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MORE THAN A THOUSAND LIVES LOST IN MICHIGAN'S BIG FOREST FIRES

TWENTY THOUSAND MILES SWEEPED BY FIERCE FLAMES LOSS OF LIFE APPALLING

Several Hundred Inhabitants of Porcupine Were Driven Into the Lake to Escape the Fire and Were Drowned—Launch Upsets Carrying Fire Victims, 22 Drown—Death List at Porcupine Will Reach 300—Fire Still Sweeps Uncontrolled Through Forests.

Cobalt, Ont., July 13.—That fully 1000 lives have been lost in the forest fires which today are sweeping the greater part of 20,000 square miles in Northern Ontario, the Porcupine district, is the estimate here this afternoon of many refugees from the stricken district.

The lowest death estimate made by any is that 200 have perished, many declare 500 at least have been scorched to death, but a majority of those who died for life through the path of flames declare the largest number will be found small enough when the toll of death is complete.

Those who believe 1000 have died point to the fact that at the town of Porcupine alone several hundred persons were driven into the lake by the roaring flames, and that fully 100 of them are known to have perished. In addition one launch there, holding 22 persons, was seen to go over and all perished. Six or seven other boats also were seen to sink with all their occupants, and upset canoes have been found floating all along the lake shore.

It is believed that 200, perhaps 300 persons, perished at Porcupine.

Fire Situation Is Bad.
Detroit, Mich., July 13.—Throughout northern Michigan this afternoon the forest fire situation still is serious. Three towns have been wiped out and four partially destroyed. Four corpses have been recovered and scores of supposed victims are still missing. There still is no ground on which to base an estimate of the total number of casualties but they are not thought to exceed 25. A number of towns in the Metz district are threatened by the flames, which are still uncontrolled. The village of Waters was not entirely destroyed. It was saved after \$100,000 damage had been done.

The cyclonic wind this afternoon which swept the state subsided and conditions are more favorable for fighting the flames.

DEATH IS DENIED
[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.]
New York, July 13.—From the case of Richard T. Washington against Richard Ulrich for assault was called for trial here today neither the negro educator nor the man who nuzzled him for alleged annoyance of his wife appeared, and the case was put at the bottom of the calendar. This means that it will not be reached until October.

They Cited Uncle Sam.
Chicago, July 13.—A special U. S. grand jury here today indicted three United States revenue officers and 21 other employees of the two largest oleomargarine factories in the country on charges of conspiracy to defraud the government. Officers and employees of the factory owned by Congressman Moxley are among those indicted.

Frank Cadzanel, United States revenue agent; L. C. Larue, ex-deputy revenue collector, and Harry Oldham, special employe, in the revenue bureau, are charged with having accepted bribes from manufacturers to connive at the conspiracy.
Others indicted are John F. Jelke, president of the John F. Jelke company; Francis Towse secretary, and two employes of the same company; William Jackson, manager, and five other employes of the George Braun company, and 13 employes of the William K. Moxley company.

Corvallis Boy Drowns in River.
Corvallis, Or., July 12.—Oliver Mumford, the 12-year-old son of Mrs. C. E. Howes, of this city, was drowned in Marys river here today, falling from a boom above the sawmill. The body was recovered. Another boy fell in at the same time, but was rescued by Tommy Whitehead, a 14-year-old boy, who was in swimming a short distance above.

Dalton's Trial Begins.
Oakland, Cal., July 13.—Argument in the trial of Assessor Henry F. Dalton were commenced by the attorneys this afternoon, evidence having closed this morning.

John E. Behan and S. E. Eastman, secretary and vice president respectively of the Spring Valley Water company, in rebuttal, flatly contradicted Dalton's story of having secured the alleged \$5,000 bribe from Eastman as a loan.

Tobacco Trust Jolted.
[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.]
Raleigh, N. C., July 13.—The "tobacco trust" was hit here today when the jury in the case of the Ware-Kramer Cigarette company, of Norfolk, Va., against the American Tobacco company awarded the cigarette concern \$20,000 damages.
According to the "tribe damages" section of the Sherman anti-trust law, the plaintiff company may now recover \$50,000 from the trust.

Coos to Have Fair Exhibit.
Marshfield, Or., July 13.—Coos county is to be represented with a fine exhibit at the state fair at Salem this year. Heretofore Coos has only been represented by individual entries in the dairy products. The chamber of commerce will pay the expenses of a representative from this city to look after the exhibit, and will start at once gathering products of all kinds.

The Santa Rosa Case.
San Francisco, July 13.—"Transfer passengers to some suitable vessel or allow them to remain on board, at their own option," was the first message I received from San Francisco," said Barney Frankel, wireless operator aboard the steamer Santa Rosa, testifying before the federal board of inquiry on the Santa Rosa wreck this morning. "This message came about 10 a. m."
Besides Frankel's testimony the most important evidence was furnished by Fourth Mate T. L. Mathison, who said that, in his opinion, as a seaman, it would have been safe to land boats or transfer passengers at any time up to noon.

Wildie Must Come.
Sacramento, Cal., July 13.—Application was made today at the governor's office for the extradition to Oregon of Louis J. Wildie, of San Diego, who is wanted in Portland for alleged embezzlement in the sale in 1907 of stock in that city for the Omaha Independent Telephone company.
A hearing will be had before the governor on his return from Berkeley, when Attorneys C. A. Summer and Edgar A. Luco, of San Diego, will contest the issuance of the papers.
Wildie, it is said, claims the whole operation is an effort to get him to Portland and get his money.

HEYBURN IS KEENLY PATRIOTIC

IS FIGHTING THE BATTLES OF THE CIVIL WAR MORE DESPERATELY THAN HE DID AT THE TIME—HIS PATRIOTISM GROWS.

Washington, July 13.—The wheels of the senate stopped today while the legislators discussed the case of an aged negro. Reciprocity, President Taft's pet measure, was put by for the time being.

With tears in his eyes, John Sharp Williams, of Mississippi, pleaded with his fellow senators to retain James Jones, former body servant of Jeff Davis, and the only living person knowing the hiding place of the great seal of the Confederacy, as a government employe. The old dork has not been able to work for two years, but the Mississippi senator eloquently pointed out his loyalty to his old master, and the hardship the old man would suffer if he were ousted.

Senator Heyburn, whom nothing stirs up quicker than mention of the great rebellion, stormily opposed the bill, claiming no one who had directly or indirectly participated in the lost cause should be honored or receive emoluments of any character. Heyburn characterized the story of the confederacy as infamous history. The vote favored the retention of Jones by 37 to 18.

HORSE PROVED TO BE LONG DISTANCE KICKER
Elmer Huntington, ex-sheriff, and at present member of the city council of Castle Rock, was painfully injured in a peculiar accident last Friday. He was standing about 20 feet from a buggy to which had been hitched a sulky horse, that had manifested its disapproval by lying down. The owner struck the animal with a whip, and it jumped up and began kicking. The animal finally kicked out the piece of iron which is inserted in the end of the single tree, with such force that it flew and hit Huntington over the left eye, cutting a gash about an inch and a half long, and knocking him unconscious.

The injured man was carried to Dr. Eryer's office and several stitches were taken in the wound. He is now about with his head picturesquely bandaged.

BURNS MUST STAND TRIAL IN INDIANAPOLIS
[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.]
New York, July 13.—William J. Burns probably will appear in Indianapolis on Thursday to answer to the indictment against him for his alleged kidnaping of John J. McNamara and his transporting of his prisoner to Los Angeles.
Burns will land here this afternoon or tomorrow morning after a trip to England, where it is reported he caused the arrest of David Kaplan, accused of having been a party to alleged dynamite outrages in Los Angeles.

STOCK MARKET FIRM BET TRADING LISTLESS
[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.]
New York, July 13.—The stock market showed very little movement at the opening today. Interborough Metropolitan was the only exception, advancing a point. The list otherwise was firm at about last night's level. A firm undertone gave an appearance of strength during the morning but trading was listless. The market closed firm. Bonds were steady.

CHICKEN LAYS EGGS IN ITS EARLY YOUTH
Wm. Babcock boasts of the distinction of having a chicken that laid an egg when but five and one-half months old, and because of the remarkable feat it has won not only his admiration but that of all other poultrymen in the city.
Mr. Babcock recently hatched a flock from his incubator, and the chicken in question is one of them. Others of the flock, he says, are preparing for themselves nests and he expects them also to contribute to the egg market soon.
Well read poultrymen say that never in their experience has their attention been called to a chicken that began laying before it was nine months old, and the Babcock product, therefore, is viewed by them with much wonderment.

STRIKE IS STILL ON IN VANCOUVER, B. C.
Vancouver, B. C., July 13.—A meeting of the executive committee of the Trades and Labor council was held late yesterday afternoon when the strike existing in the building trades in this city was again considered.
The session was a private one and when it concluded newspapermen were tersely informed that the strike was still on.

TAFT IS ATTACKED BY LA FOLLETTE AND RECIPROCITY IS DENOUNCED

CHARGES THE PRESIDENT WITH BETRAYING PARTY AND SACRIFICING ITS POLICIES

Accuses Him of Standing in With Aldrich to Defeat the Income Tax, and Says the Reciprocity Bill is a Little Brother to the Payne-Aldrich Tariff Bill, the Most Infamous Ever Made—Says the Reciprocity Bill is Nothing That It Pretends to Be and Professes to Be Nothing That It Is.

Washington, July 13.—In a speech bristling with invective and satire, Senator Robert M. La Follette, of Wisconsin, today on the floor of the senate bitterly denounced Canadian reciprocity and its sponsor, President Taft. He flatly accused Taft of not having kept his promise, of having added betrayal to betrayal and of having sacrificed the progressive policies to Aldrichism and the reactionaries.

"The advocates of Canadian reciprocity," he said, "promise to reduce duties for the benefit of the people. It will reduce duties the effect of which never reaches the people, but it will reduce them for the millers, the packers, the brewers, Standard Oil and the coal companies, who are already grossly protected. It is nothing that it pretends to be and professes to be nothing that it is. It is a little brother to the Payne-Aldrich bill, the greatest legislative wrong inflicted on the American people in half a century."

Promises Not Kept.
La Follette said that in his campaign President Taft had promised a downward revision of the tariff, adding:

"It is an interesting study in political psychology to observe his campaign devotion to Roosevelt, and the Roosevelt policies. The people elected Taft in the belief that he would hold fast all Roosevelt had gained, and not that he would revoke his orders and reverse his action."
The Wisconsin insurgent senator said that after the election the Aldrich tariff bill was passed revising the tariff upward.

He charged that Taft had co-operated with Aldrich to kill the income tax feature of the tariff bill, which the progressives had offered by enacting an alleged tax on the corporations.

"The stand-patters knew," he said, "what Aldrich and the president knew—that every corporation would add the tax to the fixed charges of their business, exacting from the public, through increased rates and prices, every dollar paid to the government. The corporation tax amendment fittingly came from Aldrich, but what was said of the president of the United States, who in his campaign, gave the voters to understand he would favor the income tax?"

NEW GARAGE IS ALMOST COMPLETED
Probably by Monday morning, H. Wm. Thielson will have completed and ready for business his new auto garage on North High street. The building is a two-story structure, modern in every particular. Mr. Thielson proposes to elevate all autos to the second floor where all repair work is to be done. The lower floor will be used for storage and sales purposes only.

This building is another added to Salem's substantial growth and by one of Salem's old residents and foremost promoters. There is to be installed in this garage, the second of its kind on the Pacific Coast, and at a great expense a tire puncture-proof filling machine. Mr. Thielson has the agency of the Auburn for Polk and Marion counties.

Will Boost the Coast.
After a year and a half passed in touring the Pacific coast, H. H. Carr, of Chicago, president of the National Farmers' association, will return to preach the gospel of western opportunity to the farming men of the Middle West. Mr. Carr made his second visit to Portland yesterday before leaving for the East. He has studied the various advantages of the Pacific coast and will use the information thus acquired to direct emigrants from the Middle West to the most advantageous places for settlement on the coast.

Mr. Carr says he believes the Middle West is too crowded, and thinks that the Pacific coast offers the best places in the world for farmers.
"The entire coast, from Vancouver, B. C. to San Diego," he said, "offers countless places where the rich retiring farmer of the Middle West might find a home better suited to his fancy than the cities in the inland, where he freezes in winter and roasts in summer."

Firing Plot Alleged.
Pendleton, Or., July 13.—J. Harry Wilson, the Ukiah druggist accused of conspiring to burn his store and goods, and a hearing before the Justice of the Peace Tuesday, and was held to await the action of the grand jury under bonds of \$1500. Not being able to raise this sum he is still in jail.
Wilson is charged with offering Roy Connell \$150 to set fire to the building and with having spread the coal oil and made all the arrangements necessary for the burning. Connell weakened and gave the alleged plot away.

Betrayal After Betrayal.
"It has increased the people's burdens and adds to the long score of betrayal after betrayal which can be laid at the door of Taft."
Summing up his indictment of the president, La Follette asserted that the chief executive had attempted to secure the enactment of an interstate commerce law favorable to the railroads; that he threw open Controller Bay to the "interests," and that he had removed "honest and efficient Garfield" from the interior department, and replaced him by Ballinger.

He declared that Taft's course had been vacillating and without definite policy, "because, apparently, there has been throughout the administration no deep conviction other than those as the hour made them appear expedient."

Concluding, La Follette said: "Rebuked at the polls by the election of 1910, the president foolishly tried to buy back with postoffice appointments the support of the progressives in congress, which he had lost when he abandoned progressive policies."

The Bill Is Just.
"This reciprocity bill is cruelly unjust to 33,000,000 persons engaged in or dependent on agriculture. They are fighting for simple justice with their backs to the wall. They are entitled to employ every legitimate weapon against this measure."
"Joined with the executive in an effort to force the reciprocity bill through congress are the newspapers, frankly admitting their selfish interest, the railroads, the over-protected manufacturers and practically every trust and combine backed by the Morgan influence."

"I have reviewed the administration's record to no good purpose if I have not made it plain that the great issue for which Roosevelt appealed to the public conscience, and for which the progressives have been appealing for years is not the tariff, not railway regulation, not conservation. It is all these, but, oh, sirs, it is the moral of all these combined. It is for justice, eternal, everlasting justice for every human being against organized selfishness and power. It is the fight of the plain people against confederated privilege."

SALEM TO PORTLAND HIGHWAY
That the "Capital Highway" will be built between Salem and Portland and will be ready for use within two years is the belief of members of the special committee appointed by Governor West. As a sample of road-building, this highway will be the finest in the state, it being the unanimous opinion of the committee that nothing but the best material shall be used and the most competent engineers and roadbuilders shall be employed.

George F. Rogers, of Salem; Judge Grant B. Dinkel, of Oregon City, and Charles T. Prall, of Portland, who constitute the committee, held a meeting yesterday and discussed preliminary plans for the proposed highway.

With the assurance from Governor West that from 100 to 150 convicts will be available for road work, it is believed that the citizens of the overgrown towns property-owners and farmers will assist the men at the head of the project. It is at present a moot question as to what side of the Willamette river the road will be constructed. As the proposed highway will become a most important factor in developing the country through which it will pass, it has been found advisable to investigate the districts with a view of finding what route will be most favorable. In this connection, the towns and districts which lend the most assistance in the way of contribution of cash or labor or materials will be favored by the commission and will be included in the route in preference to those places from which no aid is obtained.

It is pointed out that the highway will not be a state-aid project. It will be built by private individuals with the help of convict labor and possibly with some assistance from the county courts of Multnomah, Clackamas and Marion counties. For this reason, it will be necessary to have the co-operation of commercial organizations, property owners in the towns and cities and the farmers.

Each member of the commission will look into the situation in each county and will prepare a report of his findings. A meeting will then be called and definite plans will be worked out for the construction of the highway.
"The construction of the Capital Highway will be one of the most important achievements in the three counties," said Mr. Rogers, chairman of the commission. "It will mean the beginning of a definite plan of road-building in the Willamette valley. Furthermore, it will be a big factor in enhancing the values of property along the entire route. Thousands of tourists will take trips between Portland and Salem. It is therefore up to the farmers and property owners as well as to the citizens of the various towns to give the project as much assistance as possible."

BANK EXAMINERS HAVE A MEETING
[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.]
Oakland, Cal., July 13.—State and national bank examiners and clearing house representatives of the eleventh national bank district of the United States, convened today at the Claremont country club for a joint conference under the auspices of the National treasury department.
It is expected that closer relations between those engaged in the supervision of both state and national banks on the Pacific Coast will be established as a result of the conference.

Tracy Was "Select."
[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.]
Seattle, Wash., July 13.—The Pinkerton office here stated that Tracy G. Avery, former stock broker, arrested at Harrison, Idaho operated here several months ago, inside a wide acquaintance and joined several prominent clubs.