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### FIVE HUNDRED PEOPLE LOSE THEIR LIVES IN THE RAINY RIVER HOLOCAUST As the train pulled in there was an

Inhabitants of Beaudette and Spooner, Minn., Flock for Refuge to Rainy River on the the men clombed up on the roof. Canadian Side and All May Have Perished There—Terrible Scenes of Saturday Beggar In Spooner many people filled the Description—The Financial Losses Dwarf Into Insignificance Compared With the jeu mills, some of them rushed into Suffering and Fatalities Winnipeg Sends Aid to the Distressed Districts.

Every settler in a district bounded by the Rainy River and the Lake of the Woods on the north to 25 miles south, and from Spooner and Beaudette east to Warroad west who is not accounted for is dead, according to the most conservative information. No one now stimates the dead at less than 200 \* border, will mark this as one and the estimates run as high as the apppalling total of 1,000. Probably this continent that is too high but it is certain that the dead will reach close to 500. All wires are down and not one train ran into Rainy River today or came from there so no information is obtainable. High winds are reported however, and through the Rainy River basin and it s feared that the wind has caught the flames again and that what was left of the old town of Beaudette is

Furthermore it is feared that Rainy River with its 2,000 inhabitants and 3,000 refugees sleeping in store buildings and being fed as public charges, may have been unable to fight back the flames. Late today a special re-Hef train arrived on the Minnesota and International railway bearing provisions for Rainy River and the Bemidji Company of Minnesota Na-tional Guards which will take charge if the distribution of supplies and the reservation of order. The burned dis \* of dollars. rict will be placed under martial law. Mayor Berg of International Falls has \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* appointed a relief committee to arrange further care for nearly 300 fire taking the cars with it. Then the

Women Are Heroes, The women have borne up under itude and all stories from the first millions of dollars worth of property

at the door of one car and kicked districts of Minnesota. every man in the face with her points ed shoe who attempted to board the car and herself reached out and took babies from the arms of mothers. When the train started there were five babies aboard whose mothers were behind. They are being cared for in the hospital here.

Then the flames hit Rainy River, ed to safety, and accompanying them fled to safety, and accompanying them destroyed the flames, fled to safety, and accompanying them fled to safe

hour before both towns were all affame the fire spread to be five miles away and owing to the thick miles away and owing to the thick miles away and owing a mean and women, satisfied in season to the city of Rainy River. Taise on the city of Rainy River are chitching at the sleeves of them and gave them before the city and a babate in their arms and cheeping the could be seen of it. The short of the city of Rainy River. Taise on the city of Rainy River are and the property of the city of Rainy River. Taise on the city of Rainy River are and the first of the city of Rainy River and the could be seen of it. The short of the city of Rainy River and the could be seen of it. The batter of the city of the days of the care in the day. The first short of the city of the days of the care in the day of the care in the days of the care in the day of th

trating thirty experienced fire rangers an homesteader, known by her first here. The town is in the centre of a name; three unknown men of Beau-

Burning Bridge Collapsed. The most distressing feature in the and Beaudette are dead. experience of Robert McAnnany was his agony of mind when he heard and saw the approach of the freight train saw the approach train saw the approach of the freight train saw the approac

DISASTER ONE OF THE WORST ON CONTINENT

ada, and Beaudette and Spooner on the American side of the

about 280 miles west of Fort William along the line of the Canadian Northern. They lie just south of the Lake of the Woods and are about fifty ner of Manitoba They are in the midst of a

district of tamarac and other timber made doubly inflam-mable by the intense drought by strong winds, the fires have swept through this timber No estimate can yet be given of the dead, but eye-witnesses

women and children have been burned to a crisp, while the

when he found they had all escaped on both sides as they flew along. She by jumping. International Falls, Minn., Oct. 9 .strain with wonderful for- More than 250 dead, millions upon

Miss Myra Burt, a prominent young exhaustion, was Rainy River, Canada, ways.

days to obtain a list of dead. Most is only a charred remnant of a town. whom will probably die, of them are way back in the burned Spooner is wiped off the map. Cedar district, huddled in root cellars of Spur, Graceton, Pitt, Swift and Roose

arrived in Warroad about midnight. dead on Rapid river; M. Brennan, fancied security.

circle of flames. The fire zone is dette; Mike Beaver, Beaudette; seven

their feet by the high wind. them, still, many assuming there was house, and was burned with the buildno danger, bravely remained behind. ing. Just a few minutes after the flames hit these town, both were ablaze and it was seen that neither was to be there seemed no danger until about buildings and tore up trees yet un- was noticed that a small fire, which touched by the fire, out by the roots, had been smouldering to the north-These tales of horrible suffering being west across the railway grade from brought by the refugees beggar des- the business heart of the town, had

dette river, ducking their heads when be cause for hope of being able to say the water in the river was heated the sawmill fully a quarter of a mile Grenfell, London, Eng., president of whole-hearted welcome. He sought in to an uncomfortable temperature and trom the fire burst into flames. It of the board of directors of the West-that steam rose from the surface. It looked then as if the town was doom. When they escaped it was through a ed to meet the same fate as the dian Agency, Ltd. Mr. Grenfell armemorable of all of these accorded decided to organize our naval defence furnace of dying coals with here and towns across the river.

Mrs. A. C. Ragson, aged sixty, tale of a white pony coming up to and whinnying as if seeking aid. She called the pony to her and it She called the pony to her and it refugees now quartered here. There whole timbering fell with a crash and to stood wille she mounted it and to stood while she mounted it and t all lost everything without exception. stayed where he was until morning, at high speed while the forest blazed says she counted nine bodies along

it might destroy.

No Escape for Scttlers.

oman of Beaudette stationed herself across the water from the fire-ridden to the door of one car and kicked districts of Minnesota.

Several fires caught in the heart of expect to leave this evening or to the increase of the tariff. In Ontario the incr

Confusion Is Great. settlers cabins, slugs and river beds yelt, mere hamlets, are burned to the It is difficult to get the names of

arrived in Warroad about midnight. It is reported here in Winnipeg on excellent authority that a shift in the wind today caused the flames to jump the Rainy river, destroyed the Rainy River Lumber Company's mills at Rainy River with many millions or feet of sawn lumber.

Warroad, Minn., Oct. 9.—In response to the urgent appeal from Mayor Moody, a detachment of the Mayor Moody, a detachment of the Mayor Moody, a detachment of the Minnipeg on Rapid river; M. Brennan, Rapid river; Alfred Palmho; Ed. A man named Rolin and family of eight are all dead. The Goffin family, comissing of father, and Julius Boten, with the feet of the river, Alfred Palmho; Ed.

Houses Burst Into Flames. on the American side simultaneously. Fort William, Oct. 3.- Dense smoke

magic. The cries of the women and children mingling with the desperate \* PRUSSIAN MINERS oaths of the men who could not relieve them, was something terrible to

mmediate scramble for cars, the women and children loaded inside while pumping house at the Shevlin Maththe river waist deep, others sought | safety in the new brick school which | % of fifteen miles, was a solid sheet of some distance from the town. Both flame two hundred feet high. Men of these building escaped destrucdropped in the streets from inhaling tion. In Beaudette and Spooner only the heated air and were blown out one life is lost. A faithful servant inight. began six hours before the flames hit wife, are away, refused to leave the

> On Canadian Side. On the Canadian side of the river The wind even unroofed six o'clock Saturday evening, when it

jumped the track and with the eddying, whirling wind was approaching Oscar Johnson, wife and three chil- the Hat Portage lumber camps, yard ren, stood five hours in the Beau and big sawmill. There seemed to

make some headway.

of lumber was consumed.

ed in Rainy River in the vicinity of Lethbridge and Gleichen. No Escape for Scttlers. | the burning mill west of Sixth street. | Bought Edmenton Bonds. | The destruction of \$3,000,000 worth As luck would have it, W. Hurst of To Edmontonians Mr. Grenfell has which I visited with a few of my army of the Liberal party. But my district are that the women and not destroyed, 3,000 refugees fleeling from of lumber, mill property, and millions Winnipeg had commenced putting in particular interest for it was his comthe men were the heroes. When the flames, is an epitome of the haprefugees fled in panic from the freight
cars that took them from Rainy River

the men were the heroes. When the flames, is an epitome of the hapinsignificance beside the horribte personal suffering and the shocking death

the flames, is an epitome of the hapfore and the deep trench with the a few months ago purchased the last
the question of Asiatic emigration. In
ligien. We are all equal in this country.' Gentlemen, our rights were in refugees fled in panic from the freight cars that took them from Rainy River patients where the day's hell-session in posterday to this city men crushed women and children. There was no escape, the poor set fact that the cars were choked so full that standing room was at a prominent young premium they insisted on craming the maje for meaning the first on all the maje from Beaudette standing room was at the maje for meaning the first on all the first on the first of the

five babies aboard whose mothers were being cared for in behind. They are being cared for in behind. They are being cared for in bushing there was no danger, started to pull them out of the town.

Burned Without Warning.

Beaudette and Spooner were burned almost without warning. Half an house before both towns were almost without warning. Half an house before both towns were almost without make the fire spread to be five miles away and owing to the thick make a great influx of capital into the Canadians.

Canadians.

"Your credit is high now," he said, the saw-tion of the town.

Rainy River, Oct. 9.—Beaudette and Spooner, Minnesota, are complete. In the save and Spooner, Minnesota, are complete. In the save obtain nothing. At that time I said have been burning all summer were yesterday fanned to terrible proporations by a hurricane. Pitt, Minnesota, are enslaving of our province, as the fire spread to the five was no danger, start, which is the fire spread to the five was no danger, start, which is the fire spread to the five was no danger, start, which is the fire spread to the five was no danger, start, which is high now," he said, the next few years will see a great influx of capital into the Canadians.

The saw-mile scaped but the rest of the Sheve-lin Mathleu plant was destroyed. This makes probably thirty-six million feet of danger and that is that the Eng-national Falls, strong men shaking have been burning all summer were yesterday fanned to terrible proporations by a hurricane. Pitt, Minnesota, a give with the damage done to the Canadians.

Company's mile and acres of piles of lumber from lumber read to the separation of the saw-mile scaped but the rest of the Sheve-lin Mathleu plant was destroyed. This makes probably thirty-six million feet of danger and that is that the Eng-national Falls, strong men shaking have been burning of our province, as the fire was not a house left standing. The saw-mile was not province, as the fire to do the next few years will see a them.

The province of the Sheve-lin h

to a man with his wife and little the last year or two. these people at this time as the con-The dead include: David Roulin, fusion is very great and it is hard and taking the baby from them I Winnipeg, Oct. 9.—As a result of appeal from Mayor Moody of Warroad, Minnesota, Winnipeg municipal and six children; Charles Baker, of Rainy River, Beaudette and Spoonwould never in the world have got authorities this evening sent the as homesteader; C. I. Finn, homesteader, authorities this evening sent the as homesteader; C. I. Finn, homesteader, and the wind through if it were not that the wind would never in the world have got authorities this evening sent the as nomesteader, C. I. Finn, homesteader, S. I. Finn, homestead Beaudette and Spooner are located Simmons, all lost their lives. Matt-

warroad, anima, or warroad, anima, warroad, an homesteader, known by her first inspect to the urgent appeal from Mayor Moody, a detachment of the Mayor Moody, a detachment of the Winnipeg fire brigade under Assistant Chief Code with two steam fire end and a baby. Four railway men went through the burned bridge between Pitt and Beaudette in attempting a party to go out in the morning to search for the fire in all directions and filling the arrescue.

Barwick, homesteader; Kate, woman by her first sible to approach or combat.

"Among those missing are Severt the afternoon a terrific wind blew the afternoon at the afternoon a terrific wind blew the afternoon at the afternoon through hundreds of miles of bush a name; three unknown men of Beausidette; Mike Beaver, Beaudette; seven
settlers up Beaudette river, and eisettlers up

saw the approach of the freight train that went through the bridge but was the approach of the freight train that went through the bridge but was blowing seventy miles an hour trestles were on fire because of the train went on the bridge slowly and had just about the bridge slowly and had just about the continued blowing a cyclone until the bridge slowly and had just about the continued blowing a cyclone until reached the centre of the single forty. It sports when it began to sink slowly in the processing in the process of the single forty. It is a shown no fires are in close proximity. Many contend the smoke shown no interest are in close proximity. Many contend the smoke sacramento from Baudette forest fires two hoursend the smoke the same leaped from the tree same to the two thousand people awaited the two thousand people awaited the number of sightseers from Fort William and Port Arthur left Saturday and a age, with the fire leaping into the inght to witness the horrors at Beaufact and familiar with high explosives.

SUSPECT ARRESTED.

Suspect the village of Pit at two same in close proximity. Many contend the smoke comes from Beaudette forest fires two hoursend the smoke dramatic scene when hundred and eighty miles distant. A number of sightseers from Fort William and Port Arthur left Saturday and a general process are appealing for iting. He is supposed to be a miles are in close proximity. Many contend the smoke comes from Beaudette forest fires two hoursend the smoke that they will burn the city same leave from the tree was arrested at the Sacramento. Oct. 11.—George Walliam in the smoke of the smoke dramatic scene when hundred and eighty miles distant. A number of sightseers from Fort William and Port Arthur left Saturday and the smoke dramatic scene when hundred and eighty miles distant. A number of sightseers from Fort William and Port Arthur left Saturday and the same leave from the tree was arrested at the Surgeon from Fort William and Port Arthur left Saturday and the same leave from the tree was

STONE THE POLICE.

Romecheid, Rhenish Prussia, Oct. 11-The miners, who made a demonstration today against the new black list issued by the employment agencies, attacked the police with stones when the officers attempted to disperse them. The police charged the crowd repeatedly, using their sabres \* freely. Volleys of stones from the windows of houses fell upon the officers, who fired into the windows. Many persons were wounded but the

## ENGLISH FINANCIER

Limited, and Various Land Com-panies in Edmonton, Has Induced ent local politicians. Investment of Much Capital in Alberta.

rived over the C.P.R. on Saturday at- him in his long political career. cape by Trainmaster Nelson of the fell, Major Guy St. Aubyn, Capt. D. defence of the government's naval obliged to control for the protection pioneer, stood in a freight car in the reflet train with her granddaughter

C.N.R., and the women and children collection of Henri of our citizens. I do not believe in Bourassa and the Nationalist cam- war. I believe that war between in her arms and told the marvellous spread to the acres of lumber piles, the firm of C. Meredith and Co., Ltd., paign. but the wind shifted and held pretty bend brokers, Montreal, and A. C. her on the track with neck extended steady in the north about that time, Newton. H. M. E. Evans, who is the which enabled the fire fighters to representative in Edmonton of the meeting and the organizers for the that before long we and our neighbors nake some headway.

Company with which Mr. Grenfell is loyal reception, referred to the Conservative convention which was to be servative convention which was to be served to be se cumstances, although half their stock the King Edward Hotel while in the declared the convention had been cal- en in 1887 I represented to my col-

Perhaps half the houses were burn- spection trip of the district between which rendered the convention com- that they should choose a leader from

morrow on return to the East.

dict of Not Guilty Being Brought In.

Wetaskiwin, Oct. 8 .- Serenus Am-The affair took place near Sedge- rely and a contribution to the navy, be no more, but that there would be wick some time on May 23. The evi- which latter had been refused.

finding.

the defence. Social Democratic Nominees in S.D.

#### MONTREAL CHEERS PREMIER LAURIER

Wildly Enthusiastic Reception Tendered the Prime Minister. Sir Wilfrid Deals With Varied Lines of Conservative Attack In Various Provinces. Completely Answers Nationalists' Outcry. Maintains Attitude Favorable To Reciprocity

known. It is anticipated that hall was packed to the doors with we would at all times follow and the rioting will be renewed to- \* cheering thousands.

Great masses of humanity unable to autonomy. Place Viger station to the National and cheered themselves hoarse as the Premier's carriage and its escort pass- will see that Messrs. Monk and Bour-

VISITING THE CITY Sir Lomer Gouin, Premier of the who attacked the naval law, tell you. province, presided and with him on that they are perfectly in accordance the platform were Hon. George Gra- with this policy. Our policy of 1902 Arthur Grenfell, of Canadian Agency, ham, Hon. L. P. Brodeur, Hon. Sid- was a wise one and should have had ney Fisher, and numbers of promin- the approbation of Mr. Bourassa, but

There were several minutes heering when Sir Wilfrid entered the about it at that time. Mr. Monk, for cheering when Sir Wilfrid entered the all his facile speech, said nothing on building and on rising to speak the floor of the House and as to Mr. Few visitors from the Old Country Premier paid his acknowledgments. to Edmonton have larger interests in his life. Seldom if ever had he the heat became too intense. They fight it successfully, when suddenly in Western Canada than Arthur M. witnessed such a spontaneous and Cars were immediately placed at ternoon in the private car Oceanic. He then plunged into his address, Atlantic and Pacific coasts thousands the disposal of these desiring to es-

A Tower of Babel.

city. They have just finished an in- led off because of the divided counsels leagues in the House of Commons mittee meetings a tower of Babel. In the majority and that I had better the province of British Columbia, remain a simple soldier in the grand also war will be made on the govern- to my race, but such accusations do ment on the question of the navy not concern me much and if it is In conversation with a Bulletin re- with the assertion, note this assertion treason to work for this end, then I

them is due a great deal of credit for themselves a monopoly of orthodoxy, orchestra played a march entitled Re-"I started to run for town but the much of the English capital that has The premier then dealt with the Na- ciprocity, as Sir Wilfrid entered the fire was coming closer. I caught up been turned towards Alberta during tionalist complaints, that he changed building. Later, speaking of this from the Laurier of the Imperial con- question, he said that British jingoists ference of 1902-when he had declar- had accused him of treason because ed he would never consent to this he thought of discussing reciprocity

> ian militarism. The premier declared to open the way to a great market. it was not the government that had The first duty of a government, he de-He then sketched the conference of ity of the country. The American marend was acquitted on the charge of 1902, when the imperial secretaries for ket was worth having. He reviewed murdering Lewis Goldman, by the war and navy had asked for reserve briefly the past "pilgrimages to Washmilitary forces on which they could ington" and made it plain there would

> > Maintain Our Autonomy. The premier continued: "We de- were favorable to both countries.

BRITISHERS IMPRISONED. Guatemla City, Oct. 10.—Foreigners in self-defence. The jury, after a are fleeing in terror from Amaipa, cil took some retrograde steps last very short conference, brought in Honduras, following the imprisonment night, reversing their former decision. their verdict of "not guilty," and Mr. of Englishmen and Americans and to establish a salvage corps and curt-Justice Harvey concurred in their seizures of property by the city com- ing off an appropriations to the police mandants last night. The jaining of department for the staff of plain Mr. Henwood appeared for the the Americans and Englishmen 18 clothes officers, in what is regarded crown and P. J. Nolan of Calgary for believed to be tantamount to con- as the segregated area. In future demnation to death.

The foreigners are accused of fo- vice. Aberdeen, S.D., October 7 .- The tempting to prevent pillaging. The pointed out that they would connice Social Democratic party of South Da- British consul at Amalpa has fied if both were passed. kota has filed the following nomi- to San Salvador and has cabled asking nees; Governor M. Gonsah, Sioux for a cruiser. The commandants an-

Li. The comment of proper services the Commence of Co. 1.

Montreal, Oct. 10-Sir Wilfrid Lau- clared our intention to sustain the rier's appearance at Monument Na- obligation incumbent upon all nations tional here tonight was the occasion of as great and enthusiastic a demonstration as was ever accorded a public we had already organized our militia. man in Canada. For hours before the and that we were equally ready to Premier was billed to speak the great undertake our naval defence, but that

maintain the principle of our local "I feel quite assured that you will assa, and even the chiefs of the party if it had the approbation of Messrs. Bourassa, if he had that ideal it was hermetically sealed in his bosom.

Our Territory to Protect.

"Gentlemen, according to Mr. Bou civilized countries will and more rare. It is a hundred years

"In 1896 I sent two of my colleagues

country falling into the abyss of Utop- with the United States and to seek clared, was to work for the prospera discussion of this question and no treaty would be concluded unless it

Winnipeg, Oct. 11 .- The city counthere will be no special detective ser-Two hospital by-laws were menting a revoution. Anarchy pre- passed for reference to the ratepayers vails and the authorities are not at- in December, although one alderman