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FOREST FIRES SWEEP HILLS

Wide Territory in Custer County Covered by Flames.

MINNESOTA TOWN IN DANGER

All Citizens of Grand Rapids, Minn., Called to Fight for Homes Against the Advancing Prairie Fire.

DEADWOOD, S. D., April 16.—(Special Telegram.)—Reports this morning from the forest fires raging between Pringle and Wind Cave in Custer county are meager, but it is declared the worst forest fire in the history of the Black Hills. Two troops of cavalry at Fort Meade have been ordered out and will leave for Buffalo Gap on a special before noon. The Hazen ranch was destroyed and the fire is now four miles from Congressman Martin's big ranch and threatens the town of Buffalo Gap.

The fire is twenty miles long and one mile wide, and is beyond control. It is said to have started from a rancher burning a straw stack.

Town Calls for Help. GRAND RAPIDS, Minn., April 16.—Every able bodied man in the town has been summoned to the timber east of here, where a forest fire is sweeping toward the homes on the La Prairie road.

Before the fire department reached the zone George Moore's home and out-buildings were destroyed.

Practically all the citizens have responded to the call for help in an attempt to keep the fire from spreading toward the north and west. If the wind should change to the east the fire would sweep Grand Rapids.

A big paper mill here has been closed down and 600 men and boys, employed in the mill, dispatched to the scene to help keep the fire from town. The high school also has been closed so that the older boys might join in the battle.

COTTRELL GIVES CONFESSION

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In the southeast corner of the basement, were opened and not lighted, while a bracket wall light, two-thirds of the way down from the ceiling and located in an adjoining small cloak room, was burning. The door was closed to this room, but the transom was open. All of the windows were tightly closed and the blinds drawn.

The building was left unguarded only between 7:30 and 8 o'clock, and when Night Watchman Golding entered the building through the basement at 8 o'clock he found the odor of gas very strong. Fearing that some of the old soldiers might have carelessly left one of the gas jets burning and it had been blown out, he hurried around to the street door. Gas rushed out as he opened it. He saw the fire burning in the closet, and, realizing the danger of an explosion, ran forward and turned it off. He then turned on the electric lights and found every burner in the room wide open. The explosion that would have been inevitable within a few moments would have torn the building to atoms and probably have killed half a dozen young men in the dormitory rooms above. Newspaper men again found that Cottrell was seen to leave the building hastily a few minutes before 8 o'clock.

More Evidence Gathered. At the time of the fifth fire, Wednesday night of last week, when it was set in the attic, newspaper men again obtained positive evidence that pointed to Cottrell. It had, in fact, been run down to three men who were last in the attic, making a tour of inspection, and the statements of two of them left no longer a doubt that Cottrell was the guilty man, for it was shown that he was the last man to leave the attic and that he had removed the fastening from a balcony door through which the man who set the fire entered and left the attic.

There were other corroborative facts, all pointing to Cottrell as the pyromaniac, including the surreptitious manner in which he secured the matches used to set fire to the oil he had spread in the attic.

Blames It to Foot Ball. Cottrell's father attributes his son's mania to an injury received on the head in a foot ball game while in college at Adrian, O., five years ago. The young man is 29 years old, educated and an athlete. After leaving college he went into Young Men's Christian association work, serving in various capacities with associations in a number of cities. He was at Kalamazoo, Mich., two years ago when a series of incendiary fires occurred which finally partially destroyed the building. Cottrell narrowly escaped with his life and lost all of his clothes. Cottrell came here from Omaha eleven months ago, where he was assisting in Young Men's Christian association work, but had been particularly devoted his attention to the Men and Religion move-

ment. He was married here last December and has been making his home at rooms in the Terwilliger residence on Fifth avenue.

Cottrell seemed fully to realize his mental irresponsibility after his father came and begged not to be left alone. He was taken to a hotel last night in company with two guards and his father.

Dakota Cities Hold Elections Settling Policy

STOULX FALLS, S. D., April 15.—(Special Telegram.)—Aside from minor municipal fights, license was the principal question before the voters in the various municipalities in South Dakota today. With few exceptions, the cities and towns did not change from last year. Alpena, De Smet, Sisseton and Andover were among the towns which jumped from the dry to the wet column while Highmore, Mount Vernon, Oldham, Willie Lake and Monroe were recruits in the ranks of the dries.

The following cities voted wet: Mitchell, Gary, Woonsocket, Alpena, Parkston, De Smet, Estoline, Gartretson, Sisseton, Armour, Bridgewater, Howard, Henry, Salem, Etkan, Miller, Pukwana, Revillo, Spencer, Letcher, Wolsey, Tyndall, Pierre, Andover, Hartford, Geddes, Platte, Avon, Humboldt, Gettysburg, White, Yankton, Huron, Aberdeen, Stoulex Falls, Fort Pierre, Huron, Elkpoint, Chamberlain, Deadwood, Lead, Blunt, Kimball, Moberg, Grotton, Hecla, Leola, Rapid City, Sturgis, Dellon, Homestead, Fairfax, Plaudreau, Harold, Avon, Bowdler, Webster, Faulkton, Parker, Wolsey, Flat, and Yonkers.

OMAHA GAS BILL FAVORED

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be two-thirds of all the votes cast at a special election, and this, too, was defeated.

Grossman accused Dodge of wanting certain things on a Water board proposition and the opposite on any other proposition which he did not favor.

No Money for Campus. When the appropriation bill covering the amount for improvements at the state university came up which covered \$15,000 for new buildings and improvements at the state farm, Hoagland of Lincoln attempted to have a like amount voted for new buildings on the downtown campus, but his motion was defeated, only five senators voting with him on the proposition, while twenty-five voted against the downtown proposition.

The standing committee tonight reported out the Mallory bill which calls for a 90 per cent of 1 mill appropriation for maintenance of the state university. A provision is attached by which in case the levy is made available for both the farm and university, 30 per cent shall go to the state farm.

The senate did not adjourn tonight, but simply is at ease until the members make up their minds just how long it will be necessary to prolong Wednesday, April 16.

NOMINATION OF PAGE IS FAVORABLY REPORTED

NEW YORK, April 16.—The senate foreign relations committee today acted favorably on nomination of Walter H. Page to be ambassador to Great Britain and Dudley Field Malone to be third assistant secretary of state. Confirmation is expected at executive session of the session Thursday.

The committee also recommended confirmation of John Bassett Moore to be counselor of the State department and John E. Osborn of Wyoming as first assistant secretary of state.

HYMENEAL.

Detrick-Lynds. YORK, Neb., April 15.—(Special.)—Yesterday morning at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Detrick, the marriage of their daughter, Estella N., to Ralph E. Lynds of Giltner, took place. Rev. W. G. Wassar officiating. Mr. and Mrs. Lynds left for Los Angeles, Cal., where they will make their home.

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DEMOS FIGHT FREE WOOL

Opposition Develops in Caucus to President's Plan.

WANT FIFTEEN PER CENT DUTY

Chairman Underwood Says the Bill Will Go Through House Substantially as Drawn by the Committee.

WASHINGTON, April 16.—"Fifteen per cent ad valorem duty on raw wool" was the slogan of the organized opposition to the administration free wool bill when the democratic caucus today resumed consideration of the new tariff bill.

With southern and New England democrats still fighting the cotton rates proposed, the anti-free wool members were planning their attack on schedule K, which the caucus expected to reach before the close of the day.

At an early long conference of democrats from Ohio, Indiana, West Virginia and many of the western states, it was determined to stand by their decision to fight for a 15 per cent duty, which they claim was the original judgment of the ways and means committee before consultation with President Wilson.

Though the opposition claims to have the sympathies of more than fifty democratic members, the administration leaders insist that they cannot muster that many votes on an amendment to change the bill as presented to the caucus.

Few Changes, Says Underwood. Chairman Underwood, after an early conference with President Wilson, expressed confidence that the tariff bill would be approved by the house caucus without important amendment within the next three or four days.

Mr. Underwood declared that while the

To Absorb Freckles and Other Blemishes

Every spring I receive many letters from girls seeking some reliable recipe for removing freckles. Last year I advised many to try mercuric wash. Such favorable results were reported that this season I have recommended nothing else for the purpose. The wash seems to possess unusual properties which completely absorb every freckle, with no harmful effect. The complexion improves wonderfully, becoming as soft as a rose petal, and as delicately tinted. Get an ounce of mercuric wash at any drugist, spread a thin layer of it over the entire face every night for a while, washing this off in the morning. For rough, red skin, sallowness, blackheads, pimples, and all cutaneous blemishes, this treatment is superior to any that has ever come under my observation. In the Springtime also brings wrinkles to many sensitive skins that are much exposed to winds and changing temperatures. Four a half pint, which laces into a basin, then an ounce of powdered sage, which quickly dissolves. Bathe the face in this; the effect on a wrinkled skin is remarkable. Marie Demarest in Ladies' Favorite Magazine.—Advertisement.

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STRIKE IS BECOMING SERIOUS

Supply of Coal for Belgium State Railroads is Low.

MANY MORE FACTORIES CLOSE

Socialists Say Four Hundred Thousand Men Are Out—Government Admits Quarter Million Are Idle.

BRUSSELS, Belgium, April 16.—A statement issued by the ministry of the interior this morning admits that "257,000 men have joined the national political strike of the Belgian workers who have chosen this means of forcing the grant of manhood suffrage" and the abolition of the system by which wealthy citizens are given plural voting power. The socialist leaders today claimed that the total number of strikers is over 400,000.

It is stated that the Belgian government finds itself with a very small supply of coal to run the state railroads. This supply is likely to be exhausted by the end of the week, thus crippling transportation facilities. Lack of fuel will also cause the stoppage of many electric and gas plants and prevent many thousand non-strikers from working.

Emile Vanderveide, the socialist leader, today completed a tour of the provinces of Hainaut and Namur. He summed up his observations as follows:

"All business is stagnated throughout the industrial district. Of the 238,000 workmen in the two provinces 163,000 are striking."

From various parts of the country reports show that in some places the move-

Violence has been very successful, while in others, more especially districts under the control of the Catholic unions, the men are lukewarm.

Violence has been exceptional since the order to quit work was given on Monday, only a few cases of destruction of property or interference with non-strikers having occurred.

Spread of Strike Progressive.

LIEGE, Belgium, April 16.—The strike is spreading here. The socialist policy, it now appears, was not to show the full strength of the movement during the first few days, but to let the stoppage of industry be progressive.

Several hundred more machinists employed at the National Arms factory came out today. Excitement is beginning to make itself evident. A number of arrests were made this morning of persons accused of interfering with those willing to work.

C. H. MANN, SUPERINTENDENT HOUSE PRESS GALLERY, DEAD

WASHINGTON, April 15.—Charles H. Mann, for more than a quarter of a century superintendent of the press gallery of the house of representatives, died early today after an illness of several weeks. He was 74 years old. He had been in bad health for several months, and, in spite of the advice of his friends, insisted upon remaining at his post during the trying days of the last session. He died shortly after.

Mr. Mann, who had been in charge of the gallery since 1878, knew probably more public men and newspaper men than any other like official in the United States. Arrangements for his funeral have not yet been made.

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