

Flaming Forests!

Wisconsin Woods in a Widespread Blaze.

The Conflagration Takes in the Towns.

Hundreds of Farmers and Villagers Lost Without Homes—Bridges Burned and Railroad Traffic Stopped—Children Lost.

MARSHALL, Wis., Sept. 15.—This city is in a panic on account of the forest fire. Many families in the surrounding districts have been burned out, and children are reported missing, but no loss of life has been reported.

Yesterday the forest fires assumed such proportions that the whole city was in danger. The fire department was out till late at night fighting fires inside the limits. Farmers from the surrounding country came in wagon-loads for refuge in the city, many having been burned out completely. The surrounding towns are laid waste and smoke fills the air, blinding everyone. The Wisconsin Central train are abandoned.

Medellan telephoned for help last night, and a train went out and brought back 30 families, who were burned out.

At Powers' station, fifteen families were burned out, the people barely escaping with their lives.

The town of Withe, 40 miles east of Chippewa Falls, is burning.

An east-bound passenger train had a narrow escape from going through a burned bridge. The sectionmen, on a hand car, ran on a bridge and went through, injuring one man fatally. Another swim the river and escaped the train which was due in a few minutes.

The John S. Owen Lumber Company's plant is reported burned.

A farmer and his wife near Marshfield, unable to save their home, loaded their household goods on a wagon drawn by oxen. The flames overtook them and burned their goods and suffocated the oxen. The couple fled with their two children, but in the smoke they lost sight of the children, who, it is believed, were burned to death. Reports of other fatalities are coming in, and hundreds of people have been left without homes. Bridges on the Wisconsin Central have been burned and trains abandoned.

It is reported that 25 persons were cut off by fires and that they had perished.

SEVEN'S POINT, Wis., Sept. 15.—Junction City was destroyed by fires this morning.

The town of Mill Creek has also been destroyed.

A dispatch from Babcock, Wood county, says that a strong wind caused the forest fire in that vicinity to become worse yesterday, and the flames have made a clean sweep between Babcock and Needham, a distance of over twenty miles.

Fires are very bad in the vicinity of Merrill, Pine River Heights, Corns, Dancy, Runkle's Mills and Rudolph.

MERRILL, Wis., Sept. 15.—Forest fires are burning, fanned by heavy winds from all sides of the city. Many farmers have lost their all.

Forest fires are raging to such an extent in Marinette county that considerable apprehension is felt for the safety of the several smaller towns in the midst of the forest.

IMPRISONED IN A BANK VAULT.

An Indianapolis Man Spends Several Hours Buried in Vault.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Sept. 15.—Horace M. Jones, of the Fidelity Building and Savings Company, yesterday got into the vault of the company to get some papers.

He was "prowling around" in the vault and his presence was forgotten. One of the clerks went out to dinner, and the last one locked the door, all unconscious that Jones was inside. When Jones had finished his business he tried to go, but found the door locked. He sat down among the musty tomes and the thing that the vault would be opened again in the next 24 hours, as the business is a complete standstill. Fortunately in several hours a clerk had occasion to open the vault and saved Mezier.

ALVINSTON IN DANGER.

A Big Fire Threatens the Business Part of the Flaming Controlled-Big.

ALVINSTON, Ont., Sept. 15.—A fire broke out in the Masonic building here this morning, by which it was completely destroyed. The building was occupied by E. L. Mott, proprietor of the Alvinston Free Press, and used by him as a printing office. The upper story was the Masonic lodge room. Nothing was saved. The village lock-up, adjoining, was completely gutted, and several farm buildings near by were damaged. The loss on the printing press is estimated at \$3,000; on the building and furniture will be about \$2,000; insured for \$900. It was thought at one time that the whole business part of the village would have to go.

WRONG BODY IN THE COFFIN.

A Funeral at Washington, Pa., Necessarily Postponed.

WASHINGTON, Pa., Sept. 15.—Washington yesterday postponed its funeral of Rev. J. E. McGinnis, D.D., of the Amity, whose church the sessions were being held, when they reached the house they found that a stranger's body had been shipped from Chicago instead, and no funeral would be held. Mr. McGinnis was taken ill in the west for his health. He was taken ill with inflammation of the bowels at Toledo, and died there Monday. His friends have no idea what has become of his remains.

A TERRIBLE DEATH.

A Toronto C. G. Walker Through a Fifth Story Window—Killed on the Pavement.

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A Proposition by the National Miners' Federation.

Seven New Cases of Cholera Reported in Germany.

Hon. C. E. Tupper, Canadian Minister of Marine, Knighted by the Queen.

Dismissed the Chief.

BERLIN, Sept. 15.—It is reported here that the Emperor has signed a Cabinet order dismissing Herr Feichter, president of the police in Alsace. During the elections Feichter made himself obnoxious to Clericals, and his overbearing conduct was the subject of comment.

A Terrible Flood.

MADRID, Sept. 15.—The town of Villa Casas, in the Province of Toledo, has been devastated by floods and about 40 lives have been lost. In one place a young woman was found with an infant clutched to her breast with one hand, while with the other hand she held the hand of another boy. All were dead. It is believed the bodies of many others were buried under the ruins.

Canadian Retrogression.

LONDON, Sept. 15.—The writer in the Pall Mall Gazette who has been writing on Canada returns to the charge in yesterday's issue and re-asserts the statements regarding the alleged depletion of the country. He ridicules the argument that the decrease in the rate of progress can be attributed to an imperfect census, and challenges an inquiry into the whole question.

Lady Macdonald in England.

LONDON, Sept. 15.—Since their arrival in England the Baroness Macdonald and Hon. Mary Macdonald have been at the seaside and various other places, and are now paying a visit to Scotland. It is rumored amongst the Canadians here that Her Majesty the Queen has expressed a wish to see the widow of the famous Canadian statesman, and that Lady Macdonald will shortly be invited to Balmoral, where the court now is.

The Colonial Party.

LONDON, Sept. 15.—In the Standard yesterday, which is the leading Conservative organ, there is an article throwing cold water on the new colonial party. It predicts that the party will fail as now constituted, but admits that the movement may lead to the agents-general of the colonies becoming members of the Imperial Parliament, a precedent for which, it avers, can be found in the French system where the colonies of the republic have their representatives in the Chamber of Deputies.

French Settlers for Canada.

LONDON, Sept. 15.—An attempt to induce an emigration from France to Canada on a somewhat larger scale than anything hitherto successful is shortly to be made. Hon. Hector Fabry, the representative of the Dominion at Paris, intends to sail from Havre next Saturday on the steamship Burgundy, and will take with him several directors of La Societe Fonciere, who will visit the Dominion of Newfoundland and report upon the feasibility of an entire settlement of agriculturists from Old France. It is said a title will be chosen in the district of Assiniboia.

Cholera.

LEGHORN, Sept. 15.—On Tuesday last there were 27 cases of cholera and 5 deaths from the disease reported in this city.

BERLIN, Sept. 15.—Since Wednesday 7 new cases of cholera have developed in the empire. Six of them are in Solingen and 1 in Luebeck. This city remains free from the epidemic.

"Sir" C. H. Tupper.

LONDON, Sept. 15.—The Gazette this evening contains a notification that the Queen has conferred upon Hon. Charles H. Tupper, Canadian Minister of Marine, the dignity of knight in recognition of his services in connection with the Bering Sea dispute.

Fiscal Reforms Result in Rioting.

MADRID, Sept. 15.—The excitement throughout the country, growing out of the fiscal reforms adopted by the Government, is growing. Many riots are reported at Mount Blanch, near Tarragona. The olive guard fired on a mob and killed three persons.

Sixty Dead Bodies Discovered.

MADRID, Sept. 15.—A dispatch from Villa-Campana this evening says that 60 dead bodies have been recovered. Many more are believed to be hidden by wreckage or to have been washed away from the town. Many of the deaths were caused by the flooding of the cave dwellings on the outskirts of the town. These dwellings are holes dug into the hillside almost on a level with the plain, and are occupied by the poorest families.

Looks Like a Compromise.

LONDON, Sept. 15.—At a conference of National Miners' Federation held to-day, a resolution was adopted declaring that the striking coal miners would remain in firm against the proposal of the mine owners to reduce wages 25 per cent, but they would offer to resume work at the old wages pending a settlement with the masters on the basis of modified reductions. The action is believed to portend the ultimate collapse of one of the largest strikes this country has ever seen.

IN LABOR'S FIELD.

All trouble between the Toronto Street Car Company and the men is settled. The executive of the union yesterday agreed to accept the concessions, providing that the men shall only pay cost of repairs for breakages through carelessness, and allowing them to buy their uniforms wherever they please. The contention that the company should show cause for dismissal has been dropped.

THE GREAT FAIR.

The Various Exhibits Hurrying Towards Completion.

The Turnstiles in Operation—School Children's Day To-day—The Bicycle Races—Good Sport Promised.

Opening day at the Western Fair found all gates and entrances guarded by special police and ticket purchasers, the ticket sellers' windows up, and the turnstiles clicking once more. The rush of visitors is not very great as yet and the tramp of sightseers' feet will not begin until to-day, school children's day. The exhibits in the main building were, yesterday morning, far from complete, although the work had been pushed, in most instances well on through the night. The directors are complaining about the slowness on the part of exhibitors, as it will delay the judges in their work. The latter were to have commenced their rounds at 1 o'clock yesterday, but it will be to-day before they can start.

The agricultural and horticultural buildings are both well filled, and a busy crowd of men and women were sorting and arranging the various flowers, plants, fruits, cereals and vegetables. The carol of the gallinacean has yet to be heard in his department. The northern part of this building will be used for show purposes.

The exhibits in the dairy department are well under way, the portion set apart for the Indian display being completely stocked. Power will be supplied to this building by means of a stationary engine outside. The show of carriages, sledges, and wood-work generally, is complete and ready for the admiring gaze of fair-goers. The machinery platform, building and tents to the north, are all crowded with the products of the country. This will be one of the most creditable displays of the fair. There will be some machinery at work in the main building also. An engine has been placed in position for this purpose.

The First Congregational, as well as the Centenary Church, will make a bid for the contrast of looking after man's physical wants during the fair. They have a booth on the ground.

To-day promises to be an unusually big day. In addition to being school children's day, it will also be a great day for the wheelmen of the district. Nine events, for each of which valuable prizes have been offered, will take place in the afternoon, for each of which the entries are large, including many of the best riders. Following is a list of the several events:

Value.
1. One mile, novice, open.....\$45 00
2. Half a mile dash, open..... 40 00
3. Two mile, six minutes class..... 40 00
4. One mile, boys under 15..... 35 00
5. One mile, boys under 12..... 30 00
6. Two mile handicap..... 50 00
7. One mile, handicap..... 45 00
8. Two mile, Huron district championship 25 00
9. Three mile club team race (men each) 50 00
C. W. A. Rules to govern.

To-day the school children will have a splendid chance of first sight of its wonders at the low price of 5 cents. The bicycle races should attract all lovers of the sport, of whom London boasts a goodly number. The crack men of Michigan and Western Ontario will be present, and each race will be hotly contested.

The programme for next week is as follows:

CITIZENS' DAY.

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