THOUSANDS VICTIM OF FOREST FIRE

Homeless Men and Women Die Trying to Escape the Flames.

RELIEF TRAINS ARE CUT OFF

Complete List of the Dead and Injured Probably Never Will Be Known.

Situation in the Forest Fire Belt.

TOWNS DESTROYED.

Beaudette,	Cedar Spur,
Spooner,	Engle,
Roosevelt,	Gravel Pit,
Longworth,	Graceton,
Zipple,	Pitt.
Swift,	Ranier,
Williams.	

TOWNS MENACED.

Stratton,	Fort Francis.
South Junction,	Berkwick.

TOWNS PARTLY BURNED.

International Falls,	Pine Wood,
Rat Portage,	Sprague,
Warroad,	Rainy River.

WINNIPEG, Oct. 11.—Seven thousand square miles of territory in northern Minnesota and southern Ontario were a smoking funeral pyre today.

Through the night the fire raged, driven before a relentless wind, and today found the toll of disaster reaching up to appalling totals. An area containing more than 15,000 residents had been devastated. More than 1,000 are believed to be dead, and from 2,500 to 4,000 others are missing.

Twelve towns and villages had been wiped out.

Eight thousand men, women, and children were homeless.

The property loss was estimated at over $100,000,000, and there was no sign of the fire abatement.

Unendurable suffering surrounds the people; panic reigns, and in the communities of Rainy River and International Falls refugees rendered desperate by the terrible situation, gave way to violence.

On the Canadian side the northwestern mounted police patrolled the stricken area with orders to shoot all looters on sight; on the American side a regiment of Minnesota national guard was split up in detachments for police duty. The guardsmen were instructed only to make arrests and assist in the relief work.

The meager details which came out of the living inferno today brought nothing but stories of death, disaster, and suffering. Stories of human suffering were beyond conception. Men and women refugees who could flee to the city, to Rainy River, to Warroad, or International Falls, were nearly insane from fear and the ghastly sights they had witnessed.

Dead bodies strew every road and railway line. The creeks and rivers are full of floating corpses. Near the site of the burned town of Baudette more than one hundred charred and blackened bodies were laid out in the temporary morgue today.

Settlers who escaped passed the greatest danger. Some had their clothing completely burned off. Others were nearly parboiled by standing in small rivers and creeks. Many who were not killed outright were burned so badly that they will die.

Treacherous Wind Is Feared.

Only a good soaking rain can check the wall of fire, it was said today. The treacherous wind was an element which caused much fear. At times the wind blew steadily in one direction, until the flames would surround a community, then it would veer off and the fire would leap out in some other direction.

Live embers were carried by the winds and started new fires. Nearly a dozen communities were menaced early today by the fire which had eaten a new swath throughout the night.

The communities utterly destroyed are Beaudette, Spooner, Roosevelt, Longworth, Zipple, Cedar Spur, Engle, Gravel Pit, Graceton, Pitt, and Swift.

Communities menaced, Strattan and Fort Francis.

Partly burned, International Falls, Rat Portage, Warroad, Pine Wood, Sprague, and Rainy River.

It was feared for a time the fire would sweep Winnipeg. A wall of flame was borne in this direction by the wind, eating its way, with incredible swiftness, across the prairie, but was checked in time by the wind.

Governor Eberhardt and Adjutant General Wood, of Minnesota, have gone into the fire zone of that State upon a special train to see what relief measures the State should take. Red Cross nurses have been sent into the stricken territory and temporary hospitals and morgues have been erected.

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PROTESTANTS' IRE AROUSED BY ATTACK OF CARDINAL

Rockefeller's Pastor Makes Vigorous Defense of Other Churches.

NEW YORK, Oct. 11.—Following the replies of leading Protestants to the recent anti-Protestant pronunciamentos of Father Vaughan, Cardinal Vannutelli, Cardinal Logue, and other high Catholic prelatets, Cardinal Logue, primate of Ireland, who came to New York to assist in the recent consecration of St. Patrick's Cathedral, today reiterated his belief in the ultimate triumph of Catholicism in America.

The fire of the cardinal was drawn by the Sunday night attack on Catholicism of Rev. Charles F. Aked, of the Fifth Avenue Baptist Church, known as Rockefeller's Church.

That the statements by the Catholic prelates that Catholicism is destined to supplant Protestantism in America have aroused the ire of the Protestants is shown by the eagerness with which the latter have sprung to the defense of their faith and it is predicted that there will be rumblings of the present discussion for months to come.

Will Save America.

"Catholicism will be the salvation of America," Cardinal Logue declared, "because its cardinal principles are more vitally Christian than those of other religions and strike at the very things that tend to national decay. America is a wonderful nation, but she is beset by many evils, chief of which are the prevalence of divorce and the tendency to graft in official and public life. Against both of these the Catholic Church has always waged implacable war.

"Catholicism is the application of the deepest principles of Christianity, and I never could understand how an intelligent Christian could honestly oppose our church. The evil results of warring against the Catholic Church were never better illustrated than in France. This country has steadily retrograded since she began fighting the church until now she is so decadent that Germany could overwhelm her should the two ever engage in another war. France's population has decreased, and her official life is a record of incompetency and dishonesty.

"Portugal should take a lesson from France. The warfare against the Catholic Church in Portugal is nothing less than an attempt to steal the property of the church, on which the state has absolutely no claim. This property will be confiscated, if the present regime has its way, but instead of the funds going to the state, they will line the pockets of dishonest public officials.

"I believe the time will come when America will be classed as a Catholic nation. Everywhere I see evidences of the tremendous growth in membership and influence of the church. It is only a narrow-minded person who can look on this growth as a menace."

The Rev. Mr. Aked talked without reserve when asked whether he cared to answer Cardinal Logue.

Flays Catholicism.

"The Catholic Church, through all ages, has been the unrelenting foe of liberty and education," he said. "A zeal for education and an enthusiasm for liberty are what differentiates America from other nations, and these are the two things that Catholicism has fought the hardest. Even the Catholics admit that they are the strongest among ignorant peoples.

"Drive a Catholic into a corner by argument, ask him if Catholics are not less educated than Protestants, and he will say: 'Yes, but are you right sure that education has all the blessings that you ascribe to it?'

Quotes Catholic.

"Catholicism is not going to sweep this country. Of its 15,000,000 members (the census gives them only 12,000,000), five millions are foreigners who are preached to in foreign tongues. Its heaviest recruits are from the ignorant foreigners who flock to this country. I have the word of Bishop McFaul himself that if the Catholics had held the families of all the Catholics who have come to America they would now have a membership of 40,000,000.

"The records will show that 80 per cent of the criminal class are members of the Catholic Church.

"The Catholic bishop of Liverpool told me that the Catholic Church in Liverpool sheltered an overwhelming share of the drunkards and criminals of that city. The Catholic Church has always held itself superior to all laws except those of its own making.

Morality At Issue.

"As a matter of fact, you will find Catholics make light of common morality, as distinguished from sexual morality. They have transferred the burden from conduct to ceremony, from righteousness to ritual, which can't be done without weakening the moral nature.

"As to decadent France, there has been a lot of foolishness written and said about this. France is not Paris, and the evil of Paris is maintained largely for the delight of visitors. France leads Europe in ideas. France suffered by the murder and expulsion of her liberty-loving and free-thinking people by the Catholics on St. Bartholomew's Day.

"There's another side to this so-called race suicide in France. I think the women of any nation are justified in refusing to bring children into the world."

Views on Catholic and Protestant Churches.

By CARDINAL LOGUE, Primate of Ireland:

Catholicism will be the salvation of America because its principles are more vitally Christian than those of other religions.

I expect to see America classed as a Catholic nation.

Decadent France shows the baneful influence of her war against the Catholic Church.

I never could understand how any intelligent Christian could honestly oppose Catholicism.

By the REV. CHARLES F. AKED, Pastor of the Fifth Avenue Baptist Church of New York (Rockefeller's Church):

Catholicism is the relentless foe of liberty and education, the chief foundation stones of America.

Had Catholicism held its own in America it would now number 40,000,000 members instead of 15,000,000.

France is not decadent, and she now leads Europe in ideas.

Eighty per cent of the criminal class are Catholics.

Logue Declares He Expects Time to Come When America Will Be Catholic.

CAPT. FOX TO FLY AT BENNING MEET

Claude Grahame-White, the British aviator, will make a military feature of some of his flights at Benning, and Capt. Charles J. Fox will fly with him as a representative of the United States Aeronautical Reserve.

Moore and Simmons, who were to have entered their machines in the amateur events at College Park, have withdrawn them, and will fly at Benning instead.

PROTEST ON SITE FOR REFORMATORY

Proximity to Mount Vernon Reason for Objection to Location.

Protest against the establishment of the new District reformatory on the Belvoir or White House tract in Virginia, because of its proximity to Mt. Vernon, is made to the Commissioners in letters received today from the Mt. Vernon Ladies' Association, Harrison M. Dodge, superintendent of Mt. Vernon, and Miss Elizabeth M. Sharpe, owner of Woodlawn, the estate formerly belonging to George Washington, and later to his adopted daughter, Nellie Custis.

To place such an institution so close to the tomb of Washington, it is declared, would be a sacrilege.

The following communication was received from the Ladies' Association:

"We, the undersigned, hereby voice our protest against the acquirement by the Government of any portion of the Belvoir of White House Tract of land, situate near Mt. Vernon, Mt. Vernon district, Fairfax county, Va., to be used as a criminal reformatory.

"We feel that for the Government to place an institution of this character so close to the tomb of George Washington, and to use for this purpose land, which has been so closely identified with the history of this country, would be an unnecessary sacrilege.

"We respectfully request the honorable Commissioners of the District of Columbia to look elsewhere for the site."

Accompanying this was the following letter from Miss Elizabeth M. Sharpe, owner of Woodlawn:

"I hereby join in protest against the establishment of a reformatory for criminals at Belvoir. To place such an establishment in close proximity to Mt. Vernon, and to the home of Washington's adopted daughter, Nellie Custis, would detract greatly from the interest of these historic spots, as well as add an element of danger thereto."

While the Commissioners have practically decided upon the purchase of Belvoir as a site for the District reformatory, the sale is not yet concluded. It was decided at first to purchase the land, and the price agreed upon by six-sevenths of the owners, was $22 an acre.

Later the District government, as authorized by Congress, instituted condemnation proceedings, which resulted in the placing of a value of $28 an acre on the land.

With this price in prospect there was a hesitancy on the part of the owners to accept $22 an acre, resulting in a hitch in the proceedings. A compromise was suggested, and the matter is now in the hands of the Corporation Counsel.

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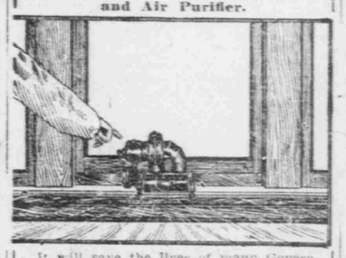
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AT THE REGULAR ANNUAL MEETING of the board of directors of the Carter Motor Car Corporation of Washington, D. C., held September 25, 1910, a stock dividend of 10% was declared, to be paid to stockholders of record October 20, 1910, transfer books to be closed October 15 to 20, inclusive.
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Washington City, D. C., September 13, 1910.

To the Stockholders of the Washington Gas Light Company:

Notice is hereby given that a special meeting of the stockholders of the Washington Gas Light Company is called by the Board of Directors of that Company for, and will be held on, Friday, the fourteenth day of October, 1910, at 12 o'clock M., at the principal office of the Company, No. 413 Tenth Street northwest, in the City of Washington, D. C., to transact such business as may properly come before said meeting, and especially to consider and approve or otherwise act upon the following propositions:

(1) Shall the Washington Gas Light Company continue its practice hitherto of declaring regular quarterly dividends to its stockholders from its net earnings, at the rate of ten per centum per annum upon its authorized capital of $2,500,000, which capitalization was made many years ago, and does not now adequately represent the fair value of the property of the Company used by it for the benefit of the public under the provisions of the Company's charter, and its further practice of declaring extra dividends from its undivided profits; or, shall it in future distribute among its stockholders, in the proportions to which they are respectively entitled, the net annual earnings of the Company after deducting from its gross earnings all proper expenses of administration and of the conduct of its business and the sums necessary to pay interest upon its bonds and certificates of indebtedness, together with an amount sufficient to cover depreciation in dividends to an amount approximating six per centum upon the fair value of the property used by the said Company for the benefit of the public in supplying gas under its charter, assuming that the said net earnings shall be sufficient to justify said dividends?

(2) Shall the moneys needed annually for extensions of the Company's mains and other expenses generally classed as "betterments" be paid out of the earnings of the Company, or shall such moneys hereafter be raised by a bond-issue or issues secured by deed of trust upon all of the Company's property which it is entitled to embrace in such deed of trust, said bonds to be sold for not less than par, and the proceeds thereof to be applied exclusively to said betterments?

(3) Shall the company refund its outstanding bonds now bearing four per centum interest, amounting to approximately $650,000 in round numbers, and also its outstanding dividend certificates of indebtedness bearing six per centum interest, amounting to $2,600,000, which certificates of indebtedness are now payable at the option of the company, by a new bond issue, secured by deed of trust upon all of the property of the company which it is legally entitled to embrace in said deed of trust, said bonds to bear interest at the rate of five per centum per annum, and to be payable at such time or times as the said special meeting of the stockholders hereinbefore called shall determine upon, the contents of the said bonds and also of the said deed of trust to be approved by a meeting of the directors of the company subsequent to the said stockholders' meeting, but in any event to contain a stipulation waiving the statutory personal responsibility of each stockholder for the payment of the said bonds, and expressly stipulating that holders of the said bonds shall rely only upon the security embraced in the said deed of trust? Further, in the event that the said stockholders' meeting shall determine that future betterments shall not be paid out of earnings, but shall be financed by a bond issue, shall the issue of bonds contemplated in this proposition be increased, and if so, to what amount, for the purpose of financing said betterments required in the near future?

If it is not thought expedient to refund the said issue of $2,600,000 of dividen certificates of indebtedness in the manner next hereinbefore provided, shall the said total issue of dividend certificates of indebtedness be paid with interest to the date of payment by the proceeds of the sale in open market, for not less than par, of $2,600,000 of the said new bonds, or of so many of said bonds as may be required for the purpose?

If it be not thought expedient to sell the said $2,600,000 face value of the said bonds in open market, shall so many of the stockholders of the company at a given date as shall avail themselves of the privilege within a limited time be entitled to subscribe and pay for the said bonds at their face value, said privilege of subscription and payment to be proportional to the holdings of the respective stockholders? Shall said privilege next hereinbefore referred to apply also to so much of said new issue or issues of bonds as shall be required for financing betterments?

All subordinate propositions embraced in and pertinent to the said main propositions above stated shall, to the necessary extent, be considered and acted upon by the said stockholders' meeting.

According to the charter and by-laws of the Washington Gas Light Company, only such stockholders are allowed to vote at any meeting of the stockholders as shall have been holders of the certificates of stock of the said Company in their own and proper names for the period of fourteen days previous to any stockholders' meeting. In order that all stockholders may have an opportunity to have their stock thus registered in the books of the Company, the stock transfer books of the Company will be closed at close of business at 3 p. m. on Thursday, the 29th day of September, 1910, and will remain closed until the close of business at 3 p. m. on Friday, the 14th day of October, 1910; and all holders of stock as aforesaid who shall be such at the close of business on said 29th day of September, 1910, will be entitled to vote at the special meeting of the stockholders hereby called for Friday, the 14th day of October, 1910.

The polls will be open from 12 o'clock m. until 1 o'clock p. m.

Respectfully,
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE WASHINGTON GAS LIGHT COMPANY.
By WILLIAM B. ORME, Secretary, Washington Gas Light Company.

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