

FIFTY BURNED.

Fearful Holocaust in a Montreal Lunatic Asylum.

Frightful Scenes—At Least Fifty Patients and Several Nuns Perish in the Flames—Many Lunatics Escape to the Woods.

LONGUE POINTE, Que., May 7.—A long line of gaunt towers and a mass of blazing debris is all that is left of the Longue Pointe lunatic asylum, wherein many poor lunatics lost their lives. The horrible sights that were witnessed during the destruction of the building will never be forgotten by the spectators, though to the lunatics it was a time of supreme glee and in their delight they disported themselves among flames and waved their arms in turbulent satisfaction at the ruin that was being wrought. Not until the walls tumbled over their heads were their maniacal screams ceased.

There were incarcerated in the asylum 1,300 lunatics, for the place was more like a prison than a hospital, and last evening not more than 1,100 had been accounted for. But many had escaped into fields and woods, and the number of the dead is now a matter of conjecture and is not likely to ever be ascertained, since no other record was kept than that in the asylum books, and these were destroyed in the fire.

Ten miles below Montreal a point of land juts out into the river. Here is the village of Longue Pointe and here was the famous lunatic asylum.

Fifteen minutes before noon the cry of "fire" was given. The fire originated in a cupboard in the second ward of the upper story and was the work of a patient.

When the firemen arrived the dome of one tower had just fallen and the flames were bursting everywhere. Streams of water were brought to bear on the flames and while they lasted some good work was done, but that was for a very brief space and then the horror of the situation was revealed.

As the heat increased statues fell from their niches to the ground and then the inhabitants prostrated themselves, crying aloud that the saints had deserted them indeed. Meantime the beds, furniture and utensils of every description were being showered from the windows and a stream of ill-clad men poured out of the eastern wing. Not a patient was lost.

Among the women it was different. The less helpless cases were placed in the lower wards and they were removed without difficulty, but from the upper wards, where the violent patients were secured, there came the wildest screams as they resisted the nuns, who were beseeching them to make their escape. At the windows women could be seen peering through the bars, grinning and jabbering at the bright flames that went up to the sky. As the heat became more intense they would grasp the bars and remain there until the flames enveloped them.

The inhabitants had come from all parts around about, attracted by the blaze, and in an hour the little village was one surging mass of shouting, vociferating people recounting the strange scenes they had beheld.

When the firemen found they were powerless to save the building, they turned their attention to the inmates and burst in the doors with axes. Inside, Chief Benoit says, it was such a sight as no fireman ever before witnessed. In one ward that he entered there were twenty-five patients, and at his approach they huddled together like a pack of beasts, entwining their arms into one mass of humanity. He seized the nearest, but, said he: "I could no more separate the crowd than I could parts of your horse." He tugged at them until the fire darted into their garments and enfolded them like a shroud of flame, and then he escaped with his life.

In another ward three firemen were nearly trapped to death. They entered the door, which had a spring lock, closed behind them. As is customary there was no handle on the inside. The door resisted their axes and they rushed to the windows, but were driven back by the flames. The chief, suspecting their peril, sent aid to the other side and the men were carried down on ladders.

Doctors Bourque and Baralet were carried from the building unconscious, and whatever must be said of the management as a whole, individuals exercised every power to lessen the calamity they had neglected to avert.

One of the tertiary nuns, Sister Marie, lay sick in the infirmary on the fifth floor, and to her rescue came three others. They seized their companion and bore her in a blanket to the staircase, but they were met by a sheet of flame and all perished. Their names were: Sisters Marie, Demeris, Gilbert and Lumiere.

None of the dead sisters was over twenty years of age, and all came from parishes below Quebec.

Later—The death roll is now estimated at fifty, although many more are missing but are expected to turn up. It is feared that seven tertiary nuns have been burned to death, as three more are missing. They were not, however, seen in the flames and the sisters prefer not giving out their names at present.

Among the patients who perished was Sister Janale, a nun of the Sacred Heart convent at Sault au Recollet. She had been under treatment in the asylum for some months.

TORNADO TORN.

A Texas Tornado Destroys Several Small Towns—Fifteen Persons Known to Have Been Killed and Many Others Injured.

Fort Worth, Tex., May 6.—Meager advices have been received here of the destruction by cyclone of the village of Acton, on the border between Parker and Hood Counties.

The village was completely blown away and four people killed and seven fatally injured.

A report from Granbury says a destruction cyclone visited Salt creek in the eastern portion of Hood County Sunday afternoon at five o'clock. The beginning of serious trouble was at the residence of Mr. Lee Rhodes, twelve miles west of that place. There were about twenty persons in the house when the cyclone struck it. Miss Della Carmichael, aged seventeen, Mary Carmichael, aged fifteen, and the little baby of Mrs. Gibbs were instantly killed. Mrs. Rhodes and her twelve-year-old daughter Dora are seriously hurt and may die. Mrs. Gibbs and her ten-year-old daughter Tillie are also seriously injured. Other children in the house were bruised.

At Fall Creek, a little further south, John Manley's house was wrecked and he was seriously injured, Charles Houston's house demolished and Mrs. Rushing hurt; Mrs. Campbell's house was blown away; Mrs. Serkley's house demolished and her arm broken in two places; Mr. McClaug's house was blown down and his wife and child badly hurt; Mr. Robertson's house demolished and Mrs. Payne hurt. Other houses wrecked were Alf Massey's, L. K. McPherson's, J. Woolenliff's, M. C. Hensley's and Mr. Brooks'. The damage to outhouses, fences, crops and timber is very great.

At the little town of Acton, on the line of Parker and Hood Counties, four people were killed and a number seriously injured. Many houses were demolished in that vicinity.

At Robins creek, in Hood County, eight persons were killed, five of whom belonged to the family of Dr. George Griffin. A heavy hail storm fell throughout this section, doing immense damage to crops.

News from Graham, in Young County, says a heavy hail storm fell there Sunday, hail stones falling as large as hens' eggs. The hail completely ruined all crops and vegetation, wheat, oats and corn being completely beaten into the ground. The fruit crop in that section will be ruined.

HIGH HONORS.

Triumphal Procession of Henry M. Stanley at Albert Hall, London.

LONDON, May 6.—The Prince and Princess of Wales, the Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh, the Duke of Cambridge, the Duke and Duchess of Teck, Prince and Princess Hohenlohe, the Duke of Fife, the Duke of Argyll, the Comte de Paris and a brilliant assemblage of leaders of all classes were in attendance at the reception given to Henry M. Stanley by the Royal Geographical Society at Albert Hall last night.

A triumphal procession, headed by the Prince of Wales and other royalties, led Stanley and his colleagues into the hall, which was packed. As they entered the assemblage arose en masse and applauded the explorer.

The president of the society welcomed Stanley and his companions and presented them with medals, whereat there was another tremendous outburst of applause.

Mr. Stanley thanked the society on behalf of himself and his colleagues and proceeded to narrate his adventures in Africa, assisted by a huge chart, upon which he traced his route. Carpers, he said, had asked what was the utility of his expedition. To them he would say that the gain to humanity had been great. It had opened up a rich and productive region and would enable the teaching of millions of degraded human beings that in the vegetable products of the country they would find something of far greater value than the flesh of their fellow creatures. "As a Christian Nation," he said, "we ought to rejoice that the few thousand pounds lent to this work has rescued 400 people from slavery, restored 200 to their homes in Egypt and delivered Emin from a stagnant state of impossibilities to active service with a friendly state."

WHEAT IMPROVING.

Encouraging Reports to the Chicago Farmers' Review.

CHICAGO, May 6.—The following summary appears in the Farmers' Review: Reports from our crop correspondents relative to spring wheat prospects are encouraging. Seeding is about over and in many cases the grain is up and making good growth. Minnesota and Dakota correspondents began to complain of drought last week, but the recent heavy rain throughout the North and West will tend to restore the confidence of farmers who were beginning to fear a repetition of last spring's experience.

Although it is still early to form an estimate of the area seeded, reports indicate a diminution from the acreage usually sown in Illinois, Wisconsin and Dakota. Nebraska correspondents report a slight increase in acreage. The area seeded in Minnesota and Iowa will probably be about the same as last of last year. Talking into account the favorable conditions for seeding that have prevailed over the spring wheat belt and the timely rains that have just fallen, farmers have reason to expect good harvests from the crop.

We summarize as follows the reports of correspondents relative to the acreage: Illinois 95 per cent., Wisconsin 94, Minnesota 90, Dakota 94, Iowa 100 and Nebraska 101.

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