



FEW DEAD IN FERNIE

ESTIMATES CONFLICT.

Michel and Hosmer Still Safe—Property Loss Heavy.

Fernie, B. C., Aug. 3.—While the number of dead at Fernie may not be definitely known for days, it is not believed to be so great as was at first feared.

Amid smoking embers of homes and offices, with the great forest fire still roaring in the distance, the plucky men of Fernie are clearing away the ruins, pitching tents, checking up the missing, and have begun to build a new and better town.

The great wave of fire is still rolling eastward through the forest, following the lines of the Canadian Pacific Railroad.

Michel, twenty miles from Fernie, is the town now in the greatest danger, but that town still stands, and as the wind has fallen, it has a good chance of escaping.

The town of Hosmer, between Fernie and Michel, was in great danger yesterday, some dwellings having been burned, but the main part of the town was saved.

Nelson, B. C., Aug. 3.—It is estimated that the number of known dead as the result of the great fires will reach 125, and the property loss is placed at \$5,000,000.

Reports received at Michel place the number of dead at Fernie at 102, with sixty-four others burned in a logging camp at Elk River.

Supplies of food and clothing are being rushed to the stricken region from Vancouver, Nelson, Cranbrook and Michel.

TWO HUNDRED DEAD?

Reports in Vancouver Place the Losses at \$10,000,000.

Vancouver, Aug. 3.—A report received here today from the Kootenay fire swept region says that the loss will exceed \$10,000,000.

Vancouver telegraphed \$5,000 for relief yesterday, and sent a trainload of supplies today.

When the flames were consuming Fernie all the prisoners, with the exception of five Black Hand suspected persons, were released.

FERNIE'S DESTRUCTION.

Few Lives Lost in Town—Estimate of Damage.

Winnipeg, Man., Aug. 3.—Estimates of the dead in the Elk River district are one hundred and fifty persons.

At 2 o'clock on Saturday afternoon the Fort Steele Brewery, the first large building to catch fire, was destroyed.

The West Fernie bridge across Elk River did not get away.

Saturday night was spent in getting the women and children on trains and starting them for Cranbrook.

At Fernie the greatest loss falls on the Canadian Pacific Railway.

Two trainloads of provisions arrived at Cranbrook this morning.

A dispatch from Michel says no one was injured.

HARRIMAN ON RATES.

Says Roads Do Not Receive Proper Return for Their Service.

Chicago, Aug. 3.—Edward H. Harriman before leaving Chicago for the West to-night gave a short discussion of the possibility of a general increase of freight rates in the United States.

"The American people ought to be willing to pay the railroads a proper compensation for a proper transportation service," he said.

"If the railroads are to go on extending their lines, improving those which are now operated and providing new equipment to take care of the country's business, they must have more revenue.

"I am not in favor of a cold, calculating, cruel and horizontal increase in the rates. I am not a traffic man, and I do not know much about such things, but I know that there is a proper way to go about a thing and that there is a bungling way to do the same thing."

Mr. Harriman seemed to favor a general re-adjustment of freight tariffs, rather than a general increase.

"Is there to be an increase in freight rates?" was asked.

"How can I tell?" was the reply, accompanied by a despairing wave of the hands.

"Well, if there is to be no increase in freight rates, will there be a decline in wages?" was the next question.

"I don't care to talk about wages," said Mr. Harriman.

"But the railroad laborer is in the same position that the railroad should be in. He is entitled to all he can get for his services, provided he gives the best service that lies in him."

INDOMITABLE'S RECORD.

Battleship Makes Wonderful Run Across the Atlantic.

Cowes, Aug. 3.—The battleship Indomitable, bearing the Prince of Wales, arrived here at 9:40 o'clock this evening from Quebec.

On her trial trip the Indomitable did 27 knots, and her captain was instructed to push her to the highest capacity on her present run.

Ottawa, Ont., Aug. 3.—The Governor General received to-night the following dispatch from the Prince of Wales:

Arrived safely, after a most successful voyage. We averaged over twenty-five knots from land to land.

GEORGE PETTIBONE DEAD.

Operation Kills Companion of Moyer and Haywood.

Denver, Col., Aug. 3.—George Pettibone, for years prominent in the councils of the Western Federation of Miners, and charged, with President Moyer and former Secretary Haywood, with complicity in the murder of former Governor Steunenberg of Idaho, died at St. Joseph's Hospital to-night from the effects of an operation for cancer.

Pettibone had been ill ever since his confinement in the Idaho penitentiary, which lasted more than a year before the trials at Boise.

MOSQUITO BITE KILLS.

Boy Dies in Hospital After Week of Suffering.

Bitten by a mosquito a week ago, William Blenz, sixteen years old, died in the Harlem Hospital, early this morning.

For three days the upper part of the lad's face was swollen to an abnormal size, and then the swelling gradually subsided.

BEACON TENDER MISSING.

Lighthouse Dark and Empty Boat with Coat Found.

Oyster Bay, Long Island, Aug. 3.—Cold Spring Harbor Light remained dark to-night and search has failed to reveal the keeper.

When half an hour after the lighting time had passed and there was no light the Seawanhaka Yacht Club sent out a launch to investigate.

According to the automobile register, No. 47-199 is the machine of James J. Watson, of No. 11 Prince street, Rochester.

AMERICANS WIN CHESS MATCH.

Oxford, Aug. 3.—A chess match, lasting a week, between Messrs. Miller, Hughes and Whitaker, of the University of Pennsylvania, and four Oxford University players, Messrs. Roughton, Lob, Petrie and Waterfield, the first interuniversity match ever played over a board, resulted in an American victory of 1½ points against ½ points for the Oxford men.

EIGHT DIE IN FLAMES

FIFTY HURT IN CHICAGO.

Fire in Elevator and Freight District Causes \$3,000,000 Loss.

Chicago, Aug. 3.—The most extensive and disastrous conflagration in Chicago since the great fire of 1871 swept through the elevator and freight warehouse district, bounded by 16th street, Canal street and the Chicago River, this afternoon.

Eight men are reported dead in the ruins. The list of injured numbers more than fifty.

An area of six city blocks was burned over. Armour & Co.'s immense grain elevators "B" and "F" and the Union Elevator Company's large elevator were destroyed.

The freight warehouse used jointly by the Burlington and Pennsylvania railroads was burned, the freight house of the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern was badly damaged, and that of the Chicago & Eastern Illinois was threatened.

A conservative estimate of the property loss puts the figures at from \$2,000,000 to \$3,000,000.

Every available engine in the city was rushed to the scene, but so rapidly did the flames spread that the firemen were unable to make any headway in fighting them.

Twenty fire companies made a flank move and were hurried across the river ten minutes before the flames gained a foothold on the East Side.

The fire was rendered more spectacular by the efforts of the firemen and salvage men to prevent the flames from reaching hundreds of barrels of oil and chemicals stored in the warehouses along the river.

Eighty engine companies—four-fifths of the city's fire fighting apparatus—were at work at 2:30 o'clock in an endeavor to get the fire under control, but with little success.

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On July 27 dispatches from Washington said that Secretary Wright expected to go to Oyster Bay the latter part of that week to confer with the President on pending matters of importance.

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SCARE FOR POLICEMEN.

New York Automobilist Resents Being Stopped Near Fall River.

Fall River, Mass., Aug. 3.—Two policemen of this city had the wildest ride of their lives today, and incidentally were almost scared to death by a man who described himself as James Smith, of No. 71 Fifth avenue, New York, who drove an automobile bearing the New York register No. 47-199.

Smith drove right into a trap five miles out of town this morning.

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"Whatever the President says is right. I do not wish to discuss the matter further."

In regard to the statement accredited to him on Saturday to the effect that President Roosevelt and he had decided to reinstate the dismissed cadets, Secretary Wright explained that the decision might not have been definitely agreed upon.

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NO ACTION ON CADETS

THE PRESIDENT'S DENIAL.

Contrary Reports Erroneous, He Says—Hasn't Made Decision.

Oyster Bay, Aug. 3.—Whether the dismissal of the eight cadets found guilty of hazing is to be made permanent or the young men reinstated through action of Congress or Executive clemency is still undetermined.

The President characterizes as erroneous contrary announcements made earlier by Secretary Loeb and Secretary of War Luke E. Wright.

To-day's statement explains that the President has not yet heard finally from the Secretary of War as to the latter's recommendations in the matter and that therefore the national Executive has reached no final decision.

No action whatever has been taken by the President in the cases of the cadets, the statements that they were originally ordered dismissed and that they had been ordered kept being equally erroneous.

An appeal was originally made to the President to interfere. He declined to take any action or to interfere in any way until the Secretary of War had expressed his opinion, the view of the department then being, seemingly, that the cadets should be turned out, but the Secretary not having come to any final decision.

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In the course of his daily talk with the newspaper men on July 25 Secretary Loeb said that Mr. Roosevelt had set his approval upon the findings of the board of inquiry, the report of which had been forwarded from the War Department in Washington for his examination.

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STRIKE IN PARIS FAILS.

Police Promptly Disperse Mob in Place de la Republique.

Paris, Aug. 3.—The strike ordered by the General Federation of Labor was a failure, except in the case of the typesetters. The electricians did not strike, and a great majority of the men engaged in all the other trades, and even the laborers, who were largely responsible for the Vigneux riot, reported for work.

Singing parades in the Place de la Republique, while passing a café this evening, answered the request of the police that they disperse by hurling tables, chairs, siphons and glasses at the officers.

There were no strikes in the provinces, except at Lens, in Pas-de-Calais, where a band of miners tried vainly to make the men quit work.

The rioters fled from the café to the Labor Exchange, from the windows of which they threw siphons into the crowd until the police dispersed them.

The failure of the strike to-day, taken in conjunction with the ending of the strike at Vigneux, the original cause of the trouble, is generally interpreted here as a mortal blow to the General Labor Federation.

The federation has drawn up another violent poster, which will be placarded to-morrow. It congratulates the workers on the success of the demonstration and warns the government that further "crimes" will be followed by a repetition of the strike.

A few sympathetic demonstrations are reported from the provinces, notably from Courrières, where the workmen had a fight with thegendarmes, several persons on both sides being wounded.

San Francisco, Aug. 3.—Five persons were killed and two were injured to-day near Burlingame, a fashionable suburb, when a large automobile, occupied by five women and two children, plunged down a steep embankment as the result of the snapping of the brakes.

The party had been on a visit to the home of Prince Poniatowski, in the hills near Burlingame, and was returning to San Mateo, where both families have their summer homes.

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ONE DEAD, THREE HURT.

Lane's Machinist Killed in Brooklands Auto Races.

London, Aug. 3.—The motor racing at the Brooklands track this afternoon in the presence of a great crowd of people resulted in two serious accidents, one of which proved fatal.

A Mercedes car, containing Lane, the driver, and his mechanic, William Burke, slipped sideways down the track, narrowly missing another car, and turned over, throwing its occupants into a pond.

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NEW YORK WOMAN HURT NEAR LENOX

Lenox, Mass., Aug. 3.—Mrs. Henry Ivson Parsons, of New York, who has been at her country place in Stockbridge since early in the summer, was seriously hurt in a collision near the Lion Inn to-day.

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KILLED IN AUTO ON CAMPAIGN TOUR.

Hutchinson, Kan., Aug. 3.—Judge George A. Vanderveer, candidate for the Republican nomination as judge of the 9th Judicial District before the primaries to-morrow, was killed to-day when a Rock Island train struck the automobile in which he was finishing his campaign.

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WYOMING NAMES HUGHES DELEGATES.

Buffalo, Aug. 3.—The Wyoming County Republican convention at Warsaw to-day elected a delegation to the state convention instructed for Governor Hughes.

DEWEY'S BLACKBERRY BRANDY IS PURE.

TAFT "CANS" 5 SPEECHES

TALKS INTO PHONOGRAPH

Records To Be Sent Broadcast—Taft and Sherman Twins.

Hot Springs, Va., Aug. 3.—Mr. Taft's voice will be heard in the campaign from Maine to California, from Minnesota to Texas.

Mr. Taft spent two or three hours this afternoon in the company of a phonograph expert, who brought a large number of record cylinders to Hot Springs.

As soon as the records reach New York they will be duplicated several thousands of times, and within a few days the records containing the candidate's words will be sent by express broadcast throughout the country.

Phonograph men have been beseeching Mr. Taft for such records for a long time.

As Mr. Taft has posed for moving picture makers on several occasions, there can be no excuse now for the voter who says he cannot get acquainted with the Republican candidate.

With both his pictures and his voice at their disposal, the voters ought to get a pretty good idea of what Mr. Taft looks like and how he talks.

The fact that Mr. Bryan's voice has been on tap in the phonograph shops for a long time may or may not have had its influence with Mr. Taft in causing his decision to talk for the benefit of the country at large.

Representative Bascom Siemp, of Virginia, Va., district, called upon Mr. Taft to-day and obtained his promise to speak at a rally of Old Dominion State Republicans at Hot Springs on August 21.

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