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HUNDREDS WERE LOST

Fearful Results of the Great Forest Fires in Colorado and Wisconsin.

IMMENSE DAMAGE DONE

Rain Has Set in and It is Believed the Devastation is Checked.

COLORADO SPRINGS VISITED

Fire Sweeps a Large Section of the Town, Doing \$1,000,000 Damage—Fine Hotel Burned.

MILWAUKEE, Oct. 1.—The pecuniary damage wrought by forest fires in the northwestern part of this state cannot be estimated at present. It may amount to anywhere between \$1,000,000 and \$5,000,000. A general rain is falling throughout the state tonight. This will probably put an end to the devastation.

Clarke, Chippewa and Barron counties appear to have suffered the greatest destruction. Over 100 people are reported missing in the vicinity of Rice Lake.

A special to the Journal from Rice Lake says:

Relief parties are now out through the burned districts south and west of this city. The loss of life from the disastrous forest fires cannot now be estimated, but it will be great. The work of getting to the burned districts is slow, as all the bridges are down. Over 100 people are missing. Many dead bodies have been found, burned beyond recognition. The remains of many missed Nelsons were found this morning at the bottom of a well, where he had gone to escape the fire. At another place a woman and two children were found in a well, and in another place where a man had been plowing in a field his charred remains and the carcasses of his horses were found. All the cattle, horses and other stock in a large district have been burned to death.

The wind this morning was southeast and blowing at the rate of about 40 miles an hour.

GREAT LOSS IN COLORADO.

DENVER, Oct. 1.—The forest fires which are devastating the western portion of the state are burning with unabated fury, only subsiding where fuel is exhausted. A special to the Rocky Mountain News from Red Cliff says:

Nothing is heard in Eagle county but talk of the fire from all sections. From reports of the territory in the grasp of the demon, and when a providential storm comes and the summing up is made, there will be little timber left to tell the sad tale. All along the side hills near Minburn even the ground is burning. Cattlemen are getting their cattle into the unburned districts as rapidly as possible, and even then are compelled to keep a close watch on them and keep them moving. A regular gale is blowing through the country, which means that the fast traveling fire will be driven forward, a hurricane of flames. The deserted village of Goldpark was reduced to ashes yesterday. Dwellings, barns, and other houses, and the stamp mill of the Goldpark M. & C. Co. were licked up in a few hours. Thousands of acres of finest timber land are a thing of the past. In several places there is no doubt that the fires are of incendiary origin.

HUNDREDS ARE HOMELESS.

CHIPPEWA FALLS, Wis., Oct. 1.—August Mason, of this city, one of the largest mill operators in Wisconsin, has just returned from his camp at Cedar Lake, with a number of his employees. Mason was surrounded by forest fires and only escaped the devouring element by plunging into the lake. Mason says four of his men have lost their lives. The scene, he says, was terrible. On every side there was a sea of fire, rapidly growing and destroying everything. Knapp Stout & Co.'s camps and outfits in the vicinity of Cedar Lake all are burned, and also over 500 oxen. Dozens of farm houses, which Mason passed in the morning, were ashes in the afternoon. Hundreds are homeless, many losing their household effects. Estimates place the total loss at about \$750,000.

BIG FIRE AT COLORADO SPRINGS.

COLORADO SPRINGS, Oct. 1.—This city had a visitation of fire this afternoon which threatened for four hours to destroy the entire business district. The wind was blowing 40 miles an hour from the southwest when the fire started at

the Denver & Rio Grande freight depot at the foot of Cucharis street at 2:19 p. m., and the flames spread with great rapidity. A strip four blocks long from north to south and two blocks wide from east to west has been burned over, but at this hour, 8 p. m., the conflagration is believed to be under control. The flames are still leaping high over the burned district, but the wind has died down and there is no doubt that the fire engines, which have come from Denver and Pueblo in response for aid, will be able to confine the flames within the present limits.

The Antlers hotel, one of the largest in the west, three lumber yards, and two blocks of business houses have been destroyed. In round numbers the loss is estimated at \$1,000,000; the insurance is one-half that amount. The losses estimated are as follows:

- Antlers hotel \$100,000
- Newton Lumber Company 50,000
- Crisey & Fowler Lumber Company 20,000
- El Paso Lumber Company 25,000
- Irvine & Sons, blacksmiths 20,000
- Denver & Rio Grande 2,000
- Guilf depot 2,000
- Home hotel 2,000

General losses of the business firms and individuals are not enumerated above \$400,000.

The fire started in a pile of rubbish underneath the platform of the Denver & Rio Grande freight depot. Within five minutes it had communicated to the freight cars standing at the depot, and it spread so rapidly that it was impossible to move any of the cars. Half a car of powder exploded. Cans were thrown for hundreds of feet, and the wonder is that nobody was injured. Great chunks of fire were scattered about, and in a few moments, the Crisey & Fowler lumber yards, 500 feet away, were burning. The wind was sweeping along, a perfect hurricane. The flames rushed through the lumber yards and burned all the light frame buildings in the block. Then they leaped across the street and burned the El Paso Lumber Company and the paint establishment of Sperry & Truckerman. A few minutes after the Newton lumber yards caught. For a time after this it looked as if the Antlers might be saved, but the heat was too great, and there was not water enough to send a stream half up the building. At 4 o'clock it was burning on the south end, and the famous hotel was doomed. The flames rolled higher and higher, and soon the outlines of stone were seen, with the woodwork burned away from them. It took about two hours for the hotel to burn, and it made a tremendously hot fire.

At 6 o'clock all that was left of the once beautiful Antlers was a mass of blazing debris. Thousands gazed upon it with sorrow and regret, as it was universally conceded to be the chief ornament of the town. The Antlers was a beautiful six story building owned by the Colorado Springs Hotel Company, in which General Palmer was heavily interested. The lessee proper was E. Burnett.

The building was insured for \$200,000 and the furniture for \$15,000.

The hotel will be rebuilt. There were several guests in the hotel, including a number of invalids, but all were gotten out in safety.

Several arrests have been made tonight of persons suspected of starting or attempting to start fresh fires, but there is not a question that the first fire at the Denver & Rio Grande freight house was entirely accidental, possibly being caused by a spark from a locomotive.

CONDITIONS AT SANTIAGO ARE VERY PROMISING.

General Wood, Military Governor of the Place, Gives a Detailed Statement of Affairs of the City.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 1.—Secretary Alger has received a long letter from General Leonard Wood, military governor of Santiago.

General Wood says in part: "When we came into the city the sanitary situation was something frightful. There was a great number of unburied dead in the houses, between 2,000 and 3,000 Spanish wounded and sick, and a great number of half famished and sick people, nearly 20,000 in number, who had just returned from El Caney, where they had gone during the siege. There was no water to be obtained except from cisterns and a few wells, and the streets were full of dead animals and all sorts of filthy materials. I had to start in from the bottom and repair the waterworks. Then came the removal of the dead. Some of these were burned, because the number was too great and decomposition had advanced to such an extent that they could not be buried. Burning is not uncommonly practiced here during the epidemic season.

"We had yellow fever all around us and about 20 cases in the Spanish military hospital. The hospital was full of dying and public buildings were being used as hospitals.

"I have been working systematically with every means at hand to improve the sanitary conditions of the city. I have a force of about 170 men constantly employed, and at many times have had nearly double that force working day and night to remove the vast accumulations of indescribable filth which had accumulated in the outhouses and yards as well as the streets of the city, which is reputed to be one of the most unhealthy and dirty in the world.

"The death rate has dropped steadily since we came in and is now about one

PROPOSAL APPROVED

Powers Have Agreed to Czar's Suggestion for a Disarmament Congress.

WEEK'S NEWS IN ENGLAND

Copious Downfall Relieves Drouth Stricken Districts—Situation Was Serious.

TOD SLOANE NOW THE RAGE

American Jockey Carries off Many Races Greatly to the Discomfiture of His English Rivals.

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LONDON, Oct. 1.—The clerk of the weather has at last relented, and Great Britain has emerged from a period of prolonged drouth amid general rejoicing. The western, central and northern counties were deluged on Thursday, while London and the south were treated to refreshing showers. The thermometer and the barometer fell today. Frosts are recorded in several parts of the country. The change in the weather promises to be lasting and will fill the reservoirs, which throughout the country had run very low. Birmingham only had storage sufficient for ten days, and the villagers in many parts were obliged to walk miles in order to obtain water. Many of the fine, patriarchal trees in Windsor park are dying.

The talk of the sporting world is the incident of Thursday, when at Newmarket two English rivals of Tod Sloan, "Sammy" Loates and "Nat" Robinson, tried to hustle the American jockey out of the running in the welter handicap.

Mandoria finished first in that race, which was for 100 sovereigns, at seven furlongs being a neck ahead of Kirschwasser, ridden by Sloan. But an objection was lodged against Mandoria for boring. This was sustained and the race was awarded to the horse ridden by the American jockey. There is no doubt that bitter jealousy has been aroused by Sloan among the English jockeys, who are aghast at his phenomenal series of wins. He started on Thursday with eight wins of 16 mounts to his credit and he finished today with 11 wins out of 21 mounts as his record. The attempt to oust Sloan on Thursday was made when he was descending the Bushes hill. Robinson, who was riding the favorite, Logan Hall, cantoned of Kirschwasser. Sloan kept his seat, but Kirschwasser lost his balance and was passed by Mandoria, ridden by Sammy Loates, who immediately after, on the home run, swerved to the right, taking Kirschwasser, who was close beside, with her, the result being that Kirschwasser lost by a neck. But Sloan was not yet beaten and his first words on returning to the weighing room were:

"Say, where's the objection room?"

The upshot of the matter was that Loates and Robinson were summoned before the stewards of the Jockey club, who disqualified Mandoria and suspended Loates from riding until the Houghton meeting, and cautioned Robinson.

The sympathies of the British sporting men are all on the side of Tod Sloan, and the English newspapers warmly applaud the prompt action of the Jockey club. One paper says:

"We invite foreigners to enter their horses in English races; we welcome them on our different courses and the same generous hand should be extended to the jockeys, no matter whence they come. It is gratifying to see that the stewards will not wince at shady conduct upon the part of even a fashionable jockey like Loates. It would be far better for some of our riders to imitate to a certain extent Sloan's style than to attempt by unfair means to jockey him out of a win."

The suggestion that the English jockeys imitate Sloan's style of riding has already been anticipated by a leading English jockey, Maddon, who won the Triennial stakes on Thursday in Sloan's style, with the saddle placed well forward and finishing on his horse's neck. The successful north country jockey, Weldon, is also adopting the American style of riding.

An important meeting of the Jockey club this week considered the question of short-distance races, the increasing number of which, it was contended, is causing degeneration of the stamina of thoroughbreds and converting the horse into a mere instrument for gaming. The Jockey club decided that half the total amount of the added money at every meeting shall be apportioned for races of a mile or over for 3-year-olds and upwards, and that half of this money shall be devoted

to races over a mile and a half. It was also agreed that on June 1 of each year there shall be no 3-year-old race of greater value than 200 sovereigns.

This has been a week of congresses, distributed among various provincial towns, the chief of them being the church congress at Bradford. Some pronouncement from the Bishop of Canterbury was expected on the great question of ritualism, which threatens to bring about a serious split in Anglican circles. The archbishop proved somewhat disappointing, as, while he declared the church must put a stop to a great deal which is going on, and expressed confidence that the bishops will be able to stop it, yet he did not give the faintest indication as how this was to be done. A definite pronouncement, however, is expected next week in the archbishop's charges to the clergy of his diocese, when decisive instructions are fully anticipated.

The Duke of Connaught, after his interesting experience at the French army maneuvers, has again attracted attention by his pucky conduct at Aldershot camp, where he is in command. A bush fire burst out near Aldershot and the duke, who was riding a bicycle in a light checked suit, was the first to perceive it. He jumped off his wheel, called to some laborers to help him, and beat out the fire himself, and rode away with his clothing ruined and his face as grimy as a chimney-sweep's.

The conference of the Miners' Federation in London decided to accept the employers' terms, regulating wages until 1901. The miners get an immediate advance of 2 1/2 per cent and a referee, afterwards, to the conciliation board, which has given the minimum and maximum wage. The decision wards off the threatened strikes, involving 21,500 miners.

The Madrid papers have unearthed the baptismal certificate of Adelina Patti, which has finally settled the question of her much-discussed birthplace and birth-day. It was taken from the register of the church of St. Luis, Madrid, and says she was born at 4 o'clock February 19, 1851.

In the chancery division of the high court of justice on Thursday last the Daly's theater case was taken up and the appointment of a receiver was agreed upon, pending the action of Daly vs. George Edwards for possession of the theater.

The officers of the American line of trans-Atlantic steamers expect to make alterations in their vessels. The New York will be sent to Belfast or Glasgow to be lengthened.

David Christie Murray, in a newspaper here, revives the suggestion that a monument to George Washington be erected in England.

BERLIN, Oct. 1.—The correspondent of the Associated Press learns from the German foreign office that the czar's proposal for a disarmament congress is quietly but slowly making headway. All the powers, including France, have now accepted invitations, but with limitations. The discussions are to be confined to the social and economic aspects of the questions.

COLLIDES WITH THE DERELICT LOG RAFT.

The Steamer Santa Rosa, With Over One Hundred Passengers on Board, Narrowly Escapes Disaster.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 1.—Over 100 people narrowly escaped death by the collision of the steamer Santa Rosa with one of the derelict log rafts now adrift in the Pacific. The ship was bound from San Diego via Los Angeles and Santa Barbara with 100 people on board. When off Pigeon Point she almost ran at full speed into the raft, which lay low in the water. Her course was quickly changed, but the raft scraped her side and carried away the patent log as it passed her stern. The raft which has become such a menace to navigation left Astoria on the 15th of September in tow of the steamer Progress, broke loose and efforts to locate it have proved unsuccessful.

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