

THE FOREST FIRES.

They Continue to Devastate Land and Homes in Wisconsin.

Partially Checked in Polk County—Reports Received at Cumberland Say That Nine Persons Have Perished—Hundreds Homeless.

Cumberland, Wis., Oct. 3.—From reports received here, nine people have perished.

A dispatch from Rice Lake says that many unidentified bodies have been found charred in the woods, and that so far as heard from there are over 100 persons missing. Advices from Rice Lake state that the fires in the neighborhood are worse than ever, and that the loss of life will be much greater than it was supposed it would be.

The property loss in this county will aggregate \$400,000 besides the farm buildings and crops. A large amount of stock has been burned and much hardwood timber has been destroyed.

Cumberland, Wis., Oct. 4.—The fire is still raging on one side of the city, but the greatest danger is believed to be over. In the town of Johnstown, Polk county, eight miles distant, heavy loss of farm property is reported and fires are still raging. Reports from county districts tell of the finding of the bodies of an unknown man and boy in the woods between Almena and Poskin Lake, burned beyond recognition. Several persons were still missing, and these are supposed to be two of them.

Hundreds Are Homeless.

Turtle Lake, Wis., Oct. 3.—The damage done by the forest fires of the last few days cannot be estimated or over-estimated. Hundreds of families are homeless, many are almost naked, and in a few days all will want for food, as the small supplies in the towns are not sufficient. The people are in no condition to pay for what there is. The devastation wrought by the fire is so great that it cannot be comprehended by anyone not on the ground.

Colorado Fires Checked.

Denver, Col., Oct. 4.—Reports received Monday from various points in the regions where the forest fires have been spreading for a week or two past are to the effect that the fires have been checked in many places by snow and rain.

In the vicinity of Glenwood Springs the fires are almost entirely extinguished.

Idaho Springs reports that the fires on the west slope of the divide are pretty nearly under control, and there is no longer much danger of their reaching the east slope. However, the fires will smolder for months, and another dry spell, followed by winds, might revive the flames. Hundreds of miles of fine timber have been laid waste in the range of mountains to the west of Middle Park, and some ranches have been destroyed.

Had a Hard Fight.

Cheyenne, Wyo., Oct. 4.—Special Abbott, of the interior department, has returned from Carbon county, where he was engaged for three weeks in fighting forest fires along the west side of Bald mountain, the east and west sides of the Platte valley, near Bennett, on the head of Spring creek, the forks of the Encampment river and around Battle Lake.

The department of the interior authorized Mr. Abbott to spare no expense in extinguishing the Carbon county fires. From where he was working Mr. Abbott states that the immense fires around Hahn's peak, Colorado, could be plainly seen. The Colorado fires are driving large numbers of deer and antelope north into Wyoming.

A SOUTHERN TRAGEDY.

Party of Men Attending a Sale Fired On from Ambush—Four Killed and One Wounded.

Chattanooga, Tenn., Oct. 3.—A special from Murfreesboro to the Times says: An awful tragedy has occurred in the north portion of Cannon county about 30 miles east of this city in which five men are reported to have been savagely assassinated. John Hollingsworth killed a man by the name of Higgins in that county over a year ago. A suit was brought against Hollingsworth, and a judgment taken against him by the members of the Higgins family for \$5,000. Saturday there was to be an auction sale of his property to satisfy this judgment, and Hollingsworth, it is stated, knowing that that was the day of the sale, concealed himself and several of his friends in a large barn on the place where the sale was to be. When one party of men came to carry out the proceedings and had gathered in the barn Hollingsworth and his friends fired into them with double-barrel shotguns, killing four men and wounding another so badly that he will hardly recover.

Riots in Paris.

Paris, Oct. 3.—Capt. Dreyfus, whether guilty or innocent, has certainly caused a veritable tornado of passion to be let loose. Paris was in a turmoil all day. About a score of persons are said to have been seriously wounded in the various free fights that have broken the monotony of the Parisian Sunday. In one quarter alone over 40 arrests have been made.

ILLINOIS IS LAUNCHED.

Ceremonies Attending Big Battleship's Baptism of Wine and Water.

Newport News, Va., Oct. 5.—Amid the enthusiastic plaudits of nearly 40,000 intensely interested people, the shrill salutation of steam whistles from many boats and tugs and the strains of "The Star Spangled Banner," the first-class battleship Illinois slid into the water Tuesday. The launch was a brilliant success in every particular, the mechanical preparations being perfect and the assemblage of spectators unprecedented in the history of the Newport News Shipbuilding & Drydock company. The sponsor of the vessel, Miss Nannie Leiter, of Chicago, was accompanied by Gov. Tanner, of Illinois, his staff in full uniform and a crowd of distinguished Chicagoans.

Notable among the vessels in the harbor was the president's dispatch boat Dolphin, having on board Assistant Secretary of the Navy Allen and a party of Washingtonians. As the hour for the christening of the powerful addition to the country's fighting navy drew near, the approach of the christening party was heralded by a chorus of voices, and as Miss Leiter and cortege ascended the gaily decorated platform, alongside the prow of the vessel all eyes were turned hither.

The hull lay upon the inclined sliding platform with her bow pointed inland. While the crowd expectantly waited the keel blocks on which the hull rested and the shores along her sides were carefully removed until the weight rested upon the sliding ways. The vessel was held then only by the oaken planks between the sliding and the ground ways. As these were being severed by the saw, the sponsor stood waiting to perform her conspicuous part in the ceremony.

Suddenly the painted mass of steel quivered, then slowly and more rapidly began sliding toward the water. Just as the motion fairly began Miss Leiter, who had been standing with the christening bottle poised in the air, let it swing sharply against the bow, simultaneously uttering the words: "I christen the Illinois," and then amid deafening applause, the waving of banners and the din of steam whistles, the gaily decorated hull with more than 100 persons aboard glided gracefully into the James river and, as her bows cleared the ways, slowly floated out into the stream.

Among the distinguished spectators were: Gov. John R. Tanner, of Illinois; Gov. Taylor, of Virginia; Mayor Carter Harrison, of Chicago; Judge H. E. Hamlin, of Shelbyville, Ill.; Assistant Secretary of the Navy Allen; Mrs. John A. Logan, Judge Advocate-General and Mrs. Lemly, Naval Constructor Hichborn, designer of the vessel; Surgeon General and Mrs. Van Reypen, Paymaster General and Mrs. Stuart, Speaker Ryan, of the Virginia house of delegates; Senator Mason and Mrs. Mason and the Misses Mason, Interstate Commerce Commissioners Knapp, Yeoman and Thomas, Past Assistant Constructors Evans and Zabem, Congressman Foss, of Illinois; Assistant Secretary of War Meiklejohn, Commander and Mrs. Hawley, Capt. Paget, British naval attaché; Gen. Mestrago, Russian naval attaché; Mr. Kennedy, Italian naval attaché; M. Bonfre, French naval attaché; Public Printer Frank Palmer, and many others.

At four o'clock a grand banquet was spread to the distinguished guests. Covers were laid for 600 persons. The assemblage was a brilliant and distinguished one. President C. B. Orcutt, of the Newport News ship building plant, was toastmaster. The toasts and speakers were: "Our President," by J. G. Hamlin, of Shelbyville, Ill.; "The State of Illinois," by Gov. John R. Tanner; "Our Navy," by Rear Admiral Howell; "Chicago," by Mayor Carter Harrison; "Virginia," by Gov. J. Hoge Tyler. A ball was given at night.

SCENES OF SPLENDOR.

Witnessed by Thousands at Ceremonies Held in Omaha, St. Louis and Kansas City.

St. Louis, Oct. 5.—In a blaze of splendor not equaled since the inauguration of a local annual social celebration the annual pageant and ball of the Veiled Prophet was celebrated Tuesday night. The procession began at seven o'clock and consisted of 24 floats. Twenty-two represented Grecian mythology and the final two were symbolic of war and peace. The parade terminated at the Merchants' Exchange building, in which was held the annual ball. The veiled prophet left his chariot, and, accompanied by his retinue, entered the massive hall, where were gathered the elite of St. Louis. After a grand march the veiled prophet ascended his throne and the coronation of the queen of the ball took place.

Kansas City, Mo., Oct. 4.—The first of the city's four displays, the Priests of Pallas parade, opening the annual fall festivities, passed before a vast number of spectators Tuesday night. Twenty artistically constructed floats, headed by Pallas and her attendants, followed by Mother Goose and her fairy creations and winding up with a realistic representation of the battleship Oregon, made the circuit of the prominent streets, whose sidewalks were packed with people and whose decorated buildings fairly swarmed with sightseers.

Omaha, Neb., Oct. 5.—With the most elaborate carnival pageant ever witnessed in Omaha King Ak-Sar-Ben IV, and his retinue of knights made their triumphal entry into the city Tuesday night. The procession was composed of 20 gorgeous floats illustrative of the stories and legends of Irving's Alhambra. The streets along the line of march were illuminated by thousands of green, red and yellow incandescent lamps—the carnival colors, hung in

MANY PERISHED.

Thirty Persons Known to Have Lost Their Lives in the Recent Storm.

Macon, Ga., Oct. 5.—Reports from all around Brunswick are that from 20 to 100 lives were lost by Sunday's storm, which devastated parts of the Georgia and Florida coast. At least \$1,000,000 in financial loss was entailed. The national quarantine station is gone, and all the inmates are thought to be lost. Reports from all the rice plantations for 30 miles around state they are ruined and the lives of many workers lost. The water rose 13 feet above high water mark, and the wind blew such a terrific gale that no one could seek shelter in the trees. Thousands of dead cattle are floating down stream and lying piled up in the marsh. Such a disaster has not visited the south Atlantic coast since the sea island troubles, and it is feared now that when all reports are in the number of dead will be enormously increased.

Savannah, Ga., Oct. 5.—Complete details from Brunswick and surrounding country are impossible because of the prostration of the telegraph and telephone systems. Campbell island, 12 miles from Darien, on the Althamra river, is said to be completely swept away, and only three persons succeeded in getting off the island. There is no definite information as to the population of the island, and estimates of the number supposed to have perished there range from 20 to 50. The population was made up wholly of colored truck growers.

Four deaths are now reported from Brunswick. The damage to property there is estimated at half a million dollars. News from outlying islands is not obtainable. The Norwegian bark Louise, schooner Blanche Hopkins, schooner Aaron Shepherd, schooner Henry L. Martin and pilot boats E. B. Jordan and Gracie are ashore. Pilot boat Bride sank at her dock. Steamer Egmont went across the marsh to Crispin island, and her bow is sticking up in a tree. There are no docks left at Darien.

MORE NEGROES COME.

Trainload of Blacks from Alabama Reaches Pana, Ill.—No Demonstration Made.

Pana, Ill., Oct. 5.—The miners' strike situation is more strained and the excitement is higher than at any time since the white coal diggers laid down their picks, the first of last April. Detachments of state troops are patrolling the streets and the city has a more military appearance than was had here during the memorable strike of 1894, when Chicago's First regiment was in charge of the city. Tuesday evening another train load of negroes arrived from Birmingham, Ala., to supplant miners in Pana mine, the only one as yet not in operation. A large force of deputies were in the Illinois Central yards to protect the blacks, and Capt. Craig had a detachment of militia near the yards to interfere in case of an outbreak. The presence of the militia acted as a hindrance to the miners soliciting negroes to refuse to land.

On the train were ten Pinkerton detectives, armed with Winchesters, in charge of Chief Kieff, the officials fearing a hold-up. Trainmaster Clark and Superintendent J. W. Higgins, of the Illinois Central, were also on board. Hardly a moment's stop was made at the union depot, the train being run up to Springside barracks, outside the city limits, where the blacks were unloaded. Soon afterwards they were marched in single file through the business streets to Penwell mine, making quite a demonstration as they drilled through the streets, which were filled with union miners who made no interference whatever. At Penwell barracks the negroes were quartered and a portion of them will be put to work in the morning at the Pana Coal company's mine and part at the Penwell. The arrival of the negroes does not discourage but rather encourages the miners. They seem jubilant, and converse willingly in regard to the matter, but refuse to state their future plans.

INDIANS WILL FIGHT.

Red Men of Bear Island, Minn., Say They Will Not Yield to Marshal O'Connor's Demands.

Walker, Minn., Oct. 5.—An Indian war seems now to be inevitable. The Bear Island Indians refuse to surrender. They will not give up the men wanted by the officials. To-day the marshal will take them in spite of their refusal to come. The troops of the United States will be called into service to assist the marshal. The Indians say they will resist as long as a man lives. There is only one result possible—bloodshed. It is by no means improbable that the first shot or the first Indian killed may bring to northern Minnesota a general uprising.

Gen. Bacon and company E, Third infantry, arrived at Walker late Tuesday afternoon. The troops, 80 in number, are in command of Capt. Wilkinson, with Lieut. Ross second in command. In addition to the troops, a Hotchkiss revolving cannon and a Gatling gun arrived on the train. The new men, with the 20 already here with Lieut. Humphrey, make an even 100 men.

FEARS FOR THE FUTURE.

Minister Conger, at Peking, Hints at Possible Serious Riots in the Chinese City.

Washington, Oct. 4.—The state department has received the following cablegram from Minister Conger at Peking:

"There is no serious danger yet, but considerable anxiety for the future. The foreign fleet is assembling at Tien-Tsin. Some of the ministers are ordering marines to Peking for legation guard."

Washington, Oct. 4.—Secretary Long upon advices received at the state department showing the existence of threatening conditions in China has ordered Admiral Dewey to send two warships immediately from Manila to a point as near the Chinese capital as possible for a warship to approach. The vessels selected for this undertaking are the Baltimore and the Petrel. It is expected that the Baltimore will not be able to get beyond the Taku forts at the entrance of the Pang-He river, upon which Peking is situated, but the Petrel, being of smaller proportions, may be able to reach Tien-Tsin, 80 miles above the mouth and about the same distance below Peking.

Secretary Long said that the sole purpose of ordering the Baltimore and the Petrel to Tien-Tsin was to safeguard American interests and protect life and property of American citizens in the event of an outbreak in the interior, Tien-Tsin being the nearest point to Peking accessible to warships.

QUAY UNDER ARREST.

Pennsylvania Senator Charged with Complicity in Alleged Misuse of Public Funds.

Philadelphia, Oct. 4.—Warrants were issued Monday for the arrest of United States Senator Matthew Stanley Quay, his son, Richard R. Quay; ex-State Treasurer Benjamin J. Haywood and Charles H. McKee, of Pittsburgh, law partner of Lieut. Gov. Lysen. They are accused of conspiracy with John S. Hopkins, formerly cashier of the People's bank, to use public moneys for their own use. Hopkins killed himself last March, shortly before the bank's failure. Senator Quay and his son came up from Atlantic City as soon as they heard of their intended arrest. They promptly surrendered themselves and Magistrate Jernon held them in \$5,000 bail each for a hearing at noon next Thursday. David H. Lane, the republican leader, became their bondsman, and in the afternoon they returned to the seashore.

The People's bank suspended business on March 24 last, and it presently developed that Cashier Hopkins had committed suicide. At this time the state had on deposit in the bank \$505,000, and the city \$52,000, but the institution was insolvent. President McManes agreed to make good the amount of liabilities and most of it has since been paid.

WILL SEND MORE TROOPS.

Volunteer and Regular Soldiers to Do Garrison Duty on the Island of Puerto Rico.

Washington, Oct. 4.—The war department has decided to send more troops to Puerto Rico. Orders have been issued directing that the Fifth regular cavalry, now at Huntsville, Ala., the Sixth United States volunteer infantry, now at Chickamauga, and the Forty-seventh New York, now at Fort Adams, shall proceed to such points in Puerto Rico as may be desired by the commanding general in that island. The Eighth United States volunteer infantry and two companies of the Indiana colored volunteers, now at Fort Thomas, Ky., will relieve the Sixth volunteer infantry at Chickamauga.

To a number of interested callers Monday, President McKinley had occasion to reiterate his determination to have no more troops mustered out for the present. In the course of several interviews he stated in substance that it was the intention of the administration to send fresh troops to Puerto Rico to take the place of the volunteers who will have to be returned home and who will be given furloughs. He stated very firmly that there would be no general discharges until the situation was "cleared up."

Colorado Fires Checked.

Denver, Col., Oct. 3.—Snow and rain have checked the progress of the forest fires on the main range in Colorado, and it is now thought that further destruction of timber is prevented. At least all danger to the threatened towns is over. The temperature here has fallen perceptibly and dispatches from the mountain towns indicate a similar fortunate change. At present nothing like a correct estimate of the damage done can be given and it will be days before an accurate statement of the losses by the fires that have been raging for a week or more can be made.

Col. Hay Sworn In.

Washington, Oct. 1.—Col. John Hay was sworn into office as secretary of state at 11 o'clock in the morning. The ceremony took place in the president's room at the white house and the oath was administered by Justice Harlan, of the supreme court. Mr. Hay immediately joined his colleagues in the regular Friday cabinet session.



MISS NANCY LEITER, WHO CHRISTENED THE ILLINOIS.