

TERRIBLE HOLOCAUST IN NEW ONTARIO

QUAINT CEREMONY AT OLD CARNARVON CASTLE

The Prince of Wales Invested with the Insignia of His Office Today--Ancient Town was Lavishly Decorated and Thousands of People Gave the Royal Party an Enthusiastic Greeting--Ceremony Performed by the King--Religious Service Held.

Carnarvon, Wales, July 13.—The investiture of the Prince of Wales by King George, according to the state-ly ritual prescribed centuries ago, in the great court of Carnarvon Castle today was a wonderful spectacle, as impressive as it was picturesque.

The ceremony was the biggest thing that Wales has known for centuries. Everything pertaining to the investiture was distinctly Welsh. Welsh music, Welsh drama, Welsh costume and Welsh genius were conspicuous factors in the wonderful spectacle. Never within the memory of living man has anything so aroused the national patriotism of the Welsh people. The genuine enthusiasm with which the masses greeted Their Majesties, the fervor with which they joined in singing the national anthem, the wild shouts which rent the air when the Prince of Wales showed himself to the people at the conclusion of the ceremony—all this, and more, must have been a revelation to the hundreds of English visitors, to the great majority of whom, it is safe to assert, the character of the Welsh people was an unknown quantity.

THE CEREMONY.

The ceremony of the investiture took place in the center of the castle square opposite the main entrance, where a large platform had been erected. Surrounding the platform were great tiers of seats for the accommodation of the privileged spectators, who numbered more than 12,000 and included many court functionaries, civil and military officers, ecclesiastics and friends of the royal family, in addition to the many chosen representatives of the Welsh people. The gray walls and ivy-covered towers of the ancient castle afforded a magnificent setting for the brilliant picture within the enclosure, made dazzling by the multi-colored flags and banners, the bright uniforms of the military and the no less brilliant robes of the state functionaries.

ADDRESS PRESENTED.

The royal party detrained at a station a few miles from Carnarvon and entered the town in carriages under military escort. The procession entered by the north road and proceeded through the main street to the castle square, where they were formally received and presented with addresses of welcome by the Mayor and corporation. The royal party

then entered the castle at the ancient Water Gate on the sea front, overlooking the picturesque Menai Strait and Carnarvon Bay. As Their Majesties passed within the castle walls the Royal Welsh Choir of 500 voices joined in the Welsh national anthem, "Land of Our Fathers."

From the castle square to the first entrance into the castle there were two separate processions, that of the Prince of Wales preceding that of the King and Queen by a few minutes. On the entrance of the Prince, the Prince of Wales standard was hoisted from the topmost turret of the Eagle's Tower, where tradition has it that the first English Prince of Wales was born. Trumpeters in medieval costume played a fanfare as the head of the procession came in sight. On the entrance of Their Majesties a few minutes later the Prince's flag was lowered from the turret and the royal standard hoisted.

Arrived within the castle precincts Their Majesties and the Prince were escorted to apartments specially fitted up for their use—the same which are said to have been occupied by King Edward I and Queen Eleanor—where they donned their robes of state for the subsequent ceremonial. The robes of the King and Queen were similar to those worn on other state occasions. The Prince of Wales wore a specially designed robe of cloth of gold and purple velvet, modeled on one worn by Charles I.

The royal party, having robed, proceeded in two processions by a specially-constructed roadway along the interior of the castle to the investiture platform. The King officiated at the brief ceremony. The Queen was seated at the left of His Majesty and grouped about them were the Earl Marshal, the Garter King-at-Arms and Somerset Herald, the Pursuivants and other functionaries.

DECLARATION.

As the Prince knelt before him the King solemnly said: "We declare Your Royal Highness to be Prince of Wales."

Following this the insignia was adjusted by the officials upon whom this duty was imposed by tradition. The Prince, immediately after being invested, proceeded to the celebrated Queen Eleanor's Gateway, where he presented himself to the view of his Welsh subjects. He was greeted with shouts of wild enthusiasm, for the emotional Welsh people recognized in him a royal prince who was also a Prince of Wales.

FORMER ST. JOHN MAN DEAD IN BOSTON

(Special to the Mail) St. John, July 13.—John McAfee, a former resident of this city was a victim of heat prostration in Boston this week. He was taken ill Tuesday morning and died in the hospital on the same day.

ST. JOHN AUTO PARTY

An auto party composed of Mr. J. F. Gregory and wife of St. John, their son and Miss M. O. Murray arrived in the city this morning on their way home. The party had been up river.

The entries for the Mid-summer Harness Meet will probably be announced this week. It looks promising now for two days' racing, enough classes having filled to guarantee that much racing. At the track the other day some local horses had same pretty fast work outs.

ORANGE CELEBRATION WAS BIG SUCCESS

(Special to the Mail) Newcastle, July 13.—The Orange-men's celebration here yesterday ended with a success in the evening. It was one of the most successful ever held in this section.

Resolutions condemning the No Temperance and Bilingual Schools were adopted.

HEAVY RUN OF SALMON

A heavy run of salmon in the river is reported. Last night six fine fish were caught in nets a short distance above Hart's Island Pool one fish weighing twenty-one pounds net. A fisherman in that locality report the run to be remarkably heavy. Fly fishermen are beginning to think of trying the Hart's Island Pool.

Miss Alice Thistle of Hillsboro, is attending the Summer School of Science.

Forest Fires the Cause of Untold Destruction in the Porcupine Region--Camps Destroyed and Hundreds of Lives Lost

The Disaster Described as the Worst in the History of Canada--A Harrowing Tale of Suffering and Hardship Told by the Despatches--Many Women and Children Lost Their Lives by Drowning--Flames Burned a Swath Twenty Five Miles in Width--Many Deeds of Heroism Recorded--Big Property Loss.

(Canadian Press)

Toronto, July 13.—Horror follows horror in the reports which hour after hour reach Toronto of the great forest fire in the Temiskaming region.

It is impossible to state with certainty the loss of life and property but later reports place the loss of lives at three hundred and of property at several million dollars. The greatest catastrophe appears to have happened at South Porcupine. Of six hundred people who sought refuge in the lake when the fire swept through South Porcupine two hundred persons many of them women with children in their arms lost their lives according to a private message received by "Weldy" Young. The message came from Carleton of Hailbury a proprietor who was in the lake when the fire was at its height. As the fire grew hotter and hotter they were crowded out into the deep water and drowned. Another message to Mr. Casey Moran stated that between the Dome road and South Porcupine at least forty bodies lay charred along the corduroy roads. Most of these had met death through suffocation and burning.

Mr. Carleton reported also the West Dome mine had been totally destroyed and that twenty-one men had been suffocated to death in the shaft. Supt. Weiss, his family and his assistant King were among those who lost their lives.

Toronto, July 13.—At the Dome mine eight lives were lost. The mine was destroyed with the exception of the mill, which was saved. Superintendent Meeks and his family were saved.

The Preston East Dome mine was totally destroyed together with the Imperial and the Foley O'Brien. No losses of lives are reported from any of the latter.

Toronto, July 13.—Acts of heroism are too numerous to mention in detail, while the horrors of the holocaust are too gruesome for print. One man said after the fire: "The man who could go through this could go through hell with a smile on his face." One man was led through the town with both eyes burned out and moaning because his partner had perished. Another with his face and arms a mass of blisters and still another had his abdomen burst open by burns. Harry Roche, a mining engineer, and A.S. Shields representatives of the J.B. O'Brien mines beat their way back through when the flames were at their height and brought out an unknown man who was so seriously burned that a portion of his hand fell off when he was picked up. Little will ever be known of the experiences of some of the properties or in the bushes as long as the dead remain but a few have already come to light. At United Porcupine where lived the three Flynn brothers never before separated two are yet alive, but one remained behind a charred mass. At this property there was no shelter from the flames and the men sought shelter on an outcropping of rock. There Yvill the foreman perished with Frank Flynn and Joseph Fletcher, while another a colored miner named Dwyer is missing. J.T. Flynn and Joseph Flynn watched their brother burn to death, the former receiving burns on his face and arms. With them was Gilbert Gibbs whose face was burned beyond recognition and whose arms and body was scorched. Flames came on them with such rapidity that even blankets and towels to cast about them could not be obtained and yet these hardy men survived the furnace and after the fire had passed made their way over five miles into Porcupine and are now on their way to their homes at Bracebridge. At the Philadelphia when it became evident that the mine must go, manager Ashmore Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Shovey and others retreated toward the town. With the party was J.E. Adams, a resident of Philadelphia who was at the property in the capacity of book keeper, Adams was in poor health and died in manager Ashmore's arms of heart failure. It was necessary to leave Adams body to the flames. The men from the El Dorado all escaped. What occurred at the West Dome the centre of the most terrible part of the catastrophe will probably never be known, but so old and experienced a miner as Robert A. Weiss, would probably never have led his associates into a timbered shaft unless all other means of escape were cut off. There were in West Dome shaft 27 bodies including that of Weiss. It is known that 100 pounds of dynamite were in the bucket at the mouth of the shaft. Of the 84 employees of the West Dome only three are known to be alive.

Employees of the Preston headed by Captain Jack Wilson visited the West Dome property as soon as possible and dropping a chain of ladders entered the shaft. The bodies of Mrs. Burt, wife of Angus Burt the assayer, was found hanging half way up the ladder where, while trying to escape she was hit by a falling burning timber, the marks of which remain on her body. The smoke and gas from the exploded dynamite were so stifling that no other bodies could be removed. The escape of these at the Dome and Preston East Dome, which were in the centre of the fire zone, is little short of miraculous!

At Preston East Dome not a man was lost. Some entered an untimbered shaft, taking with them food and buckets and passed up water to the others. Captain Wilson and some of the employees lay in a creek and threw water over themselves and even over the rabbits driven from the bush by the fire which sought refuge by snuggling up against the men. Captain Wilson's eyes were burned but no serious injuries were sustained.

FOREIGNERS PERISH

At the Dome it is known that 30 foreign laborers perished in a shaft where they had sought safety. Other bodies are lying about the property and of the force of three hundred it is doubtful if half remain alive. The escape of manager Meek and his wife and children with Mrs. Meek's mother was providential. Their last stand was behind a row of water barrels which proved an effective barrier to the flames and preserved their lives and even that of their cow. Henry Hanson who is in charge of the mill construction with a few others kept behind the heavy rock foundation of the mill and survived. Still others stood in the big reservoir of water on the property and escaped with sore eyes. Men stationed at the pumps on the lake although in a place of safety became panic stricken made for the bush and there perished. That the north Dome employees made their way out of the fire without the loss of a man is now believed, is another miracle. Whether any were lost at the Standard and Imperial is not yet known.

DYNAMITE EXPLOSION

The Vipond was a total loss, but all the men escaped to the Hollinger which was just outside the fire zone. The Digby veteran American gold fields and others may have lost men. No word has been received from the Success where there are 54 men. The McIntyre and the Mines around Pearl Lake including Bewick Morsing and Company escaped without loss of life or property, but the town of Pearl Lake was again visited by fire. The Rea had a small fire but nothing serious resulted. The Scottish properties in that section were also north of the fire. In the meantime the fire swept around both sides of Porcupine Lake and was burning at the Foley O'Brien. At the latter the employees with Mr. Pickard and Superintendent Motz sought shelter in a root house making their way to the town after the buildings there had been wiped out. On the Foley Eastern property stood the Canadian explosives dynamite magazine, containing 12 tons of dynamite. This burned for some time before it exploded. At the time of the explosion Ernest and Harry Holland, Captain Muen and several others, all of whom were hurled off their feet by the concussion but received only bruises. On a siding in Lake Porcupine a car of pane of glass, in Colden City. Men dynamite exploded, breaking every woman standing in the water at South Porcupine were thrown from their feet and falling debris was scattered everywhere. A piece of iron fell at the dock shattering the arm of an unknown man about to board a canoe. He was picked up and taken across the lake and his arm later amputated. The fire in Cold City consumed about one third of the town entering from the north and beating around to the Murphy House where men at the point of guns were forced out to fight the fire. The best residences of the town were destroyed and several churches and other buildings also.

Toronto, July 12.—Meagre reports late tonight state that 300 lives have been lost in the fires which are sweeping northern Ontario. The country from North Bay to Cochrane is in flames. Cochrane is wiped off the map. Horrifying horror in the reports which hour by hour reached Toronto yesterday of the great forest fire in the Temiskaming region. It is impossible at this writing to state with certainty the extent of the loss of life and property, but late reports placed the loss of lives at 300 and of property at several million dollars.

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J. L. Englehart, chairman of the T. & N. O. Railway commission, gave the following statement to the Globe yesterday afternoon: "Relief trains came out of Cochrane this morning with 325 women and children and a relief train also came out of Porcupine with 150. We are sending a train into Cochrane and one into Porcupine. Three cars with provisions went into Cochrane this morning."

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WELCOMED SIR WILFRID

Great Demonstration at Ottawa in Honor of the Premier

Four Thousand People Assembled on Parliament Hill--Sir Wilfrid Delivered Non Political Address.

Ottawa, July 12.—The capital welcomed back Canada's first citizen tonight with whole-hearted enthusiasm. Sir Wilfrid was back among his fellow-citizens and their welcome home was a fitting climax to the unparalleled series of receptions which have marked their return to Canada. On the arrival of his train at seven o'clock the cheers broke forth from the waiting crowds assembled at the depot. As he drove in procession through the streets to Parliament Hill the thousands along the route made his progress a continuous salute of cheers. On the lawn in front of the Parliament Buildings 4,000 people greeted with enthusiastic acclaim his appearance on the temporary platform erected at the end of the main walk. The reception, though under the auspices of the Liberal clubs of Ottawa and Hull, was in reality non-political and gave eloquent testimony to the personal popularity of Sir Wilfrid in the city that knows him best.

Ottawa's Conservative mayor, who is said to be keeping an eye on the Conservative nomination for the coming elections, declined to grant a request that a civic address be presented to Sir Wilfrid. The excuse was the absurd one that if a civic address was presented to the premier that a similar address would have to be presented to the opposition leader who had also just returned to the city. Tonight's reception and Sir Wilfrid's non-political address, patriotic in tone and characteristically civic in its concluding portions, was a striking commentary on Mayor Hopewell's action.

A HAPPY SPEECH.

The premier with his usual sense of the fitness of things, expressly declared that with the politicians about to again foregather almost within sound of his voice he would not bring coals to Newcastle by discussing politics. Instead, he gave felicitous expression to his delight at being home again among his friends in the city he had lived in for many years and in which he hoped to die when his time came. He made a strong plea for renewed effort in hastening the work of making Ottawa the most beautiful city of the north, and in preparing it to fittingly receive in October next the new governor-general, His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught. He spoke eloquently of the well-founded pride of the empire in the royal family, all of whom manifested the fine domestic virtues and public integrity which were the foundations of the happiness and prosperity of the nation.

Sir Wilfrid was escorted by a parade of automobiles with three bands to his residence in Laurier Avenue, where the best reception of all awaited him—that of Lady Laurier.

Tomorrow he will be at his office as usual and on Friday there will be the first full meeting of the cabinet in two months.

ALLEGED DYNAMITERS PLEADED NOT GUILTY

Los Angeles, Cal., July 13.—Superior Judge Bordwall has denied the motion to quash the indictments against John and James McNamara, charged with nineteen murders in the destruction of a newspaper plant here October 1st, 1910. The accused men at once entered pleas of "Not Guilty" to all the indictments.

Mr. W. H. Fraser of Halifax, is in the city.

THE WEATHER
Maritime—Moderate west to northwest winds, a few scattered showers, but generally fine today and on Friday with stationary or slightly lower temperature.

ROBT. MEIGHEN DIED TODAY

Well Known Montreal Financier Succumbed to Heart Failure

Was President of the Lake of the Woods Meeting Co. and Also the N. B. Railway Co.

Montreal, Que., July 13.—This morning the city was shocked by the news that Robert Meighen, the well known financier had died suddenly at his palatial residence on Drummond Street. Apparently in the best of health and in his usual good spirits Mr. Meighen put in a hard day's work at the office yesterday and retired early last night. This morning early he took a sudden attack of heart failure and died in a few minutes. It is thought that the recent hot weather affected his heart. The late Mr. Meighen was president of the Lake of the Woods Milling Company, a director of the Bank of Toronto, the New Brunswick Railway Company and of several other large financial and commercial enterprises. He was one of the best known characters in the city and was held in deep respect in financial circles. He was seventy-two years old. Lord Mount-Stephen is a brother-in-law.

WELSH AND MCFARLAND MAY BOX 20 ROUNDS

San Francisco, July 13.—Milton T. Clark, who will have the September boxing permit for San Francisco is making an effort to match Matt Wells and Packy McFarland for a 20 round bout here on Wilkison Day September 9th. Wells already has been signed by Tom O'Day acting for Clark in New York.

PERSONAL

Mr. J. J. Dayton of Halifax, is at the Barker House.
Mr. H. E. Munroe of Auburn, Me., is at the Barker House.
Mr. F. A. Arbuckle of Houlton, Me., is in the city.
Mr. J. D. McLaughlin of Red Rapids, arrived in the city last night.
Mr. Harry Blake of St. John, is at the Barker House.
Mr. Donald Fraser arrived from Plaster Rock last night. He registered at the Queen.
Mr. Loran A. DeWolfe of the Soldan High School, St. Louis, left on Tuesday for Fredericton to attend the Summer School of Science, in which he is the instructor in botany. He has been the guest of Dr. and Mrs. G. U. Hay at Ingleside for the last few weeks.—St. John Globe.
Mr. John P. Hudson is spending his season at Shelter Island Heights, New York.
Mr. and Mrs. Fred Dickson of Moncton, are the guests of Mr. J. Howe Dickson.
Miss Ellis Dickson of Hopewell Cape, is here attending the Summer School of Science.
Mr. J. W. McCready, City Clerk, is spending the day in St. John.
Mr. A. C. Purdy of St. John was here last evening with his motor car returning home this morning.

CRITICALLY ILL

News was received here yesterday that Mr. Albert Everett of this city, who went west on a trip in March last, had suffered a stroke of paralysis at the home of his brother-in-law Dr. J. W. MacNeill. M. L. A., at Hanley, Sask. Mrs. Everett and her sister, Miss Campbell, left for the west by the 5.59 train, but later in the evening a telegram came stating that Mr. Everett's condition was hopeless and advising them not to undertake the trip to the west. The telegram was forwarded to Montreal, and Mrs. Everett and her sister on receipt of it decided to stop over in that city to await further news.