

MISS McLEOD SELECTS CHAPERON

300 LIVES LOST IN FIRE ON CANADIAN BORDER

Four Towns in Northern Minnesota Wiped Out, Leaving 5,000 People Homeless.

75 Bodies Recovered and Many More in Ruins -- Refugees at Fort William.

C. N. R. Plays Part in Relief Work -- Rainy River Afire on Canadian Side.

Special to The Standard.

Fort William, Ont., Oct. 9.—Over a thousand people are homeless as the result of the forest fires which completely destroyed yesterday the towns of Beaudette and Spooner, Minn., about 200 miles west of here on the C. N. R. The people have only what they had on their backs when the fire caught them.

It is feared that hundreds of settlers south of here have perished, as it is known yesterday they were packing up to come to town, but have not reached here yet. One man named Ramsey, ran with a child in his arms seven miles to town and reported several families behind him, but they have not turned up yet.

The fire broke out about six o'clock in the west of the town of Beaudette, and half an hour later both that town and Spooner were enveloped in flames. The C. N. R. sent an engine and 50 empty box cars to the relief of the stricken ones, and fifteen minutes later all who could, reached the station on the Canadian side, although it looked as if they were going out of the frying pan into the fire, as the town of Rainy River was on fire in several places, the Rat Portage Lumber Company at that point losing the entire plant and yards.

The Solving lumber yards at Spooner, just across the Beaudette River from Beaudette, were entirely consumed, the concern losing over one hundred and fifty million feet of sawn lumber, and having great difficulty in saving the planing and saw mill.

Worst on Record.

The fire is regarded as the most disastrous in the history of northern Minnesota and Western Ontario. A number of lives were lost and the damage to property will amount up into the millions.

Down trains report the right of way strewn with corpses, five being found between here and five miles west. They were endeavoring to get away from the fire and got on one track only to be burned to death between the rails. The bodies were destitute of clothing, everything being burned except the shoes, one mother being found with a six months baby lashed to her breast, both so completely charred by flames as to be unrecognizable.

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ROBERT PARKER WILL HANG FOR MURDER

Belleville Jury Deliberate Five Hours on Fate of Alleged Slayer of William Masters -- Execution Dec. 3.

Special to The Standard.

Belleville, Ont., Oct. 8.—Robert Parker, who was found guilty of murdering Wm. Masters on April 8th, was sentenced to be hanged on Saturday, December 3. The jury were deliberating on the case for five hours. Sentence was pronounced by Chief Justice Sir Wm. Mulock at 4 o'clock this morning.

DECAPITATED MAN A NEWFOUNDLANDER

Portland, Me., Oct. 9.—Miss M. C. Wilson, of Northampton, Mass., came here today and identified the man decapitated in the Maine Central yards Friday as her cousin, Peter White. She arranged to have the body sent to St. John's, Nfld., which was his home.

ROYAL EXILES BRITISH GUESTS



THE DEPOSED KING IN HIS ROBES OF OFFICE.

Lisbon, Oct. 9.—The religious congregations are for the time being the chief objects of public attention, and preparations are being made for a general expulsion. Two hundred and thirty-three nuns are gathered at the naval arsenal, ready to be sent out of the country. The children who have been under the guardianship of the convents and monasteries have been returned to their families. Cardinal Joseph Sebastian Neto, ex-patriarch of Lisbon, is among the ecclesiastics expelled. The bishop of Beja has also crossed the frontier.

The provisional minister of justice, Alfonso Costa, said in an interview today: "The solution of the problem of the congregations is not difficult. The government only needs to prevent a continuance of religious settlements, all of which are illegal. The dissolution will occur without trouble, and the confiscation of property will follow in due course."

Last evening there was great excitement in various parts of the city in consequence of attacks upon convents, particularly the assault against the Jesuit monastery in the Rua Do Quehas, which was surrounded by shouting crowds. Cavalry patrolled the streets and from time to time rifle shots were heard. It was impossible to ascertain from what direction the shots came. Sailors guarding the Mercedes chapel entered that edifice but found nothing. It is believed, however, that underground passages connect the convents and that those who were responsible for the shooting made their escape through these.

Royal Party Djambark.

Gibraltar, Oct. 9.—The fugitive royal family of Portugal, left the yacht Amelita today and are now the guests of the governor at government house. The yacht sails for Lisbon tonight. She will enter the harbor without displaying any flag and will be turned over to the government. The people of Gibraltar gave the exiles a warm welcome.

When they attended mass at St. Mary's church this morning, the edifice was crowded and thousands had congregated outside. King Manuel and queen mother drove from the yacht in government carriages with the members of their suite, the governor's aide, the admiral of the port and his flag lieutenant attending them. The people along the route cheered enthusiastically and the king and queen mother bowed their acknowledgments smilingly. At the entrance of the church Monsignor Chincota received them and conducted them to seats near the high

altar, not far from the beautiful stained-glass windows which were recently placed as memorials to the murdered King Carlos and the Crown Prince. On their departure from the church the members of the party were cheered again. Before he left the yacht King Manuel said farewell to all the crew who kissed his hand.

While the others were attending church the Dowager Queen Maria Pia landed and drove to government house. The whole party had lunch with the Governor, Sir Archibald Hunter. Sentries were doubled and strong police patrols were stationed outside the house. Quantities of baggage and furniture have been unloaded from the yacht. Apparently they had been placed on board some time ago in preparation for a possible flight.

Proclaimed a Colony. New Goa, Goa, Oct. 8.—The Republic of Portugal was proclaimed here last evening amidst popular demonstrations. The Portuguese gunboat Sade fired a salute, and the crew cheered. The Governor general has resigned. Goa is a territory of India belonging to Portugal, and is situated on the western coast. New Goa is the capital.

Collecting False Reports.

Lisbon, Oct. 9.—The expulsion of the monks has begun. No time will be lost in driving them across the frontier. Several hundred nuns have been assembled and will be transported out of the city. The authorities utter a warning against the fantastically exaggerated reports constantly finding currency among the excited and imaginative people. The affair at Quelhas Monastery was not very serious, but the whole interior, particularly of the church, was wrecked and deserted, and the organ was destroyed by soldiers and civilians who invaded the buildings in the search for underground passages, by which they imagined priests and municipal guards, erroneously suspected of hiding there, made their escape. No secret passages were discovered, but the searchers tore down walls and benches and even the altar in their vain endeavor.

Each day apparently adds to the stability of the republic. The members of the new administration assert that adherence to the new principles has been given by outlying towns and districts. Openly there are no royalist forces to oppose the forces of the republic, and Lisbon, after two days of bloodshed and a further brief period of disorder, is quite as peaceful as weeks before the rising took place.

52 ENTOMBED BY EXPLOSION AT STARKVILLE

Heroic Efforts Being Made to Rescue Colorado Miners -- Portable Fan Rushed Ahead to Dispel Gas.

WORKED ALL DAY IN VAIN EFFORT.

Starkville, Colo., Oct. 9.—Entombed by an explosion in the Starkville mine of the Colorado Fuel and Iron Company, at least fifty-two men are the objects of heroic efforts by rescuers, who worked all day trying to penetrate the black depths of the mine in the hope that some or practically all imprisoned miners might be saved. Black damp made the work of the rescuers extremely hazardous and repeatedly members of parties were overcome, necessitating retreat to open air. Late today those superintending the work of rescue decided that none should enter the mine until a portable fan was installed. Rescue work was therefore called off for the time being. The fan reached the portal of the mine at 4 o'clock, and under the supervision of the chief electrician of the Colorado Fuel and Iron Company, it was mounted upon an electric car and gradually pushed forward into the new slope.

It worked as it went, driving the gas ahead, and it was hoped to an air shaft thousands of feet inside the mine where the gas might escape into the open air.

The greatest caution was exercised that the motor carrying the fan was not advanced too rapidly, otherwise a sudden rush of gas or kick-back, would overwhelm the men operating the machine and snuff out their lives. According to a statement by the coroner, there are known to be in the mine 27 Poles, one Russian, six Americans, four Mexicans, two Servians, 10 Italians and one negro.

MORE ENTRIES FOR HOMESTEADS

Increase of 12,000 in Number Granted First Half of Present Year Over Same Period in 1909.

Special to The Standard.

Ottawa, Oct. 9.—For the first eight months of the present calendar year, January 1st to August 31st, the homestead entries in western Canada numbered 36,916, as compared with the 24,329 entries for the corresponding period of 1909.

In each of the prairie provinces there was an increase as compared with the corresponding months of last year. Manitoba, having 2042 entries as against 1672 in 1909; Saskatchewan, 20,692 as against 12,587 in 1909; and Alberta 14,013 as against 9933 in 1909.

For the month of August alone the entries numbered 3500 of which 1225 were made by Canadian born persons, some of whom have just returned from the United States; 825 entries were made by United States citizens; 715 entries by English, Scotch and Irish; 226 by Scandinavians and the balance by French, Belgians, Germans and other immigrants from continental Europe.

TO NEW SUBSCRIBERS.

The addition of so many new names to the Standard circulation lists means considerable extra work in this office. It should not be expected that all these papers will be started immediately, as several days will be required to get the subscription lists in perfect shape. All subscriptions received on Saturday are being dated one week ahead and it is hoped that by the end of the present week the papers will be going regularly. Those who fail to receive the Standard for a day or two will therefore bear in mind that the delay is caused by the rush of work, and will confer a favor by waiting patiently for a short time. If, however, there are any who do not receive their papers regularly after Monday next, they should report the matter promptly to this office.

HURRICANE FINISH TO STANDARD'S TRIP CONTEST



EUGENE ELY.

LONE ENTRANT IN AIR RACE FLIES 11 MILES

New York to Chicago Race Narrows Down to One Aviator -- In Air Only Twelve Minutes.

Chicago, Ill., Oct. 9.—Eugene Ely, lone entrant in the Chicago-New York aeroplane flight started on the test this afternoon, but remained in the air only 12 minutes. At that he travelled 11 miles and landed where a fresh start will be made tomorrow. The young aviator was ended because of a clogged carburetor. Repairing this was a matter of a few moments, but in the rapidly gathering dusk in trying to start again, he ran the machine into a rock and the front running wheel was torn away. A new wheel was brought up and the force of mechanics began work while Ely went to Gary to spend the night in a special car.

"To an aviator such mishaps are anticipated; they are not even annoying," said Ely. "I'll start fresh at six o'clock tomorrow morning and if the wind is like it was today I'll not stop of my own will until I reach South Bend, Ind., and not long at that place."

Two hours before the start Curtiss, Willard, McCurdy, Ely and a number of mechanics went over the biplane with the most careful scrutiny. The propeller developed a "thrust" of 120 pounds, worn tires were replaced and nuts and screws were tightened. To make assurance doubly sure, Curtiss made a flight of a few moments and upon alighting pronounced the Boston Racer, as the machine is called, ready for the start. There were 20 gallons of gasoline in the tank to feed the 60 horsepower eight cylinder engine and lubricating oil in proportion—enough to have carried the flyer 150 miles.

Ely was garbed from head to foot in light brown leather. On his right wrist was a compass and in front of him, attached to the machine, was a watch. The latter indicated precisely 4:11 o'clock when the propeller began whirling. In nine seconds the aviator had left the earth and after a short turn set his course in the direction of South Bend. A snappy wind was on his quarter, almost at his back. That it was a great accelerator of his speed is shown by the fact that in the 12 minutes he was in flight he covered 11 miles. A telephone message from La Porte, Ind., said that a crowd of 50,000 persons awaited the aviator at the city square from South Bend said that 75,000 were awaiting his arrival at that place where he had expected to spend the night.

95 FOOT CHANNEL FOR ST. LAWRENCE

Hon. L. P. Brodeur Announces that Five Years Work Will Be Devoted to Deepening River by Five Feet.

Montreal, Oct. 9.—Hon. L. P. Brodeur, minister of marine and fisheries, who returned from his annual tour of operations of the St. Lawrence channel from Montreal to the sea, made the important announcement of his return, that the work of securing a 35-foot channel will be vigorously proceeded with. The channel is now of a uniform depth of thirty feet. Two dredges below Quebec and seven above and a number more to be built, the minister said, will go ahead deepening the channel to 35 feet. Mr. Brodeur said it took ten years to deepen the channel from 25 to 30 feet, and five years more will be spent in securing the additional five feet. Mr. Brodeur also announced that steps would be taken to secure lower insurance rates.

Over a Million and a Half Votes Cast--Miss Cowan, Miss Baker, Miss Burgess, Miss Smith, Miss McLeod, Miss Taylor, Miss Magee and Miss Hoyt District Winners--Miss Andrews Wins Extra Trip.

Miss McLeod, Having Greatest Vote, Chose Miss Nan MacBrearty as Chaperon-- Report of Judges Shows Final Count--Greatest Contest Ever Inaugurated in St. John.

To The Standard Co., Ltd., Publishers of the St. John Standard.

Gentlemen—We, the undersigned judges, have canvassed the final vote in The Standard's New York City and Bermuda Islands contest and find the winning contestants to be as follows:—

Table with 2 columns: Name and Vote. Maud Cowan (District No. 1) 259,048; Hannah Baker (District No. 2) 66,298; Mabel Burgess (District No. 3) 103,258; Eva Smith (District No. 5) 134,453; Louise McLeod (District No. 6) Chaperon 286,390; Minnie Taylor (District No. 7) 47,967; Emily Magee (District No. 8) 30,106; Rosa Hoyt (District No. 9) 46,648; Beatrice Andrews (Extra trip winner) 114,836.

Signed, FRANK C. SMITH, D. G. LINGLEY.

In the presence of contestants, their representatives and many other interested friends, The Standard's great New York City and Bermuda contest ended in a blaze of glory Saturday evening. Never had such widespread interest been manifested in St. John and the whole province of New Brunswick in a similar event, and it would be hard to find a resident in the city or province who has not been approached in the interest of either one or more candidates. The ballot box received its last contribution about 10 o'clock and the count almost immediately took place. Continued on page 3.

CHIEF RIDEOUT ON TRAIL OF SUSPECTS

Three Strangers in Albert Co. Believed to Have Been Implicated in Safe Cracking-- Told Conflicting Stories.

Special to The Standard. Moncton, N. B., Oct. 9.—Chief of Police Rideout went out Salsbury Road today in search of three men believed to have conspired in the burglary at Crandall & Carter's store in Salsbury last week. He learned they had been at several places, one saying they had run away from a vessel at St. John and at another stating that they were from Maine en route to Sydney looking for work. Apparently, however, they have escaped.

STEAMER CALLS AT HALIFAX FOR COAL

The Strathgarry Unable to Make Proper Time, Takes 25 Days for Passage from Bombay.

Special to The Standard. Halifax, Oct. 9.—Twenty-five days out from Bombay for Philadelphia, with a cargo of ore, the steamer Strathgarry made her way into port today with her bunkers empty. The steamer had an exceedingly trying passage from India and this is the second port she has had to make for coal, having called at Algiers. The steamer has been out from Glasgow for three years and her bottom is in such a dirty condition that she has only been able to make about six knots an hour while her regular speed is ten knots. Her crew is composed of Chinamen.

BOY KILLED BY AUTO. Boston, Mass., Oct. 9.—Henry Wolfe aged 15 years, a son of Prof. John E. Wolfe, of Newton, a member of the

WOMAN BURNED TO DEATH AT OTTAWA

While Cooking Dinner Mrs. Dennis Murphy's Clothes Caught Fire and She Died of Injuries in Hospital.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Ont., Oct. 9.—While cooking dinner today the clothes of Mrs. Dennis Murphy, of Clarence street, caught fire. She rushed out of the house and back again. Her husband, who was asleep upstairs, heard her cries, but not before she had sustained terrible injuries, from which she expired in the hospital a couple of hours later.

\$12,000 FIRE AT KITTERY, MAINE

Family of Ten Driven From Home in Night Clothes -- Two Stores Also Destroyed -- Unknown Origin.

Kittery, Me., Oct. 9.—The family of Charles E. Phillips, consisting of Mr. and Mrs. Phillips and eight children, were forced to leave their home scantily clad at an early hour today by a fire which later destroyed it, together with two stores. The loss was about \$12,000. The fire started from an unknown cause in the bakery of Morton Seaward, which it burned. The novelty store of John C. Stafford also was destroyed. Five other houses caught fire, but the combined Portsmouth and Kittery departments managed to save them.

Harvard college faculty, was run over and killed by an automobile while riding a motor cycle on Commonwealth Ave., late today. The automobile was driven by John B. Macswain, of the Hotel Westminster, Boston.