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UNDREDS OF GIRLS IN A BURNING FACTORY.

Fire at Montreal, Canada, Causes Many Deaths-Crowd in the Street Horror Stricken-Forest Fires Are Again

Montreal, Que., April 26 .- A score or more women and girl employes were killed or fatally hurt and \$750,000 in property was lost in a fire in W. C. McDonald's tobacco factory at the eastern part of the city early last even-

BARARD, LIONEL. BLONDINN, NAPOLEON. BEAUCHAMP, ROSANNA. CHARPUT, J. CONCASE, MAXIME. FLYNN, MARY. FOSTER, IDA.

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SINNETTE, H. SORBINE, AMELIA. The injured: Borel, Max, fireman; terribly burned. Croun, Patrick, fireman; both legs

Five Others, names not known. There were 900 employes in the building, which had no fire escapes and only two staircases in the interior. All the windows were barred with heavy iron lattice work, a precaution taken to keep employes from throwing tobacco to their friends. Frantic with fear, the women, of whom there were fully 500 penned up on the top stairs, screamed for help, half choked by the greasy black smoke. The dense crowd prayed and shouted as it swayed to and fro in its excitement and horsor, the firemen roared, and relatives and friends of the work people made piteous appeals to save their loved ones. Some of the girls managed to tear one of the iron lattices from a window. Then the real tragedy of the night began. Blanche Thibeadeau, aged 18, crazed with fear, jumped

A cry of horror went up, but it was only a beginning. Before tender hands could lift the remains into an ambulance others had attempted the terrible leap, following the first like frightened sheep. Out they came, one after another, till twenty inanimate bodies littered the sidewalk and were carried away to the various hospitals among the lamentations of the crowd.

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Three priests, their soutanes trailing in the mud, were kneeling on the ground praying for the souls of the un-fortunates. Ambulances could not attend to them all and cabs were pressed into service.

Alphonsine Thibeaudeau, a sister of the girl who jumped first, broke her back and died. Of the others who jumped from the fourth story Amelia Sorbine, Ida Fortin, Rosanna Beauchamp, and about ten others, the doctors say, are fatally injured. A score of others who jumped from the lower windows or were pushed down - the stairways were badly injured. In all about thirty-five girls, all French Cana-

dians, were hurt and killed. Three firemen were on the roof and could not get down. For fully twenty miautes their lives were in jeopardy. Then sufficient length of ladders were secured to bring them down. They were terribly burned. In the meantime the firemen had managed to break some more lattices and were carrying crying women in long procesions down the ladders. Another fireman was still on the roof and the scene with the flames around him, his hands raised in prayer, reminded one of the terrible disaster at the World's Fair. Finally he was also taken down, but he was terribly burned. His name was Max Borel. Another fireman, Pat Croun, fell from a ladder and had both legs broken. Two others also lost their footing and fell, breaking several ribs. The work of rescue took almost an hour and several of the men and women, if not burned, were suffocated by the smoke.

At a late hour it is said at least six girls are missing and there is little doubt their charred and crushed bodies F., E. & M. V. R. R. is the best to and are in the ruins. The hospitals and morgue are overrun with people looking for missing relatives and the surgeons are doing their work to the accompaniment of the prayers of the

W. C. McDonald, who is well known as the Canadian tobacco king, is several times a millionaire and has donated two magnificent buildings to the McGill university. Two years ago he determined that his factory, which is an immense four-story block, could not burn and he dropped all insurance. There are rumors of his arrest for violating the building ordinances in not having proper exits and escapes, and it is more than likely several building inspectors will be discharged.

FIEND SHOT TO DEATH.

James Smith Defles an Officer and Is Instantly Killed.

San Diego, Cal., April 27.—James Smith, a tramp, who has been working on a ranch one mile from Delmar, a small town near this city, was shot and instantly killed by Constable John Bludworth while resisting arrest. Smith was working at the ranch of

Hugh A. Fraser. Yesterday afternoon, during the absence of Frazer, Smith went into the house and made an improper proposal to Mrs. Frazer, who, as soon as possible, left the house, and, running to Delmar, notified the authorities. Constable Bludworth and a deputy went to the farm and found Smith in a stall in the barn, armed with a shotgun and dirk. He refused to surrender and the constable fired two shots, killing Smith.

May Take Away Half the City. Minneapolis, Minn., April 27.-Papers will be filed to-day in a tax judgment case, which, if substantiated, will strip the city of Minneapolis of nearly half its territory. The case is the outcome of a defective bill passed by the legislature. The territory embraces nearly one-half the city's area and some of the most valuable resident property. If the case is proved it is probable a number of cases will be brought by the taxpayers for the taxes paid the last twelve years, and endless confusion will result. No statement can be secured from the secretary of state's office at St.

IN NO IMMEDIATE DANGER.

Prentice Exaggerated. Chippewa Falls, Wis., April 27.-Word was received here yesterday that forest fires are again raging in the vicinity of Phillips and Prentice, and it now looks as if that devastated region will suffer a second catastrophe. The woods near Prentice are ablaze, and the home steaders and farmers are rushing into the city for safety. There were several farm houses burned out yesterday, and there seems to be no probability that the fires will abate. The weather is hot, and woods and trees are as dry as tinder, making them fit subjects for the fire to prey upon. Unless rain comes the fire will certainly create wide desolation. The nearest approach the fire has made is a quarter of a mile distant, and it is burning slowly toward the city. If a wind springs up the flames

may be carried into the town.

Phillips, Wis., April 27.—The report sent from here yesterday that the city was burning or in imminent danger is untrue. There is no apparent danger.

NORTH DAKOTA TOWN BURNED.

Minnewaukan Suffers the Loss of the Greater Part of Its Buildings.

St. Paul, Minn., April 27.-Fire yesterday destroyed the greater portion of Minnewaukan, N. D., in the northern part of the state near the Manitoba border. Only two business houses are left. The Northern Pacfic depot was one of the buildings burned. The aggregate loss is \$40,000, with \$15,200 insurance.

Cleveland, Ohio, April 27.-Three million feet of pine lumber in the yard of F. B. Newton & Co. was destroyed by fire yesterday. Loss, \$40,000; insurance,

Charlotte, N. C., April 27 .- The wholesale department of Brown, Weddington & Co. burned yesterday. Eight stores were also burned. The loss is not less than \$125,000, partly covered by insur-

Lafayette, Ind., April 27.-Fire last night burned the plant of the Columbia Paper company of this city. Loss,

Damage Done Near Cumberland.

Cumberland, Wis., April 27.-It is impossible to estimate the damage done by the forest fires in this city. At Per-ley, Andrew & Perley Lumber company's boarding-house, blacksmith shop and two barns were burned; also three other dwellings and two barns. Some lumber belonging to J. Nathan and several hundred cords of wood were also burned. The fire has now reached the standing pine belonging to Hearsey & Bean, northwest of here, where the greatest damage is done. Several crews of men are fighting the fire. A considerable quantity of cord wood is on fire, but no further damage is anticipated, except to standing timber.

Lumber Companies Are Anxious. Marinette, Wis., April 27.-Reports have been received here that forest fires

are raging in the woods between Amburg and Iron Mountain on the St. Paul road. Marinette lumber companies which are interested in the region in pine timber are anxiously awaiting details of the fire.

SAYS HE WAS SANDBAGGED.

Express Agent at Victor, Col., Declares He Was Robbed of \$1.100. Denver, Colo., April 27 .- A

telegram from Cripple Creek, Colo., "The Denver & Rio Grande express office was robbed of about \$1,100 at Victor early this morning. Express Agent Carlin says a powerfully built man entered the depot shortly after midnight and, after talking a few minutes, struck Carlin a powerful blow, which laid him prostrate on the floor, where he remained insensible for some time. When he regained consciousness the robber had disappeared, the safe door was open and the money gone. 'I had in my pocket,' said Carlin, 'the keys of the doors leading to the inside room and the robber, when he knocked me down, must have taken them, unlocked the door and at his leisure worked the com-

bination to the safe.' "The express and railroad officials, although admitting that the deed had been committed, positively refused to state the amount of money taken and whom they suspect. Express Agent Carlin does not seem to have been injured. An examination of his books is being

TO HELP CITY BANKS.

Plan to Fix Responsibility in Passing Raised Checks.

New York, April 27 .- There will be a special meeting held at the New York Clearing House Monday that will interest every bank in the country. The meeting is to decide which bank of a number handling a raised check is to bear the loss. It is proposed to change the constitution and by-laws governing the associated banks so that the bank originally taking a check for collection will be liable for any loss that may ensue in its handling. The bankers say clerks in small banks outside of a few big cities have ample time to make a careful inspection of any check presented by a stranger, and can much easier determine any tampering. While this will be nice for the big banks of the association, many Wall street men predict a howl will be heard from the country banks, as the out-of-town banks are termed. They will naturally refuse to be made possible victims, and if the resolution carries, check collections hereafter will perhaps be done by express companies instead of country banks.

Detroit League Team Wins.

Ann Arbor, Mich., April 27.-The Detroit league team played the university nine here vesterday. The game was quite exciting and belonged to the varsity boys until the very last. The score was: Detroit, 18; University of Michi-

Pension Agent van Leuden Dying. Anamosa, Iowa, April 27.-Pension Agent Colonel George Van Leuven, in the hospital department of the Anamosa penitentiary, is slowly sinking. Since his incarceration here he has lost over fifty pounds in weight. He is, in fact, approaching death. Van Leuven says his petitions are being generally signed and that 20,000 names will be presented to President Cleveland asking his release, besides hundreds of personal letters written by congressmen and senators in his behalf from different states. He believes Mr. Cleveland will release him from his slow death as soon as he knows the actual

GOOD TONE TO TRADE.

Early Reports of Fires Near Phillips and Fewer Signs of Hesitation Noticed in the

Business World. New York, April 29 .- R. G. Dun &

Co.'s weekly review of trade says:
"Neither the rising speculative markets nor the steady gain in industries has ceased, and it is wholesome that there are fewer sgns of hesitation in the productive industries than in speculative prices. Wage strikes grow more numerous and cause some trouble, and retail demand lags behind wholesale and jobbing purchases behind production in some branches, but through many conflicting reports the fact shines out that the industries are gaining, not with a rush and a whiri but more safely. Cotton mills are getting more money for goods and have quite generally advanced wages. Consumption of northern spinners at the maximum would be in eight months 1,350,000 bales, but they have actually taken 1,950,000 and have a profit on 600,000 bales controlled of over \$4,000,000. The consumption is large and advances seem to be warranted. Iron production, stimulated because ore, coke and oll were to be dearer, is retarded by shrinking de-mand for products, for on the whole new business is said to be smaller than

in February or March. "The structural demand for buildings throughout the country was never larger; the frenzy in oil has started a large demand for pipe and sheets at slight advances. Bessemer pig is lower and sales of southern pig in northern markets have been large at 25 cents advance. Finished products are nearly all at their lowest price.

"Wool has sold at the lowest price on record this week, 16 cents for Ohio and 9 cents for Texas, and offers to clear off stocks before new supplies come forward tempt manufacturers to purchase beyond present needs. Sales of foreign, 8,117,300 pounds in three weeks of April, against 9,292,500 domestic, made the total 17,409,800, against 15,-906,100 in 1892, and less of course in '95

"The demand for dress goods continues large and improving, but uncertainty in men's wear goods continues, and is somewhat increased by more numerous strikes. Colored flannels are 5 to 7½ per cent lower, and an auction sale is to be held and some irregularity, appears in prices for fine fancy goods.

"Higher prices for wheat-nearly \$ cents above last week's-tend to check Atlantic exports which, flour included, were only 1,868,873 bushels for the week, against 2,620,445 last year, though for the previous two weeks about equal to last year's. "Cotton touched 7 cents, receding to

were 120,000,000 yards less in the first quarter this year than last. With such facts the rise does not help to lessen southern acreage. "The failures for the week have been 230 in the United States against 179 last year, and 37 in Canada against 26 last

6.93; 1,312,306 bales had come into sight

last week, and British exports of goods

DEATH IN THE FLOOD.

Terrible Disaster in a French Province-

Dyke Gives Way. Epinal, France, April 29.—The enor-mous Bousey dike near here burst at 5 o'clock this morning, inundating many villages in the district and drowning numbers of people. So far thirty-eight corpses have been recovered. The dam-

age to property is tremendous. The cubic area of the dike is 8,000,000 meters. It is impossible at this hour to get a correct estimate of the damage done or of the number of lives lost; but from the number of bodies already found the indications are that the loss of life will be very heavy. Enormous damage has been done in

the surrounding country. The railways in all directions are interrupted and a large number of villages are entirely flooded. In some places the force of the torrent was so great that the houses were swept away and large trees were torn up by the roots. The reservoir was situated close to the village of Bousey and was connect-

ed with the Canal de l'Est. The breach caused by the rush of water is over one hundred meters broad. The authorities are doing everything possible to rescue imperiled persons. Many families are still in danger. The authorities are also taking steps to provide relief for the homeless. Assist-

ance and supplies will be sent from the nearest point. Epinal is a French town of nearly fourteen thousand inhabitants, the capital of the department of Vosges, on both sides of the Moselle and on the railway de l'Est, nearly two hundred miles southeast of Paris. It is generally well built and has a ruined castle and several large and fine public edifices, including a prefecture, a theater, a public library and a museum of paintings and antiquities. It is the seat of manufacture of embroidery, lace, linen fabrics and thread, hosiery, earthers

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