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Minnesota Towns Wiped Off
Map by Terrible Forest Fires

Three Hundred People Supposed to Have Perished—Whole Families Wiped Out and Thousands are Homeless—Flames Have Devastated a Big Territory and are Still Unchecked—Fifty Bodies so Far Recovered.

Warroad, Minn., Oct. 9.—Beaudette, Spooner, Pitt and Graceton (Minn.) were wiped off the map by the most terrible forest fire ever experienced by Minnesota settlers this morning.

The dead bodies of seventy-five settlers have been found and it is thought that the death toll among the settlers will be upwards of 300.

Wagon loads of corpses are constantly being brought into the railway station at Beaudette.

It is reported that many settlers, crazed with grief at the loss of families and property, are roaming the woods and searching parties are constantly going out after the injured, the dead and the demented.

One family of nine, one of seven and one of five were wiped out on Friday night.

At 8.30 o'clock the fire attacked Beaudette and Spooner and within three minutes after the first alarm every building was ablaze. Within an hour they were heaps of ashes. The people of these two towns had just time to quit their homes with only what they had on their backs. They were placed on a passenger train standing at the depot and taken across to Rainy River, Ont., to safety.

The whole country east of here is on fire. Roosevelt, Swift, Williams and Cedar Spur are in great danger. All the women and children are being removed to places of safety.

The Canadian Northern Railway has stationed trains at every station at the service of the people and is doing everything in its power to relieve the situation.

FIVE THOUSAND HOMELESS

The people of Beaudette and Spooner and the settlers through the north central part of the state have lost everything. Five thousand are homeless, and the greater part of them destitute. Help must reach them in the next day or two, and that in a substantial way, for the greater part of them are but half clad, and cold weather is likely to set in at any time.

It will be impossible to get details and names of the dead and injured before tomorrow and some of the dead will not be found until spring. It will be impossible to estimate the damage or casualties until later. The surviving pioneers of northern Minnesota are in need of immediate help.

This morning this town was on fire from the International bridge to Sixth Street, a distance of half a mile. Included in the burned area are the Rat Portage Lumber Company's mill and lumber yard containing 10,000,000 feet of lumber, the Western Canada Flour Mills Company and surrounding buildings. Fifty houses are burned and scores of people homeless. Fire is raging in the woods as far as can be seen along the south bank of Rainy River. If the wind remains in the north it is probable the rest of Rainy River will be saved.

PEOPLE READY TO FLEE

Most of all Beaudette situated in Minnesota and the International bridge have so far escaped the fire,

as well as the buildings of the Shevlin Matheu Lumber Company at Spooner, thanks to the activity of the Canadian Northern Railroad Company.

Most of the women and children of these towns have been taken on special trains to points east and many more are on steamers ready to leave should the wind change and the fire spread. All available hose is in use, but the fire, driven by a strong north west wind, is beyond control and must burn itself out.

The wind has shifted and is carrying the flames away from Roosevelt. Unless the wind changes again the town will be saved. Canadian Northern Railway trains have been stalled here since Friday night, when a freight train went through a bridge near Pitt. The crew was saved and Conductor Monahan walked into Beaudette, which town he reported as destroyed, only the water tank, the school house walls and the depot standing.

Monahan said he walked over bodies on the way, but could not say how many. Many settlers took to the woods and have not been heard from since. A mother and her five children are known to have been burned. The fires are still raging and the smoke is stifling. Men from Warroad helped to save Roosevelt. Calls are coming in for help for settlers twelve miles south.

Wires are down and news is obtainable only as refugees come in. The damage is immense; the loss is uncertain.

T. P. O'CONNOR M. P., DISCUSSES
HOME RULE AT OTTAWA

Says a New Ireland Has Grown Up in the Last Twenty-Five Years—Brilliant Irish Journalist Accorded a Hearty Welcome at the Capital.

Ottawa, Oct. 7.—Mr. T. P. O'Connor, M. P., addressed a large and enthusiastic meeting here last night on the Irish question. The gathering was attended by many prominent people, those on the platform including Hon. Charles Murphy, who presided; Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Senator Costigan, J. S. Ewart, K. C.; H. B. McGivern, M. P.; E. B. Devlin, M. P.; D. J. McLoughlin, M. L. A.; Mayor Hopewell, several members of the clergy, and officers of the local branch of the United Irish League.

Hon. Charles Murphy introduced the speaker with a few remarks explanatory of his visit.

Mr. O'Connor, who was warmly received, said in part:

"There has grown up in the last twenty-five years a new Ireland. Since 1884, when the Land Purchase Act was passed, the transformation from peasant tenantry to peasant proprietor has grown with an ever-accumulating rapidity, until today 300,000 farmers are absolute owners of the soil. I have been able to see Ireland transformed from a land of paupers and slaves into a nation of prosperous freemen."

"We have restored between 3,000 and 4,000 of these evicted tenants not only to their own farms but to additional land also. The Irish laborer who used to be housed under a thatched roof with no sanitation or little decency, today lives under vastly improved conditions. Within twenty-five years 55,000 cottages of four or six rooms have been built by the State with a rental of a shilling a week. They are 55,000 happy, healthy homes in place of 55,000 hovels."

SAYS ENGLAND SYMPATHIZES.

Speaking of the new England, Mr. O'Connor said that as popular liberties had increased there so had the good government of Ireland. Democracy had justified itself in England, and above all in connection with the Irish question.

"Anyone," he said, "who talks of a struggle between England and Ireland, talks nonsense belonging to an irrevocable past. The majority of the English people are on the side of Ireland, ready to give it self-government if the House of Lords would permit them to do so. There is a new England full of kindness and sympathy for the Irish and remorseful for the bitter past. The majority of the masses in England are willing to concede Home Rule! Wales is not only willing to concede it to

Ireland, but wants it for itself; in Scotland every liberal member is pledged, not only for Home Rule for Ireland, but for Scotland as well.

WHY HE HAS COME TO CANADA.

"We have a conference going on in England now. I am sure that Lloyd George will not consent to any reconstruction of the House of Lords, which will make it possible to pass the Welsh Disestablishment Bill, and if that can be carried, Home Rule can be carried. England is beginning to wake up to the fact that Home Rule is but the segment of a great national and imperial movement. They are beginning to wake up to the fact that they have something to learn from the colonies; that the imperial problem is one which may be studied in Canada and other parliaments."

"I have come to Canada mainly that you may help them to govern themselves in England, Scotland and Wales on Canadian principles. In other words I am going to ask you to give this message; that you have found that the division of federal and national responsibility, instead of dividing the country, has increased your progress and increased your prosperity."

"Our solution of the matter," he said, "is that we should have a local legislature with an imperial legislature above it. This concession to Ireland is a necessary harbinger and forerunner to Home Rule for Scotland and Wales."

"Mr. O'Connor proceeded to say that local government for Ireland would no more lead to disintegration than it did in Canada. 'Let there be,' he said, 'one throne, one law, and twenty-eight parliaments, with a little parliament for Ireland added.' He declared it to be a profound tragedy that while the Irish were a patriotic nation, they had to stay at home, eating out their hearts or else go to Parliament and speak to empty benches save when the division came."

"We want Ireland in local affairs to be governed by the Irish, England by the English, Scotland by the Scotch, leaving the Imperial Parliament to be occupied only with Imperial affairs." Mr. O'Connor met the religious objection by declaring that it was a base calumny to say that the Irish Catholics would be unjust to Protestants. The fathers of the Irish race who taught the doctrine of Irish nationality were all

Protestants. In Ireland, if anyone objected to a Nationalist candidate, because he was a Protestant, he would go through the nearest window with rapid despatch. It was said Ireland was irreconcilable. Had they ever tried to reconcile her? They said she was disloyal; it was the duty of every man to be loyal when he had his liberty and disloyal till he got it.

Afterwards a resolution, proposed by Mr. E. B. Devlin, M. P., and seconded by Mr. D. J. McDougall, U. S. A., was heartily adopted. It asked for the speedy granting of self-government to Ireland, thereby uniting the Empire in loyalty and liberty.

ALL HOME RULERS, SAYS PREMIER.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier moved a vote of thanks to Mr. O'Connor, and in doing so spoke strongly in support of Home Rule. He said that however much Canadians might disagree on other subjects they were all Home Rulers. It might be that they did not manage their affairs very well and that England could manage them better, but Canadians preferred to govern themselves. If any mistakes were made, they had only themselves to blame and there was no strain upon our loyalty to the Mother Country. He could not understand why the boon of self-government, given freely to the Boers, was still withheld from Ireland. It was a mystery which seemed to defy solution, but he still hoped that justice would be done to Ireland, which was the only dark spot in the British Empire.

Subscriptions for the parliamentary fund were afterwards taken up and the receipts were something over \$1,100.

LOST IN THE WOODS
FOR THREE DAYS

Halifax, N. S. Oct. 9.—Samuel Bartheaux of Torbrook Mines, eighty years old, who was lost in the wood of Annapolis on Wednesday, was found yesterday afternoon. Several hundred men kept up the search on Saturday.

One party went across a small river several miles farther west than it was thought the old gentleman could have strayed. They had guns and seeing a moose fired. They followed the report of the gun by shouting Mr. Bartheaux's name, and heard an answering voice. As they pushed through the woods in the direction of the voice they were surprised to hear the lost man say: "Hello boys where are you going?" He had eaten no food since he was lost, but had felt hungry. The last day he had suffered from thirst.

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