

OWNERS IN TERROR; FOREST FIRES RAGE TOWARD THEIR HOMES

Pleasantville Terrace Householders Removing Goods, Fearing Flames Cannot be Quenched. Water Supply Fails.

Thousands of dollars' worth of beautiful timber is being destroyed by forest fires burning in Pennsylvania and New Jersey. The welcome rain, which it retarded the onset of the flames, was not sufficiently heavy to extinguish the fires, and dense volumes of white smoke in the beautiful Chester Valley in this State and in the southern and central sections of New Jersey indicate that the forests are still smoldering.

Historic Valley Forge, which was seriously threatened yesterday afternoon by the fire that burned Mount Joy and stretched its red fingers out toward the observatory on the summit, was saved from destruction by the prompt action of the park guards, who fought back the flames. Mount Misery, on the opposite side of Valley Forge Creek, has been denuded of underbrush and is still burning. Fires are burning in other sections of these foothills of the Welch Mountains.

Most human habitations in the path of the flames have been spared. From the destruction in this time by the fires that have devastated sections around them in both States. The estates of Philander C. Knox, William Supple, Dr. Walter C. Browning, Thomas Brown, Frank Shoenmaker and General E. F. Fisher have been damaged and barns have been leveled in this State. Houses in Pleasantville, Chatsworth and Woodmansie and on the outskirts of Glassboro, in New Jersey, have been scorched and blackened, but have escaped destruction.

The New Jersey fires, which have raged since Friday, are the most serious in extent. Residents of Pleasantville, near Pleasantville, are moving their household goods from their homes this morning in fear of the fires, which are eating their way toward their section. Firemen from Pleasantville have worked for two days in a futile effort to subdue the fires. The work is hampered by the shortage of water, the wells being pumped up only a short time. Residents in the area around Port Republic and Egg Harbor are terror-stricken. The fire has already traveled more than 20 miles.

Between Four Mile, Burlington County, and Rumlifer, Ocean County, a fire is raging along a front of 11 miles. Fire wardens are pressing every available man to service. Two homes have been reported destroyed in Woodmansie.

Houses in Woodmansie seemed to escape destruction by a miracle yesterday, when the fire swept through the village. A change in the direction of the wind helped the fire-fighters to control the blaze before serious damage had been done to homes. Sections between Glassboro and Clayton are still keeping the Glassboro firemen busy. The Whitney dairy farm had a narrow escape last night. The wind allowed in time to prevent its destruction.

A pillar of flame rose from a vacant lot at the corner of Broad street and Ocean avenue at 12:30 o'clock this afternoon. In the whirling waves of smoke that leisurely rolled about that part of South Philadelphia for hours thereafter, might have been seen, by one who underated the lost hopes of many thousands of gamblers, the hopes of winning back on the device of chance some of the money they had squandered on them.

When Walter Gilbert, chief clerk of the Bureau of Police, arrived on the scene, the police had broken up with axes \$15,000 worth of gambling paraphernalia, seized during the last year. It was a wood pile as big as a small two-story dwelling. The torch was set to it and the flames whirled up the sides, for the whole thing had been soaked with kerosene. Soon metal bars began to writhe in anguish, like desperate gamblers who had taken some fiery poison in despair. A broken section of a roulette table stood up with numerals written in flame for a ghastly second, then crumbled suddenly into meaningless embers as if by some internal, self-consuming sin.

The mahoganies, glossy as cherry-colored ivory, touched by the avenging and purifying waves of the swift, destroying element, then fell blackened. Faro layouts were up against a game in which all the chances were against them for once.

This was the most expensive pile of gambling material destroyed by the police in a number of years.

FIGHTING FOREST FIRES THAT THREATEN ALL VALLEY FORGE PARK



The upper picture shows employees of the park fighting the flames on the crest of Mt. Joy. The lower picture shows the blaze on Mt. Misery, where William Penn was once lost.

SUNDAY DISCOURAGED AT LACK OF CONVERTS AFTER STRONG SERMON

Evangelist Shows Keen Disappointment at Small Number of "Trail Hitters" Following Powerful Discourse in Paterson.

PATERSON, N. J., April 21.—The police today are investigating the burning of Turn Hall, temple of anarchy, which was destroyed by fire following the anarchist meeting there Monday night, at which Emma Goldman, Benjamin Reitman and Carol Tresca denounced "Billy" Sunday and Christianity.

The police are not so sure that the fire was not of incendiary origin, although it is generally believed that the fire was due to some one carelessly dropping a lighted cigarette.

It is possible, the anarchist leaders of L'Era Nuovo group here say, that Emma may come back for further meetings of the Lykens Valley coal region prior to the sale of the lands to the Philadelphia and Reading Coal and Iron Company.

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POLICE SCENT MURDER IN FATE OF A MAN FOUND IN SUBWAY

Body Discovered on Reading Railway Track at 19th Street, Near Hamilton—Bruise on Head Arouses Suspicion.

A man was found dead early today in the Philadelphia and Reading Subway at 19th street below Hamilton, and a mark on his head leads the detectives working on the case to believe that he may have been murdered.

Papers found in the clothing indicate that the dead man was Patrick Kennedy, of 406 King street, Wilmington, Del. The body was discovered at 4:30 o'clock by Yardmaster Horace R. Law, of 203 Beek street, Norristown.

A few weeks after the birth of Florence Chapman, her mother testified, she was compelled to leave her home on a business trip. Her husband, unable to care for the child, asked Mrs. Tolliver, also of Merchantville, to assume the responsibility.

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GEORGE VAUX, AGED QUAKER, DIES AT BRYN MAWR HOME

Cousin of Former Philadelphia Mayor, Leader Among Friends.

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FOSTER MOTHER KEEPS CHILD DESPITE REAL MOTHER'S PLEA

Friend Who "Mothered" Three-Year-Old Retains Custody, Court Rules.

The love of a mother for her beautiful 3-year-old baby went for nothing today, when the little girl's welfare was entrusted by a court decision to another appealing woman who had cared for the child almost since her birth.

AGED MAN KILLED BY AUTO Struck by Car Which Swerved to Avoid Bicycle.

EGG HARBOR, N. J., April 21.—Struck by the automobile of Louis Gibson, of Millville, late last night, Diedrich Schroeder, of this city, was killed.

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TAYLOR CONFIDENT PRO-TRANSIT MEASURE WILL BE ADOPTED

Director, After Visit to Harrisburg, Reports Removal of Obstacles to Consummation of Great Transportation Program.

Transit Director A. Merritt Taylor, who spent yesterday in Harrisburg looking over legislation affecting transit conditions here, said this morning that the legislative path is now cleared of all obstacles and that there will be no legislation passed antagonistic to the comprehensive transit program outlined by his department.

A number of bills directly and indirectly affecting transit have been introduced in the House recently. Director Taylor said he has received assurance from the legislative leaders that none of these which are designed to obstruct rapid transit for Philadelphia would be passed.

The Director was particularly sanguine of the success of the constitutional amendment reported from a committee by Senator Vane, increasing the borrowing capacity of Philadelphia from 5 to 10 per cent, the money to be used in transit development.

Let's enjoy the fruits of next September right now

With them are Norfolk Jacket Suits for Golfers—Coats made for real men, up to 46-inch chest, roomy, easy, and stylish with— all favoring April in the open! \$18 and \$20 for Coat and Trousers—no more, no less, but—"N. B. T."!

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GAMBLING TOOLS GIVEN TO FLAMES

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Today's Marriage Licenses

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