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HUNDREDS DIE BEFORE AVALANCHE OF FLAMES

ESTIMATED THAT FOREST FIRES IN MICHIGAN HAVE NOW KILLED ONE HUNDRED PEOPLE AND FIRES ARE STILL SPREADING OVER BOTH UPPER AND LOWER PENINSULAS—HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE FIGHTING TO SAVE THEIR HOMES.

HORRIBLE DEATHS MET BY HELPLESS PEOPLE OF STATE

Residents of Lumber Regions Caught Like Rats in Traps By Fire and Many Are Cremented.

ENTIRE FAMILIES WIPE OUT BY FIRE

Horrible Story of Sufferings Just Beginning to Be Revealed—Refugees Are Hungry and Penniless.

Detroit, Mich., Oct. 17.—From practically every church in Northern Michigan tomorrow morning will go up the prayers of 100,000 people for rain and relief from the great forest fires which are sweeping across that whole section of the states. From Bay City to the Straits of Mackinac, in the lower peninsula, from the Soo to the Eagle river district in the upper peninsula, all those who dare quit their battle with the flames for an hour will kneel together and offer their petitions that the Almighty check the devastations of that restless wall of flame which has long gone beyond all human control.

The death roll from the forest fire has now grown to 48. Scores more of the refugees who may have fled from their homes to a near by settlement are missing. Many farm homes that were in the path of the flames are sure to have been destroyed, and with them undoubtedly were burned many of the residents. It is probable that the total number of dead will never be known, but it can hardly be less than 100 and may be more. Scores of others after battling in vain day and night to save their homes, have given up before the onrush of those roaring, indomitable flames and have after innumerable escapes, come into towns, showing fearful marks of the conflict—faces, hands, bodies burned and scarred, blinded, desperate.

Losses Incalculable.
The property loss is simply incalculable. The value of the timber destroyed will run into millions. The aggregate losses of hundreds of small farmers and residents in the three towns wiped out, Metz, Bolton, and South Rogers, is probably hundreds of thousands. There are perhaps 1,000 persons homeless as a result of the fires of the last two days, and most of these have lost everything they possessed.

Further information shows that at least twenty-eight persons lost their lives in the burning of the wrecked relief train from Metz. Nearly all of these were women and children. No less than sixteen children, none of them more than ten years old, were burned to death.

Nearly every hour today reports came into Alpena and Millersburg of families of farmers wiped out by the flames. The six children of Wm. Dust, a Metz township farmer, were found on the road near their home. What became of their parents is not known. Mrs. John Sezarski and her three children were burned to death in the destruction of their home near Rogers City. Sezarski and two hired men fought their way through the burned forests and reached Rogers City alive, though all three were badly burned. This morning, Oleg Siebert, 20 years old, cook of her father's lumber camp near Wolf Creek, Alpena county, was burned to death. Her father and two brothers were awakened by the crackling of the flames and found their cabin on fire. They awoke the girl and themselves escaped. She reached the door, but half suffocated and dazed, stumbled, fell back into the blazing shack and was burned before their eyes.

Meet Horrible Deaths.

Charles Brinny, who had charge of another lumber camp on Big Wolf creek, was awakened by the barking of his dog. He saw a leaping wall of flames coming through the forest toward the camp. He awakened his wife and their nine children and in their night clothing the family ran through the woods to a clearing not far off. There they crouched half suffocated,

while the fire swept around them. Brinny avers that the flames were 100 feet high and two miles wide.

An aged couple of Polish farmers, Mr. and Mrs. Pachenski were cremated in their house near Posen last night, their charred bodies were found by a relief party today, in the ruins of the house.

Fred Wagner, another farmer and his wife were burned in their house near Metz Thursday.

The total loss of life will never be known said Fred D. Curtis, a fire insurance adjuster, who returned tonight from a trip through the burned district. The whole of Northern Michigan is burning. The fire extends from Mackinaw to Alpena on to Petoskey and from Emmet into Kalkaska county.

"Many of the Metz refugees undoubtedly lost their lives in trying to escape after the train was wrecked. Relief parties have found ghastly remains of bodies all along the right of way of the D. & M. railway from the point of the wreck, almost to Posena. Heaps of partially burned bones and charred skulls are found in dozen places. George Cicero, station agent at Metz placed his wife and three of his children on the relief train Thursday evening. His oldest son and he stayed to save the depot if possible. When Cicero saw he could do nothing, he and the boy jumped into a buggy and by driving their horse at full speed through the burning forest they reached Posen in safety. Their was told his wife and three little ones had died in the wreck.

Measures of relief are now being undertaken. Hundreds of refugees who are hungry and penniless are camped in the burned over fields about Posen, Millersburg and other towns. Supplies of a temporary nature were rushed to them today by the D. & M. Railway and subscriptions are being started in many cities of states. Governor Warner will appoint a relief commission today that will begin systematic relief work. The fire in the upper peninsula is less dangerous tonight. Some villages are still threatened, but it is believed they will be saved.

TOWN THREATENED.

Forest Fires Raging in Marion County Ohio.

Marion, O., Oct. 17.—Thousands of acres of pasture and timber land are ablaze in Marion county and the flames threaten to destroy the town of Larue, fifteen miles from here. Several hundred men are working hard to prevent the flames from reaching the town but unless the direction of the wind changes, it is feared their efforts will be in vain. Many head of cattle have been burned to death in the flames. People living in villages near the big fire have fled from their homes. Rail has fallen in the county only once since July and the district is dry and parched.

It is estimated that three hundred men, scores of them with blistered hands and faces are fighting the flames. The fire started on the farm of James Guthery, near Larue. A brisk west wind was blowing and carried the flames from field to field.

Farmers for miles around gathered to fight the flames, but could make little headway. This afternoon the direction of the wind changed and the flames crept near Larue. By telegraph word was sent to all the towns and villages surrounding the blazing sections, and more men joined the fire fighters.

Wide furrows have been plowed around Larue and it is hoped that the flames will not be able to cross this.

SOUTHERN INDIANA INJURED BY DROUGHT

Farmers Sowing Wheat in Dust.

Evansville, Ind., Oct. 17.—A drought which equals in severity that of last month now prevails in southern Indiana and there is a scarcity of water in many sections. Farmers in some localities are sowing their wheat in dust and the ground is almost as fine as powder.

Greene river, which empties into the Ohio river nine miles above here, is lined with steamboats and towboats for fully a mile up from its mouth. Navigation is practically suspended from Louisville to Cairo, Ill., and river men have experienced the dullest season in many years.

THE WEATHER PROPHET.

INDIANA—Fair and warmer Sunday, increasing cloudiness, with showers and cooler in afternoon or night.

OHIO—Fair Sunday; showers and cooler in western portion.

LOVE FOR WIFE CAUSES MAN TO SHOOT HUSBAND

William Thornton Probably Fatally Injured by Murderous Attack Made by Unknown Negro.

ASSAILANT THOUGHT TO BE SHERMAN KELLAR.

Men Near Scene of Shooting Say They Recognized Man—Does Wife Seek to Shield The Man?

Pure malice engendered by love for the wife of his victim or a prearranged plan for murder in which the wife betrayed her husband to the deadly aim of her sweetheart in order to get rid of him, are the motives assigned as the probable cause for the shooting of William Thornton, a well known negro, last evening at 11:10 o'clock. The name of Sherman Kellar, colored, is connected with the case as the would-be assassin. The police believe they can trace the hand of Kellar in the attack and all attempts to locate him had failed up to an early hour this morning. A few minutes after the shooting, Kellar appeared at the Hiatt rooming house on South Sixth street, where he makes his home, but left immediately afterward. Thornton is believed to be probably fatally wounded.

The man has two wounds in the abdomen, either of which may prove fatal. He was hurried to the hospital from the scene of the shooting, a short distance north of Main street on Fort Wayne avenue and placed upon the operating table. Dr. W. W. Zimmerman was called and undertook to locate the bullets and dress the wound.

Upon reaching the hospital, Thornton was unconscious, although he did not lapse into that state until weakened by the loss of blood.

Mystery in Case.

There is reason to believe that Mrs. Thornton is trying to shield the would be murderer of her husband. She was not arrested last night, however, as it was not expected she would make an effort to leave the city. Circumstantial evidence tends to indicate the woman may not be altogether blameless. She refused to give the police the name of her husband's assailant, although he kept saying in her presence she knew him. There is a mystery in the case that at present is baffling the police department.

Mr. and Mrs. Thornton had been up town and were returning to their home, 38 Fort Wayne avenue. They turned north on the west side of the street and Thornton was on the inside. As they passed the first alley north of Main street, a shot rang out and Thornton staggered, exclaiming: "I'm shot." His wife threw her arms about him assuring him he was not shot, and while she held him from the ground another shot was fired and it, too, found its mark in Thornton. The person firing the shots was so close to Thornton as he passed that the sparks of powder set Thornton's coat sleeve afire.

Two men happened to be behind the Thorntons as they came along the street, and one of them informed the police the would be murderer was Sherman Kellar, who has been showing affection for Mrs. Thornton for some time, according to the neighbors. The police said last night there was no doubt that Kellar was the man.

Wife Denies All.

Roundsman McNally was a short distance north of the scene of the shooting at the time. He heard the shots and hurried back immediately. He asked Thornton who shot him and the injured man said he could not tell. Mrs. Thornton said she did not know the man's identity. "Yes, you do, you introduced me to him," asserted

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REFUSES \$55,000 FOR HIS INVENTION

Hancock County Man Invents Railroad Tie.

Greenfield, Ind., Oct. 17.—George Williams, of Shirley, who invented a metallic railroad tie, has refused an offer of \$55,000 for his rights. Officials of the New York Central Railroad Company were in Shirley last week and arranged with Mr. Williams to test the tie. A joint will be put in on the Michigan division of the Big Four at Shirley. The tie is believed to be superior to the Carnegie tie now being tested by this company.

BULGARIA EXPECTED TO RUSH HER TROOPS.

France Takes Steps to Prevent Threatened Outbreak—Russian Minister Visits in France.

BID FAREWELL TO OLD CHURCH THIS MORNING

Members of St. John's Congregation to Begin Worship in Their Beautiful New Edifice Today.

OFFICIAL DEDICATORY PROGRAM IS ANNOUNCED

Old Pastors and Men Connected With Lutheran Church To Participate in the Great Event.

This morning at 10 o'clock the beautiful new St. John's German Lutheran church, South Seventh and E streets, will be formally dedicated and occupied by the congregation. At 9 o'clock the congregation will assemble at the old church, South Fourth street, where farewell services will be conducted.

Many of the older members of the congregation will feel a choking at the throat and will wipe away tears from the eyes, as the communicants bid farewell to the old edifice and march away in a body to the new church to observe the dedicatory services.

The new St. John's Lutheran church is one of the finest church buildings in the state and is admirably adapted to meet all requirements for the next score or more years. It was erected at an approximate cost of \$50,000. The St. John's congregation is one of the largest in the city, including nearly all the German-speaking Lutherans in the city. There are about 600 communicants of the church and the total membership, including children, will probably reach 1,000 or 1,200. The pastor of the church is the Rev. A. J. Feeger, who, during the years he has been connected with the church has done much to uphold it. Last evening the Rev. Feeger announced the following as the official program for the services connected with the dedication of the new church:

Morning Services (German).

9:00 A. M.—Farewell service at old church, South Fourth street, conducted by Rev. A. J. Feeger, pastor.

Congregation will march to new edifice, Seventh and South E streets, old members in carriages.

Upon arrival at church, short open-air services, including preaching by pastor and song by school.

Doors thrown open.

10:30 A. M.—Organ prelude, Professor J. F. Huntziker.

Anthem—St. John's choir.

Hymn—Congregation.

Altar Services—Rev. A. J. Feeger.

Dedicatory Address—Rev. A. J. Feeger and assistant ministers.

Anthem—Mixed choir from Dayton.

Hymn—Congregation.

Sermon—Rev. H. Wickemeyer, of Michigan City.

Sermon—Rev. Karl Hemminghaus.

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WAR CLOUDS ONCE MORE GATHERING OVER THE BALKINS

Official Advices of the Mobilization of Turkish Troops Have Been Received in Paris.

Officers Attend Eastern Star Banquet

Event Held Last Night Was a Success.

GREAT CROWDS ATTEND RALLY OF SATURDAY

Estimated That Seven Thousand People Were Attracted To Greensfork Yesterday by Republican Meeting.

THOUSANDS CHEER THE REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES

Banners Strung Across the Streets of the Town Tell Sentiment Toward Gubernatorial Candidate.

HARRIS LAUDS WM. H. TAFT.

DEMOCRATS LOOK INTO THE DISTANCE FOR ISSUES, SAYS INDIANAPOLIS MAN, WHILE REPUBLICANS LOOK AT HOME.

TOUCHES STATE ISSUES.

Thomas Davidson of Greensburg, Deals With the Two Foremost Questions in the State Campaign.

Governor Watson sounds pretty good.

Let's stop drinking and vote for Jimmie.

Hurrah for Watson right now.

These were a few of the inscriptions on banners displayed across the streets of Greensfork yesterday upon the occasion of the greatest all day open air political rally that has been held in Wayne county in the last twelve years. The little village did itself proud in every way. There were at least 7,000 persons in the town and not a sign of disorder of any kind. "Hello, Pete."

"How are you, Bill?"

"Sure some crowd here."

"Never saw anything like it."

This was one of the many actual conversations of the kind heard on the street yesterday and it reflected the sentiment of all. There was sure some crowd there. The hospitality of Greensfork was tested and found true blue. The victuals were piled on improvised tables in a down town street and the hungry hordes were relieved of their ravenous appetites. Restaurants and hotels ran out of provisions and then the people of the village came forward and opened their homes. Strangers were invited in and given the best the land afforded.

The speaking was held in the Lamb field west of town. A stand had been erected and decorated in the national colors. A call was made for the "old soldiers" to occupy the platform and the veterans of 1861-1865 forgot their rheumatic limbs and made a wild scramble for the seats of vantage.

"O, there isn't room for half of us" came the response to the invitation, and there wasn't.

More than 5,000 persons heard the addresses of Addison C. Harris and Thomas Davidson. Mr. Harris is a native of Greensfork, and loves nothing better than to return to the scenes of his boyhood and talk over the times when a freight train of seven cars was considered a curiosity. He accounts for that fact by saying it was in the days of Buchanan, and not a republican administration. Mr. Harris spent four years in Austria as the representative of the United States during the Harrison administration. He is a capable lawyer and a gifted speaker. Thomas Davidson is a well known resident of Greensburg. He was runner-up to Judge Barnard in the race for the republican nomination to congress in this district last April. Mr. Davidson made one of the strongest addresses on the state issues involved in the present campaign that has been delivered in the county.

Abner Bond acted as chairman and after three rousing cheers for James E. Watson and the same number for William Howard Taft, introduced Mr. Harris as the first speaker. Mr. Harris' prefatory remarks dealt with incidents of his early life in the community. He addressed his hearers as fellow citizens and former schoolmates.

Recalls Old Times.

"As I look at the old school house, recollections come quick to my mind of the days when you and I were boys together. Every wind that cleaves the air, every foot that trods the earth loves to come back to the place of its nativity. I am as they. I would love to turn aside and speak soley about the days that used to be, but I can not. There are other things for me to talk about, and that is the reason for my visit here today."

"Our Republican party has given the guidance and power to this nation for fifty years, and I am here now wanting to know if we are not still so constant and faithful to its principles, that we want to see it continue for another

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Your Opportunity

Today's Classified Ad. page contains a complete directory of the Real Estate opportunities in this vicinity. Farms and town houses for Sale and Rent. Bargains to suit every want. Undoubtedly you are interested; it means \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ in your pocket. NOW turn to the Classified Ads on page 11 and your long looked for opportunity will be found.

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