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RAIN CHECKS THE FOREST FIRES IN NORTH ONTARIO

One Hundred and Eighty-Four Persons Lose Their Lives and Many Settlements Wiped Out.

HUNDREDS ARE HOMELESS

Premier Hearst Reports That the Relief Work Is Well Under Way Now.

REFUGEES CARED FOR

Toronto, Ont., July 31.—With one town wiped out, another almost in ruins and a score of small settlements obliterated, Premier Hearst announced tonight that 184 persons lost their lives in the forest fires in northern Ontario. Only a heavy rainfall early today probably saved a great part of the province from destruction. Hundreds are homeless and the Dominion government has taken extraordinary measures to provide for the refugees.

Where the town of Matheson once stood, tonight there are only smouldering ruins and ashes. The country surrounding it is as barren as a desert. Only a few structures in the village of Cochrane remain standing.

The greatest loss of life occurred at Nushka and Monteith, partly in ruins where ninety-eight persons were burned to death.

At Matheson thirty-five perished. In Iroquois Falls, where great paper mills are located, was not entirely burned as reported last night. The paper mills and one store were saved from the flames.

There were no serious damage at Englehart, although one or two fires occurred. At Timmins, seventeen houses were burned down.

"The relief work throughout the district is well in hand," said the premier tonight. "Everything possible is being done. We will spare no expense to give the necessary relief."

Amendments to the Federal Reserve Act Are Adopted

Washington, July 31.—Amendments to the federal reserve act designed to broaden the scope of banks operating under it in relation to real estate loans, dealings with foreign banking institutions and the establishment of domestic branches, were adopted today by the senate. Banks bringing contiguous to federal reserve district lines would be permitted to make loans on real estate within a radius of 100 miles without regard to the lines. Banking associations possessing a capital of \$1,000,000 or more, upon filing application with the board, would be permitted to invest not more than 10 per cent of its paid-in capital stock and surplus in the stocks of banks engaged principally in foreign banking. Banks having \$1,000,000 capital would be permitted to establish not more than ten branches within a radius of twenty-five miles.

Prize Court Holds Coffee Foodstuff

London, July 31.—Holding coffee to be a foodstuff Sir Samuel Thomas Evans, president of the prize court, condemned today in that court 3,000 bags of coffee, shipped from America to Gothenburg on the Swedish steamer Indanic and Sydland. The court decided that the cargoes were in reality intended for Germany. Sir Samuel said that the real contention was between Boscich & Co. of Hamburg. He found the property was vested in that concern and that the doctrine of continuous voyage applied to the coffee, which he said, was an important element of the rationing of the German army.

The Weather

somewhat warmer in north and west portions.

For Iowa—Generally fair; somewhat cooler slightly warmer in extreme northwest portion.

Temperatures at Omaha Yesterday.		
Hours.	Deg.	
8 a. m.	75	
9 a. m.	75	
10 a. m.	77	
11 a. m.	78	
12 m.	78	
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Comparative Local Record.		
Official record of temperature and precipitation compared with the corresponding period of the last three years:		
Year.	Temp.	Precip.
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