

FIRES DESTROYING MANY MICHIGAN TOWNS

Au Sable and Oseceoda in Ashes—Destructive Conflagration at Alpena.

WILLAGES IN PATH OF FLAMES

Reported Loss of Life—People Driven Into Lake to Escape Death—Lumbermen Cut Off by Forest Fires.

Alpena, Mich., July 11.—Hardly more than half a dozen houses are left standing in the village of Au Sable and Oseceoda.

The fire, which is fighting a disastrous all day long, and forest fires are raging along the line of the Detroit & Mackinac Railroad.

Points in the northern part of the peninsula. Today's fires at Alpena and Oseceoda were not due to forest fires, but originated in a yard where there was a dry as tinder.

At Cheboygan, a fire which started in the long drouth at Cheboygan and the main trunk of sawdust caught fire and the flames threatened to spread through the town.

The smaller towns of Metz, Millersburg and Tawas, along the Detroit & Mackinac Railroad, were reported to be burning to-day.

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and caused it to skid against a telephone pole. The woman was thrown several feet into the roadway.

Mrs. Hannan was picked up dead. Miss Hannan was hurried to the S. R. Smith Infirmary, West Brighton. Hannan was unmarried.

The car which caused the fatality did not stop, and the police sent out a general alarm. The ferries were watched all night to prevent the escape of the occupants from the island.

The Hannons live at No. 170 Bodine street, West New Brighton. Mrs. Hannan leaves an eight weeks' old child.

WOULD TAX SECURED DEBTS

Dix in Messages Urges Passage of Harte Bill.

Albany, July 11.—New York State is facing a deficit in its treasury of more than one million dollars at the close of the present fiscal year, according to an estimate by the State Controller.

For the last few years expenditures have exceeded the receipts, and those in charge of the state's finances have been put to their wits' ends to devise means of meeting the deficit.

Declaring that the situation demands serious attention, Governor Dix sent a special message to the Legislature to-day recommending the passage of Senator Harte's bill providing a tax on secured debts.

The measure is in substance an extension of the mortgage recording tax law and its passage is expected to add materially to the state's revenues.

The Governor's message follows: July 11, 1911. To the Legislature.

The condition of the state finances demands serious attention. The expenses have been increasing during the last few years at the rate of from one to three millions per annum, the appropriations signed in 1910 by my predecessor amounting to \$42,975,000.

This state met a large portion of its expenditures by direct taxation down to the time of the administration of Governor Odell. During his term of office the system of direct taxation was substantially abandoned, and a large number of indirect taxes were introduced.

The last such additional source of revenue to be introduced were the stock transfer tax and the mortgage recording tax, introduced in 1905. The indirect taxes have produced a maximum annual return of about \$3,000,000, the remaining receipts of the state being derived from miscellaneous sources.

In the earlier part of their existence the expenditures were much lower and a considerable surplus was created. For the last few years, however, the expenditures have been in excess of the receipts, notably so this year, the appropriations being, as above noted, \$42,975,000, and the estimated receipts \$3,000,000.

Hitherto, this excess has been paid from the general fund. In the present year there was a surplus in the general fund of \$3,475,445. In view of the appropriations made by your predecessors and the income above noted, it is estimated by the Controller that there will be a cash deficit of \$3,000,000 at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 1912.

The effort made by the last Legislature to increase the revenue from the inheritance tax by gradually increasing the rates of taxation seems to have failed, as the estimated receipts from that source will be less this year than last by about the sum of \$1,500,000, though it is fair to say that this loss seems to be due to special causes.

It does not seem wise to attempt to increase any of the existing indirect taxes. With a view, however, of carrying out the policy of indirect taxation so far as can be reasonably done without burdening enterprise and business, a measure has been prepared, which I have the honor to submit to you, and which is now before you—Senate bill No. 1,880, introductory of a bill to amend the law relating to the tax on secured debts.

This bill is carefully drafted to include mortgage on property outside of the state, bonds, and other debt instruments, and practically all forms of taxable securities, except commercial papers, which do not come under the operation of our mortgage recording tax law, of which this bill is in substance an extension.

MORE OFFICES OUT OUT

Congressmen Now Exempted from Governor's Primary Bill.

MEASURE IS REPORTED NOW GOES TO GOVERNOR

Official Ballot Out and Referendum Vote to Abolish System Added.

Albany, July 11.—It will take a microscope to find any direct primaries in the Governor's so-called central primary bill if the Assembly Judiciary Committee does any more pruning work on it.

Every time the committee meets it cuts out from the measure a few more offices to which it might apply. After a meeting of the committee to-day, Chairman Aaron J. Levy announced that the bill was reported with a large number of amendments, the principal one of which eliminated Congressmen from the scope of the proposed direct primary.

Under the measure now the only candidates for office to whom the direct primary is applicable are Senators, Assemblymen, aldermen and councilmen.

The official ballot is also cut out under one of the new amendments, leaving the rules and regulations governing the primary ballots as they now are, in the hands of the party organizations.

Assemblyman Levy said that the official ballot was not according to the direct primary theory anyway, and that direct primary advocates agreed with him in this contention. He didn't name any who agreed with him.

Another amendment shows "Boss" Murphy's regard for direct primaries even in a limited form. It provides that after the bill becomes a law any political subdivision of the state at any time may submit to a referendum vote of the people, after presentation of a petition signed by five per cent of the electors, the question whether the direct primary shall be abolished or not.

In other words it makes a sort of a local option proposition out of direct primaries, and as the political machines of the two leading parties will undoubtedly control the situation in most communities they could abolish the direct primary system before it had even a chance.

After the committee reported this measure Chairman Levy departed suddenly for New York. The supposition here is that he was summoned to confer with "Boss" Murphy as to whether direct nominations had been reduced to an irreducible minimum in this measure.

NEGRO REGIMENT APPROVED

Senate Passes Cuvillier Bill to Curry Favor with Race.

Albany, July 11.—After some clever jockeying, Assemblyman Cuvillier's bill to organize and equip a negro regiment in the national guard was passed by the Senate to-night.

The vote was 35 to 3. Senators Ferris, Hylan and Walworth voted against it. Passage of the measure was a political move on the part of the Democrats to curry favor with the negroes, who want it. Senator Griffin (Democrat), who voted for the bill, declared that it was unthinkably that it should become law.

Earlier in the day the bill had come up, and Griffin, who is chairman of the Committee on Military Affairs, had tried to amend it. He withheld the amendments at the request of Senator Wagner.

Then, while Griffin was out of the Senate Chamber the bill was brought up at the request of Albert S. Bard, of Rochester, one of the Republicans whom the Democrats claim to carry around in their pockets. The bill was being rushed through, when Senator Walworth protested that he could not stand for such tactics in the absence of Griffin.

One objection could stop the progress of the bill. Senator Wagner blazed forth for the benefit of a group of negroes behind the rail that he wanted it known that one of the Republicans was blocking the bill, despite the Republican protestation of affection for the negro brother.

11TH AVENUE BILL PASSED

McManus Leads Attack on Measure Favored by Commissioner Tomkins.

IN FEAR OF FIRE AT SEA

Arabic's Passengers Scared by Report That Striker Was Aboard.

Passengers on the steamship Arabic, of the White Star-Line, which arrived from Liverpool yesterday, said they had been under considerable strain throughout the voyage because of a rumor that the person or persons who started the series of fires in the vessel before she sailed had not been discovered and was still on board.

There was a false alarm of fire on Monday night, and coming so soon after the six fires that were discovered aboard the vessel at Liverpool, it caused considerable alarm among the passengers. The fires were supposedly the work of a striker, and every man on the ship was on the alert to discover the man who was willing, for the sake of his sentiment, to jeopardize the lives of hundreds of persons.

That the man who set at least one of the fires was brought across the Atlantic on the Arabic was the opinion of many of the passengers and officers of the ship. The reason for this belief is that the last fire occurred, it is said, when the ship was lying in the Mersey and that no person left the vessel after the fire was discovered and extinguished.

Daily and nightly patrols were kept all during the voyage, but not the least clue to the culprit was found. The search will be continued while the vessel is here.

P. S. C. NAMES SECRETARIES. The Public Service Commission appointed William L. Ransom, a lawyer, an assistant secretary to the commission yesterday. His salary will be \$3,500.

James Blaine Walker at the same time became the senior assistant secretary to the commission, taking the place made vacant by the resignation some months ago, of William J. Norton.

Prize Winners in Proverb Contest To Be Announced

Thursday, July 13th

TO DOUBLY safeguard the interests of each and every contestant who submitted a set of answers to The Tribune's Proverb Contest, a back-checking system of re-examination has been authorized by the Judging Committee and the management of The Tribune, on account of which the announcement of the winners is necessarily postponed until next Thursday, July 13th.

The Judging Committee has made the selection of the winners, but to eliminate any possible error it has authorized a careful and accurate revision of the entire number of sets of answers.

Contestants will greatly appreciate this method of fairness on the part of the judges of the contest and the management of The Tribune in seeing to it that every set of answers is receiving a revision and the most careful scrutiny before the examination is finally closed.

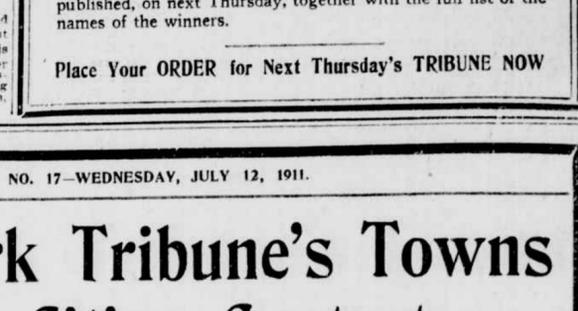
The remainder of the correct answers will appear, with a reprint of all the correct answers that have been previously published, on next Thursday, together with the full list of the names of the winners.

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Everitt "30" Automobiles, Grand Prizes, Prove Great Attraction in New Contest

Not Necessary To Be First Winner to Secure One, as There Are Three.

CONTEST CATALOGUES ARE READY TO-DAY

The Tribune's Towns and Cities Contest Catalogue, which contains a large list of names of towns and cities located in the United States and Canada and all that are to be shown in the contest, is NOW READY.

The catalogue is arranged in alphabetical order, the names of the towns and cities being classified under the states in which they are located. It will prove of great assistance to contestants in arriving at the correct names of the contest puzzle pictures.

The price of the catalogue is 25 cents at the office of The Tribune, No. 154 Nassau street. By mail, 30 cents. Orders may be placed now, and they will be filled promptly. In ordering by mail address THE CONTEST MANAGER, NEW-YORK TRIBUNE, New York City.

THE TRIBUNE'S Towns and Cities Contest, interest in which is increasing with every trio of puzzle pictures published daily, has a unique and very special feature which the contestants are all commenting upon.

That is the prize list, and particularly the top of the prize list. In a contest so widely participated in as this one is it is to be expected that at best the margin of the winner of first place will be narrow, but for this contingency The Tribune has provided more generously than has ever been done in the history of such contests.

By providing three first prizes of such magnificence as the Everitt "30" fully equipped automobiles The Tribune's Towns and Cities Contest has rightfully taken a place as the greatest of puzzle contests, and the thousands of contestants who are daily entering show that the readers of this paper appreciate this point.

If you've been studying the pictures with interest up to now, but have not actually started in on the contest, remember that you can enter to-day and be in plenty of time to compete on an even basis with your friends who got an early start. Get in now, and try for one of the big Everitt "30" automobiles that go not only to the winner of first place but to second and third places, too, and remember you can win substantial prizes.

The simplicity of the rules of the contest will appeal to you, but read the material that appears on Page 2 of The Tribune every day and paste or pin it to the pictures, all to be filled out later and after you have carefully decided upon the correct answers.

The Contest Catalogue is placed on sale to-day. It contains the names of a large list of towns and cities, among which is every name included in the list of correct answers to the puzzle pictures. The price is 25 cents at The Tribune office, or 30 cents by mail. Orders may be placed now, and they will be filled promptly.

WOMAN IN AUTO KILLED

Another Badly Injured in Collision with Speeding Machine.

Charles Hannan, twenty-four years old, son of the late Lieutenant Stephen Hannan, who was dismissed from the Post-Office Department by former Commissioner of the State, was instantly killed in an automobile accident on Freshkill Road, Green Island, late last night.

His wife, Miss Agnes Hannan, twenty-two years old, was seriously hurt and taken to the hospital.

The accident occurred when the automobile, driven by Mr. Hannan, was driving west on Freshkill in a big tour, and struck the rear wheels of his machine.

At the time the automobile was driving at a high speed, and the driver was unable to stop in time to avoid the collision.

The automobile was a 1911 model, and was being driven by Mr. Hannan, who was a well-known resident of Green Island.

The accident occurred at approximately 10:30 p.m., and the driver was taken to the hospital, where he died shortly thereafter.

The police are investigating the cause of the accident, and it is believed that the driver was driving too fast for the conditions.

The family of the deceased is mourning the loss of a young man who was a promising professional man.

The accident is the latest in a series of automobile accidents in the area, and has caused much concern among the residents.

The police department is urging drivers to exercise caution and to avoid speeding, especially at night.

The funeral for the deceased will be held on Friday, July 14th, at 10 a.m. at the funeral home.

The remains will be interred in the family plot at the cemetery.

The accident has caused a temporary closure of the road in the area, as the police investigate the scene.

The police are also checking the condition of the road and the weather at the time of the accident.

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TRAMP FARM SEEMS ASSURED

Senate Passes Chanler Measure with Only Slight Amendment.

Albany, July 11.—The Chanler bill, establishing a state industrial farm for tramps and vagrants, was passed by the Senate to-day without opposition.

The bill provides for the establishment of a colony with equipment for maintaining at least five hundred inmates. It is to be in charge of a commission of seven, who are to serve without pay. The site of the colony has not been determined, but the terms of the bill require that it be located on land now owned by the state if available for the purpose, otherwise an appropriation not exceeding \$60,000 is made for the purchase of a site.

The bill was amended in an unimportant detail, which requires it to be returned to the Assembly, but it is expected to be in the hands of the Governor within a few days.

STANLEY COMES HERE

Looking for Evidence Regarding United States Steel Corporation.

Washington, July 11.—Representative Stanley, chairman of the House Steel Investigating Committee, left here to-night for New York in search of further evidence relating to the United States Steel Corporation. The committee expects to hold hearings in New York soon, but will resume sessions in Washington next week for a limited time.

LEADER OF 13TH GETS \$5,000 JOB

John F. Curry, formerly Deputy County Clerk, and Tammany leader of the 13th Assembly District, was appointed yesterday by Surrogate Cobalan and Surrogate Albert S. Bard, to the position of Commissioner of Records in the Surrogate's office. The duties of the new job will be to keep the records of the court, and to other documents of the office. The salary is \$5,000 a year. Commissioner Curry will have the appointment of general assistants.

PHILADELPHIAN MAKES HEROIC EFFORT TO SAVE GIRL COMPANION

Aburn, N. Y., July 11.—A huge wave on Onawake Lake swept Miss Adelaide McCarthy, eighteen years old, and her cousin, Edward George Burke, twenty-two years old, of Philadelphia, from the grasp of rescuers to a watery grave early to-night.

Burke, who was a good swimmer, had half an hour, and was preparing to hand her to four men in a motor boat when the wave swept them away, half filled the boat, silenced the engine and set the craft adrift.

"Save the girl, fellows; don't try to take me in," shouted Burke, who was treading water with the girl in his arms. A moment later the wave blotted them both from view. Their bodies still lie at the bottom of the lake.

Burke and his cousin, who was a niece of Mayor Thomas O'Neill, were returning home in a canoe when a windstorm swept over the lake and capsized their frail craft. Four young men who saw their plight put out the motor boat. The motor boat was washed ashore, after one man had been compelled to take to the water to prevent it from sinking.

The bodies of the two girls were recovered from the wreckage of the motor boat, and are being held at the coroner's office.

The police are investigating the cause of the accident, and it is believed that the windstorm was the cause of the disaster.

The accident is being treated as a homicide, and the police are conducting a thorough investigation.

DIVORCES R. F. MANNING

Wife Names Chorus Girl—Had Seven Detectives on Lawyer's Trail.

Justice Bischoff signed an interlocutory decree of divorce yesterday in the suit of Mrs. Mabel F. Manning against Robert F. Manning, a lawyer, living at No. 611 Fifth Avenue. The case was heard by Walter L. McCordle as referee, who recommended that the decree be granted.

One of the women mentioned in the case was Evelyn Mitchell, who was a chorus girl in the "Follies of 1910." The testimony showed that from April, 1910, to May, 1911, seven detectives were at different times on the trail of Manning in the interest of his wife.

Manning was charged with adultery and with keeping a disorderly house. The wife alleged that Manning had been in the company of several women, and that he had kept a disorderly house in New York City.

The divorce was granted on the grounds of adultery and on the ground that Manning had been in the company of several women, and that he had kept a disorderly house in New York City.

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