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FIRE HORRORS
IN MICHIGAN

Flames Raging in Several Counties in Northern Michigan, Many Towns Being Surrounded, or Already Destroyed.

DEATH LIST WILL GROW

Bishop Williams Reaches Cheboygan in Safety and Gives Description of the Horrors of the Fire District.

DETROIT, Oct. 17.—Fires are raging at Cheboygan, Presque Isle and Alpena counties, according to advices today from northern Michigan. Alpena City is again menaced. Cheboygan is surrounded by fire on three sides. The flames are sweeping great areas hourly and railroad communication is practically suspended.

Bishop Williams Safe. DETROIT, Oct. 17.—Bishop Williams yesterday reported in the fire district, is today safe in Cheboygan.

Whole Country a Fire Trap. CHEBOYGAN, Mich., Oct. 17.—Bishop Williams' statement for the United Press today said: "I arrived last night after being fire-bound at Hagensville, near Metz. I narrowly escaped after being caught in Metz, in the fire destroying the town. We fought fire all night Thursday and all day Friday.

The survivors were exhausted but no one was seriously injured. This whole country is afire. A steady southwest gale has been blowing for three days and people are constantly watching their homes. Reports that people are perishing in remote districts are continually coming. The whole country is a great fire trap. Nowhere is there adequate fire protection. Stringent statutes must be secured requiring lumbermen to clear the forests of debris of cuttings, which are now left in the woods. Mills must be required to provide adequate protection. We must have officials who will vigorously enforce the laws. Unless we cut our greedy careless ways we will have many horrors.

Worse Than Yesterday. SAULT STE MARIE, Mich., Oct. 17. Fires are sweeping the country about here for a distance of twenty-five miles. A telephone message from Pickford says that fires between there and Detours are so fierce that it is impossible to get to the latter town. Gangs of men are fighting the flames. Indications along the lake shore show that the fires today are worse than those of yesterday. The smoke is so dense over the water that navigation is practically suspended.

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Smoke Obscures the Sun. SAULT STE MARIE, Oct. 17.—At noon the clouds of smoke were so heavy over the upper Michigan peninsula it was impossible to see the sun. It is growing darker momentarily. The government boat Aspen, which went to the rescue of pilot Irouquois residents, has not yet returned.

Three Towns Threatened. ALPENA, Oct. 17.—Messages from Gaylord says Gaylord and Elmira are surrounded by the flames and Vandervill is threatened.

Stories of Suffering. ALPENA, Oct. 17.—Refugees from the burned districts are coming in. They tell stories of great suffering. Jerry Ennis, a station agent, one of the survivors, says: "I was on the cab of an engine. I ran between the walls of fire. Suddenly the engine left the rails and stopped. I don't know how I got out of the cab but I ran back to a Gondola car and pulled my wife and baby out. Just then the blazing hemlocks fell on the train. The Gondola was like a furnace, and those inside must have died instantly. The heat was intense. Our hands and faces were blistering, we ran towards a

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TAFT INVADES
SOLID SOUTH

Made Eleven Speeches in Tennessee Friday and Was Given a Hearty Reception at Each and Every Stopping Place.

LAY ASIDE PREJUDICE

Material Interests of the South Dependent Upon Republican Success—Issues of Campaign Discussed Thoroughly.

BRISTOL, Tenn., Oct. 17.—Judge Taft's keynote for Tennessee and the south was struck by the candidate at Chattanooga yesterday. Throughout the day, which was spent traversing the state, he followed the same line of argument and met with the same hearty response.

With verbal amplifications Taft emphasized this argument: "With the material interests of the south dependent upon the continuance of republican policies, with nothing but an historic tradition demanding its people to vote the democratic ticket—praying, meanwhile, for the success of republicanism—with the southern democracy nothing but a tail to the northern democracy's kite, then why not now take the first political cold plunge, go politically where the material interests of the country demand, and vote the republican ticket."

Make: Eleven Stops. So great was the demand for the candidate that his itinerary of four stops in the state was increased to eleven.

In his Chattanooga speech Taft spoke of the loyalty of the south to the union during the Spanish war, naming several prominent southerners who served in the army in Cuba and the Philippines, also those who later were prominent in shaping the government of the Philippines, including General Wright of Tennessee, who was governor-general there.

Taft paid his respects to Bryan and discussed various issues of the campaign.

Testimony to be Given in Bankruptcy Proceedings May Take Thaw to His Old Home.

NEW YORK, Oct. 16.—It was announced here last night that Harry K. Thaw might go to Pittsburgh next Sunday morning or soon thereafter, to testify in connection with bankruptcy proceedings now pending against him in that city. This information was given out after a conference between the superintendent of the Matteawan hospital and the state's legal representatives. It is also stated that Thaw's representatives have promised not to put any obstacle in the way of having Thaw returned to New York in case he appears in Pittsburgh. This was the main contention against having the prisoner taken there.

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GOT HIM BY THE EARS.

TRAGEDY IN A
CHICAGO BASEMENT

After Hearing Six Shots Fired, Tenants of Chicago Flat Find Mrs. John Lang in Dying Condition.

THREE BULLETS IN HEAD

Husband Was Seen Running Down Nearby Street But Police Were Unable to Overtake the Fugitive.

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A WILD STORM
DELAYS FLEET

American Battleship Fleet Rides Out a Dangerous Gale Off North Coast of Island of Luzon, Philippines.

SHIPS WERE DAMAGED

One Man Drowned and Number of Life Boats Swept Away—Fleet Expected to Reach Yokohama Sunday.

TOKIO, Oct. 17.—The delay of the American battleship fleet arriving at Yokohama was due to a tremendous storm off the north coast of the island of Luzon, Philippines.

The storm began the morning of October 12 and continued until the afternoon of the 13th. One man was drowned and some damage resulted to the fleet. These details were communicated to Tokyo by wireless telegraph from the battleship Connecticut through the special courtesy of the Japanese government. The fleet will arrive at Yokohama Sunday morning.

LIFEBOATS SWEEP AWAY. During the storm the Virginia, New Jersey and Wisconsin each lost lifeboats, and the foretopmast of the Kearsarge was carried away, but repairs were soon effected.

WILL REACH TOKYO SUNDAY. TOKIO, Oct. 17.—A wireless from Sherry today said the fleet would arrive at Yokohama Sunday morning. It was delayed by storms. Every effort will be made to have the fleet remain at Tokyo Sunday, instead of Saturday, as was originally planned on account of the entertainment program which will be sadly disrupted by the curtailment of one day.

TUCKER WILL RETIRE FROM THE ARMY. In Case He Recovers, the Colonel's Friends Believe He Will Resign His Commission.

HOT SPRINGS, Ark., Oct. 17.—Col. W. M. Tucker will probably retire from the army after his dismissal from the hospital here, say his army friends. It is generally believed he will recover, and will then be allowed to resign, or be retired as unfit for active service. His condition is still critical.

CAMPAIGN TALES
DUE AND COMING

Democrats Declare That Republicans Are Trying to Raise a Fund of Million and a Quarter to Close Campaign.

THAT'S LOTS OF MONEY

Republicans Deny Charge in Every Particular—Gompers Organ This Week Has no Attack on the Standard.

CHICAGO, Oct. 17.—Republican press bureau today issued a statement saying the American federalists' current issue, edited by Gompers, contains seven advertisements of companies subsidiary to the Standard. There is no word of attack in the whole issue, the statement says, against the Standard. Democrats declare the republicans are trying to raise a fund of a million two hundred and fifty thousand to be spent at the rate of twenty-five thousand daily in Indiana, Ohio and New York, during the last ten days of the campaign. The republicans say the charge is false in every particular.

SERVIAN MOB WAS HOSTILE. Attempted to Lynch Correspondent for Vienna Paper and Attack Many Austrian Residents.

PELGRADE, Oct. 17.—A Servian mob today attempted to lynch a local correspondent of a Vienna paper and attacked a number of Austrian residents. The police rescued the correspondent after he was nearly killed. Austrian refugees are in the embassy. Others armed themselves and barricaded their homes. Clashes are reported in many parts of the city.

TWO CENT FARE RATE TO BE SUSPENDED. Old Three Cents Per Mile Rate Will Go in Force in Arkansas Beginning Monday.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Oct. 17.—Beginning Monday, the two-cent rate on the railroads, will be suspended, and the old three-cent rate re-established. One five trunk lines recently secured injunction against the railroad commission, from enforcing the two-cent rate.

HAINES BROTHERS INDICTED. NEW YORK, Oct. 17.—District Attorney Darin, just before the grand jury was called this morning, stated the Haines brothers had been indicted for killing W. E. Annis.

THOUSANDS GO
UP IN FLAMES

Immense Losses by Fire Being Reported From Every Section of the Country, Exclusive of Forest Fires.

THE NEBRASKA ACADEMY

Military Academy at Lincoln Burned to Ground Today, \$150,000 Loss—25 Buildings Burn at Shirley, Ind.

LINCOLN, Neb., Oct. 17.—The Nebraska military academy which is located four miles from here was burned to the ground today, the loss will be \$50,000. Sixty-five of the students escaped but lost their personal effects. The fire was caused by a defective flue.

SHIRLEY, Ind., Oct. 17.—Twenty-five buildings were destroyed by fire here this morning. Two are dead. The town has no fire protection. Most of the houses that were destroyed are residences. The fire is still burning.

TOOK HIS LIFE BEFORE LARGE CROWD. Arnold Luetger, of Elgin, Ill., Shoots Himself in Public Park Before Many Witnesses.

CHICAGO, Oct. 17.—Arnold Luetger, brother of Adolph, the famous "sausage murderer" is dead today at Elgin, after shooting himself through the brain. He went to the Lagoon park at Elgin, after taking a place where he could be seen by all the people there, fired three shots into the air to attract attention, then fired at his head. He died without regaining consciousness. He was a wealthy real estate man.

ARE TINKERING WITH TINKER'S MONEY. Creditors Have Attached Joe Tinker's Share of Spoils From Late Games.

CHICAGO, Ill., Oct. 17.—President Pulliam of the National League and President Johnson of the American League were summoned by the municipal court today, to testify in the case of Joe Tinker, whose share from the world's series has been attached by creditors, who declare he owes for liquors when in the saloon business. Pulliam and Johnson say they do not know what they are expected to do, but declare the meeting of the National commission, scheduled for today, will be delayed, and may not meet for several weeks, as they expect to go on a hunting trip, starting next week.

TO RESIST ATTACK ON WHITE FLOUR. Millers of the United States Organize in the Defense of their Product.

MINNEAPOLIS, Oct. 17.—Within sixty days the corporation planned by the millers of the United States to resist the attack on white flour made on the part of various cereal food manufacturers will be organized in Minneapolis. Representatives from every millers' organization in the United States will be present. Forty thousand has been raised. The first thing to be done will be to name counsel to begin legal action to discontinue the articles appearing in newspapers and magazines declaring harm done humanity by eating bread made of white flour.

WAR IS FEARED IN THE BALKANS. Big Powers Willing to Wait Action of Conference But Populace Cannot be Controlled.

LONDON, Oct. 17.—The war danger in the Balkans, according to the diplomatic circle feeling, arises from a lack of restraint among the populace of the smaller Balkan states. The big powers are willing to await the action of the conference but Bulgaria, Serbia and Montenegro, it is feared, will commit some overt act, starting hostilities.

SEVERAL INJURED IN COLLISION. Between Steamer Cottage City and an Unknown Lumber Schooner—Cottage City Crippled.

SEATTLE, Wash., Oct. 17.—Several persons were killed in a collision between the steamer Cottage City and an unknown lumber schooner. Wm. Jones, purser of Cottage City was knocked unconscious. He fell overboard but was rescued. A panic followed the collision. The Cottage City was badly crippled, the whole upper works being torn away.

TEST CASE OF
PRIMARY LAW

Validity of That Section Relating to Selection of United States Senator to be Tested by Senators.

IT IS UNCONSTITUTIONAL

Action Alleges That Pledges Required Legislators to Support Party Nominee in Violation of the Constitution.

BISMARCK, N. D., Oct. 17.—Suit has been filed here to test the validity of that section of the primary election law relating to the selection of United States senators. Suit was brought by a number of senators, after the refusal of Hansbrough and Colonel Little, defeated at the primaries, to retire. The action alleged pledges required the legislators to support the party nominee in violation of the constitution. The suit against the secretary of state prevents certification, and against the county auditors to prevent the distribution of special senatorial ballots, which would be voted at the regular election. If the suit is successful, the result of a bitter election, before and after the campaign before the primaries, will be nullified and the election thrown into the legislature.

HEARST REQUESTS A QUICK TRIAL. Wants Haskell to Push His Case for Damages Before Election—Gives Itinerary.

CHICAGO, Oct. 17.—Upon his arrival in Chicago yesterday Hearst dictated a statement concerning the serving of a summons upon him in Omaha in a suit brought against him by Governor Haskell.

In this statement Hearst says that while he was in a bathroom, not avoiding anyone, nor suspecting anyone, a knock was heard at the door of his apartments. Mrs. Hearst went to the door. The man did not say he was an officer, continued Hearst, or that he had any paper to serve. Mrs. Hearst thought he was drunk and refused to admit him. "He broke open the door," says Hearst. "I stepped out and asked what the trouble was all about, and the man said he had a summons in a civil suit to serve. Of course his action was high-handed and contrary to law, but I accepted the summons, notwithstanding, and I invite Mr. Haskell's suit immediately and before the election."

Hearst says he gives out his itinerary so that if any suits are to be brought they may be brought without unnecessary annoyance to his family.

LONDON MARKETS HAVE SLUMPED. LONDON, Oct. 17.—Stock exchanges in various parts of Europe today reflect the pessimistic outlook of success in the Balkan conference. London markets have slumped steadily since it was certain the program had been rejected by Austria and Bulgaria.

NEW YORK STOCK. NEW YORK, Oct. 17.—Trading was influenced by the fresh political disturbances in the Balkans and London was selling heavily in the first half hour. Nearly everything traded in showed a loss of about one point. Government bonds unchanged. Other bonds irregular.

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