

FOUR TOWNS WIPED OFF THE MAP

People Had Just Time to Escape With What Was on Their Backs

FOREST FIRES IN MINNESOTA

Two Towns Were in Ashes Within an Hour After the Alarm Was Given—Whole Country East of Warroad is on Fire—Wagon Loads of Corpses Brought to the Railway Station at Beaudette—It is Impossible to Estimate the Damage or Casualties.

Warroad, Minn., Oct. 9.—Beaudette, Spooner, Pitt and Graceon, Minn., were wiped off the map of Minnesota by the most terrific forest fire ever experienced by Minnesota settlers. The dead bodies of seventy-five settlers have been found. It is thought that the death rate among the settlers will be upwards of 300.

Settlers Crazy With Grief. Wagonloads of corpses are constantly being brought into the railway station at Beaudette.

It is reported that many settlers, crazed with grief at the loss of families and property, are roaming the woods, and searching parties are constantly going out after the injured, the dead and the demerol. One family of nine, one of seven and one of five were wiped out on Friday night.

Two Towns Reduced to Ashes in an Hour. At 8.30 o'clock Saturday morning the fire attacked Beaudette and Spooner, and within three minutes after the first alarm every building was ablaze.

Within an hour there were heaps of ashes. The people of these two towns had just time to quit their homes only with what they had on their backs. They were placed on a passenger train standing at the depot and taken across to Rainey River, Ont., to safety.

Other Towns in Great Danger. The whole country east of here is on fire. Roosevelt, Swift, Williams and Cedar Spur are in great danger. All the women and children are being rapidly removed to places of safety. The Canadian Northern railway has stationed trains at every station at the service of the refugees.

Thousands Homeless. The people of Beaudette and Spooner and the settlements through the northern part of the state have lost everything. Five thousand are homeless and the greater part of them destitute. Help must reach them in the next day or two, and that in a substantial way for the greater part of them are but half clad and cold weather is likely to set in at any time. It will be impossible to get details and names of the dead and the injured before tomorrow, and some of the dead will not be found until spring. It will be impossible to estimate the damage or casualties until later. The survivors are in need of immediate help.

"HOME RULE" IRISHMEN CALL ON THE PRESIDENT.

Messrs. Redmond, Boyle and Devlin Sunday Visitors at Beverly. Beverly, Mass., Oct. 9.—A party of "home rule" Irishmen, Messrs. John Redmond, John Boyle and Joseph Devlin, all members of parliament, were received as British subjects by President Taft today. Mr. Redmond, leader of his party in parliament, was accompanied by Mrs. Redmond. P. O'Connell was to have been a member of the delegation, but could not be present. The plans and progress of the home rule movement were told to the president, but the only subject wholly of a social character. Mrs. Taft and Miss Taft assisted in entertaining the guests.

COLUMBUS DAY CELEBRATION ON BIG SCALE.

Parade at Boston in Which 75,000 Men Will Take Part. Boston, Oct. 9.—Boston is making preparations to celebrate Columbus day, the state's newest holiday. Wednesday in many ways elaborate than any holiday has been celebrated in the city for many years. The principal feature of the programme will be a monster parade which, it is declared, will be one of the largest and most imposing civic and military spectacles in the history of the city, and in which fully 75,000 men are expected to have a part. The parade will start at noon, preceding it and as the opening event on the programme for the day there will be a solemn high mass at the cathedral of Holy Cross, at which Archbishop William H. O'Connell will preach the sermon.

Death of Rev. Dr. Leonard D. Hatch.

Whitman, Mass., Oct. 9.—Word was received tonight of the death at Vineland, N. J., today, of the Rev. Dr. Leonard D. Hatch, of Whitman, editor and publisher of weekly papers here and in Abington, and pastor of the Baptist church at North Easton. Dr. Hatch had been in New Jersey on a visit to his son and a month ago was stricken with his final illness. He was 77 years of age.

Missing Wallingford Boy Drowned.

Wallingford, Conn., Oct. 9.—Missing from his home since early Saturday morning, eight year old Vance Gregory was found drowned in Simpson's pond late today. The boy had gone fishing with several other companions of his own age and fallen into the water, but the boys with him were too frightened to say anything about it to their parents.

Status of Cholera in Italy.

Rome, Oct. 9.—An official bulletin issued tonight giving the statistics of cholera during the past twenty-four hours in Italy says that fifteen new cases have occurred, two of which are reported in the province of Bari, two in the province of Caserta and seven in the province of Naples. Two deaths occurred in Caserta.

Naples, Oct. 9.—During the past twenty-four hours there were five new cases of cholera and three deaths from the disease in the city of Naples.

The Typographical Union of Chicago voted against affiliating with the socialist party.

Cabled Paragraphs

Stockholm, Oct. 9.—Count Ehrensvard, Swedish minister to Belgium, has been appointed minister at Washington in succession to M. Lagercrantz, resigned.

Hong Kong, Oct. 9.—The British authorities are apprehensive of an anti-foreign outbreak occurring at Canton. Inquiries have been instituted with a view of taking measures for the protection of British subjects there.

Constantinople, Oct. 9.—Correspondents with the Turkish forces which were sent out to collect arms from the Druse in the mountainous area of the northwestern Syria, report that the troops killed no less than 800 Druses who attempted to block the progress of the soldiers. The latter are now marching on the Druse stronghold on the Shabat river.

GERMAN DAY TO BE CELEBRATED HERE

Affair to Be Held December 11 in Froehlichkeit Hall—Officers Chosen.

This city will be the point of attraction for the Germans of New London county on December 11 according to a vote taken at meeting of county representatives in Froehlichkeit hall on Sunday afternoon when a federation of the German societies was organized and the Arion Singing society their first general meeting. The societies which made up the organizations were represented by three delegates each and were the following: Hertha and Schutzenverein of Taftville; Germania lodge, No. 11, O. D. H. S. and Gesangverein Froehlichkeit of this city; Herwegh lodge, O. D. H. S. and the German American society of Stonington, and Froehlichkeit society of Mystic.

Peter Feld of Taftville presided at the meeting, which began at 5 o'clock and after bylaws had been passed the following officers were elected: President, Peter Feld, Taftville; first vice president, Martin Krass, Taftville; second vice president, Herman Jackson, Norwich; secretary, Robert Gray, Norwich; treasurer, Paul Fenner, New London.

George Vogtman was placed in charge of the program of instrumental music, vocal music and recitations which will be conducted on the county German day. The officers and representatives are to hold a meeting in New London on November 13, at which final arrangements for the county day will be made.

CRADLE ROLL AT BROADWAY CHURCH

About fifty children were in attendance and spent a happy two hours.

Saturday afternoon in the parlors of Broadway church about 50 children of all ages were in attendance at the annual cradle roll, being accompanied by mothers or relatives. Many were reported as having been born in the town since a mother and five children are known to have been burned. The smoke is still rising and the help to get details and names of the dead and the injured before tomorrow, and some of the dead will not be found until spring. It will be impossible to estimate the damage or casualties until later. The survivors are in need of immediate help.

WASHINGTON STREET ENTRANCE TO PARK

Contractor, Chapman Has 150 Feet Graded, Starting from the Street.

For several days of last week Contractor Charles Butler, Chapman, had his men at work grading the road for the Washington street entrance into the new park. He had a team and a half-dozen men at work there five days and the road is now ready for use. The road goes east from Washington street at a point south of the Eugene Wallner house. This is the best part of the road to work, as later there will be considerable blasting and cutting to be done. The work will be pushed along as fast as possible.

COMMON PLEAS COURT.

Another Horse Trading Case from Lebanon Occupied the Court All Day.

The court of common pleas was occupied all day Saturday with the trial of the case of Harry W. Chapman, agent E. Hewitt, both of Lebanon. The case is over a horse trade, Mr. Ward having gone to Mr. Hewitt's on May 3 and Mr. Chapman's agent, Mr. Ward, was talked over. They took each other's horse on trial, but the horse Mr. Ward got did not work well with his other horse, and he did not want to trade back. Mr. Ward had his horse replevined and left the Hewitt horse at the office barn. Mr. Chapman has a right to his own horse, as there was no money consideration. Mr. Hewitt has not used the horse which was returned and claims that there is a lien for board, and loss of use of the horse \$125 a day for \$200. After a number had testified the arguments were heard and Judge Waller reserved his decision.

Married 60 Years.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Welles Mitchell, long time residents of Old Saybrook, celebrated Thursday the sixtieth anniversary of their wedding. As the 24th birthday it was a celebration of a happy life. A Boston paper among the children and grandchildren present were Mrs. Mary Noyes, William W. Mitchell of Mystic, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Mitchell and two children of Providence, Mr. and Mrs. John Mitchell and children, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mitchell of Norwich, Mr. and Mrs. George Koeh, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Mitchell, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Mitchell of Mystic.

Wicks Finished 19th.

Instead of tenth in the Brockton Marathon as previously reported, William H. Wicks, the State hospital hunter, finished 19th. A Boston paper confessed him with some other runner, reporting him as tenth, but the official list made him 19th. This just brings him into the silver medal class. He was the first runner after the first five received silver medals.

Man-Bird Out for Big Prize

CLOGGED CARBURETOR INTERRUPTED THE TEST.

CHICAGO TO NEW YORK FLIGHT

Lone Entrant Forced to Descend After Making Eleven Miles—Will Make a Fresh Start This Morning.

Chicago, Oct. 9.—Eugene Ely, lone entrant in the Chicago-New York aeroplane flight, started on the test this afternoon and remained in the air only twelve minutes. At that he trayed eleven miles and landed where a fresh start will be easy tomorrow morning.

Struck Rock, Tearing Away Wheel.

The young aviator descended because of a clogged carburetor. Landing this was a matter of a few moments, but in the rapidly gathering dusk, in trying to start again he ran the machine into a rock and the front running wheel was torn away. A new wheel was brought up and the force of mechanics began work, while Ely went to Gary to spend the night in a special car.

Another Start This Morning.

"I must have made you crazy to be stopped by so simple a thing," suggested a reporter. "To an aviator such mishaps are anticipated; they are not even annoying." Ely started again at six o'clock tomorrow morning, and if the wind is like it was today I'll not stop of my own will until I reach South Bend, Ind., and not long at that.

Most Ambitious Flight Yet Attempted.

Owing to the chilly wind and a smart northwest wind, only a small crowd gathered at the Hawthorne race track to see the beginning of the trial which, notwithstanding the original flight, is the most ambitious flight yet attempted in the United States. This was realized by the spectators, who cheered themselves hoarse when they observed the aviator as the machine, called, "the Boston Racer," as the diploma is called, made a short circuit, like a homing pigeon, finding its direction and shot away to the southeast.

Within four minutes the man-bird was beyond the vision of the machine. Willard and Curtis made technical starts by flying over the race course fence, but, as previously announced, it was not their intention to make a race of it. Their machines were quickly taken apart and shipped to Gary, Ind., to be ready to supply any parts which they might need. It was from one of the machines that the "Boston Racer" wheel needed by the "Boston Racer" was secured.

All Ready for the Start.

Two hours before the start Curtis, Willard, McCurdy, Ely, and a number of mechanics, who were with the plane with the most careful scrutiny. The propeller developed a "thrust" of 320 pounds, worn wires were replaced, and nuts and screws were tightened. To make assurance doubly sure, Curtis made a trial flight of a few moments, and upon alighting pronounced the machine ready for the start. There were twenty gallons of gasoline in the tank to feed the 60-horsepower eight-cylinder engine, and lubricating oil in proportion—enough to have carried the flyer 150 miles.

Eleven Miles in Twelve Minutes.

Ely was garbed from head to foot in light brown leather. On his right wrist a compass was strapped, and in front of him attached to the machine was a watch. The latter indicated precisely 4:11 o'clock when the propeller began whirling. In nine seconds the machine was in the air, and after a short turn set his course in the direction of South Bend.

125,000 Disappointed Spectators.

A telephone message from LaPorte, Ind., said that a crowd of 125,000 persons gathered to see the flight. Before he had gained sufficient headway, however, to leave the ground, his wheel struck the rock and he gave up the flight for the night.

Seven Days in Which to Complete the Trip.

"It was a great wind for speed but one of the roughest I ever tackled," Ely said. "It was extremely choppy and kept me on the move every second to retain the balance of the machine."

Widening West Main Street.

The work of widening West Main street is going along well. Where the water entered the underground, the water in front of what used to be the Champlain property, a catchbasin is being built with a trap under the sidewalk. The former manhole had no trap.

Secretary Alofsin Installed.

At its regular meeting on Sunday morning, Norwich City lodge No. 62, O. E. S., heard satisfactory quarterly reports from its officers. The new secretary, Herman Alofsin, was duly installed by District Deputy Herman Alofsin, assisted by S. Taylor.

John Kukla Able to Be Out.

John Kukla, who broke his leg five weeks ago by a fall from a trolley car, is able to be out and at business again. The accident happened on the last day of the New London county fair.

Condensed Telegrams

Miss Bessie Carter, a nurse, was killed, when Dr. M. Kerble backed an auto over an embankment at Kingston, N. Y.

The Interstate Commerce Commission suspended the advance applying to the Pacific Northwest and British Columbia points.

Henry White and the Members of the American delegation to the Pan-American conference at Buenos Ayres sailed from Colon, Panama, for home.

A Definite Standard of safety appliances for railroad cars and locomotives was agreed upon by a committee appointed by the interstate commerce commission.

Judge Alton B. Parker and associate counsel filed in the supreme court a brief in the contempt proceedings of Gompers, Mitchell and Morrison, the labor leaders.

The Hygienic Laboratory of the public health and marine hospital service is to extensively investigate infantile paralysis, which is baffling the scientists.

Assistant Secretary Pierce of the interior department, has left for California where he goes to investigate conditions in the oil field of that region.

A Shortage of \$100,000 in the Funds of the Atlas Tack company is blamed on the late president of the corporation, former State Representative George W. Weymouth.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES

Begins a Series of Conferences in Boston to Last Ten Days.

Boston, Oct. 9.—The greatest series of conferences in the history of the Congregational denomination will begin in Boston tomorrow and extend through ten days. The national council of Congregational churches meets in Boston, together with all the church organizations connected with the central body. Besides this the American board of commissioners for foreign missions is to celebrate the centennial of its foundation, and the Congregational national brotherhood will hold its annual convention. Already it is known that more than 7,000 persons will be present during all or part of the meetings.

The questions to be debated at the meeting of the national council bear upon religious education, Christian unity and a more efficient denominational life. The administration of the benevolent and the missionary work of the denomination will be particularly discussed.

OVER \$15,000 RAISED IN MONEY AND PLEDGES

At Boston Meeting to Aid the Irish Nationalist Party.

Boston, Oct. 9.—The call of Ireland's three noted leaders, John E. Redmond, Joseph Devlin and Daniel Boyle, for a fund of \$150,000 to aid the nationalist party in the campaign for the next general election was made before 4,000 men and women of the Irish race in Symphony hall tonight and resulted in the raising of over \$15,000 in money and pledges.

The ticket receipts for the meeting with the pledges later are expected to bring the total up to over \$20,000, which was the amount raised in Boston a year ago in the same cause.

Meriden Baker Found Unconscious from Escaping Gas.

Danbury, Conn., Oct. 9.—Joseph Landgren, a baker, 38 years old, was found unconscious in his room on White street today from illuminating gas. Landgren left the gas lighted when he went to bed, and during the early morning the gas supply, which was furnished through a slot meter, gave out. A member of the household, noting that the supply had been exhausted, placed money in the meter, allowing the gas to escape through the open jet in Landgren's room. He has taken to a hospital, where it is thought he will recover.

Bloomfield Pastor Goes to Watbury.

Bloomfield, Conn., Oct. 9.—Rev. R. Lutz, pastor of the Congregational church here, today resigned his pastorate. Mr. Lutz will leave about November 1 to take up his duties as assistant pastor in the First Congregational church, Watbury.

Manchester Pastor Resigns.

Manchester, Conn., Oct. 9.—Rev. Charles N. Lovell, pastor of the North Congregational church, resigned the pastorate today. Rev. Mr. Lovell plans to spend the coming year in travel and study.

FUNERAL.

Bruno Tiesler. At 2.30 o'clock Saturday afternoon the funeral of Bruno Tiesler was held from his late home, No. 31 West Town street, at which there was a large attendance of relatives and friends, including a delegation from Sedgewick post, No. 1, G. A. R. The services were conducted by Rev. Nelson Fox Carey, rector of Christ Episcopal church. There was a number of choice floral remembrances. The bearers were William H. Covey, Charles F. Geer, Orrin M. Price and Solon A. Moxley. Burial was in Yantic cemetery, where a committal service was read. Funeral Director Gager had charge of the arrangements.

Knights of Columbus at New London.

Nearly fifty members of White Cross council, No. 12, with members of Ponceaux council of Taftville and the council of Montville went to New London on Sunday night on an extra on the 5.45 trolley trip to attend the vesper at St. Joseph's church with Seaside council. This celebrated Columbus day through the lecture given at the service by Rev. William A. Keefe of this city upon Columbus. It was delivered with all the eloquence of this gifted speaker before a congregation which filled the church. The Norwich Knights returned at 10.45.

To Drive Monks From Portugal

EX-PATRIARCH OF LISBON ALREADY EXPELLED.

QUELHAS MONASTERY RUINED

Interior Wrecked by Soldiers and Civilians in Mad Search for Underground Passages.

Lisbon, Oct. 9.—The expulsion of the monks has begun. No time will be lost in driving them across the frontier. Several hundred monks have been assembled and will be transported out of the city. Cardinal Neto, ex-patriarch of Lisbon, the bishop of Beja, and other prominent ecclesiastics have already been expelled.

Quelhas Monastery Destroyed.

The authorities utter a warning against the fantastically exaggerated reports constantly finding currency among the excited and imaginative populace. The affair at Quelhas monastery was not very serious, but the whole interior, particularly of the church, was completely despoiled, and the organ was destroyed. In the mad search by soldiers and civilians who invaded the buildings for underground passages, by which they imagined priests and municipal guards, erroneously suspected of hiding there, made their escape. No secret passages were discovered, but the searchers tore down walls and benches, and destroyed the altar in their vain endeavor. The members of the new administration assert that the flag of anti-clericalism, preferring to fall on that than on other subjects, such as the proposed loan negotiations for which are not going favorably. In addition the holy see is of the opinion that events in Portugal are certainly not helping the premier's policy and are not strengthening his position.

6,000 Monks and Nuns to Be Expelled.

It is estimated that between 5,000 and 6,000 monks and nuns will be expelled. Senator Barretto, the new war minister, says that the killed and wounded in the revolution number under 300. The bodies of Dr. Bombarda, who was assassinated by an army lieutenant, and Admiral Reis, who committed suicide, are lying in state at the Hotel De Ville. The coffins are covered by republican flags, but no religious emblems are in view.

NUNS TO BE SENT OUT OF THE COUNTRY.

Plans Made for General Expulsion of Religious Orders.

Lisbon, Oct. 9.—The religious congregations are for the time being the chief objects of public attention, and preparations are being made for a general expulsion. Two hundred and thirty-three nuns are gathered at a convent arsenal, ready to be sent out of the country. The children who have been under the guardianship of the convents and monasteries have been returned to their families.

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Last evening there was great excitement in various parts of the city in consequence of attacks upon the convents.

Cardinal Joseph Sebastian Neto, ex-patriarch of Lisbon, is among the ecclesiastics expelled. The bishop of Beja has also crossed the frontier. A provisional minister of justice, Alfonso Costa, said in an interview today: "The solution of the problem of the congregations is not difficult. The government only needs to make a continuation of religious settlements, all of which are illegal. The dissolution will occur without trouble, and the confiscation of property will follow in due course."

Another Case of Cholera Develops at Quarantine.

In Steerage of Hamburg-American Liner Moitke—Patient Critically Ill. New York, Oct. 9.—A case of cholera developed today in the steerage of the Hamburg-American liner Moitke, which has been detained at quarantine as a possible cholera carrier since last Monday.

Dr. A. H. Doty, health officer of the port, reported the case tonight.

Today's victim is Giovanni Falciglia, 36 years old, who came from Naples in the steerage of the Moitke. He is critically ill at Swinburne island, which has actually reached this port. Today's victim is Giovanni Falciglia, 36 years old, who came from Naples in the steerage of the Moitke. He is critically ill at Swinburne island, which has actually reached this port. Today's victim is Giovanni Falciglia, 36 years old, who came from Naples in the steerage of the Moitke. He is critically ill at Swinburne island, which has actually reached this port.

POWDER MILL EXPLOSION.

BIG HOLE TORN IN GROUND. No One Hurt—Force of Explosion Shook Massachusetts Town.

Acton, Mass., Oct. 9.—With a report that shook buildings throughout the town of Maynard and broke a number of windows in different parts of the town, a mass mill, one of the many small structures which make up the plant of the American Powder company, located between Acton and Maynard, blew up tonight. The mill building was completely wrecked. Its contents destroyed and a big hole torn in the ground. No one was hurt, as the watchman, the only man about on the premises, happened to be in another part of the plant at the time. The cause of the explosion is unknown.

Danbury Hatter Found Drowned.

Danbury, Conn., Oct. 9.—The body of William Rose, a hatter, was found floating in a small stream in the Beaver section of the town late Saturday night. There were no marks on the body to indicate foul play and it is thought that he committed suicide. He was 35 years old and had a widow and five children.