

WHOLE CITIES BURNED

Loss of Life From the Forest Fires is Appalling.

MAY RUN INTO THE THOUSANDS.

Throughout Three States the Fires are raging furiously—Death and Destruction Everywhere—More Than Five Hundred Dead.

St. Paul, September 3.—A special to the Pioneer-Press from Pine City, Minn., gives this estimate of the dead:

Table with 2 columns: Name, Deaths. Includes Sandstone, Sandstone Junction, Sandstone Lake, etc.

Six towns wiped out and more than 500 dead in the record made by the forest fires in this State in the past twenty-four hours. In Hinckley, Sandstone, Pookama, Sandstone Junction, Skunk Lake and Mission Creek there are 355 known dead. In addition several hundred are missing, while from 150 to 200 were scattered on farms throughout the district burned over.

The town of Hinckley, Minn., about half way between this city and Duluth, has been wiped out by forest fires, and the list of the dead may reach 1,000. It will certainly exceed 200, and reports now being received would indicate that the larger figure may not be too great.

On their ride on the hand-car they encountered twenty-seven dead bodies along the line of the road. Seventeen were discovered at Hinckley early in the morning, and twenty-one others had been found up to 1 o'clock. They say the people of Hinckley ran into the woods when their homes caught fire, and as the timber afterward burned, it is probable that great numbers perished.

It is found several other towns have suffered a like fate. Milica called for help yesterday, and the relief train for St. Cloud was ordered to go beyond Bridgeman. Nothing further has yet been received from Milica, and how much has been the suffering cannot at this time be known.

Mass Was Celebrated Under Protection of the Police. OMAHA, September 2.—As a sequence to Bishop Scannell's arrest for contempt yesterday in refusing to open the doors of St. Paul's Church on the order of the District Court services were held there to-day under police protection by the Bishop's opponents.

THE TENNESSEE LYCHING. MEMPHIS, September 3.—Criminal Court Judge Cooper is determined to punish the mob who lynched the six alleged negro incendiaries near Millington Friday night. Four more men were arrested on bench warrants to-day, charged with complicity in the lynching.

Not Satisfied With the Awards. SAN FRANCISCO, September 2.—Jose Ferrando, Commissioner-General for Spain at the late Midwinter Fair, has written a letter to the committee on awards notifying them that he refuses to accept any of the awards bestowed upon exhibitors of the Spanish section.

THE ARGUS.

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INTENTIONS OF CHINA.

The War Party Said to Have Gained the Upper Hand.

LONDON, September 4.—The Standard's correspondent in Berlin telegraphs that the war party, of which Prince Tching is at the head, has the upper hand in China, which meant the struggle will be prosecuted vigorously.

FORCED LOAN ORDERED.

LONDON, September 4.—A dispatch from Shanghai says: "An imperial decree has been issued at Peking ordering a forced loan. It calls upon four native banks to loan the government, if possible, 10,000,000 taels."

HEAVY ORDER FOR GUNS.

BERLIN, September 4.—Prince Yamashiro, the nephew of the Emperor of Japan, visited the Krupp works on Wednesday, and yesterday he sent them a heavy order for guns. He says that Japan has ample funds in her treasury and does not need foreign money.

THE DEFENSES TOO STRONG.

LONDON, September 4.—A special to the Times from Shanghai states that the Chinese report that Thursday last the Japanese troops made a reconnaissance in force on Port Arthur. They found the landward defenses too strong, and retired without making an attack.

ST. PETERSBURG, September 4.—The Russian squadron waiting for orders in under orders to proceed with the utmost expedition. It is officially stated that the dispatch of the fleet does not imply Russian military intervention in Chinese-Japanese disputes, but is merely intended to protect Russian trade.

TALKED FREELY OF THE WAY.

CHICAGO, September 4.—H. Miyawaya of Tokio, the Japanese Consul at Lyons, France, passed through the city to-day on his way to his foreign post. He was formerly Consul at Hong Kong, and was transferred last November. He was seen at the Grand Pacific to-day, and talked freely on the war which Japan is waging with China.

WHAT HELEN WOULD DO.

Mrs. Gougar Speaks Upon "Shotgun or Justice." NEW YORK, September 4.—Fully 1,000 men and women listened to an address by Mrs. Helen M. Gougar of Indiana at the auditorium in Prohibition Park, Staten Island, to-day. The announced subject was:

THE WHEAT CROP.

Annual Estimate of the Hungarian Minister of Agriculture. BUDA-PESTH, September 4.—The annual crop estimates issued by the Hungarian Minister of Agriculture are published to-day, the delay in their issuance having been due to the care bestowed upon the revision of the report.

SAMOAN AFFAIRS.

The German Press Demands That They be Straightened Out. BERLIN, September 4.—The German press in commenting on Samoan affairs emphatically demands that an end be put to the intolerable situation there.

HORRORS OF THE FIRE

The Most Appalling Disaster in American History.

THE DETAILS CONFIRM REPORTS

No Thought of Property Losses—The Care of All Has Been to Heal the Sick, Clothe the Naked and Bury the Dead—Governor Nelson's Proclamation.

ST. PAUL, September 4.—Later details simply confirm the reports already received as to the magnitude of the Hinckley disaster. The most conservative estimates of deaths in the six towns of Pine county is 362, and from that the figures go up to 1,000. Although the exact number of dead will never be known, enough is known to make this one of the most appalling disasters in American history.

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TALK WITH WALKER.

He Says Pearl Harbor is All That Could be Desired. WASHINGTON, September 4.—Rear-Admiral Walker is in the city for the purpose of laying before the Navy Department his information acquired in his recent trip to the Hawaiian Islands.

ORIENTAL WAR NEWS.

Coreans Said to be Waging a Guerrilla Warfare Against Japanese. LONDON, September 4.—A dispatch to the Times from Shanghai to-day says the Japanese Marquis Saigone landed at Chemulpo August 28, and congratulated the King of Korea upon having attained his independence.

A POSSIBLE SPLIT.

There is Discussion in the Ranks of the Knights of Pythias. WASHINGTON, September 4.—A split in the Knights of Pythias is said by members of the Supreme Lodge to be possible and perhaps the probable outcome of the meeting now in progress here.

FORTIFYING THE HARBOR OF DANTIA.

LONDON, September 4.—The Times writes to-morrow this dispatch from its Chee Foo correspondent: The second Japanese fleet has assembled in the Harbor of Dantia, Southern Corea. The entrance of the harbor is guarded with torpedoes. The Chinese are cruising from port to port in the Gulf of Pe Chi Li. The hostile armies at Ping Yang are quiet.

Preservation of Antelope.

FRENO, Cal., September 4.—The County Supervisors are considering a measure for the preservation of the antelope in Fresno county. Forty years ago there were thousands of these animals in the county, and only ten years ago it was no uncommon thing for a herd of fifty to sixty to be seen on the plains of the west side.

VANDERBILTS IN LONDON.

What Gossips at the British Capital Say of Their Domestic Affairs.

LONDON, September 4.—The domestic affairs of William K. Vanderbilt has been a subject of gossip in American circles in London and Paris for the past two months. Within a few days to those reports have been added the assertion that a legal separation had been agreed upon between Mr. Vanderbilt and his wife, and that a settlement of \$10,000,000 had been provided for Mrs. Vanderbilt by her husband.

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CORBETT WILL SIGN.

He Will Fight Jackson in Sioux City or Anywhere Else. PROVIDENCE, R. I., September 3.—James J. Corbett was interviewed to-day relative to the deposit of certified checks from the Sioux City Club with a New York newspaper. He said: "The fact that the two certified checks were on the way from the Sioux City Club has been known to Brady and myself for nearly a week."

SAID IN WRATH OF JACKSON.

NEW YORK, September 3.—Tom O'Rourke, who is looking after Peter Jackson's interests in this city, said to-day when he saw the Sioux City Athletic Club's checks: "Very good. These checks seem to be all right. I know the amount is perfectly satisfactory to Peter. The one point he is anxious about is the ability of the club to arrange a fight without police interference."

THE CLUB MEANS BUSINESS.

SIoux CITY, September 3.—It looks very much like a fight between Corbett and Jackson. The impression is that the Sioux City Athletic Club means business and has the money to back it up. The officials of the club say they will make whatever showing is demanded by the principals in the fight.

INDIANS IN IDAHO.

Trouble With a Marauding Band From Fort Hall Reservation. BOISE, Idaho, September 1.—Word has reached here that serious trouble is brewing in Owyhee county with some marauding Indians from the Fort Hall reservation. District Attorney C. M. Hayes received notice from Mr. Johnson, game warden of the county, that Indians to the number of 100 or more were camped in the vicinity of Bruneau and were killing deer and game of all kinds in a most wanton manner.

THE BLACK REPUBLIC.

An Uprising Reported as Having Taken Place at Port au Prince. KINGSTON, Jamaica, September 4.—It is reported here that an uprising has taken place in Port au Prince, resulting in severe fighting in the streets. Several of the ringleaders of the outbreak have been arrested and promptly shot, but the revolution is said to be still spreading.

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THE SALMON RUN.

In Alaska It Will Nearly Equal That of Last Year. SAN FRANCISCO, September 2.—The bark Harvester, which has arrived from Karik, brought the latest news of the Alaska salmon run, and considering the lateness of the season this year, the returns are very good for the combine. Last year the catch resulted in about 600,000 cases, and this year's run will amount to very near the same.

THE SMALLEST PERCENTAGE.

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