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300 PERISH IN AWFUL HOLOCAUST IN NORTHERN ONTARIO MINING DISTRICT

Forest Fire Overwhelms the Porcupine Gold Mining District

PROPERTY DAMAGE TOTALS MILLIONS.

Flames Driven Before a Gale of Sixty Miles an Hour.

Toronto, Ont., July 12.—A special from Cobalt says: The loss of life in the Porcupine district from yesterday's fire will reach several hundred, while the property loss will reach \$1,000,000.

It is known that the staff of 300 at the Dome but a few were saved, while at the West Dome but three out of 54 employees are now known to be alive.

Fire Sudden Remote. Early yesterday morning dense clouds of smoke began to seep in the southwest, but the fire was apparently remote.

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Nationalist Wins. London, July 13.—Anthony J. C. Donelan, the Nationalist whip, who was unseated by the courts was today elected unopposed for the east division of Wicklow, Ireland, in succession to John Mulcaen, Nationalist, who retired to make a vacancy for Donelan.

Man Being Led Through Town of Porcupine With Both His Eyes Burned Out Moans Only Because His Partner Had Perished.

Toronto, July 13.—Speaking generally of the fire one survivor said he would not be surprised if there were 400 deaths to add to the terror of the situation, besides the fire, there were scores of horses, cattle and dogs running wild through the town, their disembowelled and scorched bodies lining the streets already filled with bodies of men.

Acts of heroism throughout the town are too numerous to mention in detail. The horrors of the holocaust are too gruesome for print.

Cannot Estimate Dead in Northern Ontario Fires

Relief Trains Despatched with Provisions and Blankets to the Stricken Districts. Car of Coffins Shipped From North Bay to Porcupine.

North Bay, Ont., July 13.—The fires after reaping their harvest of dead are under control and no further disasters are anticipated. A relief train left North Bay this afternoon for Porcupine with provisions, blankets, tents, etc.

Car of Coffins Shipped. A gruesome sight at North Bay today was the loading of a car of coffins which went forward on a relief train in charge of General Passenger Agent Parr. Word has been received from the stricken town of Cobalt that all people gathered there as great difficulty is experienced in providing for those who have remained since the fire.

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WEEKLY BANK CLEARINGS. Toronto, Ont., July 13.—The bank clearings for the week ending July 13 are as follows:

RECORD IN RAPID RAILWAY WORK

Foley, Welch & Stewart are Establishing One West of Edmonton.

Vancouver, B.C., July 12.—A new record for rapid railway construction is being established by Messrs. Foley, Welch & Stewart on the building of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway in the Rockies.

Rushing the C.N.R. Vancouver, B.C., July 12.—The Northern Construction Company is advised that Messrs. Burns, Fenwick & Co. are preparing for building a fourteen mile section of the Canadian Northern Railway from Yale to Speltz, fourteen miles eastward, shipped from Vancouver today.

Many in England Would Come In If Farmers Advance Prices.—London, July 11.—Considerable excitement has been caused here by the dispatches from Winnipeg, saying that at least 50,000 additional farmers hands are needed for the Western Canadian harvest, and the statement made by C. J. Bell, of Virton, that the Free Press of Wednesday, July 5th, that farmers would have to advance fares to experienced men.

SHE FINDS HERSELF WEALTHY. Chicago Young Lady Received Mining Stocks at Calgary.

Chicago, Ill., July 12.—Miss Caroline, the Chicago heiress, who just received a bundle of mining stocks she won in a foot race for girls at a fair in Calgary, Alta., she finds they are worth \$70,000, and will probably be worth \$100,000 shortly.

Denounces Plines for Crime. Winnipeg, July 13.—Police Magistrate Walker today denounced plines for criminal offenses as reckless only to deprive the poor of the necessities of life.

IF ELECTIONS ARE HELD THEY WILL BE ALL OVER BY OCT. 1ST.

Ottawa, July 13.—The Evening Free Press, the organ of the Government says: "If the parliamentary deadlock results in a dissolution and an appeal to the people the elections will all be over by the first of October. That can be definitely stated. The present outlook is that if dissolution comes early in August polling will follow within six weeks. Extra printers will have to be put to work at the Bureau on the voters' list, but as only half of them are in manuscript state it will take a fortnight and probably more for them to be completed.

Then there is the necessity for the readjustment of the lists in Manitoba and the preparation of a list in the unorganized districts of Ontario, orders for which have yet to be promulgated.

There is every desire on the part of the Government to have the elections over, if elections are to be held, before the arrival of the Duke of Connaught, at Quebec, on October 12 or 13, and it may be predicted that should the expected deadlock ensue the aim of the ministers will be to hasten the polling as rapidly as possible so that the new Governor-General shall not arrive in the midst of a heated political campaign.

Ten People Injured in C.P.R. Wreck at Ponoka

Orangemen's Special Excursion Train Returning to Edmonton from Red Deer Derailed. Edmonton and Strathcona People Injured.

(From Thursday's Daily.) The special train bearing the excursionists from the Orangemen's celebration at Red Deer Wednesday was derailed 2 1/4 mile south of Ponoka in evening and number of people injured. No one was killed, and for the most part the injuries sustained were of a minor nature.

Well Treated at Ponoka. The excursionists are unanimous, however, in their expressions of gratitude for the treatment which they received at the hands of the citizens of Ponoka. The mayor caused the city hall to be thrown open, refreshments were provided and all possible arrangements made for their comfort.

Movements of French and Spanish Troops May Cause Trouble. Madrid, July 14.—The impartial correspondent at Elksaar informs his growing more critical daily. The movements of the French and Spanish officers threaten serious conflicts.

Fire in Hawke. Building occupied by The Alberta Produce Company Burned to the Ground.

Bowl; July 12.—About five o'clock last night fire was discovered in the Bowl building, which was occupied by the Alberta Produce Co., dealers in all kinds of farm products.

Potatoes Famine in Winnipeg. Winnipeg, July 12.—Potatoes of last year's vintage are just \$2.40 a bushel. This year's product is rated at \$3.50. The city is now importing. The new crop in many places has been spoiled by the rain and worms.

SIR WM. WHYTE TO RETIRE SOON

C.P.R. Vice-President Says He Will Leave Service Very Soon.

Montreal, July 14.—"I will retire from the railway service before very long, but just how soon I have not yet decided," said Sir Wm. Whyte, Canadian Pacific vice-president and general executive of western lines at Winnipeg, who is in Montreal for a couple days.



SIR WILLIAM WHYTE.

Dismissing the western newspaper rumors connecting him with the lieutenant-governorship of Manitoba and the high commissioner at London as unfounded, Sir William turned to the whole of the situation.

WILL ELIMINATE THE COMMISSION AGENT

Establishment of Central Purchasing Department Recommended by Special Committee of the Commission.—Has Been Effective in Other Cities.

(From Thursday's Daily.) The establishment of a central purchasing department will be recommended by the special committee appointed by the commissioners at the suggestion of Mayor Armstrong.

Bad Fire at St. Jerome. Quebec Town Prey to Flames—27 Families Homeless.

St. Jerome, Que., July 12.—The most disastrous fire in the history of the town occurred this afternoon, breaking out at three o'clock between two sheds, the property of Mr. Beaulieu. A strong breeze and the long spell of hot weather which had rendered the wooden buildings, which form the greater part of the town, dry as tinder, rendered the blaze almost uncontrollable and before it was discovered it had reached the entire business section of the town, laying waste an area of over three acres.

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