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AIR NAVIGATORS MEET ACCIDENTS

Young Aeronaut Falls Nearly a Thousand Feet Because of Parachute Failing to Work Properly

DIRIGIBLE CRASHES INTO ROLLER COASTER

French Aviator Escapes Death By Falling Into Lake—Leg Broken and Aeroplane Is Wrecked

BELLEVILLE, N. J., June 28.—Falling one thousand feet from a balloon and clinging to a parachute which failed to open properly, George Taylor, 21 years old, an aeronaut of Philadelphia, was seriously if not fatally injured in making an ascent from Hillside park. When Taylor let go he shot downward like a plummet for two hundred feet, the parachute refusing to open because of some defect. When within a hundred feet of the ground the parachute opened slightly and this saved him from instant death.

BUCHAREST, June 28.—While making a flight yesterday Ouillement, a French aviator, fell 500 feet. He escaped death by falling in a lake. His leg was broken and his aeroplane wrecked.

MANCHESTER, N. H., June 28.—Crashing into a roller coaster structure at Pine Island Park, near here, today, E. J. Parker, of Rochester, N. Y., operating a dirigible balloon, had a narrow escape from death when his airship was wrecked. Parker had just left the ground when he lost control of his machine, and saved himself by clinging to the coaster structure.

Nanaimo Sewer Contract

NANAIMO, June 29—Macdougall & Co., of Vancouver, have been awarded a contract for the construction of $50,000 worth of sewers in this city, at their tender figure of $48,346. The work is to be completed within ten months. The estimate of the city engineer was $50,000. The tenders received were as follows: The Pacific Coast Construction Company, Victoria, $74,945; James C. Kennedy, Vancouver, $71,205.25; Hugh Macdonald, Victoria, $59,523; John W. Moore, jr., Victoria, $53,751; Macdougall & Co., Vancouver, $48,346.

FOR AMENDMENT OF DECLARATION

Discussion in Commons on Bill Introduced by Premier Asquith—Small Minority Expresses Disapproval

LONDON, June 29.—Premier Asquith yesterday introduced the bill to amend the King's declaration in crisp, lucid style, briefly surveying the history of the declaration. He pointed out, curiously enough, that at its inception in 1678, and for years afterwards, it had nothing whatever to do with accession to the throne, and the sovereign was not required to take it. The declaration was taken by all the members of both houses, and these were described as sworn subjects of the sovereign. In 1700 the declaration was framed for different purposes and for an entirely different class of persons. It was introduced to protect the crown. The declaration was framed in a time of great popular excitement under the belief that a great conspiracy had been hatched to murder the sovereign, subvert the Protestant religion and destroy the liberties of the people. No candid person would deny that circumstances in all material respects had vitally changed since then. Moreover, Roman Catholic subjects of the crown had grown enormously in number and strength, and no one now doubted their loyalty or supposed their loyalty required to be hedged around by special safeguards.

Premier Asquith pointed out the offensiveness of the declaration to the sovereign himself. It was well known that the late King Edward found it a most repugnant duty to have to utter this preposterous formula directed against so many of his loyal subjects. There were other statutes existing regarding the Protestant faith and Protestant succession to the throne.

Mr. Balfour joined with the premier in his appeal to defer the inevitable discussion until the second reading of the bill. He thought the change might to be made if they could absolutely safeguard Protestant succession in order to remove offence to the king's loyal subjects.

Wm. Redmond, who welcomed the bill, said Catholics would challenge the statement that steps were considered necessary to secure the Protestantism of the sovereign and Protestant succession to the throne. The proposed alteration would remove something which was unjust to members of one church.

Captain Craig opposed the proposal because the Church of Rome was a temporal as well as a spiritual power.

Opposition also came from Sir C. Cory Moore, Agar Robartes and Hon. Neil Primrose, while several other members in the course of brief speeches gave the bill their support.

The Chronicle says: "The bill seems likely to be so far non-controversial in that the Opposition, as such, will not be against it. The government's policy is logical and meets a real grievance fully, therefore it contains a promise of finality."

The Daily Graphic congratulates the government on its courage in attempting to deal with such a thorny subject. The comparatively small minority voting against the bill gives an inaccurate impression of the opposition, but it is to be hoped that this opposition will be concentrated not on the principle of the bill, but on the wording.

The Daily News says: "The new declaration is preferable to the older formula."

The Leader says there is no guarantee in the old form of declaration, with all its offensiveness to Catholics, which is not to be found in the new.

The Daily Telegram says the proceedings in the Commons can only be regarded as a happy prelude to King George's reign and of emphatic service to the moral unity of the Empire.

The Morning Post says no doubt exists that the bill will pass substantially in its present form, and it is desirable that its passage should be marked with as little wrangling as possible.

The Times anticipates more extensive opposition on the second reading, but says when taken in conjunction with other safeguards the declaration must surely be felt to afford every security a formula can give.

The Daily Mail says Premier Asquith could not have chosen a more favorable moment for the bill. Sensible men of all parties will welcome the new declaration.

MEAT DEALERS DEFRAUD PUBLIC

Investigation in New York Shows Wooden Spreaders Are Paid for As Meat—Short Weight in Hame

NEW YORK, June 29.—W. H. Noyes, a representative of Swift & Co., testified at a hearing at the city hall today that in 1909 the New York public paid $28,000 for 225,000 pounds of wood spreaders in its meat.

Retail and wholesale butchers alike gathered at the hearing today to give their side of the case. The city authorities have been trying to remedy short weights for several weeks, and first hand information is sought.

Hams and bacon weighed before the assemblage today showed how the public is fooled. A ham, including heavy paper wrapping, marked 13 1-4 pounds, tipped the scales at only 13 pounds 14 ounces. Another marked 10 1-2 pounds weighed 9 pounds 7 ounces. Similar shrinkage was shown in bacon.

Syrians Form Club

COBALT, Ont., June 29.—A Syrian club has been formed here, and its officers plan to make it national in scope. There are 25,000 Syrians in Canada.

Cholera in Berlin

BERLIN, June 29.—Another death from cholera has occurred among the emigrants at the Ruhleben station. The victim is a sister of the Russian emigrant who died at the station two days ago.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 29.—Eighty Hindu laborers were slated for deportation on the Pacific mail liner Siberia, which sails for the Orient today. The deportations was ordered by a special board of inquiry, following the ruling of Immigration Commisioner Hart H. North that, under the present immigration laws it would be impossible to exclude Hindus. In the past Comisation North has permitted nearly every immigrant Hindu to land. Complaint was made to the immigration bureau at Washington and Special Commissioner Fred Watt was sent here to investigate. The deportation of the 80 Hindus today is one of the results of his work. He subjected the Hindus to a rigid examination which they could not pass.

TEMPEST IN TEAPOT

Mission City's Indignation Over Supposed Ill Treatment Not Based on Facts.

Residents of Mission city would appear to have needlessly developed hysterical tendencies in connection with their local school affair, as the Mission City Record in its last issue gave space to the following:

"Last week the trustees received word that the government would advertise for tenders and build the school themselves, but now the report comes that it is not to be this year. There is also a report that the $3,500 has not been granted for the building of the Hatzic school. The matter has apparently been left in the hands of the trustees to recommend. It is common talk on the street that the trustees should resign in a body to protest as to the way in which they as representatives of the people have been treated about providing school accommodation for Mission city and the immediate surrounding district."

"The people of Mission City are evidently not in touch with the facts," said Hon. Dr. Young, smiling, when shown this paragraph yesterday. "I have already provided $10,000 for Mission City school purposes—that is $2,400 for the site and $7,600, which has been placed at the disposal of the public works department for construction purposes. A grant of $3,500 has also been made for the school at Hatzic."

WORK STARTED ON C. N. R. TODAY

Northern Construction Company Has Force of Men at Port Mann to Commence Operations on Contract

IS ONE DAY AHEAD OF AGREEMENT DATE

Construction of Sixty Mile Section in Lower Fraser Valley Expected to Proceed Rapidly to Completion

VANCOUVER, June 29.—This morning a force of men in the employ of the Northern Construction Company was despatched from Vancouver to Port Mann, on the south bank of the Fraser River, opposite New Westminster, and the work of establishing camps for the gangs which will start the grade of the Canadian Northern Railway in British Columbia was commenced.

Tomorrow morning the first scraper load of dirt will be lifted on the grade, one day ahead of the date fixed in the agreement between the Canadain Northern Railway and the Government of British Columbia for the starting of operations.

C. V. Cummings, construction superintendent of the Northern Construction Company, of Winnipeg, arrived in Vancouver on Monday night, and spent yesterday hiring men for the work which will bring to Vancouver its second Canadian transcontinental railway. At the outset some fifty men will be employed, and this force will be increased from time to time as room is made for more labor. Yesterday Mr. Cummings spent a busy day purchasing supplies and engaging his workmen for the company.

The Northern Construction Company was recently awarded the contract for the building of the sixty mile section of the Canadian Northern Railway from Port Mann up the valley of the Fraser River. The surveys and location line of this section were completed some months ago. Owing to the comparatively light nature of the work to be done on the first section of sixty miles of the road it is expected that rapid progress will be made, so much so that within a month there should be a big showing of work performed.

MINISTERS' FEAR OF INVESTIGATION

Printing Bureau Scandal Illustration of Government's Attitude—Mr. Borden Recalls Opposition Action

OTTAWA, June 29.—R. L. Borden, discussing the printing bureau revelation says: "The scandal which has come to light in the printing bureau serves to illustrate an attitude of the government in one important respect which should be borne in mind by the people. The present administration is afraid to take the people into its confidence by instituting public investigation into the great spending departments of the government.

"After the report of the Cassels commission Mr. Doherty, on behalf of the opposition, moved a resolution, the operative part of which is as follows:

"That in order to lift the cloud of suspicion that rests upon the administration of various departments, to satisfy the demand of the country for honest and business-like methods and to purge the public service of extravagant, reckless waste and corrupt practices, it is advisable and necessary in the public interest that a thorough and untrammelled investigation be made by a competent business commission into the workings of all the great spending departments of the government.

"The majority that voted down that investigation," added Mr. Borden, "are not only practically but morally responsible for every dollar which has since been lost through the system of graft and rake-off now exposed."

Dr. Hyde's Sentence

KANSAS CITY, Mo., June 29—Dr. B. C. Hyde on Tuesday next will be sentenced to spend the remainder of his life in state prison by Judge Ralph Latshaw for the murder of Colonel Thomas H. Swope, the Kansas City millionaire philanthropist. Attorneys for Dr. Hyde used every means available to avert the imposing of the sentence. Judge Latshaw today overruled a motion for a new trial for the defendant. In doing so, he epitomized the entire trial of the physician. "The evidence demonstrated a plot," said the court, "and the different manifestations of that plot were so related that they disclosed common motives, prompted by avarice and cupidity, running through all transactions and indicating that its ultimate design was to obtain possession of the deceased's vast fortune by eliminating every human obstacle as pawns from a chess board."

General French at Winnipeg

WINNIPEG, June 29—General Sir John French arrived from the west today after inspecting the Sewell camp.

Irish Member Unseated

LONDON, June 29—The election of Eugene O'Sullivan, Independent Nationalist, for East Kerry, has been declared void on account of impersonation and intimidation.

Strike in Sheet Mill

MARTIN'S FERRY, Ohio, June 29.—The Laughlin sheet mill of Whitaker, Glessnor & Co., employing 1,200 men, was closed today by a strike of a large majority of the men refusing to work with others who refused to pay a 10 per cent. assessment for strikers. A double house from which mill strikers were evicted was destroyed by fire today. No one was injured.

WRIGHT BEATEN IN FINAL FOR THE TITLE

WIMBLETON, Eng., June 29.—A F. Wilding, the New Zealand crack, beat Beals C. Wright, of Boston, in the final of the all-comers singles in the all-England tennis championship today, 4-6, 4-6, 6-4, 6-2, 6-3.

It was a splendid, hard fought match. Wright outclassed his opponent, both in service and volleying during the early part of the contest and won the first two sets handily. Thereafter he tired perceptibly. Wilding's longer reach served him in good stead and superior playing at a base line enabled him to win. Wilding's victory today gives him the right to challenge the holder, A. W. Gore, for the championship of Great Britain.

HAS PASSENGER ON HIGH FLIGHT

Aviator Brookens Takes Count de Lesseps to Unusual Height on Wright Machine—Coming Boy Aeronaut

MONTREAL, June 29—Count de Lesseps, the French aviator, who came to Canada to demonstrate the good points of the Bleriot monoplane, made a trip this evening in a Wright biplane. He did so on the invitation of Manager Knahenshue, of the Wrights, the safe carriage of the guest being entrusted to Brookens, the most daring of the Wright aviators. Brookens took the count up about a thousand feet, and the flight extended far beyond the limits of the course, including a reverse and a side dip, which took away the breath of the big crowd on the ground and in the grandstand.

As the Count does not talk a word of English and Brookens cannot speak a word of French, there was no extended conversation between the international aviators while aloft, but when the pair landed the Count gave Brockens a hearty clap on the back, which fully expressed his admiration of the skill of the American aviator.

Outside of this the programme was confined to a couple of short flights by the Count in his Bleriot, some speed circles by LaChapelle and a flight by Johnson, both of the latter using the Wright bi-plane.

The competitive features of the meet are held in abeyance awaiting the arrival of the large Bleriot, on which the Count depends for success. The machines he has been using are of too small horsepower to admit of success in competing with the more powerful Wright bi-planes. Not only has the Count made firm friends of the Wright aviators, but he has taken young Cromwell Dixon, the boy aeronaut, who lost his dirigible balloon on Monday, under his wing. He is going to make a Bleriot operator out of the boy, using the machine owned by James Carruthers of Montreal. The Count says the boy has nerve, as he showed by his management of his ill-fated dirigible, and that should make a great

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SIR ELDON GORST TO BE AMBASSADOR

Reported Transfer of Present British Agent at Cairo—Lord Kitchener Suggested As His Successor.

LONDON, June 30.—The Daily Telegraph hears that Sir Eldon Gorst, British agent at Cairo, will become ambassador at Constantinople, from which city Sir G. A. Lowther will go to St. Petersburg to replace Sir A. Nicholson, who has just been appointed permanent under secretary of the foreign office. This, says the Telegraph, should open the way for the appointment of Lord Kitchener as British agent at Cairo.

Telephone Improvement

NANAIMO, June 29.—The British Columbia Telephone Co. is stringing additional copper wires between this city and Victoria. When the new system is completed, communication may be obtained over three circuits between Nanaimo and the Capital. In other words, three persons in this city will be enabled to carry on conversation with three others in Victoria at the same time.

NO AGREEMENT ON VETO POWER

Prime Minister Expected to Announce Today That Conference of Party Leaders Proved Failure

HAS CONTINUED SINCE JUNE 17TH

Autumn Session of Parliament May Be Necessary to Deal With Question of Relations of Two Houses

LONDON, June 29.—The conference between the government and the opposition on the veto power of the House of Lords has apparently proved a failure.

Although the conferees are still hopeful, Premier Asquith is expected to announce in the house of commons tomorrow that the conference was unable to agree, and it will therefore be necessary to hold an autumn session of Parliament to deal with the relations between the two houses.

The government was represented in the conference by the Prime Minister, Chancellor David Lloyd-George, the Earl of Crewe and Augustine Birrell. Arthur James Balfour, Lord Lansdowne, Austen Chamberlain and Earl Cawdor represented the Opposition at the meetings, which have continued since June 17.

Insurance Men Fined.

NEWPORT NEWS, Va., June 29.—President Daniel B. Harris, General Manager A. B. Andrews and 21 members of the Southwestern Underwriters association were convicted here today in a magistrates' court of unlawfully conspiring to control insurance rates in this city, and were fined $500 each. The cases were appealed.

M. Clemenceau's Tour.

PARIS, June 29.—Former Premier Clemenceau left today for Genoa, whence he will sail for Rio Janeiro to make a lecture tour of South America. It is possible that he will visit the United States on his way home. M. Clemenceau visited America following the Civil war, and lived for some time in New York city. At one time he was a member of the faculty of a girl's school at Stamford, Conn., where he taught the French language and literature.

PRINTING BUREAU UNDER REVIEW

Evidence Given by Late Superintendent of Stationery Before Public Accounts Sub-Committee Last Year

OTTAWA, June 29.—During the session of 1909 a sub-committee of the committee on public accounts investigated upon reference several items appearing in the dominion balance sheet as "assets," and after hearing evidence wiped out about half a million as bad debts.

Among those who gave evidence before the sub-committee was F. A. Gouldthrite, superintendent of stationery, who testified to the stock kept on hand at the bureau. The item of $201,568 appeared in the balance sheet as "advances" to the king's printer. It was explained that this sum represented the amount advanced to the king's printer for the purchase of supplies, and that a large amount of stationary supplies was constantly kept on hand.

In view of recent developments it is Gouldthrite's explanation of the stationery stock that is of interest. He told the committee that the paper, envelopes, blank books, crayons, pens, pencils and the like were kept in stock, under the authority of an order in council. He added: "We are not allowed to vary from this particular list except for some special purpose. If a minister wants a box of pens that we do not carry in stock we are only too pleased to get it for him, but the ordinary civil servant is confined to that particular list."

Gouldthrite went on: "Once a year, when the auditor general comes down to take stock, we get rid of obsolete material, stuff which is apt to become useless, and we dispose of it as best we can. I might say in this connection that in my experience of 30 years in the stationery office, we have had very little stock of that kind, except possibly a bottle of ink which would get broken or an ink well which would lose its top."

Asked as to whether an overhauling of paper stock was made, Gouldthrite answered: "The auditor general is very careful to call our attention to everything of that kind. His officers come down to take stock with us."

Mr. Ames, M. P., asked particularly about goods that would depreciate, such as elastic bands. Gouldthrite's answer was: "We buy them in small quantities as we use them—inside of a month or two at the outside, so that we are constantly buying these goods.

Gouldthrite's testimony appears to have convinced the committee that there was no accumulation of dead stock in the stationery department of the bureau and that the advance of $201,568 to the king's printer was covered by fresh stock on hand or supplied to the departments. The evidence is also at variance with the accepted report that many thousands of dollars worth of obsolete material, long since ordered and paid for, is stored away in the bureau.

Workmen's Compensation

TORONTO, June 29—Chief Justice Sir William Meredith has been appointed a commissioner by the Ontario government to study the question of workmen's compensation.

Employees' Demands Rejected

TORONTO, June 29—It is reported that the Toronto Street Railway has rejected the demands of its employees. The latter will hold a mass meeting on Saturday night to decide on their course of action.

Mr. Bryan at Montreal

MONTREAL, June 29.—Hon. W. J. Bryan, who sailed from Bristol on June 24th on the Canadian Northern steamship Royal George, is due to arrive here tomorrow morning. At one o'clock he is to address a gathering at the Y.M.C.A.

Mangled By Train.

GRAFTON, W. Va., June 29.—Arden Mitchell, aged 17 years, and Ule Graeinolds, aged 15, were found dead today, their bodies mangled, by the side of the B. & O. railroad tracks near Wheaton, a few miles from here. The youthful couple left their homes last evening for a stroll. Search last night and early today ended i nfinding their dead bodies. It is thought the boy and girl fell asleep on a hillside and rolling to the tracks were run over by a passenger train.

CANADA'S TITLE IN HUDSON'S BAY

Report That Washington Government Has Told Whalers to Disregard Claims to Sovereignty There

OTTAWA, June 29—A reason for the recent appointment of Hon. J. C. Patterson to be a commissioner to investigate the titles of ownership to lands in the Far North may be found in a report which has reached Ottawa to the effect that the United States government has given instructions to its citizens who are engaged in the whaling industry in the northern waters to disregard Canada's claims to sovereignty there.

For the last few years the United States whalers have willingly been paying licenses to the Royal Northwest Mounted Police on behalf of the Canadian Government, and it was understood that they had a certified claim of the Canadian Government to a control over the northern fisheries. Now, however, it is said that the whalers who left New Bedford this week for the north will be protected by the United States Government if they refuse to pay the licenses or otherwise recognize the sovereignty of Great Britain in the northern seas.

Blaze in Winnipeg

WINNIPEG, June 29 — Fire broke out this afternoon in the Alaska Bedding Company's factory in the north end of the city, and before it was got under control damaged the building and plant to the extent of $35,000. One hundred employees who were at work when the fire was discovered got safely out.

New Zealand Fears Trusts

WELLINGTON, N.Z., June 29—Sir Joseph Ward, the premier, in a speech foreshadowing the government's anti-trust legislation, says it possessed clear evidence that a powerful American comnapy was exercising a restrictive and prejudicial influene in New Zealand. He added that it had created a monopoly of the worst kind which must be stopped. The premier did not name the company.

RAILWAYS OBJECT TO LOWER TARIFF

Rates Charged on Sleeping and Parlor Cars Considered by Commission—No Decision Is Given

TORONTO, June 29.—The principal railways of Canada as well as the Pullman company were all represented at the last day's proceedings of the Dominion railroad board this afternoon by counsel and by their traffic managers to show cause why the tariffs charged in sleeping and parlor cars should not be changed or interfered with in any respect.

All urged with facts and figures in abundance that the business was being conducted at a loss to the companies running such cars, with the single exception of the Pullman company, which, because of its widespread interests was able to make a profit. They argued that on this account the board could not ask them to reduce the price of $4 for the space occupied by an upper and lower berth.

Chairman Mabee finally decided that further consideration was necessary before a decision could be reached.

GOLD REPORTS ARE EXPLOITED

Indications That Passenger Agents Are Endeavoring to Profit by Sensational Stories Concerning B. C.

MR. BRYCE'S WORK AS AMBASSADOR

Nothing Done Yet in Regard to Next Imperial Conference—Lord Roberts' Views on Empire Defence

LONDON, June 29.—Callers at the British Columbia agent general's office in connection with the reported gold discovery are numbered by scores, and there are indications that passenger agents are using the sensational reports as a means of attracting passengers.

Speaking today at a meeting of the National Liberal Federation, Mrs. Byles of Bradford, said that Mrs. James Bryce recently gave her details of the work done by Mr. Bryce at Washington in healing differences between Canada and the United States. Mrs. Bryce said: "He talks to Canadians like a Canadian, and to Americans like an American, and they let him say what they would let no one else say. Consequently," said Mrs. Bryce, "the clouds are disappearing."

Replying to the question of H. J. Mackinder, the Conservative member for Camlachie, in the House of Commons today, Col. Seeley, the Under Secretary of State for the Colonies, stated that the Colonies had not yet indicated the subjects which they desired raised at the next Imperial conference. The precise date of th econference could not be decided until the date of the King's coronation had been set.

Under Secretary Seeley during the course of a general statement for the colonial office made in the House of Commons today expressed the government's great gratification over the solution of the waterways and boundaries questions between Canada and the United States.

Presiding today at the National service league, Lord Roberts said they must perserve in educating public opinion to the fact that they could not hope to guard the Empire unless the country could be trained in time of peace to defend hearth and home in the country was attacked.

FIRES THREATEN ONTARIO TOWNS

Fort William District Is Still Heavily Scourged — Long Continued Drought Makes Forest Prey to Flames

FORT WILLIAM, Ont., June 29.—Forest fires are threatening towns in this vicinity, and Fort William is clouded with smoke, it being necessary to turn on the big street lights this morning.

The fires are getting worse at Silver Mountain, twenty miles out. Scores of men, women and children fought the flames all last night and could not put them out. The fire is near Mackie and Taylor's camps and is making great headway toward Silver Mountain, which is inhabited by 300 people.

Mackie and Taylor intend making a raft on which to load the horses and camping outfit if they cannot extinguish the fire.

People are getting nervous. There has been no rain for four weeks and everything as dry as tinder.

Killed by a Fall

VALDEZ, Alaska, June 29.—Charles A. Oswald, well known mining man, fell 500 feet down a mountain side to his death Monday night. News of the accident reached here today. Oswald and a companion were prospecting along the edge of the mountain side. He proposed to climb down the side of the cliff and take a short cut to camp, but his companion refused. Oswald was determined not to take the circuitous route home, and the men separated. Several hours later Oswald had failed to return to camp, and his partner, on searching for him, discovered the body at the bottom of a gulch. The body will be sent to Seattle for burial.

Nanaimo Dwelling Burned

NANAIMO June 29.—At an early hour yesterday morning fire completely destroyed the residence together with its contents, of George Chilton, of the Five Acre Lots. Mr. Chilton was awakened shortly after 3 a.m. by a crackling noise, and upon opening his bedroom door to investigate was confronted by a solid mass of flame and smoke. He shut the door quickly, awoke his wife and two children and escaped with them, none too soon, from the burning residence, by way of the bedroom window, having no time to save any of the household effects, all of which were destroyed, the only thing left standing being a blackened chimney. The loss is partly covered by insurance.