PARALLEL OF FERNIE DISASTER IN MINNESOTA

City of Chisholm Is Wiped Out By Forest Fires, Which Sweep Down From the Hills. Ten Thousand Are Homeless—Loss in City Alone About Two Million—Relief Work Under Way.

Duluth, Minn., Sept. 7—Thousands of acres of agricultural lands and millions of feet of standing timber were laid waste, one town was wiped out, several mining locations were burned and at least 10,000 people are homeless as the result of forest fires, which swept through many districts in Northern Wisconsin and Northern Minnesota Saturday afternoon and night.

Chisholm, Minn., ninety miles north of Duluth was completely destroyed. The only building standing is the new $125,000 high school. Nashwauk, Minn., 5 miles northwest of Duluth, was surrounded by flames, and the outskirts of the town were burned. Buhl, Minn., 12 miles east of Chisholm, was cut off from the world by fires, but was saved by a shift in the wind. Several small settlements in Douglas county, Wis., were burned and the forest fires swept the northern part of the country. A fire at Bayfield, Wis., damaged buildings to the extent of $75,000. One fatality is believed to have occurred. May Fisher, a woman at Chisholm, was intoxicated and would not leave the city, and she is believed to have perished.

The Retreat a Pitiful Spectacle.

Hibbing, Minn., Aug. 7—Forest fires swept down upon the town of Chisholm, four miles from this city, at 6 o'clock, Saturday evening and nothing but smouldering ruins marked its site two hours later. The retreat of the inhabitants of the city was a pitiful spectacle. Men, women and children, fear and consternation on their faces, the latter with eyes bloodshot from weeping from the sickening clouds of smoke, rushed frantically hither and thither in a mad stampede for shelter. The wind howled over the tree tops, driving the tongues of flames into the city and the outskirts were wrapped in flames about six o'clock. Building after building fell a prey to the fire, until every structure but one, the new school house, had been levelled. Then the fire again jumped into the dry forest and continued on in unabated fury.

Loss Exceeds Two Millions.

The total loss is estimated at $2,000,000, with every indication that this figure will be greatly increased. The mining locations of Shenando, with a population of 2,000, Hartley, with a population of 1,000, and Pillsbury, with a population of 1,000, were completely destroyed. Immediately following the destruction of Chisholm lodge, halls, churches and the homes of Hibbing were thrown open to the refugees even while the citizens of this city were themselves packing up the more valuable of their chattels with a view to forsaking their own city should the flames approach much closer. At midnight the advance guard of the fire was no more than a mile distant and the fire fighters had been utterly unable to check the onslaught at any point, but a little later the wind shifted and the town was saved, for a while at least. The saloons here were ordered closed by the mayor, and as a result of a mass meeting twenty men were sworn in as special policement to keep order and prevent any attempt at looting.

Duluth Sends Aid.

Calls were sent to Virginia and Duluth for fire-fighters and fire apparatus, and special trains were ordered out at once by both places. The railroad bridge on the Great Northern between here and Chisholm was burned out early in the evening, thus cutting off all connection in that direction.

Word was received early this morning by Governor Johnson that thieves were making away with goods that had been saved from the burning buildings of Chisholm. He immediately ordered Company M of the 3rd regiment M. N. G., stationed at Hibbing, to proceed to the ruined city.

The Progress of the Flames.

The sheet of flame from the falling and cracking forest toyed with the western outskirts of Chisholm for several minutes late in the afternoon, and then, driven by the strong west wind swept across the city, the buildings falling and disappearing before it like tender plants before the hot blast of the simoon. The ball park was quickly destroyed and the frame business buildings at the west end of the main street were soon ablaze. Within a few minutes every structure upon both sides of the streets was burning and the residence district was being ignited. By this time most of the citizens had left the burning town and they stood on the small rises to the southwest and watched their homes burn.

The scene was awe-inspiring in the late northern twilight. The flames seemed to leap up to the sky which was overcast with a red glow as if the enduring colors from a gigantic palette had been swept across the heavens with deft and facile brush. Directly over the town hung a great blanket of smoke that seemed to creep down and shield the burning city from the eyes of the hundreds of tearful watchers who were beating a slow retreat to Hibbing.

Residences go Too.

The residence districts caught fire soon after the business portion was ablaze. Alone on a hill in the southern portion of the town stands the new high school, which was recently erected at a cost of $125,000. Today it was the solitary seninel of the ruins and desolation spread before it. No houses within several blocks of the structure were to be seen and although the flames beat toward it furiously it survived. As the fire swept through the business portion it quickly destroyed the first National bank building, valued at $24,000; the city hall, $25,000; R. S. O'Neill's hotel, $25,000; Chisholm Filer plant, $15,000; Lawrence Kevach building, $13,000; Saper & Sons Co building, $12,000. The business structures of A. Bergerson, John Turjatwi, John M. Pessat, Matt Matzelle, Sol Rubloff, Jas Dowling, John McDonald, John Anzelmo, Jas. Perovich, Ben Ledoux, J. H. David, J. J. Hayes, W. A. Masters, M. Audet, M. Taulus, Frank Robinsawitz, H. Testeloff, John Winquist, D. C. Hackett, Wm. Jacobson, the Miners' bank and other small structures were destroyed.

Danger Past at Dawn.

When down broke today the danger for the present seemed to have passed. The wind had worn itself out and the tired fire fighters were given a respite and time to turn their efforts towards helping those not so fortunate who have come into Hibbing by the thousand from Chisholm and the other smaller towns which have been completely destroyed. Tents, blankets and food have been sent forward from Duluth, Virginia, Eveleth and other nearby cities and the government at a meeting in St. Paul this afternoon appointed a state relief committee to look after the welfare of the sufferers.

Thousands of acres in St. Louis, Carleton and Itaska counties in Minnesota and Douglas county, Wisconsin, have been laid bare. The towns of Buhl and Nashwauk were saved by heroic work on the part of the citizens. At one time last night both seemed doomed to certain destruction. The estimate of two million loss seemed to be about right for Chisholm and vicinity, one million on real and the same amount on personal property including stocks of merchants, etc. The business men carried about half a million fire insurance. No further serious losses are expected unless another wind storm should strike the threatened districts.

Has Burned Itself Out.

Duluth, Sept. 7—The fire which devastated Chisholm, Minn., is thought to be practically a thing of the past. All of the other towns of the range are reported out of danger, after trying fights with the flames. Woodsmen and cruisers are coming in from the woods north of Hibbing, and say that big fires are raging in the district between Hibbing and Sturgeon Lake, twenty miles north, and have expressed fears for some of the towns and possibly Hibbing, should a strong wind from the north spring up. The weather bureau, however, forecasts that a southerly wind is due, which should carry the bigest part of the fire away from the town. No rain is predicted, however. Hibbing is housing nearly 2,000 of the refugees.

Judge Freeman Heads Relief.

Chisholm people, headed by Judge Edward Freeman, are taking charge of the ration work themselves. Ten thousand dollars has been raised in Duluth to aid the sufferers, and a train load of supplies, including a supply of tents, blankets and provisions for the refugees, has been sent from Duluth. J. W. Kreither, superintendent for the Duluth, Missabi and Northern railway, has telephoned that all sufferers are being well cared for at present. Mrs. J. W. Ackerson, a Chisholm woman, who has been in poor health for some time, dropped dead from heart failure, probably induced from excitement, soon after the fire started to sweep the town. This is the only casualty to the fire so far as known at present. A number of homesteaders are located in the Sturgeon Lake area, where the fire is reported, but while they doubtless have been burned out, it is believed that they would have an opportunity to escape. As far as can be learned at present about one-third of the loss at Chisholm is covered by insurance. The total loss in the town will reach $1,500,000. Insurance rates averaged about ten per cent, which was prohibitive for many of the merchants. Lumber was brought into the stricken town today and the work of reconstruction is commencing.

Fear for Lumbermen.

Hibbing, Min., Sept. 7—Three lumbermen who were driven into Hibbing by the fire Sunday are believed to have perished when they went back into the smoking woods to bring out their tackle from the camps. They have not been heard of since, although searching parties sought them all afternoon and evening. The wife of one of the men followed her husband into the woods and also may have lost her life.

Their Shot Down.

Eveleth, Minn., Sept. 7—F. C. Leo, of Duluth, who was in Chisholm after the fire, reported on his arrival here that a Montenegrin had been shot for looting the ruins. He states that the man had loaded a boat with his plunder and was about to row away. He was told to halt, and upon refusing was shot dead. This occurred before the soldiers arrived from Hibbing.

Minneapolis, Sept. 7—Reports tonight from Duluth state that the town of Snowball on the western Mesabia range was completely destroyed this afternoon by forest fires, which were fanned into activity by a high wind. Other nearby towns are threatened and the inhabitants are spending the night extinguishing incipient blazes to prevent the destruction of their homes. There was no loss of life at Snowball, but the property loss will run into the tens of thousands. The town consisted of 100 inhabitants who have fled to other places. Relief will be rushed to them from Duluth as rapidly as possible.

Hibbing's Heroic Relief Work.

Duluth, Sept. 7—Hibbing is doing wonderful work in the way of caring for the fire sufferers and, when the hundreds of homeless ones tired, hot, dusty and discouraged reached Hibbing Saturday night the people of Hibbing welcomed them with open arms, many of them giving up their beds that the sufferers might rest. Houses were thrown open, strangers gave up their rooms in the hotels, bakers were set to work baking bread ,a relief committee was formed, sandwiches made and delivered and in fact everything that could be done was done without a moment's hesitation. Fires were built on the street corners and huge kettles of coffee made, of which the sufferers partook freely. Over all hung a heavy cloud of smoke that made it nearly impossible to breath while the heat from the fire was so great that many people fainted.

Canadian Founded Chisholm.

Cornwall, Sept. 7—It was Archibald Mark Chisholm, born in this town, who founded the town of Chisholm burned in Minnesota. He left here twelve years ago and returned a few years ago. He is president of a bank there and is distributing twenty dollar bills as souvenirs.

HOLLAND IS FIRM AND DECIDEDLY COURTEOUS

Netherlands Note to Venezuela Contains Ultimatum Calling for Revocation of Decree Issued by President Castro Suppressing Curacao's Trade.

The Hague, Sept. 7.—Holland's note to Venezuela contains one point which appears practically an ultimatum. Holland demands of Venezuela the revocation before November 1 of the decree issued by President Castro on May 14 last, which resulted in the practical suppression of Curacao's trade. This decree made obligatory the trans-shipment of all gods to and from Maracaibo and other points in Western Venezuela at Porto Sabello, instead of Willemstad, as previously had been the custom.

The demand, however, is framed in courteous and mild language. It is on the temperate attitude which it has adopted in conducting its correspondence with Venezuela, that the Dutch government has relied in every way to find a peaceful solution of the question, and since this government fixed a definite period in which the decree must be revoked, it appears unlikely that a blockade will begin before November 1st.

The minister of foreign affairs, Jonkheer Van Sanderen, in the correspondence admits that some of Venezuela's grievances are well founded and concedes that it was impossible for M. De Reus to remain Holland's representative to Caracas after the contents of his letter to the Nouten Touw and Amsterdam Society had been published, although it was not intended for publication. The foreign minister takes exception to the dismissal of M. De Reus, stating that the Dutch government would undoubtedly have recalled him if it had been requested so to do. He also expressed regret at the anti-Venezuela demonstration in Curacao.

The foreign office continues to deny that Holland has asked other powers to co-operate with her against Venezuela, although it admits that conferences have been held with several governments which have grievances against Castro regarding their intentions. Parliament will meet on Sep tember 15th, and the Venezuelan question probably will be one of the first subjects brought up when the government will be asked to outline its program.

The Vaderland learns that the battleship De Duitjer will be commissioned on September 26th for the West Indies, via the Caribbean Sea.

BRYAN A GUEST OF THE CHICAGO UNIONS

Views the Labor Parade and Delivers a Great Labor Speech. To Meet Democratic Leaders of the Executive Council To-Day.

Chicago, Sept. 7.—In a day crowded with activities Bryan, who arrived here this morning, delivered numerous eulogies on labor, scored the idle rich, strenuously defended the anti-injunction plank in the Democratic platform, reviewed from the Auditorium hotel balcony the great Labor Day parade and received generous applause at his speech. This afternoon at Forest Park he was given a memorable ovation from 100,000 people who gathered to hear him. Tens of thousands of people turned out to see the mobilized forces of unionism in Chicago march with gaudy uniforms beneath symbols of their trades or ride in floats representative of factory, forge or foundry. Over 15,000 were in line but the commanding figure of the multitudes was over "The Great Commoner."

"I am glad to be here," he said, his face beaming with pleasure. "I wanted to spend Labor Day some place and knew no better place than right here."

In his speech Bryan dwelt at length on the wisdom of organization on the part of laboring men. Tomorrow he meets the Democratic leaders in the executive council.

SHOT PASSED OVER HEAD.

President Roosevelt May Have Been Target for Assassin's Bullet.

New York, Sept. 8.—As President Roosevelt, on horseback, was nearing his Oyster Bay home last Saturday evening, after his daily gallop, a revolver shot sounded from a clump of bushes nearby at the side of the road. The bullet whistled over his head. The President and an elderly gentleman, with whom he was riding, wheeled their horses and peered into the bushes, but saw no one. They could not tell whether the occurrence was a mere accident or whether the shot was aimed at the President.

Incorrigible is Recaptured.

Toronto, Sept. 7.—Robert Snow, aged sixteen, one of the seven who escaped from Toronto jail last July, was recaptured early this morning at his father's house, 308 Farley avenue. A squad of police surrounded the house. The parents protested that he was not there, but he was discovered hiding in the rafters of an adjoining house. There was a revolver in the pocket of his pants hanging from the bed he had vacated. He says Rose and Churchill had escaped before he was taken to the jail.

Members Are Asked To Resign.

Ottawa, Sept. 8.—The Central Canadian Olympic committee has asked the members of the Athletic Federation of Canada to resign from their membership of the committee as a result of the protest of Leslie Boyd against Tom Longboat in the Marathon race in England, and the Federation's endorsation of his action. The Olympic committee has also relieved the C. A. A. U. from their agreement entered into in November last.

Death of Judge Bosse.

Quebec, Sept. 7.—Judge Bosse, of the Court of King's Bench, died here this afternoon at the Hotel Dieu, after a short illness. He was 72 years old.

WANTED LAWYER TO FIGHT.

Witness in Standard Oil Case Does Not Relish Being Called Thief.

New York, Sept. 8—The Standard Oil Company sent a sweeping broadside into the government's case yesterday in the hearing of the suit seeking to dissolve the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey under the Sherman anit-trust law, when witnesses began to tell of the character of a number of men the government had placed on the witness stand. It came out that because of this attack upon the character of one of the government's witnesses, Moritz Rosenthal, leading counsel for the Standard Oil, had been challenged to a duel by Henry C. Wootan, one of the government's star witnesses, who testified in Washington several months ago. The duel was never fought. In Washington Wootan had testified that the Standard Oil Company had bought the Record Oil Company of New Orleans and that it had been operated as independent to deceive the trade, also that the People's Oil Company, of which he was general manager ,had been bought by the Standard and that he had been ordered to operate ostensibly as an independent concern.

It was after he had given this testimony in Washington that Mr. Rosenthal asked: "When did you steal those papers from the Standard Oil Company?"

Mr. Wootan sprang out of his chair, his face very red. "In the South, sir, we don't recognize the word 'steal'," he said.

"In the North, sir, we do not recognize the act," rejoined Mr. Rosenthal.

It was then that Mr. Wootan challenged the Standard Oil lawyer to fight a duel, but the story did not become public until yesterday, when the subject came up while T. C. Collings, second vice-president of the Standard Oil Company of Kentucky, was on the witness stand.

After he had told what he thought of Wootan, Mr. Rosenthal said to Frank B. Kellogg, the government's lawyer: "Every Georgian witness you put on the stand in Washington admitted that he was a thief. One even wanted to fight a duel with me because I asked him if he had not stolen certain paper which he afterwards did steal."

Mr. Kellogg let the matter pass without comment.

FOSTER'S FORECASTS.

Next Warm Wave Is Due to Cross Pacific Slope September 17.

Washington, D. C., Sept. 8.—Last bulletin gave forecasts of disturbance to cross continent August 12 to 16, warm wave 11 to 15, cool wave 14 to 18. This was expected to be of greatest intensity on the Pacific slope, and become milder as it moved eastward. The warm wave was expected to be the most intense part of this storm wave after reaching the great central valleys.

Next disturbance will reach the Pacific coast about September 17, crossing Pacific slope by close of 18, great central valleys 19 to 21, eastern states, 22. Warm wave will cross Pacific slope about 17, great central valleys 19 eastern states 21. Cool wave will cross Pacific slope about 20, great central valleys 22, eastern states 24.

This disturbance will be of less force on Pacific slope than the preceding storm, and will increase in force as it progresses eastward. In the great central valleys and eastward it will be of greater intensities than the preceding storm, reaching its greatest force not far from September 21, while east of meridian 90.

After September 5 the general trend of temperatures will be more downward than the season would indicate, and therefore the warm wave of this disturbance will be of much less warmth than the preceding warm wave and the cool wave following will go away down.

Note the dates for that September frost wave. Pacific slope 20, great central valleys 22, eastern states 24. Knowing when to expect these frosts will enable preparation. Tobacco and all tender plants that are exposed will suffer along and north of latitude 38.

I am not expecting a very destructive hurricane, but all who are interested in such events should keep their weather eye on the alert from September 8 to 12. Venus, Saturn, Mercury and the Moon will be in the conspiracy about that time to make trouble for vegetation on land, and the skipper and voyager who may be at sea.

CHANGES IN CHURCH IN B.C.

Transfer of Ecclesiastical Province From Vancouver to Victoria.

Rome, Sept. 8.—The last meeting of the congregation of the propaganda for the discussion of American questions was held to-day. Cardinals Vives, Luto Cassetta, Gennari, Satolli, Gaviochioni, Sagna and Martanelli were present at the meeting, which was presided over by Cardinal Gotti. The discussion, which lasted over three hours, was almost entirely on the case of the coadjutorship of San Francisco. Finally, because of the irregularity with which the ticket of candidates was formed, the congression decided to ask Archbishop Riordan to have new candidates proposed by irremovable rectors and archbishops in the United States. The appointment of Bishop Muldoon of Chicago to the post of Rockford, Ill., was unanimously approved. The congression approved the transfer of the seat of the Canadian ecclesiastic province of Victoria from Victoria to Vancouver, appointing the Right Rev. Augustin Dontenwill, Bishop of New Westminster, as Archbishop of Victoria, in succession to Archbishop Orth, resigned, and appointed the Very Rev. Alexander McDonald, Vicar-General of Antigonish, as the new Bishop of Victoria.

Nevertheless Duke Will Marry.

Paris, Sept. 7—The Matin's Turin correspondent states that the Count of Turin, a brother of the Duke of Abruzzi, visited the queen mother, Margherita, recently and begged her to withdraw her opposition to the marriage of the Duke of Abruzzi and Miss Katherine Elkins. Queen Margherita refused but the Matin's correspondent says the marriage will take place nevertheless. When the present manoeuvers are finished the duke will go to the United States and make final arrangements for the marriage which will take place not later than his thirty-sixth birthday, January 29th, 1909.

Hon. J. R. Stratton in West Peterboro.

Toronto, Sept. 7—Saturday's nomination for the Federal House were: West Peterboro, Liberal, Hon. J. R. Stratton; Brockville, Conservative, John Webster.

BIG SUNDAY BLAZE IN MANITOBA TOWN

Altona Suffers From $60,000 Fire Which Broke Out at Midnight Sunday, and which Fanned by Strong Wind Swaps Through Business Section.

Altona, Man., Sept. 8—Fire broke out at twelve o'clock Sunday night in the back of the premises of the building occupied by the Altona Club situated in the principal block in town. A stiff breeze was blowing and the blaze soon spread to adjoining residences and at three the whole block was in flames. The principal buildings destroyed were the Commercial hotel, $15,000; the Manitoba and Western Canada Buildings, $15,000; Yoeger's hardware, $14,000; post office and telephone office, $2,000, Altona Club rooms, $2,500; Coblenta' general store, $22,000. These buildings were completely destroyed with all their contents including mail matter. There is insurance of about $24,000 and the loss is estimated at $60,000. Gorman Hiebert fell from the roof of a building on fire and broke his leg and was injured internally.

Child Left Alone; Burned to Death.

St. Thomas, Ont., Sept. 8.—Jimmy Dyker, aged three, was burned to death in his home here. Fire broke out when the little fellow was alone.

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"St. Patrick" With a Gun.

New York, Sept. 7.—This afternoon a detective arrested a man carrying an empty revolver and dirk. He seemed to be an ordinary crank, and described himself as "St. Patrick." The prisoner was arraigned before Justice Franklin, charged with carrying firearms and lodged in jail.

A Boodler Returns.

Montreal, Sept. 7—Charest, the former foreman of the road department, who skipped to New Bedford, Mass., after having defrauded the city of about $1,500 by means of bogus pay lists, returned to the city on Saturday morning, having waived extradition proceedings. He admits his guilt. Rumor is that some aldermen are implicated.

Prisoners Were Reaaptured.

Kenora, Ont., Sept.7—Two prisoners who escaped last night were captured again this morning. Geo. Johnston, the murderer of Mrs. Johnson, was detected hiding on the outskirts of the town and captured by Constable Sherman. R. H. Griffin was captured a couple of hours later.

Four Killed in Collision.

Missoula, Mont., Sept. 7—Engineers Mussen and Valentine, Fireman Robinson and Herrick were killed as a result of a head-on collision between westbound passenger train No. 5 and a freight train on the Northern Pacific road near Paradise. It is alleged an operator failed to deliver orders.

C. B. Foster is Promoted.

Toronto, Sept. 7—C. B. Foster, district passenger agent of the C. P. R., has been appointed assistant-general passenger agent for western Canada with headquarters at Vancouver. Foster is now in Winnipeg on his way west. He is succeeded by Thompson, of Cincinnati.

SOCIALISTS RAID A CHURCH.

But Police Were Ready in Glasgow and Nothing Was Done.

Glasgow, Sept. 8.—Two thousand Socialists and unemployed, after an open air meeting yesterday, at which violent speeches were made, attempted forcibly to invade the cathedral during the services.

A large body of police, which had been specially stationed there to prevent just such an occurrence, frustrated the designs of the mob by charging it with their batons. Several rioters were injured, and the mob was finally dispersed. The Socialists threaten a mass meeting on Thursday, 50,000 strong, and attack the municipal buildings.

IN GUISE OF PEDDLER.

Detective Wormed His Way Into Confidence of Strikers.

Chester, Pa., Sept. 8.—Testimony given by a detective who, from the start of the Chester trolley strike posing as a street peddler, said he had wormed his way into the confidence of the union leaders and received from their own lips confessions of a conspiracy to dynamite and destroy street railway property, caused a sensation at the hearing of Patrick K. Shea, vice president and national organizer of the Amalgamated Association of Street and Electric Railway Employees; William V. Lockhart, president of the Chester division, and thirteen strikers arraigned yesterday at Medina, the county seat. The fifteen defendants were held under $2,000 bail each for court.

The testimony of the detective, Fred Wackter, of Philadelphia, told of confidence put in him, of how he had been taken along with a band of strikers who went out on a track-wrecking expedition, and, giving names and dates, related each specific confession which the strikers had made to him, believing him to be an ardent sympathizer with their cause and ready to join them in any act of violence.

Cartridge Left in Gun.

Manor, Sask., Sept. 9—Edson, the twelve year old son of H. L. Tribe, merchant, was accidentally shot by his brother Lawrence, at two o'clock this morning, while cleaning a gun in which a cartridge had been left. His life is in danger.

BUYING POWER INCREASING.

Retail Trade Grows in Volume With Decrease of Idleness.

New York, Sept. 8—R. G. Dunn & Co.'s weekly review of trade says:

"The steady decrease in percentage of idle machinery and number of idle freight cars swells the amount of money distributed among wage-earners, and gradually increases the volume of retail trade. As stocks of merchandise in the stores of retailers become depleted there is more confidence regarding the future, and contracts are made covering deliveries up to the end of the year; but conservatism still dominates the situation and many plans will not materialize into anything tangible until the election uncertainty is removed two months hence.

"Cotton mills still curtail output, the raw material having fallen $21 a bale below the price a year ago, which unsettles the market for goods, but other leading manufacturing industries are gradually increasing output and the fortnightly statement of idle freight cars show a decrease of 28,618, making the total 161,189 less than at the worst point at the end of April.

"Liabilities of commercial failures in August would have compared favorably with those of the same month last year, but for three large suspensions, one of which was speculative and of no effect on legitimate business. Railway earnings for August were 12.5 per cent. less than in the same month last year. Commercial failures this week in the United States are 244 against 252 last week, 239 the preceding week and 178 the corresponding week last year."

RUEF JUROR OFFERED BRIBE.

Declares he Could Have Obtained 2,000 For Vote.

San Francisco, Sept. 8—At the afternoon session of the court in the choosing of jurors to try Abe Ruef on the charge of bribery, a sensation was caused when J. M. Kelly, a talesman under examination stated that he had been approached by G. A. S. Blake and offered $2,000 to vote against the conviction of Ruef, in case he should be accepted as a juror. Kelly disclosed this matter to District Attorney Langdon in July, telling him that Blake at first offered him $500 and subsequently increased the offer to $2,000.

When Kelly was called to the box Attorney Frank Murphy arose before the juror was sworn and insisted on making a statement, in which he said:—

"This man approached counsel for the defendant and solicited a bribe."

Kelly took the stand and related in detail the conversation with Blake.

Following Kelly's statement, Frank Murphy insisted on being sworn and testified in substance that Kelly was lying.

At the evening session of the court, which was devoted to the alleged attempted bribery, Kelly told his story, which was practically as previously related. In the meanwhile a warrant had been issued for Blake, the charge being attempted bribery of a juror. Kelly himself swore to the complaint. The police are watching Blake's office, and search is being made for him throughout the city.

DISTRICT COURT SITTING.

Sitting of the District Court will be held as follows:

ATHABASCA LANDING — Wednesday, September 9th, 1908, instead of Tuesday, October 20th.

LESSER SLAVE LAKE—Monday, September 14th, 1908.

PEACE RIVER LANDING— Monday, September 21st, 1908.

FORT VERMILLION—Monday September 28th, 1908.

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