by--Others Are in Good
Shape--Bullion Men Brought In.

A description of six of the bodies at Ward's undertaking establishment has been prepared for the assistance of acquaintances in identifying the men. Two of the bodies are so charred there is little left to identify them by.

The descriptions are as follows:

August Burger, from Wisconsin, killed in Placer creek fire, light brown hair, smooth shaven, height 5 feet 8 inches, weight 190 pounds, wore blue overalls striped, blue striped cotton shirt, no underwear, age about 25 years.

Wm. Learmouth, dark brown curly hair, smooth shaven, wore black sateen shirt and black pants, no underwear, age about 20 years, height 5 feet 8 inches, weight 165 pounds.

Richard Woods, height 5 feet 5½ inches, weight 195 pounds, hair light brown sprinkled with gray, sandy mustache, age about 50 yrs.

Joe Ferre, hair dark brown, smooth shaven, weight 185 pounds, height 5 feet 6½ inches, age about 26 years.

Charred body found on Placer creek trail, height of man was 5 feet 6½ inches, weight was about 165 pounds, hair all burned from head; age cannot be determined.

Charred remains of man killed in Boulder Creek fire, height 5 feet 7 inches, weight about 175 pounds; impossible to ascertain more of his appearance.

For these men no funeral arrangements have been made pending the possibility of friends turning up.

The remains of Harry Hanson, killed on Placer creek were shipped this morning to Racine, Wisconsin, accompanied by Joe Devereux, a friend who was with Hanson at the time of the fire.

The remains of Larry Ryson, Leslie Zellars and Val Nicholson, the former of Wallace and the latter two of Gem, were brought in about 2 o'clock this morning from the Bullion mine by Pat Keegan and party. The bodies were packed on horses to the "S" bridge and there met by a rig and driven to Wallace.

The body of Ryson is at Ward's. No funeral arrangements have been made.

The bodies of Nicholson and Zellars are at Worstell's.

DID NOT FLEE, SAYS DOCTOR.

Mullan Physician Says His Leaving Was Misconstrued.

Mullan, Aug. 24.--(To the editor of the Press.)--On my return to Mullan, I find many people have misconstrued my leaving Saturday night. I will frankly say I have no apology; there is no apology due. I did my duty. I only regret beyond expression that I was unable to return to Mullan. It was my intention to take my wife and family till I would meet the relief train, which was supposed to be on its way, and which I had no doubt would meet us soon and I would again be in Mullan. I was sure my patients would not need me during my short absence but as the relief train could not get through it made it impossible for me to return.

DID NOT FLEE, SAYS DOCTOR- (Contd)

I never have stood back when danger was present and it was far from my intention at this time but mistakes are sometimes made in our calculations by the best of men and I was a victim to error this time, but not intentional. I hope this will explain. "A man convinced against his will is the same opinion still."

Dr. F. W. Rolfs.

LOCKMAN SAYS IT IS UNDECIDED ABOUT REBUILDING

Jacob Lockman of Nampa is in the city on business connected with the burning of the Sunset Brewing company's plant. Regarding rebuilding Mr. Lockman says nothing definite can be known until he consults with a couple of outside men who are interested in the plant. No shipment of Nampa beer is to be brought in at present since there is fire in the Blue Mountains through which the train would have to go and traffic is demoralized in that vicinity.

200 MEN FIGHT FIRE AT BURKE

Fire in Three Gulches and on Mountain Ridge Now.

"Two hundred men are fighting in forest fires near Burke," said Deputy Sheriff Tom Curley today following his arrival in town from the canyon camp.

"The fire is in Imperial gulch, O'Neil gulch, Sonora Gulch and along the ridge toward the Midway-Summit below Burke. None of the fires are large.

"The men who are fire fighting are from the Hercules and Hecla. A shift has been on all the time. Burke is in no immediate danger. The town is soaked in water and it would be a wonder to me if it could burn. We had some rain and snow up there last night."

~~FERRIS FIRE, CHILD IS BORN.~~

~~Miscellaneous, August 24, It was~~

DAMAGE IN COEUR D'ALENE
Fire Destroys Several Buildings With Heavy Loss.

Harry Westfall, general delivery clerk for the postoffice, who returned yesterday from Spokane, states that fire Sunday night in Coeur d'Alene City did heavy damage. Four stores were destroyed, a meat market, jewelry store, candy store and another place being burned down. All stood on Sherman avenue. The fire started in the candy kitchen.

TERRIBLE EXPERIENCE BY WALLACE MAN NEAR AVERY

Trapped by Fire in Railroad Water Tunnel and Lie with Face in Mud for Hours.

Their nerves wracked by their terrible experience with the forest fire near Avery, but so happy to be alive that they danced and sang on their walk into Wallace over the Placer creek trail, a party of Wallace men and others arrived in the city last night under the leadership of William Sites.

Those with Sites were Rolly Wooley, Fred Woolley, Charles Kirken-dall, C. A. Smith, Otto Kottkey, nephew of Ranger Kottkey of Avery, Stephen Lathy brother-in-law of Ranger Kottkey, Oscar Haupt, son of Adolph Haupt of Wallace and two Italian section men.

Most of the men had been prospecting at the Silica Gold & Copper property. They were driven from the Silica about 10 o'clock Saturday night and went to Avery, returning to the Silica Sunday. They went to Forest Ranger Kottkey's home for the noon meal Sunday and were driven in haste from there a half-mile up the Milwaukee railroad track to a railroad water tunnel near one of the trestles.

The water tunnel was 300 feet long and about 5x7 feet in the clear. It was open at both ends. In this tunnel the party lay for three hours Sunday afternoon, their faces buried in the mud much of the time.

Sunday evening they went to Kyle and spend the night in a section house and returned Monday to the claims. Yesterday they came to Wallace.

"For the matter it was a mere chance that any of us were saved. We were sleeping Saturday night at the Silica when the fire came on us. It was traveling then at a rate of not less than 40 miles an hour. It was about 10 o'clock Saturday night that I awoke and got up, going to the door to see how things looked. I saw the fire right at hand. I yelled to the men, "For God's sake, get out of here," We grabbed a few of our clothes and ran.

"We went to Avery that night and stayed all night. Sunday the wind seemed quiet and we returned to the Silica. We found things in horrible shape there. All the timber had been burned off the claims, causing a damage of about \$40,000. There are not a dozen trees in 15 square miles that will live. There is not enough live timber left on the Silica to furnish two sets of timber for the tunnel. Two buildings are all gone with the exception of the new cabin, built of green timber, which was only scorched. The loss from buildings and tools is about \$1,000.

"We went to Kottkey's ranger cabin for the noon meal. While we were eating it became so dark we had to light a lamp to see by. Soon we saw the fire was coming right through there and we all lit out up the track. About a half-mile up the track we came to this water tunnel. We went in there. The smoke became so bad that we nearly suffocated from the gas and we lay two hours on our faces in the mud.

"The fire cleaned up everything at Kottkey's and we only left there in time. Kottkey lost his house and furniture. He was not at home Sunday being engaged in fire fighting near Missoula.

TERRIBLE EXPERIENCE BY WALLACE MAN NEAR AVERY --(Contd)

"We were able to leave the tunnel about 5 o'clock in the afternoon and we went to Kyle, staying all night in the section house. Monday morning we went back to the claims again.

"Tuesday we walked over through the burned district to Wallace, a distance of 18 miles, coming down Placer creek. Things certainly look tough along Placer. As we realized what the damage had been and that many had lost their lives, we were happy so happy we sang. I want to be congratulated on getting out of that alive.

"On the way down Placer creek we met Roy Geary and George Evans who had been sent out to look us up."

FIVE BRIDGES DOWN SALTESE TO MULLAN.

Mullan--C.M. Brady, N. P. agent here, walked in from Saltese last night accompanied by a brakeman. He reports five bridges out between here and Saltese.

Brady boarded the relief train here to help Conductor Brown in the care of the 150 women and children who were leaving Mullan Saturday night. He and Brown went to Saltese where they met the crew from Missoula and left the train.

Brady and Brown started back from Missoula but were cut off by fire a mile west of Taft. They walked back to Saltese and since then three attempts have been made to come into Mullan with the train. The idea was abandoned at last and Brady and the brakeman walked in yesterday.

N. P. SERVICE VIA SPOKANE.

Passengers Are Carried Right Along--Repair Damages Soon.

The date when the Northern Pacific will resume service to Missoula over the line through Mullan is indefinite. General Agent McKenna is of the opinion that the transfer can be made in some way in a very few days. For the present the N. P. is handling its passenger business via Spokane. Tickets are sold at the N. P. depot for passengers to Missoula and they are conveyed to Harrison by the way of the O. R. & N with whom the N. P. has a traffic agreement, across the lake to Coeur d'Alene by boat and from the lake city to Spokane on the N. P. then to Missoula via the N. P. The N. P. continues to seek business from passengers to or from the east.

The N. P. telegraph line is down and the local office has been unable to ascertain the exact extent of the damage by forest fires to the company property. Men will investigate the damage at once. Fires are burning all through and country east of Lookout and it is not known here what the damage is. The trouble between Wallace and Lookout consists of damage to the bridges and it is asserted that this can be repaired in a short time.

The mail from the east is carried by the N. P. as usual, though the route is via Spokane.

MISSOULA HARBORS WALLACE REFUGEES

Bying as were the circumstances of the escape of many able-bodied citizens from Wallace, their hardships were slight when compared with those of the sick patients and aged invalids taken from the sisters hospital and brought to Missoula on the special train which reached here this morning, says the Daily Missoulian. More than _____ men and women and several children were rushed aboard the special train last night after Wallace was in flames. Many of them besides being old and feeble were in serious conditions from sickness and surgical treatment and their being moved with the ill conveniences at hand would have been dangerous even had there not been _____ coupled with it the extra strain of the danger from fire, excitement. However, with a fortitude that would have shamed many strong men the sick bore the hardships of the trip wonderfully well and reached places prepared for them at St. Patrick's hospital here in excellent condition. The accompanying sisters and nurses speak in the highest praise of the grim determination with which the patients accepted their hardships and are delighted to know that not a single one of the number tonight appears to be much the worse for the experience.

MISS ONE SISTER.

When all of the patients, doctors and nurses at the Wallace hospital had been removed, Dr. Quigley of the institution and one nurse, Miss Ryan, turned back from the train and announced their intention of remaining on duty to the last minute in case of emergency. There is one sister, Sister Joseph, of the Wallace institution missing, and no word from her has made her friends extremely anxious as to her safety. It is believed, however, that she was enabled to get out toward Spokane over the O. R. & N. railway, after having missed the N.P. special.

LIST OF PATIENTS.

The following are the patients received at St. Patrick's hospital from its sister institution at Wallace:

Mrs. Keana, aged; Mrs. Henry Kottkey, accompanied by her husband and three children; Mrs. Morris, aged; Mrs. Mason, aged; Mrs. Mable McCarth; Mrs. J. C. Farris, mother and two children; Mrs. May Taylor; Mrs. Bridget Trainer, Mrs. Reardon, Mrs. Skinner, Miss Pearl Haight, Miss Rita Leahy and Hilda Thompson. Mrs. Farris, Mrs. Skinner and Hilda Thompson were taken from the hospital this evening to the homes of relatives in Missoula.

Roy Wilson, Leo Harrett, John Makison, Alfred Rouse, Mike Houlihan, aged 79; George Davis, H. B. Cohen, aged 69; Robert Mooney, John Heifer, aged 81; Henry Perry, aged 77; S.E. Hepton, R.M. Davis, aged 73; John Krebs, H.A. Campbell, J.M. Logan, R.J. Doyle, James O'Donnell, W. Steen and "General" David Alvard, the latter having been at the Wallace hospital for the past 10 years.

GRAZED WITH EXCITEMENT

Fred Anderson, son of Engineer J. C. Anderson of this city, was one of those who escaped from Wallace on the special train last night and with his wife and Lizzie Schilling of this city, who was visiting his home in Wallace, a dangerous trip was made from the house to the special train. Mr. Anderson said: "It all happened so fast last night

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that it seems like a dream yet, and from the condition when we left at about 9:30 o'clock and the hard time we had in getting from our neighborhood to the railway track I am afraid that there will be many lives lost among the families who resided on the east side of town who attempted to wait and try to save their homes. This section of the city was nearly cut off from every avenue of escape when we left and red-hot cinders and fire brands as big as your hand were falling like rain all around us as we ran. We passed men who were simply crazed with excitement, and, although familiar with the town, they seemed dazed and unable to know which way to go to escape the flames. We passed others who were madly defying the appeals of women and children and determined to remain and attempt to save their frame houses with only garden hose to throw the water. It was in this way, I think, that many children became separated from their parents, some leaving town and coming this way and the rest of the family going west.

Climb on Tender.

"We ran blindly away from the fire, not knowing that we would be lucky enough to catch a train just leaving, and only hoping to be fortunate enough to strike some prospect hole to crawl in and be safe from the hot bed of fire. As we reached the Northern Pacific tracks there was an engine and caboose waiting and we climbed aboard without any invitation finding the car packed with men, women and children, including the patients, nurses and sisters of the Catholic hospital near at hand. When the caboose filled up inside men climbed on top and then boarded the tender and every available place to cling over the engine, and we pulled out between 9:30 and 10:00 o'clock with probably 75 people on the special.

Mullan People Excited.

"We made a fast run to Mullan and there found another excited populace and more than 200 climbed aboard the boxcar train, which was made up there. Proceeding west we were closely pressed by fire in several places and the bridges were being threatened, especially the "S" trestle. At Taft the fire seemed about ready to drop on the town and between there and Wallace we could see the fire on the mountains in an almost unbroken line to the south.

"Apparently all of the people of Taft were waiting for our train and climbed eagerly on board. Others came in from Saltese also and other points this way. The boxcars were far from comfortable but so thankful were the mothers and their children that they made no complaint about being required to sit or lie down on the hard, dirty floors of the cars and bumping along."

Cars on Fire!

Ed C. Young of the Wallace foundry was one of the refugees on the first train out of the fire zone yesterday. He brought his wife and two children and will go from here to Spokane. Mr. Young said he got home from his business at 8:15 Saturday night and conditions seemed to be no different from what they had been for a week. He sat down to his supper and was startled by the exclamation from his wife who had looked out of the window. "The whole town is on fire," she said. He looked out and there seemed to be fire in all parts. He says his home is surely burned. With his wife and children he hurried down to the railway and caught the first train which was just leaving then.

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"The flames came with a roar," he said, "Conductor Brown had intended to bring back a long train of box cars to carry people. He ran his engine down to the tank for water and when he came back the whole string of cars were on fire. He got his caboose and engine through the fire and came on with that, stopping to take on the patients at Providence hospital. It was the hottest, quickest thing I ever saw."

Some of Refugees.

Following is a list of the refugees from the Wallace district who have registered with the relief committee; it will be of service in locating friends.

Doris and Dorothy Baldwin, twin girls, 11 years old, were living with their grandmother, Mrs. Rule, at Wallace. Their mother was cooking in some camp near that place. They lost their grandmother in the rush. Cared for by Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Lister.

Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Bass, Wallace. Lost their home and all effects. Stopping with Mr. and Mrs. Lister.

Mrs. Graffenberger and four children of Wallace were separated from the father and one sister. Stopping at Grand Pacific. Will go to Spokane tomorrow unless they hear from Mr. Graffenberger.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Rizzonelli and five children. With Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Thompson.

Martin Everett, Wallace. Stopping place unknown.

Dorothy Harrison of Wallace is with J. S. McInnes and his seven children, who were all to return to Spokane last night, if possible.

Mrs. B. A. Haughn and two children of Mullan. She had \$10 and Carl Greenwood of this city furnished enough more to purchase tickets for the trip to Spokane.

Mrs. John Eather of Wallace, at the Grand Pacific. Will return to Wallace with Mrs. Graffenberger.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Nelson and child, Wallace. Rooming at Joe Beebe house.

Mr. and Mrs. Chris Shannon and Robert and Florence Kootkey, relatives, whose mother is in the local Sisters' hospital. Stopping place unknown.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Benz, Wallace. At Shapard.

Richard Rastorfer, Wallace. Stopping place unknown.

B. O. Skinner, wife of two children and B. H. Skinner, Wallace. Stopping with friends at unknown address.

Mr. and Mrs. James McCune of Wallace. At Charles Crawshaw residence.

R. L. Brown, Wallace. Returned to Spokane.

Mrs. E. Johnson and child and Mrs. Sundin, Wallace. Went to relatives at Spokane.

Mrs. William Tope arrived in Missoula from east yesterday, expecting to continue to their home in Wallace. Will attempt to reach Spokane today. Stopping at John Doll's residence.

Dr. Frederick William Rolfs, wife and child of Mullan are at the Shapard.

Mrs. L. H. Foot and three children, family of a forest service man at Mullan, are at the Belmont.

E. A. Lockwood, wife and child of Wallace are at the Shapard. Will return to Spokane as soon as possible.

Missoula Harbors Wallace Refugees. (Contd)

W. H. Smith and wife of Wallace are at the Shapard and will go to Wallace as soon as train service is restored.

Charles Hiller and J. A. McKay, both of Mullan. Stopping place unknown.

Chester Harwood, 15 years of age. Came here with two men friends. The relief committee lost track of him, but another acquaintance, William Noyes, promised to look him up and care for him until his relatives were notified.

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SAYS PRESSURE GOOD ON FIRE

D. C. M'Kissick Says It Never Got Below 130 Pounds.

The water pressure during Saturday night and Sunday when the fires in Wallace were being fought, continued good all the time, says D. C. McKissick, manager of the Northwest Light & Water Company.

"The pressure never got below 130 pounds," he said last night. "Sixty pounds is a good pressure. We kept up the pressure despite the fact that the hose had burned off a hydrant at the brewery and off a hydrant at the Iron works, leaving two 3-inch streams of water running full force.

"If our pipe line up Placer had not been buried we would have lost that and Wallace would have been without water.

"I believe the drinking water supply for Wallace is in better shape now than before the fire. All the moss and decaying vegetable matter along the stream has been burned away. Hardly a pine needle is left. Besides we have had men out since Sunday morning cleaning all our streams of anything that might cause trouble."

DOUBLE FUNERAL FOR BOYS.

Victims of Bullion Disaster Will Be Buried Friday.

At 2 o'clock this morning the bodies of Larry Ryson, Lessie Zellars and C. Val Nicholson, three of the victims of the Bullion disaster, were brought to Wallace. Men in the employ of the forestry office, the parents of Zellars and Nicholson, who were not yet of age, accompanied the officers to the spot where the men had been buried temporarily. Soldiers and the army wagon went along beyond Mullan and from that point on the trip was made with pack horses. The bodies were packed out on horses till the army wagon was met when they were transferred to this and brought to Wallace.

The funerals of the two youths, Zellars and Nicholson, will be a double one and will be held from the Methodist church, Friday, August 26, at 1:30 p.m. The boys had grown up in the canyon and had attended the schools there. Nicholson was only 16 years of age, while Zellars was 19. They returned to the Bullion only a week ago Monday. They had been working out there here before, but came home for a few days.

The parents are Charles Zellars and Charles Nicholson.

RELIEF TRAIN RUN BY THE MILWAUKEE

"The Milwaukee Railway company ran a relief train Saturday night," said Wm. Sites, who has just returned from the Silica near where he had a narrow escape from death from the forest fire.

"At 11 o'clock the train was run to the west portal and from there to Avery picking up the women and the children. The train then ran to the St. Joe where the people were deposited. No women or children were left in Avery.

"All bridges between Falcon and the west portal, a distance of 10 miles, and two trestles west of Falcon are gone. It will be a month before the Milwaukee is running trains over that part of the line."

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PATTISONS ESCAPE THE FOREST FIRES.

A telephone message from Spokane this noon revealed the fact that Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Pattison were safe there. Ever since the news reached here of the burning of the Amador these two Wallace people have been the object of inquiry and arrangements to send out a searching party were being made.

Mr. and Mrs. Pattison left here a few days ago for the Peter Sherlock placer claims near the Amador.

THREE BOXCARS BURN.

N. P. LOSES NEW CARS WITH DAMAGE OF \$5,000.

In the fire Saturday night the Northern Pacific lost three new boxcars, empties, which had just been brought in here and which are worth about \$4,000. Another car containing hay was destroyed. The total loss to the company from the destruction of the boxcars is estimated at about \$5,000.

This damage will be immensely augmented, it is feared, when a review is possible of the harm done along the line between here and Missoula, bridges, track and ties being burned and one tunnel reported damaged.

HAS PNEUMONIA

Fire Victims Suffer From Trouble With Lungs.

Mike Sukie has been received at the Hope hospital to be treated for injuries sustained in the forest fire along Big Creek. Sukie has pneumonia besides bad burns about the eyes. Inhaling the smoke caused an inflammation that was followed by pneumonia.

Edward Pomeroy, who gave his home as Worcestershire, Mass., is suffering from painful injuries to both eyes besides an attack of bronchitis. He came from Big Creek and is at the Hope hospital.

CANDLE TOLD LIFE'S EBB.

Men Huddled in Tunnel Used it for a While.

William Davis of Butte, as one of the survivors of the Bullion disaster, says that he held a candle in the crosscut back of the blanket that they might tell how the air was going. He is afraid that his people in Butte may think that he has been killed in one of the fire disasters.

SAVED FROM FIRE THROUGH A DELAY.

A party of four men came in last evening from Striped peak near the scene of the Big Creek disasters, all being fire fighters and having made the way in over the Placer creek trail. They had a large number of packhorses with them.

"We were going to start out from our camp about 4 o'clock Saturday afternoon," said one of the men. "We were on Streaked ridge above the fire on Big Creek. We were delayed in starting until 7 o'clock Saturday night and then found we couldn't go. It was a lucky thing for the fire did not come up to where we were."

The men were blackened and worn out. The horses had had nothing to eat for two days, they said. Four injured men were brought in on the pack horses and taken to the Wallace hospital.

FOUR SHOTS CALL ATTENTION TO A FIRE IN BRUSH

Four shots echoing down from high on the south hill about 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon drew a large crowd of excited people onto the street corners in Wallace, eager to know what the unusual sound portended.

Investigation showed that Mrs. J. H. Stevens had fired the shots in the attempt to attract attention to the big brush fire which had broken out with great force near her home and which threatened a half dozen residences. Men hurried to the place and soon had the fire out.

TREE FALLS ON MEN.

New forest fire patients received at the Wallace hospital since yesterday noon are:

A. P. Cox, G. M. Ward, Charles Hanson, George Williams, Charles Frank, Herbert Hennes, Joe DeMarco of Burke and Gus Rizerman of Wallace. All are from the Big creek fire.

Cox, Ward, Hanson, Williams and DeMarco are burned about the face, hands and feet. Frank and Hennes were struck by a falling tree and bruised about the legs in serious manner. Rizerman has pneumonia and is delirious. He had to be bound with blankets and watched all the way in owing to his delirium. He was fastened on the back of a pack horse.

**DEAD FISH FILL THE NORTH FORK.
Trapper Picks Up A Boat Load For Bear Bait.**

The North Fork of the Coeur d'Alene river, 25 miles above Prichard creek, is filled with dead fish, some of them two feet long. They have been literally cooked in the water, according to Martin Breidenbach, the deputy sheriff, who was an arrival from the North side this morning. Tremendous fires are burning on the headwaters of the North Fork and its tributaries. Some of the small creeks are said to have become so warm that the fish were cooked. The ashes, needles and other debris of the creek got in the gills of many and killed them.

Charles Gates, the North Fork trapper, picked up a whole boatload of the dead fish. He will use these for bear bait for his traps during the winter. He says that he could have got a shipload if he wanted them.

Some of the fish are not dead, only stupid. When they are placed in entirely fresh water they slowly revive.

MONITOR AND AMADOR BURN

J. L. Bailor Says Saltese Was Safe When He Left There.

J. L. Bailor of Spokane, who is interested in the operation of the Monitor mine near Saltese, arrived in Wallace this morning from that property.

He reported that fire had swept the Monitor and Amador and cleaned both properties of all buildings, besides damaging the machinery to a serious extent.

When Mr. Bailor left Saltese at 10 o'clock yesterday morning the town was unharmed by fire.

MURRAY DANGER BELIEVED OVER.

Fierce Fire Is Now On Terrible Edith Mountain.

Murray is not believed to be in any danger from the forest fires unless a great gale springs up, according to Martin Breidenbach, deputy Sheriff, who arrived from the North Side this morning. The fire is now on Terrible Edith Mountain and is burning away from the town. It is above the Golden Chest and has burned the flume of that company. The blaze started at Bear gulch and has burned over to the Montana line.

There are other bad fires in the North Side district, but none of them are threatening Murray at present. One has burned between Lost gulch and Big creek and is going to West Eagle. It is burning over old slashings.

A number of miners' cabins have been burned in the Murray district and a great amount of timber has been destroyed.

FLEEING FIRE, CHILD IS BORN.

Missoula--It was exactly 9:30 when the first train from the Wallace district pulled in. It was made up of a variety of cars, principally boxes, and carried a most pitiful looking crowd. A thousand or more of the good people of Missoula were at the station to receive and minister to the refugees. A table and chairs were placed upon the lawn and everything ready to serve sandwiches and coffee. Two dozen or more ladies and some of the leading business men of the city were there to wait upon the visitors. The glad hand was out and nothing was left undone. Ambulances, automobiles, and street hacks were standing ready to be pressed into service. Some of the people had been at the station for more than two hours, as the first report said that the special would arrive at 7.

Refugees.

Before the train came there were some who did not believe it would bring any but a few sick people who were carried out of Providence hospital. There were many skeptics in the crowd. But when the refugees began to climb out the spectators realized that something out of the ordinary had driven them from their homes. Among the very first to get out of one of the box cars was a nurse, wearing uniform and cap, and carrying a tiny, 10-day-old baby. At her heels was the mother, nervous, pale and emaciated, trembling from head to foot like an aspen leaf. Following this trio came another, a nurse, a nine-day-old child and a frail frightened mother. From the car ahead a desperately ill and fearfully weak man was lifted. By his side, hobbled an old wrinkle-faced pioneer, traveling on crutches. There were a half dozen other feeble persons. Working men, covered with grime, accompanied by their families. The poor fellows had not had time to wash their faces or change their clothes. One mother, with four children, was weeping for her husband and an 8-year old son who missed the train. Two of her little ones, a 14 year old boy and a small, blue eyed flaxen-haired girl, were in their night clothes. The boy, who had been aroused from his sleep in the excitement of the moment, ran out to see if his brothers and sisters were safe and did not have time to return for his togs. His baby sister, Ella, who did not quite understand what had happened, was lifted from the bed in her night gown and literally carried away asleep. The father of this family, Otto Grafenburg, ran back to try to save his home and was left. The younger boy got off with another party.

The most pathetic story of all is that of Dorothy and Dorris Baldwin, 11 year old twins, a pair of bright-eyed brunettes who got separated from their grandmother, Mrs. Rule, who was lost in the race for the train. Their mother, Mrs. May Baldwin, was out of the city cooking for a railroad camp and knew nothing of their danger. Their grandma, with whom they lived, started with them but, discovering that she had left her purse in their little house, turned and went back for it. Later the children saw her struggling to catch the train but the fire was sweeping at such a terrific pace that the cars had to pull out to escape. They believe that

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she succeeded in mounting a handcar that carried away a number of people.

Dorothy and Dorris are as much alike as two black-eyed peas. They are dainty and sweet looking. Mrs. J. W. Lister took them to her home and will care for them.

A World on Wheels.

That train was a little world on wheels. Life as one sees it in any community was found there. When the crowd, all save two or three, had dismounted, a woman, attended by several of her sex, remained in one of the freight cars and gave birth to a child. At the earliest possible moment she was hurried to a hospital.

There were some ludicrous features as well as sad ones for the curious. One woman, who got out by the skin of her teeth, donned a pair of her husband's trousers and a robe, threw the house cat and three kittens in a telescope and put out for the train. She came in Missoula that way. The feline was well and happy. Five or six dogs accompanied their masters.

Secretary Breitenstein of the Chamber of Commerce, assisted by many men and women, saw that the crowd got refreshments, and a place to rest. All who did not go direct to the local hotels were sent to Masonic hall, where they tarried to get their bearings or to hospitals, where they received proper attention.

Brave Sisters.

Sister Elizabeth and 14 other sisters had to fly from Providence hospital. By the aid of the Northern Pacific railway and the citizens of the community they escaped with most of their patients. Dr. F. L. Quigley, Miss Royal, a nurse, one sister and four or five sick persons were left.

"We had about 30 patients," said Sister Elizabeth yesterday afternoon, some of whom are very ill. A Mrs. Morris, an old lady, is dying here. She became seriously sick on the way.

"We are indebted to the Northern Pacific and kind neighbors for our escape. Dr. Quigley, Miss Royal and one sister, went back to try to get the remaining patients and we had to leave them. I hope they got out to Spokane.

"How much time did you have?"

"Ten minutes. The flames were surrounding the building as the last party passed out. The breeze came down the mountain at a terrific rate, carrying the fire with it. It seemed to me that the blaze swept down upon us all at once from the hill at the side of the hospital.

"Had you the remotest idea that the fire would come?"

"Of course we had seen the smoke and flames about us, but did not anticipate such a sudden visit. The patients were all dressed, however, and ready for the emergency that came. We were choking with smoke when we ran away."

The rear steps of the hospital were burning when occupants got out.

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MISSING MULLAN PEOPLE FOUND; SEARCHERS OUT

Mullan--Mr. and Mrs. George Cook who, it was feared were lost, have been heard from and are on their way to Spokane. A searching party left Mullan yesterday morning for the Silver Cable mine to find them if possible. A telegram received last night said they had started from Missoula for Spokane.

Mr. and Mrs. Cook were at the Silver Camp when they saw the forest fire coming and started for town. Gus Myers, a partner of Mr. Cook, remained to fire off a round of shots in the tunnel and escaped safely. Mr. and Mrs. Cook went to Thompson Falls.

M'CUNES RETURN.

Mr. and Mrs. James McCune returned to Wallace last evening from Missoula via Spokane. They made the trip to Missoula Saturday night on the emergency train run from Providence hospital and friends feared their loss for a day after the fire, being unable to locate them.

LOSES POSSESSIONS WHEN O. R. & N DEPOT DESTROYED BY FIRE

When the fire Saturday night threatened the old O. R. & N. depot, the employees of the company were put to work removing all portable contents of value, including many trunks that had been placed in the baggage room for removal from the city.

A number of individuals had placed trunks on the walk outside the depot and had piled up sheets filled with personal belongings of value, especially clothing, table linen and so forth. These articles on the walk were, for the most part, consumed though owners had time and presence of mind enough to carry away some of the trunks.

O. R. & N. TO HELP.

A wire received by W.R. Skey, traveling passenger agent of the O.R. & N. last night stated that the railroad company was willing to cooperate with the city in constructing bridges.
