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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.

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. Orr, who has been through an epidemic of cholera, are positive that Walther's was a bone 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.

Nevada Silver Party's Ticket.

CARSON, Nev., Sept. 5.—At the opening of the silver party's state convention today, the announcement that Senator Jones had withdrawn from the republican party was greeted with applause. The convention unanimously nominated F. G. Newlands for congress. The platform adopted denies the right of the government to restrict the coinage of gold and silver at a ratio of 16 to 1; demands the abolition of national banks, the collection of the Pacific railroad debt, and the government ownership of telegraph and railroads.

Destitute People of Hinckley.

DULUTH, Sept. 5.—There are over 1000 destitute refugees from Hinckley and Sandstone fires now in Duluth. Over \$8000 has been raised for relief and food. Clothing and lumber are being donated liberally. The relief society yesterday sent 100 unfortunates to friends and relatives in other cities. One sad feature of the catastrophe is the large number of cattle, horses, sheep and hogs, as well as fowls, that miraculously escaped the flames, and are now slowly dying from hunger.

A Freight Train Burned.

ARCADIA, Wis., Sept. 5.—A west-bound freight on the Green Bay road, running twenty-five miles an hour, ran into a burning bridge near here, which gave way. The engine and seventeen cars were wrecked. Fire communicated to the cars immediately and soon the whole was a heap of ashes. A large number of sheep, hogs and cattle were burned to a crisp.

Shipwrecked Excursionists.

NORTH SYDNEY, B. C., Sept. 5.—The schooner Rigel, of Gloucester, Mass., Captain G. W. Dixon, arrived here today, having on board the crew and passengers of the steamer Miranda, which left New York July 7th, with Dr. Cook's Arctic excursion. All the parties are well. August 9th the Miranda struck a rock near Sukkertoppen, West Greenland, and was abandoned in a sinking condition August 23d in Davis strait, latitude about 61 degrees, 15 min.; longitude 58 deg., 40 min.

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.

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.

La Grippe.

During the prevalence of the grippe the past seasons it was a noticeable fact that those who depended upon Dr. King's New Discovery, not only had a speedy recovery, but escaped all of the troublesome after effects of the malady. This remedy seems to have a peculiar power in effecting rapid cures not only in cases of la grippe, but in all diseases of throat, chest and lungs, and has cured cases of asthma and hay fever of long standing. Try it and be convinced. It won't disappoint. Free trial bottles at Snipes & Kinerly's drug store.

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.

A. M. Bailey, a well-known citizen of Eugene, Or., says his wife has for years been troubled with chronic diarrhoea and used many remedies with little relief until she tried Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy, which has cured her sound and well. Give it a trial and you will be surprised at the prompt relief it affords. 25 and 50 cent bottles for sale by Blakeley & Houghton Druggists.

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FUNNY WAYS OF MEN.

A Woman, on Behalf of Her Sex, Asks Some Unanswerable Questions.

The little peculiarities of women are a fruitful topic with some masculine writers. They continually rush into print with such questions as: Why does a woman always want to know if her hat is on straight? Why does she keep you waiting ten minutes after she's declared she's all ready? Why does she this, that and the other? Here's a counter blast from a woman writer in the New York Journal. Why does a man always have lengthened and often profane interviews with his collar button? It looks like an inoffensive sort of an article to an outsider. Why does he rush through his dressing and throw everything all over the room, because he's in such a hurry—he "knows he'll be late"—and then spend a good five minutes filling and lighting his pipe? Why does he never put together and fold up a newspaper? Why, when a pretty girl praises another man's "charming manners," does he say the girl is "soft"? Why does he declare that handsome and popular young actors are "sticks"? Why can he never, by any possibility, find anything he is sent to look for in closet or drawer? Why is his headache or toothache so much worse than anybody else's ever was? Why is it always his liver that does not work, instead of the Welsh rarebit and mince pie that have worked? Why will he go out after a rain without overshoes and then preach about the vanity of women? Why does it rain too hard to go to church, but not too hard to go to a dinner or theater or club on any succeeding stormy day? Why does he suppose, when he notes women's "funny ways," that women are not at the same time noticing his own funny ways?

BLEACHING DIAMONDS.

Trick by Which South African Dealers Deceive Patrons.

The discovery of diamonds in South Africa led indirectly to some clever deceit by the dealers, says the Pall Mall Gazette. Many of the South African diamonds have a straw tint, which has an unfavorable effect on their price, especially as experts believe it will become more decided the longer the stones are exposed to the air. Some of the more knowing dealers discovered that by subjecting the straw-tinted diamonds to a bath of certain acids the objectionable color was removed and the gems become pure white. A number of diamonds so treated were sold in Paris and Berlin, and brought higher prices than they would if they had retained their original color.

After exposure to the action of the air for a certain time the original color returns, but by that time they have passed out of the dealer's hands. The fraud was soon found out by the trade, and they now guard against impositions of such a character by means of various tests. Of these the most generally used are the hot water bath or friction. If a dyed stone be left in hot water a few minutes it resumes its original hue; or, if the gem be rubbed sharply on a towel, or even on the coat sleeve, its normal color can be detected. These tests are simple and efficacious and are in daily use.

AN EGYPTIAN CUSTOM.

It Mystified Herodotus, But Modern Investigation Fully Explains It.

More than one thousand years ago Herodotus observed a remarkable custom in Egypt, says Prof. Drummond. At a certain season of the year, says the Washington Post, the Egyptians went into the desert, cut off branches from the wild palm, and bringing them back to their gardens, waved them over the flowers of the date palm. Why they performed this ceremony they did not know, but they knew that if they neglected it the date crop would be poor or wholly lost.

Herodotus offers the quaint explanation that along with these branches there came from the desert certain flies possessed of a "vivific virtue," which somehow lent an exuberant fertility to the dates. But the true rationale of the incantation is now explained. Palm trees, like human beings, are male and female. The garden plants, the date bearers, were females, the desert plants were males, and the waving of the branches over the females meant the transference of the fertilizing pollen from one to the other.

Ashante Sacrifices.

"The most savage and horrible of all the barbarous customs of the Ashantes in Africa," says Prof. W. G. Steadman, of Washington, "is that of celebrating the death of a king or great noble by a sacrifice of other lives; indeed, almost all of their anniversary rites are attended by a holocaust of human beings. They believe that when a king or a noble dies he must have wives and slaves in the next world, just as he had in this, and in order that these may not be wanting, the simple expedient is resorted to of killing his wives and slaves and sending them after him. Rude and bloody ceremonies mark the practice of this custom, which are continued for about a week. Strange to say, numerous volunteers are always found who are not only ready, but anxious, to be offered up in honor of a dead king."

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