

WAT AREA OF MICHIGAN IS SWEEPED BY FLAMES

ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND TURK PLAYING A GAMING TO WILL PRAY FOR PEACE WHILE GET TAFT MAKING WAR VOTES

(Hearst News by Longest Leased Wire.)
Detroit, Mich., Oct. 17.—From practically every church in northern Michigan tomorrow morning will go up the prayers of 100,000 people for rain and relief from the great forest fires which are sweeping across that whole section of the state.

From Bay City to the Straits of Mackinac in the lower peninsula, from the Soo to the Eagle river district in the upper peninsula, all those who dare quit their battle with the flames for an hour will kneel together and offer their petitions that the Almighty will check the devastations of that resistless wall of flame which has long gone beyond all human control.

The death toll from the forest fires has now grown to 48. Scores more of the refugees who may have fled from their homes to near-by settlements are missing. Many farm houses that were in the path of the flames are sure to have been destroyed, and with them undoubtedly were burned many of the residents. It is probable that the total number of dead will never be known, but it can hardly be less than one hundred, and may be more.

Loss in Millions.
Scores of others after battling day and night to save their homes in vain have given up before the onrush of those roaring, indomitable flames, and have, after innumerable escapes, come into towns showing fearful marks of the conflict, faces and bodies burned and scarred, blinded, desperate.

The property loss is simply incalculable. The value of the timber destroyed will run into millions. The aggregate losses of hundreds of small farmers and residents in the three towns wiped out, Metz, Bolton and South Rogers, probably is hundreds of thousands. There are perhaps 10,000 persons homeless as a result of the fires in the upper peninsula, and most of these have lost everything they possessed.

Further information shows that at least 28 persons lost their lives in the burning of the wrecked relief train from Metz. Nearly all of the women and children, none of them more than 19 years of age, were burned to death in that furnace, roasted alive in the steel gondola car, in which most of the women and children had huddled.

Three Children Dead.
Mrs. John Severski and her three children were burned to death in the destruction of their home near Rogers City. Severski and two hired men fought their way through the burning forest and reached Rogers City, though all three were badly burned. This morning Olga Seibert, 20 years old, whose father owns a lumber camp near Wolf creek, and whose mother was burned to death, her father and two brothers were awakened by the crackling of the flames and found their



Prince Ferdinand of Bulgaria. A Central Figure in the Present Balkan Controversy.

(Special Cables by Hearst News Service.)
London, Oct. 17.—Alarming warlike news has reached London tonight from the near east, via Paris, where the boulevard ring with the news that Turkey is mobilizing an army corps, making war with Bulgaria. Inevitably, according to the Paris press, Bulgaria is also mobilizing gradually and secretly. Another report states that mass fare that he could buy for 10 cents. Montenegro have been held at which it was decided to commence a guerrilla warfare in the area. However, this was done in order to force intervention by the powers. Serbia is also boiling with the war fever. Austrian troops are reported as massing near the Montenegrin frontier. Never since the Balkan crisis began has the situation been so threatening. Europe is now listening for the first boom of the guns.

London, Oct. 17.—War clouds are once more gathering over the Balkans. Today's dispatches from Paris declare that the French government has received official advice of the mobilization of Turkey's Anatolian army corps, a move which would render war practically inevitable, as Bulgaria might be naturally expected to rush troops across the northern Turkish frontier in order to forestall a general mobilization by Turkey.

Direct reports from Constantinople received up to this hour fail to confirm the French report, but it is known that Turkey has warned Bulgaria that she must abandon her warlike intentions, and that the natural protective measures would be resorted to.

The text of Turkey's circular to the powers complaining of Bulgaria's military activities, which was prepared before the proposed program of the conference was published, contains the following:

"Not to give occasion for acts contrary to humanity, the sublime portents."
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Republican Managers Are Driven to Extremes and Attempt to Create Second Panic—People Warn Chicago Bankers.

By John E. Lathrop.
Chicago, Oct. 17.—President Drumheller of the Sandpoint (Idaho) Water & Light company illustrated today the method being employed to create a political scare. September 14 he received a telegram at Spokane from a Chicago banker saying: "We are ready to close a deal. Come at once."

Drumheller was arranging to float the bonds of his company, which he controls. He came to Chicago and called on bankers, who said today they would not go into the matter at all because they feared Bryan would be elected.

Silly Contention.
Drumheller said: "The financing of the Sandpoint municipal plant has no closer relation to the election of either Taft or Bryan than the question of the chiefship of some tribe in the Fiji islands. I am not in the least interested in the matter, and I am not getting into it. I think none will pretend to assert it's about as good as getting the bonds or rejection of the Sandpoint lighting bonds on any one's election. Yet apparently the game is today. It seems to me it's the last resort of the Taft managers."

Drumheller sat in the lobby of the Auditorium Annex as he gave out this statement. In the same group was the president of an insurance company, who remained silent, and a group of men, plenty of money over in the Harvester building. It's coming in heavily," stated in the Harvester building is the Republican headquarters. The insurance president was formerly a federal official in the treasury department at Washington, D. C., who had visited Portland in an official capacity.

I believe that politicians of both parties are working hard to bring about the fact of Bryan's lead in Ohio, Indiana and New York.

Republican Panic.
None can deny that injury has been done by the cry of the Republican bankers, who naturally frighten some over-timid people. A careful investigation shows, however, that workers resent this year the attempted coercion, discounting the "prosperity" claim of Taft because of reports that the country's industries are now operating only at a 60 per cent capacity.

Taft spoke in West Virginia the other day, and he returned here to find that Bryan was elected they would not have jobs. After the speech Taft discovered he was talking immediately in front of a steel mill which has been closed for a year, and his 2,000 auditors were men out of employment.

The proposed plan of the campaign centers around the scare cries of the Chicago bankers. They have been sent by letters from depositors, who manifest an angry frame of mind at what they allege to be an attempt to utilize the bankers' position, backed with money, to swing the political situation. Many letters warn the bankers to "keep out of politics" and "stop the mixing of banking with politics" which has been the case in the past few years. It isn't safe.

600-MILE STATE ROAD IN CHINA

(Hearst News by Longest Leased Wire.)
San Francisco, Oct. 17.—Two Chinese came to the United States today to inspect American railroads and railway management, with the idea of adopting the best ideas for the benefit of the government of their country. The Chinese are in the construction and maintenance of the government railroad to be built from Yunnan to See Chung.

Wu Hsien and Cheng Tu, the two commissioners, came on the liner Siberia. The former is assistant district magistrate of See Chung, and the latter is assistant secretary of the civil board of Peking.

The proposed railroad from Yunnan to See Chung will be 600 miles long, said the commissioners, and will not be built until the Chinese are in the States with the best ideas on railroad construction, equipment and management. We want to systematize the position as your American roads are said to be systematized, and we shall go all over the country looking for the best things in the railroad line. The Chinese are more liberal toward railways than they used to be, and they desire to be built will revolutionize the section of the empire.

HEAVY RAINFALL AT LOS ANGELES

(Called From Leased Wire.)
Los Angeles, Cal., Oct. 17.—A severe rain storm swept sections of southern California last night, bringing some relief. At Ocean Park, where the situation there was a waterlogged flood, there was a considerable area and caused minor damage. The rain was accompanied by a fall report from the commander of the troops and summary of the situation will be sent out if it is found that the managers were without provisions.

TURNING BACK TO A PAGE OF REPUBLICAN HISTORY

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OVER A MILLION UNEMPLOYED MEN

Effects of the Panic in East and South.

NEW YORK CITY HAS THE MOST

Great Cities of East Have an Army of Idle Men.

PORTLAND NOT ON THE LIST

Amount of Industrial Centers Shows 6,000,000 Idle in Big Cities and 500,000 in the States Outside of Cities.

NEW YORK, March 22.—(Special.)—In a canvass of the country to ascertain the number of unemployed men, dispatches have been received from many industrial centers with reports of conditions, and from these it is estimated that more than 6,000,000 men are idle in the United States. The figures indicate more than 6,000,000 unemployed in the chief cities and nearly 500,000 in the states outside the cities. Following are the estimates:

Employed in Cities:

New York City..... 1,200,000
Boston..... 1,000,000
Chicago..... 1,000,000
Philadelphia..... 800,000
St. Louis..... 700,000
Cleveland..... 600,000
Detroit..... 500,000
Pittsburgh..... 400,000
San Francisco..... 300,000
Portland..... 200,000

"KILL ME!" SAYS MARK LAWRENCE

Would-Be Suicide Begs Police Officer to Complete Unfinished Job.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Seattle, Wash., Oct. 17.—Mark Lawrence, an employe of the city water department, swallowed two ounces of chloroform in a room in the Seattle hotel, and then tried to telephone the police to come, and finish the job. The night clerk was alarmed by the man's incoherent gurgles over the wire and made a hasty investigation. The clerk discovered the half-conscious man writhing on the floor, and sent a hurry call to the police. Sergeant Claude G. Banick, responded. When he entered Lawrence's room the would-be suicide begged the officer to shoot him, saying that he was tired of life. From the man's conversation it was gathered that his love for a well known society debutante was not reciprocated. Lawrence is a single man. He was removed to the Wayside hospital where it is thought that he will recover.

JAPS GET EVEN WITH RUSSIANS

Seal Raiders Fired Upon and Later Loot Russian Quarters.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Victoria, B. C., Oct. 17.—The steamer Empress of China brings the news that a conflict is expected between Japanese sealers and Russians in Bering sea. Siberian soldiers fired on Japanese hunters, driving them away. Later the raiders returned, surprised the village of Glinka, where most of the Copper Island guards live, and sacked and looted to their hearts' content. The guards were away and they were able to proceed without interference. Houses were entered, valuables confiscated, doors and windows smashed and sealable streams. The Japanese authorities have taken up the question of entering into treaty relations with Great Britain, the United States and Russia in respect to sealing restrictions.

Million Men Were Unemployed and Million Homes Without Income.

This photographic copy of a section of the first page of the Oregonian of March 22, 1908, shows conditions in this country at that time. A million men were unemployed, a million homes were without income, thousands of cars were standing idle on sidings and thousands of industries were paralyzed. These conditions of country-wide distress, reflected in the facinorous dispatch here presented, involving as they did destitution, poverty and disaster, failed and falling banks and idle labor, was at the end of six years of rule by Roosevelt and 12 years of uninterrupted legislation by a congress controlled and conducted by the trusts or so-called business interests. They were a sequel to that most extraordinary period when, for nearly three months, every bank in the United States was suspended and actually refusing to pay back to depositors money that was those depositors' own, a spectacle never before witnessed in the history of the country. They were followed during April, May and June by continued closing down of industries, continued increases in the number of the unemployed until the number reached the enormous total of 2,000,000 idle men. In the face of this appalling record of disaster, partly due to the panic and partly due to the newspapers and Taft spellbinders, driven to desperate alternatives by fear of Mr. Taft's defeat, have begun to work industriously to undo the damage done.

On the other hand, at the district attorney's office it is declared that Martin should have been acquitted, and that if the state should be forced to try the case, the verdict would be against the defendant. His conviction this time, it is argued, would give the state an advantage, and the testimony would be stronger.

TOO MUCH MONEY FOR ICE TRUST

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Los Angeles, Cal., Oct. 17.—Judge Curtis D. Wilbur today directed the police court to proceed with the trial of the criminal case against the Union Ice company and other defendants charged with violating the Cartwright anti-trust law. In the court's decision relative to the action against the defendants the constitutionality of the Cartwright anti-trust law is upheld, and the order is made that the Union Ice company, the National Ice & Cold Storage company, the Los Angeles Ice & Cold Storage company and the Merchants Ice & Cold Storage company are to be tried on the charge of conspiring against trade by entering into an agreement to fix and control prices of ice in Los Angeles.

FAMOUS SOLDIER OF JAPAN DEAD

Field Marshal Nodza, Who Forced Passage of Yalu Has Passed Away.

(Hearst News by Longest Leased Wire.)
Tokio, Oct. 18, 9 a. m.—Field Marshal the Marquis Nodza, the famous Japanese commander, who forced the passage of the Yalu river at the outbreak of the Japanese-Russian war and fought the fierce battle of Nanshan, in which he lost 3,800 men in order to beat the Russian back, is dead.

THIRTY ARRESTED IN GAMBLING DEN

Butte, Mont., Oct. 17.—Thirty men were arrested in a gambling raid late tonight on many water's edge. The officers battered down the timbered doors and hammered their way through iron grated entrances. The deputies were compelled to use their guns on gamblers whom they found under tables, boxes, chairs and in dark corners. The gamblers were in charge of an ex-policeman, named Radmilovich. The officers secured \$50.

Register Before You Forget!

Have you moved your home into Oregon within six months? Then you may vote for president, but first register. Have you moved from one precinct to another since your last registration? Then before you vote you must register. Don't put it off—it will be a lot of trouble to get the signature of a freeholder if you put it off until election day. Your vote will be needed—don't let it go to waste. There is no time to be lost—go to the courthouse and register.

DINE BY SIDE OF CORPSE

Patrons of Wigwam Eat and Waiters Go About Their Work Regardless of Body of Unfortunate Unknown Who Drops Dead in Eating-House.

The Wigwam restaurant at 233 First street was full of hungry men eating at the tables at 8 o'clock last night. The room was permeated with the rank odor of onions, beefsteak, coffee. The cash register rang merrily as the busy proprietor took in the money paid over by satisfied diners. The waiters scurried around with loaded trays in their hands—and occasionally stumbled over the outstretched arm of a dead man who lay huddled in the corner near the kitchen door, where he had fallen.

A curious crowd that always collects where anything unusual has happened had been dispersed by the policeman at the door. The waiter's face turned to the glare of the electric lights. The men at the tables went on eating their dinner without even a backward glance toward the corner where the body lay. The waiter who had been seated at one of the tables eating his own poor bowl of soup—retains for a moment the odor of the man who had money enough to purchase.

THE WEEK IN POLITICS

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Monday—Taft begins tour of Ohio, speaking chiefly to workmen. Gompers issues appeal to labor to vote for Bryan. New York city registration shows increase of 23,342 over 1907 and decrease of 5,422 from 1904.
Tuesday—Bryan begins tour of Nebraska. Representative W. S. Bennett of New York appointed to succeed T. C. DePoy as chief of the speakers' bureau of the Republican national convention.
Wednesday—Democratic campaign managers charge that President Roosevelt offered Daniel J. Keefe, vice-president of the American Federation of Labor, position of commissioner general of immigration in return for his support of Taft.
Thursday—Both White House and Keefe deny charges. Taft invades the "enemies' country," the south. Announcement that seven of the nine members of President Roosevelt's cabinet will take the stump. Democratic campaign managers made public their list of speakers for the date, including amount left over from fund provided for Denver convention.
Friday—Publication of Taft-Roosevelt correspondence with reference to supreme court justices and presidential candidacy. Bryan resumes stump tour in Colorado.
Saturday—Taft in North Carolina and Virginia trying to break solid south. Bryan stopping in the west. Mack claims Bryan's election sure, says he will carry New York, Illinois, West Virginia, mountain states, Indiana, Ohio and New Jersey. Republican treasurer, Sheldon denied statement of Nathan Strauss, that agents of Republicans are levying contributions in the name of Bryan. Strauss says Strauss has Taft's check for \$10,000 as contribution to campaign fund received. Vice-presidential candidates Sherman and Kern in New York state.