

DISASTROUS FIRE IN BANGOOR

Whole Business Section of City Wiped Out

\$6,000,000 ESTIMATED LOSS

FAST TRAIN WRECKED AND MANY KILLED

Women May Have Burned To Death In Wreck Of Fast Excursion Train On Pennsylvania Railway.

Easton, Pa., April 30.—Three persons lost their lives, eight are missing, and believed to be dead, and half a hundred others were injured Saturday afternoon at Martin's creek, N. J., in a wreck of an excursion train carrying 170 school teachers and friends from Utica and Syracuse, N. Y., and vicinity, to Washington, for a week's outing. The train was one furnished by the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad, and the accident occurred while it was traveling at a high rate of speed over a stretch of track controlled by the Pennsylvania Railroad. The locomotive jumped the track, the cars toppled over and were set on fire by exploding of oil. The wrecked coaches sideslipped an oil tank stationed along the track when they left the rails. The entire train was quickly enveloped in flames and completely consumed by the fire. The eight missing persons, seven of whom were women who lived in Utica, are believed to have been burned to death in the wreck. The finding of charred bones led the railroad wreckage crew to the conclusion that they are dead. The most seriously injured were removed to the Easton hospital, where two of them, Miss Eleanor E. Rutherford, a Utica teacher, and Chas. M. Pearson, of Stroudsburg, Pa., a Pennsylvania railroad conductor died last night, while W. M. Vanoy, of Trenton, N. J., engineer of the train succumbed early this morning. The physicians at the hospital said late tonight that most of those in the hospital will recover. Those not injured and those who were waiting to return at once to their homes left at Martin's crossing last Saturday night. The cause of the wreck has not yet been determined. The place where the accident occurred had been undergoing repairs and unfinished work may have been responsible for the train leaving the track. Vice-President Sherman was to have given a reception for the teachers in Washington, and it was reported that he was on the ill-fated train. Later, however, it was learned that he had remained at home in Utica, and would leave for Washington tonight.

ENFORCE SANITARY CUP IN SCHOOLS.

Berlin, Ont., April 30.—The board of education has authorized the school to enforce the common drinking cup in

LAURIER AND HIS MINISTER IN A WRANGLE

All Day Session Held On Saturday To Consider Reciprocity Programme — Serious Cleavage Threatened.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, April 30.—The announcement by R. L. Borden in the Commons on Friday that the attitude of the Opposition towards reciprocity was one of uncompromising hostility, and the intimation given in as clear terms as was possible, that the Opposition would exercise the power at its disposal to refuse to allow the agreement to pass through Parliament, have been received by the government with all the seriousness that the situation demands. Mr. Borden, by offering to grant the government supply sufficient to meet the needs of the government, during the time that the premier would be at the Imperial Conference, and the Coronation, has reduced the issue to this, that a refusal to accept the terms of the Opposition leader means that Sir Wilfrid Laurier prefers to remain here to discuss questions affecting the relationship of Canada with the United States rather than go to England and discuss the same questions, which affect the destiny of the British Empire. The position which Mr. Borden assumed is regarded as so powerful by several members of the government that it has caused a cleavage of opinion in the cabinet ranks. A meeting of the cabinet was held on Saturday morning. It lasted all day and did not conclude until one o'clock this morning. This is the longest sitting of the cabinet since Sir Wilfrid Laurier assumed office in 1906. It is understood that the meeting was characterized by bitter debate. Some of the members demanded that an appeal should be made to the country at once on the reciprocity, while others claimed that there should be delay. The premier is understood to favor an early election, but Mr. Fielding opposed this course. The attitude of the finance minister may be traced to the fact that the agreement has not been received well in Nova Scotia, where it was anticipated reciprocity would be acclaimed. The Conservatives believe that Mr. Fielding himself will be defeated at the next election. The debate on reciprocity will be resumed in the house tomorrow by the government, who will not yet begin to force the issue. There are several Liberal speakers still to come.

AN OPEN LETTER FROM SIR CHARLES TUPPER TO HON. WILLIAM S. FIELDING

The province in a desperate attempt to bring the plan, Sir Charles went out to Canada last following year, and cured him of his folly, by obtaining the support of 15 out of the 21 members for the government of Sir John A. Macdonald. Sir Charles then discussed the fisheries question, quoting Sir Alan Aylesworth as to the permanent value of the codfishery, and himself, proceeding he points out that Sir John A. Macdonald's espousal of reciprocity was entirely due to the necessity of fighting the continental free trade ideas of Sir Wilfrid Laurier. He charges Mr. Fielding with mistating his position in the House when Mr. Fielding brought in his tariff of 1897. The contention of Sir Charles is that the Fielding tariff he condemned, and the condemnation Mr. Fielding cites, referred to an entirely different thing from the Fielding tariff finally passed, Mr. Fielding having amended the tariff in 1906. In 1872 the opponents of Confederation were unable to elect a single member to oppose the government of which Mr. Howe and himself were members. In 1886 when Mr. Fielding carried

THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE, THEIR HOMES LAID LOW, SPENT NIGHT IN STREET

Blaze which Broke Out Yesterday Afternoon Laid Half of Prosperous City in Ashes—One Man Killed by Falling Wall—City Under Martial Rule.

Many Big Business Blocks Burned, Several Banks and Public Library Gone—Other Maine Towns Send Aid, but Tornado of Flame was not Under Control Until Early this Morning.

Bangor, Me., April 30.—Property valued at upwards of \$6,000,000 was destroyed, hundreds of people made homeless and almost the entire business section of the city obliterated during the first six hours of a conflagration which at midnight was still raging, though the firemen seemed to be making some headway. One life is known to have been lost, an unknown man being killed by a falling wall after his clothing had taken fire. Mayor Mallen placed the city under martial law, Portland, Lewiston, Augusta, Old Town, Brewer and every other city and town within reach, were asked for help and sent. The fire started in a hay shed of J. Frank Green, on Broad street, and in a short time was sweeping through the city in a northwesterly direction, a tornado of flames beyond the power of the firemen to stay. Business Blocks Wiped Out. Before midnight both sides of Exchange street from York to State, both sides of State street from Kenduskeag stream to Broadway, a considerable part of Central and Franklin streets, and the public library and other structures, all of which were reduced to ashes. The city was soon shut off from telephonic communication by the burning of the central office of the New England Telephone and Telegraph Co., and calls for aid from Portland, Lewiston and Augusta were sent out by wire chief who climbed a pole and cut in on a trunk line. Both telegraph companies' offices were burned during the early stages of the conflagration, but they established temporary offices outside the zone and communication was resumed. In addition to the fire at the corner of Broad and Exchange streets the firemen found a blaze in a bicycle repair shop in the rear of the telephone office. Both fires spread with much rapidity, that the firemen were helpless. City Well Escaped. One of the few buildings to escape destruction was the city hall. This was in the district which was laid over and it was hardly scorched. An ineffectual attempt was made to stay the progress of the flames by dynamiting several blocks located in a triangle formed by Hammond and Central streets, and Kenduskeag stream, but the fire bridged the chasm and continued with unabated fury. Help from outside cities began to arrive soon after 9 o'clock, the Augusta department being the first to arrive, and to it was assigned the duty of saving the residential district if possible. Among the buildings burned during the early stages of the fire, were the Haynes and Chalmers building, the Hodgkins block, the Mink buildings, the Fairbanks and Co. building, and the Bangor public library. Then followed the telephone offices the post office, the Morse Oliver block, a seven-story structure in which was located the offices of the Bangor and Aroostook railway; the Windsor Hotel and several churches. Telephone and telegraph offices were stuck to their posts and sent out information and calls for help until they had not a moment to spare to make their escape. The associate press office, the post office, the telegraph office, the Windsor Hotel and several churches. Telephone and telegraph offices were stuck to their posts and sent out information and calls for help until they had not a moment to spare to make their escape. The associate press office, the post office, the telegraph office, the Windsor Hotel and several churches. Telephone and telegraph offices were stuck to their posts and sent out information and calls for help until they had not a moment to spare to make their escape. The associate press office, the post office, the telegraph office, the Windsor Hotel and several churches. Telephone and telegraph offices were stuck to their posts and sent out information and calls for help until they had not a moment to spare to make their escape.

WHAT BRINGS EARL GREY BACK FROM WINNIPEG?

His Excellency Cuts Short His Western Trip and Hurries Back to Capital—Known to be "Much Perturbed" at Political Crisis in Ottawa.

Ottawa, April 30.—Earl Grey is coming home tomorrow from Winnipeg. His excellency is returning somewhat earlier than had been expected on account of the visit of Ambassador Bryce, who comes Tuesday as his guest. The ambassador had arranged to come to Ottawa, some weeks ago, but had to cancel his visit till now. There is said to be no foundation for a story sent out from Winnipeg that Earl Grey has been summoned from Winnipeg by reason of the political situation here. There is no significance in the ambassador's visit. He will consult the authorities on the question of Canada's representation at the international conferences on pelagic seal at Washington, May 23rd. The depletion of the seal and walrus is to be considered. It is understood Joseph Pope, C. M. G., will go to look after Canada's interests in the matter. Winnipeg, April 30.—There is no disposition in well informed circles here to attach undue significance to the return of the vice-regal party to Ottawa Saturday night, although it had been hoped that their excellencies would be here for the musical festival of empire under the direction of the Sherfield Choir, this week. It is known that it there was any change in plans, and even this is not certain for the special train was scheduled several days ago, it was on the initiative of His Excellency himself and not due to any request from the Ottawa government. It is no secret that Earl Grey is much perturbed at the prospect of the absence of Sir Wilfrid Laurier

SCHOONER HAD HARD FIGHT WITH STORMS.

Boston, April 30.—With her crew exhausted from a two weeks struggle with storms, and her flag half mast for Mate James Hurper of Baltimore, who was swept overboard and drowned on April 29, of Hattaras, the four-masted schooner Lydia M. Deering was towed into Boston harbor today. She had lost her sails and deck load of railroad ties.

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J. G. TUNDIFF MAY SUCCEED PREMIER SCOTT

Reported That Regina Member May Head Saskatchewan Ministry—Sold Ottawa Residence And Will Return Home

Special to The Standard.

Ottawa, April 30.—J. G. Turfitt, M. P. for Assiniboia, is about to change his residence from Ottawa to Regina. He has sold his house here. It is understood that he has been asked to consider himself as the successor of Premier Scott of Saskatchewan who is compelled to retire from politics on account of ill health. Just as soon as he can get away Mr. Turfitt will proceed to Regina. There have been rumors that Mr. Scott will enter the federal cabinet. These may be dismissed as absurd.