

# FOREST FIRES RAGING IN THE MARITIME PROVINCE

Thousand Persons Homeless in St. Quentin, N.B.; Monetary Loss Near \$1,000,000—Lumbering Mines Partially Destroyed by Fire Started in Chimney.

St. John, N.B., May 30.—The little village of St. Quentin, in Restigouche county, N.B., on the line of the Canadian National Railways, about forty miles from St. Leonard's, was almost entirely wiped out Friday as the result of forest fires, which have been raging in the Crown lands in Restigouche during the past ten days.

St. Quentin was a thriving village of about 2,000 population, and was a centre for the lumber and pulp operations.

The fire, which resulted in a monetary loss variously estimated from \$750,000 to \$1,000,000, started in the mill yard of J. E. Michaud, catching from burning embers carried by the winds from the forest blaze. Before it had spent its course 65 dwellings, three mills, two hotels, the Canadian National Railway station, the Provincial Bank and many business places were wiped out. About 1,000 people, or half the population, were rendered homeless, and saved none of their personal property, except what they lost on their backs. Relief trains were sent out from St. Leonard's and Campbellton Saturday to convey the homeless to large centres where they could be cared for. No lives were lost.

Besides the destruction to homes and business places, much manufactured lumber, thousands of cords of firewood and thousands of cords of hay at nearby sidings awaiting shipment were burned. Seven carloads of lumber to the track were also consumed.

The fire, N.S., May 30.—Forest fires which are raging in various parts of Nova Scotia assumed a serious aspect in some districts today. The situation in the vicinity of Millbrook, Hants county, is alarming. Residents of that place say that only a sudden change of the wind saved Millbrook from a total destruction Saturday. The timber lands near Millbrook, about seven miles from Millbrook, are now ablaze, and the flames are making rapid progress.

Lumbering Mills, 16 miles from Millbrook, were partly destroyed by fire today. Four churches, a schoolhouse, and a hall and about a dozen dwellings have been burned. There was no loss of life.

Yesterday a severe forest fire was burning at Millbrook Hill, a short distance from Lumbering Mills, and it was at first supposed to have been the origin of today's destructive

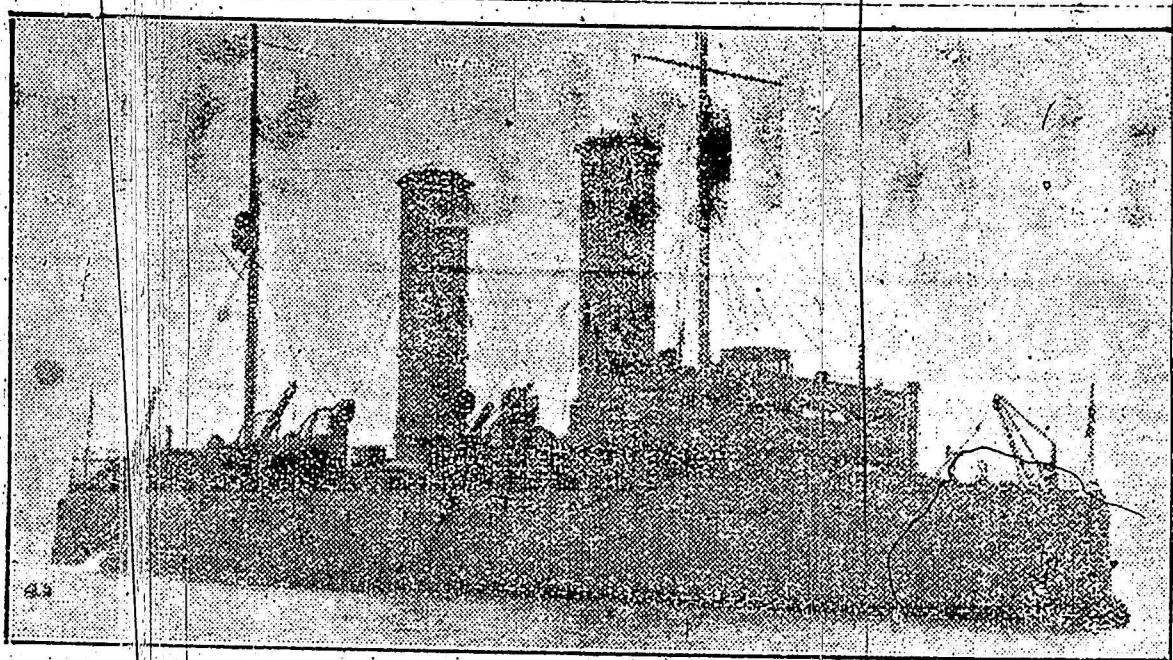
blaze, which began at about 9 o'clock. It was found, however, that the fire was started by sparks from the chimney of a house owned by Archie Lewis, and fanned by the high wind it spread rapidly. The fire swept a district three-quarters of a mile in length and half a mile wide.

The flames swept the main street of the village, consuming in a short time, the Anglican Church, the Presbyterian Church, the Roman Catholic Church, and Glebe House, St. Bridget's Hall, a school building and a number of houses. It crossed the stream which runs through the village, and destroyed the Baptist Church there and several buildings. Forty-seven buildings in all were destroyed. Some of them were old unoccupied houses, and several others barns and outbuildings. Very little household property was saved.

The forty odd families rendered homeless are being sheltered by their more fortunate neighbors. The loss is estimated to be between two and three hundred thousand dollars, with only small insurances.

Halifax, May 31.—River Hebert, with its population of one thousand people; Two Rivers, Shulea, San River and Marcella, are all in imminent danger to-night of the flames from the forest holocaust that has endangered this particular section of Cumberland county. Twelve thousand acres of land, the major portion covered with standing timber, has been converted into a desert of charred and scorched timber. The sea of green that covered the foothills of the Cobegoids in this district is to-day covered with smoking debris and ashes.

Lumbermen to-day stated that the loss, when all was taken into account, would equal half a million dollars, and that after the fire burnt itself out the damage would exceed one million dollars. Two valuable stationary mills and a large quantity of logs and sawn timber were up in flames to-day. The Canadian mill, on the property of the Cumberland Lumber Company, was in flames, and, according to the last reports, could not possibly be saved. The fire, now raging up through the Millbrook woods, is only about three miles distant from the settlement on the main line of the railroad.



The British ice-breaker Svatogor, leaving Rosyth on the way to rescue Russian men, women and children in the Kara Sea, on board the steamer Solovye. The Svatogor is one of the two most powerful ice-breakers in the world and is proceeding on its dangerous journey in response to a wireless S.O.S.

## Weekly Market Report

**Whole Grain.**  
 Toronto, June 1.—Manitoba wheat—No. 1 Northern, \$3.12; No. 2 Northern, \$3.08; No. 3 Northern, \$3.04; No. 4 Northern, \$2.98; No. 5 Northern, \$2.94; No. 6 Northern, \$2.90; No. 7 Northern, \$2.86; No. 8 Northern, \$2.82; No. 9 Northern, \$2.78; No. 10 Northern, \$2.74; No. 11 Northern, \$2.70; No. 12 Northern, \$2.66; No. 13 Northern, \$2.62; No. 14 Northern, \$2.58; No. 15 Northern, \$2.54; No. 16 Northern, \$2.50; No. 17 Northern, \$2.46; No. 18 Northern, \$2.42; No. 19 Northern, \$2.38; No. 20 Northern, \$2.34; No. 21 Northern, \$2.30; No. 22 Northern, \$2.26; No. 23 Northern, \$2.22; No. 24 Northern, \$2.18; No. 25 Northern, \$2.14; No. 26 Northern, \$2.10; No. 27 Northern, \$2.06; No. 28 Northern, \$2.02; No. 29 Northern, \$1.98; No. 30 Northern, \$1.94; No. 31 Northern, \$1.90; No. 32 Northern, \$1.86; No. 33 Northern, \$1.82; No. 34 Northern, \$1.78; No. 35 Northern, \$1.74; No. 36 Northern, \$1.70; No. 37 Northern, \$1.66; No. 38 Northern, \$1.62; No. 39 Northern, \$1.58; No. 40 Northern, \$1.54; No. 41 Northern, \$1.50; No. 42 Northern, \$1.46; No. 43 Northern, \$1.42; No. 44 Northern, \$1.38; No. 45 Northern, \$1.34; No. 46 Northern, \$1.30; No. 47 Northern, \$1.26; No. 48 Northern, \$1.22; No. 49 Northern, \$1.18; No. 50 Northern, \$1.14; No. 51 Northern, \$1.10; No. 52 Northern, \$1.06; No. 53 Northern, \$1.02; No. 54 Northern, \$0.98; No. 55 Northern, \$0.94; No. 56 Northern, \$0.90; No. 57 Northern, \$0.86; No. 58 Northern, \$0.82; No. 59 Northern, \$0.78; No. 60 Northern, \$0.74; No. 61 Northern, \$0.70; No. 62 Northern, \$0.66; No. 63 Northern, \$0.62; No. 64 Northern, \$0.58; No. 65 Northern, \$0.54; No. 66 Northern, \$0.50; No. 67 Northern, \$0.46; No. 68 Northern, \$0.42; No. 69 Northern, \$0.38; No. 70 Northern, \$0.34; No. 71 Northern, \$0.30; No. 72 Northern, \$0.26; No. 73 Northern, \$0.22; No. 74 Northern, \$0.18; No. 75 Northern, \$0.14; No. 76 Northern, \$0.10; No. 77 Northern, \$0.06; No. 78 Northern, \$0.02; No. 79 Northern, \$0.00; No. 80 Northern, \$0.00; No. 81 Northern, \$0.00; No. 82 Northern, \$0.00; No. 83 Northern, \$0.00; No. 84 Northern, \$0.00; No. 85 Northern, \$0.00; No. 86 Northern, \$0.00; No. 87 Northern, \$0.00; No. 88 Northern, \$0.00; No. 89 Northern, \$0.00; No. 90 Northern, \$0.00; No. 91 Northern, \$0.00; No. 92 Northern, \$0.00; No. 93 Northern, \$0.00; No. 94 Northern, \$0.00; No. 95 Northern, \$0.00; No. 96 Northern, \$0.00; No. 97 Northern, \$0.00; No. 98 Northern, \$0.00; No. 99 Northern, \$0.00; No. 100 Northern, \$0.00.

## BUSH FIRES IN NORTHERN ONTARIO

Driest Weather in Many Years Creates Menace.

Cobalt, May 31.—The men of May claim a record of being the driest in some twenty-seven years according to statistics taken from the files of the Government Meteorological Station kept in Halleyburg by P. A. Cabbell, and as a result of this condition, bush fires are breaking out in all parts of Northern Ontario. Up to the present damage has been confined to the timberlands, but continued dry weather conveys a threat to the buildings of the settlers throughout some of the districts. Records show that less than half an inch of rain fell during May, and everywhere in the forest a bush fire is now burning. The danger is yet so young that fire prevention has had no chance yet to affect the presence of the vast stretches of dry timber. Forest fires are raging in many parts of Timiskaming, according to reports here to-night. The village west of Hill View, owned by John McCleaney, has been destroyed, together with the water's cut, and all other mills are believed to have been burned. Conditions are particularly bad in the Timmins, Keeweenaw, Bourke's, Boston Creek and Elzevir branch of the railway district, where a heavy fall of smoke hangs over the whole country. There is no sign of the badly-needed rain, and the fires are being fanned by a steady breeze.

## Queen Alexandra's Sight Impaired

A despatch from London says:—The Queen Mother Alexandra, according to an official report, has been suffering from a severe bronchial attack, which is now subsiding. "During a violent attack of coughing a small blood vessel burst in one of the queen's eyes, causing troublesome impairment of the vision," says the statement. "It is hoped that with care and rest this inconvenience will pass, but her majesty's engagements must to some extent be dependent upon the progress made."

## 19 Western Grain Elevators Change Hands

A despatch from Winnipeg, Man., says:—One of the biggest deals in grain storage space ever consummated here is announced. The Leitch-McLennan Elevator Company has purchased 17 elevators from the Imperial Elevator Company and one from Hall and Caray.

A despatch from Prince Albert, Sask., says:—Local showers continue throughout Saskatchewan and Northern Saskatchewan and phenomenal growth of the crop is reported from every district. There has been no damage from blowing in any district north of Saskatoon, and farmers are overjoyed with the prospects of the crop.

## MURDER AND INCENDIARISM CONTINUE THROUGHOUT IRELAND

London, May 30.—The British Government is completing plans to deal with the transport situation in Ireland in a drastic fashion. A question connected with the despatch of troops has also arisen. It is calculated there are now about 60,000 troops in Ireland, and several more battalions are under orders. The National News says:—"The position in Ireland, we understand, is so grave that a number of warships are now being fitted out in readiness for despatch to Irish ports. The situation is more serious than would appear from published telegrams and startling developments are expected in the next few days. "In the present temper of the Sinn Feiners it is not unlikely they will make a last effort against the forces of law and order."

The usual Sunday reign of secret destruction caused great havoc in widely-separated parts of Ireland today. The customs house at Castle town, County Cork, was levelled by incendiary fire. In Lynch, County Mayo, Michael Toole, a laborer, was clubbed to death because he did not heed a warning by strikers that if he did not quit work he would die for it. He was found by his wife in the roadway, clubbed and mauled beyond recognition. The populace throughout County Limerick is reported to be exceedingly restive, especially since the patrol system for the prevention of street assemblies has been put into force. The railwaymen of County Cork decided to-day to refuse to work on troop trains.

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## RESEMBLED BATTLES OF WORLD WAR

Polish Arrest Belshewitz Plunge in Terrific Fight

Warsaw, May 31.—In a battle which has been described as resembling the fiercest fighting which has occurred in the whole Polish-Belshewitz war, the Poles have succeeded in arresting the Belshewitz plunger north of Brest, about 200 miles north of Kiev. The battle has been a desperate one, and the ferocity of the attack and losses to many serious battles in the World War.

The Poles claim they only checked the Russian advance by taking a terrible punishment, and expect as a sequel of this battle another one which may prove crucial in Eastern Europe. The fighting was entirely different from that before Kiev. The 15th and 16th Belshewitz armies, which attacked in the north, showed a plan, a courage and resistance like of the old great troops. Such a change has been effected in the last fortnight that it is believed by the Polish general staff that Taitzky has actually ceded his power to a war council, having shown his lack of military capacity at Kiev when confronted by Polish strategy.

Gen. Brusiloff and Polovnikov head the new council with a dozen other specialists. The Russian strategy shows the old form, as there was ordered a simultaneous attack beginning along the Bug River in Ukraine, where the Belshewitz cavalry commander is concentrating the Caucasian southern flank.

## FATAL CLOUDBURST IN LINCOLNSHIRE

Fifty Lose Lives When River Lud Overflowed

Louth, Lincolnshire, Eng., May 30.—Fifty deaths have resulted here so far from the sudden overflow of the small river Lud, running through this town, which is attributed to a cloudburst in the woods nearby on Saturday night. The water spread so rapidly that houses in the low-lying part of the town were immediately engulfed in a flash which carried away bridges, fences, trees and other obstacles.

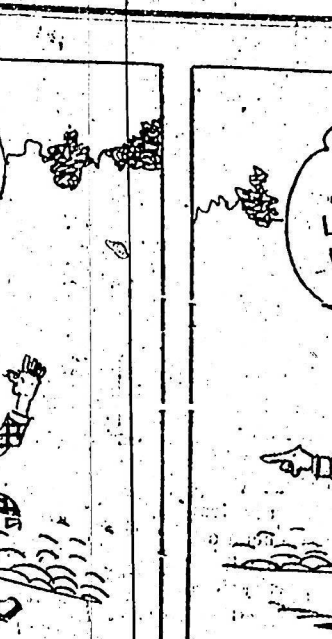
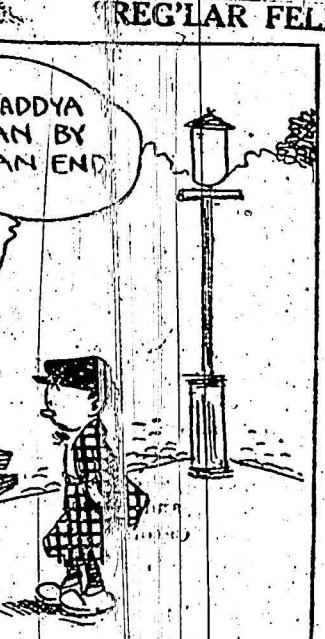
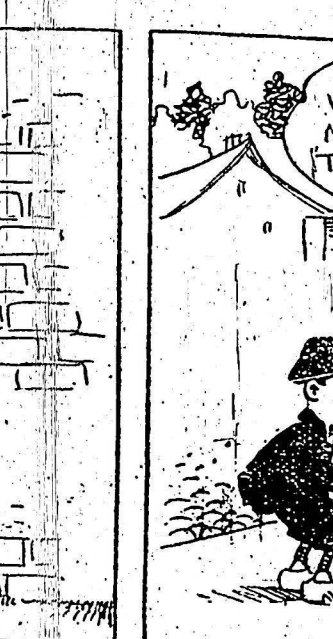
One terrace, containing 15 houses, was entirely swept away, there being only one survivor. Most of the people were in their homes taking shelter from the thunderstorm when there came a rush of water three feet deep through the town. In many cases the weight of the water prevented the opening of doors, or otherwise many persons could have reached a place of safety. Within a short time the entire ground floors of houses were engulfed by the torrent, which was 200 yards wide. The water swept on its crest portions of demolished cottages, automobiles, wagons, furniture, uprooted trees and bodies of drowned animals. Bridges crumbled before the

flushing flood. So sudden was the approach of the waters that a majority of the deaths occurred during the first moments of the flood when the lower rooms of houses were swamped. This was particularly true in the lower parts of the town. In the higher parts of the town many persons escaped, but only after wading waist-deep through the water. Hundreds of persons are homeless and many householders have lost most of their belongings.

**Jamaica Preference to British Goods**  
 A despatch from Kingston, Jamaica, says:—The Government decided in the Legislative Council on Thursday to grant a preference of 50 per cent. on cotton piece goods made in the United Kingdom, and of 50 per cent. on goods made from cotton grown in the British Empire.

**Ex-Kaiser's Yacht Goes Into Trade**  
 A despatch from Allahabad says:—William Hohenzollern's schooner yacht Hamburg, one of the fastest schooners at the Cowes and other regattas, has been brought out of internment and sold to a mercantile firm who will use her for trading between India and the Straits.

**Introducing Owen Sound, Canada's Infant City**  
 Owen Sound, June 1.—Long-drawn roots from history whistles, accompanied by the clanging of every available bell, heralded the birth of the new Canadian city of Owen Sound at midnight. Citizens thronged the streets to celebrate the occasion formally, and parading around into the morning hours. On the official celebration will be held near Owen Sounders from far and near will take part in the proceedings.



MY PAPA SAID THAT SOME DAY THE WORLD IS COMING TO AN END.

WHADDYA MEAN BY TO AN END?

THAT IT GETS ON FIRE AND BURNS UP.

I SHOULD WORRY! THEY GOT A WHOLE LOTTA NEW FIRE ENGINES ON THE NEXT BLOCK TO US.

HUH!

HUH!

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