

## FORESTS ON FIRE

THOUSANDS OF ACRES OF TIMBERLAND BURNED OVER.

### THREE VILLAGES WIPED OUT

Hundreds Made Homeless and Property Loss Large—Refugees Seek Shelter in Larger Towns.

Fires in northern Michigan forests, fanned to gigantic proportions by heavy winds, have destroyed at least three villages, rendered hundreds homeless, swept over thousands of acres of timberland and done damage estimated at about \$200,000. The heaviest loss has been sustained in Presque Isle and Cheboygan counties, although Leelanau, Charlevoix and Otsego counties have also suffered considerably. Dense black clouds hung over all the northern part of Michigan, the smoke from the fires being discernible at great distances. At times the smoke was so dense lamps were lighted long before nightfall, as the sun was obscured by the heavy smoke.

The village of Cass, in Presque Isle county, LeGrand, a little town in Cheboygan county, and Kentucky, a village near Boyne City, were entirely wiped out, and special trains conveyed the homeless to larger cities where they were sheltered. While a big fire at Wolverine was being fought, a forest fire threatened another section of the village and while the Wolverine department was engaged, a call for aid was received from Rondo, three miles north. Firemen could not leave Wolverine and Rondo was at the mercy of the flames. A hotel, several stores and the Michigan Central station were burned.

In Leelanau county a great fire raged near Fouch. Several farm buildings were destroyed and Gannett's big lumber camp was wiped out. Much valuable timber was burned.

At Tower the large bath and novelty works of the Tabbs Manufacturing Company was destroyed. One and one-half million feet of logs on skids, owned by the Richardson Lumber Company was burned. The fire extends a distance of 20 miles and the loss will be tremendous.

### EXPECTS A BIG CONVENTION.

Prohibitionists Soon to Gather at Columbus, Ohio.

The program for the national Prohibition convention which will be held in Columbus, Ohio, July 15 and 16, is being put into definite shape by the committee on arrangements. On the night of the 14th, the day preceding the national convention, the Inter-collegiate Prohibition association will hold its oratorical contest. Winners of interstate oratorical contests from all over the United States will compete for cash prizes.

There will be 1,512 delegates on the official roll call of the convention. The delegates will be seated on the main floor of Memorial hall, while the visitors and alternates will be taken care of in the galleries.

#### Vicious Attack on Editor.

With his skull fractured twice, cheek broken, face and body beaten and internal injuries, Editor Oraf Havill of Havill's Every Morning of Mount Carmel, Ill., may survive the effects of an attack made upon him by Dole Bedell, a liveryman, who took Havill by surprise as he was passing along with his arms full of papers and struck him with a brick, knocked him down as he attempted to draw his revolver and jumped on and beat him and stabbed him until dragged off. The attack was the result of a publication of a joke in Havill's paper.

#### To Abolish the Meetings.

The annual communion season of the First Church of Christ, scientist, which for some years have been the occasion for the gathering in Boston of multitudes of Christian scientists from all parts of the world, are to be discontinued. The great membership of the Boston church and its limited seating capacity are given as the principal reasons for abolishing the communion season in the mother church in a communication sent out by Mrs. Mary Baker G. Eddy, head of the church.

#### Primaries End in Murder.

As the result of bad blood engendered by a hotly-contested Republican primary, John P. Turner shot and killed a young man named Arrowood at Canoc, ten miles from Jackson, Brevett county, Kentucky. In Terry precinct, after 60 ballots had been cast, a general fight ensued. The ballot box and remaining ballots were destroyed and the election in that precinct ended. The primary was being held to select a candidate for circuit judge.

### FIND STOLEN MAIL POUCH.

Part of Jewelry Intact, But \$50,000 in Money Missing.

The registered mail pouch, which contained \$50,000 in money and \$100,000 worth of diamonds and jewelry, stolen from a mail car at the union depot at Kansas City on the night of June 6 was found Monday afternoon by a switching crew in the railroad yards of the Rock Island road in Kansas City, Kas. The pouch still contained a number of valuable articles of jewelry. About four empty envelopes, which had contained the \$50,000 in currency, showed that the thief had made good on the smaller part of his haul.

The pouch was found in a patch of weeds near where from ten to twenty switch engines pass each day. Railroad men say that for several days crews have spoken of "that white patch of something," and it became rather a joke among the switchmen. Monday, while his train was passing the place, William Louth, a switchman, jumped off and investigated. The envelopes, cut, apparently, by a paper knife in a very neat way, lay in a stack by themselves. The pouch was some feet distant, and when Louth began to rummage in it he extracted a number of packages unopened and untouched. It was apparent that the negro was unaware of the value of the stuff he overlooked. The unopened packages were immediately handed over to the federal authorities.

### ACCOUNTING SECTION CREATED.

Postmaster General Meyer Creates a New Division in His Department.

Postmaster General Meyer has signed an order creating an accounting section, which will be a part of the bureau of the third assistant postmaster general. The object is to have a record and account of the revenues and expenditures of the postoffice department and its administration of the postal and money order services, and all resources and liabilities relating thereto, but as the underlying principles of correct bookkeeping and accounting are fixed, it is believed that whatever preliminary work the department may do in this connection will be a furtherance of any practicable scheme which may be brought about later by legislation. It is the purpose of Postmaster General Meyer also to evolve as speedily as practicable a system of analytical bookkeeping for the purpose of securing statistics covering the cost of the various features of the service.

### TWO FOUND GUILTY.

Hyde and Schneider Convicted of Land Frauds.

Guilty, Frederick A. Hyde and Joseph H. Schneider; not guilty, Joan A. Benson, Henry P. Dimond.

This was the verdict rendered Monday afternoon by a jury in the criminal court at Washington in the case of the trial of these four men, all westerners, one of them, Benson, a millionaire real estate operator, for alleged conspiracy to defraud the government out of valuable lands in the far west. The jury had been out almost seventy-five hours. Benson and Dimond were acquitted on all of the forty-two counts in the indictment. Hyde and Schneider were convicted on all but ten of the counts. Benson and Dimond were immediately released from custody. All the men have been under \$10,000 bonds. Hyde's bail was increased under the jury's verdict to \$20,000 and Schneider's to \$12,000.

### Wealthy Negro Murdered.

His skull crushed and his body almost entirely consumed, Charles Madison, a wealthy negro of Kingfisher, Okla., was found dead in the ruins of his house last Saturday morning and the officers are without a clue to the identity of the perpetrators of the crime. Robbery was evidently the motive, for \$4,700 which Madison received for a farm a few hours before his violent death, has disappeared.

### Manila Companies Fined.

Twenty-four companies manufacturing manila wrapping paper were fined \$2,000 each by Judge Hough in the United States circuit court Monday. They pleaded guilty on Friday last to maintaining an illegal combination in restraint of trade. They were members of the Manila and Fibre association.

### Admits Killing His Wife.

George Willoughby, who shot and killed his wife at their residence in Milwaukee, Wis., on March 22, pleaded guilty to the crime, threw himself on the mercy of the court and was sentenced to life imprisonment. Willoughby was one of the most prominent business men in Milwaukee.

### Men Will Be Reinstated.

All trouble between the Des Moines Railway company and its employees with regard to the five men who were discharged last week has been settled. An agreement was reached Sunday. The men will be reinstated.

## LEADER OF DETROIT TIGERS



HUGH JENNINGS

Manager Hugh Jennings of the Detroit American League team is an old-time player and knows every angle of the national game.

### MORDECAI BROWN WANTS BALL PLAYERS NUMBERED

Star Chicago Pitcher Favors Plan to Have Figures Designate Professionals.

"It will not be long, probably next year, when all ball players will wear numbers just like athletes in a track meet or jockeys on a racetrack," said Mordecai Brown, looked upon as the world's greatest pitcher.

The three-fingered one was asked what he thought of such a scheme and said he had always encouraged it and would like to see a rule passed by the national commission making it compulsory for every player to wear his number on his back, so that every man and woman in the grandstand could readily identify the player at bat or in the field or wherever he might be.

"I know it must be troublesome for the people in the grand stand to follow the players, especially visiting teams," continued Brown. "It would be so easy for a player to have his number made right in his suit and the program would carry the key. For instance, the program could print the list of players on the team. Beginning with Chance, No. 1; King, No. 2; Overall, No. 3, and so on down the list of names until every player had been numbered. When he came to bat his number on his back would furnish the key to the identification."

"What a swell mix-up there would be at a track meet if the competitors were not numbered. How many persons in a grand stand would know the winner of a horse race if they were not guided by numbers? Then why should it not be just as important for baseball players to be identified? An umpire gets up before a large crowd and says: 'Ladies and gentlemen, the batter for to-day are Humpty Doodlehump and Bowwowman for Boston and Humty Doodlehump and Bing for Chicago.' How many persons in the grand stand are able to catch the name? They tell me 'Silk' just spits out the name of the visiting battery without giving the crowd any warning and not one in a thousand catches the names. By the time he announces the battery for the home team the crowd is quiet and there is a chance to catch the names, but most of the people know the home players, but cannot find out who the visiting battery is."

"We players on the bench are continually answering calls from the grand stand by some of our friends as to who is pitching and who is playing center and such like, when, if the players carried their numbers everybody would know the men in uniforms, and besides the club would sell more programs. If one club ever starts the idea all other teams will follow."

### DOVEY HAS SCHEME TO ABOLISH FARMING EVIL

President of Boston National League Club Would Make Clearing House of National Commission.

President George B. Dovey of the Boston National League club has a plan to abolish the so-called farming evil and to lessen the labors of the national commission in ascertaining the status of ball players with reference to ownership. He would have the national commission act as a clearing house for the major league clubs and have all players bought and sold by that body for the various owners.

He says he has already suggested the plan to President Herrmann of the commission and believes that it would be a boon to club owners and players alike and would also relieve the supreme court of many of the annoying details with which it is struggling daily. As an illustration of the working of his idea, Dovey would notify the commission that he wanted to look up a certain player who had been recommended to him. Then it would be the duty of the commission to assign some man, a scout in whom the club owners would have confidence, to obtain the information desired about the player.

The scout would see the player at work and report to the commission, which would then make known to Dovey the result of their investigations. Should Dovey desire to purchase the player on the strength of the commission's findings he would deal directly with that body in obtaining the player. He would be willing to pay a liberal commission. With other club owners doing this same thing the national commission would have enough and to spare to pay the salaries of as many scouts as would be needed.

The Boston magnate says that he for one would be willing to permit the clubs finishing at the bottom of the two leagues to take first pick of the available material for the following season. He says this would tend to equalize the strength of the clubs, which would make the pennant race closer and always more interesting.

President Dovey is not one who is dissatisfied with existing conditions, but he is progressive, and believes that any step to minimize the possibility of squabbling over players should be adopted. He thinks his scheme would work out satisfactorily, and is eager to see it tried out.

### Pirates Get Roy Thomas.

Roy Thomas, the fast outfielder, for years with the Quakers, has been signed by Pittsburg. It is understood that Manager Murray and Thomas had a serious falling out over Thomas doing work outside of baseball.

### GOSSIP OF THE DIAMOND

Detroit is well equipped with outfielders. Few teams have a quartette as formidable as McIntyre, Crawford, Cobb and Jones.

Since Charley Dooin affects a Ty Cobb batting average, the auburn-tipped catcher has become an extra attraction card on the National league circuit.

President Ebbetts of the Brooklyn team has offered Bill Murray of the Phillies \$12,000 for Outfielder Magee. And Murray said: "Tut, tut."

"The knuckle ball will ultimately replace the spit ball, and be even more effective than that famous twist, which has made some pitchers the

terror of the batsmen. It will do more to destroy big batting averages than anything else." Such is the statement made by Manager Clarke.

Archie Latham, the old St. Louis third baseman and clown coacher, has cast his lot with the Union Outlaws in the capacity of umpire.

Manager McAleer of St. Louis was thinking very seriously of letting out Tom Jones this spring and had even secured a substitute for the position at first, but the Pennsylvania miner regained his batting eye in a marvelous manner and has been hitting like a "house afire" ever since the season opened.

## MADE CHIEF BY WIFE

STORY OF RISE OF FRENCH REPUBLIC'S PRESIDENT.

Fallieres Was an Indolent Young Lawyer Till Wife, Stung by Sneers of Relatives, Planned Future for Gifted Husband.

London.—The recent visit to England of President Armand Fallieres of France at a time when the public hadn't ceased wagging about the rise of H. H. Asquith to the prime ministry and the amount of credit due his tactful and friends-winning wife, Margot Tennant that was, have given the active friends of the other sex renewed room for boasting.

President Fallieres isn't a self-made man. He lacks the initiative, the energy and the ambition for that sometimes sorely miscarried process. President Fallieres is the product, so you are told, of his ambitious and energetic wife, Mme. le Presidente. Madame is all that the president of the French republic is not, and it is entirely through her desire to be revenged upon certain snoring relatives that her distinguished husband is not to-day the mayor of the sleepy old world town of Nerac, in Gascony. Had it not been for Mme. Fallieres' force and diplomacy her gifted other half would now be leading the sheltered and stunted life of an ordinary legal practitioner in his modest country home instead of the luminous career of head of his nation, entertained by royalty across the channel, paid \$250,000 a year, forced to live in the great white Elysee palace and be shot at by anarchistic muddle brains (in common with most of the blessed of modern greatness).

The true facts about Clement Armand Fallieres (sometimes also called Eugene by those who know the fullness of his sundry cognomens), have been greatly exaggerated. You may be told, if you care to read, that Fallieres was born in a smith's shop, but



In the most straitened of circumstances; that he rose from the depths of poverty through his own efforts, and more of the usual exaggerated nonsense attributed to those who may rise from comparative obscurity to notability.

As a matter of fact, Fallieres was the grandson of the blacksmith in the myth, while his father was a thrifty (not to say wealthy) wine grower. The son had a reasonably complete education and was a law student in the little city of Nerac. He was by no means dull, but nature had instilled into his bones a certain lethargic essence not a bit rare in a Gascon. Henry of Navarre knew the Gascons as poor swordsmen; a later generation may find them poor workers.

Aside from this indisposition for special efforts the young lawyer was distinguished as a dreamer. "Cracked brained revolutionist" and "feather brains" were some of the really fine epithets to which relatives of Mme. Fallieres treated the future president of a great people when they learned of the prospective alliance. Fallieres didn't mind much. In common with dreamers he understood his superiority and would have let it be. Not so madame.

Once married to her brilliant but indolent barrister, Mme. Fallieres brought about a peace with her father and secured for her socially inferior husband the rich legal practice of the elder lawyer. She established a sort of provincial political salon at Nerac, had the happy faculty of making friends and the rare prescience of distinguishing those whose devotion might prove disastrous. With herself always in the background she labored with the vim peculiar to a hurt, ambitious woman and she worked better than may be told in mere words.

To-day the spiteful relatives bow to the husband who has no social superiors in France—and possibly to the skill of his wife.