

TOWNS BURNED IN FOREST FIRES IN MINNESOTA

100 Lives Lost and Property
Damaged to Extent of
\$1,000,000 — Thousands
Are Homeless.

DULUTH, Minn., October 14.—With probably 500 persons dead, thousands are homeless and without clothing, and with property damage amounting to millions of dollars, whole sections of northern Wisconsin and Minnesota timber land today are smoldering, fire-stricken areas, with only the charred ruins of abandoned, depopulated towns to accentuate the general desolation.

The bodies of 75 victims lie in Duluth morgues. Hundreds more along the roads leading to Duluth and Superior lay where they fell when overtaken by the fire.

Twelve thousand homeless and penniless refugees are in need of more or less medical attention and are quartered in hospitals, churches, schools, private homes and in the armory here, while doctors and nurses sent from surrounding communities attend them, and nearly every able-bodied man in the city has been conscripted to fight the flames, which now are reported to be dying away.

Reports that the holocaust resulted from the work of enemy agents were circulated here last night. Definite confirmation was not available, but incendiaries were driven away from a local shipyard when the fires in Duluth and Superior were burning at their height, according to F. J. Longren, Fire Marshal, and other city and state officials.

Reports reaching here by courier told of widespread destruction, but it was evident that in most cases the fury of the flames was spent. Duluth and Superior are in no further danger. Virginia is safe and Brainerd was untouched. However, peat bog fires now are said to menace the latter city. Bemidji reported only a small loss.

Greatest loss of life and property damage is believed to have occurred in the Cloquet region, where a number of towns have been destroyed and all semi-rural settlements virtually wiped out.

A special train of 20 coaches brought 1,500 refugees from Cloquet and Carlton. They confirmed reports that many persons lost their lives in those towns.

Two Deaths at Camden from Spanish Influenza

CAMDEN, O., Oct. 14.—Two deaths, marking locally the first fatal cases of influenza, were reported here yesterday. Claud, age 26, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Dearth, of Main street, passed away Friday morning following an attack of influenza. John, age 16, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Shull, died Friday noon at the family home on Railroad street. The young man contracted influenza at the Preble county fair and had been in a serious condition since that time. Both funerals will be private.

The epidemic of Spanish influenza continues and new cases are reported daily with quite a number of pneumonia patients in the community. Theatres, schools, churches and all public indoor gatherings are closed and will remain so until the disease is fully under control.

Court Records

Marriage Licenses.

Louis Kirchgessner, 37 years old, carpenter, of Steubenville, O., to Mary Beck, 39 years old, housekeeper, of this city.

Richard Sedgwick, 68 years old, retired, of Richmond, to Addie M. Bowman, 54 years old, of Hagerstown.

Husband Asks Divorce.

Benjamin W. Korthaus has filed a complaint for divorce from Matilda Korthaus.

Land Transfers.

Benjamin Thompson to Benjamin Crump, \$150, lot No. 26 and 27, Sarah Moffitt's, Richmond.

Valentine Richardson to Manford Richardson, \$700, west half of lot No. 91, Centerville.

Complaint on a note for \$4,875 and for a mortgage foreclosure has been filed by the American Trust company against the Talcott Overland company.

Former Bulgarian Soldier Filed Questionnaire

Nick Billoff Seacoff, who says he has served three years in the Bulgarian army, had his questionnaire filled out at the court house Monday. Seacoff cannot understand or read English, but he showed in intense interest in every word that was written on his papers by the attorney. He is 34 years old, and has four children living with relatives in Bulgaria, from whom he has not heard for four years.

One hundred and sixty-five million tungsten filament lamps were sold in the United States for the year 1917.

CAPT. BERTSCH DIES IN WASHINGTON

CAMBRIDGE CITY, Oct. 14—Captain Lawrence H. Bertsch, of this place, died Sunday morning in Washington, D. C., after a few days' illness of Spanish influenza. Captain Bertsch has been in the ordnance department at Washington for five months. He visited relatives here last Sunday and contracted the influenza after returning to Washington. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bertsch, one brother, Harry, and sister, Mrs. Ethel Middleton, were called to Washington but did not reach there before Bertsch's death.

Bertsch is a graduate of Indiana University and Ann Arbor University. He was a member of the Sigma Chi fraternity. He was also affiliated with the K. of P., Odd Fellows, Masons and the Moose. Until he went to Washington, he was mechanical engineer at the Bertsch Machine company here.

Besides his parents he is survived by four brothers: Raymond, 37 years old, Harry of this city and Robert, 31, in the Indiana University ambulance corps in France; and four sisters: Mrs. Ethel Middleton and Mrs. Russell Wohl of this place, Miss Mary Bertsch of Battle Creek, Mich., and Mrs. Fen Wansettler, of Bryant, O.

The body is expected to arrive here Tuesday and funeral arrangements will be made at that time.

RECEIVER FOR GROCERY.

Petition for a receiver for the William Snyder Grocery was granted in circuit court Monday. A receiver was asked by John R. Howard, in a suit brought for \$686.10, alleged due on merchandise. Snyder is now in Virginia.

Bullets and bayonets cost money. Liberty bonds pay for them.

Weak, Run Down Woman

Tells How Vinol Made Her Strong. So. Kaukauna, Wis.—"I was weak, all run down, tired all the time, and had Asthma so I could hardly keep around and do my housework. After everything had failed to help me, Vinol built me up and made me well and strong."—Mrs. Jay Parker.

The reason Vinol was so successful in Mrs. Parker's case, is because it contains the necessary elements to create an appetite, aid digestion, make pure blood and create strength. It is the beef and cod liver peptones—iron and glycerophosphates in Vinol—that does it—you will not be disappointed if you try it. Clem Thistleton's and Drugists everywhere.

P. S.—Stop scratching, our Salve stops itching. We guarantee it—Ady.

Influenza Epidemic Receding at Eaton

EATON, O., Oct. 14.—Church services were dispensed with in all the churches in the city Sunday, owing to the wave of influenza that has prevailed in the city and vicinity the last couple of weeks. So far as could be learned, no deaths from the disease took place here, or nearby, Saturday or Sunday. Health authorities believe the epidemic has reached the crest and is now receding. Stringent regulations still are in force and will continue effective until there is every evidence that the disease has been fully stamped out.

INSTRUCTOR ARRIVES.

OXFORD, O., Oct. 14—Lieut. Sylvester Paulus, U. S. A. adjutant of Miami University's S. A. T. C. unit, has arrived from Ft. Sheridan, where he has been ill for several weeks. He is a Michigan man, and a graduate of Hanover (Ind.) College. There is still one officer to come—Lieut. Albert McKinley, who is ill in the Cincinnati hospital.

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