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PROBS: Fair and very warm; local thunderstorms;
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NORTHERN ONTARIO BUSH FIRES THREATEN MANY POINTS ON T. N. O. EARLTON REPORTED WIPED OUT

Thornloe Saved After Battle With Flames, But Cochrane, South Porcupine, Healslip, Mathe- son and Other Settlements in Danger of De- struction—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 Timiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway, is in danger of being wiped out by bush fires; Thornloe, on the T. N. O. main line between New Liskeard and Englehart, was partly burned, and South Porcupine, Healslip and Matheson are in danger. Unless a heavy rain falls within the next 24 hours it is feared that the devastations of the flames will cover a huge area and that the history of the disastrous Porcupine conflagration of 1911, will be repeated.

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

OUTH PORCUPINE THREATENED.

The bush fire which threatens the Town of South Porcupine is raging short distance west of there and is being driven towards the town by a dry wind. Word of the fire 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, ordered the Toronto office last night as follows:

"Bad fire, Thornloe, station buildings in danger. Have ordered train there to render every assistance.

"Serious bush fire short distance west of South Porcupine. Wind very dry. Fire travelling for town of South Porcupine. People anxious. On holding crew train 51, in readiness at Timmins to render every assistance." Timmins is situated about 4-1/2 miles west of South Porcupine.

COCHRANE THREATENED.

Later in the evening it was learned by Mr. McGee that a bad fire was raging in the vicinity of Cochrane, and that at Earlton the station was threatened. 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 held up. The crew will on hand in case help is needed at that point.

Healslip also reported a fire in the vicinity, but the danger of it gaining headway was not very great.

The fire at Thornloe now is under control and the railway station and other property is safe.

Many Reported Homeless

COBALT, June 30.—(Special.)—It is reported that the whole town of Cobalt, a small station 26 miles north of Cobalt, on T. and N. O. Railway, has been wiped out by bush fires and the inhabitants rendered homeless.

The Cobalt special train which left the north reports that station and all surrounding buildings have been destroyed, and that some of the coaches of the train were on fire. It rushed blockade of fiery furnace flames. All communication north of Cobalt with Porcupine and Cochrane is gone, since all wires are down.

Bush fires have been raging in the neighborhood for the past three or four days. Near the station which is the junction point for Elk Lake road, there is a big lumber mill, and this early sent the town to destruction.

The whole north in flames with pillars of smoke rising into the air, and the bush is dangerously dry, and some settlers' fire fanned by high wind which raged all day, made the fire irresistible. There is actually no fire protection.

Danger is Widespread.

After severe drought of two weeks ago, the bush is in flames with pillars of smoke by day and clouds of fire by night. Today wherever there is a settlement in the bush, the inhabitants are in danger. There is no news of Porcupine or north, but everything is all right at noon today. Matheson is in flames, practically all along the T. and N. O. north of Earlton, are more or less imperilled by bush fires, but since wires are down definite news is to hand.

Heavy Imports in U. S.

NEW YORK, June 30.—(Can. Press.)—Customs house merchandise imports at this port for the fiscal year ended today aggregated \$1,045,364,643. This is a new high record. Customs officials say soundness in general 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 twelve months ending June 30, 1912, were \$995,132,046.

DOZEN BOYS DONE TO DEATH WHEN WALK BREAKS

Crowd of Forty Impatient Lads, Stamping on Narrow Plank- ing Leading to Civic Bath- house in Lawrence, Mass., Precipitated in Struggling Heap to Rushing River.

LAWRENCE, Mass., June 30.—(Can. Press.)—A narrow wooden walk leading over fifteen feet of water to the municipal bath house, in the Merrimack River, today gave way under the stamping feet of a crowd of impatient boys, and at least twelve of the little fellows were drowned. There may be more bodies in the stream.

Boys, ranging in years from 9 to 15, had come down an incline to a level stretch of planking that led to the bath house. There they waited for Wm. Blythe, the bath house keeper, to open the door. No one knew tonight how many there were in the party that clamored for Blythe to "open up," but it is thought that forty is a conservative estimate.

Eight minutes before the appointed hour for "opening" the boys were leaping loose their exuberance by jumping up and down and tumbling over each other. Suddenly the supports at the foot of the incline sank. A second later the plank extension dropped like a trapdoor and the boys rolled into the river.

A Struggling Mass.

There is a swift current at this point, drawn by the falls a quarter of a mile below, and the lads were caught in this. Many of them could not swim. Witnesses on the river bank say that all disappeared in a flash, but a moment later there was a struggling mass on the surface. The stronger ones who could swim struck out for the bathhouse 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 finally succumbed.

Boats and grappling irons were brought and the river bed was dragged. When the work ceased late tonight 12 bodies had been recovered.

Most of the youths were from the local 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.

TWO STABLES SET ON FIRE

Three Horses Burned to Death and Seven Others Were Rescued by a Fireman.

Two fires of incendiary origin occurred 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 250 Wilton avenue, next door to the fire station, was also burned. The premises are rented by Fred. Freeland, and the fire was started in the loft of the stable. Seven horses were in the place, and were rescued by Lieut. Ferguson of Wilton avenue fire station. The loss will be \$500.

COILS OF POLICE TIGHTEN ROUND DYNAMITERS

Blowing Up of Dam in North- ern Ontario a Fortnight Ago, Followed by Quick Gathering of Evidence by Provincial Officers—Sus- picion Rests on Farmers.

The provincial police are planning a round-up of dynamiters in Northern Ontario, for two weeks special officers have been at work in the Gull Lake region, gathering threads of evidence in connection with the blowing up of the Mississipi Development Co. dam, and it is expected that within a few days the strings will be drawn together. Two hundred dollars for the arrest and conviction of the guilty parties has been offered, and the illegal 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 in running order, and were testing out the hydraulic power. The whole enterprise, it is understood, was not welcomed by the farmers of the vicinity, because of the change in lake level which would follow. Several 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 asked and indignation followed. The refusal of these claims was immediately prior to the explosion.

One theory that the police have been forced to consider, is that the dam was destroyed thru the spite of several disgruntled parties. Whether any in the neighborhood were actually involved in the affair, is not yet proven, but the fact that some at least knew of the proposal, promises interesting developments within a few days.

The department has learned the source of a much larger quantity than that actually required, was utilized, 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 breakwater.

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

DISMISSAL OF COCHRANE URGED

Carpenters Protest Against Ignoring of Demand That Canal Employees 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 Joiners of America today. The resolution was: "Whereas the efforts of our organization have so far proved ineffective in having the wages of the government employees in the gate yards of the Welland Canal raised to the standard of the district.

"And whereas the same reflects upon the honesty of the Dominion Government, who prefer to enforce their wage conditions on all work and supplies;

"Be it resolved, that the Ontario provincial conference assembled at Brantford, representing over 2000 carpenters, 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 press."

SNAKE WAS TANGLED IN ELECTRIC WIRES

MULLINS, S.C., June 30.—All the electric lights in town went out suddenly last night, and stayed out. This morning a fireman found a twenty-inch green snake tangled in some wires on a pole. The snake had crawled to the top of the pole, and, coming in contact with the wires, forced a short circuit, put out the lights, and incidentally died.

Arbitration Settled

In the arbitration of the Jas. A. Caspi property, expropriated by the city for the Coxwell avenue subway, P. H. Drayton, K.C., has awarded Mr. Caspi \$7850. The property is 80 x 218 feet. The city had offered \$7100 and was asked \$8500.

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 by 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 Wellesley street, down Jarvis to King, west on King to Simcoe, north on Simcoe to Ossington, thence east to University avenue, and returning to the reviewing stand in the park.

No Protection for Boys.

As there is absolutely no protection for the boys and no properly inspected place to bathe in, the youngsters chose to wade about in the old breakwater on the site where players' pavilion stood. They romped and paddled until they were tired, and then occurred to go home.

James Mackenzie thought he would "swim" and other fellows by running across the top of the old breakwater. The water was very shallow and the breakwater was not wide enough to allow the boys to wade across.

Pulmotor of No Avail.

In a few minutes his body came to the surface and floated on top. Harry Carr, a resident of Swansea, was walking along the shore and saw the other children's scream. He saw young Mackenzie in the water, floating back up. But he was powerless; he could not swim a stroke. In vain Carr looked about for some means to rescue the child, who was only about 50 feet from shore. Then he saw a canoeist and after a great deal of shouting, succeeded in making him understand what was wrong.

Carr and this man got the body out of the water and started artificial respiration. Dr. Hart and Resigan were also summoned. A pulmotor was rushed from the Toronto Electric Co. building, but only after an hour's effort, operations were ceased and the body removed to the morgue.

It is thought that the boy struck a ledge of cement about two feet in width and about four inches under the water, which joins the wall, and that he was stunned, hence the body floating.

A crowd of 500 people gathered on the shore and were in danger of falling into the lake, owing to the bad conditions of the sidewalk. Patrol Sergeant Langtry had to have a squad of men on the shore.

Victim of Cramps.

Seized with cramps in the legs, while attempting to swim in Humber River, at the third bend about 8:30 a.m. last night, an unidentified man, aged 25 years, was drowned, despite efforts to save him. His companions, who were with him, tried to rescue him, but the man grasped him around the neck and pulled him under, and the chum had to break loose and swim for shore. Mait Akroyd immediately commenced dragging operations, but at an early hour this morning his body was recovered.

The two men understood that the eastern bank of the river, between the third and fourth bend, and nearly opposite 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 safety.

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 three-quarters across he either became frightened that he could not reach the bank, or else 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 about the waist.

Young, however, became violent in his fear of sinking. He is said to have seized his chum around the neck and tried to pull him under. Both men were lacking in embrace.

Dazed himself and scarcely knowing what he did, the chum tried to get each man for his own life. Young possessed 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, exhausted by his efforts. The other swam to shore and lay there in exhaustion.

Word was carried to the Humber Bay bathhouses and Mait Akroyd notified. Dragging operations were immediately commenced, but the body has not yet been recovered. The swimmer's name was not known by the boatmen.

Drowned at Bathurst Street.

In an attempt to get some relief from the intense heat, Michael Kelly, 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 artificial respiration and pulmotor were applied in vain.

OWN OF AURORA FOR MET. POWER

Agreement in Favor of Five-Year Agreement Was Four Hundred to Nineteen.

The Town of Aurora decided to make lower supply agreement with the Metropolitan Railway Company yesterday by a sweeping majority of 395 to 19. By wards the voting was:

For	Against
395	19
141	10
125	5
150	4
416	19

With a large percentage of the vote distributed by some residents to trust in the agreement and the vigorous campaign led by Mayor Baldwin and his associates, the agreements made by the municipality with the Positive Clutch Pulley Co. and the Collier Cotterill Co. had a good deal to do with it. These industries, it is said, are induced to locate in Aurora by a bonus and the promise of an adequate supply of electrical power, and the municipality practically had to agree to terms with the Metropolitan to fulfill its promise to the factories.

This aspect of the case induced a number of voters to endorse the bylaw.

Will Create Canadian Cardinal

LONDON, June 28.—(C. A. News.)—The Pope has announced he will create a Canadian cardinal at next consistory.

Union Pacific Case is Ended

ST. PAUL, Minn., June 30.—(Can. Press.)—Federal Judges Walter H. Sanborn, William C. Hook and Walter I. Smith, sitting as the district court of the United States for the district of 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 to an end. The decree signed today 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 to an end, the first suit of the government to dissolve the merger having been filed at Salt Lake City in 1908.

Are You Uncomfortably Hatted?

How are you fixed for a summer hat today?

Dineen's will be such until noon to supply the holiday pleasure-seekers with comfortable hats.

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