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## TOWNS IN RUIN

Northern Minnesota Visited by the Worst Catastrophe in Its History.

AWFUL WORK OF FOREST FIRES

Five Towns in Ashes and Three Hundred People Cremated.

THE SURVIVORS DESTITUTE.

Distressing State of Affairs Discovered by a Relief Committee.

HINCKLEY, Minn., Sept. 3.—Over 300 people dead, five towns blotted from the face of the earth, and over $2,000,000 worth of property destroyed—this is the record of the fire fiend of the pine forest between noon and midnight Saturday in the counties of Pine, Mille Lacs and Chisago. The catastophe is the most frightful that ever visited Minnesota. The cyclones of St. Cloud, Rochester and New Ulm were awful at the cost of human life and property, but they were pigmy accidents alongside the terrible holocaust which has swept this fair town and miles on miles of country north, south, east and west of it. It all came so suddenly, too, that it bereft the people by the score of their reason, and they plunged like maddened cattle into

**The Forest Inferno of Seething Flame.**

When the sun went down but two buildings were left standing in Hinckley—a water tank and a roundhouse—and into the latter were crowded 150 people, all that were then known to be alive of the 1,500 people who have made this place their home. The dead are lying in field and forest for miles north and south of Hinckley, and there are so few left to tell the tale that it is almost impossible to secure names of the dead. Dozens of heartrending stories are told of escape and attempts at escape which ended in death.

### FIVE TOWNS BURNED.

**The Number of Casualties May Reach Five Hundred.**

PINE CITY, Minn., Sept. 3.—The fires crept over the Kettle river after destroying Hinckley, a place of 1,100 inhabitants, Sandstone, a place of 400 people, and Mission Creek. It then licked up Willow River, a place of 600 inhabitants, and other places to the north, and was still spreading northward at midnight. Douglass Greeley of Hinckley, proprietor of the Morrison House, says that the fire started in the John Martin lumber yard at Mission Creek and swept northward to Hinckley and other towns, cleaning everything in its course. It was about 4 p. m. Saturday when the flames reached Hinckley. The people became panic stricken. Many of them rushed to the river,

**Where Some Were Drowned**

by people piling upon them. Others plunged under the water, as the flames darted down in great red tongues and hissed in their faces, singing their hair. Some of these escaped.

A train on the Eastern Minnesota road left Hinckley about the time the fire reached there. The rushing of the people after the train caused the conductor to run back to the station. About 400 people crowded into the cars, all they would hold, and were taken to Superior for safety. Neither river nor lake stopped the course of the flames as they swept onward in a devouring cloud to destroy the other towns and settlements. It will probably never be known how many

**Perished in the Holocaust,**

as it is not known what people were in the woods getting ready for winter lumbering work. There were at midnight 250 dead in the graveyard at Hinckley, and others are being brought in by rescuing parties. The injured are constantly turning up. There were at least 3,000 people in the burned district, and it is probable that the dead and injured will run up to 400 or 500. Many of those who escaped other injuries are almost sightless from scorched and smoked eyes. The damage to property will exceed $500,000.

The bridge across the Grindstone river on the Eastern Minnesota road is gone, and will require three months to rebuild it. The bridge over the same river on the Duluth road is damaged. A number of small bridges on both roads are gone, and it will be days before either road can run through trains without transferring at the river.

**Not a House Is Left Standing**

in Hinckley, Sandstone, Partridge, Mis- [illegible] dead. [illegible] Minnesota [illegible] Chicago [illegible] Paul to have their eyes treated.

### HUNDREDS DESTITUTE.

**A Relief Committee Finds a Distressing State of Affairs.**

PINE CITY, Minn., Sept. 3.—The relief committee returned from Hinckley at 11 p. m., and reported that 200 bodies had been found at that place and 46 at Sandstone. There are still a number of unexplored parts of the place, and it is thought other bodies will be found. A conductor on the Eastern Minnesota road reports that the condition at Sandstone is even worse than at Hinckley. There are 200 people burned in there, and they are digging up potatoes and carrots and eating them. They are also destitute of clothing. The relief committee will go as near Sandstone as they can by train in the morning, and will then take teams with provisions and blankets for the people. There will also be provision made for burying the dead there. The St. Paul relief committee left its supplies here under charge of the detail of troops, and it will be apportioned among the needy by the general committee. Other supplies will be taken in charge as they are sent in. The work of caring for the destitute will be carried on as long as there is need for relief.

### ALONG THE ST. PAUL ROAD.

**Trains May Be Abandoned on the Superior Division.**

MILWAUKEE, Sept. 3.—At the local offices of the St. Paul road it was reported from points on the Superior division that there was great danger to the tracks from the forest fires and trains may have to be abandoned. It appeared at that time that the conflagration was worse along that line than upon the Wisconsin Central. Traffic had continued without serious interruption, but Sunday night, between Channing and Rockford, in Ontonagon county, Michigan, the fires were working toward the tracks on both sides and were being fought back with difficulty. Section men had been stationed at all the bridges and culverts, prepared with appliances to prevent them from burning in case they took fire. Washburn, it was learned, was in imminent peril, though it had thus far escaped. Information along the St. Paul-Superior division was meagre, because the wires were down.

### EWEN IN DANGER.

**Buildings on the Outskirts Succumb to the Fury of the Flames.**

MARQUETTE, Mich., Sept. 3.—The Western division of the Duluth, South Shore and Atlantic road is crippled by the loss of bridges in forest fires. Several other roads have suffered serious loss.

Reports from all the lumber towns between Nestoria and the Wisconsin state line are that all are safe so far, but many are fighting fire dangerously near. At Ewen many people have loaded their effects on a train which the South Shore officials are keeping ready to move out if necessary, and some small buildings in the outskirts have been burned. The smoke is still heavy here and the fog whistles are sounding.

### FORTY BUILDINGS ARE BURNED.

**Fire at Muscoba, Wis., Started by Children Playing With Matches.**

BOSCOBEL, Wis., Sept. 3.—The village of Muscoba, 17 miles east of this city, was visited by a fire that left houseless 25 families. The fire caught about 2 p. m. in a barn where children were playing with matches, in the northwestern part of the town. A brisk wind was blowing from the southwest and at once carried the sparks to the surrounding buildings, until some 40 buildings, including the finest residences and stores, were totally destroyed. Help was called from this city, Avoca and Lone Rock.

**Around Rice Lake.**

RICE LAKE, Wis., Sept. 3.—Forest fires are raging to the north and northeast of this city. Saturday the section and station houses at Bashaw were burned and trains on the Omaha delayed several hours. Fires are raging furiously along the lake and men left here to fight them. Much property has been destroyed, but no lives were lost as far as can be ascertained.

**Passenger Train Missing.**

MARQUETTE, Mich., Sept. 3.—Much apprehension exists here regarding the whereabouts of a passenger train which left Duluth Saturday afternoon and was due here Sunday. Two hundred miles of its run lies through the fire swept district and it is feared bridges have been burned beyond Ewen, both in front and behind the train, thus cutting off escape.

**The End Near.**

LONDON, Sept. 3.—Reports from Stowe House states that the Count of Paris is growing weaker. It is believed that the end is near.

## SEA OF FLAMES

Forest Fires Raging All Over Northern Wisconsin and Michigan.

GREAT DAMAGE REPORTED.

The Villages of Baronette and Bashaw, Wis., Totally Destroyed.

WEST SUPERIOR, Wis., Sept. 3.—Baronette is completely wiped off the earth and one lone building is left of a city of 700. One man was burned to death. The total loss will reach a quarter of a million. Shell Lake had 52 dwellings burned with a total loss of $75,000. Three hundred and sixty people are homeless and many without a dollar of insurance. Deeds of heroism are plentiful. One widow lady dragged her son, who was s[illegible] with typhoid fever, from the house into a potato patch and there protected him from the flames, while the rest of the inhabitants fled in terror. Fires are now under control in that vicinity.

### DETAILS MEAGRE.

**Bridges Burned, Wires Down and Trains Abandoned.**

EAU CLAIRE, Wis., Sept. 3.—Wires to points on the Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis and Omaha have been down since last night and information of the situation up north is still lacking. The last train from the north on the Omaha reached here at 5 o'clock Saturday afternoon and no trains have gone out or in except a wrecking train sent from Eau Claire early Sunday morning. Railroad men say the whole region from Cartwright to Bashaw and Haugen has been on fire since Saturday afternoon. Bridges are burned, wires down and no one knows when trains will run. Many people here are alarmed for safety of friends and relatives who are blockaded at northern points. The Omaha train arriving here at 5 p. m. Saturday, which came through Bashaw, took 12 men, women and children

**From the Burned Village**

to Rice Lake, the conductor backing the train up to Bashaw to get the refugees, after he had run through without stopping. The Northwestern Lumber company has reports of fresh breaking out of fires along the Eau Claire river. One of the company said they had already sold 50,000,000 feet of pine on the Eau Claire and did not believe there would be a green tree left when rain came. One of the Eau Claire owners of the Baronette Lumber company plant says the loss there is $250,000. Every effort is being made to get details from the north.

### IN MICHIGAN.

**Present Fires the Worst the State Has Ever Seen.**

BAY CITY, Mich., Sept. 3.—Fires are raging throughout Tuscola county, doing great damage. At Gagetown people have plowed around their buildings to keep them from burning. Unless it rains soon nothing can save the town.

Michigan Central engineers, who have been running on the Mackinaw division of the road for years, say that the present forest fires are the worst the state has ever seen.

At Gladwin a crew is kept busy fighting the fire that threatens to destroy the Michigan Central roundhouse and other buildings. Sleicher's camp, two miles from Gladwin, has been burned. The fire was so hot that every light of glass in the coaches of the evening train, which was passing, were cracked.

Around Bay county the flames seem to be dying out. The air is free from smoke for the first time in two weeks.

### WASHBURN'S NARROW ESCAPE.

**Heroic Efforts Save the Town From Destruction.**

ASHLAND, Wis., Sept. 3.—As a result of the forest fires Saturday and Sunday $1,000,000 can be added to the amount of loss occasioned this season. It is doubtful if that will cover the entire loss, when the damage to standing pine and logs is estimated.

Washburn had a narrow escape from total destruction. It was only by the most heroic efforts that it was saved from the flames. It still stands in a precarious condition with smouldering fires all around it, but in nearly every household midnight vigils are being kept and unless the fires gain extraordinary force Washburn is now safe.

A dispatch from Brule out on the Northern Pacific states that the scene there is dark and smoky. Sawmills have been shut down and the men will remain on duty all night fighting fires. Highbridge and Marengo are reported to be in great danger.

### CITIZENS HARD AT WORK.

**Usual Sabbath Services Dispensed With at Grantsburg, Wis.**

GRANTSBURG, Wis., Sept. 3.—The fires which have been burning near here for the past month broke out fresh Sunday morning and the entire male force of this city are out to prevent the burning of the village. The usual Sabbath services were dispensed with and church members fought fire like demons. The council had taken pre-

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**Property Injured.**

A Score of Lives Lost in Adjacent Sections.

[illegible] Sept. 3.—A special from Scotsmen select [illegible] of [illegible] in lost Rainy River [illegible] 11 injured men. They were transferred to St. Mary's hospital. Some of them are terribly burned and suffering great agony. The two most severely injured are Archie McDonald and Robert Sargent, who are burned about the face and head. Superintendent Thorn, who was with the relief train, says the reports have not been exaggerated and that unless rain comes within 12 hours the loss of property will be doubled.

### BASHAW DESTROYED.

**A Little Wisconsin Town Entirely Wiped Out.**

RICE LAKE, Wis., Sept. 3.—Terrible forest fires are raging in this vicinity, and the town of Bashaw, 15 miles north of here, is entirely wiped out. Railroad bridges are partially burned and telegraphic connections are entirely cut off from the north. The passenger train leaving here at 1:30 p. m. reached as far as Bashaw, but had to return, picking up what people it could find, to this city. Some of them were nearly overcome with heat and smoke and would have perished had it not been for the timely rescue.

### SURROUNDED BY FLAMES.

**Hundreds of People Fighting Fires Around Cadott.**

EAU CLAIRE, Wis., Sept. 3.—A special from Cadott says the village is surrounded by fire 10 rods from the depot on the south and west. The condition is serious. A steamer from Chippewa is working. Hundreds of people were fighting the fire all day. Many families and merchants have moved out. The fire is being checked on the west side of the town.

### PARTIALLY DESTROYED.

**A Saw Mill and Lumber Pile All That Is Left of Benoit.**

ASHLAND, Wis., Sept. 3.—Benoit, a saw mill town 12 miles from Ashland on the Omaha road, is partially destroyed. The flames have burned everything but the saw mill and the 3,000,000 feet of lumber piled out in the yard. Everybody labored to save this portion of the town and succeeded in doing it, leaving the remainder of the buildings to feed the flames.

### SCENE OF DESTRUCTION.

**Damage to Crops in the Leona River Valley Estimated at Half a Million.**

ST. LOUIS, Sept. 3.—A special telegram from San Antonio to The Post-Dispatch says: The scene of destruction and desolation in the flooded district for a district for a distance of 100 miles east and west from here, and extending south from the Southern Pacific railroad to the Rio Grande, 200 miles away, is simply terrible. Thousands of acres of pasture and farm land are still under water. It is estimated that the damage to crops in the valley of the Leona river alone will reach $500,000, while in the valleys of the Saco and Sabima rivers the losses will be fully as much more. Many thousand head of cattle, horses and sheep were drowned.

**Later Reports More Alarming.**

Reports received during the morning are more alarming than the earliep ones. It is still a matter of uncertainty as to the number of lives lost, but additions to the list of drowned are constantly being added. About one half of the houses in Uvalde, a town of 2,800 people, were carried away, and there is much suffering there by homeless families, but no more fatalities are reported there. Nothing has yet been heard from the settlement of 75 families several miles below Uvalde, but there are still grave fears that many, if not all, of them were swept down by the torrent and lost.

**Smoky in Boston.**

BOSTON, Sept. 3.—A peculiar atmospherical phenomena has attracted the attention of Bostonians. During the latter part of the morning and all afternoon the sun, unobscured by clouds, has feebly shown through a strata of smoke supposed to come from the forest fires now raging in the lake region. The effect has been a weird, unearthly yellow tinge of atmosphere, made oppressive by the general absence of stirring air.

**Highwaymen in Omaha.**

OMAHA, Sept. 3.—Two mounted highwaymen have been at work in Omaha for several nights. They ride together and ride rapidly from one part of the city to the other, easily eluding the police. A number of people have been held up. They ride upon the sidewalks and with revolvers hold up pedestrians.

**General Banks Dead.**

WALTHAM, Mass., Sept. 3.—General Nathaniel P. Banks died at his home here at 8a.m. He was 78 years old and senile decay had been going on for many months. His wife and daughter, Maud, the actress, were in constant attendance.

## AFTER THE MOB

Officials Determined to Punish Lynchers of the Tennessee Negroes.

A NUMBER OF ARRESTS MADE.

The Detective in Charge of the Prisoners Among the Men Jailed.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Sept. 3.—Criminal Court Judge I. P. Cooper is determined to punish the members of the mob who lynched the six alleged negro incendiaries near Millington Friday night. Four men were arrested on bench warrants during the day charged with complicity in the lynching. Their names are J. D. Laxton, E. R. Kinson, J. W. Walker and W. C. Thompson. From facts brought out it appears that Detective Richardson knew that an attempt would be made to lynch the prisoners and deliberately led them into the hands of the mob. He has been arrested.

Several persons had warned the officer against starting to Memphis in a wagon and urged him to place a heavy guard around the negroes until the arrival of the trains. A number of citizens

**Volunteered to Act as Guardsmen,**

but he declined the offer. The funeral of the victims of the vigilants occurred at Kerrville, Tenn., Sunday. No demonstration of any kind occurred.

The lynching has aroused a storm of indignation. The Commercial Appeal editorially says: It was a deed of almost inconceivable savagery, cold blooded, brutal deviltry, that makes every nerve writhe with horror and the heart sick, loathing for the bloody brutes that committed it. Every man in any connection with or responsible for the foul crime is a wretch whose feet defile the gallows and whose neck would disgrace the rope that strangled him. The lynchers must be brought to justice.

**Lynchers Numbered Fifty.**

The lynching occurred two miles west of Millington, a village on the Chesapeake and Ohio railroad. For a year or more the people of that part of the country have been kept in a continual excitement by acts of indenciarism. Barns and dwellings have been burned, and recently the buildings on the Millington fair grounds were destroyed.

Suspicion pointed to six negroes and thay were arrested near Kerrville by Deputy Sheriff Richardson. Later in the day, Richardson started with his prisoners in a wagon for Millington, where they were to have a preliminary examination. About midnight the party was stopped by a mob of 50 men, armed with shotguns, who lynched all the prisoners and rode away in the darkness. The lynchers were not masked but the officer being new to that part of the country recognized none of them. An inquest was held on the bodies and the jury, which included two negroes, found that the prisoners had come to their death in the manner stated "at the hands of persons unknown."

### CORBETT IS WILLING.

**The Champion Thinks the Sioux City Club Means Business.**

NEW YORK, Sept. 3.—Champion Jim Corbett is in town. Regarding the Sioux City Athletic club's offer Corbett said:

"I am willing to fight Jackson in Sioux City and will meet the club's representative any day this week. The $5,000 sent on from Sioux City is a pretty good indication of the club's solidity. My part of the stake money is still up and I don't care to trouble it so long as there is a possibity of a fight. I shall name no conditions which will bother the club. The purse can be guaranteed by responsible men or put up in a bank subject to the referee's orders. I only hope the fight can be pulled off."

**Myron R. Kent Captured.**

ARLINGTON, Colo., Sept. 3.—Myron R. Kent, formerly a real estate and insurance agent of Mandan, N. D., was arrested here charged with complicity in the murder of his wife. The arrest was made by Detective Walter Ehritchman of the Minneapolis police department. The alleged crime was committed March 12, 1894, and immediately afterward Kent fled, coming to this place several months ago.

**A Barber's Dreadful Deed.**

CINCINNATI, Sept. 3.—James Cain, Jr., a barber of Lockland, came home drunk and shot his girl baby, two months old, killing her, shot his young wife in the head, shot his father, 60 years old, in the arm. The wife's wound may prove fatal. The father's wound is slight. In the prison cell Cain admits his guilt, but alleges improper relations between his father and his wife.

**Pilgrims Visit the Pope.**

ROME, Sept. 3.—Sixty Canadian pilgrims attended mass in the hall of the consistory. The pope acted as celebrant. After the services his holiness permitted the pilgrims to kiss his toe and spoke a few pleasant words to each of them.


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### GOOD WILL RESULT.

**The Strike Investigation Commented on by Chairman Wright.**

WASHINGTON, Sept. 3.—Colonel C. D. Wright, chairman of the strike investigation commission, returned here from Chicago and left soon after for Boston. He will remain away until Sept. 25, and on the day following the strike investigation will be resumed in this city. In an interview with an Associated Press reporter Commissioner Wright expressed his confidence in the beneficial results of the inquiry, and summed up the work of the commission by saying: "A number of newspaper statements as to what the commission is likely to recommend have been brought to my notice. The commission, however, has formulated no recomdations, decided on none and all such statements are mere guess work. I consider the investigation thoroughly successful. All leading men on both sides, railroad leaders and Pullman officials freely gave testimony, and the investigation was conducted fearlessly and impartially, and in the most searching manner. I believe it will do great good in the end, and that out of it will come some most valuable recommendations. The commission sat 14 days and examined 107 witnesses. It has now adjourned to meet in Washington on the 26th for the purpose of hearing any testimony which may be considered necessary for the completion of the report and which parties on either side of the controversy may deem essential to the case. In the meantime each member of the commission will be hard at work studying the testimony already furnished, the laws bearing on the various features involved in the investigation and preparing himself for the commission's final report. Our plan is to have the report ready by the middle of November and to submit it to congress early in the next session. As the testimony taken will cover over 2,000 pages, the magnitude of the undertaking becomes apparent."

**Long Strike Ended.**

HOLLIDAYSBURG, Pa., Sept. 3.—All departments of the Portage Iron works at Duncansburg are in operation after an eight months' strike. The puddlers have acceded to the terms of their employers in imposing a wage scale of $2.75 per day. The mills will work on double turn with a force of 500 men.

**Fifteen People Injured.**

CHESTER, Pa., Sept. 3.—Fifteen people were injured in a collision between trolly cars at Darby, the accident being caused by a gripman losing control of the brakes in going down hill.

**The President Taking It Easy.**

BUZZARDS BAY, Sept. 3.—President Cleveland remained at home all day, spending most of the time on the veranda. The excursionists on the steamboats passing got a view of the president and there were occasional demonstrations, to which the president responded, bowing his acknowledgments.

**Services Under Police Protection.**

OMAHA, Sept. 3.—As a sequel to Bishop Scannell's arrest for contempt in refusing to open the doors of St. Paul's church on the order of the district court, services were held there Sunday under police protection by the bishop's opponents. Mounted police surrounded the church and prevented a riot.

**To Protect Russian Trade.**

ST. PETERSBURG, Sept. 3.—The Russian squadron destined for Corea is under orders to proceed with the utmost expedition. It is officially stated that the despatch of the fleet does not imply Russian military intervention in the Chinese-Japanese dispute, but is merely intended to protect Russian trade.

### STANDING OF THE CLUBS.

**WESTERN LEAGUE.**

| Clubs. | W. | L. | Pct. | Clubs. | W. | L. | Pct. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Sioux City | 62 | 42 | .596 | Indian'olis | 50 | 54 | .481 |
| Kansas City | 61 | 44 | .581 | G'd Rapids | 49 | 56 | .46[illegible] |
| Min'eap'lis | 58 | 45 | .563 | Detroit | 45 | 59 | .43[illegible] |
| Toledo | 53 | 46 | .535 | Milwaukee | 35 | 67 | .34[illegible] |

**NATIONAL LEAGUE.**

| Clubs. | W. | L. | Pct. | Clubs. | W. | L. | Pct. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Baltimore | 70 | 36 | .660 | Pittsburg | 53 | 55 | .491 |
| Boston | 69 | 39 | .639 | Chicago | 50 | 58 | .49[illegible] |
| New York | 70 | 40 | .6 6 | Cincinnati | 47 | 61 | .435 |
| Phil'd'lphia | 58 | 47 | .561 | St. Louis | 45 | 64 | .413 |
| Brooklyn | 55 | 49 | .542 | Washi'gton | 38 | 72 | .345 |
| Cleveland | 53 | 50 | .524 | Louisville | 32 | 76 | .296 |

### BASE BALL SCORES.

**Western League.**

At Sioux City, 18; Toledo, 12.
At Milwaukee, 3; Toledo, 12.