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RUIN IN PATH OF FIRE

THREE THOUSAND PERSONS ARE HOMELESS IN MICHIGAN.

Strip Ninety-four Miles Long and Thirty Miles Wide in Upper Peninsula Burned Over—Villages and Farm Houses in Ashes.

Milwaukee, May 21.—A staff correspondent of the Sentinel, who made a tour of the district in the upper peninsula of Michigan covered by the forest fires in a special train, the first train to go through the district since the catastrophe, telegraphs that the fire appears to be practically out in all the district. The fire raged for a distance of sixty-four miles along the lines of the Escanaba and Lake Superior railroad and for thirty miles beyond Channing, the western terminus of the road. It seems certain now that 2,000 persons are homeless in that district and that 1,000 are left desolate at Quinnesco. The Quinnesco fire, however, was of a different origin from the Escanaba fire, having started in a field where men were pulling stumps and burning debris. This fire spread into the city, wiped out all the buildings except three residences and the paper mills. Then the fire spread into the timber and running north for forty miles, finally joined the flames sweeping east on the Escanaba. It was also learned that Woodlawn and Kingsley, on the Escanaba and Lake Superior line, and Perkins, on the Northwestern road, were destroyed. The strip burned along the Escanaba and Lake Superior road appears to be thirty miles wide and the alarming nature of the earlier reports of the fire seem to be thoroughly verified. Stories of heroic battles against the flames are numerous. Dozens of towns were saved only by the most desperate battle with the flames. Northland, a town of 1,000 inhabitants, was three times threatened. The fire was checked each time at a distance of only ten yards from the houses on the outskirts. One man who carried the coffin with the corpse of his dead babe thirty miles to Escanaba in his escape from the fire, went back on the special train and found his home gone, but the picket fence surrounding the house untouched. The ashes of his home had been blown away by the gale and the fence was the only evidence of human habitation. The rest of the town had been swept away.

The town of Soperton suffered a heavy loss. For a time Soperton and Wabeno people were cut off. All that saved the towns and people from complete annihilation was a shifting of the wind.

A remarkable feature of the fire is the fact that nearly all the refugees are not disheartened, but are determined to return and begin over. They have only the clothes they wear, but say this is the fortune of the frontiersman, and that if their homes are lost, at least the fire has cleared the land for them and this much labor is saved.

Rain Extinguishes Forest Fires.

Escanaba, Mich., May 22.—Out of the chaos resulting from the wide-spread forest fires order is gradually being restored in the towns and isolated settlers are all appearing to repair the damage done and all danger is now over, because rain has extinguished the last smoldering fires. Governor Warner wired that if help was needed he could furnish it. While there are many who would welcome assistance, those who lost their homes are spread over such wide territory that their friends and neighbors can take care of them and the people at large will not have to be called upon.

Miners Rescued From Fire.

Pittsburg, May 22.—Three hundred miners, who were rescued from a fire in the Hazel Kirke mine No. 1, at Washington, fifteen miles east of this city, are fighting the fire to prevent the destruction of the plant. The fire has already done a damage of \$25,000 and is beyond control on the surface. The fire started in an engine house, which was soon destroyed, with a warehouse and tippie. The 300 miners in the works were in jeopardy for a time, but all succeeded in escaping.

Two Killed by Mine Explosion.

Wilburton, I. T., May 22.—While digging coal to be used in running the pumps at the Degnan & McConnell mine No. 6 here, two pit bosses, Tom Bornwell and James Dalley, were killed by an explosion. The two men were alone in the mine and it is supposed they came in contact with gas, which was ignited from their lamps,

causing the explosion. The mine has not been operated since the shutdown April 1.

Kills Wife, Daughter and Self.

Woodcliff, N. J., May 22.—John Cole, an engineer, killed his daughter, Maria, with an axe, attacked his wife with the same weapon, striking her in the head and probably fatally injuring her and then killed himself by shooting. The tragedy followed the departure from Cole's house of a young man to whom it is said the daughter was engaged.

Raid Loaded Dice-makers.

Chicago, May 21.—"Loaded" dice and marked cards, with elaborate instructions how to use them to cheat in games of chance were seized by the police in three raids on makers of gambling paraphernalia. In one place a book of 300 pages revealed the big and little secrets of how to "work the suckers."

BURTON TO GO TO JAIL

CONVICTION AFFIRMED IN ALL POINTS BY SUPREME COURT.

Six Months Imprisonment for Kansas Senator, Fine of \$2,500 and Deprived of Right to Hold Office—Peckham, Brewer and White Dissent.

Washington, May 22.—The supreme court of the United States rendered a decision in the case of United States Senator Ralph Burton from Kansas. The decision was against Burton, affirming the decision of the United States district court for the western district of Missouri, by which Burton was sentenced to six months imprisonment in the jail of Iron county, Missouri, required to pay a fine of \$2,500 and deprived of the right to hereafter hold office under the government.

The opinion was by Justice Harlan. All of the points made in Burton's interest were overruled. Justices Brewer, White and Peckham united in a dissenting opinion, delivered by Justice Brewer. Their opinion was based on the theory that the United States was not legally interested in the case before the Rialto company by which Burton was employed as counsel.

Senator Burton was prosecuted on the charge of violating section 1782 of the revised statutes, which prohibits senators and representatives from receiving compensation for services rendered before any of the government departments in any matter in which the government may be interested. He was specifically charged with accepting a fee of \$500 per month for five months, from the Rialto Grain and Securities company of St. Louis, for services rendered that company in an order by the postoffice department prohibiting the use of the mails by the company.

Senator Burton received the first news of the court's decision by telephone at his room in the Raleigh hotel, where he is stopping. To the newspaper men who called to see him Senator Burton said: "I shall adhere to my original policy of saying nothing until my case is finally determined."

He would not say, in reply to a question, that he intended to take further legal steps, but from the fact that he does not regard his case as finally decided, in view of the sixty days granted for a rehearing, it is inferred that he will do so.

DOHERTY REFUSES TO TESTIFY.

President of Denver Lighting Company Committed to Jail.

Denver, May 22.—Henry L. Doherty, president of the Denver Gas and Electric company, appeared in District Judge Frank J. Johnson's court and was called upon to testify as to what he knew regarding the matter of alleged bogus tax receipts used in the election. On the advice of his attorney, Joel F. Vaile, he refused to testify and even refused to be sworn.

Judge Johnson informed Mr. Doherty that he would either have to testify or be committed to jail for his refusal. After consulting with his attorney, Mr. Doherty announced that he would not testify.

Judge Johnson ordered Mr. Doherty committed to jail.

Soon after Mr. Doherty's commitment, on application of attorneys representing the election commission, a temporary order was issued by the supreme court restraining District Judge Johnson from proceeding further with his investigation of the vote on the franchises at last week's election until Monday next, when he must show cause why he should not be permanently restrained. Subsequently the supreme court ordered that Mr. Doherty be released on his own recognizance, pending the hearing on the injunction. Mr. Doherty was immediately given his liberty.

Cross' Fall Imperils Many.

Pittsburg, May 21.—Several hundred people narrowly escaped death or injury when an immense Maltese cross, being erected on the top of a sixteen story building for illumination during the Knights Templar state conclave,

fell to Fifth avenue with a terrific crash. The street was filled with the noon crowds, but only one person was injured, and that slightly. The cross was forty feet long. It was reduced to a mass of splinters and broken electric light globes.

Gaynor and Belmont Tilt.

New York, May 22.—At a dinner by the New York Civic Federation to members of the investigating committee of the federation on municipal ownership on the eve of their departure for Europe, Supreme Court Justice William J. Gaynor made an attack on corporations, to which August Belmont, who was also a guest at the dinner, made a spirited reply.

Adulterants in Soda Pop.

Lincoln, May 19.—Aniline dye enough to stain a piece of cloth bright red, carbon dioxide and coal tar saccharine were found by State Food Commissioner Redfern to be the main ingredients of a bottle of "strawberry pop." The drinking of a quantity of it would be likely to cause serious results.

President Palma Inaugurated.

Hanaya, May 21.—President Palma was inaugurated at noon in the presence of the diplomatic corps in full uniform, cabinet officers, senators, congressmen judges and the representatives of commercial associations. None of the liberal members of congress attended.

MAXON ELECTED COMMANDER.

Fremont Is Chosen as the Next Place of Meeting.

Lincoln, May 18.—After an animated contest John Maxon of Minden was selected commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, and Fremont was chosen as the next place of meeting.

J. F. Diener of Syracuse was elected senior vice commander and Jonathan Edwards of Omaha was made junior vice commander. Dr. W. H. Johnson of Lincoln was made medical director. L. S. Sayles of Geneva was elected chaplain.

Delegates to the Women's Relief Corps held an executive session. Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic also held a meeting. Feeling between the two organizations is not the best and the Grand Army of the Republic Ladies claimed that the Women's Relief Corps persisted in admitting women not the blood relatives of soldiers.

ASSESSMENT IS COMPLETED.

Valuation of Railroads of Nebraska Is Now Fixed Up.

Lincoln, May 22.—The assessment of all railroads having trackage or terminals in Nebraska was completed by the state board of equalization. By unanimous vote the Burlington valuation was left at its present figure, \$37,750 per mile. Material increase was favored by Governor Mickey and State Treasurer Mortensen in the valuation of the Union Pacific and Northwestern systems. The governor asked Auditor Searle to take the chair in order that he might be free to second the motion of Treasurer Mortensen, fixing the assessment of the Union Pacific at \$70,000 per mile, instead of \$60,012 per mile, as last year. The motion was voted down, and a motion to leave the assessment the same as that of the year before passed by a vote of 3 to 2. The governor and state treasurer voted to raise the Northwestern assessment \$2,500 per mile. This was also voted down and it remains at \$32,500 per mile.

A BLOOD RED LAKE.

Peculiarity Manifested by a Sheet of Water in Switzerland.

Lake Morat, in Switzerland, has a queer habit of turning red about two or three times every ten years. It is a pretty lake, like most of the sheets of water in that picturesque country, and its peculiar freak is attributed to a disposition to celebrate the slaughter of the Burgundians under Charles the Bold on June 21, 1476, but the French say that it blushes for the conduct of the Swiss, who in that battle gave the Burgundians no quarter.

This phenomenon, of course, has its legend. The old fishermen of the lake, who catch enormous fish called silures that weigh between twenty-five and forty kilograms, say when they see the waters of the lake reddening that it is the blood of the Burgundians. As a matter of fact, some of the bodies of the Burgundians killed in the battle were thrown into the lake, while others were tossed into a grave filled with quicklime. This historical recollection angered the Burgundian soldiers of the victorious armies of the republic in 1798 so much that they destroyed the monument raised in honor of their compatriots who fell heroically in that battle, and Henri Martin very justly reproached them for that piece of vandalism.

It would hardly do to attribute the reddening of the waters of the lake to the blood of the soldiers of Charles the Bold. The coloring is due simply to the presence in large quantities of little aquatic plants called by naturalists Oscillatoria rubescens. The curious thing about it is that Lake Morat is the only lake in which this curious growth is developed.

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