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## FIERCE FOREST FIRES

### Raging Near Brainerd and Little Falls.

### HEAVY RAINS ALONE WILL SAVE

#### Thrilling Story of the Run Through a Fiery Furnace—Fires Raging in New York State.

ST. PAUL, Sept. 4.—It seems the worst danger now in Minnesota is to the southeast of Brainerd and Little Falls, and that section is being watched anxiously. The Northern Pacific reports that along the line from Little Falls to Cutting three small stations have been burned. Timber through that section is on fire, and fire is raging furiously north of Brainerd and Little Falls. As the timber in that section is much heavier than where the fires raged in the pine country, railroad officials say nothing can save the whole country but very heavy rains.

Omaha has reports from Washburn that the fires have thus far been confined to the outskirts of the city, and only a few lumber mills and yards on the edge of the town have been destroyed. A heavy wind would quickly fan the flames and carry them through the country and possibly into the town. Train service on all the lines between St. Paul and Duluth has been restored, except in Eastern Minnesota. The first train to arrive here from Duluth left the head of the lake Sunday evening. The passengers reported the towns of Barrette, Bashaw and Comstock completely destroyed. At Shell Lake about fifty-eight houses have been burned. Duluth is taking care of about 1000 refugees and sending supplies to the front as fast as the citizens can collect them.

### A Race With Death.

WEST SUPERIOR, Wis., Sept. 4.—Engineer William Best, of the original rescuing passenger train on the Eastern Minnesota, tells the following of the race at Hinckley:

"Soon after leaving Superior, at 1:15 p. m., I had to light the headlight owing to the dense smoke which turned day into night. The heat, as we approached Hinckley, increased. I expected when we reached that point we would get in an opening and escape the smoke. My surprise was great, therefore, when we found the fire right upon the town. It took but a glance to see the town was doomed. The wind blew with great velocity, and the flames fairly leaped through the air. The people, taken by surprise, were helpless. The coming of the fire seemed like a stroke of lightning. Almost in an instant the town was swept by billows of flame. We could not pass Hinckley, and there was no use to look for orders, for communication was cut off. To stay and rescue as many as we could was our duty, of course, but the great question, and upon it hung the lives of many hundreds, was, how long dare we wait? Ed Barry, who was with engine No. 23, and A. D. Campbell, the conductor, were as plucky and brave fellows as ever passed a mile-pole. We hastily coupled a portion of Campbell's freight train with the engine ahead on the rear of our train. The people rushed toward our train and piled into the cars. Some were aged and helpless women and children, and had to be helped aboard. We had to shift the position of the train several times to prevent it catching fire. We were all breathing fire as it was. We saw many sights that would have filled us with horror if seen under other circumstances, but there was horror everywhere. We saw people fall down overcome by heat and smoke. I saw mothers with their babes make a last despairing effort to shelter their helpless charges. We saw people surrounded by fire; but there is no use trying to describe it to you. A few of our passengers became panic stricken, and wanted me to pull out regardless of the others at Hinckley, but of course none of us thought of doing such a cowardly and selfish act. We got about 400 people from Hinckley aboard, may be more, and slipped away to take the others who had run up the track. We could not rescue any more of the people, for they could not get to the train. A very large percentage of those that remained perished. Away we went through the blazing woods. It was a race with death."

### Michigan Fires Stopped by Rain.

DETROIT, Sept. 4.—A dispatch from the upper peninsula of Michigan shows the rainfall of last night effectually stopped the forest fires and will save millions of feet of pine, besides crops and houses. The damage already done, however, is immense, and in many localities a total loss can only be avoided by an immediate cutting of the timber. There is considerable evidence that many fires were set by men who knew the scorched pine would have to be cut at once, thus giving them work. The fires will also force into the market much pine that was held by the Noon Logging capitalists for the purpose of speculation. It is thought nearly every foot of standing pine in Ontonagon county is burned, fully 500,000,000 feet.

### Can Take the Depositions.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 4.—Hereafter the fourth-class postmasters will have another source of revenue to add to the money that now hold in the smaller settlements. He now can act as a notary public for pensioners and witnesses in pension cases only and can charge the pensioner not exceeding 25 cents to each voucher for which he affixes the seal of his office. The new authority and emoluments of the village postmaster sprang from an act approved Aug. 23, which "requires, empowers, and authorizes" them to "administer any and all oaths required to be made by pensioners and their witnesses in the execution of their vouchers, with like effect and force as officers having a seal, and such postmasters shall affix the stamp of his office to his signature to such vouchers."

The law includes all manner of pension cases in which an oath is required, including vouchers for the regular quarterly payments. This authority to the fourth-class postmasters does not mean that a notary, who has heretofore taken pensioners' depositions, can do so no longer; on the contrary, it is stipulated expressly that they may do so. The law was passed at the instance of congressmen representing country districts which are but sparsely settled and is to save travel on the part of pensioners.

passengers. The people at Partridge supposed they were safe, but it appears that within half an hour the flames reached them, thus giving an idea how fast the flames traveled. We drew a sigh of relief when we reached the limits of Superior and knew our precious freight was safe."

### AT PINE CITY.

#### Supplies Pouring In From All Parts of the City.

PINE CITY, Minn., Sept. 4.—So thoroughly have all the arrangements been made for the relief of the sufferers around Hinckley that everything moves along without a hitch. The people of this little village have responded nobly to the cry for help that came from their suffering neighbors. Provisions, clothing, bedding and other supplies were poured in from all parts of the state, and sent from here to places where they were most needed. The regulars from Fort Snelling have been of great help. Crowds of curious people are going over the grounds, looking for relics of the horrible disaster, and systematic search parties are looking for more bodies in the woods. General Bunker is representing the governor in relief measures. All the injured have been brought to the hospital, and the supplies were turned over to the medical men in charge, so there was no delay in caring for the injured. Every hall and public building of any sort was used as a hospital, and the people seemed to know no weariness in their eager desire to relieve the suffering and survivors. The heat was intense, the eyeballs nearly shriveled and nearly every person who passed through fire wore smoked glasses, or else is unable to see at all. A relief train came up on the road from St. Paul at frequent intervals, and at every station the people were ready with supplies, which were brought to this city for distribution. The appointment of a state commission by the governor for looking after general relief measures has met with general commendation. Word from White Bear that limited train engineer James Root will recover has caused rejoicing. Thomas Dunn and family of three were buried today. Dunn was the heroic telegraph operator who lost his life because he remained at his post until the station was on fire. He sent the order for the train to return and take those who wanted to escape. The train carried away over 300 people from the fire. Dunn then jumped from the window and started for the gravel pit, where so many saved their lives. He was within five rods of the pit when he fell and was unable to get further. Twenty bodies were picked up between Hinckley and Skunk Lake. Israel Schrimpski, a young Chicago lawyer, who was reported lost, is safe.

### Cholera in This Country.

CUMBERLAND, Md., Sept. 5.—John P. Walther was taken from an emigrant train today, suffering with what appeared to be a well developed case of cholera. He was isolated in a house outside the city limits and the other occupants of the car were locked in the coach and forwarded to Pittsburg. The unfortunate man died in great agony this evening. Walther and his fellow-passengers arrived at New York yesterday, in the North German Lloyd steamship Elbe, from Bremen. One of the passengers says that Walther was attacked with severe pains and vomiting two days before the vessel arrived, but that the ship's surgeon gave him medicine which braced him up sufficiently to pass inspection at New York. The authorities telegraphed the Pittsburg officials to intercept and quarantine the car. City Health Officer Duke and Dr. Ohr, who has been through an epidemic of cholera, are positive that Walther's was a bona fide case of cholera, but are undecided as to whether it was a sporadic case or of Asiatic nature. There is great excitement in Cumberland tonight over the discovery.

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## DANGER NOT YET OVER

### Three Towns Surrounded by Fierce Fires.

### WOMEN AND CHILDREN SENT AWAY

#### Refugees From Hinckley and Sandstone at Duluth—Memorial Meeting to Be Held at Pine City.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Sept. 5.—Reports from the north are to the effect that Carlton, Kerrick and Barnum are in danger. Fierce fires now surround these places, and so dense is the smoke it is impossible to see across the street. Details are hard to get, as wires are down. A report was current in this city today that Barnum had been destroyed, but it has been impossible to confirm the report. The men of Kerrick sent the women and children to West Superior and Duluth for safety, and remained to fight the fire.

Subscriptions for the fire sufferers jumped up rapidly today. The first one came from President James J. Hill, of the Great Northern railway, and was for \$5000. Accompanying this was another for \$5000 from President Hill's associates in the Great Northern. Altogether the money contributions will aggregate about \$25,000. Minneapolis has already raised \$12,000, and is rapidly increasing the amount, and Duluth has a fund of \$10,000.

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condition August 23d in Davis strait, latitude about 61 degrees, 15 min.; longitude 58 deg., 40 min.

### In New York State.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Sept. 4.—Fires in Chautauque county are sweeping through the meadows, woods and farms. Numbers of families barely escaped with their lives. They have organized a bucket brigade to keep the flames from burning houses. In the vicinity of Windom, forest fires are raging. The farmers are plowing to check the flames.

### DUNKIRK, N. Y., Sept. 4.—Forest fires are raging in this vicinity. Men, women and children are fighting the flames day and night. Thousands of dollars' worth of property is burned. The village of Fredona was threatened.

### A Big Republican Majority.

BURLINGTON, Vt., Sept. 5.—Returns from the election thus far received show a probable majority for the state ticket of 30,000.

WHITE RIVER, Vt., Sept. 5.—The gubernatorial vote is being reported slowly. Returns from 185 towns and cities give Woodbury, (republican) 35,289; Smith, (dem.) 11,810; McGinnis (pop.) 549; scattering, 303. Woodbury's plurality in these towns is 23,479; majority over all, 22,627.

### No Fear For Dubois.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 5.—Senator Dubois, of Idaho, would not be questioned today concerning the action of Senator Jones of Nevada, in leaving the republican party, except to say that any reports concerning a similar move on his part had no foundation. He leaves for the West tonight. He regretted the action of Senator Jones and expressed the belief that silver interests would be best subserved by remaining in the republican party.

### Arkansas Returns Still Incomplete.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Sept. 5.—Incomplete returns from the state elections indicate that Clarke's majority will reach 30,000. The democrats elected state and county tickets in all except Nevada, Pike, Green, Osborne and Stone counties, in which the populists have majorities.

### Still Raging Near Brainerd.

BRainerd, Minn., Sept. 4.—The country to the north and northeast of this city is still burning furiously. The fires have expended their fury in the immediate vicinity of Brainerd. Thousands of tons of hay have been consumed in Crow Wing county and many farmhouses destroyed.

### At Pine City.

PINE CITY, Minn., Sept. 4.—Every other person one meets in Pine City today gives visible evidence in bloodshot eyes, burned noses and cheeks, of the conflict with fire. Some are thinly clad. There are 50 tents and each housed four to five people last night.

### Cholera in Europe.

VIENNA, Sept. 5.—From August 27 to September 3, there were 801 deaths from cholera in Galicia and Bukovina. Since the disease became epidemic there have been 6958 cases of cholera, and 3,000 deaths in these provinces.

### Two Sailors Picked Up.

QUEENSTOWN, Sept. 5.—The steamer Ohio, from Philadelphia for Liverpool, arrived here with two sailors picked up from a lifeboat belonging to a French ship supposed to be lost.

### Four Men Shot.

BALTIMORE, Sept. 5.—At a political meeting at Wayne, W. Va., last night, a fight occurred between Camden and anti-Camden adherents, in which four men were shot, one fatally.

### Cholera in Germany.

BERLIN, Sept. 5.—The Imperial board reports that throughout Germany from August 27 to Sept. 3, inclusive, there were 53 cases, and 21 deaths from cholera.

### Viking Sunk in a Storm.

CHICAGO, Sept. 5.—The celebrated Viking ship, which crossed the Atlantic and was exhibited at the world's fair, sunk in the river during a storm Monday.

Teacher—Harry, if a basket of peaches cost \$1 and there are 50 peaches in the basket, how much does one peach cost? Juvenile pupil—I don't know, ma'am. We don't never have to buy peaches at our house. My papa's a baggageman on a 'spress train.—Chicago Tribune.

"Tea will be dearer now on account of the China-Japan trouble," said the first speaker. "Well, it won't make any difference to us," said the second one soothingly, "because we use English breakfast tea."—Boston Transcript.

Ragon Tatters—Wat's de matter, Rully? Wat yer shiverin' fer? Rulingstone Nomose (reading paper)—Here is a piece 'bout a man w'at died from drinkin' ice water. Wat a horrible death.—Philadelphia Record.

## STAMBULOFF STONED

### The Russian Ex-Premier Attacked by a Mob.

### WAS RESCUED BY THE SOLDIERS

#### Dutch Warships Bombarding Matarak—English Government Party Arraigned by Chamberlain—The Count's Successor.

### Stambuloff Stoned by a Mob.

SOFIA, Sept. 6.—Ex-Premier Stambuloff on leaving court yesterday after being released on bail on the charge of libeling Prince Ferdinand, was stoned by an angry mob. One man struck Stambuloff with a stone, causing a slight injury. The soldiers finally dispersed the mob and rescued him.

### The Debs Trial.

CHICAGO, Sept. 6.—The trial of President Debs and other American Railway Union officials were resumed today, with E. M. Mulford, of the Western Union telegraph, on the stand. Mulford read a large number of messages sent and received by the American Railway Union people. They were principally of a routine nature, urging the men to "stand pat," and asserting the general managers were beaten. One telegram received especial attention from the government attorneys. It was addressed to C. B. Harmon, of Denver, instructing him to "pay no attention to court injunctions." Mulford attempted to identify Debs' signature, but the effort was not satisfactory.

### Government Party Arraigned.

LONDON, Sept. 6.—In a speech in Liverpool last evening Joseph Chamberlain reviewed the recent record of the government. The ministers have been compelled by the Irish taskmasters, he said, to devote the whole time of the commons to Irish affairs. Foreign affairs had been crowded out, and the gravest interests of the empire had been overlooked. British diplomacy had been independent in Siam and had been shamed and humiliated in the Congo region. The politics of the country would be confused and unsettled until the government would accept the challenge of the lords to appeal to the country for its verdict on the rejections of the home-rule and evicted-tenant bills.

### A Supposed Case of Cholera.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 6.—A telegram was received today by Surgeon-General Wyman, of the marine hospital service, from Health Officer Duke, at Cumberland, Md., announcing the death there last night of John P. Walther, a German immigrant, with symptoms of Asiatic cholera. Dr. Wyman wired the officer to hold a post-mortem examination and report the results. Dr. Wyman said: "I do not believe this man died of Asiatic cholera. There is no cholera in Bremen, the port from which he is said to have come. There has been no disease among the other immigrants on the car detained at Pittsburg."

### The Case of the Wanderer.

OTTAWA, Ontario, Sept. 6.—In the case of the British Columbia sealing schooner Wanderer, which was brought to Victoria by a United States cruiser under arrest, and handed over to the British gunboat on a charge of having guns and powder on board unsealed after she had been officially inspected, the minister of marine has ordered Collector Milne to have nothing to do with the case. He decided no offense had been shown and the Wanderer had complied with all the regulations.

### Cook Arctic Excursion.

SIDNEY, N. S., Sept. 6.—The Cook Arctic excursion was happily concluded by a banquet last night at the Sidney hotel, given in honor of Captain William T. Farrell, of the steamship Miranda, and Captain George W. Dixon, of the American schooner Rigel, for their gallant conduct in saving the passengers of the Miranda and bringing them safely to Sidney.

### Unfavorable Opinion of Gould.

LONDON, Sept. 6.—The Westminster Gazette says: Gould is anything but happy out of the Cape May cup business.

### Highest of all in Leavening Power.—Latest U. S. Gov't Report

### Wouldn't Work Labor Day.

Houghton, Mich., Sept. 6.—Professor Bidwell, in charge of the repair work at the state mining school in the absence of Director Wadsworth, discharged seven workmen Tuesday because they failed to work Labor day.

### Dutch Warships Bombarding.

AMSTERDAM, Sept. 6.—The Dutch warships are bombarding Mataram, capital of the island of Lombok. They have destroyed the rajah's palace and have expelled the Balinese.

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That the news of the mishap to the Vigilant was received with derision in many quarters, the papers say, is not surprising, and adds there is a suggestion of ranky-panky about the incident that does not commend itself to British notions.

### Venezuela Very Unsettled.

NEW YORK, Sept. 6.—The Red line steamer Venezuela arrived today from Venezuelan ports, having left Lagunayard August 31. A very unsettled state of affairs apparently exists in the principal cities of Venezuela. An encounter between 300 revolutionists and 900 government troops is said to have taken place near Ciudad Bolivar in August, in which the rebels were defeated.

### Count of Paris' Successor.

PARIS, Sept. 6.—The Temps says that Prince Francoise Marie of Bourbon has prepared a manifesto to be issued after the Count of Paris' death, claiming for himself the heritage of the crown of France. This manifesto is now in the hands of Prince Valori, the prince's representative in France. The prince will take the title of the duke of Anjou.

### Tribesmen to be Punished.

LONDON, Sept. 6.—The recent collisions with Chief Nana's tribesmen at the mouth of the Benue river, West Africa, in which several English subjects were killed or wounded, has decided the government to send gunboats to punish Chief Nana. The trouble arises from the opposition of the natives to British traders.

### Pope's Encyclical Letter.

ROME, Sept. 6.—The pope will shortly issue an encyclical letter to the people of the United States announcing the absolute supremacy of the apostolic delegate in church matters in the United States, with the simple right to appeal to the pope. The scholastic question will not be touched on.

### No Agreement Reached.

PITTSBURGH, Sept. 6.—The conferences between committees representing the American Flint Glassworkers' Union and the Western Flint Bottle Manufacturers' Association ended without an agreement on the wage scale.

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