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That Is What North America Has Been of Late. Notes of a Traveler Who Crossed to the Pacific During the Recent Great Forest Fires—strange Nights and Incidents.

Reports continue to come in of forest and prairie fires in the west. The fires in Montana and later in the north-west have been followed by others in Tennessee, Kentucky and Arkansas.

A New York Sun reporter who went west just before the Minnesota disaster passed through a haze of smoke that extended clear across the country.

On the way down from Duluth to Minneapolis the fires were burning freely in the famous lumber district, but there was no indication of a general fire that was to overtake Hinckley the next week.

At night the fires were especially beautiful. The flame was never more than from six to eight inches high. Occasionally it ran in a straight line parallel with the railroad for a distance of several miles.

On the Pacific slope the reporter found scores of tourists who had changed their routes and given up part of their trip because of the smoke. The smoke was in a fog and the attractive Puget sound was as if it did not exist.

Not until the reporter had reached the Selkirk mountains in British Columbia, on his way home, did he find the atmosphere clear. The hotel keeper at Glacier said that the day that burst in splendor over the peaks, on Sunday of the second week of September, was the first perfectly clear day that had been seen there for two months, and at Field, on the eastern slope of the Canadian Rockies, the railroad officials held the same story.

RESEARCHES IN THE AIR. Tests Which Reveal the Number of Particles. The air of a meeting-room, tested in different places, and at different times, says the Gentlemen's Magazine, showed numbers of micro-organisms varying from 150,000 to 2,500,000.

the largest figures of all. Thus, in the immediate vicinity of a Bunsen flame, the gigantic number of 30,000,000 was found in a cubic centimeter, or 480,000,000 per cubic inch. In Mr. Attkin's own words: "It does seem strange that there may be as many dust particles in one cubic inch of air of a room at night as there are in Great Britain; and that in three cubic inches of gases from a Bunsen flame there are as many particles as there are inhabitants of the world."

Possibly tests on the air of smoking rooms would reveal still greater numbers. Mr. Attkin's has not yet tested such air, but he found that a cigarette smoker sends 4,000,000,000 particles, more or less, into the air with every puff he makes.

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