

# DEATHS FROM FIRES MAY TOTAL FIVE HUNDRED

### Survivors Tell of Holocaust in Northern Ontario —Organized Relief Parties Will Search Isolated Regions—Bodies Recovered by Rescuers.

Cobalt, Ont., July 14.—The bodies of several of the dead from Porcupine have reached here. More than a hundred refugees are in Cobalt. Various estimates are made as to the number of the dead, many as high as 500. Fires have covered an area of 10,000 square miles.

Every hour adds to the list of those dead, injured and rendered destitute by the fire-devastated Porcupine district, where the property loss probably is more than \$2,000,000.

The number of dead in the district remains largely a matter of conjecture. About ninety bodies either have been buried or designated for shipments in the coffins now being rushed northward by the carload.

Many persons are missing from the more densely-populated townships. How many of the hundreds living in comparative isolation have perished only days of work by the organized relief parties can reveal.

A message from Porcupine early today stated that seven bodies had just been found at the Vipond mine. Their condition made identification impossible.

Men, women and children, blizzards and bearing marks of the awful light against the flames and smothering smoke, are still flocking into the larger towns to take refuge.

Those escaping with slight injuries, however, have gone through to North Bay to be carried free of charge by the Canadian Pacific and Grand Trunk railways to their destinations.

Deaths of people are at Porcupine resulting supply trains.

From the well in buckets and tubs tied to long ropes. For five hours he stood beside a well with three or four others and did nothing but lift pails of water to the north end of the town, and tons of dynamite was stored, and men were afraid that the fire would reach it.

Three lines of men were formed with a hundred men in one and sixty in each of the others, and for five hours these men worked handing buckets filled with water to men on the front of the line and returning them back to the well.

All Thursday afternoon and night men came into Golden City by boat and on foot. Men terribly burned with faces burned to the bones and others even charred.

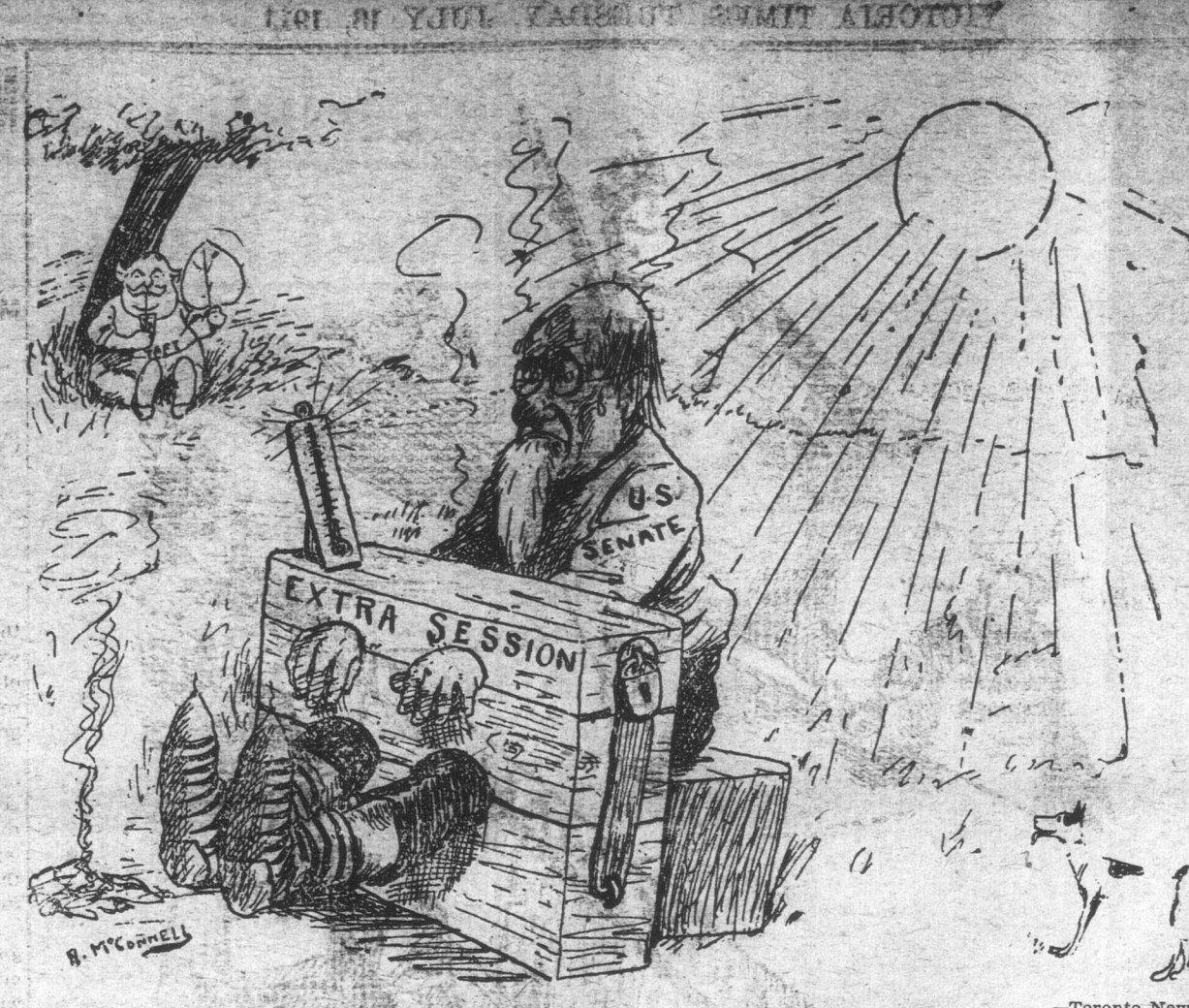
Dr. Mathewson worked all night bandaging burned men and women and amputating arms and legs.

Two hundred and forty Italian laborers who started through the woods from the Big Dome mine to Golden City but only forty arrived.

Women and children were first taken into the boats and several large ones were utilized to care for them.

Men stood in the water holding up a little sun when a huge wave struck them. Both father and son were drowned.

The high wind whipped away up almost two feet and any one who had their footing went down never to come up again.



—Toronto News.

PRESIDENT TAFT—O, he'll favor reciprocity all right.

## IN CAMP WITH THE CITY BOY SCOUTS BOYS ARE HAVING FINE TIME IN IDEAL SPOT

Health Conditions Excellent—Scout Cooking Good—Entertainment To-night

Camp life is a round of pleasure to the two hundred Victoria Boy Scouts who are out this year, notwithstanding that they are putting in a deal of good hard work.

The health of the Scouts so far has been perfect. Dr. Walter Barty makes a daily trip to camp and inspects everything, and if any should need hospital attention he will bring him in.

At 6:15 each morning the boys rise and go down to the water for a dip. Breakfast follows and the camp is tidied up.

At 10:30 a.m. the boys are up and get to work. Orders were given that any man who would not assist in the work would be shot and they all worked.

Stories of Horrors. Coincidence with the arrival of more survivors of Porcupine's great disaster early to-day, a train load of 500 coffins left for the north country.

## FOREST FIRES IN NORTHERN MICHIGAN Improvement in Conditions Reported—Flames Threaten East Tawas

Bay City, Mich., July 14.—Forest fire conditions were reported to be greatly improved in Northern Michigan to-day. Tawas and Onaway and Tower are reported to be safe for the present, but Berryville, a hamlet near Vanderbit, is said to have been almost wiped out.

To Fight Flames. East Tawas, Mich., July 14.—Declaring the danger from the two approaching forest fires so great that the city of East Tawas may be destroyed, Superintendent C. L. Lane of the Detroit & Mackinac railroad, has ordered section gangs to proceed this morning to points north of the city in an effort to check the flames.

## LUMBERMEN TO MEET AT TACOMA Question of Consolidating Association Will Be Considered at Gathering

Seattle, Wash., July 14.—What lumbermen say will be one of the most important meetings held in the northwest in several months is scheduled for Tacoma this afternoon. Lumbermen from all over the western Washington and Oregon states will be present in addition to a large number of officials of the National Lumber Manufacturers' Association.

One of the matters to be settled at today's meeting is that of consolidating with the Oregon and Washington Lumber Manufacturers' Association and the Northwestern Washington Lumber Manufacturers' Association.

Seattle, Wash., July 14.—Fire, which broke out in the basement salesroom of the Seattle Home Furniture Company on Pike street, just west of ninth avenue, at 9:45 o'clock last night, destroyed the Fairmont hotel and the Alfrey apartments, which occupy the whole of the half block west of ninth and Pike and did upward of \$100,000 damage before flames were checked by the fire department.

## REPORT ON FIELD CROPS IN CANADA REPORTS ON WHOLE ARE SATISFACTORY

### Spring Wheat Given High Averages—Some Districts Affected by Want of Rain

Ottawa, July 14.—A bulletin on crops and livestock in Canada was issued to-day. The condition of fields crops of Canada for the month ending June 30 as compiled in the census and statistics office from reports of a large staff of correspondents, is on the whole quite satisfactory, although on account of uneven rainfall it is not uniform for all provinces.

For the whole of Canada the conditions of winter wheat is only 73.25 per cent as compared with 100 for a full crop. This is ten per cent less than last year, two per cent less than in 1909 and nearly 14 per cent less than three years ago.

The average for barley is 93 per cent, which is 6 to 10 per cent better than in the preceding three years.

Spring wheat in all provinces this year is given the high average condition of 94.75 per cent at the end of June, which is better than in 1910 by 12.62 per cent, better than 1909 by 8 per cent, and better than in 1908 by nearly 15 per cent.

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## S. LUMBERMEN WILL SUFFER MANUFACTURER ON RECIPROCIDY BILL Says Canadians Will Be Able to Ship Low Grade Lum- ber Across Line

### Reciprocity Bill

Tacoma, Wash., July 14.—For the purpose of making definite arrangements for his permanent residence in Tacoma, Leonard Bronson, manager of the National Lumber Manufacturers' Association, arrived in Tacoma last night. He was greeted by President Everett G. Griggs and a number of Pacific Coast Lumbermen, who are here for the meeting of the Pacific Coast Lumber Manufacturers' Association this afternoon.

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## ANOTHER AMENDMENT TO VETO BILL

### July 20 Fixed for Third Reading of Measure in the House of Lords

London, July 14.—The House of Lords yesterday concluded the report stage of the veto bill and fixed July 20 for the third reading.

It is now certain that the bill will go to the House of Commons with the changes made by Lord Lansdowne and Lord Cromer unmodified.

## HOTEL AND NUMBER OF STORES BURNED

### Fire in Seattle Causes Loss Which Will Exceed Hundred Thousand Dollars

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Following is a list of the firms losing: Lambert and Welts' cigar store and pool room, 825 Pike street; Fairmont hotel, occupying two floors; Harper and Norman, plumbing and heating shop; Gus Mainwald, musical instruments; Joseph S. Hahn, millinery; Continental Ladies' Tailoring Store; Alfrey apartments, two upper floors of the building; Seattle Auction Company's store, 807-11 Pike street; J. E. M. Jensen Furniture Company's store-rooms in the basement of the two buildings; Seattle Home Furniture Company, basement of the Alfrey building.

## CANADIANS WIN MONEY AT BISLEY Figure Prominently in Rifle Contests Which Have Been Completed

### Band of Young Royalists Cause Minor Disorders—Many Arrests by Police

Bisley Camp, Eng., July 14.—Canadian riflemen again figured well to-day for the money prizes.

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Chicago, July 14.—D. A. Kraemer, an amateur aviator, fell 75 feet with his biplane late yesterday while taking tests for an international pilot's license, and was killed.