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RAGING FLAMES SWEEP ON TOWARD MONTANA

Great Fire Beyond All Control Moves Southward

EFFORTS TO CHECK FLAMES UNSUCCESSFUL

Hundreds of Square Miles Devastated, More Than 200 Dead and Thousands Homeless and Destitute. Flames Visible For 50 Miles and Richest Timber Section in Northwest Destroyed—Prompt Relief From American and Canadian Cities, Spokane Sending \$15,000 Worth of Supplies—Martial Law.

(By Leased Wire to The Times) Cranbrook, B. C., Aug. 4.—The most disastrous forest fire in the history of British Columbia is sweeping on today like a tidal wave of flame, toward the Montana border. The number of persons burned to death in the hundred square miles devastated is more than 200. Scores of towns and villages have been wiped out. Thousands have been rendered homeless and destitute. The whole blackened territory is under martial law.

Efforts to check the vast onward sweep of flames seem puny. Wherever the fire-fighters take a stand they are relentlessly driven back before the great, roaring, ever-widening wall of flame. A pall of smoke hangs over the ruined area.

The flames are visible for 50 miles. The richest timber section of the northwest is being consumed as rapidly as pine knots in a furnace. The survivors of the terrible visitation are encamped on barren hillsides, covered with ashes. They are in utter destitution, the majority being without sufficient clothing, and there is no food save what has reached them from outside sources.

The response of neighboring cities in Canada and the United States has been prompt and generous. A relief train from Spokane, Wash., laden with food, blankets, medical supplies and physicians tooted into Cranbrook today with the stars and stripes flying from the locomotive pilot. The hungry refugees gathered around and greeted the train with tremendous cheering. Spokane has sent \$15,000 worth of staff and will continue to send relief.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier has wired from Ottawa to General MacDonnell to place at the disposal of the refugees all the available tents and blankets owned by the militia of British Columbia.

The lawless element has appeared in the burned-out district and committees of safety have been organized. Guns and ammunition have been sent into the district to equip the members of these committees, so that looting and rioting may be completely suppressed.

Within a few hours, it is expected, the Canadian militia will be in full control of the district and martial law will be enforced until normal conditions are restored.

George Pettibone Dead.
(By Leased Wire to The Times) Denver, Col., August 4.—George A. Pettibone, member of the noted trio, Moyer, Hayward-Pettibone, once charged with the murder of Frank Steunenberg, a former governor of Idaho, died at St. Joseph's hospital last night, following an operation for cancer.

ELECTION BOARD DOES BUSINESS

Size Tickets for State and Congress

SOME OF APPOINTEES

Partial List of County Board of Elections, Recommended to Aid Approved by State Board—Those Present at Meeting Today—Wake County's Board.

The state board of elections, in session today, fixed the size of the state and congressional ballots and elected as county boards the names submitted by the various counties. The size of the state ticket this year will be 3 1/2 inches by 8, and the electoral ticket will be the same; the congressional ticket will be 3 1/2 by 2.

Those present at the meeting were Wilson G. Lamb, chairman; R. T. Claywell, secretary; R. L. Smith, A. B. Freeman and Clarence Call. The typewriter has the list of appointments this afternoon and it will be finished late this evening. A partial list of the county election boards is given below:

Wake—L. B. Pegram, Raleigh; Dr. J. J. L. McCuller, McCullers; Col. John Nichols, Raleigh.

Wilson—C. P. Dickinson, Wilson; L. P. Woodard, county; Wm. G. Sharp, Elm City.

Orange—Jas. A. Harris, Hillsboro; J. D. Webb, Chapel Hill; A. J. Gordon, Hillsboro.

Durham—S. C. Browley, Durham; P. C. Graham, Durham; S. M. Holton, Durham.

Franklin—J. B. Yarborough, Louisburg; Isaac H. Kearney, Franklin; P. A. Reavis, Louisburg.

Johnston—Ed. S. Abell, Smithfield; W. A. Edgerton, Selma; W. R. Creech, Smithfield.

Rockingham—Lawrence McRae, R. W. Morphis, J. M. Galloway, Jr., Madison.

Richmond—Alfred Baldwin, Covington; W. F. Long, Rockingham; John M. Smith, Rockingham.

A MIXED MARRIAGE.

White Girl of Pennsylvania Marries Negro After Repeated Efforts.

(By Leased Wire to The Times) Cumberland, Md., August 4.—The refusal of a license to Samuel Stickels, colored, to wed Lizzie Franks, a white girl, of Waynesville, Pa., by the clerk of the court here did not prevent the marriage.

The couple returned home and on Saturday evening were married in the private office of clerk of the court of Washington county, Pa., by a local minister. Here in Cumberland the girl declared she had negro blood in her veins, but being a decided blonde, the officials doubted her story.

Emulating Young Turks.

(By Cable to The Times) Vienna, August 4.—The Turkish and Slav population of Bosnia and Herzegovina are emulating the young Turks, and are agitating to obtain a constitution from Austria.

BURNING WALLS FALL ON FIREMEN

Three Have Narrow Escape From Death

SWIM FOR THEIR LIVES

Fire Boat Illinois Sunk by Falling Wall of Armour Elevator Building. Firemen Were Playing Hose on Building When Crash Came.

(By Leased Wire to The Times)

Chicago, Aug. 4.—The fire boat Illinois was sunk in the river and three men were perhaps fatally injured by the collapse of the south wall of Armour elevator F., early today. The wall fell upon the boat while the firemen were playing the hose upon the ruins of yesterday's grain house \$1,500,000 fire.

All the men on the fire boat were compelled to leap into the river and swim for their lives. The boat was in charge of Captain Patrick Lyons. Since the beginning of the fire the boat had taken part in fighting the flames. During the night it laid under the south wall of the giant elevator, pouring water on the hot debris.

Although it was known that the elevator wall was weak, the collapse was not expected at the time. Just as the flaming wall tottered, Captain Lyons saw the danger and shouted to his men: "Jump for your lives!"

The men leaped into the river. Some of them were unable to swim. Several were struck by sections of the falling walls. The men were compelled to struggle desperately in order to prevent their being carried to the bottom of the river by the suction caused by the sinking boat. The fire tug Swenie, in charge of Captain Patrick Nolan, narrowly escaped destruction. It was within a few yards of the Illinois and was struck by flying beams.

Hundreds of people lined the banks of the river when the accident occurred. Fifty feet of the elevator wall fell into the river.

NEW YORK WILL HONOR ATHLETES

Yankee Team Will Be Greeted Royally

PRIZE FOR WINNERS

Feature to be a Monster Parade in Which All Will Participate—President Roosevelt to be on Reception Committee.

(By Leased Wire to The Times)

New York, Aug. 4.—New York has definitely decided to honor the returning Olympic athletes, and plans for the welcoming of the victorious Yankee team have been decided upon at a meeting of the committee in charge held at the office of Commissioner of Public Work Claughan. The feature of the reception, which has been definitely set for Saturday, August 29, when all the athletes will have returned, is a monster parade, in which the entire Olympic team is likely to participate. The various athletic associations of the city, schools, colleges and Y. M. C. A. will be represented.

Acting Mayor McGowan has been invited to serve as master of ceremonies and to make presentations of medals and diplomas. Each athlete will be rewarded with some suitable token, such as a gold medal. Those who figured most prominently, however, are to come in for extra consideration. The Irish-American A. C., New York A. C., and kindred organizations will be on hand with club testimonials to the valor of their representatives.

Three special prizes have been set aside for those who, in the estimation of the committee, come in for the chief honors. To John J. Hayes, winner of the Marathon, will go a special silver cup. Carpenter, who was disqualified in the 400 meter run will be presented with a consolation cup, and Robbins, who finished second in the same event, will also receive a consolation cup.

A reception committee of 500 men of prominence, with President Roosevelt as its chairman, will add to the tone of the gala occasion. The president and Governor Hughes have been requested to furnish military escort.

FALLING INTO LONG LINE

Washington Labor Union Endorses Mr. Bryan

Go On Record As Opposed to Mr. Taft and See in Mr. Bryan a Man Friendly to Their Interests.

(By Leased Wire to The Times)

Washington, August 4.—Following a discussion lasting several hours, and by a decisive vote, the Central Labor Union last evening went on record as opposed to William H. Taft for the presidency, and endorsed William J. Bryan for the office of chief executive, as "a man friendly to organized labor and standing upon a platform favorable to the wage-earners of the United States."

The session was probably the most enthusiastic held in the last few years. Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, amid cheers and hand-clapping, addressed the delegates and officially made it clear to all that he was "not a democrat, nor a republican, but an independent trades unionist who was in sympathy with the policies advocated by the democratic party."

Inasmuch as the president of the federation appeared just at a time when a set of resolutions embodying political policies were being debated, the session had a distinctly official aspect of national import.

HARD CIDER ROW RESULTS IN MURDER

(By Leased Wire to The Times) Lynchburg, Va., August 4.—In a row in which hard cider was flowing freely, near Concord, fifteen miles east of here, Jack Lee, a white man, shot and instantly killed Beverly Cardwell, colored, and mortally wounded his brother, Samuel Cardwell, causing death a few hours later.

MONETARY COMMISSION SAILS AWAY FOR EUROPE

HEADQUARTERS OF CAMPAIGN OPEN

Democratic Headquarters to Open in Chicago Tomorrow

THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Personnel of Finance Committee Expected to Give Confidence to Business Men—They Will Be Business Men of Prominence—Mr. Bryan and Haskell.

(By Leased Wire to The Times)

Chicago, Aug. 4.—Democratic National headquarters will be opened for the season at the Auditorium Annex tomorrow. Chairman Mack, of the national committee, accompanied by Roger C. Sullivan, of Illinois, was expected to arrive in Chicago by this evening and proceed to get the wheels in motion at once. Secretary Urey Woodson and several members of the executive committee were scheduled to come in at the same time, and while a quorum of the committee was not expected at once, there were enough headed this way to start things.

Chairman Mack is expected to announce the membership of the finance committee and the various sub-committees not yet appointed by his arrival here. The names of the finance committee are the ones most curiously looked for. The selection has been delayed in order to get the consent of those asked to serve.

The finance committee is expected to assure the business world, by the fact of its consenting to serve, that Bryan is not the business menace he is generally supposed to be. Even more, its members are to help matters by collecting some prosaic cash for the campaign. Somehow Mr. Bryan does not seem to place much confidence in the ability of Governor Haskell, of Oklahoma, the treasurer of the national committee in this matter.

EQUALIZATION BOARD MEETS AND ADJOURNS

In the absence of Gov. Glenn, the state board of equalizations met today with Lieut. Gov. Francis D. Winston in the chair.

Very little business was transacted. Some propositions relative to the equalization of taxes were offered to the board, which will be considered at a subsequent meeting.

Owing to the limited time which the bill creating this board allows, little, if anything, can be done. It is understood that the board will recommend to the next legislature the passage of such a bill as will make it possible to accomplish the results desired.

The board adjourned to meet at the call of the chairman.

There were present Lieut.-Gov. Winston, Secretary of State Grimes, State Auditor Dixon, and Mr. McNeil, chairman of the corporation commission. Gov. Glenn and Treasurer Lacy were absent.

Goes to Study Financial System of Other Countries

RADICAL CHANGES IN SYSTEM MAY RESULT

Senator Nelson W. Aldrich of Rhode Island Heads Sub-Committee That Will Study Financial Ways of Other Countries—Lame Lion of Lynchburg Member of Committee. Work of Committee Will be Preliminary to Report of Commission to Congress at Next Session.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

New York, Aug. 4.—Sailing on the Kron Prinzessin Cecilie today was a sub-committee of the National Monetary Commission headed by Senator Nelson W. Aldrich, of Rhode Island. Mr. Aldrich said he and the other members were going abroad to study monetary systems and that as a result it was not impossible the system in vogue in America would undergo radical changes. Others on the committee are Senator John W. Daniel, of Virginia; Senator Hale, of Maine; Representative Overstreet, of Indiana; Representative Hadgett, of Tennessee, and Representative Edward Vreeland, of New York.

Senator Aldrich made this statement just before the ship set sail: "To obtain more complete and accurate information than is now available information with reference to a monetary and banking system of the leading commercial nations is the principal purpose of the sub-committee of the national monetary commission who are leaving today for London.

"The sub-committee also intended to make a thorough examination into the methods in use for the collection and distribution of the public revenues in each of the leading countries of Europe. The secretary of the treasury has detailed B. C. Manson, chief of the division of accounts and of issue and redemption of the treasurer's office, to assist the committee in its work.

"The active work of the commission this summer will be carried on by the sub-committee, who are going abroad and by another sub-committee of which Representative Weeks is the acting chairman, who are now engaged in considering amendments to the administrative features of the national banking laws. This work is but preliminary to the report which the commission are requested to make to congress of a complete monetary system of the country. It was not expected that the legislative provision of the act of May 30, 1908, would be final or permanent.

"They were adopted with a single purpose which has been accomplished of privilege against a recurrence of the destructive conditions similar to those from which the country suffered in October last. This act will undoubtedly be superseded in time by a legislative establishment of a complete monetary system."

Kansas Primary Today.
(By Leased Wire to The Times)

Topeka, Kans., August 4.—Kansas is holding its first state-wide primary today. Interest attaches to the nomination for United States senator and candidate for governor on the republican ticket.

Pitched Battle Between the Police and Strikers

(By Leased Wire to The Times)

Clinton, Mass., Aug. 4.—In a series of pitched battles between police and striking Italian workmen in the center of this town today five workmen were shot by the police and two policemen were seriously injured by rocks thrown by the strikers. The police finally overpowered the rioters, made some arrests and dispersed the rest. Throughout the battle the strikers were rallied around a large United States flag to whose flagstaff was attached a placard announcing the demands of the strikers. No

deaths have occurred yet though some of the strikers wounded by police bullets are in a serious condition. Patrolman Thomas J. Whelan had his right wrist broken by a rock thrown by some striker. Patrolman James T. Fox was hit on the head by a rock, knocked unconscious and seriously hurt.

The riot is the culmination of the series of disorders following the refusal of the J. W. Bishop Co., of Worcester, to grant demands of workmen employed on the foundation work of the Bigelow Carpet Company.

Great Pythian Parade Feature of Convention

(By Leased Wire to The Times)

Boston, Mass., Aug. 4.—The great feature today of the Knights of Pythias convention, now in session here, was the great parade this afternoon of the uniformed rank in which over ten thousand members of the military branch of the order took part.

Major General Arthur P. Stoddard, of Minnesota, commander-in-chief of the uniformed rank, commanded the parade. Companies and regiments of Knights from every state in the union took part in the parade. The day was remarkably cool and pleasant and the parade was

without the usual prostrations that occur in August parades and conventions. The business sessions of the grand lodge began this morning at the Hotel Somerset. The retiring supreme chancellor, Charles A. Barnes, Jacksonville, Fla., read his annual report. Governor Curtis Guild, Jr., greeted the Knights on behalf of the commonwealth of Massachusetts and Mayor George A. Hibbard extended the greetings of the city government.

Chancellor Barnes in his report said the order was in a most flourishing condition. (Continued on Second Page.)