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## WASHINGTON LETTER.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 6th, 1902

Intense interest, followed by bitter disappointment, has attended the conference of the railroad presidents interested in the anthracite coal mines and president Mitchell of the Mine Workers' Union, called by President Roosevelt. When the President's eloquent appeal to the interested parties was first made public there was a general impression that the conference would prove successful. The concluding words of the appeal were, "I do not invite a discussion of your respective claims and positions. I appeal to your patriotism, to the spirit that sinks personal considerations and makes individual sacrifices for the general good." Response to this appeal Pres. Mitchell offered to order the strikers to return to work immediately and leave all differences to be subsequently adjudicated by a tribunal which should be entirely appointed by the President. The railway presidents refused to consider the offer. They painted in glowing colors the failure of the state authorities to preserve law and order and appealed to the President to protect their property and those workmen who were willing to enter the mines on the old terms, from the lawlessness and violence of the strikers. The President doubtless fully appreciated that in their representations lay the weak spot in his contention. Nevertheless he again urged upon them full consideration of the suffering which must inevitably come to the general public as a result of their persistent maintenance of their rights. Further than that he did not argue the case and the meeting dispersed.

The only apparent result of the conference was to demonstrate that the operators were unwillingly unwilling to, in the remotest degree, recognize the union and the miners were unwilling to abandon their union, in the interest of a suffering public. It is freely predicted that the President is determined that the strike shall end and that he has further measures in contemplation. By some it is alleged that he will convene Congress in special session, by others that he will appeal to Gov. Stone to restore order or, in the event of his inability to do so, call for regular troops. What the President really intends to do, probably no man knows but there is a general feeling that he will find some way of protecting the interest of the American people in this serious crisis.

with Mrs. Roosevelt to Oyster Bay for at least two weeks rest and recuperation.

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The great struggle between the anthracite mine operators and their employees, together with the increased interest in the relations between capital and labor have resulted in bringing to the Carnegie Institution in this city, an immense number of requests that the Trustees of the Institution take up the question and make a thorough investigation of the whole subject. It is argued that such an investigation and the findings resulting therefrom would prove of the utmost benefit to the science of political economy and to the general public and the deductions of the scientists who would be employed by the Institution would be received with greater credence by the people than those of any department of the government whose investigations are too often suspected of being biased by the political views of the administration. Mr. O. P. Austin, chief of the bureau of statistics of the Treasury Department told your correspondent recently that he believed the scheme a most excellent one and that he hoped the Institution would see its way clear to respond to the popular demand.

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It is estimated at the War Department that at least three years will be required for the completion of the negotiations between the Department and the Vatican looking to the transfer of the feasts' lands to this government. This long delay, it is said, will arise from the complicatedities and the peculiar processes of the Spanish law. Anticipating the difficulties in the way of a minute examination of the titles, Governor Taft offered to the Vatican a lump sum for the holdings of the friars, agreeing to assume all risk of defective titles, but this proposition was rejected by the Pope and now every title will have to be examined and thereafter negotiations looking to the sale entered into with the papal delegate, Mgr. Guidi. It is stated, however, that the only sufferers from the delay will be the friars as much of their land is already held by the Philippine Commission and most of the remainder is held by those municipalities which have virtually expelled the friars.

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Mr. William Nelson Cromwell, general counsel for the Panama Canal Co., is authority for the statement that the French courts have taken the necessary steps to render satisfactory the title offered to Attorney General Knox by his company and he predicts that Mr. Knox will report to the President that there is no flaw. Mr. Knox refuses to make public any statement in regard to his findings until his report shall have been submitted to the President and, as his attention is now devoted almost entirely to the subject of the coal strike, his report may be deferred for some time.

## LIST OF PATENTS

Granted to Minnesota inventors this week, reported by C. A. Stover & Co.: T. K. Baker, Minneapolis, coffee-maker; J. M. Bryant, Minneapolis, drill-coupling; P. Christiansson, Sorrent road vehicle; H. DeWalvo, St. Paul, operating device for driving or pulling stamping hammers; A. E. Holstrom, Starbuck, power hammer; J. G. Iverson, Minneapolis, wire straightener; Albert Jones, Red Wing, adjustable pitch board; L. B. Johnson, Duluth, computing chart; Fregonee, Peoples, Deere, B. B. Peter, patron; J. D. Starkey, Buffalo, cow tail holder; J. Swanson, Waukegan, prunus cutting machine.

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#### FOREST FIRES.

Lives Lost and Many Millions of Dollars in Property Destroyed Every Year.

The reports of recent forest fires in Washington, Oregon, Wyoming, and Colorado, in which many lives were lost, will add to the interest in a special study of the subject which has engaged the Bureau of Forestry for several years. The result of this study, in the form of a bulletin entitled "Forest Fires," by Alfred Gaskill, will be published soon. By impressing the public with some idea of the peril it suffers from forest fires, and the enormous damage they do, the Bureau hopes to induce more effective legislation in support of the cause.

Investigation has shown that, in an average year, 60 human lives are lost in forest fires, \$25,000,000 worth of real property is destroyed, 10,274,080 acres of timber land are burned over, and young forest growth worth, at the lowest estimate, \$75,000,000, is killed. A special canvas of the country by the Department of Agriculture in 1891 discovered 12,000,000 acres of timber land destroyed by fire.

These figures are mere estimates, which fall far short of showing in full the damage done. No account at all is taken of the loss to the country due to the impoverishment of the soil by fire, to the ruin of water courses, and the drying up of springs. Even the amount of timber burned is very imperfectly calculated, and the actual quantity destroyed is far in excess of that accounted for. Forest fires in this country have grown so common that only those are reported that are of such magnitude as to threaten large communities. The lumbering industry in remote sections of the country may be ruined and the people forced to flee for their lives without a mention of the disaster beyond the places near where it occurred.

The fires that burst this year in Washington and Oregon were uncommon only in the number of lives lost. The burning of logging and mining camps and farm buildings, the loss to the country in the destruction of timber and young tree growth, is of yearly occurrence. Every Fall, not only in Washington, Oregon, Colorado, and Wyoming, but up and down the Pacific coast and all over the Rocky Mountain country, fires burn great holes in the forests and destroy the national wealth. The air of the mountains over hundreds of miles is pungent with the smoke of conflagrations, and navi-

gation on Puget Sound has often been impeded by smoke. The following comment by Dr. Henry Gannett, of the U. S. Geological Survey, should convey a fair idea of the damage done in the State of Washington:

"It is less than a generation two-fifths of the standing timber has been destroyed in one of the richest timber regions on the continent, and the destruction more than half has been caused by fire. Assuming that the timber would, if standing, have the value of 75 cents per thousand feet, not less than \$80,000,000 worth has gone up in smoke, a dead loss to the people of the state."

According to the Bureau's records, the most disastrous forest fire in the history of this country occurred in October, 1871, simultaneous with the burning of Chicago. It extended all across northern Michigan and Wisconsin and into Minnesota. At least 1,000 persons were burned to death and 15,000 were made homeless. The property loss has never been calculated. The Hinckley fire of 1894, which destroyed Hinckley and five other Minnesota villages, burned to death 418 persons, destroyed \$700,000 worth of farm and town property, and about 400 square miles of forest. A fire in southeast Michigan in 1888 burned the forest in 45 townships, destroyed \$2,000,000 worth of other property, burned to death 125 persons, and made homeless 5,000. Another Michigan forest fire, which occurred in 1896, made homeless 2,000 persons and destroyed town and farm property worth \$1,000,000. Wisconsin lost by fire in May, 1891, 100 square miles of forest and other property worth \$2,000,000. In 1894, in Wisconsin 13 persons lost their lives and 3,000 their homes, and \$2,000,000 worth of town and farm property was destroyed in the Phillips fire.

The enumeration of great forest fires could be extended almost indefinitely. One feature, however, is common to them all: They were small fires before they grew uncontrollable, and with little trouble might have been extinguished. For example, the Hinckley fire smoked as a ground fire for weeks and nobody paid it serious attention. But one day the wind rose and fanned the smoldering embers into flame, the flame caught in the dry underbrush, leaped into the trees and became a fire of so terrible a volume that no human power could stay it.

Legislation, even in the east, has done little toward solving the forest fire problem. Pennsylvania, Minnesota, Massachusetts, and New

York are possible exceptions. The best forest fire laws are probably those of Pennsylvania, which make an annual expenditure of \$15,000 in support of them. State constables serve as fire wardens in their towns and receive extra pay for their services. Minnesota, brought to a sense of responsibility by disasters, of which the Hinckley fire was the most terrible, has established an efficient forest fire system. Massachusetts has had good legislation in the matter. The New York forest fire laws, though generally limited in their effort to State reserves and parks, have brought good results. West of the Rocky Mountains little is done toward the suppression of forest fires, except by the forest rangers on Government reserves, who are employed by the Department of the Interior.

The creation of a sentinel against forest fires is the first step toward their suppression. Legislation is necessary, but it must be accompanied by the cooperation of the people and the officers charged with the enforcement of the law. The fall and the early spring, before vegetation has begun, are the dangerous seasons for forest fires in the most densely wooded parts of the country. At such times special precautions should be taken and the people should be kept alert by constant reminders of the peril. An excellent idea, as Mr. Gaskill suggests, is to placard trees along roads and trails with notices of the danger and warnings of penalties to be incurred by those who violate the fire laws.

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