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HEMMED IN BY DEVOURING FLAMES, MINNESOTA MEN FIGHT FOR THEIR HOMES

City of Ten Thousand Awaits Devastation by Threatening Flames.

INHABITANTS ARE READY FOR FLIGHT

Schools and Business Houses Closed. Naval Reserves Called Out.

(By Associated Press) DULUTH, MINN., Sept. 8.—Forest fires which have been raging for several days tonight threaten Hibbing, the largest and most prosperous town on the Mesabi range. It has between 10,000 and 12,000 people. The flames have been getting closer constantly. Every place of business is closed and the men all are out fighting the flames.

A telegram from Hibbing says:

"The fire is very near the Great Northern spur on this side of Brookley, a suburb of Hibbing and the wind is blowing in our direction."

The city has all available hose out and every man we can find is fighting the fire. They have established a pipe line and installed two pumps. The sky is clearing of smoke somewhat now, but we are threatened on the north."

In response to an appeal, the Duluth fire department has gone to the scene while the Mesabi railroad has trains in readiness at Hibbing to take the people away. Smoke from the forest fire which surround the town makes Hibbing so dark that the electric lights have been turned on there during the day. The smoke is stifling and the heat very oppressive. Under the wind changes, Coleraine and Hoytville will be safe.

According to late advice from the town, the situation looks serious this evening, but the wind is now blowing the fire in an opposite direction. The schools and business houses are closed and every one is prepared to flee. Grand Marais, Minn., a village of about 600 inhabitants on the North shore is on the verge of the fire. The women are hysterical with fright.

Many settlers may be forced to take refuge in the waters of Lake Superior. A frantic appeal for help was sent to Duluth today by the steamer Almond which brought down many of the settlers. The United States steamer Gopher with two companies of the national guard, left for the North shore this evening with provisions and will pick up all settlers found along the shore of the lake.

Al J. Smith, county attorney of Hennepin county, who has been camping beyond Grand Marais, was born out at his camp and with his party escaped to Grand Marais on a launch. Settlers are walking in the dense smoke, frightened and burned with packets of their belongings and their families. When Smith left the lake of the Grand Marais was in doubt. The settlers were loath to leave their homes without making a fight and many of them remained behind. Mr. Smith says a strong east wind will burn about the destruction of Grand Marais in an hour and no power on earth could save it.

There has been no rain in part of the firestricken country for several weeks.

NIGHT RIDERS AT WORK

(By Associated Press) HUTCHINSON, Miss., Sept. 8.—Notes were found posted at tax offices in this place yesterday, warning the officers to cease operations. These notes were signed "Night Riders." One of the signs on which the notice was pasted is about six miles from Hutchinson and is owned by Ash Hendrick, a brewer. The other was the sign of the Eureka Ginning company of Hutchinson, about 15 miles distant. The notes stated that the operators of the gins would be killed unless they ceased to gin cotton. There is nothing to the guilty persons.

FREIGHT RATE CASES

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, Sept. 8.—The same plan followed with the other four states commissioning against the railroads in the southern and southwestern territories, in advancing the freight rates on certain commodities, will be heard in the commission in the court case at Atlanta on September 10, and in the latter case at St. Louis September 18.

IOWA REPUBLICANS BOLT THE SENATORIAL CANDIDATE

(By Associated Press) DES MOINES, IOWA, Sept. 8.—Today the pledge to each other 42 stand-patters in the state, who had hitherto prevented the election of Senator A. B. Cummins to fill out the unexpired term of the late W. E. Vinton. The 42 senators and stand-patters refused to cast their votes for Cummins and with the 24 Democrats who voted for Porter, who outnumbered the 67 Republicans who voted for Cummins. Not only did these 42 stand-patters prevent an open election today but they declared that

LILLEY GETS HAULED OVER RED HOT COALS

Nomination Would be "Direct Affront to Congress," Says Resolution.

HOTTEST FIGHT IN YEARS BEING WAGED

Connecticut Capitalists Repudiate Man Who Forced Boat Investigation.

(By Associated Press) NEW HAVEN, CONN., Sept. 8.—No republican convention had been held in Connecticut since that of the fall of 1900, when the McGaugh-Warren fight for the governorship split up the party, brought out so much interest as that which was called to order tonight in the Hyperion theatre by Chairman Michael Kennedy, of the state central committee, who introduced as temporary chairman United States Senator Edward H. Branford of New London.

The business of the convention, the adoption of a platform, the naming of the state ticket, seven presidential electors and congressional at large, will be done tomorrow and every indication tonight was for the most exciting session.

Enthusiasm swept the convention tonight augmented not a little by the Lake Club of Hartford, which has come down to help Lieutenant Governor Everett J. Lake win the gubernatorial nomination. The excitement is over the make-up of the state ticket and all night conference promises to turn out the participating delegation.

At a gathering of the chamber of commerce, the county of New Haven, representing it at the fall of 1900, having a capital of \$400,000 and an organization of nearly 1,000 members, a year brought a protest to the convention against the nomination of Congressman George Lally of Waterbury.

Lilley Gets His

Repudiation was adopted, pointing out that whereas the national ticket of Republicans, having a membership of 1,000,000, had nominated Mr. Lilley, he would be subject to the dignity and judgment of that body, and

Whereas the public record of Mr. Lilley is sufficient proof of his fitness for the office, therefore, it is resolved that we trust that the active constituents of the Grand Republican ticket of the state is turned to Mr. Lilley's candidacy as a depth not realized by our party managers, for having such determined opposition to us to accomplish his defeat at the polls.

Resolved that we solemnly protest against the nomination of Mr. Lilley as opposed to the best interests of Connecticut and in action to the supremacy of the republican party in the state.

Everything depended tonight in the gloom on which the notice was placed on Mr. Lilley that he would be governor on the first ballot.

MORE TROUBLE FOR UNCLE JOE CANNON

(By Associated Press) KALAMAZOO, Mich., Sept. 8.—The recent action of the legislative committee of the Temperance Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Indiana, Mr. Michael Coffey, who has given the affective bound statement to you for a congressional candidate who is opposed to the re-election of Representative Cannon as speaker, has been followed by the decision of the committee to have a meeting at the committee headquarters here today, to bring the fight into the speakers' district and to demand that he be compelled to resign his speakership.

LEAVE SYSTEM DOWNED

(By Associated Press) ATLANTA, Ga., Sept. 8.—The Senate and House complete the work of committee committee No. 4, which has been busily engaged the last half of the two branches of the legislature in the last few days. The bill to establish a new leave system will end in March 1909. A compromise was reached by the committee yesterday and it is reported submitted to the floor.

MACON DIRECTORS SERIOUSLY CHARGED

Suit Begun Against Eleven Prominent Men For Half Million Dollars.

(By Associated Press) MACON, Ga., Sept. 8.—Charging that they were legally responsible for the failure of the Exchange Bank, a suit for the recovery of \$100,000 was today filed by the receivers against 11 former directors and also against the estates of three deceased directors. The joint defendants in this suit are J. W. Cobain, A. L. Adams, T. G. Buck, C. S. Dunlap, H. J. Lamar, W. D. Lamar, Sam Mayer, W. R. Rogers, A. D. Schofield, Mathew H. Taylor, J. H. Williams, R. C. Corbin, and Charles O. Stone.

Executors of the estate of N. R. Parker, Henry Horne and Henry McHarg, executors of Mrs. Julia Harton's deceased executrix of the estate of W. A. Brooks, Mathew H. Taylor, executors of the estate of L. W. Hunt and Mrs. Virginia Taylor, Mrs. Louis G. Hunt, Lucy P. Caldwells, E. H. Caldwells, heirs of E. W. Hunt.

The suit charges the directors with avarice or want of neglect of duty etc.

TAFT PROMISES AN ARDUOUS CAMPAIGN

Republican Candidate Will Take Speechmaking Tour of the United States.

(By Associated Press) NEW YORK, Sept. 8.—President Taft will make a comprehensive tour of the United States before the November election, probably in a second campaign, in view of the fact that he will be elected.

He will speak to a great number of people in various parts of the country.

President Taft's ability to speak from 80 to 100 words through the gate of his mouth made him popular in the political field. He said in his first campaign speech of 1908, "I think that in a hundred speeches I would do as well as in my first." At the time of his election in 1908, he spoke for 100 minutes.

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