

FIRE CLAIMS FEARFUL LOSS OF LIFE

A Horrible Disaster Occurs In Minnesota

Two Hundred and Fifty Dead.

THOUSANDS HOMELESS

Minnesota Experiences Worst Forest Fires in History.

MANY TRAPPED IN FURNACE

Train Crews Show Heroism by Running Trains Loaded With Refugees Through the Blazing Forests—Property Loss Will Mount Into Millions.

THE KNOWN DEAD.

- Julius Bratten, wife and five children, homesteaders.
- Roulin, wife and seven children.
- George Weaver, homesteader, Barbara, wife and six children.
- Charles Baker, homesteader.
- Ciffin, homesteader, wife and five children.
- Tom Barr, homesteader, near Pitt.
- McCumber, wife and six children.
- M. Brennan, Rapid River.
- Gaffin, wife and three children.
- Alfred Palma, homesteader.
- Ed Reulin, wife and seven children.
- Barr Wick, homesteader.
- Mike Beaver, Baudette.

International Falls, Minn., Oct. 10.—An epitome of the tragedy of the northern Minnesota forest fires as so far revealed shows more than 250 dead, 3,000 refugees fleeing from the flames and millions upon millions of dollars' worth of property destroyed.

Just before Spooner was wiped off the map thirty-five typhoid fever patients were carried out of the village on stretchers. Forty-five were carried from Beaudette, and the Mecca of all the refugees, carried or loitering from exhaustion, was Rainy River, across the water from the burning district.

It was a veritable cyclone of fire that struck the village of Pitt. The wind was blowing 70 miles an hour and the flames leaped from tree to tree. It continued blowing a cyclone until it hit Beaudette, and 15 minutes later struck Spooner. Between the two towns, a distance of 15 miles, was a solid sheet of flames 200 feet high. Men dropped in the streets from inhaling the heated air. The exodus from these two towns began six hours before the fire, but some bravely remained behind.

Family Stands in River. Oscar Johnson, wife and three children stood five hours in the Beaudette river, ducking their heads when the heat became too intense. They say the water in the river was heated to an uncomfortable temperature and that steam rose from the surface, when they escaped it was through a furnace of living coals, with here and there a blaze reaching out for what it might destroy.

The destruction of \$3,000,000 worth of lumber, mill property and millions of dollars' worth of timber pales into insignificance beside the horrible personal suffering and the shocking death toll. There was no escape for the poor settlers, hemmed in their little clearings by great forests on all sides and with only a for-

est road connecting them with the main highways.

HINKLEY HORROR OUTDONE

Refugees Tell Harrowing Tales of Suffering at Baudette. Rainy River, Minn., Oct. 10.—Even the Hinkley horror of 15 years ago is overshadowed by the disaster through which northern Minnesota is passing today.

Wind is blowing a hurricane and seems to be coming from all directions at once. Burning embers are being carried before this wind to settle and start other fires, which as they rain headway are joined by the parent body. It is assured that but few of the homesteaders and settlers have escaped, and it is believed the dead will number over 200. Already over 40 bodies have been recovered in this immediate vicinity.

Refugees from Baudette tell harrowing tales of the horrors experienced when that town caught fire. Household goods and valuables of all descriptions, even down to money, scattered the streets, while the people ran panic-stricken hither and thither without any objective point. Two men went mad and ran into the burning brush and perished. Women fainted on the streets and were dragged to the relief trains by their friends. When the fire approached the house of Albert Berg, his servant, Josephine Jasper, refused to leave. Several men tried to persuade her, but she attacked them with a butcherknife, wounding one man, and she was left to her fate and perished.

WIND FANS FLAMES

Property Loss Can Not Be Intelligently Estimated at Present. Rainy River, Oct. 10.—With the wind sweeping a sea of fire eastward on the south side of the Rainy river at a velocity of 50 miles an hour, the great body of flames passed this section, revealing a great calamity. Sixty blackened corpses have been found in the path of the flames and a vast area is yet to be searched for dead, while the towns of Spooner, Beaudette and Pitt have been totally destroyed with a property loss that can not be intelligently calculated at present.

The missing include some 2,000 residents of Beaudette, Spooner and Pitt, some of whom are dead, but the most of whom are safe in Rainy River and towns on the Canadian side. The most serious aspect of the missing includes the homesteaders and farmers in the bush for a distance of 100 miles east and 20 miles south, of whom absolutely nothing can be known for some time, as searching parties do not dare penetrate the still smoking forests through which the cyclone of fire has swept.

Fanned Into New Life.

These forest fires have been smoldering for months and were started anew by the terrific wind which began to blow two days ago. The wind increased in velocity with the heat until a wave of flame over 100 feet high and as long leaped barriers half a mile wide in many directions. It was this situation that caused so many to perish on the railway track. They sought this opening in the bush but were burned to cinders by the heat wave leaping this barrier some 300 yards along the clearing of the railway tracks.

The prompt work of relief engineers by the Canadian Northern officials preserved thousands of lives, as practically all the residents of Spooner, Beaudette and Pitt escaped on the special trains run for them by that company. The people had become so accustomed to the smoke and haze in the sky incident to burning timber that they could not be made to realize that the situation was becoming dangerous. Then when the danger became imminent they were forced to escape in crowds. The Canadian Northern railroad has been running relief trains in every direction, stopping at any point

Mayor Gaynor's Return To Work After Shooting



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After an absence of nearly two months Mayor Gaynor of Greater New York returned to the city hall to take up his official duties. It was on the morning of Aug. 9 that the mayor was shot by James J. Gallagher, a discharged city employee, as he was bidding friends farewell on board the steamer Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse as he was about to sail for a month's vacation in Europe. As soon as possible after the shooting the mayor was conveyed to a hospital in Hoboken, N. J., where his life was for a time despaired of, and citizens of New York waited breathlessly for news from the wounded man's bedside. After a few weeks he was able to return to his country home on Long Island, where he remained until well enough to return to the city hall. During Mayor Gaynor's absence John Purroy Mitchell, president of the board of aldermen, was acting mayor and started the people of the city by his crusades against vice, resulting in the indictment of a score of gamblers and several police officers. He also demanded the removal of Police Commissioner Baker. These are but a few of the many troubles that the convalescent mayor must settle now that he is once more at work. Gallagher, the mayor's assailant, is still in jail in the New Jersey town.

where frantic people were 16 to be found along the track. The heroism of these train crews is a part of the heroism displayed by so many. The most dramatic incidents were those incident to the escape of 2,000 fugitives in a long train of boxcars. The mob of men, women and children waited for the train while their homes were in flames and the roar of falling timbers was harrowing in the extreme. The first train steamed across to Rainy River with men hanging to the sides and to the trucks. Women were given first places. Many of those left started running down the tracks, and perished. Others with great courage stood their ground and were rescued by the second train.

Rainy River Burning.

Roosevelt, Minn., Oct. 10.—The town of Rainy River is now burning from the international bridge to Sixth street, a distance of over half a mile, and it is believed nothing can save the town. In the burned area were the Rat Portage Lumber company's mill and yard, including 10,000,000 feet of lumber.

RELIC HUNTERS FLOCK TO THE DEITZ HOME

Chippewa Falls, Wis., Oct. 10.—District Attorney Davis of Sawyer county will arraign John Deitz, the outlaw of Cameron dam, and two sons and Mrs. Deitz at Hayward on warrants which have been issued against them. There were no other deputies missing or wounded. All reported at Winter allé savé Oscar Harp, 45, who was fatally shot in the mouth.

A KICK WAS FATAL

Dayton, O., Oct. 10.—Frightened by the open umbrella with which Ivan Lels, a young farmer, suddenly appeared in the stable, the family horse kicked and struck Lels in the stomach. The injured man died a few hours later.

WILLINER ARRESTED

Delaware, O., Oct. 10.—Mrs. Jessie R. Way, the milliner, whose store was gutted by fire, was placed under arrest on a warrant taken out in the mayor's court by Deputy Fire Marshal Dundan and Hartuppe. Mrs. Way pleaded not guilty and was bound over under \$500. Deputy Marshal Hartuppe said the evidence in the case is largely circumstantial.

Chess in Ancient Ceylon. In ancient Ceylon the game of chess was played with local variations peculiar enough to note. The king may not castle, but he is permitted to jump like a knight (ll checked). The pawns are exchangeable on the last row for the pieces on whose row they stand.

AS YOU LIKE IT

Charles Jacob Selter of Higgins & Selter, cut glass importers, died at his home in Mt. Vernon, N. Y., of acute indigestion. At Dayton, O., King Haley, 8, and John Creager, 8, while navigating a raft on a pond made by heavy rains, fell overboard and were drowned. Farmers of Delaware county are organizing independent telephone companies as a protest against a recent 25-cent raise in monthly rentals. Seven Northwestern university (Chicago) students celebrated a football victory by building a bonfire in front of the postoffice building and landed in jail.

ATTACK ON JESUITS ACT OF BRUTALITY

Populace of Lisbon Shows Hatred For Clericals.

Lisbon, Oct. 10.—The expulsion of ecclesiastics is going on. Cardinal Neto, former patriarch of Lisbon, and the bishop of Beja were among the first exiles. The children of the monasteries and convent schools are being sent to their parents. The Marquis de Pompa, the clerical leader and chief of the Jesuits, has been arrested.

Popular feeling against the church is very strong in Lisbon. The government opposes the excesses and says it will prevent them, but Quelhaes has been the scene of shameful vandalism by a mob. The accounts of the origin of the trouble there are conflicting. The throwing of bombs by Jesuits is as vehemently denied on one side as it is asserted on the other. Whoever was initially to blame, the seizure of the convent by the mob was followed by disgraceful barbarism, which was not checked by the authorities.

Seventeen Victims Buried.

Los Angeles, Oct. 10.—Seventeen of the 20 or more men who lost their lives in the explosion that wrecked the Times building eight days ago were buried side by side in Hollywood cemetery. One funeral service was held for all in Temple auditorium, which was packed by 2,500 men and women, while a greater crowd, unable to enter, stood outside.

ELY BREAKS PROPELLER

Start of Chicago-New York Aeroplane Contest a Fizzle.

Chicago, Oct. 10.—The start of Eugene Ely, the California aviator, in his attempt to fly to New York and incidentally to capture a \$30,000 prize, ended in somewhat of a fizzle. Ely started from the Hawthorne race-track, about nine miles southwest of Chicago, and landed a few minutes later on the grounds of the Beverly club, 11 miles south. The reason for his descent so soon after starting was a broken propeller.

LIVE STOCK AND GRAIN

CHICAGO—Cattle: Beeves, \$4 70@8.00; Texas steers, \$4 10@5.65; western steers, \$4 00@6.75; stockers and feeders, \$3 40@5.75; cows and heifers, \$2 25@4.40; calves—\$7 50@10.00; Sheep and Lambs—Native sheep, \$2 50@4.40; western, \$2 75@4.25; native lambs, \$4 50@7.15; western, \$4 75@7.00; yearlings, \$4 35@5.50; Hogs—Light, \$8 70@9.25; mixed, \$8 45@9.20; heavy, \$8 20@9.00; rough, \$8 20@9.45; pigs, \$8 00@9.10. Wheat—No. 2 red, 95¢@95¢. Corn—No. 2, 52¢@52½¢. Oats—No. 2, 32½¢@32½¢.

EAST BUFFALO—Cattle: Export cattle, \$4 50@7.25; shipping steers, \$6 00@8.50; butcher cattle, \$5 50@7.75; heifers, \$3 75@5.75; fat cows, \$4 00@5.00; bulls, \$3 50@5.25; milkers and springers, \$4 00@6.00; calves—\$19 50@11.00. Sheep and Lambs—Mixed sheep, \$4 25@4.50; western, \$4 50@4.75; ewes, \$4 00@4.25; lambs, \$5 25@7.00; yearlings, \$5 00@5.75. Hogs—Heavies, \$9 20; mediums, \$9 25@9.50; Yorkers, \$9 50@9.55; pigs, \$9 40@9.50; roughs, \$8 00; stage, \$7 00@7.50.

PITTSBURG—Cattle: Choice, \$5 50@7.10; prime, \$6 40@8.75; tidy butchers, \$4 00@5.90; heifers, \$3 00@5.25; cows and stage, \$2 50@4.75; fresh cows, \$30 00@35.00; calves—Vest, \$7 00@9.00; Sheep and Lambs—Prime western, \$4 10@4.35; good mixed, \$3 70@4.00; lambs, \$4 50@7.25. Hogs—Heavy hogs, \$9 20@9.30; heavy mixed, \$8 25@8.40; mediums, \$8 45; heavy Yorkers, \$9 40@9.45; light Yorkers, \$9 25@9.40; pigs, \$9 00@9.20.

CLEVELAND—Cattle: Choice steers, \$6 50@7.00; heifers, \$3 75@5.00; fat cows, \$2 25@4.00; bulls, \$4 00@5.00; milkers and springers, \$2 00@4.00; calves, \$7 75 down. Sheep and Lambs—Mixed, \$4 00; ewes, \$4 00; best wethers, \$1 25; lambs, \$6 00@7.50. Hogs—Yorkers, \$9 20@9.25; heavies, \$8 75@8.75; mediums, \$8 90@9.15; pigs, \$8 15; stage, \$7 00@7.25; roughs, \$7 75@7.85.

TOLEDO—Wheat, 95¢; corn, 53¢; oats, 35¢; rye, 30¢; cloverseed, 15¢.

MINE VICTIMS ARE BEYOND HUMAN AID

Rescuing Parties Driven Back By Foul Gas.

Starkville, Colo., Oct. 10.—The coal mines of the Colorado Fuel and Iron company were wrecked by a gas explosion, 58 men being entombed, and the number may reach one hundred. There is small hope that any are still alive. They are nearly all Americans. Rescue parties have been endeavoring to enter the workings at intervals ever since the explosion, but none has so far succeeded in penetrating more than 200 feet. The last party of 11 men were overcome by gas and barely escaped death. Companions who were roped to them, and 20 feet behind them, dragged them out unconscious.

SOUTHERNERS INQUISITIVE

Ask Roosevelt To Harmonize His Tariff Views

Says That He Considered Three Principles For Which He Fought At Saratoga Of More Importance Than Mere Indorsement Of Payne-Aldrich Law--Is Kept Busy Making Rear-Platform Speeches--Opens Arkansas State Fair Today

Hot Springs, Ark., Oct. 10.—At the opening of the Arkansas state fair, Colonel Roosevelt was the principal attraction, speaking to a crowd that numbered thousands. People came from all parts of the state to get a good look at the distinguished citizen and hear what he had to say.

Corinth, Miss., Oct. 10.—As Mr. Roosevelt swings from the south into the west the question of the tariff, which he brought up at Atlanta, looms as an important issue upon which he will have to make himself clear. The insurgents were puzzled over the fact that the colonel had apparently stood for the tariff plank in the Republican platform at Saratoga. Senator Cummins of Iowa had a long talk with Mr. Roosevelt in regard to this the day before his trip began. Neither would discuss that then.

Between stops through Tennessee and Alabama and Mississippi the colonel was besought to make a statement in addition to what he had said at Atlanta. The Georgians were deeply interested in the matter. "I have nothing to add to what I have said," Mr. Roosevelt announced, "except that in my speeches at Saratoga and Saratoga about the tariff and the administration, I said exactly what I had said in my speeches in St. Louis, St. Paul, Cincinnati and other places in the west." The colonel said he had determined upon three essential things to stand on at Saratoga; he called them planks in the south. He was for defeating bossism, securing popular rule and repudiating corruption in politics. He realized it would be folly to jeopardize his success in these propositions by engaging in a fight over the tariff plank which would have inevitably alienated those friends of the administration who were in hearty accord with him on the three so-called essential principles.

Mr. Roosevelt is going to talk more about the tariff question when he reaches St. Louis tomorrow. Of course Indiana will want an explanation of his tariff stand. The colonel thought that he had made himself clear, but if it becomes necessary he will elaborate that there may be no misapprehension in the matter.

The crowds of southerners that had been hanging around railroad stations for hours didn't give a rap about the tariff or administration indorsements. A good many of them wanted to see Roosevelt, and that was all.

Early in the morning he left Atlanta. The route carried him north-

west to Chattanooga, and the cheers of a great crowd at the railroad station informed him that they wanted a speech. At first the colonel demurred, but he finally gave in. He shoved his way through the crowd on the platform, climbed on top of a baggage truck, and leaned over the iron fence that kept a couple of thousand people from shaking hands with him. He unfolded his speech about honesty and courage, wicked corporations and cinching the crook.

DEATH RATE IN COLUMBUS

Columbus, O., Oct. 10.—Columbus, with a death rate of 13.4 per 1,000 inhabitants in 1909, had the third lowest mortality rate of cities in the 100,000 or more population class, according to C. L. Willbur, chief statistician of the United States census bureau. St. Paul was the healthiest city in this class, with a mortality rate of 11.4, and Cleveland was second with 12.8. New Orleans, with 20.2 per cent, had the highest rate; then followed in order Fall River, with 19.1 per cent, and Washington, D. C., with 19 per cent.

TWO MANY WIVES

Canton, O., Oct. 10.—Frank Gensher, 34, storehouse manager for the W. & L. E. railroad, was arrested here on a charge of bigamy. Gensher, it is alleged, married two women and lived for a month with them, alternately, less than a mile apart. When he was absent from one wife he gave an excuse that the railroad sent him out of town.

Night Riders Repulsed.

Lexington, Ky., Oct. 10.—Joshua Rees, a farmer of Mason county, repulsed a band of night riders who attacked his home. A score of shots were exchanged but it is not known whether any of the marauders were hurt.

A BOILER LETS GO EXPLOSION HURTS FIVE

Cleveland, O., Oct. 10.—Five men were injured, one probably fatally, when the boiler of a Pennsylvania freight train locomotive exploded near this city. Edgar Ehrhart, 34, engineer, Canal Dover, O., was so badly scalded that he will probably die. Ross G. Bendum, 30, fireman, New Philadelphia, O.; Clarence Pierce, 28, brakeman, New Philadelphia; George Whitlatch, conductor, New Philadelphia, and L. A. Thompson, brakeman, Canal Dover, were

scalded and cut and bruised. The engine was running slow with a train of 60 empty cars.

To Denounce Picture Shows. Washington, Oct. 10.—Resolutions denunciating of moving picture shows as at present conducted will be adopted this week at the international humane conference, which assembled today and will hold sessions daily until Saturday.