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FOURTEEN PAGES—TUESDAY MORNING JULY 1 1913— FOURTEEN PAGES

## PORTHERN ONTARIO BUSH FIRES THREATEN MANY POINTS ON T. N.O. EARLTON REPORTED WIPED OUT

hornloe Saved After Battle With Flames, But Cochrane, South Porcupine, Heaslip, Matheson and Other Settlements in Danger of Destruction--Woods After Two Weeks' Drought Are Dry as Tinder and Wide Spread of Flames is Feared.

Earlton Village, junction point of the Elk Lake branch of the Timisning and Northern Ontario Railway, is in danger of being wiped out bush fires; Thornloe, on the T. N. O. main line between New Liskeard Englehart, was partly burned, and South Porcupine, Heaslip and atheson are in danger. Unless a heavy rain falls within the next 24 urs it is feared that the devastations of the flames will cover a huge a and that the history of the disastrous Porcupine conflagration of ly, 1911, will be repeated.

While reports received from the north do not refer to loss of life, rehension exists for the safety, not only of residents of villages along line of the T. N. O., but also for prospectors and tourists in the North-Ontario woods. There has been practically no rain for two weeks and woods are dry as tinder.

UTH PORCUPINE THREATENED. The bush fire which threatens the Town of South Porcupine is raging hort distance west of there and is being driven towards the town by avy wind. Word of the fires has been sent all along the line of the T. & O. and assistance is being rushed to their aid: H. W. Griffin, superintendent of traffic of the T. & N. O. Commission,

red the Toronto office last night as follows: "Bad fire, Thornloe, station buildings in danger. Have ordered train w there to render every assistance.

"Serious bush fire short distance west of South Porcupine. Wind very vy. Fire traveling for Town of South Porcupine. People anxious. holding crew, train 51, in readiness at Timmins to render every assist-Timmins is situated about 4 1-2 miles west of South Porcupine. CHRANE THREATENED.

Later in the evening it was learned by Mr. McGee that a bad fire was ging in the vicinity of Cochrane, and that at Earlton the station was eatened. The crew of the yard engine was kept in readiness to give assistance necessary. At Matheson another fire was reported, and T. & N. O. train No. 97 was ld up. The crew will be on hand in case help is needed at that point.

Heaslip also reported a fire in the vicinity, but the danger of it gainmuch headway was not very great. The fire at Thornloe now is under control and the railway station I other property is safe.

EARLTON WIPED OUT.

Woods Like Tinder.

are doing everything possible to pro-

A heavy and prolonged rain is need-

Many Reported Homeless COBALT, June 30 .- (Special.) -- It reported that the whole Town of riton, a small station 26 miles north ing & Northern Ontario Railway, is cobalt, on T, and N. O. Railway, is been wiped out by bush fires and any of the inhabitants rendered any of the inhabitants rendered on the north reports that station in the north reports that station in the contact of the inhabitants rendered on the inh om the north reports that station all surrounding buildings have a destroyed, and that some of the Two hotels, two sawmills, the Methodaches of the train were set on fire ist church and six other building had it rushed blockade of flery furnace ternoon when the Timiskaming & Norflame. All communication north of Iton with Porcupine and Cochrane fire and was wiped out, stopping wire clamored for Blythe to "open up," but communication so that further details it is thought that forty is a conservative estimate. sush fires have been raging in the ghborhood for the past three or four ys. Near the station which is the action point for Elk Lake road. ere is a big lumber mill, and this arly sent the town to destruction years ago when the whole north ablaze. The bush is dangerously it, and some settler's fire fanned high wind which raged all day, ie the fire irresistable. There is

Danger is Widespreadsevere drought of two weeks de north in aflame with pillars louds by day and clouds of fire by ht. Today wherever there is a dement in the bush, the inhabitants in danger. There is no news of cupine or north, but everything all right at noon today. Matheson the Porcupines, practically all ns along the T. and N. O. north of slehart, are more or less imperilled ush fires, but since wires are down efinite news is to hand ed badly to relieve the situation.

## Heavy Imports in U.S.

NEW YORK, June 30 .- (Can. Press.)—Customs house merchandise imports at this port for the fiscal year ended today aggregate \$1,045,364,643. This is a new high record. Customs officials say soundness in gen-eral business conditions is reflected in the billion dollar mark, because a reduction had been expected in anticipation of tariff revisions. The figures for the previous tweive months ending June 30, 1912, were \$995,132,046.

Crowd of Forty Impatient Lads, Stamping on Narrow Planking Leading to Civic Bathhouse in Lawrence, Mass., Heap to Rushing River.

LAWRENCE, Mass., June 30 .- (Can. Press.)-A narrow wooden walk lead- fusal of these claims was immediately ing over fifteen feet of water to the NORTH BAY, Ont., June 30 .- (Can municipal bath house in the Merrimac Press.)—Earlton Villiage, 128 miles River, today gave way under the been forced to consider is that the north of North Bay, on the Timiskam stamping feet of a crewd of impatient dain was destroyed thru the spite of

was a thriving village, with a good stretch of planking that led to the bath develo ist church and six other building had been destroyed by the flames this afmany there were in the party that thern Ontario Railway Station caught

For two weeks there has been fittle or no rain in the north country and, with hour for "opening" the boys were let-Eight minutes before the appointed the abundant material dry as tinder, bush fires have been spreading and gathering strength, until many towns are menaced by the worst of conflaare menaced by the worst of confla-grations, when the whole country the foot of the incline sank. A sec-seems on fire and even the earth burns. ond later the walk extension dropped Thornloe, Heaslip, Matheson and like a trapdoor and the boys rolled South Porcupine are among the places threatened by the approaching flames into the river.

A Struggling Mass.

and much apprehension is felt. Timis-kaming and Northern Ontario officials There is a swift current at this point, drawn by the falls a quarter of vide emergency measures and trains where bush fires may attack the set-tlements and every precaution will be a mile below, and the lade were caught tlements and every precaution will be taken to fight back the flames if posall disappeared in a flash, but a mo-ment later there was a struggling sible, and if not to carry the people to mass on the surface. The stronger ones who could swim struck out for the boathouse and a score saved themselves. Their cries brought aid and several others were pulled ashore Five unconscious forms were brought from the water and two of these finaly succumbed.

Boats and grappling irons were brought and the river bed was drag-ged. When the work ceased late tonight 12 bodies had been recovered. Most of the youths were from the mill district and when word of the accident reached these homes thousands crowded the river bank. In the confusion fathers and mothers lost track of their children and fear that they had been in the swimming party caused the parents to besiege the police with enquiries. This led to conflicting reports of the number drowned.

and Seven Others Were Rescued by a Fireman.

Two fires of incendiary origin oc curred in the east end last night, and the police have been asked by the owners of the two stables which were destroyed to endeavor to find the persons who set the places on fire. Shortly after 11 o'clock a stable in the rear of 382 East Queen street was set on fire and three horses were burned to death. Controller Foster owns the premises, which are rented by two Italian fruit

dealers. The loss is \$1000.

R. J. Fleming's stable, in the rear of Wilton avenue, next door to the fire station, was also burned. The premises are rented by Fred. Freeland, a lineman found a twenty-inch green and the fire was started in the loft of snake tangled in some wires on a pole, the stable. Seven horses were in the The snake had crawled to the top of the place, and were released by Lieut. Ferguson of Wilton avenue fire station. The loss will be \$500.

Witness.

Accused of Poisoning Hus-

band, Will Be Held in Jail

Until November Assizes-

Strong Attack Made on

Evidence of Chief Crown

WOODSTOCK, June 30-(Special.)-

Mrs. Grace Beemer, the Blenheim

Township woman charged with the

muider of ther husband. Fred E.

Beemer, by administering poison, will

have to stand trial at the fall assizes,

which will be held this year in Novem-

ber. At 2:15 this afternoon, she was

committed for trial by Magistrate A.

S. Ball, and she has been remanded

to jail until that time, altho her at-

torney, W. T. McMullen, promises to

take up the question with the at-

torney-general's department, in an en-

deavor to have her liberated in the

On account of Mrs. Beemer's de

licate condition, today's session of the

preliminary hearing was held in the

corridor of the woman's department

of the county jail. The accused wo-

man appeared to be much more ner-

vous than on previous occasions, and

the scene when two of her children

and some friends entered the corridor.

was intensely pathetic, Mrs. Beemer

sobbed and moaned thruout the en

Attack Mason's Testimony. Six witnesses were called by the de-

fence today, the defence counsel cn-

story of John Mason, the young Eng-

lishman, who at a recent hearing

swore that he had seen the prisoner

pour some white stuff out of a bottle

labelled poison into an egg cup. Mrs.

David Troup, Mrs. John Bright, neigh-

bors, and Miss Toresa Beemer, a daughter, stated that they had never seen an egg cup of any description

in the Beemer home. These witnesses

had sied repeatedly about his wife.

James Smart, Mason's present em-

talk with Beeiner one week preceding his death, and Beemer appeared to be very despondent, and when asked what

was the matter, replied: "Any man who owes everything that he has and

more is better dead than alive."
"I urged him to cheer up and told

ing about moving to Galt, where they could educate the children better than

in the country. Beemer asked the witness many questions regarding the

cost of living, etc. Witness stated that he had never heard a word of dis-sension all the time he had known

evidence to prove any such charge as

Special to The Toronto World. NEW YORK, June 30.—G. O. Tidden

**EDITOR IS DEAD** 

Mr. and Mrs. Beemer.
Urged Dismissal of Case.

deavoring to discredit the sensational

tire bearing

Blowing Up of Dam in North- Blenheim Township Woman ern Ontario a Fortnight Ago, Followed by Quick Gathering of Evidence by Provincial Officers - Suspicion Rests on Farmers.

The provincial police are planning a round-up of dynamiters in Northern Ontario. For two weeks special officers hav; been at work in the Gull Lake region, gathering shreds of evidence in connection with the blowing up of the Miss'ssippi Development Co. dam, and it is expected that within few days the strings will be drawn ogether. Two hundred dollars for he arrest and conviction of the guilty parties has been offered, and the ilegal interest of several in the circumstances has been learned by the authorities.

It is further thought that investigation will not need to be pushed outside of the immediate neighborhood of Gull Lake.

The explosion occurred on June 13, shortly after the company had put their plant it running order, and were testing out the hydraulic power. The whole enterprise, it is understood, was ot welcomed by the farmers of the vicinity, because of the change in ake level which would follow. Several Precipitated in Struggling of these, on the grounds that their interests would be severely interfered with entered claims for recompense. They, however, in every case were refused because of the high figures askprior to the explosion.

days.

The department has learned the source of the explosive used. The fact that a much larger quantity than that actually required, was utilized. peinted to any casy source of supply, and in some disused mines in the district it was discovered that a considerable quantity had been left, and later removed. This was evidently stolen and used in the blowing up of the

The police at the present time are concluding investigations, and several convictions are looked for.

# for me even the plate I eat off is lost." Witness told Beemer to rent the farm and apply the rent to the mortgage. He also urged him to sell his stock and go to Galt, where he could make good money with his team. Beemer replied that Grace (Mrs. Beemer) and himself had been talk-

Carpenters Protest Against Ignoring of Demand That Canal Employes Get Higher Pay.

BRANTFORD, June 30 .- (Can. Press.)—The resignation of Hon. Frank Cochrane, minister of railways and canals, was demanded at the meeting here of the provincial conference of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Mason, the crown's chief witness United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Mason, the crown's chief witness Joiners of America today. The resolution was: "Whereas the efforts of our that he was mentally deficient. He also referred to him as an English organization have so far proved in-waif and a half demented Englishman. effective in having the wages of the government employes in the gate yards

Wall and a nan demented Englishman. In his opinion it was a most cold blooded action to keep a woman in Mrs. Beemer's condition locked in all sumof the Welland Canal raised to the mer, while there was not a tittle of standard of the district.

"And whereas the same reflects upon the honesty of the Dominion Govern- FAMOUS BASEBALL conditions on all work and supplies;

"Be it resolved, that the Ontario provincial conference assembled at Passed Away From Typhoid Fever. Three Horses Burned to Death Brantford, representing over 2000 carpenters, call on the premier to remove penters, call on the premier to remove from his position the Hon. Frank Cochrane, and appoint a man as minister of railways and canals who will act in harmony with this policy of the government and in sympathy with the workmen.

"And that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the premier and to the comparison of the position of the New York World, died this morning, aged 57. He took a chill at the opening game at Ebbetts Field on April 14, the Brooklyn Club having been given the right to open its new field the given the right to open its new field the veloped into typhoid fever and a complication of aliments which resulted in his death today. He had an exceptionally

be forwarded to the premier and to the press."

plication of aliments which resulted in his death today. He had an exceptionally wide acquaintance among baseball men all over the country. He will be buried Wednesday.

### SNAKE WAS TANGLED IN ELECTRIC WIRES

Special to The Toronto World. MULLINS, S.C., June 30 .- All the electric lights in town went out suddenly last night, and stayed out. This morning pole, and, coming in contact with the wires, forced a short circuit, put out the lights, and incidentally died.

## WATER TAKES TOLL OF THREE SEEKING RELIEF FROM HEAT; CROWDS OF WATCHERS IN PERIL

Lake, Humber and Bay Swell Total of Season's Drownings -Five Hundred Onlookers at Sunnyside Held Back b Police Squad-Swimmer Sinks Midway in River.

### Route of Horse Parade

The route for the Open Air Horse Show parade, starting about 10-15 a.m., will be from Queen's Park; by St. Albans st. to Welleslov descriptions to Wellesley street, down Jar-vis to King, west on King to Simcoe, north on Simcoe to Caer-Howell, thence east to University avenue, and return-ing to the reviewing stand in the park.

Louise Phillips of Thorold Swallowed Carbolic Acid, and Younger Sister, Josie, Ran From House and Apparently

ST. CATHARINES, June 30 .- (Special.) Following a quarrel between two sisters early this afternoon; Louise Phillips of Thorold, aged 26, daughter of N. A. Phillips, lock tender on the Welland Canal, is dead from carbolic acid, believed to have been taken by herself, and Josie, her sister, aged 22,

swore that so far as they nad seen the relationship between Mr. and Mrs. Beemer had been most pleasant.

John Eright for whom Mason worked four months, said that from his knowledge of Mason, he could not believe him on oath. He had died seneal ally about his wife. panions. Both attended church and the warmest of friendship appears to have existed between them until noon today. The quarrel was followed by the finding of the cider woman with a carbolic acid bottle close at hand. Josie ran out of the house, saying, "Ill spiration. Drs. Hart and Reazin were James Smart. Mason's present employer, said he would not like to pelieve Mason on oath. Mason, he said, was very headstrong and once he got an idea into his head, it was very hard to get it out whether right or wrong.

Beemer Was Despondent.

George Buchanan of Galt, an uncle of the dead man, said he had a long talk with Beautery and work preceding.

for several hours. The water is now being drained off the local with the heady removed to the morgue. being drained off the level with the hope of finding the body of the sister. It is expected an inquest will be held, but Coroner Herod is awaiting the result of the dragging operations before ing

# him there was a silver lining to every cloud," sain Buchanan. Beemer re-plied: "Well there is no silver lining

Mrs. Buchanan corroborated the evidence of her husband. She said strance companies from the tax.

SOMEWHAT OF A CIRCLE. First Barber Shop. Head Barber; Who rites them John-an' Jaff things in your paper? John McMurchy (Advig. Man): Our safety. Johnny of The Telegram. H. B. : Gee, I don't see how John Ross

Second Barber Shop Head Barber: Who rites them John-an'-Jaff things in your paper?

John McMurchy: Th' Meenister of The Flobe. H. B. : Gee, I don't see how the stands for it.

Head Barber: Who rites them John-an'about the waist.

Young, however, became violent in Third Barber Shop.

H. B. : Gee, I don't see how Billy stands

Are You Uncomfortably Hatted? How are you fixed

for a summer hat to-Dineen's will be yen until noon to supply the holiday pleasure - seekers

in all the sensible

usually sell from \$5 to \$10, reduced to Imported English straws from \$1.50 to \$3, and every hat is worth a dollar Also outing caps of every descrip-

Dress sult cases, club bags, hat

Dineen's established 1864. 140 Yonge street-corner Temper-

Toronto's torrid heat drove three to death at the eve of the holiday. In two cases, that of a boy at Sunnyside, and of a tug fireman in the bay at Bathurst street, the mechanical efforts of pulmotors were used in hopes of a revival of life, but death had come too surely. The other drowning was that of a swimmer in the Humber, and his body was not recovered last night, the grappling irons were energetically used.

While his three young companions stood on the shore, laughing at what they thought rather a good joke, and the man who would willingly have saved him remained powerless because he could not swim, eight-year-old James Mackenzie was drowned at Sunnyside last night. Altho all means of artificial respiration were applied as oon as the body was recovered, the oy could not be revived.

Feeling the intense heat yesterday four little chums, James Mackenzie, aged 8, 10 Maple Grove; Jesse Smith, aged 9, 25 Maple Grove; Robert Dowoil, aged s, and Leslie Dowell, aged 9, 29 O mara avenue, went to Sunnyside

No Protection for Boys. As there is absolutely no protection

for the boys and no properly inspected place to value in, the youngsters chose wass about in the old breakwater on the site where Meyers' pavilion Drowned Herself in Welland stood. They romped and paddled un-

simmy Mackenzie thought he would "Scale the top of the old stever sea v. hen nair way out on the crescome-shaped wall no became trigne-The other Loys regarded this as

huse jok : because January had faned to stump' them. Pulmotor of No Avail.

In a lew minutes his body came to the surface and noated on top. Harry who disappeared immediaately after the dead body of Louise was discovered, is believed to have ended her life Mackenzie in the water, floating back the old candiage of the could candiage the could be was powerless; he could The two sisters were close companions. Both attended church and looked about for some means to re-

Josie ran out of the house, saying, "I'll be blamed for this. I can't bear it."

She was last seen in the vicinity of the old Welland Canal near the Penman factory, which will be dragged four hours' of effort operations were ceased and the body removed to the

It is thought that the boy struck a ledge of cement about two feet in width and about four inches under the he was stunned, hence the body float-

but Coroner Herod is awaiting the result of the dragging operations before making a statement.

SENATE DEMOCRATS

APPROVE NEW BILL

But Struck Out Clause Exempting Insurance Companies From Paying Income Tax.

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WASHINGTON, June 30.—(Can. Press.)
—Democrats of the senate, in caucus late tonight, approved the income tax section of the tariff bill, as revised by the majority members of the finance committee, voting, however, to strike out the amendment which would exempt mutual life insurance companies from the tax.

Somewhat of a circle. posite Wm. Young's pavilion. In company with one or two others they swam about. Then the man and his companion decided to go across to the opposite bank. They reached this in

> Began Frantic Struggle. After resting a few minutes the man left the bank and started across the river again. His chum watched him. When about thirty feet from shore he either became freightened that he could not reach the bank, or else became afraid when his least contents. became afraid when his leg got cramped a little. He called loudly for help and began a frantic struggle. The chum plunged into the water and swam to him, grasping him

his fear of sinking. He is said to have seized his chum around the neck and clung to him without making an effort to swim. The companion went under

Both men were lacked in embrace.

Dazed himself and scarcely knowing what he did, the chum tried to get Young ashore, but in vain. He did not possess the strength to effect a rescue. He called for assistance, but there was none near. It was now a struggle by each man for his own life. Young clung to the chum and the chum strove to get free. At last Young sank, exhauster by his efforts. The other swam to shore and lay there in exhaustion. Word was carried to the Humbar Bay boathouses and Mait Akroyd notified Dragging operations were immediately commenced, but the body has not yet been recovered. The chum's name was

not known by the boatmen.

Drowned at Bathurst Street. In an attempt to get some relief from the intense heat, Michael Kelliher, aged about 30, a fireman on the tug Peel waded into the bay at the foot of Bathurst street late yesterday afternoon and was drowned. The body was recovered a short time later, but artifi-cial respiration and pulmotor were applied in vain

# FOR MET. POWER

ite in Favor of Five-Year Decree of Dissolution Signed by Agreement Was Four Hundred to Nineteen.

he Town of Aurora decided to make hower supply agreement with the ropolitan Railway Company yesay by a sweeping majority of 395 of the United States for the district of s. By wards the voting was:

h ward ...... 150 tals ..... 416 19 itho a large percentage of the vote

nicipality with the Positive Clutch Pulley Co. and the Collie Cotteril niture Co. had a good deal to do it. These industries, it is said, e induced to locate in Aurora by a h bonus and the promise of an adete supply of electrical power, and municipality practically had to he to terms with the Metropolitan fail to fulfil its promise to the fac-

"his aspect of the case induced a nbert of voters to endorse the bylaw.

# Judges, and Will Become

Effective on Wednesday.

ST. PAUL, Minn., June 30 .- (Can. Fress.)-Federal Judges Walter H. Sanborn, William C. Hook and Walter I. Smith, sitting as the district court Utah, approved late today the plans agreed upon by the attorney-general and attorneys for the Union Pacific Railway and the famous Union Pacific Southern Pacific merger, known as the great Harriman combine, practically came to an end. The decree signed to-day will become effective with its filing in the federal court at Salt Lake City, Utah, which probably will take place next Wednesday or Thursday. With the handing down of the final decree today, years of litigation came o an end, the first suit of the govern-

#### Will Create Canadian Cardinal

ment to dissolve the merger having been filed at Salt Lake City in 1908.

LONDON, June 29 .- (C. A. P.)—A Central News, Rome, telegram says: Pope has announced he will create a Candian cardinal at next consis-

## **Arbitration Settled**

she now faced.

In the arbitration of the Jas. A. Casci property, expropriated by the city for the Coxwell avenue subway, P. H. Drayton, K.C., has awarded Mr. Casci \$7850. The property is 80 x 216. The city had offered \$7100 and was asked \$8500.

BINDING

TIGHT