

FIRE HORRORS IN MINNESOTA

List of Dead is Greatly Increased by Late Reports—
Number is Now Placed at Four Hundred

BODIES RECOVERED NUMBER 159

Survivors Relate Stories of
Terrifying Experiences—
Women and Children Are
Trampled in Wild Rush

WINNIPEG, Oct. 13.—Reports of staff correspondents at Rainy River indicate that the devastation from Warroad to Beaudette and in the burning districts south of those places is the greatest in the history of American forest fires.

Four hundred lives lost, 159 bodies recovered, and property loss a hundred millions. Fire rangers, owing to the hot condition of the surface and gases arising from the great depth of peat and moss, find it impossible to continue the search far into the interior, but here and there entire families are found, fathers and mothers protecting children with their arms, and all scorched and charred. Groups of seven, and as many as twelve, were found together. Several families arriving (all of the horrors of their terrible experiences in wells, root-houses, and in shallow depths of creeks. Blinded and burned, many are almost dead.

Two hundred typhoid patients had to be hastily removed from the new Beaudette hospital to shacks in Old Beaudette, and many are dying. Vandals have broken loaves, and armed companies of United States soldiers are guarding streets and buildings left standing in Beaudette.

The Rat Portage lumber mill at Rainy River, with yards, is a total loss. The Shevelin-Matthews mill at Spooner is saved, but forty million feet of lumber is burning. Three days have gone by, and people are very anxious, for hundreds of well known settlers have not yet been reported. Five thousand people are homeless. The Winnipeg fire brigade is still at Warroad, fighting off the fires around that town.

Wild Rush From Danger

DULUTH, Minn., Oct. 13.—After being besieged in her fire for nearly all sides, and finally making his escape to the railroad station with an unconscious woman suffering from typhoid fever in his arms, Frank Watson, of Beaudette, Minn., lives to tell the story. He arrived here today, bringing the typhoid patient with him.

"Everything was confusion," he said. "Families became separated in the rush. Women shrieked and children cried. It was everybody for himself, and the mad rush for a place of safety was like a stampede."

"Women with babies in their arms sank to the ground and were trampled under foot. Some held out their babies and asked that they be taken to a place of safety, knowing they were unequal to the task, and resigning themselves to the fate threatened. Men driven half crazy by thinking their families had been lost would run wildly about asking for their relatives. Now and then some would drive back to the burning districts trying to get back to their own. Men tried to get back to the flames, fought back those who attempted to restrain them. Those who got away ran into the billows of fire and are numbered among the dead."

"If the wind drops, Rainy River will be saved, but otherwise the town is in great danger," he said.

"Trunks and valises full of valuables are piled along the railway track in a vain effort to secure them. Vandals are lurking around and stealing the property of the dead and defenceless."

Other refugees tell how wild animals raced wildly about the edge of the fire, and then turned and plunged into the Rainy River and swam across to safety. They followed the light of cattle, which released by their owners at the approach of the flames, fled to safety. Accompanying the horses were hundreds of deer, caribou, moose, and in truth, the cattle lay down with the bears, wild cats and timber wolves. They were all fleeing from a common enemy.

Oscar Johnson, his wife and three children, stood five hours in the river. Beaudette, ducking their heads when the heat became too intense. They saw the water in the river was heated to an uncomfortable temperature, and the steam rose from the surface. When they escaped, it was as through a furnace of dying coals, with here and there a black reaching out for what it might destroy.

Mrs. E. G. Reason, aged sixty, a pioneer, who stood in a freight car with her granddaughter in her arms, says she counted nine bodies along the railway track.

Tales of Horror

Stories of wild animals fleeing for safety side by side with the human beings, of mothers burned to death with babies in their breasts, and of men cremated while endeavoring to shield their children, were among the tales of horror brought in today.

The Duluth Express, when it arrived here today, bore many tales of horror from the scene of the conflagration. The engineer of the train thus describes the situation: "If the fire keeps on the way it is going there will be ninety little left of the population of that part of the country. For miles around Beaudette and Spooner there were large tracts of bush, but it is now swept clear. There have been forests in that part of the country for such a long time that the ground is precisely peat and when the trees fell they set fire to the roots and the earth around the roots."

"From my engine, it appeared that every timber mill in the country had been burned except that of the Shevelin-Matthews company, which is safe. All the lumber in the yards, however, burned like a flash. When we passed through all the territory near the track had been burned over, and was still smoking. All the ties of the road had been charred."

"We stopped every little while to take on people, but most of them got off just outside the danger zone, so that they could go back to what was left of their homes after the fire died down."

One of the most thrilling stories of the situation is given by Mrs. Townsend, of Warroad, a refugee on the Duluth train. She said: "The crowds of people left Warroad last night after midnight, but we do not know whether they reached a place of safety. The town of Beaudette is wholly destroyed. Everyone in Warroad who had a revolver is carrying it. The survivors are desperate, and a great deal of vandalism is abroad. Men are looting, women are looting. If a high wind arose, nothing could save the town of Warroad. When we passed through Sprague we saw that the fire had run right into the Canadian Northern station."

Mrs. Townsend was accompanied in her flight by Mrs. Smith, her child, and Mrs. Taff, wife of the immigration officer of that point. L. E. Foster, of Boston, Mass., came through on the Duluth train.

Refugees Crowd In
WARROAD, Oct. 13.—The situation here is not serious. The people of Warroad will be able to take care of the refugees for at least a week. Both the Canadian Northern and Great Northern have given free transportation out of the fire zone to all who have applied this morning.

News came tonight to the effect that Cedar Spur and Williams, as well as as could be learned there was no loss of life in that vicinity. The whole country south of the border to the large muskeg, fourteen miles below, has been swept clear, but the spread of the flames southward has been slow, and the settlers were able to escape.

Mayor Moodie this afternoon was notified that \$10,000 had been raised by the business men of Crookston to aid the refugees. A telegram also was received that Chisholm, the little Minnesota town that was burned to the ground two years ago, is sending \$500 relief money.

Warroad tonight is overcrowded with fugitives from the fire-stricken district and hotels, boarding houses and private dwellings are packed to capacity.

At 7 o'clock tonight the relief train sent to Salo, on the Great Northern, reached Warroad with about 200 refugees. They had to fly on such short notice that they had little but the clothes on their backs. Women carrying children in their arms and leading others had run six miles through smoke and embers to reach the railroad tracks. The train came in through fire that burned right up to the track on both sides and in some cases the train passed over blazing ties. About a dozen of the stubborn ones who refused to leave their homes were left behind and it is feared that some of them never would be seen alive.

PREMIER SPEAKS TO GREAT CROWD

Sir Wilfrid Laurier's Reception
in Montreal—Many Unable
to Gain Entrance to Monument National

MONTREAL, Oct. 13.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier's appearance at the Monument National here tonight was the occasion of an as great and enthusiastic demonstration as was ever afforded a public man in Canada. For hours before the premier was billed to speak the hall was packed to the doors with cheering thousands.

A great mass of humanity unable to gain admittance lined the streets from the Vigor station to the Monument National, and cheered themselves hoarse as the premier's carriage and his escort passed along.

Sir Lomer Gouin, premier of the province, presided and with him on the platform were Hon. George Graham, Hon. L. P. Brodeur, Hon. Sydney Fisher and numbers of prominent local politicians. There were several minutes of continuous cheering when Sir Wilfrid entered the building and on rising to speak the premier paid his acknowledgments.

Weds Sugar King's Daughter

NEW YORK, Oct. 13.—Miss Alice L. Havemeyer, daughter of John C. Havemeyer, the millionaire sugar refiner, was married yesterday to Thomas D. Moore, of Richmond, Va. The marriage took place at the Havemeyer's residence in Yonkers. Mr. Moore is a wealthy manufacturer. The marriage is the culmination of a romance, the couple having met while cruising around the Mediterranean last year.

Ely Steps Flight

INDIANA HARBOR, Ind., Oct. 13.—Eugene Ely, the aviator, alleged to have fled two miles south of this place late this afternoon, after having covered but 18 miles of his proposed Chicago-New York flight. After he had walked into town and telephoned for assistance, Ely announced that he would not attempt to resume his flight until tomorrow. He declared that his airplane was working badly, and that the airplane had been damaged in making the descent.

The Althea Dancing club have issued invitations for their opening ball, which will take place at the A. O. U. W. hall, Yates street, on Thursday, October 20th.

MINISTERS TAKE OATHS OF OFFICE

Mr. McPhillips, Member for
Islands, Succeeds Mr. Carter
Cotton as President of the
Council

MR. ROSS SWORN IN AS LANDS COMMISSIONER

Election in Fernie on October
22—the Career of the New
Presiding Officer of the
Council

The reconstruction and completion of the cabinet of Hon. Premier McBride was satisfactorily consummated at 11 o'clock yesterday morning, when His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor received all members of the Government with the exception of Hon. Thos. Taylor, who is now touring the provincial interior on public business, and the Hon. William R. Ross, K.C., the Hon. Price-Edison, and the Hon. A. E. McPhillips, K.C., were formally sworn in, respectively as Lands Minister, Minister of Finance and Agriculture, and President of the Council.

Mutual congratulations followed the formal ceremony, and then for the greater part of the afternoon and early evening, the members of the Government were engaged in executive session.

At an earlier sitting of the cabinet, the resignation of Mr. F. L. Carter-Cotton, as President of the Council; Hon. W. J. Bowser, as Minister of Finance and Agriculture; and Hon. Price-Edison as Chief Commissioner of the Department of Lands, were duly accepted.

It is understood that the new Lands Minister, Hon. William R. Ross, will return forthwith to his home in Fernie, where the by-election necessitated by his acceptance of a portfolio, will be brought on without delay, nomination being fixed for Friday, the 15th instant, and the election—should Hon. Mr. Ross' constituents not decide to return their popular member by acclamation—taking place the following day, Saturday, the 22nd instant.

New President of Council

The Hon. Albert Edward McPhillips, K.C., representative of the Islands constituency in the Provincial Assembly, who succeeds Mr. F. L. Carter-Cotton as President of the Council, is a son of Mr. George McPhillips, D.S.L., C.E., and Margaret Leach, his wife, both of Irish birth. His father was a civil engineer in Ireland, who practiced his profession for a short time in New York State and then came to Canada (preferring to be resident under the British flag) and, after the necessary preliminary period, became a Land Surveyor under the late Col. Dennis afterwards Surveyor-General of Canada, and had the honor of surveying the city of Toronto. Immediately after Colonel Sir Garnet Wolseley's expedition to Fort Garry in 1870, Hon. Mr. McPhillips' father took charge of a corps of surveyors despatched to Manitoba to make the Settlement Belt Survey, and took to Manitoba, in his charge, the first subsidy of \$100,000 from the Dominion Government to Fort Garry.

Hon. Mr. McPhillips was born on March 21, 1861, and educated at St. Boniface College and Manitoba College, Winnipeg. He was called to the bar of Manitoba in the Trinity Term of 1882, and shortly thereafter removed to British Columbia, where he has ever since been resident, playing a conspicuous, useful and creditable part in the public life of British Columbia. He was married on Sept. 27, 1886, to Emilia Sophia Davis, daughter of the late Hon. Alexander E. Davis, K.C., for some time Premier of British Columbia, and niece of the late Hon. Theodor Davis, also a provincial Premier and Chief Justice of British Columbia at the time of his demise.

A prominent member of the Provincial Bar, the new President of the Council is also identified with various industrial and commercial enterprises in Victoria city, being a director of the B.C. Market Co., of the Victoria Power Co., and of other corporations.

Hon. Mr. McPhillips was a lieutenant in the Ninetieth Winnipeg Rifles and served throughout the Northwest Rebellion of 1885 under Major-General Sir Frederick Middleton, being present at the actions of Fish Creek and Battleford, for which he received the medal and clasp. He retired in 1890 with the rank of captain.

Hon. Mr. McPhillips was first returned for the city of Victoria in the legislature of British Columbia in 1898 and 1906. He was defeated in 1903, but elected for the Islands district at the general election of 1907, resigning that seat with a greatly increased majority when offering himself for re-election in November last. Hon. Mr. McPhillips was Attorney-General of the first Conservative administration of the British Columbia in 1907, resigning his portfolio on meeting defeat at the polls.

A staunch Roman Catholic, he takes much interest in church matters, and devotes a considerable portion of his leisure time to charitable and benevolent work as honorary counsel to the Children's Aid Society of Victoria, and to the work that is being accomplished under the Children's Protection Act. A steadfast Liberal-Conservative himself, he consistently maintains that best results in and for Canada and its provinces are, under present conditions, to be obtained by uncompromising allegiance to the established political parties.

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Aviator Falls

ST. LOUIS, Oct. 13.—While attempting to make a sharp turn at an altitude of twenty-five feet at the aviation grounds here this afternoon, Ralph Johnson, in a biplane, lost his balance and with the machine fell to the ground.

He was only slightly bruised and was able to get up in a few minutes. The machine was a total wreck. Walter Brook made the third of his sensational high speed slides in St. Louis from an altitude of nearly 2,000 feet. Alfred Leblanc is announced for flights on his monoplane tomorrow.

Engine Crew Killed
BALTIMORE, Md., Oct. 13.—George Ender, engineer, and Roy Hinton, fireman, were killed when a Missouri Pacific freight train was wrecked at Paltam, near here today. Snyder was crushed beneath the engine and Hinton was scalded to death.

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