

BELIEVE DEAD WILL NUMBER 800 IN THE RAINY RIVER FIRES WORST DISASTER IN 15 YEARS

THE PROPERTY LOSS IS \$5,000,000
MORE TOWNS ARE IN DANGER

Thousands Homeless and Intense Suffering Prevails
---Flames Spread Toward Winnipeg---The Refugees Need Supplies and Medicine.

Dead, 800; homeless, 5,000; missing, 2,000.
Nine towns destroyed—Sponner, Graceton, Pitt, Baudette, Swift, Roosevelt, Cedar Spur, Myron and Malcom, Minn.
Towns in danger—Warroad, Minn.; Rainy River, Ont.
Devastated area—Nearly 3,000 miles square.
Property loss—\$5,000,000.

Feature of Conflagration—Escape of thousands of panic-stricken refugees by means of flames swept down on them. Men fight for places in cars and trample down women in rush to save their own safety. Girl stands at car door and single-handed fights off driving men back. Train reaches Rainy River with men clinging like bees to sides, steps and trucks. Many who fail to hang on perish in flames.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Rainy River, Ont., Oct. 11.—From 500 to 800 dead, 5,000 homeless, 2,000 missing, six towns destroyed, and a property loss of \$5,000,000, is the frightful toll demanded by forest fires which since Friday night have devastated the whole Minnesota-Manitoba boundary and still are burning. The fire zone covers an area of 85 miles in length from the gravel pits spur west of Warroad to Stratton, the fourth station east of Rainy River, and in width about thirty miles, covering all the territory between Red Lake and the Lake of the Woods. The devastated area is 2,975 miles square.

The towns wiped out by the flames are: Baudette, Sponner, Graceton, Pitt, Swift, Roosevelt, Cedar Spur, Myron and Malcom.

Worst in Fifteen Years.

The catastrophe is the greatest that Minnesota has experienced since the Hinckley horror fifteen years ago. Scenes of horror are reported on every hand. People lost their heads completely, and are aimlessly wandering about beavelling their loss. Streets of the towns were strewn with personal belongings which were thrown away in their flight.

\$8,500 AUTOMOBILE WAS BADLY SCORCHED

Big Machine Owned By Mr. J. C. Duffield Caught Fire Today.

The big De Luxe automobile, owned by Mr. J. C. Duffield, was badly burned this morning shortly after 11 o'clock in Mr. Duffield's garage on Dufferin avenue.

Mr. W. Beemer, the chauffeur, had finished cleaning the machine, and started the engine, when the hood burst out in flames. He quickly turned in an alarm, and the fire brigade responded.

The fire was kept from the gasoline tank, which is at the rear, and although the engine and the body of the machine were considerably scorched, no very costly damage was done.

The exact extent of the loss has not yet been discovered, however, as the machinery has not been tested.

The auto is the finest in the city and is valued at \$8,500. It is covered by insurance.

ANOTHER CHARGE AGAINST CARRIER

Young Man Took Auto From Garage and Damaged It.

John Carrier was charged in the police court this morning with taking an automobile from a local garage several weeks ago without the proprietor's knowledge, and damaging it to the extent of \$100 or more. Carrier went joy-riding and ended up with a broken auto by the roadside. He was remanded until Thursday, when his case will come up for examination.

The young man had already been found guilty on another charge.

Louis Boulbault having, after many previous offences, been found drunk again, was remanded for a week in jail, while the question of sending him to the Central Farm at Guelph is gone into fully.

William Foster pleaded guilty to assaulting a Hebrew, Moses Vochler, without provocation, and was fined \$5 and \$40 costs, in addition to being severely lectured by the magistrate.

Foster was drunk when the assault took place. He is only 18, but declined to tell who supplied him with the intoxicants.

A juvenile who rode a bicycle on the sidewalk was dismissed.

AGED GENTLEMAN THROWN FROM BUGGY

Mr. Elijah Windsor, of West London, in a Runaway.

While driving on King street yesterday afternoon, the horse driven by Mr. Elijah Windsor, West London, became frightened at some place, and the old gentleman was thrown out when the horse shied, but escaped with nothing more serious than some slight bruises. Miss Windsor, who was in the buggy at the time, was uninjured.

The horse was caught before it did any damage.

LONDONERS OFF FOR DEMONSTRATION

Large Number Left on Special Train at Noon Today For City of Berlin.

NIAGARA POWER OPENING

Dispatch From German City Says That All is in Readiness for Premier Whitney to Press the Button.

A large number of Londoners left for Berlin at 12:30 o'clock today to attend the Niagara power demonstration in that city.

The party travelled on a special train on the Grand Trunk, and will be brought back to the city tonight by another special, after the banquet.

The London party was joined by several outside delegations, and practically every municipality from this city to Berlin will send still further quotas to the demonstration.

Among those who left here were Hon. Adam Beck and Mrs. Beck, Mayor Beattie, Chairman Phil. Pocock, of the water commission, Water Commissioner John H. Chapman and William Wyatt, Ald. Tancome, Ald. Ashland, Ald. H. Pocock, Ald. Jeffries, Ald. Fitzgerald, Ald. Underwood, T. Harry Carling, Dr. Drake, Oliver Ellwood, Manager Dore, F. G. Jewell, O. H. Willis, City Clerk Baker, Arthur W. White, Dr. Robinson, W. C. Coe, J. Flood, Housen, R. Simmie, Dr. Zeigler, Fritz Beck, Mayor Dr. Guest, Ald. Sanders and City Solicitor Doherty, St. Thomas; Mayor Harry Pope, Strathroy; Mr. John Doherty and Isaac Newton, Sarnia; the mayor and reeve of Bothwell, Hume B. Elliott, J. J. Cox and many others.

A considerable number from other places passed through London early this morning on their way to Berlin.

All is Ready.

Berlin, Oct. 11.—Everything is in readiness for turning on of Niagara power, which event takes place here at 3:30 o'clock this afternoon.

Special trains are arriving from Toronto and London, bringing to the city Premier Whitney, Hon. Adam Beck and other distinguished men.

The mayors of Ontario cities in the power zone are to join with Berlin citizens in marking the event.

The button will be pressed at 3:30 by Sir James Whitney, who will receive the same from Miss Huldah Rumpel, who will be the first to press the button.

The Hon. Adam Beck will be then presented with an illuminated address, and Mayor Hahn will extend a welcome on behalf of the city.

Seething Flames.

The buildings of Shelvin-Mathieu Lumber Company are practically the only structures left standing in Sponner, not a tree, a fence or a foot of timber left.

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JACKSON GETS A YEAR FOR KILLING ENOS

Jury Only Out Few Minutes in the Chatham Murder Case.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Chatham, Oct. 11.—Frank Jackson (colored) was sentenced by Mr. Justice Middleton this morning to serve one year in the common jail for killing Jacob Enos.

Jackson pleaded guilty to the killing, claiming self-defence.

The trial lasted only a few minutes. Justice Middleton in sentencing Jackson, denounced the practice of carrying weapons, adding that he felt that but for the fact Jackson had been carrying a revolver he would have gone clear.

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COAL BIN GAVE WAY MAN'S NARROW ESCAPE

Mr. Sam Loughrey Saved His Life by His Presence of Mind.

Mr. Samuel Loughrey, one of the stage hands at the Majestic Theatre on Dundas street, escaped death by a narrow margin in the basement of the house below the stage this morning.

Mr. Loughrey was attending to the boilers, when a bin of coal, in which were stored 30 tons of anthracite, suddenly gave way. The bin is about 10 feet high, and is close to the boilers, which furnish steam to heat the building.

In an instant the coal shot out and over the floor, while the room was filled with dust.

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QUAKE AT SANTIAGO

Santiago, Cuba, Oct. 11.—A severe earthquake was felt here at 3 o'clock this morning. Great alarm was caused, but no damage done.

CRIPPEN AND MISS LENEVE WILL BE TRIED ON MONDAY

Doctor Will Have Three Lawyers and Miss Leneve Two—Crippen Will Be Principal in Prosecution—Crown Recommends Every Consideration For Girl.

London, Oct. 11.—It is probable that the trial of Dr. Hawley H. Crippen and Ethel Clara Leneve for the murder of the former's wife, Cora Belle Crippen, known by the stage name of Belle Elmore, will be opened on Monday.

The case was presented to the grand jury today by the recorder, who reviewed the evidence presented at the preliminary proceedings. The recorder said that he considered it doubtful that Miss Leneve knew at the time that a murder had been committed, but he recommended that a true bill charging her with being an accessory after the fact brought against her, as he was confident that every consideration would be shown the young woman. A bill in keeping with this recommendation—one charging Crippen as the principal undoubtedly will be returned.

Crippen will be represented at his trial by three lawyers, the best known of whom are Alfred Aspinwall Tobin, Unionist member of parliament for Preston; and Huntley Eugene Jenkins. Of the two who will look after the interests of Miss Leneve, Frederick Edwin Smith is a leading Conservative member of parliament for the Walton division of Liverpool.

Former Londoner Was Killed IN ACCIDENT IN CALIFORNIA

Word was received here yesterday afternoon from Los Angeles, Cal., of the death of Mr. Frank Westland, formerly of this city. Mr. Westland was killed in a railway accident on Sunday.

Dr. W. S. Westland, brother of the deceased, wired for particulars, and asked that the body be shipped to London for interment.

Frank Westland was well known in the city, having lived here until he had grown up to manhood. He was employed here for a time, going later to St. Thomas, and finally going to California, where he had been residing for some years.

Deceased is survived by his mother, Mrs. (Dr.) Westland, who is at Sarnia, and at the present time; one sister, Mrs. Fraser, Montreal, and a brother, Dr. Westland, this city.

HURLED 15 FEET BY STREET CAR BUSINESSMAN WALKED AWAY

Mr. Thomas F. McFarland Struck By a Trolley in Front of City Hall on Richmond Street, But Escaped Injury.

Mr. T. F. McFarland, vice-president of the D. S. Perrin Company, had a narrow escape from serious injury last night, when he was struck by a Belt Line car, No. 98, in front of the city hall, shortly after 9 o'clock.

Mr. McFarland had been attending the conference in the hall regarding evidence to be submitted to the technical commission, and stepped out of the Arcade to cross the street. He did not notice the car coming, and as he walked onto the track, it struck him. Mr. McFarland was hurled 15 feet or more, but fortunately was thrown into one of the big piles of soft sand which are piled along the street.

It was thought at first that he was badly injured, but he was able to get up and proceed home without assistance.

DETROIT BOY HAD FULL KIT

Claude Saylor Started Out for Northwest With Camping Outfit.

Police Are Now Taking Care of a Youngster Who Found Home Conditions Rather Unsuitable to His Tastes.

Claude Taylor, 14 years of age, rode the "bumpers" from Detroit, and arrived in London Saturday evening. Taylor, who is an exceptionally bright lad, gives his address as 15 William street, Detroit, where he has been living with his foster father.

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MIGHTY OVATION AT MONTREAL FOR THE DOMINION'S PREMIER

Sir Wilfrid Laurier the Central Figure of Great Demonstration Last Night—Greeted by Tremendous Crowd in Street and at Monument National.

Montreal, Oct. 10.—Tonight's demonstration for Sir Wilfrid Laurier in the Monument National was one of the most spontaneous and enthusiastic receptions ever accorded a public man in Canada. He returned recently from a triumphal tour throughout the west, but nothing in his western trip, or in fact at any time in his life, matched the splendid welcome which greeted him tonight. The Monument National was packed to the doors by cheering thousands long before the hour for which he was announced to speak.

The Procession.

Sir Wilfrid came down from Ottawa this afternoon by special train, reaching the Place Vigor station about 7 o'clock. Here was given an informal welcome by the leaders of Liberalism in the city and province, after which he was escorted to his four-in-hand, and proceeded by massed bands and thousands of torchbearers, was escorted in triumph to the Monument National. The streets along the route were packed with masses of humanity, while streaming banners, waving flags and blazes of colored lights and rockets proclaimed the city's warm welcome to the Premier of Canada. Banners emblematic of the achievements of Sir Wilfrid were prominently displayed, among them being

references to the National Transcontinental, to Canada's prosperity, to her increase in population and prestige. References to the Georgian Bay Canal, to the Hudson Bay Railway and other projected enterprises were also prominently displayed.

Monument National Packed.

It was, however, in the Monument National that the great outburst of enthusiasm found vent. The building was packed to the doors, with hundreds standing in the aisles and in every available nook, while tens of thousands in the streets were in vain for an opportunity to enter the building. The appearance of Sir Wilfrid Laurier was the signal for a great outburst of cheering, the vast audience rising and cheering again, and again, which the Premier acknowledged in his own inimitable way.

Sir Lomer Gouin, Premier of the province, acted as chairman, and with him on the platform were Hon. George P. Graham, L. P. Brodeur and Sydney Fisher. Other prominent Liberals present were Messrs. Honora Gekker, M. P. for St. James; Robert Bickerdike, M. P. for St. Lawrence division; L. A. Rivet, and many other prominent Provincial and Federal members of the Liberal persuasion.

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LONDONERS PLAN BIG MOVE IN THEATRICALS

Are Considering More Theatres in the U. S. and Are Also Looking Over Canadian Field.

The Canadian Theatres, Limited, the company incorporated last week, in which Mr. J. C. Duffield, Mr. T. H. Smallman, Major Thos. Beattie, Mr. John Pringle, London, and Mr. A. E. Dymont, Toronto, and Mr. Clark Brown, of New York, are interested, will form part of a very large theatrical syndicate which is extending its territory considerably.

The new company have taken over the Bennett Enterprises, and are now in possession of Keith & Proctor, Percy Williams, and a number of other noted theatrical men, in opening new territory in the Southern and Western States.

They have theatres in Cincinnati, Louisville, and some other cities. A handsome new house is being built in Toledo and another is in contemplation for Columbus, Ohio.

Situation in Canada.

So far as can be learned there is nothing definite about extensions in Canada, but the field is being thoroughly explored, and it is quite probable that several playhouses will be built in Canada, particularly in the west.

"We have taken over the Bennett Enterprises," said Mr. J. C. Duffield. "We now control all the theatres in Canada that formed that circuit. In addition we have joined with some other managers in the United States, such as Keith & Proctor, and Williams and others, to take over the southern and western circuit in the United States. We have theatres in Cincinnati, Louisville, and other places. A new playhouse is being built in Toledo, which will be opened in September. We have in contemplation another house in Columbus. We have other plans, but they are not formulated as yet, and concerning which we can give little or no information."

LONDONERS PASS THEIR EXAMINATIONS

Results in the School of Practical Science.

In the 11st of supplemental examination results of the School of Practical Science, it is announced that Mr. Clayton Eckert, of Queen's avenue, was successful in passing his supplemental in geology of the second year, and Mr. H. L. Roblin completed his term examinations.

In the third year, Mr. F. R. Mortimer, in theory of construction, and Mr. C. E. Richardson in experimental electricity, succeeded in securing the required number of marks.

FIND EIGHT BODIES

Many More Are Expected Dead in Colorado Mine Disaster.

Starkville, Col., Oct. 11.—A telephone message today from the Starkville mine, where 50 or more miners are entombed, stated that the rescue party had found eight dead bodies.

The party is now working in room 31, clearing the after-damp and searching for bodies.

Entry 7, 7, had rooms numbering up to 38. It was along this entry that the pickmen were working on the night of the explosion.

TERRIBLY BURNED

Two Toronto Men Badly Injured Which Pitch Explodes.

[G. N. W. Dispatch.]

Toronto, Oct. 10.—Francis Green and Herbert Marsh, employees of the Canada Foundry Company, were taken to St. Michael's Hospital this morning badly burned about the face and arms as a result of the explosion of a pile of pitch they were attempting to melt. Their condition is said to be very serious.

STEAMERS ARRIVED

Montreal, Oct. 11.—C. P. R. steamer Lakes Manitoba, from Liverpool, arrived at Quebec at 10:30 p.m. Monday; Mount Temple, from Antwerp, arrived at Quebec at 3:30 a.m. Tuesday.

New York, Oct. 11.—Arrived: Kron Prinzessin Cecilie, from Bremen.