HUNDREDS ARE DEAD

Loss of Life by Forest Fires in the West Appalling.

First Reports Not Exaggerated-The Number of Victims Will Probably Exceed Four Hundred, and One Estimate Says That Between 800 ley Wiped from the Face of the Earth-Two Hundred Dead There Alone-Several Michigan Towns in Danger - Reports from Rutledge Say Rain Is Falling and That the Worst Is Believed To Be Over-

Pennsylvania.

Minneapolis, Sept. 4.—At the present writing it is impossible to make any accurate estimate of the loss of life from the forest fires that have been raging in Michigan, Minnesota and Wisconsin for the past few days.

The latest news from Duluth, Minn., states that probably between 800 and 1,500 lives have been lost. This is probably exaggerated, as estimates carefully prepared from reports from the different villages destroyed indicate that the number will exceed 400, but may not reach 500. From the reports already received several towns have been wiped completely out of existence, and others known to be in danger have yet to be heard from. In the town of Hinckley, Minn., it is known that at least 200 persons persisted in the flames and the list received and the received in the control of t

known that at least 200 persons per-ished in the flames, and the list may

be swelled a score larger.

It will be at least a week before the full and definite information of the damage and loss of life from the flames will be fully known.

The loss to property is something enormous, and it is impossible to make anything like a conservative estimate at the present time.

DESTRUCTION OF HINCKLEY.

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Hinckley, Minn., Sept. 4.—A United Press reporter boarded the first train out of Pine City for Hinckley after the great fire. It was a work train, but carried many members of the different committees appointed at Pine City. As the train neared Mission Creek the first evidences of the great fire became apparent. The whole country was singed. The telegraph whres were down and the scene was one of desolution. At Mission Creek a small shanty was the nonly bouse left standing. The depot buildings and the mill were a mass of smoking ruins. The train proceeded slowly three miles further to Hinckley. The round house and coal sheds of the Eastern Minnesota road only renained. West on this was a long line of smoking ruins of freight cars. At Hinckley the gaunt skeleton of the public shool alone remained standing in the center of the village itself. Alongside the railroad track were two score of boxes filled with the disfigured remains of victims of the fire.

"If you want to see a piliful sight,"

"If you want to see a pitiful sight," a resident of the village said, "go out to the cemetery,"

The reporter picked his way through the deserted avenues of the village encountering the charred remains of horses, cows, cats, chickens and doga, he overtook Hans Paulson, an employe in the Brennan nill. "I am gongout to the cemetery to see if I can find my wife and four children," he said, "I lost them all."

The rain was pouring down in sheets, At the cemetery, a mile and a half from town, a half dozen men were digging a trench. A eap of bodies lay on a knoll in the middle of the cemetry. The were hardy-six maked bodies, men, women and children, scorched, blackened, distorted, bowels and brains protructed, distorted, bowels and brains protructed, distorted, bowels and brains protructed, in the final agonles, hair singed from their final agonles, hair singed from the hands. Old, young, middle-aged, male and female, all in a promiseuous heap. In another corner or the cemetery were worked among the horrid pile of bodies, the protreman of the female and formed the remains of a little female child, only slight shreds of white clothing remaining on her body. He scanned the face, camined the forton. Almong the ruins of Hinckley a beautter of thinkers in the driving storm, a silhoutette of human agony outlined against the horizon.

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ette of numan agon, the horizon. Among the ruins of Hinckley a beau-tiful girl was making a vain search for her trunk. She was dressed in a light colored calico dress which some good Samaritan in Pine City had given

good Samurium and the con-her.
Her experience was a dramatic one.
"My name is Mollie McNeill," she said, "and I lived with my mother and sister in Hinckley the past sixteen years. I noticed the fire coming at half past three Saturday afternoon and rushed out of the house and started up the rallroad track; on both sides and mattered the fire coming at rushed out of the house and started up the rullroad track; on both sides and smoke. How I ever got through I do not know for people were falling on every side of me. Twice my dress caught fire. A mile north of Hinckey I saw an engine. The engineer helper me on and a news agent carried back to the baggage car. All the cars got on fire and I saw men crazy with fear jump right through the windows into the flames. The train backed up to Skunk creek where I remained in the swamp all night. I put my face in the mud to cool it and some one plastered mud all over my hair or course I thought my mother and sister were lost and you may imagine my joy when I found them safe and sound in Pine City."

The neighborhood is full of people who escaped looking for missing relatives or friends.

Reports continue to come in from the vicinity of Skunk creek of additional and the north of the Kane oil field on Martin run a week ago has broken out anew and now covers a large area of territory, extending from Martin run to Kane run.

Arkansas Election.

Little Rock, Sept. 4.—Chairman Carrioll Armstrong, of the democratic state central committee, made the following stimute this morning of the results of yesterday's election. Total vote can't perfect the state, 129,000; democratic vote, 76,000; combined opposition, 45,000; democratic wards the following stimute this morning of the results of yesterday's election. Total vote can't in the state, 129,000; democratic vote, 76,000; combined opposition, 45,000; democrate vote, 76,000; combined oppo

coveries of burned victims. Most of the homeless people of Skunk creek proper have been taken to Duluth. Fifty-eight dead were found lying in the streets and in the immediate vicin-Fifty-eight dead were found lying in the streets and in the immediate vicinity of this village. The total in the vicinity will reach fully 400 dead when all the returns are in. Identification is an exceedingly difficult matter and most of the so-called identifications of a body are mere guesses.

BETWEEN 800 AND 1,500 DEAD.

Latest Estimates from Reports at Duluth—Heavy Rain Now Falling.

Duluth, Minn., Sept. 4—At 7:30 a. m.

left of the town. Some of the people were taken to Cumberland, some to Spooner. Two hundred and sixty people in Shell Lake are homeless, and the dwellings burned number 52. It is estimated that 700 people of Baronette are homeless. On the line between Spooner and Bayfleid the Omalar ond suffered most severely. Four or five bridges were burned and all wires are down. There is no chance of sending any trains over it for several days People at Grand Rapids, on the Mississippi end of the Duluth & Winnipeg road, were ready to move out last night, but the fires were checked. During the night there was a bad fire at Comstock, a small settlement 20 miles south of Spooner.

At a late hour it was estimated that between 800 and 1,500 people had been burned to death or suffocated and the wide discrepancy in these figures is but proof of the utter impossibility of getting reliable information.

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The Gravity of the Situation from Forest Fires Hourly Increasing. Ishpening, Mich., Sept. 4.—The gravity of the situation from the forest fires continues to increase every hour. The long-continued drouth displays no signs of abatement while every morass adjacent to the city is aglow with fame. A dense cloud of smoke envelopes the country for many miles obstructing, business and offering constructing, business and offering constructing, business and offering constructing business and offering constructing in showers. The volunteer fire brigade is divided into convenient squads which are doing effective work. The district lying between the Bradford farm and the Dead river to the north is a vast underbrush and is now a lake of fire. The same is true of the course of the Caro river. Consternation prevails at the Salisbury location to the south. The force on special duty there is offering a stubborn resistance and may yet save part of the suburly from total destruction. Sagota and Floodwood on the Milwaukee & Northern are being hourly threatneed, also Ewen and neighboring towns on the Duluth extension of the Duluth. South Shore & Atlantic railway. Much credit is due to the ruilroad for its service to the suffering. Box cars are furnished and into them the household goods of the homeless are being taken. No one is yet reported missing from Ishpening, but the rapid approach of the destructive element and the inflammable condition of vegetation covering the Inmediate surroundings together with a vitlated atmosphere and a temperature registering at blood heat causes the most

FIRES IN NEW YORK STATE Unless Rain Falls Soon Damage in the Adirondacks Will Be Great.

the Adrondacks Will Be Great. Dolgeville, N. Y., Sept. 4.—The sun has not been seen here for nearly a week so dense is the smoke over head from forest fires, both north and south. There is so much smoke, however, that many people believe a large proportion of it comes from the great fires in the west. The United Press correspondent drove twenty miles north of tion of it comes from the great fires in the west. The United Press correspondent drove twenty miles north of here to investigate and found not less than a dozen fires burning in the woods. Most of them were north of the Canadian lakes in the neighborhood of Caroga. But they have not yet reached the valuable spruce timber tracts lying south of Caroga. The fires are being fought stubbornly by the farmers and it is believed their spread into the spruce belt can be prevented. Two fires are burning in Oak mountain, near Devereux, with a prospect of taking off most of the timber. There is no telegraphic communication north of here and no details as to the damage can be obtained. Reports have been received, however, of extremely disastrous fres in Lewis and Ulster counties. There has been no rain in this section, with the exception of one light shower, for many weeks and the soil is exceedingly dry. Unless rain falls soon the damage in the Adirondacks will be enormous.

OUT OF THE ORDINARY.

archy, the majority of which are issued in Spain.

Is a Copenhagen paper two volcanoes in Iceland are advertised for sale, the price asked being seven hundred and fifty dollars each.

WILLIAM DUNLOP, a young man not twenty-five years old, who died a few days ago at Tippecanoe, O., weighed over five hundred pounds.

ALASKA'S barbarian clans have different names at different periods of life. The final name is taken from an ancestor on the mother's side.

THE sewage of Los Angeles, Cal., is conveyed sixteen miles out into the Pacific ocean and there finds an exit thirty feet below the surface of the water.

Taken are four unique mountains in lower California—two of alum, one of alum and sulphur and one of pure sulphur. It is estimated that in the four peaks there are one hundred million tons of pure alum and one million tens of sulphur.

WELL UP IN YEARS.

John F. Andrews, of Rome, N. Y., now in his nincty-first year, claims to be the oldest living ex-congressman.

MBS. HANNAH CHARD, of Glassboro,

N. J., celebrated her one hundred and fifth birthday a short time ago. She is active and has one hundred and eighty grandchildren.

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DR. DE Bossy, the leading physician at liavre, recently celebrated the one hundred and first anniversary of his birthday. He is still able to attend without assistance to his large practice.

JOHN B. ADAMS, who died in Springfield, Mass., the other day, was conductor of the train enrying Kossath in 1831, and in 1890 had charge of the special train with the prince of Wales aboard.

WILLIAM WEY AV. 18.

aboard.
WILLIAM WELSH, the last but one of
those who defended Baltimore against
the British invasion in 1814, is dead.
He was fourteen years old at the time,
and was pressed into the service to
mold bullets.

THE WEATHER.

On January 13, 1810, quicksilver froze hard at Moscow.

STORM warnings were first given early in the last century.

to be formed of snowflakes.

The earliest snow ever known in England was on October 7, 1829.

This average annual rainfall over the whole earth is thirty-six inches.

This principles of rainfall were first correctly set forth by Dalton in 1787.

In 1773 hallstones said to weigh twenty ounces fell at Murcia, in Spain.

This annual rainfall at Sierra Leone is one hundred and twenty-five inches.

Mone than one thousand forms of snow crystals have been observed and copied.

MULTUM IN PARVO.

LET the end try the man.-Shakes

I HAVE fireproof perennial enjoyments, called employments.—Richter.

I KNOW of nothing sublime which is not some modification of power.—

Burke.

The little Shakespeare in the malden's heart makes Romeo of a plowboy on his cart—Emerson.

STUDYING NATURE.

An elephant is fifty or sixty years in ttaining maturity, and will live a cen-

attaining maturity, and will live a century and a half.

The gamet, or solan goose, is provided with an air cushion under the skin. His body contains about one hundred and sixty cubic inches of air.

Egos of the Algerian locust have been found to yield a thick oil resembling honey in appearance. It burns well, and mixed with alkali makes, a reed soon.

A CAT's head has a regular partition wall projecting from its sides inward a considerable distance, an excellent pro-vision against concussion of the brain.

"FOOL LONNIE."

"Weil," assented the panic-stricken girl, all her resources failing her, "just let me get my things."

toom, and swiftly bolted the door behind her. The idiot followed at her heels, and stool as if petrified when he heard the sound of the sliding



He caught her up in his strong arms, as though she had been a spray of blos-soms and ran with her out into the

soms and ran with her out into the storm.

By a moment more they were in the midst of the woods, and she knew that there was no longer any hope that her parents might see and rescue her.

"I wish that you would let me walk, Lonnie," she begged, faintly.

"No,—I like to carry you. You ain't beavy, Mary, and I am the strongest man you ever saw!"

He struggled on with her through the storm, while she closed her eyes and resigned herself to the situation. She was beginning now to reason. She did not believe that the idiot, mad as he was, would harm her, and she felt sure that, when they once reached the parsonage, their excellent pastor would in some way divert Lonnie from his purposs. He was reashing on with incredible strength and speed, breathless and silent amid the turnoil of the ele-

credible strength and speed, becames and silent amid the turmoil of the elements.

Suddenly a wilder gust than ever struck them, and the idiot recled and almost fell with his burden. He was obliged to put her down for a moment in order to recover himself. A bright thought occurred to her. She was very swift-footed. Perhaps she could distance him "Come, Lonniel" she crisd, playfully, "catch me!"

Like a sprite she darted ahead of him, before he could even make a motion to detain her. She knew every inch of the wood-path. In utter darkness she could still have found her way there unerringly. Now, incessant flashes of lightning made every rock and bush plain. Mortally fearing that she would escape him after all, the idiot sprang in pursuit of her. "Stop, Mary!" he bellowed, "Stop, stop!"

Winged to almost supernatural fleet.

when Baby was sick, we gave her Castoria. When Baby was sick, we gave her Castoria. When Baby was sick, we gave her Castoria. When Baby was a Child, she cried for Castoria. When she became Miss, she clung to Castoria. When she became Miss, she clung to Castoria when she came, the idiot appeared, far in advance of her. The thunder which instantly followed was deffening. It rattled horribly, long after the first wild crash was over. The girl instinctively put her hands to have a considered and the standard of the first wild crash was over. The girl instinctively put her hands to have a considered and the standard of the first wild crash was over. The girl instinctively put her hands to have a considered and the standard of the first wild crash was over. The girl instinctively put her hands to have a considered and the standard of the first wild crash and uttered a shriek of alarm, but her weak voice was drowned in the detonation of the thunder. Another appalling flash of lightning change almost immediately. In her panic she forgot to be cautions. She stood upright and gazed down the long vista of the forest path. At first she saw nothing, but when the light came again she could discorn the figure of Lonnie lying prone upon the ground, only a little in advance of the specific proposition of the forest path. At first she saw nothing, but when the light came again she could discorn the girn of Lonnie lying prone upon the ground, only a little in advance of the specific proposition of the forest path. At first she saw nothing, but when the light came again she could discorn the girn of the forest path. At first she saw nothing, but when the light came again she could discorn the girn of the forest path and the path of the forest path of the forest path of the forest path of the first path of the first path of the first wild path of the

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She ran wildly into an adjoining bolted the

open, and stood beside her, white and trembling.

"What made you lock that door, Mary?" he asked, angrily. "You shouldn't do it. It wasn't right. Now get your things on, quick!"

The poor girl with quivering fingers adjusted her hat and her waterproof clook, ptimed up her dress and pulled on her rubbers. Then, taking an umbrella, she started to accompany him on his crazy mission.

"It is perfectly ridiculous, Lonnic," she faltered, laughing feebly, "for us to start off in this storm. There,—hear that!" as an awful peal of thunder jarred the house, followed by sdriving gust of rain.

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"I will take care of you, Mary," he said firmly. "You needn't be afraid of anything. And we will go by the shortest way. We will go by the wood-road,—and I will carry you.



The mean temperature of the whole earth is about fifty degrees.

The high cirrus clouds are believed to be formed of snowtlakes.

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Those who would make us feel must feel themselves.—Churchill.

Benevolence is allied to few vices; selfishness to fewer virtues.—Home.

I have fireproof perennial enjoyments, called employments.—Pt.

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ODD SIGNS.

"THE Intestine War in Our Midst" is the title of an editorial in a southern journal. A NEW York dealer in men's farnishing goods displays a sign reading: "Shirt Constructor."

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cneeks would never again oman for shame because of her idiot brother. "Fool Lonnie" still lay stretched out upon the forest path, where the light-ning had last revealed him, and down his broad white back was a dark line of death which it had drawn there.— Arthur Beardsley Mitchell, in Romanco.

No Chance for A P.S.

Bazar.

Always on Haud.

"Fitzgoober's wife leads him a terrible life; she's constantly quarreling with him."

"Indeed, why I didn't think she ever lost her temper."

"She don't; it is always with her."—Atlanta Constitution.

Engagement is Announced.
Mr. Spooner—Let me call you Ethel.
I have known you long enough to drop
the "Miss."
Ethel (shyly)—Yes, that is what
mamma says—that I have been called
Miss too long.—Answers.

Papa Was Bald. Little Ethel—Mamma, what does it

Intere Ethel—Salmina, what does it rain for?

Mrs. DeHomely—To make the trees and grass and eyerything grow pretty.

Little Ethel—Then why doesn't it rain on papa?—Life.

Used to ft.

He—It must be very hard for these poor emigrants coming as strangers to live in a foreign land.

She (complacently)—But remember, dear, they have always lived in foreign lands.—Vogue.

Four Tongues.
"He is an accomplished linguist, is he "Yes, indeed. Understands English, French, German and the language spoken in the city council."—Chicago Record.

On Business.

Hazel—Will you believe it, during my long and serious illness only one of my relatives called on me.

Nutte—And why did he come?

Hazel—Oh, he is an undertaker.—

Poetic Beauty.

She—What kind of poetry do you love best?
Poet (rapturously)—The kind the editor accepts.—Detroit Free Press.

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