

# TALES OF HEROISM AND NARROW ESCAPES REPORTED FROM FIRE-SWEPT NORTH

A despatch from Fort William says:—With the fury of the forest fires which have swept districts in this vicinity for the last week somewhat abated, reports are pouring in of losses to lumbering companies and settlers. It is indicated that the fires have taken the greatest toll ever recorded in these parts.

Tales of narrow escapes from death and of heroism on the part of the settlers fighting the flames are contained in almost every report received.

There has been no known loss of life, but two boys, Joe and Jack Cryderman, aged 7 and 9 respectively, were missing in the Scoble district for some hours, and settlers in the neighborhood of Rabbit Mountain organized search parties. Searchers found them along the trail. They had become frightened and started to walk to this city.

Mr. and Mrs. Aro of Strange Township are in the hospital here suffering from burns received when their home was destroyed. They were able to save their stable and cattle. Mr. Aro had a narrow escape from death. He was working in the barn, when flying embers set the house on fire. He rushed in to save valuable papers and money, and came out with his clothing afire. He leaped into a well and escaped with bad burns.

A summary of the fire losses follows:

**Slate River and district**—A sawmill and a house and outbuildings at Copeland's mine destroyed. Barns and outbuildings on settlers' lands burned. **Kakabeka Falls district**—Seven settlers' homes and outbuildings burned, with a heavy loss in implements and feed destroyed.

**Hymers district**—Two settlers burned out and buildings on the outskirts of Hymers destroyed.

**Gorman and Ware Townships**—Large areas of good standing timber burned over and cut logs destroyed.

**Strange Township**—Sawmill and large quantity of lumber at Whitefish burned. Thirty buildings, including seven settlers' dwellings, destroyed and a great amount of standing timber and cut logs consumed.

The little hamlet of Hume, 30 miles west of this city, on the main line of the Canadian National Railways, has

been practically wiped out, according to reports received here. Four farm houses were destroyed, and the families are left with what they could get away from the path of the flames. The plant of the Kaministiquia Power Co., which is in the Kakabeka and Hume district, was not in danger, said the report.

In the Silver Mountain district the airmen noticed about a mile and a half of railway line with ties on fire.

At Muriilo, a farming section near Port Arthur, one farmer lost his barn and implements, while a bucket brigade succeeded in saving the buildings on another farm in the district.

A despatch from Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., says:—A bad bush fire, which was burning in the Groscap section, ported to be pretty well under control. Two pumps belonging to the Ontario Forestry service were brought into play and 25 men were employed in fighting the fire in that section.

More rain is still the great need of the district, and the fires in the southern section of Algoma, particularly north of Blind River, continue to be rather bad, there not having been much let-up even since the rain of the week-end.

Fires of more or less magnitude have occurred in most sections of Southern Algoma, though the rain of a few days has checked some of them, and the rangers have kept others down. Fairly bad fires have taken place, it is reported, in McMahon and Gould Townships and in Township 1 F.

A later despatch from Fort William says:—The fire situation in the townships immediately surrounding the Twin Cities at the head of the lakes, was improved greatly on Thursday, and all danger practically is over, but reports received by the chief fire ranger state that a dangerous blaze is developing in the northern part of Stirling Township, near the boundary of Hele. If this fire gets out of control it will be a menace to rich forest wealth over a large area.

The fire which did so much damage Tuesday in the vicinity of Whitefish Lake and Silver Mountain still is threatening, the chief fire ranger reports, and he is sending out additional men to cope with it.



Ex-Empress Zita

of Austria-Hungary, who is reported to be critically ill. She is an exile in Spain with her eight children.

## THE MARKETS

### TORONTO.

Man. wheat—No. 1 North, \$1.96; No. 2 North, \$1.93; No. 3 North, \$1.88; No. 4 wheat, not quoted.

Man. oats—No. 2 CW, not quoted; No. 3 CW, 61½c; extra No. 1 feed, 61½c; No. 1 feed, 57c; No. 2 feed, 54½c.

All the above c.i.f. bay ports. American corn, track, Toronto—No. 2 yellow, \$1.25.

Millfeed—Del., Montreal freights, bags included. Bran, per ton, \$28; shorts, per ton, \$30; middlings, \$36; good feed flour, per bag, \$2.05.

Ontario oats—Nominal, f.o.b. shipping points.

Ont. wheat—No. 2 winter, nominal; No. 3 winter, not quoted; No. 1 commercial, not quoted, f.o.b., shipping points, according to freights.

Barley—Malting, not quoted. Buckwheat—No. 2, nominal.

Rye—No. 2, nominal. Man. flour, 1st pat., \$10, Toronto; do, 2nd pat., \$9.50, Toronto. Pastry flour, bags, \$7.50.

Straw—Carlots, per ton, \$8.00 to \$8.50.

Screenings—Standard, recleaned, f.o.b. bay ports, per ton, \$24.00.

Hay—No. 2, per ton, \$13.00 to \$14.00; No. 3, per ton, \$11.00 to \$12.00; mixed, per ton, \$9.00 to \$11.00; lower grades, \$6.00 to \$9.00.

Cheese—New, large, 20 to 20½c; twins, 21 to 22c; triplets, 22 to 23c; Stiltons, 23 to 24c. Old, large, 27 to 28c; twins, 28 to 29c; triplets, 28 to 30c.

Butter—Finest creamery prints, 37 to 38c; No. 1 creamery, 36 to 37c; No. 2, 35 to 36c; Dairy-prints, 29 to 30c.

Eggs—Fresh extras, in cartons, 36 to 37c; loose, 34c; fresh firsts, 32c; seconds, 28c.

Live poultry—Chickens, spring, lb., 55c; hens, over 4 to 5 lbs., 20c; do, 3 to 4 lbs., 18c; spring chickens, 4 lbs. and over, M.F., 24c; do, corn fed, 22c; roosters, 15c; ducklings, 5 lbs. and up, 22c.

Dressed poultry—Chickens, spring, lb., 65c; hens, over 4 to 5 lbs., 28c; do, 3 to 4 lbs., 22c; spring chickens, 4 lbs. and over, M.F., 35c; do, corn fed, 32c; roosters, 20c; ducklings, 5 lbs. and up, 27c.

Beans—Canadian, handpicked, lb., 6½c; primes, 6c.

Maple products—Syrup, per imperial gal., \$2.40; per 5-gal. tin, \$2.30 per gal.; maple sugar, lb., 25 to 26c.

Honey—60-lb. tins, 13½c per lb.; 10-lb. tins, 13½c; 5-lb. tins, 14c; 2½-lb. tins, 15½ to 16c.

Smoked meats—Hams, med., 30c; cooked hams, 46c; smoked rolls, 22c; cottage, 24c; breakfast bacon, 28 to 32c; special brand breakfast bacon, 35c; backs, boneless, 35 to 42c.

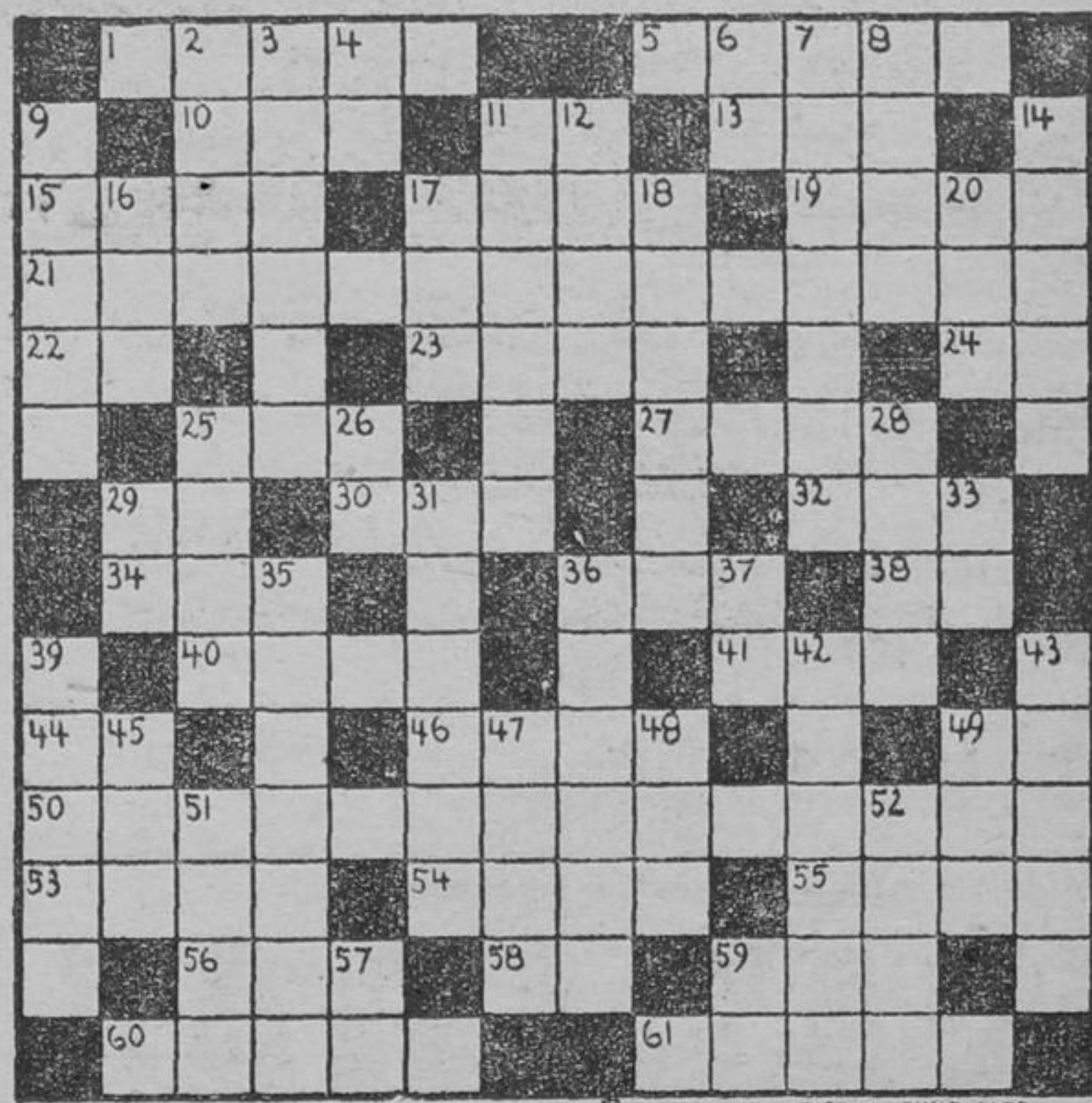
Cured meats—Long clear bacon, 50 to 70 lbs., \$22; 70 to 90 lbs., \$20.50; 20 lbs. and up, \$19.50; lightweight rolls, in barrels, \$39.50; heavy-weight rolls, \$34.50 per bbl.

Lard—Pure tierces, 18½c; tubs, 19c; pails, 19½c; prints, 20½c; shortening tierces, 14c; tubs, 14½c; pails, 15c; blocks, 16c.

Heavy steers, choice, \$7.75 to \$8; do, good, \$7.25 to \$7.75; butcher steers, choice, \$7 to \$7.50; do, good, \$6.25 to \$6.75; do, med., \$6 to \$6.50; do, com., \$5.50 to \$6; butcher heifers,

choice, \$7 to \$7.50; do, med., \$6 to \$6.50; do, com., \$5.50 to \$6; butcher cows, choice, \$6 to \$6.50; do, fair to good, \$4.50 to \$5.50; canners and cutters, \$2.50 to \$2.75; butcher bulls, good, \$4.50 to \$5.50; do, fair, \$3.75 to \$4; bologna, \$2.50 to \$3.25; feeding steers, good, \$6.50 to \$7; stockers, gd., \$5.50 to \$6; do, fair, \$5 to \$5.50; calves, choice, \$10 to \$11; do, med., \$7 to \$9; do, com., \$4.50 to \$6; milch cows, choice, \$70 to \$80; do, fair, \$40 to \$50; springers, choice, \$75 to \$90; good light sheep, \$8.50 to \$10; heavies and bucks, \$5.50 to \$7.50; good ewe lambs, \$4 to \$5.50; do, med., \$10 to \$12; do, culls, \$8.00 to \$9.00; spring lambs, each, \$7 to \$12; hogs, thick smooths, fed and watered, \$12.10 to \$12.35; do, f.o.b., \$11.50 to \$11.75; do, country points, \$11.25 to \$11.50; do, off cars, \$12.60 to \$12.85; select premium, \$2.37 to \$2.42.

## CROSS-WORD PUZZLE



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### SUGGESTIONS FOR SOLVING CROSS-WORD PUZZLES

Start out by filling in the words of which you feel reasonably sure. These will give you a clue to other words crossing them, and they in turn to still others. A letter belongs in each white space, words starting at the numbered squares and running either horizontally or vertically or both.

#### HORIZONTAL

- 1—Prefix meaning "chief"
- 5—Roosters
- 10—What one rows with
- 11—A New England State (abbr.)
- 13—The spawn of fish
- 15—The poison-tree of Java
- 17—Mountain range between France and Switzerland
- 19—A lively dance
- 21—Lawful
- 22—Personal pronoun
- 23—Incipient decay in overripe fruit
- 24—Prefix meaning "back; again"
- 25—Vicious
- 27—A wanderer of the desert
- 29—Musical note
- 30—One of the grains
- 32—Permit
- 34—Public vehicle
- 38—Large city of U. S. (abbr.)
- 38—Negative
- 40—A thick slice
- 41—Dead
- 44—Indefinite article
- 46—Treats
- 49—Latin for "gold" (abbr.)
- 50—Disdainfully
- 53—A certain pace
- 54—A country of Asia
- 55—A plant of the cabbage family
- 58—A Turkish governor
- 58—A heavy weight (abbr.)
- 59—Fuzzy covering
- 60—Roman goddess of grain and harvest
- 61—Filthy

#### VERTICAL

- 2—A horse color
- 3—A coarse variety of cinnamon
- 4—A short space of time (abbr.)
- 6—Conjunction
- 7—Pertaining to a corona
- 8—Sharp
- 9—Dominion of a duke
- 11—A thin piece of meat for broiling
- 12—Authentic
- 14—A narrow passageway
- 16—An American poet
- 17—A triangular boat sail
- 18—To join, connect
- 20—A part of the head
- 25—Cut stangly
- 26—Perform
- 28—Flexed
- 29—Member of Congress (abbr.)
- 31—Books for holding photos
- 33—Preposition
- 35—Used for drying ink
- 36—A native of island of Crete
- 37—A Middle West State of U. S. (abbr.)
- 39—Treaties
- 42—Private meeting of members of a political party
- 43—Purchaser
- 45—Correlative of "neither"
- 47—Saliva
- 48—Total
- 49—The whole
- 51—A knot or knob
- 52—Separate into grades
- 57—Personal pronoun
- 59—Musical note

## PLUMER APPOINTMENT A STRATEGIC MOVE

### "Guard on Suez" Assured by Placing Military Leader at Head of Palestine Government.

A despatch from Jerusalem says:—The news of the appointment of Field Marshal Plumer as High Commissioner of Palestine came as a complete surprise to both Arab and Jewish public opinion in the country. Among all the names of candidates mentioned as possible successors to Sir Herbert Samuel, the name of Lord Plumer was withheld until the very last moment. Opinions are divided as to the new High Commissioner.

Well-informed political circles state the resignation of Lord Allenby, conqueror of Jerusalem and High Commissioner of Egypt, which was announced the same day, and the appointment of Field Marshal Plumer are closely connected. It is being emphasized that the strategic importance of Palestine, in view of the present situation in the Near East, came into the foreground, and because of the resignation of Lord Allenby, who has had a purely military career, the appointment of Field Marshal Plumer, who is a military leader, was a strategic as well as a political necessity for the "guard on the Suez."

Views are also divided with regard to the results of the new appointment on the provisions of the Palestine mandate to establish a Jewish national home in Palestine. Many declare that a new era will enter in the history of Jewish Palestine with the appointment of Field Marshal Plumer.

## Airplane is Fastest of All Modes of Travel

A despatch from New York says:—Speed records for various modes of travel are given in the following:

Airplane, driven by a French pilot, 1924—278 miles an hour.

Philadelphia and Reading Railroad, 1904—115.2 miles an hour.

The Leviathan, 1923—23.04 knots an hour.

Automobile, 1 mile, Milton, 1920—156.4 miles an hour.

Motorboat, in International Sweepstakes, 1924, for 150 miles, Gar Wood's Miss Detroit, average speed 48.7 miles an hour.

Hydroplanes have attained a speed of nearly 90 miles an hour in short spurts.



F. A. Worsley

who was navigator for Shackleton and who will be ice-captain for Algarsson, the young British Columbian, on his coming polar dash.

## FRASER RIVER FLOOD IS WIPING OUT FARMS

### Farmers Take to Boats, Thousands of Acres Already Inundated.

A despatch from Vancouver says:—Rapidly rising during the day, the waters of the Fraser River late on Wednesday afternoon had risen to 20 feet 1½ inches, a rise of 4½ inches since 5 o'clock in the morning, according to the gauge at Mission, and with continued warm weather it is predicted that great damage is likely to occur on the low-lying parts of the Fraser at any hour. The danger mark at Mission is 20 feet. This depth always has been regarded as ominous and anything higher, regarded as critical.

Thousands of acres are already inundated and many farmers have been driven from their homes. Others are driving live stock to safe high lands.

With extremely warm weather prevailing throughout the interior of the province torrents of water are roaring down every mountain into the Fraser River gully. The heat is melting the snow and ice rapidly and no abatement of the flooding is in sight. The bulk of the torrent it is said, will take 36 to 48 hours to reach the Fraser Valley.

Farmers of the area flooded in Dewdney district are reported travelling in boats.



Field-Marshal Sir William Birdwood, famous Anzac leader in the World War, has recently been given the rank of field marshal and made commander-in-chief in India. He succeeds Lord Rawlinson, who died recently.

## MARQUIS WHEAT KING CROWNED WITH HONOR

### President of Royal Society of Canada Lauds Service to Dominion.

A despatch from Ottawa says:—One way to increase the national wealth of Canada would be to wipe out the wheat rust, declared Dr. J. C. McLennan of Toronto, President of the Royal Society of Canada, in presenting the Flavell Gold Medal for scientific discovery to Dr. Charles E. Saunders, originator of Marquis wheat, which, the President declared, had produced more wealth for this country than any other discovery.

After advocating steps to stem the destruction of wheat by rust, the President went on to say that he thought there was unnecessary slaughter on the ground of infection of cattle, some of which could be saved, because the progeny of infected cattle were not necessarily affected. More rigid scientific tests were needed, he said. Better use of fertilizer also might bring greater yields of grain.

"Canada has learned to grow black fox. Why stop there?" Dr. McLennan asked. "What is wrong with the beaver?"

In presenting the medal to Dr. Saunders the President said that Dr. Saunders was one of the greatest men Canada ever had, and one of the best things he did was to rear a fine family. The country was proud of him, he said.

## Britain Gives Marriage Authority by Cable

A despatch from London says:—Marriage authority by means of cable has been officially approved by the British government. It was announced recently that the Foreign Office, upon payment of the cable charges, will authorize marriage officers resident abroad to marry couples whose banns have been published for the requisite three weeks in a British registry office.

A bride who recently was forced to leave England to join her fiancée in South America before the three weeks elapsed applied to the Foreign Office, which met her wishes, and upon her arrival in South America she found the necessary authority awaiting her.

## World's Diamonds. The diamonds of the world probably represent a value of \$5,000,000,000.

Solution of last week's puzzle.

