



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.—Deaths toll from forest fires now sweeping Northern Minnesota in the Rainy River district may reach 400. General Superintendent Cameron, of the Canadian Pacific Railway, says this estimate will be larger.

Four towns have been wiped out by the flames.

Hundreds of settlers are missing and the death list grows hourly. Bodies of 36 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 after an all-day fight, but the town is crowded with refugees.

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 of cordwood, telephone and telegraph poles awaiting shipment.

The forest fire is the greatest since the Itaska, 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 Beaudette 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.

Treasurer Is Indicted

WARRANT OUT FOR COUNTY OFFICIAL at Montesano, Wash.

MAN SELLS 'STRAD' FOR \$10

Purchaser in Turn Disposes of Violin for \$500; Price Now \$2500.

GERANIUM BIG AS SAUCER IS GROWN

CALIFORNIA GARDENER DEVELOPS BIG BLOOM.

DEMOCRATS WILL SEND DIX ON TOUR

Programme in New York Is Changed.

LACK OF ORATORS IS FELT

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TODAY'S—Fair and warmer, northwesterly winds.

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ACCIDENTS CAUSE DELAY

Aeroplanist Expects to Reach New York by Friday.

ROW ELIMINATES RACE

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

GIRL WEDS, AVOIDS JAIL

With Husband to Guide Her, Embellisher Is to Go Free.

PIIONEER KILLED BY HORSES

Runaway Team, With Wagon, Twice Passes Over Man's Body.

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Many Overcome in Attempt to Save.

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Colorado Disaster May Count Total of 52 Dead.

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

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STARKVILLE, Colo., Oct. 9.—At least 52 men are entombed tonight in the 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 polemonous cases and sealed tin hapless toilers within it.

BLACK DAMP HALTS 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 overpowered.

FEAR LIVES ARE SNUFFED OUT

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.

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.

OTHERS DIG TO SAVE LIVES.

IN ADDITION to efforts made to enter the mine by the east, or new slope, experienced miners were sent into the Engleville mine, which adjoins the Starkville property, to dig through the masonry 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 could be checked and the lives in the Engleville mine be not endangered.

At 6 o'clock this evening word reached the camp proper that a two-inch 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 of the west portal with their lives. They had penetrated 300 feet when they

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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 Station 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, but 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 supplies 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 shabby and kept me on the move every second to retain the balance of the machine. As to the carburetor, the trouble was not serious, only I couldn't reach it. It needed adjustment. The machinists have constructed an arm by which I 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 Lake Shore and Michigan Southern Railway, will follow the aeroplane. Newspapermen and a few enthusiasts will be carried on the train.

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

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DUO FLEE, FOLLOWING RELIGIOUS SERVICE.

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

SANTA ANA, Cal., Oct. 8.—Taken unaware at the close of religious services in the jail here today, Sheriff Lacey and Miss Christian Kerl, a missionary, were thrown into a cell by two prisoners—an alleged murderer and a forger—and held for nearly an hour while their captors escaped.

The fugitives, Rosario Stanz and Alejo Nacles, are being pursued tonight by several possees. 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 the jail.

Stanz, 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, dazing him.

Nacles grasped for the Sheriff's keys, but Miss Kerl secured them and rushed for the corridor. She opened the jail door and 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 the cell with the Sheriff and then, with a jeering 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 prisoners until a boy summoned aid.

TRAGEDY TEACHES LESSON

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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 at South Bend, Wash., tomorrow.

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ABOVE, CROWD WATCHING AVIATOR'S FLIGHT, GROUP SHOWING "RED" MARR, MRS. WARR, MRS. GLENN CURTISS AND MRS. EUGENE ELY, CHARLES K. HAMILTON—BELOW, F. C. SCHOENBERG, THOMAS P. BALDWIN, EUGENE ELY, WHO IS NOW EN ROUTE FROM CHICAGO TO NEW YORK BY AEROPLANE; J. A. M'CURDY AND CHARLES F. WILLARD.