PRICE FIVE CENTS.

HUNDREDS DIE IN MINNESOTA **FOREST FIRES**

Settlers Crazed With Grief Wander in Burning Woods.

CORPSES FOUND IN FILES

Property Loss in Onrushing Blaze Will Reach Far Into Millions.

ENTIRE FAMILIES WIPED OUT

Death List Grows Each Hour -Many Are Missing.

TOWNS BURN LIKE TINDER

Great Conflagration Carries Tales of Horror-Four Towns Destroyed. Women and Children Are Rushed From Fire's Path.

WARROAD, Minn., Oct. 9 .- Death's toll from forest fires now sweeping Northern Minnesota in the Rainy River district may reach 600. General Superintendent Cameron, of the Canadian Pacific Railway, says this estimate will be

Four towns have been wiped out by the flamer.

Hundreds of settlers are missing and the death list grows hourly. Bodies of 98 dead have already been gathered.

Thousands of refugees fill Warroad tonight. The town is in great danger from forest fires which are gradually approaching the town. Two special trains left Winnipeg at 6 o'clock over the Canadian Northern Railway with fire apparatus and hose. Roosevelt is safe

Refugees Fill Warroad.

Tonight Warroad is crowded with a thousand refugees, and fires are burning all around it. The fire is spreading this way and is now only seven miles from Sprague, Manitoba, which is 20 miles northwest of here. A fire also is coming down from the north of Sprague, where it has burned great quantities cordwood, telephone and telegraph poles

awaiting shipment.

The forest fire is the greatest since the Hinckley, Minn., horror of 15 years ago. It is almost impossible to estimate the number of missing, but messages sent out by private individuals, indicate that 100 relatives, mostly from around Beaudette, have not reported.

General Superintendent Cameron, of the Canadian Northern Railroad, places the number of deaths at 400, but admits that it may be larger.

Four Towns Burned.

The towns of Pitt, Spooner, Gracetown and Beaudetta were burned Friday night The fire was heralded by a shower of sparks and burning brands which swept across the Beaudette River, and the inhabitants barely had time to reach the special train that was waiting before both towns were on fire.

Sick people, apparently by the score appeared and were carried or assisted to points of safety. There were five patients in Carrigan's hospital who had been burned.

One young woman, who had gives birth to a child earlier in the evening. had to be taken to a lumber office t make room for other patients.

A special train is waiting to take the people to some other point cast in case the fire should get a fresh start. town is not yet entirely free of danger.

Spooner Wiped Clean. The buildings of the Shevlin Mathieu Lumber Company are practically the only structures standing in Spooner, not a

tree, fence or a foot of sidewalk being There are not even the heaps of The property loss in Rainy River.

debris that usually remain after a fire. Beaudette and Spooner alone, including the Rat Portage Lumber Company's plant and yard at Rainy River and the yard of Sheviin Mathieu Lumber Company at Spooner, will total about \$1,500,009. It will be some time before the loss of life

is known even approximately. Wagon loads of human bodles are being brought into the railway station at Beaudette. It is reported that many settlers, crased with grief at the loss of families and property, are roaming the woods, and searching parties are looking for the injured, the dead and the demented. One family of nine, one of seven and one of five perished on

Friday night. At 8:20 P. M. Saturday a tornado of fire struck Beaudette and Spooner, and (Concluded on Page 4.)

GERANIUM BIG AS SAUCER IS GROWN

CALIFORNIA GARDENER DEVEL-OPS BIG BLOOM

Number of Individual Flowers Increased From 22 to 67-Huge Carnation Perfected.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 9 .- (Special.) Richard Diener, a gardener at Colma, a suburb of San Francisco, where Coffroth used to hold his fights, who has been experimenting secretly with all kinds of flowers in order to ascertain how to enlarge their size, has perfected a gerantum six inches in diam eter, which has been pronounced by experts one of the most extraordinary achievements in floriculture.

By removing the pollen from a sin gle variety of "white" gerantum, which is in full bloom, and crossing it with a red one. Diener has discovered that the flower will become twice its original size, and by a second and third crossing he is able to produce a truss or cluster of blossoms measuring from five to six inches in diameter.

According to the number of times te crosses the flowers, the number of individual flowers is increased from ing from pinkish white to scarlet. Diener has also perfected carnations four and five inches in diameter.

MAN SELLS 'STRAD' FOR \$10

Purchaser in Turn Disposes of Violin for \$300; Price Now \$2500.

TACOMA, Wash, Oct. 5 .- (Special.) -Two small merchants here are bemoaning their ignorance, and a dealer in musical instruments is much pleased with himself as the result of the possage through their hands of a rare Stradivarius violin during the past few days. The instrument was first sold for \$1, and after being bartered for twice a change in the programme

A German saflor, who was "down and out," first sold the insturment to a Pacific-avenue pawnbroker for \$1, who in turn thought he was doing a good stroke of business, when he passed it en to a Commerce-street cobbler for \$10. The cobbler was playing on the Instrument the same evening that he bought it, when a prominent music dealer entered his shop and at once of-fered him \$500 for it.

PIONEER KILLED BY HORSES Runaway Team, With Wagon, Twice Passes Over Man's Body.

HOOD RIVER, Or., Oct. 9 .- (Special.) -P. D. Hinrichs, a Hood River pioneer of 35 years, was killed here yesterday in a runaway accident. Mr. Hinrichs was hauling apples from the orchard to his apple-house. The team started to and, unable to control them, he fell from the wagon, which passed him the team, which ran in a circle, passed over him a second time, caus-

ing death almost instantly. Mr. Hinrichs had amassed considerafter an all-day fight, but the town is able property. He is survived by his crowded with refugees widow and eight children, and by his rother, J. W. Hinrichs, vice-president of the First National Bank.

> TREASURER IS INDICTED Warrant Out for County Official at Montesano, Wash.

MONTESANO, Wash, Oct. 8-(Spe cial.)-Judge Mason Irwin Issued warrants Saturday night for the indictments returned by the grand jury.

The warrants were for County Treas urer G. J. Taylor, for malfeasance in office; for Wilson Buttner, for grand larceny; for, R. C. Moxley, for dynamiting

DEMOCRATS WILL SEND DIX ON TOUR

Programme in New York Is Changed.

LACK OF ORATORS IS FELT

Candidate for Governor Not Great Spell-Binder.

HEARST TO GO IT ALONE

Independence League Will Confine Efforts to New York City-Republicans to Open Campaign Friday Night in Gotham.

BY LLOYD F. LONERGAN. NEW YORK, Oct. 9.—(Special.)— That the Democrats do not consider they have a walkover is indicated by the announcement tonight that Guber natorial Candidate Dix will take the

Dix is not an orator and the original intention was for him to play a silent part in the campaign. But State Chair-man Huppuch, who, like Dix, comes form Washington County, and is the nominee's business partner has made

On Wednesday, the committee named by the Democratic State Convention will travel to Thomson, Washington County, to tell Dix that he is the party's standard-bearer. Thomson is in the woods, 15 miles by trolley from any railroad station. After the notification ceremonies, Dix will be sent on a tour through the state. His plans have not been completed, but the an nouncement is made that most of his time will be spent in the rural districts.

Democrats Are Worried.

Democratic managers admit privately that they are worried over the lack of capable orators. Thomas Osborne. head of the Democratic League, is not a convincing talker; Edward M. Shepard, despite his abilities as a speaker, is handicapped by his corporation affiliations, the same disability that affects John B. Stanchfield, of Elmira, while Martin Littleton, easily the prize Democratic orator of the state, is the candidate for Congress in Roosevelt's district. The minor candidates on the state ticket are not men who can charm audiences, so the decision to draft Dix was really a last resort.

William Randolph Hearst, who vainly sent orders by wireless to his convention to nominate Stimson, is now obeyed. Hearst's lieutenants did their best and pominated State Chairman Hopper for Governor, the understanding being that Hopper would retire if

After looking over the field, however, Hearst decided that he would gain (Concluded on Page 3.)

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GIRL WEDS, AVOIDS JAIL With Husband to Guide Her, Embezzler Is to Go Free.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Oct. B .- (Special.) -Opal V. Reed, a pretty department cashler of the Charles P. Nathan Company, a local department store, will es-cape a charge of embezzlement by her secret marriage last night in Woodland to George T. Howlett, employed by a wholesale house of this city.

News of her marriage made known here oday resulted in a statement from City Attorney and heads of the department be placed on trial for the offense, which was discovered about a month ago. She was to have had a hearing this week in the Police Court and efforts were al-City Attorney Hart says he believes there is no need of pressing

The firm takes the same view of the slips. She spent the money for clothes and in supporting her sister, she said. Will be carried on the train, the rest all reporting safe. She was engaged to Howlett and when out on bail went over to Woodland and was married, getting the County Clerk he replied that he had chosen that route to give her the license Saturday night.

FLIGHT TO GOTHAM

For \$30,000.00 Prize, Ely Leaves Chicago.

AGGIDENTS CAUSE DELAY

Aeroplanist Expects to Reach New York by Friday.

ROW ELIMINATES RACE

Wright Brothers Refuse to Enter Competitive Event for Big Newspapers' Award, Considering It Too Dangerous Undertaking.

CHICAGO, Oct. 9.-(Special.)-Eugene Ely, aviator, started today on an aeroplane flight from Chicago to New York for the \$30,000 prize offered by the Chicago Evening Post and the New York Times, but tonight rested at Gary, a few miles out of Chicago, owing to minor accidents to his machine.

Ely first descended at Beverly Sta-tion on the Rock Island Railroad to fix the carburetor of his engine, which had shut off while he was at a height of 1400 feet. Ely landed safely on the golf links of Beverly hills, 16 miles south of Hawthorne Park, from where he made his start.

The carburetor was quickly fixed, bu while he was trying to get the machine up in the air again one of the front wheels struck a stone and broke. After telephoning back to Hawthorne Park for repairs,. Ely prepared to spend the night in the special car at Gary, and to make a sunrise start tomorrow from Beverly Station.

Ely Determined to Fly.

"I shall fly to New York whether it takes me seven days or seven weeks," said Ely tonight. "My trunks and sup plies have been sent to the Astor House in New York and I expect to be with my trunks not later than Friday."

"It was a great wind for speed, but one of the roughest I ever tackled, said Ely. "It was extremely shoppy and kept me on the move every second to retain the balance of the machine. ready on foot to seek probation for her As to the carbureter, the trouble was when she was held to answer to the Sunot serious, only I couldn't reach it. It needed adjustment. The machinists all she needs is somebody to look after have constructed an arm by which her and now that she has a husband, can govern it from where I sit and can govern it from where I sit and then I'll have both the gasoline and spark under control."

Ely has seven days in which to complete the trip. A special train on the day. Miss Reed in two years embezzied close Lake Shore and Michigan Southern to \$2000 by altering checks and cash Railway, will follow the aeroplane. She spent the money for clothes Newspapermen and a few enthusiasts

Asked if he had not been blown out of his course by the high northeast wind,

CONVICTS LOCK UP SHERIFF AND GIRL

DUO FLEE, FOLLOWING RELI-

Desperadoes Take Officer and Mis sionary Unawares, Make Both Prisoners, Then Escape.

SANTA ANA, Cal, Oct. 3 .- Taken un awares at the close of religious services in the jail here today, Sheriff Lacey and Miss Christian Kert, a missionary were thrown into a cell by two prisoners -an alleged murderer and a forger-and held for nearly an hour while their cap tors escaped.

The fugitives, Rosario Stanz and Alejo Nacies, are being pursued tonight by several posses. Both are armed with rifles taken from the Sheriff's office, and a battle is expected before they are recaptured.

Lacey was with Miss Kerl, who conducted the service in the main room of

Sianz, who is said to have a record of five men killed and who was one of the recently scattered band of Chinese smugglers, struck the Sheriff on the temple,

Nacias grasped for the Sheriff's keys, but Miss Kerl secured them and rushed for the corridor. She opened the jail got outside, but seeing the plight of the Sheriff, re-entered the prison. She was promptly overpowered by the two desperadoes, who flung her into a jearing laugh, made their way into Lacey's office. There they procured two rifles and going into the street, they also seized two bicycles. They soon disappeared.

The Sheriff and Miss Kerl remained

TRAGEDY TEACHES LESSON

Young Slayer of Conductor Will Never Carry Revolver Again.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Oct. 9 .- (Special.)-E. Merle Fuller, 19 years old, who shot and killed Conductor Stewart at Ridgefield, June 30, and who was acquitted of the charge of murder in the first degree, last night, said today that he never again would carry a revolver, so long as he lives. He said that he was sincerely sorry for his act. With his sweetheart, Miss Gladys Hughes, who remained with him during the trial, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Fuller, young Fuller went to Ridgefield last night, after attending a show, and he will go to his home uth Bend, Wash., tomorrow

DIETZ TO BE ARRAIGNED Wife and Two Sons to Be Charged

Jointly in Warrants. CHIPPEWA FALLS, Wis., Oct. 9,-

John Dietz, his wife and two sons will be arraigned this week on the warrants against them, it was said by District Attorney Davis, of Sawyer County, to-

Of the large squad of deputies who took part in the battle at Dietz' house,

Hundreds of people visited the scene of the battle today and hacked almost to pieces the Dietz cabin in efforts to

Many Overcome in Attempt to Save.

FEAR LIVES ARE SNUFFED OUT

Colorado Disaster May Count Total of 52 Dead.

BLACK DAMP HALTS WORK

Origin of Explosion Mystery, Though Coal Dust May Be Cause-Portable Fan Last Resort to Save Lives of Those Imprisoned.

STARKVILLE, Colo., Oct. 9 .- At least men are entombed tonight in Starkville mine of the Colorado Fuel & Iron Company, while, in the approaches to the mine, hundreds of their fellows with oxygen helmets, movable rotary fans and picks and shovels are striving simultaneously to open the living tomb and to draw from it the poisonous gases

with which it is at least partly filled. The men have been imprisoned and the escuing parties have tolled since 16:50 P. M. Saturday, when an explosion, probably caused by coal dust, shook the earth for a radius of seven miles, destroying the main entrance to the mine and scaled the hapless toilers within it. Because of the vast ramifications of the mine and its connections with other -workings it is hoped that perhaps half the men may be rescued. An attomorrow to open up the sealed passages.

Black Damp Halts Rescue Work. The presence of black damp, which almost invariably follows in the wake of coal mine explosions, made the work of the rescuers extremely hazardous and time and again members of parties were overcome,

Late today those superintending the work of rescue decided that none should enter the mine until a portable fan was installed and rescue work was

called off for the time being. The fan reached the portal of the mine at 4 o'clock and, under the supervision of the chief electrician company, was mounted upon an electric motor car and gradually pushed forward into the new stope, working as it went, driving the gas shead and, as was hoped, to an air shaft thousands of feet inside the mine, where it

escaped into the open air. The greatest caution was exercised that the motor carrying the fan should not be advanced too rapidly, and a sudden rush of gas or kick-back whelm the men operating the machine and snuff out their lives.

Five Americans Entombed.

According to a statement given out officially by the Coroner, there known to be in the mine 28 Poles, three Russians, five Americans, four Mexicars and one Servian. These nationalities represented in the list of the entombed were classified after a careful house-to-house canvass of the city made by the house clerk and a town marshal

The Americans are: Tom Upperdine, 28 years old, wife and two children; Luke Upperdine, aged 50, wife and five children; Fred Leppe, 21, single; Frank Greet, 19, singie; Wilbur Headquist, 20, single. The other missing men are Poles, Mexicans and Italians, most of whom have fam-

Discrepancy Seen in Missing. While this list only totals 46, the

Coroner says that he is positive that there are 52 men inside the mine and explains the difference in figures by saying that the nationalities of some of the men believed to be among the missing are not known, and no attempt

was made to classify them. Some, who are familiar with the working conditions at the Starkville mine, express the belief that the total number estimated by the Coroner is too onservative and they freely state their opinions to be that when the list is ompleted, it will number nearer 80 than 50.

Others Dig to Save Lives.

In addition to efforts made to enter the mine by the east, or new stope, experienced miners were sent into the Engleville mine, which adjoins the Starkville property, to dig through the nasonry wall built to separate the mines when the workings ran together several months ago. It was necessary to use the greatest care to make only a small opening at first so that foul air from the Starkville mine thecked and the lives in the Engleville

mine be not endangered. o'clock this evening word reached the camp proper that a twoinch hole had been bored through the wall and a test of the air showed it to be surprisingly good. Orders were immediately given to enlarge the opening, and if the air was found to be pure, the men were to go on through.

This information was followed by Helmet Men to Rescue.

news that the men who were installing the portable fan, had been overcome and barely escaped to the entrance the west portal with their lives. They had penetrated \$90 feet when they (Concluded on Page 35)

get bullets for souvenirs. AVIATION MEET SCENES, AVIATORS WHO PARTICIPATED IN CHICAGO FLIGHTS AND ROW AND BIRDMAN WHO STARTS ALONE ON CHICAGO-TO-NEW YORK TRIP.



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