

FIVE HUNDRED PEOPLE LOSE THEIR LIVES IN THE RAINY RIVER HOLOCAUST

Inhabitants of Beaudette and Spooner, Minn., Flock for Refuge to Rainy River on the Canadian Side and All May Have Perished There—Terrible Scenes of Saturday Beggars Description—The Financial Losses Dwarf Into Insignificance Compared With the Suffering and Fatalities—Winnipeg Sends Aid to the Distressed Districts.

International Falls, Minn., Oct. 9.—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 estimates the dead at less than 200 and the estimates run as high as the appalling total of 1,000. Probably 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, as through the Rainy River basin and it is feared that wind has caught the flames again and that what was left of the old town of Beaudette is now gone.

Further north it is feared that Rainy River with its 2,000 inhabitants and 3,000 refugees sleeping in store buildings and being fed at public charges, may have been unable to fight back the flames. Late today a special relief train arrived on the Minnesota and International railway bearing provisions for Rainy River and the Bemidji Company of Minnesota National Guards which will take charge of the distribution of supplies and the preservation of order. The burned district will be placed under martial law. Mayor Berg of International Falls has appointed a relief committee to arrange further care for nearly 300 refugees now quartered here. There are three typhoid cases among them, six men badly burned and it seemed all lost everything without exception. They are absolutely destitute.

Women Here Heroic.—The women have stepped up under the terrible strain with wonderful fortitude and all stories from the first district are that the women and the men were the heroes. When the refugees fled in panic from the freight cars that took them from Rainy River they were crowded into the cars and women and children were choked so full that standing room was at a premium. They waited on craning themselves in.

Winnipeg Sends Aid.—Winnipeg, Oct. 9.—As a result of appeal from Mayor Moody of Warroad, Minnesota, Winnipeg municipal authorities this evening sent the assistant chief and a dozen firemen with two steam fire engines and other equipment via C.N.R. special, which arrived in Warroad about midnight. It is reported here in Winnipeg, an 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 of feet of saw lumber.

Prussian Miners Stone the Police.—Romeheld, Rheinland 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, and the crowd repeatedly using their sabres freely. Volleys of stones from the windows of houses fell upon the officers, who were repeatedly using their sabres to the windows. Many persons were wounded but the number of casualties is not known. It is anticipated that the rioting will be renewed tonight.

English Financier Visiting the City.—Arthur Grenfell, of Canadian Agency, Limited, and Various Land Companies in Edmonton, Has Induced Investment of Much Capital in Alberta. Few visitors from the Old Country to Edmonton have larger interests in Western Canada than Arthur M. Grenfell, London, Eng., president of the board of directors of the Western Canada Land Co., and the Canadian Agency, Ltd. Mr. Grenfell arrived here on Saturday morning, accompanied by R. M. Grenfell, Major Guy St. Aubyn, Capt. D. Newton, formerly A.D.C. to his excellency Earl Grey, now a member of the firm of C. Meredith and Co., Ltd., head brokers, Montreal, and A. C. Newton, H. M. E. Evans, who is the representative in Edmonton of the company with which Mr. Grenfell is connected, with his bride, were also members of the party.

Loss Will Be Million.—The destruction of \$3,000,000 worth of lumber, mill property, and millions of dollars worth of timber, pales in insignificance beside the horrible personal suffering and the shocking death toll. There was no escape, the poor settlers were hemmed in their little clearings with great forests on all sides, and with only a forest road connecting them with the main highway.

City Has Great Future.—Your location is a magnificent one and with the development that is bound to come with the advent of railways and your fertile soil there can be no doubt of the future of your city. The Western Canada Land Co. own large tract of land to the west of Edmonton and the visitors hold controlling interests in the South Alberta Lumber Co. They have also other financial ventures in the west and it is believed a great deal of credit for much of the English capital that has been turned towards Alberta during the last year or two.

Acquitted of Murder.—Case at Wetaskiwin Results in Verdict of Not Guilty Being Brought In. Wetaskiwin, Oct. 8.—Serenus Amund was acquitted of the charge of murdering Lewis Goldman, by the jury this afternoon.

Britishers Imprisoned.—No Plain Clothes Men. Guatemala City, Oct. 10.—Foreigners are feeling in terror from Amalpa Honduras, following the imprisonment of Englishmen and Americans and seizure of property by the city commander. The seizure of the Americans and Englishmen is believed to be tantamount to condemnation to death.

Suspect Arrested.—Sacramento, Oct. 11.—George Wallace was arrested at the Sacramento post office today while receiving letters which it is declared connect him with the Los Angeles Times dynamite American fugitives are appealing for protection. He is supposed to be a lawyer and familiar with high explosives.

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.

Montreal, Oct. 10.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier's appearance at Monument National here tonight was the occasion of as great and enthusiastic a demonstration as was ever accorded a public man in Canada. For hours before the Premier was billed to speak the great hall was packed to the doors with cheering thousands unable to gain admittance, lined the streets from Place Viger station to the National and cheered themselves hoarse as the Premier's carriage and its escort passed along.

A Tower of Babel.—The premier, after thanking the meeting and the organizers for the loyal reception, referred to the Conservative convention which was to have been held this year, but which had been abandoned. The premier declared the convention had been called off because of the divided counsels which rendered the convention committee meetings a tower of Babel.

Declared as Pharisees.—Declaring that the internal disintegration of the Quebec Conservatives started long ago, the premier turned his attention to the Nationalists, describing them as Pharisees attacking any one a little bigger than themselves and defending their religion simply by shutting in troubled waters with the hope that in these troubled waters there may be some good moral.

Maintain Our Autonomy.—The premier continued: "We do not desire to see the province of Quebec falling into the abyss of Utopian militarism. The premier declared it was not the government that had changed from the Laurier of the Imperial conference of 1902—when he had declared he would never consent to this country falling into the abyss of Utopian militarism. The premier declared it was not the government that had changed from the Laurier of the Imperial conference of 1902—when he had declared he would never consent to this country falling into the abyss of Utopian militarism.

Social Democratic Nominations in S.D.—Aberdeen, S.D., October 7.—The Social Democratic party of South Dakota has filed the following nominees: Governor M. Gonsah, Sioux Falls; Lieut. Governor, S. Goodfellow; Brookings; secretary of state, E. Anderson; Pukwana; treasurer, Wm. A. Isidor; Huron; auditor, Leroy Hixon; Marietta; commissioner of lands, Wm. Ross; Fort Pierre; attorney general, S. A. Cochrane; Aberdeen.

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