

PANIC CAUSED BY FIRE IN NEW YORK SUBTERRANEAN RAILWAY

Gas Fills Ten Cars in New York Tubes 75 Feet Below Surface with 500 Persons Aboard—160 in Hospital.

A despatch from New York says:—Fire, smoke, carbon monoxide gas and panic imperilled the lives of more than 850 men and women trapped in a short-circuited Interborough subway express train, 50 feet below the surface of Lexington avenue, at east 59th street, shortly after 11 o'clock on Thursday, and 125 passengers were overcome by the choking gas and smoke, with several burned or injured by falls or trampling, and three firemen hurt in effecting rescues.

Eighty-seven persons were attended in Bellevue, Flower and other hospitals in the central section of the city for partial asphyxiation. Of that number 57 were able to go to their homes after being treated, but the condition of thirty was so serious that they had to remain at the hospitals.

The comfortably filled ten-car train, bound uptown, had just left Grand Central Station, when passengers and guards smelled smoke. The train's next stop would have been Eighty-sixth street. It dashed down to the lower level of the subway tunnel at terrific speed. Just before it reached Fifty-ninth street, where there is a

local station, and the express tracks are depressed ten feet below the level of the local track, there was a flash of fire and a loud detonation.

Clouds of smoke rolled up from burning insulation as the train came to a stop in darkness broken only by small storage battery lights at either end of each car. Guards played the chemicals from small emergency hand extinguishers on insulation ablaze beneath the three forward cars and one fire in the emergency motorman's switch box in the front of the third car. The smoke, occasioned immediate discomfort to passengers throughout the train. As the tunnel filled with smoke and the noxious gas, alarm grew into panic. More excitable male passengers fought frantically with guards who refused to open the car doors opening above the deadly third rail on one side of the train, and against a solid wall supporting uptown local tracks on the other side.

Calmer men used their fists to subdue others who were bowling over women and children alike, breaking windows and seeking to force their way to escape from the choking fumes.

REVEAL BIG PLANS OF MONARCHIST PARTY

Nearer to Persons of Ex-Kaiser and Crown Prince Than at First Suspected.

Berlin, July 9.—The monarchist plot was of greater proportions and is coming nearer to the persons of the ex-Kaiser and the Crown Prince than was previously suspected.

Deutsche Volkische Gruppe, of the Deutsche National Volkspartei, which has constantly advocated the Kaiser's restoration and is known to be in continuous touch with Doorn and Wieringen, was caught red-handed preparing arms and ammunition caches in the region about Madgeburg and about Hamburg. The murder bund, which was responsible for Rathenau's death, is also involved.

That all the Deutsche Volkische group knew or approved of the assassination plans is extremely unlikely, but that all were prepared for a counter revolutionary move to restore the Hohenzollerns is borne out by the large quantities of arms found, which evidently comprise but a small portion of those hidden.

About Madgeburg were found 600 rifles, 16 machine guns and several large cases of automatics and hand grenades. There was sufficient ammunition for several weeks' fighting. It is also known that there are other caches that have not yet been discovered.

In the Hamburg region were four hundred rifles, cases of automatics and hand grenades and enough field grey uniforms and steel helmets to outfit a regiment.

All these discoveries were made as a result of the activity of local Republicans in districts like East Prussia, Bavaria and Silesia.

It is impossible at this time to uncover all the ramifications of the plot because state officials themselves protect the conspirators.

There are not enough contraband arms, it is believed, to cope with the Reichswehr, if the Reichswehr remains faithful to the Republic, but with the simultaneous arming of monarchists in various sections it was hoped that local garrisons could be won over.

A despatch from London says:—The Times states that Lady Wilson, widow of Field Marshal Henry H. Wilson, will be invited to stand as Unionist candidate for Parliament for North Down, her late husband's constituency.

WORLD PERIL SEEN IN IMMINENT COLLAPSE OF GERMAN REPUBLIC

A despatch from London says:—Secret reports of the gravest character were received by Downing Street from Berlin on Friday. It is stated that Germany is hovering on the brink of financial disaster, which is almost certain to entail the fall of the Republican Government. With the Government's fall the road will be left clear for open conflict between Royalists, aiming at the restoration of the Monarchy, and extremists, urging Communism.

Prime Minister Lloyd George is seriously alarmed at the portent in private advices from British agents in Germany. He is now conferring personally with Foreign Minister Schanzer of Italy regarding the measures the

allies may have to take when the crash comes. Diplomatic correspondence also is passing between Downing Street and Quai d'Orsay on the same subject. The tentatively arranged conference between the British Prime Minister and Premier Poincare for the end of July will now be held immediately, if conditions warrant.

The menace of a chaotic Germany, without a government and with the resulting dangers from Imperialists and Reds, all advocating tearing up the Versailles Treaty, was directly responsible for the British Government's sudden feverish interest in reorganizing its aviation and strengthening the aerial arm of the British army.

CALL BUSH WORKERS TO COMBAT FIRES

Lieut.-Governor of B.C. Issues Proclamation for Lumber Camps.

Courtenay, B.C. July 9.—Two men are missing and camp No. 2 of the Comox Logging Company, comprising headquarters and 14 houses, was totally destroyed to-day when caught in the onrush of forest fires which destroyed Merville soldiers' settlement. So fast did the flames travel that the residents had no time to remove belongings, and the fourteen families are fleeing to Courtenay, where the Merville refugees are quartered.

Victoria, B.C., July 8.—A special proclamation by Lieut.-Governor W. C. Nichol issued this afternoon calls for the cessation of all logging operations on Vancouver Island and mainland coast districts, the last-mentioned district embracing the territory from the international boundary as far north as Ocean Falls, B.C.

The purpose of the proclamation is to enrol bush workers to combat the fire menace. Several thousand men employed in their scores of camps will be released from regular work and turned to fighting the flames.

Many logging camps have already abandoned work.

There is no immediate probability of rain that will halt forest fires which are sweeping Vancouver Island and coast districts at present, according to F. Napier Denison, Superintendent of Gonzales Observatory here. The barometer dropped, but rose again yesterday morning. Rain, however, has fallen in the Okanagan district and in parts of Kootenay.

Fire is still burning fiercely at Merville and late reports are that twenty-seven houses have been burned, and the total loss is estimated at \$75,000. Efforts to place the fire under control have been almost abandoned, as the whole town is practically wiped out. Efforts are being made to save as much personal property as possible.

Residents of Kettle River and Kitty Combe settlements in the vicinity of Courtenay, have been warned to flee and they are coming into Courtenay by the score with wagonloads of salvage.

The fire is burning fiercely in almost every direction, but it is believed that Courtenay is not in danger. No further loss of life has been reported.

Premier John Oliver, on his return from the fire area, declared there is need for public aid for the sufferers,



Be Sure You Put Them Out

CARELESSNESS with matches, cigarette butts, cigar ends, pipe ashes, camp fires, fly smudges, railway locomotives, slash-burning operations—human carelessness of some kind accounts for 97% of the forest fires which every year add further devastation to the northern areas of this province.

DON'T

DON'T take any chances with fire in Ontario's forests.

DON'T throw away cigarette or cigar butts, pipe "heels" or burnt matches until you are dead sure they are out.

DON'T neglect to drown out your fire with lots of water.

DON'T build your camp fire against a rotten log or stump; nor on windy points; nor near moss patches; nor at the base of a tree.

Build it in a former fire place, or on a flat rock, or on a spot cleared down to the true soil below, or by the edge of the water.

DON'T forget that the upper layer of ground in the forest consists of partially rotted wood which will burn.

Here are typical cases picked at random from last year's Fire Rangers' reports:

The rangers on the Ombabika to Fort Hope canoe route in the far north on July 4th found an area 10 miles long by 4 miles wide which had been swept by fire since their previous trip. A camp fire left on a portage was the cause.

A prospector on the Montreal River started a fire on July 7th which burned over 4,800 acres in Baden Township, destroying 1,000,000 feet of pine and 9,000 cords of pulpwood, and which required attention for a month.

A party of fishermen camped on Porcupine Lake, Burton Township, Parry Sound, were responsible for a fire on July 10th, which burned over 25,000 acres and 2,000,000 feet of timber.

Indians smoking moose meat started a fire on June 26th, which ran through 1,700 acres of young jack pine trees.

Careless trappers on May 7th caused a fire in Head Township, which burned over 2,280 acres, half of it young white pine.

The best way to fight forest fires is to prevent them.

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and appealed to the people to supplement the aid which the Government is ready to give. He also announced the Government will co-operate in the restoration of the soldiers' settlement of Merville.

The Government will assist any of the settlers who wish to rebuild.

The Government firefighters in every part of the province are working under maximum pressure. Aeroplanes are being used to rush pumps and supplies to the fighters.

The total number of fires so far this season is 1,038, which sets a record, according to forest officials.

REBELS CHASED FROM HILL REFUGE

Free State Troops Invest Blessington, Ensuring Security for Dublin.

Dublin, July 8.—The investing of Blessington by National troops took place at 6 o'clock this morning, to the intense delight and relief of the population, harassed by irregulars since the campaign began. The irregulars had seized two banks, using one as their headquarters and the other as their transport centre, and leaving both bereft of money, but full of destruction of all the valuables and furniture.

This success means the ridding of Dublin of the menace of an attack from the south. The scattering of the irregulars also prevents concentrated action, though the army authorities will not desist till they have driven them farther from the Wicklow Hills, whither the fragments have fled.

BRITISH COLUMBIA SWEEP BY DISASTROUS FOREST FIRES

A despatch from Vancouver says:—The forest fire situation in British Columbia this season is the worst experienced for many years, it was announced at the District Forestry Office here on Friday. From all parts of the province reports have been received that fires are burning, and in some districts, fanned by strong winds, the flames have got out of control of the fire-fighters and have done serious damage to towns, villages and ranches, as well as threatening to destroy valuable standing timber.

Six weeks of dry weather and warm sunshine has dried out the underbrush. Practically no rain has fallen at many

points since the first of June. These conditions have added to the menace of fire.

One known dead, several persons missing and ten houses destroyed is the early toll of casualties in a fire which descended on the soldier settlement at Merville, on Vancouver Island Thursday night. A change in the wind brought into the settlement a fire which had been raging in the bush near here for two weeks. Many settlers fled in a panic, and no check has been possible as yet. Meantime citizens of Courtenay, nine miles away, are fighting the flames, along with the soldier settlers here.

Dublin and Curragh. In this they have been foiled.

It had been reported that Eamon de Valera was with the rebels at Blessington.

Timber District Near Regina Destroyed by Caterpillars

A despatch from Regina, Sask., says:—Caterpillars have eaten up fifty square miles of timber in the Kipling district near here. Scarcely a green leaf remains and the district presents the stark appearance of a Winter scene, forestry officials say.

It is a grander thing to be nobly remembered than to be nobly born.