

20,000 Farm and Ranch Families Face Destitution

Total Destruction of Crops and Ranges and Loss of Water Reported

MERCURY HITS 100 MARK AGAIN

LEWISTOWN, May 29.—(P)—A fierce forest fire was raging tonight on Blacktail creek, in the foothills of the Snowy mountains, 30 miles southeast of Lewistown.

Persons who returned from the scene said the fire had a front of about five miles. The flames were eating through good-sized timber.

(By the Associated Press)

Old Sol retained his grip on Montana Tuesday and forced the mercury up to the 100-degree mark at Miles city for the second time this season.

Showers fell Monday night in some localities west of the continental divide, but

DRILLING 1,000 WELLS ON PROGRAM

HELENA, May 29.—(P)—A request for an immediate allocation of \$1,500,000 for the relief of distress in the drought-wasted sections of eastern Montana, where 20,000 farm and ranch families are facing destitution, was forwarded tonight to Relief Director Hopkins in Washington.

Supporting the necessity for an immediate grant of funds were the reports laid today before a drought relief committee of the state advisory planning board, showing total destruction of crops and ranges, loss of water and the death of livestock from lack of water and range feed.

Emphasizing the imperative nature of the eastern Montana situa-

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