

Fire Loss Over North Will Run Into Many Thousands of Dollars

CONDITIONS STILL SERIOUS

Loss of Lumber Lands Will be Heavy Blow to That Section.

Campbellton, June 16—The fire situation on the Restigouche is almost as serious as it was at the first of the week and there is a possibility that huge tracts of lumber may be destroyed before the numerous fires are got under control. A slight rain fell in the Kedgewick district on Wednesday and lessened the immediate danger for the time being but as yet there is no promise of sufficient rain to put the fires completely out.

In the International Railway district thousands of dollars in fine black spruce and other lumber as well as some houses, have been destroyed during the last week. As yet it is impossible to estimate the total loss but this will run into hundreds of thousands. The Richards Manufacturing Company have been heavy losers as have numerous other lumber companies of this district. The company mentioned lost a large mill at White's Brook on the International Railway and also large quantities of sawn lumber at Brien's Sliding and Red Bank.

Special rains are leaving for the fire zone almost daily rushing men, firefighting apparatus and needed supplies to the fire area. The railways have been appealed to for help and have sent men out to help the provincial foresters.

Constables On the Job.

At times many of the inhabitants at Whites Brook, Kedgewick and other villages along the I. N. R. have been almost forced to abandon their homes but the strenuous efforts of the fire fighters have saved these villages from being swallowed up in the flames.

Some ten or more constables were sworn in by the police magistrate at Campbellton and commissioned for duty in the fire zone. At times the people became panic stricken and had it not been that provision had been made to direct these people very serious consequences might have resulted. The situation around Matapedia just a few miles from here is greatly improved and in that district the fires are under control.

Large lumber limits have also been destroyed by fire in two or three different localities on the Gaspé coast. It is reported that the Nouvelle Lumber Company lost valuable tracts of lumber lands in the rear of Nouvelle. In many places telephone wires are down and detailed information regarding the losses have been very difficult to obtain.

Forty Buildings Burned.

A startling report has been received from Newport, Gaspé county to the effect that some forty buildings including dwellings, barns and out-houses were destroyed by fire during the heavy gale which swept this part of the country on Monday afternoon and evening.

Numerous other fires have broken out in various districts on both sides of the Bay of Chaleur during the last week, but so far no serious damage has resulted in these places.

In Campbellton the air is filled with smoke when there is an east wind coming from fires in the Balmoral district, where numerous fires of unknown origin have been in progress for the last two weeks.

Seeking Guilty Parties.

On Wednesday afternoon the smoke was so dense that the lights were turned on in the different business establishments at 4 o'clock in the afternoon and in the evening one could have almost read a newspaper in the light caused by the reflection.

Prayers for Rain

Prayers for rain were offered in churches here Sunday and at numerous other points in the province.

AMERICANS A NATION OF KNOCKERS

Savant Says They Treat Office Holders in a Contemptible Manner

Philadelphia, Pa., June 18—Americans are a nation of knockers and not the boosters they are commonly reputed to be, it was charged by Dr. Philip Moore at a meeting of the Republican Women of Philadelphia.

Charging Americans with "contemptible treatment" of their officeholders, he accused them also of gross disrespect for past Presidents in their unwarranted criticisms. Even the dead do not escape the scourge of public abuse, he said. Nor is such a national idol of former President Roosevelt safe from the lashing of unjust tongues.

Dr. Moore, who is active in independent political movements, said the American public "is the worst master to serve. It is even more fickle in its allegiance than the French, proverbially reputed the most fickle of people. No sooner does a man enter an office than the citizens begin knocking and waiting anxiously for the expiration of his term to turn against him."

"Scurrilous Abuse"

"They do not confine their attacks, however, to his official actions. The announcement is the signal for the beginning of abuse often of the most scurrilous kind, attacking not only his character, but his family and all his past actions, no matter how innocent. They heap upon him lies and insults and abuse, and these vicious attacks make his position almost unbearable."

Dr. Moore added that because men of the better type recognize this state of affairs, they are reluctant to compete for public office, and "it is men of just this type whom we need," he said. "Most of the good men and women brought into public office don't realize what they are up against or they would never seek office. If they investigated with sound common sense what the people do to those in public office, very few would consent to run."

Women, he emphasized, have a great opportunity of improving conditions. He appealed to them to choose candidates for their ability efficiently to fill the offices for which they are chosen.

WEDDED THIS AFTERNOON

Miss Ruby Doris True the Bride of Harold H. Pickard—To Reside in This City.

Miss Ruby Doris True and Harold Hastings Pickard were united in marriage at three o'clock this afternoon at the Devon Baptist Parsonage. Rev. H. H. Ferguson performing the ceremony. The young couple were unattended. The bride wore navy blue tulle and carried a bouquet of Ophelia roses and maiden hair fern. They will leave by C. P. R. at 7.10 this evening on a brief honeymoon. After their return they will make their home at 370 Charlotte street.

The bride is the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey True, 665 Charlotte street, and the groom is a son of His Worship Mayor H. H. Pickard of Devon. The bride has been on the office staff of the Provincial Department of Agriculture and the groom is employed with R. Chestnut & Sons.

Many beautiful gifts were presented to the bride including cut glass, silver, cheques, etc.

From South Africa

Miss Bessie Bridges formerly of the Model School teaching staff this city, who went to South Africa at the close of the Boer War to accept a position arrived in Montreal on Saturday by the steamer Metitia. She will proceed to St. John to visit her brother, Dr. H. S. Bridges and she will afterwards come to Fredericton and be the guest of another brother Dr. H. V. B. Bridges. Miss Bridges is assured of a cordial welcome from her many old friends.

THE COMMONS IS SPEEDING UP BUSINESS

BANK ACT IS UP TODAY.

The Supplementary Estimates to be Brought Down This Week.

Ottawa, June 17—With two weeks remaining before prorogation, more speed and less talk may be expected in the House. Tomorrow the revised Bank Act will have right of way. As most of the controversy was knocked out of the Minister of Finance's measure in the Committee on Banking and Commerce during ten weeks of discussion it is not anticipated that there will be much debate on the bill in the House.

Several amendments proposed by Hon. W. S. Fielding with a view to strengthening the legislation and fortifying the nation against a recurrence of such a tragedy as that of the Merchants Bank last year, were passed by the committee. Very few of the changes proposed by other members of that body especially by Progressive members were adopted.

Following the Bank Act will come consideration of the four resolutions introduced on Friday by Ministers on which legislation will be based. As already intimated one provides for carrying out the recommendations of the royal commission on grain rate-fixing on the Upper Lakes; another will take the place of the Halibut Treaty with the United States which failed of ratification; another would permit oleo-manufacture and sale and a fourth provides for the construction of a little more than 1,000 miles of branch line railway of the Canadian National System in various provinces at a total estimated cost of \$28,507,400.

Some odd pieces of amending legislation proposed by the Government are yet to be disposed of.

Then the supplementary estimates may be brought down before the end of this week. In his budget speech the Minister of Finance expresses the hope that this year the total would be less than of last year which was \$15,900,000. Almost the entire list of main estimates have been voted but there are two notable exceptions under really one head: Canadian Press, (Canadian telegraph service) \$50,000; Canadian Press (British cable service), \$8,000.

It is expected that these will be a lively debate over these items which have been held over at the request of members who are gathering ammunition for the fight. There is a feeling in some quarters that the votes should be abolished altogether while others argue that they at least should be reduced.

VILLAGE IS DESTROYED BY LAVA

(Special to the Daily Mail)
Rome, June 18—The little village of Lingua Glossa on the slopes of Mount Vesuvius is reported to have been destroyed by a torrent of lava cascading down the side of the volcano.

Inhabitants of the town evacuated their dwellings yesterday, amid earthquakes and menacing subterranean rumblings, after a firey stream had wiped out the neighboring hamlet of Boscoragato. News of the destruction of Lingua Glossa came from Naples and was unconfirmed.

MAN AND WIFE FOUND DROWNED

Winnipeg, June 17—The findings of the bodies of William Robb, twenty-seven of this city, and that of a woman, believed to be his wife, floating in the Red River near here yesterday led the police to believe that they had gone to their deaths as the result of a suicide pact. Little is known of them locally and positive identification of the woman has not yet been made. It is known, however that Robb's wife was in the psychopathic ward of the General Hospital here until three or four days ago.

PACIFICISTS OBJECT TO NEW SUBMARINE

TO BE LARGEST IN THE WORLD

Ramsay Macdonald Says World is Getting Back to Barbarism.

(Special to the Daily Mail)
London, June 18—English Pacificists and a section of the Labour party are protesting against the launching of the X-1 new mystery super-submarine described as the world's largest under-sea craft. Costing 4,000,000 without her armaments the vessel is reported to have a cruising radius of 8000 miles. She was laid down prior to the Washington disarmament conference and is therefore exempt from restrictions imposed by the pact.

Ramsay Macdonald, prominent Labour member of Parliament opposed the launching of the vessel in a speech at Southampton Sunday saying "it seems that the world is rattling back to barbarism."

Wants a Settlement

London, June 18—(United States)—Russia is about to suggest that Great Britain enter negotiations for a general settlement including full recognition of the Soviet Government, according to the Daily Telegraph.

TOURISTS ATTRACTED BY MT. VESUVIUS

Naples, June 18—Vesuvius is again in eruption with incandescent lava stones, cinders and smoke being thrown up in a column which frequently reaches a height of several hundred feet. Many foreigners notably Americans are here admiring the spectacle. No one is allowed to approach the crater as the eruption is causing violent earthquakes.

The phenomenon now being witnessed is a recurrent one, coming every few years. The lava which is ejected by the volcano gradually forms a cone, often rising to hundreds of feet around the crater and obstructing the free flow of the smoke and grass until the internal pressure rises to such a point that it disrupts the cone.

Prof. Maladra, director of the Vesuvian Observatory says the present phenomenon may last a long time and will probably be accompanied by a large eruption of ashes, but that any anxiety for the safety of the neighboring villages is not justified.

RAINS HAVE IMPROVED FIRE SITUATION BUT LULL IS BUT TEMPORARY, WEATHER GOVERNS

An improved condition in relation to forest fires in New Brunswick is reported today. It is temporary, however and is dependent on the weather. If rains come the period of risk will be over but if warm windy weather comes it will be but a short time before conditions are as bad as ever.

Messrs. Donald and Archibald Fraser are in Fredericton today after being in close touch with the fire situation. They state that weather conditions will entirely govern the fire season and that the present lull is entirely temporary unless heavy rains fall soon.

New Fire Reported

A new fire was reported this morning on Libby Brook, Little Southwest Miramichi, eighteen miles from settlement. Manager Robinson of the Pratt hunting camps in that section made the report. Origin of the fire is unknown. It is in a dangerous locality as much budworm killed timber is standing there. The Ritchie Lumber Company is sending a stream-driving crew to work on the fire and it is believed that the blaze can be put out.

Winds Indicate Rain

At Ashton Hill and Bald Mountain lookouts southwest wind is reported and at Campbellton and Bathurst northeast wind. Both are winds which usually bring rain.

At Balmoral the fire is under control. No rain has fallen there.

Important Conference To be Held Soon in Regard to Tangier

HEAVY FINES ARE IMPOSED ON GERMANS

German Industrialists Fined a Billion and a Half Dollars.

(Special to the Daily Mail)
Dusseldorf, June 18—The largest fine ever levied against a group of individuals was imposed upon eight German industrialists by a French court martial at Werden. The defendants, five of whom were not present, were sentenced to five years imprisonment each and were fined a total of 1,666,000,000 marks. This sum is approximately the equivalent to \$1,511,250,000.

The charge against the industrialists included refusing to deliver coal by way of reparations, encouraging passive resistance and the theft of material in northwestern France during the war.

CLAIMS BEST TELEPHONE SERVICE

Moscow, June 18—Moscow has begun to advertise its telephone service as the best in the world. It is also perhaps the most exclusive—30,000 telephones in a city of 1,500,000.

Telephone wires, badly in need of repair, are being relaid. The service now functions all night and no time out is allowed for meals.

And last of all, under the new system telephone girls are required to confine their conversation with subscribers to business—telephone business. There was a time when Tillie the beautiful telephone operator was an important part of the social life of Moscow and the bored subscriber could exchange bright nothings with her at will.

Now operators are forbidden to talk either to subscribers or among themselves, except regarding telephone numbers.

Permits Cancelled.

As will be seen by advertisement in this issue an order has been issued by the Department of Lands and Mines cancelling permits to enter the forest in the northern section of the province until further notice.

A KEY TO THE MEDITERRANEAN

The British Press is Favorable to an International Arrangement.

(Special to the Daily Mail)
London, June 18—In discussing military and strategic positions in the Mediterranean one instinctively visualizes the fortress summit of Gibraltar as the key to the inland ocean. The forthcoming conference between England, France and Spain on Tangier, however emphasizes that there are at least two other Gibralters in the Mediterranean. Tangiers and the Island of Malta. While the narrow portal at the tip of Portugal gives England one of her most important "Gates of Empire"

Malta's focal geographic situation renders it of highest value as a military and a naval base, Tangiers likewise is a key to Egypt and North Africa. France for her purposes considers it a far more important key than Gibraltar. Under an agreement of 1912 the city of Tangiers was internationalized.

Later a commission provided more specialized privileges for the interested parties. Now France which desires Tangiers because of its strategic relation to important African colonies has suggested a new conference, England is satisfied with the present arrangement and does not desire that France "Dominate" the Terrain which might be useful as a basis for an attack on Gibraltar forty miles to the west.

The English press voices the opinion that an international arrangement without favour to any one nation will be the only acceptable solution of the situation.

A CYCLONE CAUSES MUCH DAMAGE IN WEST

Saskatoon, June 17—One death and a rapidly mounting toll of property damage had been reported here tonight up to 8 o'clock in a hurricane which swept central Saskatchewan on Saturday night. Store fronts were demolished, farm buildings carried hundreds of yards through the air, telephone lines blown down and a farm house destroyed by lightning, according to reports received here from places over a 200-mile radius.

Victor Cassidy, fifteen, was killed when a bunkhouse, in which he was staying on a farm near Rosetown, was picked bodily and blown twenty yards through the air. The lad fell out and was dashed to death on the ground. Ten miles northwest of Rosetown a shack in which Mr. and Mrs. Nile Woods were sleeping was picked up by the wind and tumbled for a mile and a half across the prairie. The woman escaped with a bad shaking up but Woods is reported in a serious condition.

In the Rosetown district and town many buildings were unroofed and small structures and barns badly wrecked. Telephone lines are down for miles. Six patients on the upper floor of the Rosetown Hospital were endangered when the roof of the structure vanished, but the building itself did not give way and there were no casualties.

At Vanscoy, west of Saskatoon a few miles, minor damage was done chimneys blown down, elevator doors blown off and fences flattened.

The Hector Celebration

The big celebration at Pictou, N. S. in commemoration of the 150th anniversary of the arrival of the ship Hector from Scotland will begin on July 15th. Preparations have been made for a gala week and many notables will take part including Lord Byng, Governor Cox of Massachusetts and Premier Veniot. The last surviving passenger of the Hector was Duncan McKenzie who died at Pictou in 1871. One of his grand sons is J. D. B. F. McKenzie, druggist of Chatham.