

BUSH FIRES RAGING

CANBERRA OUTBREAK

FIGHTING THE FLAMES

BIG BLAZE IN THE WEST

SYDNEY, Friday.

The bush fire at Canberra now has a front of 20 miles, the whole of the Federal territory being covered with a thick pall of smoke. The flames, however, are under control, and unless a strong wind springs up there is little danger of them approaching the pine forest. Many of the fire fighters are resting on the roadside exhausted after their efforts for the past 24 hours.

Uruarra Station homestead just escaped being destroyed by fire yesterday. The flames reached the homestead fence, but a number of men prevented the fire extending. So far all the sheep and cattle on the station are safe.

The Bathurst fire, which has been devastating Meadow Flat, has not yet been conquered, and it is still eating up the dry grasses and scrub. Last night it was thought that the fire was under control, but it broke out again this morning, and is now out of hand. A strong breeze was responsible for the renewed fury of the flames. Over 100 men are engaged in endeavouring to check the spread of the fire.

Extensive fires have started in the Mitta Mitta Valley in the Bright district (Vic.), and in the Tallangatta district. The settlers at Mitta Mitta Valley are fighting day and night to protect their homes, and their task is being made the more difficult by the strong wind. The fire at Tallangatta was got under control, but it broke out again early this morning, and the fire fighters were roused at 3 a.m. They again checked the fire.

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