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GREAT FOREST FIRES RAGING

Owing to Long Drouth Fires Burn Furiously and Hard to Check

SEVERAL LIVES ARE LOST

Property Worth Millions Been Destroyed and Unless Rain Comes Soon it is Feared Loss Will be Enormous—People Are Worn Out Fighting the Continuous Blaze and Help is Being Asked From Towns Far From the Scene of Fires.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) New York, Sept. 19.—Dispatches from points in the northern part of this state, from Maine cities and Utica and near-by towns and from Michigan bring news of forest fires raging unchecked, owing to the long drought. Property worth millions of dollars and several lives have already been lost and unless rain comes soon it is feared that the loss will be enormous. Smoke palls cover a half-dozen states, reaching even to this city. Inhabitants of the devastated sections are worn out fighting the continuous blazes and help is being asked from towns and cities many miles from the scenes.

Outlook Distressing. (By Leased Wire to The Times.) Utica, N. Y., Sept. 19.—Reports from many sections indicate that the area over which flames are sweeping in the Adirondacks is being rapidly extended and in the continued absence of rain the outlook for the subduing of the fire is distressing. In the vicinity of the upper lake two fires have assumed alarming proportions and the fire warden cannot secure enough men to work at them. More than 1,000 acres have been burned over in the last three days. To the north and west of the city of Rome there are a number of forest fires of extensive proportions.

Railroads Fighting Flames. (By Leased Wire to The Times.) Albany, N. Y., Sept. 19.—The railroads in the Adirondacks are using their fire trains continually and are setting fire going at the same time. Hunters are also charged with setting many fires through carelessness in extinguishing their camp fires. Two calls have come from Westport for assistance. G. B. Richards, town clerk, telegraphed that many fires had been started there by the DeWane & Hudson locomotives.

Smoke Envelopes Maine. (By Leased Wire to The Times.) Augusta, Me., Sept. 19.—A dense pall of smoke envelopes the entire state as the result of numerous forest fires that are devastating thousands of acres of timber lands and causing grave anxiety for the safety of property in at least four towns in this county. Night and day a large army of men is at work in the effort to place the flames under control. The smoke is stifling and the heat is such as to try the endurance of the strongest. Hundreds of the men who for two days have been fighting the fire almost ceaselessly have been forced to give up and fresh relays are constantly being despatched to the front. So far as known no lives have been lost.

The western section of the town of Brooksville in Hancock county is in great danger. There are five square miles of flame near Lisbon. The towns and villages where the danger is great or damages heavy include Brooksville, West Hancock, Surrey, Dieksville, Jackman, Lisbon, Scarborough, Biddeford, Elliot, York, Clawson, Milford, Cardville, and Cogan.

Anxiety in Canada. (By Leased Wire to The Times.) Ottawa, Ont., Sept. 19.—There is much anxiety throughout Canada as several cities, probably 22 towns and as many villages, are enshrouded in smoke. There are scores of bad bush fires, all due to the long spell of extremely dry weather. The steamship service on Lake Ontario is demoralized. A number of lumber camps in northern Ontario are wiped out and the men are fighting to save others. Two lives were lost at Parry Sound. The flames have approached very near to Ottawa and several of the suburban districts are threatened.

Gov. Hughes, of New York, Nominated to Succeed Himself by Republicans



BRYAN SPEAKS IN PROVIDENCE

Shakes Hands With Several People at the Grand Central Station

RETURNS TO NEW YORK

Was Recognized by the People But There Was No Demonstration—A Few Shook Hands With Him and Others Merely Looked On.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) New York, Sept. 19.—William Jennings Bryan left for New Haven in a private car attached to the regular Boston express on the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad at 8:01 a. m. today, accompanied by National Committeeman Green, of Rhode Island, and National Committeeman Cummings and State Chairman Manns, of Connecticut. J. B. Burton, assistant secretary of the national committee, was the only democrat of prominence to see him off.

Bryan was recognized by the people in the Grand Central station but there was no demonstration. A few people stepped up to the candidate and shook hands with him, but the rest merely watched him for a moment as he made his way toward his car and then themselves moved on. Bryan goes to New Haven to visit the widow of the late Alex. Troup, who dropped dead in the Grand Central station about a week ago. He will make no public appearance in New Haven and will leave before noon for Providence, where he makes a speech tonight. He will be back in New York tomorrow morning and will be taken to Esopus, N. Y., as the guest of Alton B. Parker.

Two Lives Lost. Williamsport, Pa., Sept. 19.—The heavy pall of smoke still overhangs this section. Ten million feet of logs of the Central Pennsylvania Lumber Company are in danger.

The mountains along the western branch of the Susquehanna river are hidden by smoke and at night the red glare can be seen for miles. The gloom of night settled over this city at least an hour earlier than usual last evening.

PANIC THREATENS RUSSIAN CAPITAL

Cholera Epidemic as Deadly Warfare is Ravaging St. Petersburg

CLIMAX REACHED TODAY

Hospitals Are Crowded and There Were a Number of New Cases Today—Ravaged With Disease, Streets Congested With Dead, Threatened, the Scene Presented Today Was Appalling.

(By Cable to The Times.) St. Petersburg, Sept. 19.—The cholera epidemic, as deadly as warfare, is ravaging the capital of Russia and conditions reached their climax with crowded hospitals, an additional number of new cases and threatened panic. Ravaged with disease, on the verge of rioting and with numbers of the streets congested with conveyances of the dead, the scene presented today was appalling in its aspects.

The cases developed in the past twenty-four hours were as many as the whole previous total. At midnight there were more than 480 cases in the hospitals and it was feared that this number would go beyond 500 before noon today. Since the outbreak of the epidemic there have been 484 deaths and a total of 1,677 cases.

The military hospital is being utilized for the care of the patients but all available room was occupied this morning and military authorities gave out the information that other arrangements would have to be made. St. Petersburg was wholly unprepared for the scourge which surged over the city, leaving death and gloom and despair in its wake.

The sanitary conditions were utterly unfit, making it impossible for the authorities to cope with the situation. While the cholera is not a stranger in Russia, the outbreak in the city is the worst in years. Hundreds of new inspectors have been sworn in and many workmen are engaged in cleaning the streets and alleys, especially in the poorer sections of the city.

ELEPHANT RUNS AMUCK IN PARK

Charges on Snake House and Overturns Every Cage and Tank

MEN TAKE TO TREES

Strains at the Hobbles That Bounded Her While the Director and Every Guard in Bronx Park Stood by With Pitchfork and Spike in Case She Should Break Her Shackles. Grows Quieter Today and Shackles Are Removed—Became Furious Instantly and Played Havoc for Awhile.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) New York, Sept. 19.—Sending forth unearthly trumpets and straining at the hobbles that bounded her, Luna, the big elephant brought from Luna Park, where she was known as Alice, to be a companion for Gunda, the children's friend, in the Zoological Gardens in the Bronx spent the night with snakes hissing about her and other crawling things near, while Director Hornaday and every guard in the Bronx park stood by with pitchfork and spike, ready to attack huge, angry beast in case she should break her shackles. She appeared to be quieter at 5:30 a. m. today and the shackles were taken from her legs so she could lie led out.

Instantly the beast became furious. She charged the snake house, overturning them, and the rattlers and other smaller snakes wriggled across the house and made for the open. The big snakes, many of them the sort that crush victims in their coils, were held back by the barred fronts that had been placed before their glass cages during the night. The elephant made a complete wreck of the snake house and before she got out she had overturned nearly every cage and tank. Every sort of reptile squirmed to get to freedom, and many of them succeeded.

Director Hornaday and a dozen men were outside the snake house and the elephant charged on them. Some of them had a start on the big trumpeting beast and escaped to a further end of Bronx Park. Others took to trees and as Luna passed on they climbed down and began gathering the snakes that were twisting and squirming and hissing as they glided to the tall grass in the park. How many of the snakes escaped is not known.

Luna then galloped to the open. A park to the other. Now and then she attacked some house in her fury, and once she made for the lion cages. She swiped her trunk against the bars and the lions and tigers clawed at her, the lions roaring and the tigers screaming.

Luna then galloped to the open. A chain was still wound about one of her front feet. One of the keepers got hold of this chain and connected it to another tied about a tree. When Luna started to run again she was fast and in a few minutes she was pinned between two trees with all her legs bound.

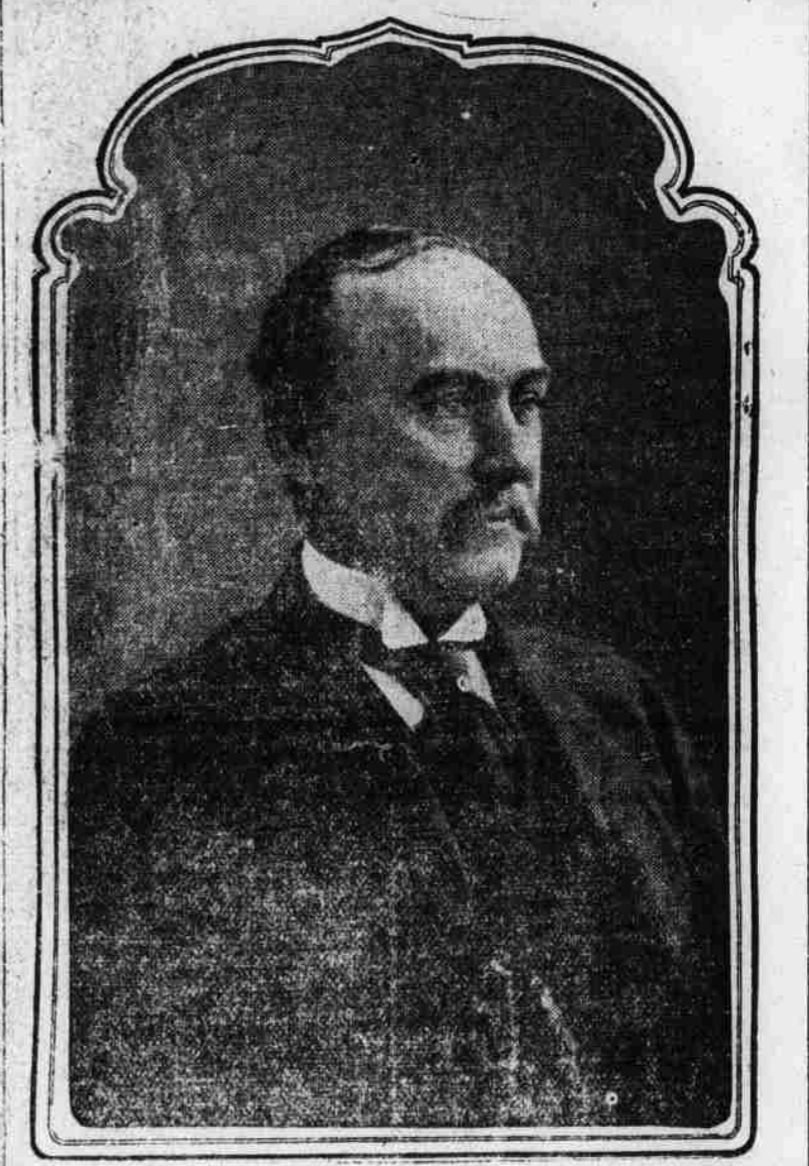
Director Hornaday then directed his men to go through the park and (Continued on Second Page.)

Hon. L. S. Chanler



DEMOCRATIC NOMINEE FOR GOVERNOR OF NEW YORK.

Judge Morgan J. O'Brien, Temporary Chair'm N. Y. State Democratic Con.



BETTING EVEN ON MR. CHANLER

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) New York, Sept. 19.—There was some heavy betting on the coming election at the Gravesend race track yesterday. Tim Shaw made one wager of \$5,000 on Chanler at even money with Henry Harris. Roxie Augarola placed another \$5,000 wager and one of \$2,000 on Chanler, also at even, declaring that he had \$13,000 more to place on the same proposition. George Wheelock, also a big election bettor, said that he had \$10,000 to place on Chanler at even money, but could find no takers. Several race track men declared that they could get \$100,000 if necessary, to place on the democratic candidate for governor. So far in the speculation in the track there has been a notable scarcity of Hughes money.

SITTON TWIRLS DECIDING GAME

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Atlanta, Ga., Sept. 19.—Today marks the close of one of the warmest pennants in the history of the Southern League.

Not until Wednesday was the race narrowed down to two teams and it will require today's game, the last of the season, to decide the championship. Should Nashville win from New Orleans the Tennesseans will finish two points to the good. "Old man" Breitenstein will pitch for the Pelicans, while Sitton, who won the South Atlantic pennant for Jacksonville, will be sent to the mound by the volunteers.

BLINDED BY HEADLIGHT TWO BOYS ARE KILLED

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Pittsburg, Pa., Sept. 19.—Blinded by the headlight of the Uniontown express and heedless of the approach of a westbound wreck train, two boys were killed and a number narrowly escaped death at a street crossing of the Pennsylvania Railroad last night. The dead are Clyde Stoker, 16 years old; Thomas Conley, 15 years old.

TABLE WATERS CONTAIN TYPHOID

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Chicago, Sept. 19.—That several of those highly recommended table waters dispensed in Chicago contain more colon bacilli than the water that passes through the city's mains, and that the companies selling these waters are perpetrating a fraud and ought to be "put out of business" were some of the startling disclosures made by Dr. Biehn, director of the Chicago city laboratory last night. He spoke to the members of the Chicago section of the American Chemical Society and while his remarks were a revelation to the layman, the experts gathered at the meeting approved of every charge he made, deemed not a bit surprised, and recommended that the time for a general crusade was ripe.

GREAT DAMAGE IN FOREST FIRE

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Pittsburg, Pa., Sept. 19.—Many lives may have been lost and much valuable property has been destroyed by forest fires in Somerset county. It is reported that three lumber by fire. It is impossible to estimate the damage accurately owing to the dense smoke. It is known that at least 10,000,000 feet of lumber have been consumed, the value of which is \$150,000. It is quite probable that many people in these camps may not have escaped. The lumber company has had 1,200 men there for the last forty-eight hours working continuously without food or sleep to subdue the flames.

GIVES HIS LIFE IN TRYING TO SAVE COW

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Altoona, Pa., Sept. 18.—Frank McMullan, 27 years old, a Pennsylvania Railroad freight brakeman, forfeited his life near his home at Tyrone last evening to save a cow. His train was moving slowly when the animal was seen on the track. McMullan ran ahead to drive the cow off the track and was struck by a train moving in the opposite direction.

THE BUILDING OF THE TEMPLE

How the Dreams of the Masons of North Carolina Came True

BUILD A HOME FOR AGED

Temple Makes Possible the Establishment of Home for Aged and Infirm—Income of the Temple About \$12,000—Cost Masons of State About \$175,000—No Debt on Grand Lodge—Funds in Sight to Pay All Indebtedness.

Not content with what they had accomplished in the way of charity, not content with having built and endowed a splendid home for the protection and education of the orphans of their brethren, the Masons of North Carolina dreamed of the day and longed for its coming, when they could establish and maintain a Home for Aged and Indigent Masons. Today in the city of Raleigh, at the corner of Fayetteville and Hargett streets stands the great building which has made their dream come true. This magnificent structure completed, eight stories high (counting the basement), built of Indiana limestone and Ohio pressed brick, the framework of reinforced concrete, every office beautifully finished, the whole beautiful structure dedicated to the carrying out of the one great purpose, the Masons of the state find in it the attainment of what they have so long hoped for.

The Masonic Temple is one of the finest office buildings in the state of North Carolina. Thoroughly modern from basement to roof garden, fire-proof throughout, and built of the very best material money could purchase and good judgment select, the building is one that Raleigh has a right to be proud of. There is certainly not a better or more beautifully arranged building in the state.

The Masons of the state have done themselves proud in the erection of this great building. Masons never do things by halves. Whatever they do they do intelligently and thoroughly. They begin right. The building of the Temple was no exception. They attacked the great problem with their usual foresight and intelligence. For their building committee they selected five staunch Masons and level-headed business men, whose equals would be hard to find in the state. These were Grand Master Francis D. Winston, of Winston; Messrs. S. H. Smith, of Winston; J. D. Elliott, of Hickory; John C. Drewry, of Raleigh; and Dr. E. J. Noble, of Selma.

The committee went to work. Plans for the building were drawn up by Mr. Charles McMillan, a prominent architect of Wilmington. A site for the building was purchased at a cost of \$35,800. The contract for the building was let to the Central Carolina Construction Company, and the work began.

As planned, the Temple was to cost about \$160,000. To date the expenditures of the committee have reached \$175,000. At present, there is practically no debt on the Temple. There is more than enough money in sight to pay every cent of its indebtedness. Without compensation and with only the good of their great order at heart, the committee labored unceasingly for the completion of the building. It stands today an enduring monument to their zeal. Nearly all of the offices have been rented. The income of the great building is about \$12,000 a year. This sum will go to the establishment and maintenance of a home for aged and indigent Masons. This has been a hope long cherished by many Masons in the state. Long ago they established and paid for a home for the helpless orphans of Masons, and with the income of their magnificent new building they will now provide a home for their destitute and unfortunate old members who have been unsuccessful in the battle of life.

The achievement of the committee and especially the work of Mr. John C. Drewry, grand secretary, through whose hands the contributions passed, is the more remarkable when one takes into consideration the fact that the vast sum needed to erect the Temple came from the pockets of the state in small sums, averaging about two dollars each. (Continued on Page Seven.)