

EIGHT VILLAGES ALREADY RAZED IN MICHIGAN

Two Hundred Square Miles of Territory in Northern Peninsula of That State Being Devastated--Fire Still Raging

LOSS OF LIFE IS REPORTED

It Is Feared That the Total Death List May Be Large--Fires Are Burning in Wisconsin Also

Menominee, Mich., May 19.--The worst forest fires since 1894 are devastating two hundred square miles of territory in the northern peninsula of Michigan.

FIRE IN WISCONSIN.

Is Sweeping Hundreds of Acres of Timber Land.

Masnetto, Wis., May 19.--The best information obtainable is that the forest fire which is sweeping the country north of here, has reached Iron county, north of Dickinson. This makes four counties which are suffering from fire.

STANLEY, WIS., BURNED.

Village of Auburndale Also Reported Destroyed.

OVER 100 BUILDINGS.

Spark from a Saw Mill Causes a \$200,000 Loss.

The flames were blown by a high wind from the west, and so rapid was the progress of the fire that little was saved from the houses. The public library was on fire several times, but the walls of the building and most of the books were saved.

POPE WAS STRICKEN WITH BAD HEART.

Restoratives Were Administered by the Vatican Physicians This Morning, After Which the Patient Revived.

ALMOST WHOLE TOWN LOST.

Clarington, Ohio, Is Being Wiped Out by Fire.

ONE RECORD BROKEN.

By Wesleyan Man in Preliminaries of Intercollegiate Meet.

Boston, May 19.--The breaking of the record by Dearborn of Wesleyan and the strength of the Dartmouth team were the features in the wedding out events, which opened yesterday the annual two days' interscholastic meet of the New England Interscholastic Athletic Association, held this year on Tech field in Brookline.

HUNDREDS OF MEN FELL WITH PLATORM

But Only Five of Them Were Injured to Any Extent in the Accident at Des Moines, Iowa.

Des Moines, Iowa, May 19.--Five commissioners to the Presbyterian general assembly were bruised yesterday afternoon by the collapse of a stand which had been erected for the purpose of grouping the commissioners thereon for a large photograph. The injured:

Dr. C. Luskins, Roswell, N. L., hip bruised.

The Rev. W. O. David, Monongahela, W. Va., hip bruised.

George Wills, Mendota, Ill., back injured and rendered unconscious temporarily.

The Rev. J. M. McGaughey, Chariton, Ia., leg sprained.

The Rev. G. C. Buell, Taos, N. M., back bruised.

The Rev. David is the most seriously hurt, and he is under a physician's care although his injuries are not critical.

The other four injured men will be able to resume their seats in assembly at once.

There were 500 men on the platform when it fell. Considerable excitement followed the accident, but calmness was restored in a few minutes.

WILL LAUNCH CANNON BOOM.

Leading Congressman to Make a Speech Before the House.

Washington, May 19.--Speaker Cannon's presidential boom will be formally launched in the House in about two weeks. A distinguished member of the Republican side is now preparing a speech that he will deliver on the House floor and declare for Cannon for the 1908 nomination. He will argue from examples of such men as Bismarck and Gladstone that because Cannon is over seventy is no reason why he should be considered unavailable. A great House demonstration is expected to follow.

It is believed Cannon's friends have come to the conclusion that in view of the present wholesale attacks on the Roosevelt administration now is a good time to start a Cannon movement, it being reckoned that neither will the President nor again nor that anyone of his cabinet will prove as formidable as has generally been expected.

WAS NO EVIDENCE TO HOLD HAYES

Suspect in Murder of Mabel Page, Arrested at Bingham, Maine, Was Released Last Night.

Skowhegan, Me., May 19.--Jerry Hayes, the laborer, who was arrested at Bingham on Wednesday in connection with the murder of Mabel Page at Weston, Mass., was discharged from custody last night by Judge Bebbeloff of the Skowhegan municipal court. No one appeared against the prisoner, and after his arrest Hayes denied that he knew the Pages or the location of their residence.

MAY CHANGE HIS NAME.

Cleveland Man Learns He's Smith Not Bowen.

Millbury, May 19.--A young man named Thomas Bowen came here from Cleveland, Ohio, the latter part of last week on a hunt for his parents. Thomas Bowen was the name he had gone by since he knew himself but he found reason to think his name was Smith. When about 29 months old he was put in an asylum and stayed there until he became able to take care of himself. He is now 24 years of age and came East on the quest for his parents. Good pointers led him to Millbury. From here he was piloted to Fitchburg, Mass., and writes from there that he has found his father and several other relatives, but that his mother is dead. His father is Frank W. Smith, who, until recently was manager of the marble industry at Fitchburg, and is now taking possession of the plant there by the Vermont Marble company of Proctor.

TO INVESTIGATE.

Jerome Expected to Look Into His Own Nomination.

New York, May 19.--Thirty "John Doe" subpoenas, which were issued yesterday at the request of Dist. Atty. Jerome, were said to be for use in an investigation which the district attorney is planning into charges that many names were illegally signed to the petition by which he was nominated last fall.

POLYHOLDERS TO MEET MAY 28.

Brattleboro, May 19.--Dr. Henry D. Bolton and Dennison Cowles, who were elected chairman and secretary of the meeting of polyholders of the Mutual Life Insurance company of New York recently held in the town, set out a call yesterday for another meeting to be held May 28. The call was sent to between 200 and 100 polyholders in the Connecticut valley.

FIVE MILLS BLOWN UP

Earth Rocked As If By An Earthquake

ZION CITY WAS DISTURBED

Lafin & Rand Powder Company Plant, Six Miles from Kenosha, Wis., Was Destroyed Today.

Kenosha, Wis., May 19.--Five mills of the Lafin & Rand Powder company, six miles from here, blew up this morning. The earth rocked as though from seismic disturbance. The glass in the windows at Zion City, Racine and Kenosha was broken and the people fled to the streets, thinking it an earthquake shock. The loss of property is heavy, but it is said that there was no loss of life.

DENTISTS CHOOSE OFFICERS.

And Then Adjourn Their Convention at Brattleboro.

Brattleboro, May 19.--The annual meeting of the Vermont State Dental Society closed yesterday afternoon with a series of clinics of much interest. The principal feature of the day's session was the election of the following officers:

President, George O. Mitchell, of St. Albans; vice presidents, C. H. Kent, of Barre, and H. E. Hamilton, of Newport; secretary, Thomas Mound, of Rutland; corresponding secretary, Grace M. Bosworth, of Rutland; treasurer, M. H. Munsell, of Wells River; executive committee, C. F. Metcalf, of Ludlow, A. Z. Cutler, of Bennington, P. M. Williams, of Rutland; delegates to the national association at Atlanta, Day, of Montpelier, W. H. Wright, of Brattleboro, K. Cleaves, of Montpelier, J. H. Jackson, of Burlington, Thomas Alford, of Rutland, S. D. Hodge, of Burlington, C. H. Kent, of Barre, G. E. Barber, of Brattleboro and O. M. George, of Bellows Falls.

PROMINENT RUTLAND DOCTOR.

Dr. J. J. Trudell Died Last Night of Consumption.

Rutland, May 19.--Dr. J. J. Trudell, aged 44, a prominent French physician and druggist of this city, and a wealthy citizen, died at his residence on South Main street, at ten o'clock last evening after a lingering illness for seven months with consumption, after every effort had been made to prolong his life.

IRISH FREEDOM.

Bill Will Be Considered by Next Parliament.

New York, May 19.--A special cable from London to the Sun says: The Standard says that one of the most important measures to be considered at the next session of Parliament will be a local government bill for Ireland, which will be a compromise between devolution and home rule.

TALK OF THE TOWN.

Adle & Milne started this afternoon the summer custom of shutting down Saturday afternoons.

There will be a meeting of the Executive club Monday evening at 7:30 at Anderson & Son's office on Blackwell street. Let all try to be present.

HUBBARDTON'S ELOPEMENT.

Married Woman Alleged to Have Left Town With Another Man.

Brandon, May 19.--The people of Hubbardton are considerably stirred up over an elopement which took place here a few days ago. The principal in the affair are Mrs. Dan Kilburn and a man known as "Happy" Miller, who has been employed for some time in that vicinity.

PROMOTION FOR W. R. EASTMAN.

St. Albans, May 19.--W. R. Eastman has been promoted from traveling passenger for the Central Vermont road road to assistant chief clerk to J. W. Hanley of the passenger department. E. M. Hyde of Amherst, Mass., will succeed Mr. Eastman.

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