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FOREST FIRE VICTIMS IN DIRE WANT

Terrible Privations Endured by Refugees From Burned Area.

SMOKE HIDES THE SUN

Loss in Kootenay District Alone Away Up In the Millions.

TOWNS IN BURNED AREA.

HEINEMAN, Wis., 70 houses burned; residents seize train and escape.
WHITEWATTR, Manitoba, totally destroyed.
M'GUIGAN, Manitoba, totally destroyed.
MARBLE, Wash., reported virtually wiped out.
GALLOWAY, Wis., surrounded by wall of fire 10 miles wide.
PALESTINE, Mich., fire sweeping toward village with increased fury.
SANDON, Manitoba, residents flee on rescue train.
THREE FORKS, Manitoba, surrounded by fire.
KENORA, Ontario, fire within mile of town.

Merrill, Wis., July 22.—All night refugees from the burned town of Heinmann and threatened villages of Gleason and Bloomville poured into this city. Their experiences have been terrible.

Loss in Kootenay $6,000,000.

Winnipeg, Man., July 22.—Twenty heavy railroad and traffic bridges have been swept away by flames in the Kootenay district. A dozen lumber mills and yards burned. The timber loss through forest fires is estimated at from $5,000,000 to $6,000,000.

Smoke Obscures Sun.

Chippewa Falls, Wis., July 22.—Forest fires have again broke out in the woods north of here. The country is fogged with smoke so thick as to almost obscure the sun.

Checked at Galloway.

Wausau, Wis., July 22.—Forest fires at Galloway are reported today fairly well under control. The flames are still extended five miles east of Eldron to Pike Lake village. The loss yesterday in standing timber and logs was $500,000.

Fight is Vain.

Wausau, Wis., July 22.—The losses from forest fires in the district north and east continue. No progress is being made toward stemming the flames sweeping a large portion of central Wisconsin. So far the only village burned is Heineman.

The reports that several hundred people are hemmed in by flames at Bloomville and Gleason are incorrect. The town of Galloway is surrounded by a wall of fire about ten miles wide. No lives have been lost.

The virtual destruction of the Huntington forest reserve near Kelly is a serious loss to the state. The loss is $500,000. The town of Aniwa did not burn, as reported, the loss being confined to a sawmill at Washburn Siding, near Aniwa. Light rain fell at noon.

Whole Town is Burned.

The Heineman Lumber company had a mill burned at Heineman April 5 and later fires have destroyed all of its property. The loss is $200,000. Refugees from Heineman state the entire town, 70 buildings, burned, flames leaping gaps 200 feet wide.

The saving of the people of Heineman was due to the action of H. H. Heineman, who seized a St. Paul train and ran it back and forth until everybody was out of the village.

The fire covers an area ten miles in length, extending west and east.

Farmers Sell Stock.

For weeks farmers have driven their herds, emaciated for want of food, to the railroad stations to dispose of them at any price. The drought, the worst in 30 years, has parched the crops and pasturage.

Many of the settlers are homesteaders, while many more have bought their little clearing from the lumber and land companies on installment and are in danger of losing their holdings. The fires have cut a swath across the state from Merrill northward several miles wide and are gaining. Only a rain of several days' duration will check the further progress of ruin and devastation.

LUMBER STEAMER BURNED ON LAKE

Chicago, July 22.—The steamer T. R. Wiehe of the Hines Lumber company, Captain R. D. Myers, was totally destroyed by fire in Portage bay near Escanaba, Mich., according to advices received today by the owners.

THE WEATHER

Probably showers this afternoon, unsettled but generally fair weather tonight and Saturday, warmer tonight.

Temperature at 7 a. m., 72. Maximum temperature in last 24 hours, 88; minimum in 12 hours, 71. Velocity of wind at 7 a. m., 6 miles per hour. Precipitation, none. Relative humidity at 7 p. m., 51; at 7 a. m., 77.

RIVER BULLETIN.

	Stage.	Change
St. Paul	.6	.0
Prairie du Chien	.5	—.1
Dubuque	.6	—.1
Clinton	.7	—.1
LeClaire	.2	.0
Davenport	.7	—.1

A slight falling tendency will continue in the Mississippi from below Dubuque to Muscatine.

J. M. SHERIER, Local Forecaster.

ASTRONOMICAL EVENTS.

(From noon today to noon tomorrow.) Sun sets 7:21, rises 4:44; moon rises 8:23 p. m.; 5:18 p. m., moon at greatest libration east; 12 night, planet Mars at aphelion, farthest from sun.

DIPLOMATIC CLASH WITH NORWEGIANS

United States Takes Exception to the Recognition of Madriz Government.

Washington, July 22.—Crossing diplomatic swords with Norway, the state department, replying to protests from New Orleans commercial interests against the Norwegian recognition of the Bluefields, Nicaragua, blockade today declared Bluefields to be an open port. Norway, it was said, was misinformed of conditions there, when that country recognized the belligerency of the Madriz government.

Washington, July 22.—A new cabinet has been formed by Madriz in Nicaragua, according to cable advices received here from Consul Olivares at Managua. Its personnel consists, with a single exception, of adherents of Zelaya and men who were officials of the former president's government. Consul Olivares strongly intimates that the new ministry is unfriendly to the United States.

The appointment of Benjamin Zeledon as secretary of war seems to be the most significant in a cabinet of Zelaya supporters.

Mr. Olivares says he is bitterly anti-American and is the author of a number of incendiary articles against the government of the United States and American interests in general which have been published recently in the censored press of Managua.

PLAYED INTO THE TRUST'S POCKETS

Senator Bristow Bares Iniquity of Standpatters in Framing Lead Schedule.

Manhattan, Kan., July 22.—Senator Bristow, speaking here last night, charged Speaker Cannon and "standpat" congressmen with the manipulation of the lead schedules of the tariff in support of the "smelter trust" so-called. "A duty not measuring the difference in cost of smelting at home and abroad as promised in the republican platform, but one from $2.50 to $6 higher than the entire cost of smelting in this country was imposed on lead," the senator said. "This was done," he declared, "not in the interest of protecting a struggling American industry but in the interest of a monopoly controlled by the Guggenheims and backed by the great Rockefeller financial interests.

Still Best Ever Says Cannon.

Danville, Ill., July 22.—When Speaker Cannon was shown the speech made by Senator Bristow last night he refused to reply at length, but declared he endorsed the Payne tariff bill as "the best tariff measure ever enacted."

ENAMELED IRON WARE TRUST MADE

So Alleges Department of Justice, Which Begins Action Against 16 Concerns.

Washington, July 22.—Sixteen concerns manufacturing enameled iron ware and their officers located in nine states were proceeded against today by the department of justice under the Sherman anti-trust law.

Apartment House Burns.

Hoquiam, Wash., July 22.—The Hoquiam hotel, a fashionable apartment house, burned this morning. All the guests of the hotel, about a dozen, were obliged to leap from the windows. Several adjoining buildings were damaged. The total loss will exceed $100,000.

Rev. D. W. Ruggles Is Dead.

Providence, R. I., July 22.—Rev. Dr. D. W. Ruggles, grand master of the grand encampment of Knights Templars of the United States and grand master of the Masons of Rhode Island, died at his home here.

The funeral will be held next Monday with full Masonic honors.

AMERICANS ARE OUSTED

Germany Expels 21 Mormon Missionaries From the Country.

AIM TO GUARD MORALS

Charged That Agreements to Remain Out of Empire Have Been Disregarded.

Berlin, July 22.—Herr Dallwitz, Prussian minister of the interior, upon recommendation of the political police, has signed orders for the expulsion of 21 Mormon missionaries, most of whom are Americans or Englishmen and they will be conducted to the frontier today.

Agreed to Leave Country.

The status of the Mormons in Germany was taken up in exchanges between the foreign office and the American embassy in 1903, when the government took the position the teachings of the missionaries were subversive of morality. It was then arranged with the Mormon superintendent, through the American embassy, that all Mormon missionaries should withdraw from the country within a month, transferring the middle European headquarters from Berlin to Switzerland.

Left in German Hands.

Subsequently 140 foreign leaders departed, leaving their German societies with a total membership of 8,000 in care of the German pastors. The authorities state that in recent years the Mormons have disregarded the understanding of 1903 and from time to time individual missionaries have been apprehended and expelled. In such instances they have not applied to the American embassy for relief, nor made a protest against their expulsion.

STOCKS IN GENERAL DROP

Cut in Dividends of National Lead Affects Several in List.

New York, July 22.—The stock market showed extreme weakness today, although the decline was not accompanied by the excitement and activity sometimes seen at such periods. The cut in the dividend on National Lead, which surprised the speculative community yesterday, was the ostensible cause for the weakness. That stock broke to 48½, which was 3½ points lower than low price yesterday. United States Steel broke into new low ground for the year at 65⅝ and the same was true of American Smelting. Declines of 2 to 3 points became very general in the course of the day.

CHILDREN CLEAN STREETS

Mayor Seidel of Milwaukee Has Plan to Reward Youngsters for Work.

Milwaukee, July 22.—Prizes for children in connection with the keeping of the streets of Milwaukee clean and the elevation of the "white wings" giving the trustworthy ones power to arrest for violation of the health ordinance are among the recommendations in the special message of the mayor, Emil Seidel, to the common council. As prizes he suggests monthly outings, picnics, souvenir medals or other recognition.

TO ARBITRATE IN RAIL STRIKE

Grand Trunk Trainmen Accept Offer of Minister of Labor.

MAY END TROUBLE SOON

Company Has Not Made Known Its Attitude — Another Walkout Averted.

Montreal, July 22.—Vice President Murdoch of the Railway Trainmen has wired the department of labor at Ottawa accepting Minister King's suggestion for arbitration.

The proposition to arbitrate came yesterday from W. L. Mackenzie King, minister of labor, coupled with the intimation that if both parties would accept the award to be binding the government would defray the incidental expenses. Speedy answers were requested.

That of the company was mailed to the minister at Ottawa, but Mr. Hayes declined to say what it was. Vice President Murdoch, who sent the reply for the trainmen, used the telegraph and gave out the document soon after.

Avert a Strike.

Montreal, July 22.—All possibility that the conductors and trainmen on the Canadian Pacific railway would strike was removed last night when a definite agreement was reached between the company and men.

The gist of the decision is that the standard rate of pay for territory east of Chicago is recognized. The men have gained about 90 per cent of their demands. The new schedule is retrospective to May 1.

British Strike Ends.

New Castle, England, July 22.—The strike of 12,000 employes on the Northeastern railroad ended last night as suddenly as it had begun on last Monday night. The men accepted the terms offered by the company and the night shifts commenced work at once.

The call of the strike followed quickly on the announcement that the Amalgamated Society of Railway Servants had refused to recognize and finance the fight against the Northeastern company. As this society is one of the strongest labor organizations in England, it was at once predicted that the Northeastern strikers would be unable to carry their point without its support. This apparently proved true, and the situation, which was fast demoralizing the industries dependent upon the Northeastern line, was ended.

HANGING SEEN BY FIFTEEN HUNDRED

Robert Martin, Negro, Executed Before Big Crowd at Belleville Ill.

Belleville, Ill., July 22.—The hanging of Robert Martin, a negro, for the murder of another negro, furnished a spectacle for 1,500 men who held tickets of admission to the jail yard today.

Leading South Dakotan Dead.

Sioux Falls, S. D., July 22.—Hosmer Keith, speaker of the last territorial legislature, and one of the best known attorneys of the state, is dead, aged 64 years.

Dentists to Cleveland.

Denver, July 22.—The National Dental association selected Cleveland as the next meeting place. E. S. Gaylord of New Haven, Conn., was elected president.

WASHINGTON IS HELD SAFE

Enemy Would be Unable to Reach Capital From the Sea.

GUN TESTS SATISFY

Notwithstanding Accident That Killed 11 Men Experiment Is Completed.

Fort Monroe, Va., July 22.—Although death had silenced one gun and 11 men were killed or fatally injured by the explosion in the DeRussy shore battery here yesterday during target practice firing upon the imaginary hostile fleet which was passing up Hampton Roads to attack Washington, the battle continued until the enemy was sunk. The practice, which was the most extensive ever attempted, was completed with flattering success to the coast artillery corps.

Riddled in Three Minutes.

Within three minutes after the first gun was fired the two targets representing the vitales of battleships and towed 6,000 yards away were riddled. Officers who witnessed the test say the practice demonstrated a fleet attempting to pass the fort could not have lived five minutes in such a fire as was poured into the targets.

Cause Not Known.

The exact cause of the explosion is not yet definitely determined, although a board of inquiry was appointed immediately after the disaster by orders from the war department in Washington.

The toll of death, it is believed, would have been larger had it not been for the heroism displayed both by the officers and men in the battery. The wounded forgot their hurts and aided the uninjured in stamping out the burning powder that threatened the sacks in which the charge for a second shot had beeen brought up.

The explosion took place in Battery De Russy, No. 1 gun doing the damage. The gun was in charge of Captain James Prentice, who had with him Lieutenant George P. Hawes Jr. and George L. Van Deusen. Lieutenant Hawes had gone forward from the breech to examine the range wheel when the charge was exploded. He was thrown down and momentarily stunned, but otherwise uninjured.

Eight Die Outright.

In the thick, heavy smoke the scene was almost indescribable. Eight men were killed outright, their bodies lying scattered around the emplacement. Under the pall the wounded writhed and moaned. Captain Prentice and Lieutenant Hawes foresaw a further sacrifice of life if the other charges caught from the smoldering sparks, and the two sent out a call for surgeons while they attacked the flames with their bare hands.

Captain Prentice reached the emplacement first, and before looking into the extent of the damage he pushed his way through the smoke and sparks and carried out a bag of powder. He was then joined by Hawes, and the two completed the task of averting a further explosion.

During this time Lieutenant Van Deusen lay crumpled beneath the gun, his leg broken in two places. He was suffering agonies, but when his brother officers sought to remove him he would not permit them to touch him.

"See to the men first," he ordered, and, propped against the gun carriage, he aided in directing the work of the rescue party and the surgeons.

Corporal Humphreys and Sergeant Brinkley, a gun pointer, also distinguished themselves. The former's head, body and arms were filled with pieces of flying concrete that had been blown from the emplacement when the explosion came. In spite of his painful wounds he rushed to his dead and wounded comrades, extinguished their burning clothes and then hurried to the nearby encampment for water.

NO ROCKS AHEAD

James A. Patten, Closing Up Business, Predicts Continuation of Prosperity.

BANKS CHECK SPECULATION

Shut Down on Reckless Land and Automobile Buying, but Have Plenty of Money.

New York, July 22.—James A. Patten, who is in New York today preparing to leave tomorrow for a brief vacation in Europe, is optimistic regarding the business situation in the United States. "There is nothing in sight to warrant depression," he told interviewers. "Western speculation in land was getting to be dangerous, but the banks have checked that. So was the hunger for automobiles.

Never Saw Equal.

"I never saw anything like the way the western farmers went after automobiles. They even mortgaged their farms to get them. I know of one Kansas City bank that holds 52 mortgages on the same number of machines. All that is stopped now, however, and it is well, for a continuance of this sort of thing would have tended to create an embarrassing situation.

"Western banks are in splendid shape and getting stronger every day. They have plenty of money for legitimate purposes, but none for rekless speculation.

Good Country Over.

"I never saw general conditions so excellent all over the country; and in talking about corn crops, I can only say I know there are no unavoidable rocks ahead, and if corn suffers, it will not be disaster, but delay, because we will have to swing our national ship of trade around that obstruction, and it will mean only a little delay in the progress of our voyage of prosperity."

Bank Exchanges Less.

New York, July 22.—Dun's Review tomorrow will say the total bank exchanges this week were $2,528,939,981, a loss of 7.7 per cent compared with last year.

Uncertain Crop Affects Trade.

Dispatches to Dun's Review indicate the customary midsummer dullness has been accentuated by uncertainty regarding crop results.

CONFESSES MURDER; ANOTHER SUFFERED

French Ragpicker Tells of Slaying of Five Children—Father Convicted, Died in Prison.

Tours, France, July 22.—A ragpicker named Joseph yesterday confessed to the assassination, April 21, 1901, of five children of a farmer Named Briere, in the vicinity of Chartres. The father of the children was found guilty to the murders and sentenced to life imprisonment. He died in prison.

The trial of Briere attracted the attention of the whole of France. Four of his daughters, aged, respectively, 14, 11, 5 and 4, and his son, 7 years of age, were found in bed one morning stabbed and beaten to death. The farmer was arrested and charged by the police with the crime.

According to a theory advanced by the police to provide a motive for the crime, Briere, who owned a small farm near Cerancez, wished to marry a woman of considerable wealth. Circumstantial evidence led to the conviction that the farmer, considering his family an incumbrance, murdered his five children in order to carry out his wishes.

HOWLS OF MOB BRING OUT A CONFESSION

Wisconsin Negro, Threatened While in Jail, Admits Crime and Is Sentenced.

Janesville, Wis., July 22.—Frightened by the presence of a mob about the jail last night and threats of lynching, Charles McKeever, a negro, plead guilty to robbing and stabbing Charles Slavinski. He was immediately sentenced to seven years in the penitentiary.

Gideons Meet at Detroit.

Detroit, Mich., July 22.—Gideons from all over the United States opened their national convention today. The Gideons are composed of 7,500 or more traveling men whose slogan is "A bible in the guest room in every hotel." A. B. T. Moore of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, is president.

REVENGE AS MOTIVE IN RAWN CASE

Coroner Claims to Have Received New and Important Clews.

MURDER, AFTER ALL?

Intimates He May Be Able to Find Guilty Party—Rumored Negro Is Suspected.

Chicago, July 22.—Coroner Hoffman announced today he had received information which led him to believe Rawn was murdered for revenge. He immediately went into a conference with Acting Chief of Police Schuettler.

"I have obtained a new clew in connection with the death of Rawn," said Hoffman, "and my information looks very good. I also have information concerning the identity of the alleged slayer, but I do not care to make my information public until after a conference with Acting Chief Schuettler."

Mrs. Rawn Ill.

Mrs. Rawn was reported seriously ill today. She was too ill to make a statement desired by an attorney.

May Be a Negro.

The coroner intimated the Rawn murderer was a negro, but would give no further information. It is said an important arrest will be made soon. Ralph C. Coburn, the son-in-law, scouts the revenge theory, and clings to the burglar story.

On Eve of Scandal.

Chicago, July 22.—Whether Ira G. Rawn, president of the Monon road was killed by a burglar in his home at Winnetka Wednesday, or whether, as stated by the Chicago police, he committed suicide, railroad men declare his death occurred on the eve of what may be one of the greatest scandals in railroad history. The questions which were asked of Rawn at the hearing on July 7, in the Illinois Central car repair cases, all were planned, it was said, with the intent to incriminate Rawn as responsible for the losses of the road.

Tried to Delay.

Rawn, it is declared, knew of the purpose of the counsel of the road and had sought by every legal means to delay the examination. Twice on personal pleas he had obtained postponements, but the last effort had failed, and an examination was to have been continued Tuesday.

The air of secrecy was lifted from the Rawn home yesterday and newspaper men were summoned. Upon their arrival, the announcement was made that a second bullet, the absence of which had added to the appearance of suicide, had been discovered. The bullet was found, according to C. F. Hately, who is conducting the investigation, in the ashes in the fireplace almost in a direct line of the fire from which Rawn's death resulted.

Insured for $100,000.

New York, July 22.—Insurance brokers here estimate that Ira Griffiths Rawn held policies calling for the payment of fully $100,000 on death.

Hartford, Conn., July 22.—It was ascertained at the offices of the local insurance company that Ira G. Rawn a few days ago had reduced his accident insurance policy carried by him from $50,000 to $10,000. No reason is given.

WILL NOT BE 2,200,000

Chicago Population Not Great as Had Been Predicted, It Is Said.

Chicago, July 22.—The federal census will show the population of Chicago to be under the 2,200,000 mark, according to William E. Hotchkiss, the local census supervisor. The school census was announced Wednesday, placing the population of Chicago at 2,200,000 and declared that Hotchkiss was essentially correct. It is said that the federal returns will show probably a difference of 1 to 2 per cent.

Dies of Black Damp.

Chicago, July 22.—Fred Finnerly, a caisson digger, was killed by black damp today while working 90 feet below the surface of a downtown street. His companions made a desperate effort to save him and two nearly shared his fate.

Mutiny at Madrid Prison.

Madrid, July 22.—A mutiny broke out at a prison here today. The fighting lasted three hours and was only ended by calling in troops.

SUSPENSION TILL NOV. 1, IN RAIL RATES

Washington, July 22.—It was announced today after a conference between Chairman Knapp of the interstate commerce commission and a committee of traffic officials of the western trunk lines that the advanced rates would be suspended until Nov. 1.

A FASHION POSSIBILITY