

FIERGE FLAMES SWEEP FORESTS

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Villages in Michigan (Practically Destroyed)—Whole Families and Lumber Camp Crews Probably Caught.

ALPENA, Mich., July 12.—The towns of Tower and Owanaway are reported to have been partly destroyed by forest fires, with heavy losses.

Many Deaths, Great Loss.

Toronto, July 12.—A hundred miles of woodland in northern Ontario has been swept by forest fires raging above North bay. Many deaths have resulted and property loss is enormous. Three towns have been wiped out; scores of mining camps have been destroyed.

Several Families and Lumber Crews Missing.

Detroit, July 12.—Reports this morning from northern Michigan's fire-swept district say that several families and lumber camp crews near Wolverine and Gaylord are missing. In the towns of Ocooda and Au Sable only a school and two dwellings remain.

Casualties, It Is Believed, Will Number Hundreds.

North Bay, Ont., July 12.—The result of forest fires in northern Ontario, 30 lives were lost at Porcupine and many persons injured. A hospital train is on the way to Iroquois Falls. It is believed the casualties will number hundreds.

The city of Alpena fought a disastrous fire all yesterday, and with forest fires raging along the line of the Detroit & Mackinac railroad from Au Sable to Cheboygan and at other points in the northern part of the lower peninsula, heavy rain is needed to prevent a possible heavy loss of life. Yesterday's fires at Alpena and Ocooda originated in the stub yards that were dry as tinder from the long drought. At Cheboygan a mountain of sawdust caught fire and the flames threatened to spread through the city. The smaller towns of Metz, Millersburg and Tower, along the Detroit & Mackinac railroad, were reported to be burning yesterday, and Lewiston in Montmorency county and Alger and Turner in Arenac county were said to be seriously threatened by forest fires.

Wire Service Interrupted.

Wire service from Au Sable north to Cheboygan was interrupted yesterday afternoon but news of the fires at Alpena, Ocooda and Au Sable was sent to the Associated Press by train. C. A. Lytle, manager for the Western Union telegraph company at Alpena, who got out of Alpena on a train at 7 p. m., said that Au Sable was in flames.

"I don't believe there are a half dozen houses left standing. Many refugees were taken from Au Sable on the steamer Kongo that was in port loading freight. Others floored to the shore of Lake Huron and were driven into the water by the intense heat. Many found refuge in the fields along the railroad right of way, standing guard over little piles of personal effects that they were able to snatch from their homes as they fled at the approach of the flames. Women and children were crying from terror and hunger, as they viewed the burning village in the distance. A relief train was hurriedly made up to carry the homeless women and children to East Tawas."

There are rumors that some lives were lost in the fire at Ocooda and Au Sable but it was impossible last night to obtain any confirmation. The property loss at Alpena alone was estimated at \$400,000.

Up to noon three bodies were found in the ruins of the villages of Au Sable and Ocooda. Fires are reported near Onaway and Millersburg. There is no indication that any community is menaced.

COL. EDWARD J. HARVIS IS DEAD OF EXHAUSTION

Confederate Veteran, Virginian, Clerk in Adjutant General's Office in Washington.

Washington, July 12.—Col. Edward J. Harvis, clerk in the adjutant general's office, is dead at his home here of exhaustion. He was a Virginian, formerly an officer in the United States army. He resigned at the outbreak of the civil war, joining in the Confederacy, and serving throughout the war as inspector-general on General Joseph E. Johnston's staff.

After General Johnston's surrender morning the body will be taken to Richmond for interment in Hollywood cemetery.

TEN PER CENT. UNDER AVERAGE

Aggregate Condition of All Crops July 1—Cotton Showed Highest Average, and Lemons Next.

CONDITIONS FIRST OF JUNE ONLY 2.8 BELOW AVERAGE

Taking Acreage into Consideration, Wheat and Corn Crops, However, Are Somewhat Over the Average.

WASHINGTON, July 12.—Cotton showed the highest average growing condition of any crop July 1, with lemons and oranges ranging second and third.

In a general review of crop conditions for June the bureau of statistics of the department of agriculture says the month was decidedly unfavorable for growing crops in most parts of the United States. The aggregate condition of all crops July 1 was 16.7 per cent. below the average condition, whereas on June 1 conditions were only 2.8 per cent. under the average. A comparison of conditions of various crops July 1 with their average growing condition on July 1 of recent years (past ten years, for the foremost crops) is shown as follows (100 representing the average condition and not normal):

Cotton 110.2, lemons 102.2, oranges 100.5, rice 99, beans, dry, 98.1, apples 97.6, pears 96.2, grapes 96.1, peanuts 95, raspberries 94.9, corn 94.6, cantaloupes 94.4, winter wheat 94.3, sugar cane 94.1, rye 94.6, lima beans 92.3, flax 92.1, watermelons 91.6, tomatoes 90.9, alfalfa 90.5, all wheat 89.5, onions 88.9, sweet potatoes 88.3, sorghum 88, blackberries 87.9, hemp 86.2, cabbage 85, tobacco 84.4, potatoes 84.1, spring wheat 84.1, broom corn 82.2, barley 82, oats 97.7, timothy 76.1, pasture 79.9, peaches 75.6, hay, all varieties, 74.7, kafir corn 74.6, clover hay 72.2, millet 69.1.

The above average relate only to relative growing conditions, not taking into account changes in acreage. Taking into account both acreage and condition, the indications are the wheat crop will be 1.4 per cent. larger than the average production, past five years; corn 4.9 per cent. larger, oats 12.3 per cent. less, barley 11.6 per cent. less, potatoes 10.3 per cent. less, tobacco 22.7 per cent. less, flax 30.5 per cent. more, rice 5.8 per cent. more than the average production in the past five years. The average weight of wool per fleece this year is 6.8 pounds compared with 6.7 pounds last year and 6.5 pounds, average the past ten years.

WOMEN SCRAMBLE AWAY FOR THE E. A. SEE TRIAL

Lawyer Said They Came to Hear Unclean Things, and They Might as Well Hear More.

Chicago, July 12.—The case of Evelyn Arthur See, charged with abducting Mildred Bridges, goes to the jury today. Attorney Cantwell, closing for the defense, cried "shame" at the women who have attended the trial.

"Women who have come to this trial day after day come to listen to unclean, unwholesome things. They heard them, they filed their low minds with revolting details. And so long as this is true they may as well hear more."

As the attorney launched into an array of unprintable details of the case, the women scrambled out of the room.

E. G. LEWIS INDICTED ON CHARGES OF FRAUD

Was Recently Publisher of Several Magazines, and the Promoter of Various Enterprises.

St. Louis, July 12.—E. G. Lewis, until recently publisher of several magazines, promoter of various enterprises, was today indicted by a federal grand jury on charges of fraudulent use of the mails.

Lewis has been a great organizer, and at one time appeared in a fair way to control, through his unique methods, the periodical subscription business of the country.

St. Louis Balloon Pilot Will Join Hawley In Defense of James Gordon Bennett Cup



CHARLES J. EDWARDS, OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVE AERO CLUB.



FRANK P. LAHM, PILOT OF THE ST. LOUIS IV.



PILOTS IN THE NATIONAL BALLOON RACE.



AUGUSTUS POST, AID OF THE NEW YORK.



JOHN BARRY, THE MILLION POPULATION CLUB.



CLIFFORD B. HARMON, PILOT OF THE NEW YORK.

DOZEN ARE DEAD; 47 IN HOSPITAL

The Federal Express, Wrecked Yesterday, Is a Train Often Used by President Taft.

Bridgeport, Conn., July 12.—Tolling throughout the night, 200 laborers with wrecking cranes cleared up the greater part of the wreck which marked the flying leap of the Federal express, Boston-bound from Washington yesterday. The death list stands at 12. The injured in hospitals number 47. The condition of many is critical.

President Uses Federal Express. Washington, July 12.—News of the wreck of the Federal express was received in Washington with more than common interest, not only because Washington residents were included among the victims but because of President Taft using this train many times during the year. On his various trips to Beverly, to New Haven, and other points in the east, the president's car is generally attached to the federal express, leaving here at 5:35 p. m. and circling Manhattan Island by ferry. The president has not been in or near an accident during his many trips throughout the country, and heretofore it has not been thought necessary that unusual precautions should be taken on the double-track roads of the east and central west when he traveled. The wreck of the Federal express, however, caused a distinct shock at the White House and it is likely when the president next goes to Boston or Beverly a pilot engine will precede the train to which his car is attached. Such request undoubtedly will be made by White House officials to safeguard the life of the president, where open switches or defective rails threaten peril.

H. H. CRIPPEN'S LAWYER SUSPENDED FOR ONE YEAR

Found Guilty of Aiding a Paper to Publish Falsehoods in Relation to the Case.

London, July 12.—Arthur Newton, found guilty of professional misconduct in defending the wife murderer, Dr. Hawley H. Crippen, by a law society committee, was today suspended for one year from practice and ordered to pay the inquiry costs.

Newton, it was alleged, aided a weekly paper to publish false statements regarding the Crippen case.

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Passenger Died in Mid-Ocean. Philadelphia, July 12.—The captain of the steamship Hannover, from Bremen, reports that Stephen Lee, a passenger of Laska, Ill., died in mid-ocean and was buried at sea.

EARTH OPENED UP SWALLOWING HIM?

Castro Mystery Deepens—No Trace of Him Found in Venezuela, Garnett Says.

Washington, July 12.—The Castro mystery has deepened. Apparently the earth has opened and again swallowed up the world's most "undesirable citizen."

Word comes to the state department that notwithstanding contrary reports no trace of Castro has been found in Venezuela. American Minister Garrett cabled from Caracas that he gets no information of Castro's supposed return to his native land. Garrett declares Castro would be unable to regain power, even if he should land in Venezuela.

BAILEY PROMISED TO KEEP TALKING

Get His Ammunition Ready—Speech-making Forced in Senate.

Washington, July 12.—The probability of a move for final vote on Canadian reciprocity is forcing speechmaking in the senate. There is no program today except continuance of consideration of the reciprocity bill, with speeches by Bristow of Kansas and Borah of Idaho, insurgents. The situation developed yesterday, when Bailey held the floor several hours to fulfill an admitted promise to LaFollette, the republican insurgent, with whose anti-reciprocity views the Texan is aligned, to keep talking, if necessary, to prevent a vote, until LaFollette is ready with his address and amendments, stirred senators to expedite the delivery of their addresses.

LaFollette expects to proceed in a few days. The early prospect of adjournment is more promising. The house met today with no regularly scheduled business.

VISIT OF KING AND QUEEN TO IRELAND IS CONCLUDED

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Records Broken in Heat Fatality. Philadelphia—Seventeen Deaths in Latter City Today.

New York, July 12.—The break in the heat wave promised by the weather bureau has made itself felt. Early showers prevented the temperature soaring.

But death stalked through the crowded tenements last night, following yesterday's maximum temperature of 94 degrees. Thirteen deaths were reported during the night, caused by heat, making the total number of deaths since the heat spell began 270, eclipsing all records.

HE IS NOT JOHN HUFF, BUT NOT OUT OF TROUBLE

Negro Arrested in Greenville Is to Be Tried in Easley—Three Warrants Against Him.

Special to The Gazette-News. Greenville, S. C., July 12.—Tom Long, the negro arrested Monday on suspicion of being John Huff, who shot Officer McConnell in Asheville July 3, will be turned over to Easley, S. C., officers today. They hold three warrants against him for receiving goods under false pretense.

D. H. Webb and E. C. Lyda of Asheville failed to identify the negro as being John Huff this morning. Officer Condon of Asheville will remain in this section several days working on the case.

HOKE SMITH IS ELECTED SENATOR FROM GEORGIA

He Succeeds Senator Terrell, Appointed by Governor Brown to Fill Clay's Term.

Atlanta, Ga., July 12.—Governor Hoke Smith was elected United States senator at noon on the first ballot taken by the house and senate in joint session.

He succeeds Joseph M. Terrell, who was appointed by Governor Joseph M. Brown to fill the unexpired term of the late Senator A. S. Clay.

Caught Biggest Fish; Dined of the Excitement. Portland, Me., July 12.—As a result of the excitement in catching the biggest fish of the day, the Maine Lobster, a fish of the day, the lobster was caught within 24 hours. A temperature drop is predicted.

POSITION GIVEN TO E. L. TRAVIS

Halifax Man, Close Personal Friend and Political Adviser of the Governor, Succeeds Commissioner H. C. Brown.

RALEIGH'S WATER SITUATION HAS BECOME DESPERATE

City About to Face Water Famine—Vegetation Drying up—Price of Vegetables Almost Beyond Reach.

Gazette-News Bureau, The Hotel Raleigh, Raleigh, July 12.

GOVERNOR KITCHIN announced the appointment of E. L. Travis of Halifax as corporation commissioner late yesterday afternoon. Mr. Travis served in the senate in 1899 and 1903, and was chairman of the judiciary committee which framed up the suffrage constitutional amendment. He was in the senate during the impeachment of the judges proceedings, and associated with Senator Simmons in his fight against General Carr in 1906.

Mr. Travis is a close personal friend and political adviser of Governor Kitchin. He was shot last year in the neck by a man named Powell, (who is now serving 30 years in prison), because he had failed to answer a letter. Mr. Travis seems to have recovered his health, but has a stiff neck. His sister is stenographer to Governor Kitchin.

Raleigh's Diminishing Water Supply. Unless there is relief within two days by heavy rains Raleigh will be face to face with a water famine. For days the exceedingly hot weather has been drying out the country and vegetation is withering up. The officials of the Wake Water company, which supplies Raleigh with water, have become alarmed at the rapid diminishing of the flow of water in the Wake creek, from which the city supply comes. The company immediately cut off all water for the use of the railroads and ordered the discontinuance of the sprinkling of the streets. Notices have been sent out asking the patrons to use as little water as possible and while bathing has not been prohibited that is expected to be the next step.

There is a demand in Raleigh for 3,500,000 gallons of water daily, while the capacity of the stream has averaged about 2,500,000, a million gallons in excess of the daily consumption. It was estimated yesterday that the flow of the stream was only about 500,000 gallons in 24 hours, thus making 1,000,000 short of the usual consumption. It is estimated that with cutting off the railroads and sprinkling 500,000 gallons will be saved daily, and with only 1,000,000 gallons in the storage basin, which holds 2,000,000, and with only 2,000,000 gallons in the tank for distribution in the city it can be seen that the company is "up against it."

An Unprecedented Condition. Never before in the memory of the "oldest inhabitants" has there been such a critical water condition in this section of the state. Even the experts who examined the Walnut creek supply some time ago thought it would be enough to last the city for years. The average rainfall is 38.57 inches in this section and the deficiency up to July 1 was 11.46 inches for this year and a total deficiency to date of 14.30 inches.

Vegetables Scarce. Not only is there a shortage of water supply but vegetables are very scarce; in fact so short is the crop of seasonable products that the price is almost beyond the reach of ordinary people. New potatoes are selling today for 60 cents per peck while shelled peas are selling for 30 cents per quart and everything else in proportion.

All about the city the grass is parching up while in some instances the trees are turning yellow and the leaves are falling off. The little breeze that blows serves only to make the drying effect of the heat worse. The drought has extended over three months. Truly it seems that North Carolina is going dry in all senses of the word. The official record of the heat shows a daily average above 90 degrees, with a probable average of about 94 for some weeks.

The Wake county board of equalization after wrangling all day over a resolution to appoint a sub-committee to examine the assessments adjourned to meet July 24 without passing the resolution. There apparently is going to be some criticism of the work of the assistant assessors and already some instigating has been brought forward. It was pointed out that it was remarkably strange that what some regard as one of the best renting and best revenue producing properties as well as best located in the city—the Tucker building—had been lowered from \$57,000 to \$55,000. It was pointed out that this looked remarkable in the face of the \$18,000 assessment which had been placed on the City's National Bank building just across the street. A property not half so large and one that produces little revenue shows the second story. The Tucker is an old building. The assessment of \$57,000 was very much in excess of the value of the building. 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