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A MASSIVE FLAME.

Destroys Life and Property in Minnesota.

FIVE THOUSAND ARE HOMELESS

Two Thousand People in Box Cars Escape Into Canada—Governor Has Issued Proclamation Calling For Help—Red Cross to Rescue.

Warroad, Minn.—The towns of Beaudette, Spooner, Pitt and Grace-ton, Minn., are wiped off the map of Minnesota by the most terrible forest fire ever experienced by Minnesota settlers. The bodies of 75 victims have been found and it is thought the death rate will be upwards of 300.

It is reported that many settlers, crazed with grief at the loss of families and property, are roaming the woods, and searching parties are constantly going out after the injured, the dead and the demented. One family of nine, one of seven and one of five were wiped out on Friday night.

A cyclone of fire struck Beaudette and Spooner. Within three minutes after the first alarm everything was in a blaze. The people of these two towns had just sufficient time to get out of their homes with what they had on their backs. They were taken on a passenger train that was standing at the depot to Rainy River, Ont.

The people of Beaudette and Spooner and the settlers through the north central part of the State have lost everything. Five thousand are homeless and the greater part of them destitute. Help must reach them at once and that in a substantial way, as the greater part of them are but half clad and cold weather is likely to set in at any time.

Rainy River, Ont.—So far more than 60 victims of the flames have been found, their bodies fearfully charred by the holocaust that caught them in their homes or in the open. The missing include some 2,000 residents of Beaudette, Spooner and Pitt, some of whom are dead, but the most of whom are safe in Rainy River and the adjacent towns on the Canadian side of the line.

The most dramatic incidents were those incident to the escape of 2,000 fugitives in long train of box cars. The crowd of men, women and children awaited the trains while their homes were in flames.

St. Paul, Minn.—Governor Eberhart, as president of the State Red Cross Society, issued a proclamation calling upon the citizens of the State for contributions of money, provisions and clothing for the sufferers from the forest fires in the northern part of the State.

Mayors of cities and towns are authorized to receive contributions, as well as Kenneth Clark of St. Paul, treasurer of the State Red Cross Society.

Business men of the Twin Cities started the contribution with a donation of \$2,000.

New Certificate Cotton Bills of Lading

New Orleans.—After a month of actual use, new certificate cotton bills-of-lading are becoming popular according to officials of railroad and steamship lines who have put the certificate plan into effect here. Practically every Southern railroad adopted the certificates on or about September 1, it is said. While European bankers have refused to accept the certificate plan as an effective safeguard of American bills-of-lading, it is declared American bankers are receiving them willingly.

New Republic Announcement.

Washington.—A circular note sent simultaneously to all the powers by provisional President Braga, announcing that he had been proclaimed president of Portugal, that the revolution has been successful and that he has appointed a Cabinet, has been received by the State Department.

The protected cruiser Des Moines has arrived at Lisbon. The vessel is going to report on conditions there. Marines will not be lauded to protect American interests.

Reciprocity With Canada.

Beverly, Mass.—Henry M. Hoyt, counselor of the State Department, and Charles M. Pepper, commercial adviser, came to Beverly from Valley Forge, Pa., where they conferred with Secretary Knpx to report to the President and receive instructions regarding Canadian reciprocity.

It is understood that the negotiations which were begun last spring will be resumed sometime during the present month, probably at Ottawa.

VOLIVA CONTROLS ZION.

City Established in Illinois by Late John Alexander Dowie is Bought From Estate.

Chicago.—Wilbur Glenn Voliva, successor to the late John Alexander Dowie, has taken possession of Zion City as overseer under the terms of an agreement with the receiver of the estate.

By the provision of the deal Voliva makes a loan of \$700,000 from a loan company of Chicago, in return for which he gives a deed of trust for \$900,000, the extra \$200,000 being a premium for financing the deal.

The \$700,000 is paid to Receiver Thomas and the estate, which includes a large acreage, over 2,000 city lots and other property, passes into the hands of Voliva.

He must pay 5 per cent on the principal semi-annually and every two years he must pay \$100,000 on the principal.

The purchase gives Voliva undisputed possession of Zion City with the exception of a few hundred lots and tracts of land which are held by deed issued from the office of Receiver Thomas.

Outside of the small tracts all of the Zion City property hereafter will be disposed of on the basis of the old Dowie lease for 1,100 years only, the provisos of the lease being prohibitions against the use or sale of liquor, tobacco, pork or oysters.

Voliva's forces are well organized, he says, even the children among his followers paying tithes and giving up their all, while a number of adults have turned in all of their property or will mortgage it to help him pay for the estate.

Republican Primary in Tennessee.

Knoxville.—State Senator Sam R. Sells, will succeed the late Congressman Watler P. Brownlow from the first Tennessee district. In a primary held by the Republicans of the twelve counties of that district, Sells carried ten of them and has a majority estimated at close to 4,000 votes. His opponent was Hon. James R. Penland of Sevier county, formerly United States attorney for the eastern district of Tennessee.

For the short term which closes next March Dr. Z. D. Massey of Sevier county has defeated Hon. A. A. Taylor of Carter county, a former Congressman and a brother of Senator Robert Taylor, by nearly two to one.

The district is overwhelmingly Republican.

Wife Led a Double Life.

Poughkeepsie, N. Y.—After being married 35 years, William A. Wing, a carpenter of Arlington, a suburb of this city, has discovered that his wife has another husband living.

Wing feels worse over his discovery because he has learned that his wife has concealed her double life for all the years he has known her and that she was wedded two years before her marriage to him. The first husband has been living for more than 25 years at Pelasant Valley, six miles away. Wing has started an action in the Supreme Court to have his marriage annulled.

A few months ago Wing and his wife quarreled, and she left him to go with relatives in Pittsfield, Mass. It was in her absence that Wing learned of her double life.

Polygamy Must Cease.

Salt Lake City.—When the semi-annual conference of the church of Jesus Christ, Latter Day Saints (Mormon), opened, President, Joseph E. Smith and his counselors, H. A. Lund and John Henry Smith, addressed the gathering on plural marriages among church members since the issuance of the manifesto of 1890, declaring these marriages contrary to the rules of the church. The speakers declared that polygamy must cease.

Evelyn's Dignity Remains Ruffled.

New York.—Because Evelyn Nesbit Thraw, wife of Harry K. Thaw, is without funds to pay the costs of prosecution, a suit that she instituted nearly two years ago against James B. Reagan, of the Knickerbocker Hotel, for \$50,000 damages was dismissed in the Supreme Court. Mrs. Thaw was ejected from the grill room of the hotel while dining with a friend and she sued on the ground that her dignity suffered. Evelyn's lawyers say she is without funds.

THE SOUTH DO MOVE

Platform of The Great Southern Commercial Congress.

A MIGHTY FORCE FOR DIXIE

This Great Southern Organization Makes Plans For a Greater Growth of South—Possibilities of Dixie's Resources Awakening the World.

Atlanta.—In sober business phrases nearly four score delegates, appointed by sixteen Southern Governors, foretold an immense growth, in wealth and population, for the South within the next ten years. Representing the agricultural and business interests of every section of Dixie, these delegates gathered to assist the executive committee of the Southern Commercial Congress work out a non-political and disinterested plan for promoting the development of the South's millions of unoccupied acres, and its vast unused waterpowers, the enlargement of its business and industry both by its own inhabitants and through judicious advertising of its resources throughout America and Europe.

As an aid to these objects the delegates drew up a new constitution for the commercial congress, which was adopted by the executive committee. Its salient features follow.

To promote and develop the interests of the following sixteen States:

Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, Missouri, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, West Virginia.

To collect and disseminate information regarding the resources and advantages offered in these States for the safe and profitable investment of capital; the South's attractions for homeseeker, artisan and laborer, and to urge on the national government proper legislation for conservation, river and harbor improvement and transportation facilities.

To promote the development of the South's resources with its own capital.

To obtain the establishment of commercial, manufacturing and other enterprises, and foster those already existing.

To encourage patriotic and national sentiments throughout the South and elsewhere in the nation, and particularly to promote the desire for a greater Nation through a greater South.

To promote development of national resources.

To promote and develop proper immigration and foster the establishment of such organizations as may develop a desirable immigration into the South.

To encourage good roads and extension of railroad and trolley transportation.

To promote the improvement of educational and other conditions which tend to develop the material resources and happiness of residents of the South.

A board of thirty-two Governors is created, consisting of the president, first and second vice presidents and twenty-nine others, elected at annual meetings.

G. Grosvenor Dawe of Montgomery, Ala., now managing director of the congress, with headquarters at Washington, predicted that literally millions of people would come to the South within the next decade and a half.

"We don't want the Anglo-Saxon spirit submerged by that influx," he said.

Man Ate 13 Ears of Corn.

Waynesboro, Pa.—James Montgomery, of this place, is fond of corn on the ear and running short of adjectives to describe his fondness said he could eat his length in the succulent ears. His friends made him prove it, and at once he disposed of 13 ears, which were necessary to make his 6 feet 3 inches in height. No ill effects whatever came to Montgomery after his feat of a "mule." He is not the champion.

Cholera Scourge in New York Port.

New York.—A case of cholera has developed in the steerage of the Hamburg-American liner Moltke, which has been retained at quarantine as a possible cholera carrier since Monday last. Dr. A. H. Doty, health officer of the port, reported the case, with the additional information that another cholera patient from the Moltke is under treatment at Swinburne island. This makes three cases of cholera which have actually reached this port.

TAYLOR IS NOMINEE

Nominated by The Regular Democrats of Tennessee.

WILL STUMP STATE FOR GOV

Convention Rejects Proposition to Refer Prohibition Question to People—Taylor Only Name Presented For the Nomination.

Nashville, Tenn.—United States Senator Robert L. Taylor has been nominated for Governor by the regular Democratic convention, although his senatorial term does not expire until 1912. No other name was presented to the convention, the demand being for Taylor and no one else.

Senator Taylor appeared in the convention hall and after an ovation accepted the nomination. In the main the convention, which was largely attended, was harmonious throughout, though there was a little breeze when Senator Tolot endeavored to have the platform amended as to the liquor question. The Tolot amendment provided for a reference of the liquor question to a vote of the people, but the amendment was finally voted down, the original platform being adopted.

The platform is mainly devoted to State affairs. Senator Taylor will take the stump.

STANDARD CUTS OIL PRICES

Reductions Made in Campaign to Increase Use of Kerosene.

New York.—J. I. C. Clarke, through whom the Standard Oil company makes its official announcements to the public, has issued a statement to the effect that the company has entered on a thoroughly mapped out campaign to increase the consumption of kerosene in European countries and the lands of the Orient. The first move in this campaign is the reduction of the prices of oil in those countries, Mr. Clarke's announcement says in part: "The Standard Oil company has inaugurated a campaign to increase the world's consumption of refined oil. The level of prices for refined oil today in the United States is lower than at any time during recent years, and as a direct result of these prices the consumption of refined oil in this country is increasing. The same policy is now being actively pursued abroad."

As indicated by this statement, the Standard company began trying out the policy of lower prices in the United States, though without announcing that it had in view a campaign that would cover the world. In August the price of refined oil in tanks was reduced from 61-2 to 51-2 cents a gallon, and the price of refined oil in barrels at the refinery was cut 1 cent, from 93-4 to 83-4 cents a gallon.

Expelling Priests and Nuns.

Lisbon.—The expulsion of the monks has begun. No time will be lost in getting them across the frontier. Several hundred nuns have been assembled and will be transported out of the city. Cardinal Neto, patriarch of Lisbon and other ecclesiastics have already been expelled.

The provisional Minister of Justice, Alfonso Costa, in the course of an interview said:

"The solution of the problem of the congregations is not difficult. The government only needs to prevent a continuance of religious settlements, all of which are illegal."

"The dissolution will occur without trouble, and the confiscation of property will follow in due course."

Aviator Falls 1,640 Feet.

St. Petersburg.—Captain Macievich the Russian military aviator, was killed in a fall from a Voison biplane. The accident occurred during an altitude competition which was won by Lieutenant Matyevich, which reached a height of 2,937 feet. Macievich had risen 3,930 feet but decided to descend. When at a height of 1,640 feet his machine suddenly upset and the aviator was thrown out. Every bone in his body was broken except an arm.

Bank Association Officers Elected.

Los Angeles.—F. O. Watts, president of the First National Bank of Nashville, Tenn., was elected president of the American Bankers' Association. William Livingston, president of the Dimes Savings bank of Detroit, was elected first vice president.

Invitations for the convention in 1911 were presented from New Orleans, Atlantic City, San Antonio, Richmond, Va., Niagara Falls and St. Louis. The executive council will select place next May.

LOSS REACHES \$1,500,000

Horrors of Forest Fire in Minnesota—Hundreds Homeless—Wild Animals Flee With People.

Warroad, Minn.—The reports of the fires in the Rainy River region of Minnesota increase the horrors of the situation if not the number of lives lost. Estimates of the number of persons killed range from 75 to 400. But the greatest concern for the present is the rescue of the helpless and the relief of the thousands of homeless men, women and children.

Stories told of wild animals fleeing for safety side by side with human beings, their natural hostility and fear quenched by the horror of their situation, showing the desperation of the situation. Tales of mothers burned to death with their babies on the breast, and strong men calmed while endeavoring to shield their children.

"It's hell down there," said Engineer Smith of the Duluth Express when a reporter swung into the cab after the train passed the fire zone. His train took many refugees from the scene of the conflagration to Winnipeg. "If the fire keeps on the way it is going, there will be mighty little left of the population of that part of Minnesota," he added.

"The flames have quieted down a little, but it only needs a puff of wind and they will start up again as bad as ever."

"Everything is wiped out. From the engine it looked as though every timber mill in the country had been burned, except that of the Shevlin-Matthieu, which is safe. All the lumber in the yards, however, was burned. We passed through part of the burned territory in the night and the small red flames from the smoldering mass of logs looked like a real picture of the inferno through the clouds of smoke which reeled across the path of the engine.

"All the ties of the road have been charred and the country is level with the tracks."

Rainy River, Ont.—The terrible results of the Friday, Saturday and Sunday forest fires are beginning to be realized by the disheartened and homeless thousands.

Bodies found along the railway track three miles west of Beaudette were brought here. There was not a particle of clothing left on any of them save parts of shoes. The bodies had the appearance of having been baked in a red hot oven.

Many settlers got into the rapid river and saved themselves by wading in the water although their faces are blistered by the heat.

Tired and worn out, destitute men and women and children roam the streets.

Wild animals raced wildly about the edge of the fire and then contrary to their habits turned and plunged in the deep and wide Rainy river and swam across to Canada and safety. They followed the human flight; and cattle likewise, released by their owners at the approach of flames, fled to safety. Accompanying the horses were hundreds of deer, caribou and moose and in truth the cattle lay down with the bears, wild cats and timber wolves and with no danger from them. They were all fleeing from the common enemy.

Never probably in the history of this country was there such a herd of wild animals as passed before the eyes of human refuge. Not one of them was shot or molested.

The property loss in the three towns alone, including Rat Portage Lumber Company's plant and yard at Rainy River and the yard of Shevlin-Matthieu Lumber Company at Spooner, will total one and a half million dollars.

Lack of Supreme Judges.

Washington.—Not in years has the opening day of the Supreme Court of the United States rolled around with barely a quorum of justices ready to go on the bench. The death of Chief Justice Fuller left the court without a permanent head, while the passing away of Justice Brewer and the illness of Justice Moody whose resignation becomes effective November 30, reduced the active membership to six. The Court adjourned for a day out of respect to Justice Fuller.

Export of Manufactured Goods.

Washington.—From the first time in the history of this country's commerce, manufactured products form more than one-half the total exports of the United States. During the eight months ending with August there was exported in all \$1,021,000,000 worth of goods. Manufactured products composed more than 52 per cent of that, valued at more than \$542,000,000. Exports of that class represented \$2,500,000 for each business day. Twenty years ago they were a little more than \$750,000 a day.

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BOUGHT A TOWN.

Big Lumber Company Buys Robbinsville Capital of Graham.

The Whiting Lumber Company has purchased the whole town of Robbinsville, the county seat of Graham, paying in some instances fabulous prices for property, and will erect lumber and other mills there to manufacture timber from its Graham county holdings, which will employ at least 1,000 men.

The Southern Railway Company's line from Knoxville to Bushnell is to be completed, only 16 miles at present is lacking.

A railroad is to be built from Bushnell to Robbinsville, and other vast developments will follow.

The Whiting Company owns or controls all the large timber bounds in Blount county, Tennessee, by the same people are also to be made.

Only three lots, and the lots Methodist and Presbyterian churches and Presbyterian school and county court house in Robbinsville are not either purchased outright or bound by options.

Negotiations are now under way for the court house property, and such went through the removal of the court house becomes necessary.

The Presbyterian school will probably be sold and moved to another location.

The taking of options began last May, when a man named Walton gave an option on his property for \$75,000. Other options were taken quietly and last week one or two were had not sold got wise and the property jumped. One man whose cabin and lot is worth about \$300, now asks \$4,000.

When it became known the Whiting people were buying Robbinsville, agents of the company were there and took up options, paying in \$10 and \$20 gold pieces. It created excitement equal to California gold fever.

The company will spend more than two million dollars in its developments.

Bold, Bad Burglar.

Charged with having committed numerous robberies which terrified farmers residing in the neighborhood around Pelham and Ruffin, 10 miles south of Danville, an unknown burglar was shot to death in a barn.

The killing followed an all-day search in a drizzling rain, participated in by at least fifteen angry citizens.

The dead negro had been lurking in the vicinity for about a week and it had been generally conceded that he was the party who had been entering numerous dwelling houses. Four houses at Ruffin were robbed one night. John T. Powell, an aged farmer, was aroused by a burglar and would have killed him but for the fact that his pistol snapped several times. The burglar fired four times while in the house of Mr. Powell and fled.

On account of the rain the burglar was tracked from house to house.

The negro killed carried two loaded pistols and wore several articles of clothing that have been identified as being stolen property. There appears to be no doubt that he was responsible for at least several of the burglaries. He was shot down when he refused to surrender and was in the act of drawing a revolver. The body was taken to Reidsville.

North Carolina Inventions.

Washington patent attorneys report the grant to citizens of North Carolina of the following patents:

W. A. Buchanan, Asheville, thill-coupling.

W. D. Lenoas, Shelby, combined seed-planter and fertilizer-distributor.

H. L. Ryder and J. P. Johnson, Greensboro, air-brake mechanism.

Concord Postmaster has applied to Department to be designated as a postal savings bank.

Bees Sting Horse to Death.

Mr. J. P. Herron of Waynesville lost two horses a singular way a few days ago. He had sent the team up to the timber boundary and in coming the driver stopped for some water on the roadside where there were several hives of bees. The bees seemed to be in bad humor and swarmed from the hives and covered both horses and attacked the driver, who beat an instant retreat; but the horses stood in their tracks and were stung to death, falling where they were attacked.