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SAT ON DYNAMITE AND POWDER BOXES WHILE FLAMES RAGED OUTSIDE

Men at Dome Extension Mine Forced to Take Refuge in the Powder House—Thrilling Tales of Escape From Conflagration, Which Still Threatens Porcupine.

FIRE AREA REPORTED TO BE EVER WIDENING

NORTH BAY, July 4.—(Special).—Porcupine gold camp still lies hot and smoldering with smoldering flames everywhere, only awaiting for another gale like Sunday to continue the work of destruction so well begun on that eventful day. Large columns of smoke can be seen coming from distant townships, indicating that the fire area is ever widening. News reached Porcupine this morning that the fire had swept thru Bristol Township, where some very rich finds have recently been made. A host of prospectors are in Bristol, and grave anxiety is felt for their safety. All day Monday and Tuesday weary and scorched prospectors have been struggling in northern settlements with sorry tales of camps which had to be abandoned to the hungry flames with all their equipment and supplies, while the occupants were forced to fly for safety, many having to take to the water for refuge from the intense heat and flying embers. Fortunately the water in the area is well-supplied with lakes and rivers, which will prove the salvation of many prospectors.

Captain Anchor of Dome Extension Mine was nearly blinded by smoke and cinders, and tells a graphic story of the fierce fight to save the plant and lives of employees. When it was seen that the fight was almost hopeless, Captain Anchor told the men they could go or stay as suited them, but most of the employees stuck to him and fought stubbornly and lost as a drop of water remained for the buckets.

Took Refuge in Powder House. At last, almost dead with exhaustion and suffocated with smoke and blistered with heat, the command was given for each man to take a pall of water and keep his clothing from taking fire. Only one building was left standing and that the powder house, and here Captain Anchor and his men made their last stand for shelter from the flying cinders and blistering heat, and, seated on boxes of dynamite and powder with their backs to the door, they sat and waited for the inferno outside, the men sat and rested amid the roar of flames and crashing of falling timber, as the moment of the forest burst thru and fell to the ground. A twist of the wind took the flames in another direction and red death passed by.

Montagu Townsite the flames swept down on the sawmill and small settlement on the lake shore and licked everything up. The employees and timber, apparently unharmed, gathered on the lake shore to await rescue by boats. A gasoline launch came to the rescue and took as many as the craft would hold. All were finally taken away safely.

An incident of the wild rush thru the blazing forest of the government railway commission party, including Bob Shillington, M.L.A., Supt. Black, Engineers Clement and Bourke, General Agent Lee and Roadmaster Young, besides three press correspondents, was when the party rounded a twist of the trail and a foreigner was observed calmly sitting beside a small shack, apparently unharmed, and to the danger from the wall of fire rapidly closing in on him. Those of the fleeing party who had any breath left were quick to advise the foreigner for his life, but he never winked an eyelash and apparently was run to the ground and apparently was run to the ground and scorched his back.

Big Stick Saved Situation. At one of the railway construction camps a big, husky Irish foreman ordered his gang of men to keep their feet and fight back the fire which threatened to wipe the buildings out of existence. Panic-stricken laborers, who began to edge off with the evident intention of making a rush to distant town, were held back by the foreman, who observed symptoms like an angry bull, grabbed up a large stake, which he flung around the heads in a manner which fully made up for their deficiencies in understanding his heated language, and to a man they grabbed poles and fought the fire until they dropped in their tracks, exhausted with fear and with red, more pressing that that of the red devils of the burning forest. Thus the Irish foreman saved the buildings with his big stick and command of language.

The foreman's property was repeatedly threatened by fire, but he worked saved the plant. Indications now will show that when he found himself cornered he stepped into No. 27 Terminus street, and there he was found by Dr. Samuel Singer. The doctor declared that the man was dead, and removed to the morgue, and the chief foreman is now waiting. He was about 60 years of age.

DIED FROM THE HEAT

Charles Cressy Succumbed on Street Before Aid Came.

A man believed to be Charles Cressy, 40, died of heat stroke on the street at the intersection of King-street and Bloor-street at 4:30 yesterday afternoon. It is believed that he was suffering from heat stroke when he was found lying on the sidewalk at the corner of King-street and Bloor-street, and there he was found by Dr. Samuel Singer. The doctor declared that the man was dead, and removed to the morgue, and the chief foreman is now waiting. He was about 60 years of age.

Is T.N.O. Party Safe?

A telegram from Porcupine was received here yesterday by a brother of Mrs. Cochrane, wife of Hon. Frank Cochrane, stating that the government party would arrive home on Thursday instead of to-day as was at first anticipated. Owing to the fact that not the slightest communication had been received from Hon. Frank Cochrane since the Porcupine fire broke out, some alarm was felt by relatives and friends. The telegram received yesterday, however, would indicate that the members of the party are all well, and safely out of the fire zone.

SAYS TORONTO FACES SERIOUS SLUM PROBLEM

Conditions as Bad in Some Sections as in Any Big American or European City.

For the last three months Dr. Hastings, medical health officer, has had a staff of inspectors out investigating the slum and housing problem of the city. The result is a very full report submitted to the local board of health yesterday. The members of the board referred the matter to a sub-committee, consisting of Chairman Rowland, Ald. Graham and Ald. McCarthy, who will hold a conference on the matter with the various charitable organizations.

There has been a difference of opinion as to whether we have any slum conditions," says Dr. Hastings. "There are few conditions found in the slums of European cities or in the greater American cities that have not been revealed in Toronto, the difference being only one of degree. Conditions have been revealed quite as bad as in either European or American cities, but fortunately these are thus far limited in number. These are serious allegations to make, but Dr. Hastings backs up his assertions with detailed facts and figures and finds 400 photos of actual slum conditions. In all the inspectors visited 4698 houses in Eastern-avenue district, Niagara-street district, Bathurst-street, Parliament-street, Bathurst-street, Spadina-avenue and Bathurst-street. As a result of the investigation Dr. Hastings finds 400 houses unfit for habitation, and urges the enactment of a good housing bylaw and the inclusion of more territory in the city wherein workmen may acquire houses at reasonable rates.

"We require," he says, "city planning either by securing control of the area surrounding the city for about five miles, the securing of an airport on the required districts or by annexing the necessary territory." In connection with this recommendation the health officer urges that rapid transportation facilities of a good nature should be provided, so that residence in these attractive outlying districts may be a possibility for the mechanic.

Arrangements such as they have in England or Germany would suit," he says. "The mechanic can get a ticket for 25 cents, good for ten round trips six miles from the heart of the city, or for 30 cents for nine miles."

PRESIDENT OF FRANCE

Given Cordial Reception on Arrival at Amsterdam.

AMSTERDAM, July 4.—President De Selves, who was accompanied by M. De Salles, the French foreign minister, was given a most cordial reception on arriving here to-day from Dunkirk. The French president on disembarking from the armored cruiser Edgar Quintet was welcomed by Queen Wilhelmina, Henry, the prince consort, and the civil and military authorities. The party proceeded to the imperial palace in the open landau through streets decorated with flags and thronged with cheering crowds. The entire route was lined with troops.

AND STILL THEY COME

WINNIPEG, July 4.—Figures at hand at the immigration hall for the fiscal year just completed reach a total of 311,054, or over 100,000 greater than the immediate previous fiscal year. The best previous year was 1907-1908, when 262,469 immigrants entered Canada. Of last year's aggregate, 123,013 came from the United Kingdom, 86,212 being English, Americans numbered 121,451 and Europeans 61,929. The principal provinces absorbed the bulk of immigrants, but 54,639 went to British Columbia, and this of the very best class. Indeed, possibly the most significant feature of these statistics is the big wave to the Pacific province.

PRICE CUTTING LOCKED HORNS ON VETO BILL

Lord Lansdowne Moves Amendments Excluding Home Rule Legislation—Government Will Not Budge, Says Morley

LONDON, July 4.—In the house of lords this afternoon the Marquis of Lansdowne, leader of the opposition, moved the official amendments to the veto bill. The amendments provide for the exclusion from the operation of the bill of legislation relating to Home Rule, for a joint sitting of the two houses and for a referendum to the country on matters of common concern. The marquis argued that without such safeguards the crown, church and the liberty of every institution of the country would be at the mercy of a majority of the house of commons, which might be representative of a minority of the electors. Lord Morley of Blackburn, the spokesman of the government, announced that the government could not possibly accept the amendments. The events were spent in the discussion of Lord Lansdowne's amendment to exclude Home Rule from the operation of the veto bill. He contended that the referendum was the only way of settling the question of whether the country desired home rule for Ireland. Lord Morley declared that the government would not declare its position until the committee stage has been concluded. It is believed that the house of commons will reject the lords' amendments and that the house of lords will finally accept the bill.

ON WITH CAR LINES

Mr. Drayton Advises Controllers to Start Construction at Once.

Reporting to the board of control yesterday, corporation counsel recommended that the city proceed at once with the construction of the new city hall, at the corner of St. Clair-avenue. Mr. Drayton expressed himself as not at all sanguine that any agreement can be made with Mr. Fleming, secretary of the Ontario Fruit Growers' Association yesterday, and Mr. Hodgetts certainly knows. "Two hundred crates of strawberries arrived at noon to-day," he continued, "but usually there should be about three or four carloads at this time of the year." The strawberry growers have practically finished the season, with about one-third of the crop that has been gathered in other years. "Most of the growers in Clarkson's, Oakville and Lorne Park are letting their pickers go at the end of the week," said Mr. Hodgetts. "Many of them have stopped picking berries already, but on the more moist land the Indian pickers have been notified to start on Saturday next." In spite of the fact that strawberries are so scarce in Toronto, the prices are low. Yesterday morning the figures ranged from 10 cents to 12 cents, but there were few purchasers. The quality of the fruit is poor, and people simply won't buy at any price. The same is true of raspberries. Fifteen cents was the price quoted for them yesterday, and yet it was waste time trying to dispose of them. "If the drought continues many days longer, the raspberry crop will be ruined," Mr. Hodgetts told the board. "The early season for the raspberries makes it all the worse for them now, and the foliage is withering up under the scorching sun." The blackberry crop will also suffer by the prolonged dry spell as indeed will every kind of fruit that is ripening at the present time.

AT IT AGAIN

New W. T. Stead Wins Monument to Washington in Westminster.

LONDON, July 4.—W. T. Stead, editor and author, presiding to-day at the annual fourth of July celebration at Bowling Hall for the veterans of the civil war, said that to no man did the British Empire owe a greater debt than to George Washington, "the greatest Englishman of the eighteenth century." Washington, said the speaker, had inspired the English how to maintain and extend the British Empire. "For these and other reasons," said Mr. Stead, "I hope that the flag of the Anglo-American confederation treaty will be a signal for raising a subscription through the British Empire for the erection of a noble statue to George Washington, the unifying of which in Westminster would be the most dramatic method of celebrating the completion of a hundred years' peace between the British and the American peoples."

Hardy Mariners Holler For Hen-Fruit

Deckhands' Demand for Delectable Dainties Made Steamer Look Like an Omelette in the Making—The Yoke of the Oppressor.

KINGSTON, July 4.—(Special).—The time honored conundrum "Why does a hen lay an egg?" didn't amount to beans in the minds of William Shearman, Walter Hunter and Arthur Franch, deckhands on the steamer Kingston, but the question of the cook's refusal to fill a succession of short order boilers for eggs stirred such a tempest of wrath in these hardy mariners' hearts that it came close to wrecking the ship on the way hither from Charlotte, and had the voyage and egg famine continued but a brief space longer, the life boats should have been manned and lowered. Shearman wanted poached eggs to the tune of several days' work for a hen, while Hunter wanted them scrambled and was willing to scramble for them against all comers; Franch didn't care

Northwest Crops.

WINNIPEG, July 4.—A Canadian Pacific crop report states that spring wheat is in head at Carman, Souris, Brandon, Larivière, Grains, Yorkton, Russell, Rapid City, Estevan. It is also heading out in many parts of Alberta and Saskatchewan. Frost has done slight damage in the latter province. At Arcola rain is needed.



KITCHENER FOR EGYPT.

LONDON, July 4.—Sir Eldon Gorst, for several years British agent and consul-general in Egypt, is dangerously ill. His recovery is not expected. The Telegraph says it is understood his successor in Egypt will be General Lord Kitchener.

WOULD BE IN SHAPE OF AMERICAN MADE FLOUR

Taft on Diversion of Half of Canada's Wheat to United States Mills.

"As far as strawberries are concerned the heat wave has practically closed everything up," said P. W. Hodgetts, secretary of the Ontario Fruit Growers' Association yesterday, and Mr. Hodgetts certainly knows. "Two hundred crates of strawberries arrived at noon to-day," he continued, "but usually there should be about three or four carloads at this time of the year." The strawberry growers have practically finished the season, with about one-third of the crop that has been gathered in other years. "Most of the growers in Clarkson's, Oakville and Lorne Park are letting their pickers go at the end of the week," said Mr. Hodgetts. "Many of them have stopped picking berries already, but on the more moist land the Indian pickers have been notified to start on Saturday next." In spite of the fact that strawberries are so scarce in Toronto, the prices are low. Yesterday morning the figures ranged from 10 cents to 12 cents, but there were few purchasers. The quality of the fruit is poor, and people simply won't buy at any price. The same is true of raspberries. Fifteen cents was the price quoted for them yesterday, and yet it was waste time trying to dispose of them. "If the drought continues many days longer, the raspberry crop will be ruined," Mr. Hodgetts told the board. "The early season for the raspberries makes it all the worse for them now, and the foliage is withering up under the scorching sun." The blackberry crop will also suffer by the prolonged dry spell as indeed will every kind of fruit that is ripening at the present time.

A CIVIC WELCOME

Tendered to Mr. Borden at Yorkton, Sask., Yesterday Evening.

YORKTON, Sask., July 4.—(Special).—On his arrival here this evening Mr. Borden was tendered a civic welcome and addressed the school children and boys' scouts briefly. Before the public meeting he was met by the grain growers of Mackenzie and Saltcoats regions. They told him they were "desperately in need of reciprocity," and "cannot regard relations with the United States as involving any danger to our relations with the mother country." Frederick J. Kirkham stated that the Cocksbut Canadian eight-furrow plow could be bought in Minneapolis, saying duty boxes "desperately in need of reciprocity," and "cannot regard relations with the United States as involving any danger to our relations with the mother country." Frederick J. Kirkham stated that the Cocksbut Canadian eight-furrow plow could be bought in Minneapolis, saying duty boxes "desperately in need of reciprocity," and "cannot regard relations with the United States as involving any danger to our relations with the mother country."

LITTLE WATER IN RESERVOIR.

At midnight last night there was only six feet of water in the reservoir. This extremely low ebb was rivaled last year during the warm weather, but no dire consequences resulted. Neither is there much danger now. The pumping stations are working overtime and lots of water is being supplied. It is only during the evening hours when the lawn sprinklers are in action, that the pressure falls away below the average.

THREE KILLED.

WARWICK, R.I., July 4.—His "new out of my 6000 bushes growing on the 5th side of the crossing, Gustav Menzel of Riverside, drove his automobile directly in front of an open trolley car, moving at the rate of 40 miles an hour this afternoon, and as a result three of the occupants of the automobile are dead and Menzel and the fifth occupant are badly injured.

HOT AIR.

MONTREAL, July 4.—(Special).—The story published by a Toronto paper this morning that the Grand Trunk was securing a controlling interest in the Erie Railroad, is characterized in railway circles here as "a hot weather fake."

'Twas Very Warm.

It was Richard Harding Davis who said that New York City at "ninety-six" was the hottest place in the world, and he added: "I have lived on the East Coast of Africa." Mr. Davis wasn't "in town" Monday or he probably would have added Toronto to the list of his warm experiences. As a matter of fact, however, New York City at "ninety-six" is much more uncomfortable than Toronto at one hundred and three. Here we have to keep in the shade only, with a good head-protector such as a Panama or a cork helmet. The Dinesen Company are showing some splendid Panama hats, small cap, epian deans and Point Du Ex, optional values at all figures up to twenty.

3 FIREMEN HURT IN COLLISION

Hose Wagon and Street Car Crash Together on Dundas Street—Fireman Lappin Thrown Thru Car Window.

One fireman seriously hurt, two others less seriously injured, a hose wagon demolished and the front of a street car wrecked. This was the tale of the damage following a collision between a hose wagon from the Ossington-avenue fire hall and a Dundas car at Dundas-street and Ossington-avenue at 7:45 last night. The injured men are: Thomas Eward, fireman, 423 Concord-avenue, cut about the head and left hand and leg severely bruised, taken home in police ambulance. James Jones, fireman, 555 Crawford-street, shaken up and bruised, taken home in auto. Joseph Lappin, driver of wagon, 106 Emerson-avenue, shaken up, cut, taken home in fire wagon. The wagon was responding to a call to Box 189 at Beaconsfield-avenue and Argyle-street, when, in crossing or swinging into Dundas-street, it was struck by street car 123, in charge of Motorman Guman. Geoffrey 1038 College-street. The horses got safely across the tracks, but the wagon was struck just at the box. It was thrown to the southwest corner of the streets, overturned and well nigh demolished. The motorman applied his brakes, but, seeing that a crash was inevitable, jumped and avoided any serious injury. Fireman Lappin was jostled thru the vestibule window of the car and in addition to his bruises was severely cut about the face. The injured men were attended by Dr. R. Rowan of Dovercourt-road, who sent Eward, the most seriously injured, home in an ambulance. The fire to which the wagon was going was in the attic of Fred W. Varley's home at 289 Ligar-street. The damage was \$300. The cause is unknown. After the accident the street appeared an appearance of great disorder. The front of the street car was wrecked, scattering glass over the pavement. The splintered wagon lay on its side.

WAS GLAD IF NOT CHILLY DAY

for Toronto When the Mercury Went Down—Casualty List Melts and Foundries Resume Business Again.

Toronto may have a little cooler weather to-day. The observatory officials don't promise much, but there is hope. "It all depends on the wind," said the weatherman last night. "Tomorrow will be a warm day all over the province, but in Toronto there is the possibility of a south wind from the lake keeping down the temperature." The heat wave appears to be broken, but it is not yet passed. There will still be some warm weather for the next few days, but a thunderstorm may bring relief at any moment. The highest temperature officially recorded yesterday was between noon and one o'clock, when 97 degrees was reached. The mercury pointed at 95 degrees at twelve o'clock, then started up 2 degrees and settled back to 92 at 2 p.m. It was only 89 degrees at two o'clock, but another rally occurred, and at 3 p.m. the thermometer displayed the 94 degree mark, changing to 94 degrees at four o'clock. The temperature was 84 degrees at eight o'clock last night and 79 degrees at ten o'clock.

Worst Now Over.

"I guess it's a little cooler to-day." This was the bon-die statement everywhere in the city yesterday and it was the truth. The heat wave apparently has done its worst. It has melted the frost and is now slowly falling downwards to something like average summer temperature. The highest figure officially recorded yesterday was 97 degrees between noon and one o'clock in the afternoon. Before that hour the mercury had been steadily rising since 8 a.m., when it pointed to 81. At 2 p.m. the official figures were showing a drop of 8 degrees in a little over thirty minutes. This was due to changes in the wind, which veered round to the south and east, bringing cool breezes from the lake.

IT SEEMED A PLEASURE TO BE ALIVE

Yesterday, after enduring the stifling atmosphere of Sunday and Monday. It was generally remarked that Toronto people can very soon accustom themselves to any reasonable extreme of temperature, and yesterday there was a great big grain of truth in the remark. A paltry reading of 85 degrees in the shade seemed tolerably reasonable after the "lookus-pokus" temperatures previously recorded. The city returned yesterday to something like its usual routine. Foundries and factories that were practically closed down on Monday were going full blast yesterday, as if nothing had happened. The record of prostrations and ambulance trips to the hospital incident to a temperature of 100 degrees and upwards was conspicuous by its absence. "I haven't heard a single complaint," said Waterworks Engineer Fellows last night when The World called him up regarding the water pressure. "We still have the order enforced restraining the use of lawn sprinklers," said he, "and it looks as if the citizens were adhering fairly strictly to the regulations. Anyway, I haven't as yet heard a complaint of a night and I must admit I have been expecting some."

THE WATER PRESSURE AT THE MAIN

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Twenty Deaths in New York.

NEW YORK, July 4.—The cumulative effect of the three days' hottest weather this city has experienced in years, manifested itself in a list of twenty deaths attributed to the heat. Prostrations were reported by the score and nine drownings were reported. While not going to the extremes of yesterday, the official mercury up among the skyscraper tops, touched 93 at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon, crossing the 90 mark at noon and keeping above that point until well towards sunset. Humanity generally took a holy and devoted itself to efforts at keeping cool. The out of town tide which set in strongly Sunday and Monday, ran, if possible, higher than ever and seaside and other pleasure resorts were crowded as they seldom are. A thundershower zone hovered near during late afternoon and evening, but with 72 per cent of humidity, people unable to get away from the sunbaked urban districts, suffered even more than during the recent nights when the mercury held higher. City parks and shaded houses, roofs were good sleeping places and river craft and

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Sir Frederick for London?

LONDON, July 4.—(C. A.P. Cable).—The Express says it understands that the post of high commissioner for Canada in London has been offered to Sir Frederick Borden, minister of militia and defence in the Laurier cabinet.

American Editors Tour West.

WINNIPEG, July 4.—Two hundred editors from Ohio will be here July 30, passing thru on a tour of Western Canada. They will reach Winnipeg on the return journey Aug. 14. Practically every place of importance in the three western provinces will be visited.

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