

FOREST FIRES SWEEP CANADIAN VILLAGES

Seething Flames Rendering Many
Hundreds Homeless.

LARGE TERRITORY DEVASTED

Appeal to Premier Laurier for Food
and Supplies for the Stricken
People.

Winnipeg, Man.—More than one
hundred persons have been burned to
death in forest fires which are devast-
ating the Crow's Nest Pass country
along the line of the Canadian Pacific
Railroad in British Columbia.

The town of Fernie was destroyed
Sunday and at least seventy persons
are reported dead there. Only 17
houses remain standing and 3,000 of
the town's inhabitants are homeless.
Michel, 4 miles from Fernie, is in
flames.

Hosmer, Elko, Sparwood, Olson and
Cokato are reported to be destroyed
by the fire.

The Canadian Pacific Railroad is
rushing relief trains with doctors,
nurses, food and clothing to the desti-
tute.

A bulletin from Michel says: "This
town is doomed unless the wind
changes. Canadian Pacific Railway
is making up special trains to carry
inhabitants to safety."

6,000 Are Homeless.

W. V. Tuttle, Mayor of Fernie, has
wired Mayor Ashdown of Winnipeg
for relief, saying there are 6,000 home-
less.

Cranbrook has been wired to for-
ward all available provisions and a
relief train is now traveling with aid.

Bush fires are raging from Cran-
brook to the Crow's Nest. The
wind is blowing a heavy gale and all
available men are fighting the fire
and west of Cranbrook it is under
control. Telegraphic communication
with Fernie, Hosmer and Michel is
cut.

Four men lost their lives trying to
save the huge Great Northern Bridge,
15 miles west of Michel, but it was
destroyed. Two men from Spar-
wood were taken to the Michel hos-
pital. It is feared Michel also is
doomed, as the fire is sweeping east-
ward down the Crow's Nest, and un-
less the wind shifts the whole Crow's
Nest country will be laid waste.

FOUR NEGROES HANGED

Mob Wreaks Vengeance on Sympathiz-
ers With Murderer.

Russellville, Ky.—Four negroes,
Virgil, Tom and Robert Jones and Joe
Riley were taken from jail here and
hanged to a tree on the edge of town.
No shots were fired by the mob,
which was composed of about 50 men,
and the people of the town knew nothing
of the affair until daylight revealed
the four bodies dangling from a tree
just outside Russellville on the
Nashville pike. The following note
was found pinned on one of the
bodies:

"Let this be a warning to you niggers
to let white people alone, or you
will go the same way."
The negroes were members of a
lodge and at a meeting recently it
is said they approved of the murder
of James Cunningham, a white farmer,
by his negro tenant, Rufus Browder.
This murder occurred in the south-
ern part of Logan county and it is
supposed here that the mob was made
up of men from that part of the coun-
ty.

BIG SUIT AGAINST WABASH

Federal Judge Orders Re-Opening of
Oyd Claim.

Cleveland.—Federal Judge Taylor
ordered that suit be placed on file that
may cost the Wabash Railroad \$456,-
000. Adelbert college and 39 other
holders of old Toledo & Wabash rail-
way bonds brought the action. The
suit is an interpleader in the case of
James Compton, probably the oldest
case in the history of federal and state
courts.

Compton fought the Wabash
through state courts and won in the
supreme court of Ohio. He then
fought through United States courts
and won in the highest tribunal. He
got a verdict for \$800,000 due on the
same issue of bonds and interest from
November, 1892. The railroad re-
sisted Compton over 20 years, ques-
tioning that the securities constituted
a lien because of the way they came
into Compton's possession.

OBALDIA IS ELECTED

Panama Electors Register Unanimous
Choice of Voters.

Panama.—The electoral campaign
ended August 2 when the electoral
boards met in the capitals of the seven
provinces to elect a President to
serve from October of this year until
1912. The election of Senator Don
Jose Domingo de Obaldia was unani-
mous.

The assessed value of the land in
the boroughs within New York has
a little more than doubled during the
ten years of consolidation.

Sultan Goes Out Alone.

Constantinople.—Sultan Abdul Ham-
id created the greatest surprise of the
long series of startling innovations that
he has inaugurated since the
granting of the constitution by walk-
ing unattended from his palace, the
Yildiz Kiosk and mingling for an hour
with the jostling crowds on the
streets.

William Oliver a balloonist, was
killed at Vandercook, Mich., by failure
of the parachute to work. He drop-
ped 3,000 feet.

MOB HANGS NEGRO

Jailer Overpowered After Beating
Back the Lynchers, Who Rally
and Successfully Storm
Prison.

Pensacola, Fla.—Two men killed
and nine wounded, some of them fa-
tally, is the record of a clash between
a mob bent upon lynching Leander
Shaw, a negro, and the sheriff, and
his forces in which the mob finally
overpowered the authorities. The
lynching was carried out in the most
prominent part of this city.
The dead—Henry C. Kellum, street
car motorman; "Bud" Nichols, a plant-
er; Leander Shaw.

About 20 others were wounded.
Shaw attacked Mrs. Lillian Davis,
a highly respected woman, near his
city during the absence of her hus-
band and after cutting her throat al-
most from ear to ear, clubbed her
over the head with a revolver which
he had taken from the house.

When it became known the negro
had been arrested crowds began form-
ing upon the streets and early in the
night they were reinforced by large
numbers of men from the country.
The mob formed about 9 o'clock at
night and made an attack on the county
jail where the negro was confined. The
jail gate was broken down by the mob
and the sheriff and his deputies open-
ed fire. Three men dropped with the
first volley from the sheriff's force,
who were using Winchester rifles and
shotguns. Volley after volley was
then fired by the mob and the sheriff's
force, but the mob was repulsed.

About midnight another attack was
made, the mob having been increased
to 1,000 determined men. The sec-
ond attempt was successful for the
reason that it was made upon all
sides of the jail. One party forced
its way through the rear, overpow-
ered the officers and secured the trem-
bling negro.

A noise was slipped about his neck
and after being dragged for two
blocks he was strung up to an electric
light pole in the center of the park,
where fully 2,000 bullets completely
riddled his body.

WILL TRY STANDARD AGAIN

Attorney General and His Staff De-
termined to Rush Prosecution.

Lenox, Mass.—After an all-day con-
ference of the leading Government
prosecuting officers and Frank B.
Kellogg of Minnesota, one of the spe-
cial counsel for the government in cer-
tain civil suits, it was announced by
Attorney General Bonaparte that
every effort would be made to secure
a revision of the recent decision and
opinion of the United States circuit
court of appeals in the case of the
Standard Oil Company of Indiana, and
that an application for a reargument
of the case and a motion for a mod-
ification of the opinion would be sub-
mitted to that court.

Although no time is fixed, this ac-
tion by the government will be taken
at the earliest possible moment, while
the pending prosecution against the
Standard Oil Company and all other
prosecutions in which the giving or
receiving of rebates is charged will
be pressed to trial. The decision to
take this action was unanimous on
the part of the five men who partici-
pated in the conference, following
which the statement was given out:
"The government will make every
effort in its power to secure a re-
vision of the recent decision and op-
inion of the circuit court of appeals for
the seventh circuit in the case of the
Standard Oil Company of Indiana,
either by the court of appeals itself,
or, if necessary, by the supreme court
of the United States.

IMPORTANT RAILROAD MOVE

Financial Difficulty of Wabash Gives
B. & O. and Erie Systems Advan-
tage in Pittsburg.

The action of Harriman and his
friends in going to the assistance of
the Gould interests when they faced
an insurmountable difficulty in the
\$8,000,000 Wheeling and Lake Erie
notes, which became due August 1 and
which, according to an official state-
ment of George Gould will be paid, 3-4
among the most important railroad
moves of the decade. It means that
the Erie Railroad will enter Pittsburg
by way of the Wheeling & Lake Erie
and the Wabash-Pittsburg Terminal,
and that the Baltimore & Ohio need
not spend something like \$4,000,000 in
the erection of a much-needed termi-
nal building at Smithfield street and
the Monongahela river. An extension
of the Baltimore & Ohio for a dis-
tance of two squares will permit that
line to use the fine station of the
Wabash in Pittsburg.

MILLIONAIRE IN TROUBLE

Indicted for Manslaughter After His
Auto Kills a Man.

Dayton, O.—A warrant charging
manslaughter was issued for the ar-
rest of Colonel Herbert G. Catrow.
Colonel Catrow recently struck Eugene
Sullivan, an aged laborer, while
running his automobile at a high rate
of speed, as charged by the coroner's
verdict. He is a millionaire resident
of Mansfield and was Republican
candidate for Congress until about a
week after the accident, when he
withdrew from the race on account of
the notoriety in which the incident
involved him.

Pope Company Again on Its Feet.

Hartford, Conn.—A reorganization
of the Pope Manufacturing Company
has been effected. The new capital-
ization will be \$2,500,000 of preferred
stock and \$4,000,000 of common stock.
The company went into the receivers'
hands August 13, 1907.

Sayyid Muhammed, the Nationalist
leader and foremost orator of the Per-
sian Parliament, has been assassinat-
ed at Hamadan.

WEST VIRGINIA STATE DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION

Louis Bennett Heads the Ticket—
Strong Plank on Negro Suffrage.

GOVERNMENT BY WHITE MAN.

Extension of Franchise to Inferior
Race Was a Mistake Committed
by Republican Party.

Charleston, W. Va.—The Demo-
cratic state convention nominated the
following ticket:

For Governor—Louis Bennett of
Weston.

For Secretary of State—Adam Lit-
tlepage of Charleston.

For State Auditor—Oscar Jenkins
of Wood county.

For Superintendent of Free Schools
—Ira B. Bush of Summers county.

For State Treasurer—J. A. Miller
of Ohio county.

West Virginia Democracy declares
emphatically for a white man's gov-
ernment and the separate coach for
negroes. The action was taken after
an hour's debate on resolutions which
had been recommitted to the commit-
tee on resolutions and were presented
again to the convention as the unani-
mous action of a committee, which
included Henry G. Davis of Elkins,
and John W. Davis of Clarksburg.
When the State convention assem-
bled, lilacs, white ribbons and badges
bearing the words "Lily White" were
everywhere seen and the vote, which
stood 72 to 41, was no surprise. The
resolutions are as follows:

"Believing that the extension of
the elective franchise to a race infer-
ior in intelligence and without pre-
paration for the wise and prudent ex-
ercise of a privilege so vital as to
maintenance of good government was
a mistake, if not a crime, committed
by the Republican party, during the
reign of passion and prejudice follow-
ing the Civil War for political ends
and purposes, we declare that the
Democratic party is in favor of so
amending the constitution as to pre-
serve the purity of the ballot and the
electorate of the State from evils re-
sulting from conferring such power
and privilege upon those who are un-
fitted to appreciate its importance, as
it affects the stability and preserva-
tion of good government. We favor
the enactment of a law requiring car-
riers engaged in passenger traffic to
furnish separate coaches or compart-
ments for white and colored passen-
gers."

John T. McGraw of Grafton as
State chairman, called the convention
to order and introduced W. E. Chil-
ton as temporary chairman.

McGraw announced that in the en-
tire district of 112 delegates there
was not a contest. Speechmaking and
the appointment of committees occu-
pied the afternoon session and ad-
journment was taken till 8 p. m. The
new state executive committee, one
member from each senatorial district,
follows:

First—W. W. Beall, Wellsburg; Sec-
ond, J. J. Slipper, New Martinsville;
Third, Joseph M. Murphy, Parkers-
burg; Fourth, J. H. Depue, Spencer;
Fifth, George S. Wallace, Huntington;
Sixth, W. H. Stokes, Williamson; Sev-
enth, W. H. Sawyers, Hinton; Eighth,
to be chosen later; Ninth, C. W. Os-
centon, Fayetteville; Tenth, S. A.
Hays, Glenville; Eleventh, C. L.
Shaver, Kingwood; Twelfth, J. Car-
vance, Clarksburg; Thirteenth, M. M.
Smith, Philippi; Fourteenth, T. B.
Davis, Keyser; Fifteenth, John J.
Cornwell, Romney.

The convention adjourned after two
days and two nights of almost contin-
uous work.

The nominations were completed
by the selection of A. J. Miller of
Wheeling for Treasurer on the fifth
ballot and E. H. Morton of Webster
Springs for Attorney General on the
fourth ballot.

H. L. Swisher of Morgantown and
Bruce McDonald of Logan, W. Va.,
were nominated for Presidential elec-
tors-at-large.

State headquarters will be estab-
lished at Parkersburg and the new State
committee will be called to meet
there for organization some time next
week.

Just before adjournment a resolu-
tion was adopted providing that in
future the member of the National Com-
mittee be chosen by the convention
which elects delegates at large and
not by the delegates as in the past.
National Committeeman John T. Mc-
Graw seconded the resolution, which
was adopted unanimously.

MANY PERISH IN FLOOD

Landslide Adds to the Disaster in the
Austrian Tyrol.

Vienna.—A series of terrific thun-
der and rain storms has caused heavy
loss of life in the Austrian Tyrol.

Corpses are floating down the swell-
ing streams and houses and live stock
have been washed away. The death
roll in Bukovina is said to be 50,
while in the Ziller Valley upward of
20 persons have lost their lives. The
village of Mehrn, near Brixlegg, has
been overwhelmed by a landslide and
16 persons are reported to have been
killed.

FORTY VESSELS WRECKED

Four Hundred Fishermen Suffer With-
out Food and Shelter.

St. Johns, N. F.—Reports received
from Labrador indicate that at least
forty fishing vessels were wrecked by
the northeast wind which swept that
coast last week. All but three men
of the crews reached shore, but fully
four hundred of these were without
food or shelter for several days and
their sufferings were intense.

Taft Formally Notified

Great Crowd Attends Ceremonies
in Cincinnati.

CONTINUE ROOSEVELT POLICIES

Mr. Taft Says the Next Adminis-
tration Should Carry Out the
Work Now in Hand.

Cincinnati.—Standing on a flag-
draped platform in front of the old
Colonial portico of his brother's
home, Judge William H. Taft accept-
ed the nomination of the Republican
party to be its candidate for the presi-
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The chief function of the next ad-
ministration is to complete and per-
fect the machinery by which the
standards set by Theodore Roosevelt
may be maintained.

The progressive standard should
be maintained without interfering
with business interests.

Railroad should be restricted to
fair profits by a just physical valua-
tion of properties.

Unlawful trusts should be restric-
ted with all the efficiency of injunc-
tion process, not destroyed to leave
myriads of workmen without em-
ployment.

Tariff revision is necessary in
some cases to assure a reasonable
profit to home industries and to limit
excessive profit.

Mechanics have a perfect right to
organize, but they have no right to
threaten or damage the property of
employers.

Notice, as a general rule, should be
given before issuing an injunction—
suggests returning to old statute
making such notice mandatory.

A more elastic currency is abso-
lutely necessary; argues for postal
savings banks system.

Excesses Democratic canards re-
garding excessive government expen-
ditures, and shows that facts have
been misconstrued apparently pur-
posely.

Future safety of the country de-
pends upon building the army and
navy to the highest efficiency.

National law should provide for
the widest publicity of names of contrib-
utors to campaign funds.

Senators should be elected by di-
rect vote, but he does not consider
the question a party issue.

Republican success means prosper-
ity, Democratic victory is business
disaster.

FEAR CHOLERA OUTBREAK

Russia Makes Strenuous Efforts to
Confine Dread Disease.

St. Petersburg.—The government is
preparing for an outbreak of Asiatic
cholera all along the River Volga
from Nijni Novgorod to its mouth and
at the Caspian ports. The entire Vol-
ga region and both coasts of the Cas-
pian, together with the territory of
the Don Cossacks, already have been
officially declared in the cholera zone,
but the sanitary authorities hope to
confine the disease within these lim-
its and prevent it from reaching Mos-
cow and St. Petersburg this year.

Nijni Novgorod is considered the
danger point, as the annual fair, the
rendezvous of the merchants of all
Russia and Siberia, has just been
opened. If the cholera appears there,
which is considered almost certain, it
will be extremely difficult to prevent
its general dissemination.

Considerable outbreaks of cholera
are reported from Astrakhan, Tarsit-
syn and Kamyshin and isolated cases
have occurred at villages some dis-
tance from the river, which convinces
experts that the outbreak is not due
to direct infection but from contami-
nation of the water, the cholera bacilli
having found many tributaries by
which to spread last autumn.

Rates to G. A. R. Reunion.
Toledo, O.—A rate of one fare plus
a half fare for the round trip will be
the general rate made by the railroads
from practically all parts of the coun-
try to the next annual encampment
of the Grand Army of the Republic,
to be held here the week beginning
August 31. Extension to September
15 for the return will be made upon
payment of one dollar.

Workmen Pour Volleys of Stones and Pistol Shots on Troops.

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CHARGED BY THE SOLDIERS

Several Rioters Killed and Many
Wounded While Manifestants
Fight Tooth and Nail.

Vigneux, France.—A political strike,
called to last 24 hours, declared by
the General Federation of Workmen,
caused bloody rioting in this town,
where most of the trouble centered.
The strike was ordered as a protest
against the killing of workmen by
troops in this town.

By 8:30 in the evening comparative
calm had been restored, owing to en-
ergetic action of the authorities. The
manifestants were driven from posi-
tion after position and finally took a
train for Paris, carrying their wound-
ed with them.

Eyewitnesses describe the fighting
at the barricade as the most serious
incident of the day. The strikers,
they say, fought tooth and nail for
half an hour, showering missiles of all
kinds upon the troops.

The situation became so desperate
that the soldiers were ordered to fire
several volleys, first in the air and
then at the mob. Two men were
killed and a large number wounded,
15 of them seriously, by the fire.

The troops finally made a deter-
mined charge and dislodged the work-
men, who fled without attempting to
form again.

The military suffered severely from
stones thrown by the strikers, and
General Vervaire and a colonel of the
dragons were struck by revolver bul-
lets, but not hurt.

Strikers on housetops threw a show-
er of stones at the soldiers as the
barricades were charged and captured.
One defender of the barricades was
shot and killed.

PEACE CONFERENCE

Advocates Urge British Government to
Summon the Powers.

London.—A resolution calling for
the general arrest of armaments was
adopted by the Universal Peace Con-
ference after the acceptance of an
amendment by Stanley R. Yarness of
Philadelphia, urging the British gov-
ernment to call a conference for this
purpose at the earliest possible mo-
ment. Another resolution, congratu-
lating the people of Turkey on the
recent granting of a constitution, also
was adopted. This measure was in-
troduced by Ahmed Riza, leader in
Paris of the Young Turkey party.

The conference received a deputa-
tion, who submitted a resolution pass-
ed by the Lambeth Conference as fol-
lows:

"That the Lambeth Conference,
while frankly acknowledging the moral
gains sometimes won by war, re-
joices in the growth of the higher
ethical perceptions evidenced by the
increasing willingness to settle dif-
ferences among nations by peaceful
methods." The resolution urges up-
on all Christian peoples the duty of
alleviating race prejudices, of reduc-
ing by peaceful arrangements the con-
flict of trade interests and the promot-
ing among all races of brotherly love
for the good of all mankind.

TYPHOON WRECKS SHIPS

Storm in Hongkong Beaches Many
Boats and Three Hundred
Chinese Die.

Hongkong.—As the result of a ty-
phoon which lasted two hours the
steamers Schuykill, Persia, Pohwan-
tan, Leisang, Charles Hardouin and
the British torpedo boat Whiting are
ashore. An unknown steamer and
several lighters foundered. Fifteen
houses in the town collapsed.

The public gardens, the chief at-
traction of the city, were wrecked.
The British steamer Barra and the
German steamer Vandalia, both from
New York, were in collision with
other ships in the harbor during the
typhoon, and each sustained consid-
erable damage.

The Chinese steamer Ying King,
engaged in the local passenger trade,
foundered during the typhoon. Three
hundred Chinese are known to have
been drowned. Only twelve of those
on board were rescued.

FIREBUG GETS THREE YEARS

George R. Gamble, Who Burnt Own
Grist Mill, Sent to Prison.

Bellefontaine, O.—George R. Gam-
ble was sentenced to the penitentiary
for three years for arson, having been
convicted of setting fire to his grist
mill in Zanesfield this county, 18
months ago, for the insurance. Prior
to coming to Bellefontaine, he suffered
losses at Boulder, Evans and Denver
Colo., Urbana, Tuscola and Champlain,
Ill., and other points, a total of 15 fires
having been charged against him. In
each case he collected the insurance
and was not suspected until after the
Zanesfield fire. When arrested for
this last fire he jumped his bond and
left the country, but was finally lo-
cated and arrested at Los Angeles,
Cal.

Landslide Wipes Out Village.

Immsbruck, Austria.—The village of
Mehrn-les-bains has been destroyed
by a landslide. Sixteen persons are
reported to have been killed. Mehrn
is in the Austrian Tyrol, one-half mile
on the Alpach from Brixlegg, which
is a favorite summer resort. Many
persons go to Mehrn for the baths.

An Imperial Trade Made Public Con- vokes the First Turkish Parliament Under the New Constitution for Novem- ber 1.

The government of India has ap-
propriated over \$1,000,000 for use in
loans to farmers to enable them to
sink wells and improve embankments
for irrigation purposes.

INDEPENDENCE PARTY MEETS

SAYS NEW PARTY IS NEEDED

Mr. Hearst Finds Serious Faults in
Both Republican and Demo-
cratic Parties.

At the second session the Indepen-
dence party convention nominated
Thomas S. Hisgen of Massachusetts,
for President on the third ballot,
John Temple Graves of Georgia,
was nominated for Vice President.

When nominations were in order
J. I. Shepherd of Kansas, proposed
the name of William J. Bryan. A
scene of riot immediately followed,
several delegates trying to reach the
rostrum to offer physical violence to
the speaker. A number of sergeants-
at-arms threw themselves across the
aisle in front of the rostrum steps
and held back the infuriated men by
sheer physical strength.
Shepherd was finally told to leave
the hall, which he did.

The Hearst Platform.
Following is a digest of the de-
mands made by the platform:

Direct nominations by the people,
the initiative and referendum and the
right of recall of elected officers;
legislation against corrupt practices
at elections and the prohibition of
the use of money at elections except
for meetings, literature and neces-
sary traveling expenses of candidates
are demanded.

Extravagance of Federal adminis-
tration is denounced and economy
urged.

Overcapitalization of industrial en-
terprises is denounced.

It is declared that no injunctions
should issue until after a trial on the
merits, and that such trial should be
had before a jury, and that no person
should be deprived of liberty in con-
tempt proceedings without a trial by
jury.

The currency plank reads:
The independence party declares
that the right to issue money is inher-
ent in the government, and it favors
the establishment of a central gov-
ernmental bank, through which the
money so issued shall be put into gen-
eral circulation.

A demand is made for a gradual
reduction of tariff duties, with just
consideration for the rights of the
public and established industry.

The creation of an inter-State com-
merce court is asked, and a bill em-
powering shippers to compel railroads
to provide ample transportation facil-
ities is advocated.

All combinations for the restraint
of trade and establishment of mono-
poly are denounced.

Government ownership of all public
utilities, including railroads and tele-
graphs, is urged.

THREE DROWNED

Gasoline Launch Capsizes in Mononga-
hela River at Pittsburg.

Pittsburg.—Three men were drown-
ed and thirteen others were saved
from a similar fate when the gaso-
line launch "Merry Widow" capsized
in the wake of a passing steamer in
the Monongahela river off South
Twenty-fifth street.

The drowned—Henry Schafer, 23
years old, of 2414 Sidney street;
Thomas Rhydderch, 50 years old, mas-
ter mechanic of the Keystone mills