

DROUGHT AND FIRE AT HOME AND ABROAD.

Millions Lost to Pennsylvania, Wisconsin, Michigan, Washington, and Other States.

WILKES-BARRE, Aug. 30.—For several days a dense and smoky mist has hung over the Wyoming Valley and has proved most disagreeable. It is due to enormous fires on the mountains and especially the big one which is raging in Muncy Valley, about forty miles from here.

Hundreds of thousands of feet of the finest timber in that part of the State are being destroyed, and no less than 1,000 men have been working for the past two days trying to extinguish the flames which are sweeping over hundreds of acres. Great excitement prevails at Muncy and Williamsport, and the trains leaving the latter city are crowded with people on their way to the forest, many of them to assist in the effort to conquer the fire.

Fires are also raging on the mountains on all sides of the city, and though not yet very extensive it is feared they may spread, as owing to long drought the woods are as dry as a long spell of hot weather can make them. This lack of rain is causing serious suffering in all parts of the county. The farmers state that their crops are all drying up, and everything is parched and cracking for the want of moisture.

In the lower end of the county nearly all the collieries have been compelled to suspend operations until there is rain, and there is not sufficient water to supply their boilers. The mines in this part of the county are a little better off as most of them have private reservoirs, but these are becoming rapidly exhausted, and another week of dry weather will cause a suspension here it is feared. Up at Honesdale the Delaware and Hudson collieries will be compelled to shut down in a day or so, and the Delaware River from Lackawaxen West is almost dried up.

HARRISBURG, Aug. 30.—The fires in the mountains north and west of this city have created great clouds of smoke which are gradually creeping down from the mountains and enveloping the city.

From no point in the city looking in any direction is there a clear view that shows the boldness of the mountain range. All is dim and foggy. Reports from the Juniatta Valley and up the North Branch say that from the towns the sight of the forest fires is grand beyond description. A good rain is very badly needed just now to put out the fires and clear up the atmosphere.

MILTON, Aug. 30.—The smoke from the forest fires has been so dense in this section that it is impossible to distinguish the hills and mountains within a radius of two miles.

Crops and vegetables are drying up for want of rain and water is so scarce in the country that it is being hauled in barrels from the river and that is very low. The dew that falls in the morning and evening is scarcely perceptible, and does little good.

CHIPPewa FALLS, Wis., Aug. 30.—Forest fires in this section have been intermittent for two months, and the aggregate loss is not less than \$3,000,000 among the pine land owners and saw mill men, besides loss to individuals. Fires are raging around Prentice, which was almost wiped out a few weeks ago, and fire apparatus has been sent there from this city. The village of Vesper, in Wood County, was completely demolished yesterday, and twenty families are reported homeless. At Mason City, ten miles distant, citizens are exhausted by continuously fighting fire, and little is left in the village. At Lafayette forest fires devastated the homes of six farmers.

Fire is raging in Phillips, which was almost destroyed in the last fire. A fire engine and crew sent from this city is now engaged in the outskirts keeping back the fire. Not one of the 280 buildings in the town is now standing. Fire is burning at Silver Springs Park, four miles distant from this city, and the plant of the Chippewa Spring Water Company, a large concern that ships to all parts of the country, is in danger.

Fires are booming along the Chicago St. Paul, Minneapolis & Omaha, between Chippewa Falls and Spooner, for 200 miles, and every town is suffering to a greater or less degree, fire protection being out of question. At Mason City the Jump River Lumber Company lost its plant, 1,000,000 of logs and 2,000,000 of sawed lumber.

Fires are raging with terrific fury through the forests of Burnet and Washburn Counties, close to the rail, road tracks and passengers report the country is like a sea of fire. The Wisconsin Central and the Omaha Railways have been heavy losers by fires, their tracks being burned for miles, and a number of freight cars were lost by the latter road at Mason.

The most extensive cranberry farm in Wisconsin, five miles from this city, owned by Aglum & Donovan, was completely destroyed yesterday, their loss being \$5,000, with no insurance.

The Chippewa Lumber & Boom Company, of this city, one of the biggest concerns of the kind in the United States, of which the lumber baron, Fred Weyerhaeuser, is the head, has lost in the neighborhood of \$1,000,000 in standing pine. The heaviest losers here are: The Chippewa Lumber & Boom Company, Chippewa Falls, \$5,000,000; J. R. Davis Lumber Company \$1,000,000; White River Lumber Company, Mason, \$200,000; Lake Superior Lumber Company, Nebogomoin, \$50,000; Jump River Lumber Company, Prentice, \$200,000; Wisconsin Central Railroad, \$30,000; Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis & Omaha, \$100,000; Jacob Linerkuhn, Chippewa Falls, \$10,000; Owen Lapfin; Chippewa Falls, \$5,000; town of Phillips, \$200,000.

The losses to the lumber companies are mainly standing pine, on which there was no insurance.

BAY CITY, MICH., Aug. 30.—Unless rain comes at once great suffering will be entailed on those who have homes in the path of the fire. Dr. McTavish drove out into the country and reported that eight families had to take what little household and personal goods they could find and move into the village of Kawawit. The prairies between Bay City and Saginaw have been burned over, and the fire is now confined to the black loam surface, which burns like punk, and the stifling smoke that is produced is blown over both Bay cities, which have been enveloped all day owing to a gale from the southwest.

A resident of the southeast part of Bay City was informed that some timber land belonging to him near Midland was being damaged by fire. He drove in that direction, but on account of fire and smoke could not get within two miles of his property. In Monitor and Beaver Townships farmers have been fighting fire steadily for forty-eight hours. Reports of the loss of life have been brought in, but are discredited.

ISHPEMING, MICH., Aug. 30.—Smoke settles at night in a dense pall over the cities and villages, being at times so dense that an arc light is invisible at 150 feet distant, and nothing can be seen across the street. The season has been unusually dry and fires have been burning most of the time since May. Considerable damage has been done in every county, but Ontonagon County has suffered the heaviest loss, and it is in this county that the heaviest reserves of pine are growing, as it was opened to settlers and lumbermen but a few years ago.

The Diamond Match Company has been the heaviest loser by fire. Of the 250,000,000 to 300,000,000 feet of standing pine burned in Ontonagon County, the Diamond Match Company has lost over 100,000,000. The lumbermen have already put crews in the woods cutting damaged pine. The Diamond Match Company will cut at least 100,000,000 feet and as much more as possible, as against 55,000,000 last season.

HARRISVILLE, MICH., Aug. 30.—Forest fires, which have burned with intermittent vigor, have thoroughly swept all of the locality between this city and West Branch, eighty-four miles distant, along the line of the Michigan Central Railway. Many families have lost everything, and are suffering from exposure and hunger. Crops, fences and entire sections and townships of valuable lumber have been swallowed up, and the only salvation for the little property remaining is rain.

GLADWIN, MICH., Aug. 30.—Stevens Station, a small mill hamlet between here and Pinconning, has been practically destroyed by fires which have been raging for the past ten days. A train which ran through the place was set on fire in several places and many windows broken.

SEATTLE, WASH., Aug. 30.—Forest fires are common enough in this country, but in five years there has been none to equal that which now prevails. Navigation on the sound has been rendered somewhat dangerous by reason of the smoke. Several towns on the sound have been threatened with total destruction, but so far the damage has been light.

The fire departments at Whatcom and Bellingham, as well as citizens, have been constantly fighting fire for the past forty-eight hours. In Whatcom several houses in the outskirts have been destroyed and many bridges burned on country roads. The damage to standing timber which has been destroyed by the flames cannot yet be estimated, but will prove heavy. The worst is believed to be over, as rain, of which there has been none for over two months, is threatened.

The coast of British Columbia and adjoining the Island of Vancouver has also suffered.

HELENA, MONT., Aug. 30.—The town of Elliston was practically wiped out by fire yesterday. Eight or ten houses were destroyed, including two hotels, a butcher shop and several saloons and stores. Many people are without shelter.

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The past week's labor is over and another record is made in the flight of time. This is a day of repose, one set apart to worship God and rest your weary mind. It should be the happiest day in the week. Everything pertains to happiness and rest to-day, the sun seems to shine so leisurely, and the rosy faces and sparkling eyes—soul windows of childhood—seem to have a greater radiance of gladness this morning. This is especially the day to make children happy, for it has been consecrated to Him who said: "Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not for of such is the Kingdom of Heaven."

Every man, be he rich or poor, should be a worshiper to-day for prince and pauper alike are heirs to the effulgent glory of the Sabbath morning and the cheerful twilight that encircles the evening departure of the day of rest. The busy merchant leaves his counter, his yard-stick and his worry behind him and consecrates the day to worship and making home happy. The laborer hangs his tin bucket on his arm, and homeward bound, walks with a lighter tread on Saturday eve, when he thinks of the morrow—the day of perfect peace.

Whether you dwell in a costly mansion or in a log cabin where clambering morning glories grow by the side of the door, you should rest and be happy to-day. Home is what you make it. It is not brick and mortar or plated glass, but true contentment that makes the happy home. This is the day to throw off life's cares and vexations and throw open your soul that the Prince of Peace may come in. Get better acquainted with your family and your God to-day, and don't forget to make home cheerful.

Don't pervert the Holy Sabbath with a dyspeptic frown. Even some professors of religion misinterpret the meaning of the day of rest. While it is a day to keep near the altar and put a healthy contribution in the basket, yet it is not required of a man to draw his face out as long as a cornet solo to prove his devotion to the Divine Creator. Go to church, and be sure and take a clear conscience with you. The wife should make her husband happy to-day. Don't chill his soul with a stare that would wilt the plumes on a hearse. He has battled all week with the rugged ridges of the world. His strong arm stands between you and the cold, calculating uncharitableness of a world whose pitfalls you have never known. Help hold up his hands by greeting him with a welcome smile.

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