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HUNDREDS PERISH IN BIG FIRE

Unchecked Forest Fires Claim Hundreds Of Lives

Ontario Swept By Fierce Blaze.

THREE TOWNS BURNED

People Leave Devastated District In Trainloads.

MICHIGAN LOSS EXAGGERATED

Only Three Known to Be Dead, But Scores Are Missing and Believed to Have Burned to Death—Maine Town Destroyed and Valuable Timber Burned.

Toronto, Ont., July 13.—Forest fires that are sweeping unchecked through northern Ontario have claimed between 300 and 400 lives, many have been injured, scores are missing, and it is feared most of these will be included in the fatalities.

Thirty lost their lives at Porcupine, including Captain White and his family at West Dome. Fifteen men were drowned at South Porcupine when they were driven into the lake by the dense clouds of smoke. Two were burned to death at El Dorado mine and another met a similar fate at the United Porcupine mine. Three towns have been wiped off the map. Hundreds of refugees are facing starvation.

A train containing 600 women and children was rushed out of Cochrane as the wall of flames advanced toward the village. The town of 2,500 inhabitants was soon a mass of fire, and is entirely destroyed. South Porcupine and Pittsville are charred ruins.

Two special trains have been sent to bring the 4,000 souls who are facing starvation or death by fire in the Tisdale district.

The flames swept down on the towns without warning. The alarm sent the people rushing for the lake, but they were forced to abandon everything. The town of Kelso was abandoned.

NO RAIN IN SIGHT

Michigan's Fire Death Rate Very Much Exaggerated.

Detroit, July 13.—With three people known dead, scores missing who may have perished, two towns wiped off the map and nearly a dozen others reported either destroyed or

greatly damaged. Michigan is facing the worst forest fire situation the state has ever seen.

Northwest winds, said to be the worst possible for a situation of the kind, are blowing down over the burned and burning districts of the northern portion of the lower peninsula, spreading fire in almost every direction. There is no rain in sight, and the weather men say that a long dry and hot spell is all the state can expect for several days. Without rain there is certain to be a greater loss of property than at present, and the figures reported so far will undoubtedly reach \$5,000,000.

FIRES RAGE IN MAINE

Wipes Out Village and Sweeps Path Through Forest.

Portland, Me., July 13.—The little village of South Waterigo, 2 1/2 miles from this city, was swept by flames and in three hours wiped out of existence. Thirty dwellings and nine other buildings were destroyed and 100 persons made homeless. The loss to date is estimated at \$300,000.

After completing its work of devastation in the village the fire raged through the woods and has swept a path four miles through valuable timber land leaving also the ruins of three isolated farmhouses in its trail. The fire is still uncontrolled, although a bucket and shovel brigade of 300 farmers are fighting it aided by engines from Portland and Rochester, N. H., with crews of trained firefighters.

Bailey Amendment Defeated.

Washington, July 13.—Senator Bailey's free list amendment to the Canadian reciprocity bill was defeated in the senate by a large majority. So evident was the margin against it that Senator Bailey did not ask for a rollcall.

Elks to Have Home.

Atlantic City, July 13.—The second ballot for grand trustee of the Elks, necessitated by the failure of T. H. McNulty, the administration candidate for re-election, to secure the proper majority, gave to C. L. Applegate of Salt Lake City the office. A per capita tax of 50 cents will be levied on each member to raise a \$250,000 fund for the building of a new national Elks' home at Bedford, Va.

Heat Kills Mayor.

New Orleans, O., July 13.—Mayor James Garvin, 60, was stricken with the heat and fell dead while engaged in work in his store. Mayor Garvin has long been a prominent figure in this village.

Pity the Poor Germans.

Berlin, July 13.—A fierce heat wave is prevailing here. The thermometers indicated 80 degrees in the shade. The price of ice has been raised and the streets are deserted.

Hose Nozzles.

Best results are obtained from hose nozzles six to ten times the hose diameter in length and with the opening one-third of the diameter of the hose.

LAYS ROOF IN SLEEP

Wooster, O., July 13.—John O. Hoover, a tinner at Reedsburg, while in a state of somnambulism went onto the roof of a bank barn and laid three long strips of tin in good shape. He awoke when going down the ladder after more tin.

Killed in High Dive.

Ravenna, O., July 13.—Norman Baldwin, 18, was killed while bathing at Brady lake. He dived from a high platform into shallow water and broke his neck.

A QUACK IS ARRESTED

Mingo, O., July 13.—Hilliard Jones, a colored voodoo medicine quack, is under arrest here, charged with the death of Agnes Reynolds, 16. The girl took medicine given her by Jones and died in agony a few hours later. The man had no license and had been warned to cease practicing.

Endeavorers Close With Rally

Atlantic City, July 13.—The Christian Endeavorers ended their convention here with a grand rally in both auditoriums of the million-dollar pier.

Strange Peoples From All Over The World Attended Coronation



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KING GEORGE of England rules over diversified peoples, and they sent representatives to London to take part in his coronation. Some of these visitors were official, but many of the most interesting were entirely unofficial and had flocked to London by the lure of the English equivalents of dollars. The amusement resorts in and around London harbored these strangers, and residents and other visitors would their money to see them. Some of the unusual visitors are shown in the above picture. There is a band of Somalis from Africa, their leader being shown at the right of the line. They are wearing their native garb and are fitted up for war according to the Somali ideas. The other picture shows a scene in a reproduction of a lace bazaar at Lucknow, India. Laces with threads of real gold were here made and sold. The youthful salesman was one of the attractions of the place, and the expression of his face and his wondering eyes show that he enjoyed looking at the others fully as much as they enjoyed looking at him.

HOGAN GIVES DECISION ABOUT REVIEW BOARDS

Columbus, O., July 13.—That county auditors, boards of review and boards of equalization, by authorization of general statutes and the state tax commission, in turn authorized by the Hollinger act, can compel dis-

closure of deposits in banks and building and loan associations for the purpose of equalization, is declared by Attorney General Hogan in an opinion rendered today to the state tax commission.

LAD A REAL HERO; RESCUED HIS BROTHER

Zanesville, O., July 13.—Ted Hastings, 7, proved himself a hero at Caldwell when he swam into Duck creek and rescued Warren Hastings, 8, his brother, and Paul McCleary, 8, from drowning. The lad made a third trip into the swift current to rescue Knowles McCleary, 4, the third brother, but young McCleary had been carried under and drowned.

A FATAL MISTAKE TO HELP M'NAMARAS

Hamilton, O., July 13.—Frank Collins, 40, of Collinsville, was turned 30 feet in the air and badly hurt when he attempted to board an auto hose car, which he mistook for a street-car. The car was moving at the rate of 30 miles an hour when the accident occurred. Collins is bruised from head to foot and can not recover.

Denied Use of Parks.

Pittsburg, July 13.—In the face of the ice famine and the most terrible heat wave in 25 years, the poor of Pittsburg are forbidden the use of parks for sleeping purposes. Rains have brought some relief and Pittsburg experienced cooling weather for the first time since July 1, when the heat wave began.

Humidity Kills Gothamites.

New York, July 13.—Despite the fact that there was a drop of 10 degrees in the temperature over the two preceding days, the increased humidity caused 36 deaths and over 1,000 prostrations. This was only exceeded once since the beginning of the hot wave, when on July 6 the deaths from heat numbered 40.

AMENDS CONSTITUTION

American Insurance Union to Meet Triennially.

Columbus, O., July 13.—After adopting numerous changes to the constitution, the national convention of the American Insurance Union adjourned today noon. The new constitution provides for triennial sessions of the national body.

The treasurer's report shows that the guarantee fund of the order has reached the \$200,000 mark.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing term:

National President—Hon. John J. Lentz, Columbus, O.
National Vice President—Julius W. Ferris, Detroit, Mich.
National Secretary—Dr. George W. Hoelzer, Columbus, O.
National Treasurer—Albert Bernot, Columbus, O.
National Surgeon—Dr. W. J. Meana, Columbus, O.
National Counselor—Hon. W. W. Wedemeyer, Ann Arbor, Mich.
National Auditor—James J. Thomas, Columbus, O.
National Editor—C. C. Hollenback, Columbus, O.

National Organizer—Charles E. Hill, Grand Rapids, Mich.
National Chaplain—W. R. Thomas, Erie, Pa.
National Marshal—J. R. Hickman, Dallas, Tex.
National Custodian—A. U. Bordner, Canton, O.
National Warden—H. S. Gates, Fort Wayne, Ind.

National Argus—William Hedrick, Chillicothe, O.
National Judges—H. W. Gordon, Columbus, O.; W. J. Emmett, Newport, Ky.; Isaac Kalsky, Cleveland, O.; Daniel Thomas, Pontiac, Mich.; Dr. D. O. Weeks, Marion, O.; John V. Sess, Huntington, Ind.; S. W. Hamilton, Vandergrift, Pa.; C. H. Miller, Pittsburg, Pa.; Fred H. Bradley, Grand Rapids, Mich.; Lewis F. Gillet, Cincinnati, O.; Prussley Zartman, Dayton, O.; George R. McKay, Cleveland, O.; Osborn Engate, Akron, O.; R. E. Brooks, Bellefontaine, O.; A. V. Kempton, Detroit, Mich.

National Referee—Dr. C. A. Eckert, Columbus, O.; H. T. Wolfe, Columbus, O.; S. S. Cronin, Pontiac, Mich.

PHILADELPHIA DOES NOT FEEL RELIEF

Death List From Heat Continues to Hold Record.

Philadelphia, July 13.—While the officials at the weather bureau were announcing that the heat wave was broken, and cooler weather had arrived, a man who could not stand the heat any longer went to Fairmont park and blew his head off. The number of deaths resulting from heat were more numerous than on any day since the beginning of the hot spell, reaching a total of 32, while there were 93 prostrations.

Honesty needs no pains to set itself off.—Edward Moore.

LIVE STOCK AND GRAIN

CHICAGO—Cattle: Beaves, \$4 50@7 00; Texas steers, \$4 00@6 10; western steers, \$3 75@5 00; stockers and feeders, \$3 00@5 75; cows and heifers, \$2 25@5 75; calves—\$5 75@7 75; Sheep and Lambs—Native sheep, \$2 50@4 65; western, \$2 00@4 70; native lambs, \$4 25@7 00; western, \$4 75@7 00; yearlings, \$4 00@5 50; Hogs—Light, \$6 25@6 75; mixed, \$6 25@6 75; heavy, \$6 25@6 75; rough, \$6 25@6 75; pigs, \$4 10@6 60; Wheat—No. 2 red, \$1 00@1 00; No. 2, \$1 00@1 00; Oats—No. 2, \$1 00@1 00; Creamery extras, 25¢; creamery first and seconds, 19¢; dairy, 14¢.

PITTSBURGH—Cattle: Choice, \$6 00@6 85; good, \$5 10@5 50; tidy butchers, \$4 75@5 00; heifers, \$3 00@5 50; cows, \$3 00@5 50; Calves—Veal, \$6 00@8 25; Sheep and Lambs—Prime wethers, \$4 00@4 15; good mixed, \$3 50@4 00; lambs, \$4 00@5 00; Hogs—Heavy, \$6 25@6 75; mixed, \$6 25@6 75; medium, \$6 25@6 75; Yorkers, \$7 00@7 10; pigs, \$4 10@6 60.

CLEVELAND—Cattle: Choice steers, \$5 50@6 25; heifers, \$4 00@5 00; fat cows, \$3 00@4 50; milkers, \$4 00@4 50; mixed, \$3 00@4 50; Calves—Veal, \$6 00@8 25; Sheep and Lambs—Prime wethers, \$4 00@4 15; good mixed, \$3 50@4 00; lambs, \$4 00@5 00; Hogs—Heavy, \$6 25@6 75; mixed, \$6 25@6 75; medium, \$6 25@6 75; Yorkers, \$7 00@7 10; pigs, \$4 10@6 60.

BOSTON—Wool: Ohio and Pennsylvania XX, 25¢; delaine washed, 24¢; delaine unwashed, 24¢; 25¢; 1/2-blood combing, 25¢; 3/4-blood combing, 24¢; 1/2-blood combing, 24¢; 3/4-blood combing, 24¢; fine unwashed, 20¢; Kentucky and Indiana 1/2-blood, 20¢; 3/4-blood, 20¢.

TOLEDO—Wheat, 85¢; corn, 68¢; oats, 48¢; rye, 75¢; cloverseed, 110¢.

RAILROADS PUT ON LONG FACE

Declare Tax Commission Will Spoil Profits

Four Have Valuations Raised—Judge Ditty Talks Straight From The Shoulder And Tells Taxing Agents Of Hocking Valley And Norfolk & Western That Some Roads In Ohio Will This Year Be Assessed Ten Times More Than They Have Been In The Past

Columbus, O., July 13.—It was announced by the state tax commission that the tax valuation of the Hocking Valley road for 1911 has been fixed tentatively at \$40,650,000. Last year the road paid taxes on \$7,427,000. A tentative value of \$25,000,000 has been placed on the Norfolk & Western. Last year the road was assessed on only \$7,000,000.

The Kanawha & Michigan has been placed tentatively at \$5,390,000 and the Detroit, Toledo & Ironton at \$6,100,000. Former valuations of these roads were \$1,095,085 and \$1,839,315, respectively.

Tax agents of both the Hocking Valley and the Norfolk & Western were given hearings before the tax commission. They all insisted that Ohio was trying to put its railroads out of business; that other states were not valuing railroad property at more than one-third or one-half of the Ohio valuation, and that many of the roads wouldn't be able to bear up under the increased tax burdens.

Judge Ditty, chairman of the commission, after listening to this sort of argument, said: "There are some railroads in Ohio that will be assessed for taxation this year at 10 times more than they have been assessed in the past."

"We are valuing them as going concerns; that is, what they would actually sell for on the market. Home owners have to pay taxes on every cent their properties are worth, and the railroads in Ohio will have to do the same thing," Ditty concluded.

JUDGE DITTY

Has a Few Words to Say to Railroads on Taxation.



BRYAN MAKING SLATE OVERLOOKS GOV. HARMON

Lincoln, Neb., July 13.—Expressly declaring that he is not prepared to decide for himself the question of relative availability of Democrats for the presidential nomination, Mr. Bryan in a Communion editorial lists those whom he deems fitted for the honor. The name of Governor Harmon of Ohio is conspicuously absent. No one, he says, questions the availability of Folk, Wilson or Clark, and he adds a long list of eligibles.

He then suggests these tickets:

Governor Smith of Georgia and Governor Burke of North Dakota; Marshall of Indiana and Dix of New York, or Dix and Marshall; Senator Cullerson of Texas and Senator O'Gorman of New York; Shaftroth of Colorado and Foss of Massachusetts; James of Kentucky and Osborne of Wyoming; James and Brandeis of Massachusetts; Judge Clark of North Carolina and Senator Pomerene of Ohio.

ACCIDENT IS FATAL

Coshocton, O., July 13.—Harry Bender died at the Kenan hospital. He was injured several days ago by being thrown from his motorcycle. He was unconscious from the time the accident occurred until death relieved him.

Hits at Initiative.
Cedar Point, O., July 13.—A studied and bitter attack upon the initiative referendum and recall was delivered before the State Bar association here by Representative McCall of Massachusetts.

Willis is Not Member.

Washington, July 13.—The inviolate dignity of the house chamber went down to defeat before the heat. The torridity set up spontaneous combustion of a box of matches in the pocket of Representative Willis of Ohio and resulted in a near panic on the floor. A dozen members jumped for him and while the Ohioan, who is 6 feet 4 inches tall and weighs 225 pounds, tried to climb out of his burning coat, they endeavored to beat out the fire. Willis wasn't hurt.

Smith Gets Senatorship.

Atlanta, Ga., July 13.—The Georgia legislature in joint session today elected Governor Hoke Smith United States senator, to fill out the unexpired term of the late Senator A. S. Clay. Senator J. M. Terrell, appointed to temporarily fill the vacancy, received 53 votes.