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Big Timber Areas Being Threatened With Devastation

Northern Manitoba and Saskatchewan Are Scenes of Outbreak

RESERVES INVADED

Efforts of Fire Rangers Powerless to Halt Menace

Winnipeg.—Devastating columns of fires, scattered throughout Northern Manitoba and Saskatchewan, are sweeping through large areas of timber land unabated and fanned by a stiff breeze that made fire-fighting almost impossible. Variously estimated as to number, it was believed that more than a score of separate blazes were beyond control in the northland.

Reports stated the ferocity of the flames was accentuated by absence of rainfall, which is badly needed in the crisis. Burning its way steadily northward from the Flin Flon Mines in Northern Manitoba, a five-mile-wide forest fire last night was destroying everything in its path, while fully a dozen other flaming assaults were levelling far more valuable property to the east of the mines.

Rain Urgently Needed

Ten conflagrations in Saskatchewan, the most serious being in Pasque and Porcupine Forest Reserves, 80 miles east of Prince Albert, were quickly consuming valuable stands of timber yesterday. Only a considerable rainfall will relieve the situation in that district, it was believed, existing dry weather conditions being against the heroic efforts of firefighters.

Red glows seen on the night sky in the scrubby-growthed portion of North Manitoba, known as the barrens, told a vivid tale of the extent of the damage to forest tracts. The wall of smoke which enveloped the country, hinted of wide-spread destruction and fire rangers, whose efforts have proved entirely unavailing against the attack of the grim fire-field, claim the crackling of flames can be heard for miles.

While fire moved northward toward the mining settlement of Cold Lake, other sparsely-settled communties were endangered as well. Blazes raged at Mile 69 and at Mandy Mine, the extent of which in neither case has been reported. A changing wind averted possible destruction of Mile 83, though two Indian shacks and small buildings of the Ross Navigation Company were levelled.

Country Is Parched.

Seldom in the history of the northland have conditions been so favorable for vast destruction by fire. Comparatively little snow fell during the winter and disappeared earlier than usual this spring. Strong winds of the past two weeks have thoroughly dried the forest beds. In stretches of muskeg, particularly in Manitoba, incipient fires have smouldered all winter and, fanned by the spring breezes of late, have burst into flame in many places to quickly spread to the bush.

Origin of fires in Northern Saskatchewan are attributed, in some cases, to new settlers and prospectors, who have not taken proper care with their fire for cooking.

Two Blazing Assaults

Two blazing assaults are in progress in the Big River Forest Reserve, according to reports from Prince Albert, Sask., but the flames here can only destroy young timber.

A minor fire was reported by wireless from Lac La Ronge, used by explorers as a flying base, but no serious damage was expected as a result.

Fire-fighting crews were despatched Sibley Township and the Black Sturgeon District, about forty miles east of the lake-head, where forest fires were reported. Whether the situation is serious there is not known.

The Two Indias

Truth (London). The report of the Committee on the Indian States makes one thing above all others quite clear—that any possibility of India being given Home Rule as we know it is outside practical politics. Sir Sydney Low, who speaks with special authority as the author of one of the best books ever written on India, picks out for particular approval a phrase in the report, "There are two Indias." In other words, the aims and aspirations of the Nationalists and Swarajists are in opposition to those of the native States. It is this which makes so many Indian political programs the emptiest claptrap. For whom do the anti-British orators speak? Certainly not for India, since the Princess, ruling two-fifths of its area and one-fifth of its population, have expressed their desire not to be withdrawn from the protection of the Crown. It is perfectl obvious that no native ruler could wish to exchange the British Raj, whatever tis shortcomings for government be the Nehrus and the Gandhis.

Walter Novak was sentenced to life imprisonment recently for stealing $2. Law enforcement in Chicago is that strict you can't get away with anything except murder.—Chicago Tribune.

We should be careful of the books we read as of the company we keep. The dead very often have more power than the living.—Dr. Tryon Edwards.

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—More cool heads and warm hearts.
—More babies and fewer poodles.
—Less lawmakers, less law breakers.
—Fewer people who want their country to do something for them.

There is one verse in the Bible the school boy knows to be true. "Much study is a weariness to the flesh."

FIRE WHEN READY

Chief Petty Officer: "The enemy are as thick as peas. What shall we do?"

Officer of the Deck: "Shell them, you idiot; shell them!"

Of course it is agreed that only a few more years and airplanes for everybody will be as common as motor cars are now, and we often wonder if there will be as much uncertainty about the ownership of parachutes as there is about umbrellas now.

A flapper refers to her skirt as her "charm string."

Housewife—Don't bring me any more of that horrid milk. It's positively blue!

Milkman—It ain't my fault, lady. It's these long, dull evenings as makes the cows depressed.

Only your doctor is interested in how you feel; others who ask do so from custom.

If you're determined to be good-natured you must expect to be imposed upon.

New times call for new methods. What once got by may not now get buyers.

Visitor: "And how old are you, Bobbie?"

Bobbie: "I'm just at the awakward age."

Visitor: "Really? And what do you call the awkward age?"

Bobbie (bitterly): "I'm too old to cry and too young to swear."

The farmer's demand, in brief: "Manufacturers rob the consumers; we want a law that will enable us to do it too."

WHAT'S WRONG WITH THIS PICTURE?

"Waiter, Why is it that there is a trouser button in my soup?"

"I do not know, sir. We employ only female help."

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"What, with their clothes on?"

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We could tell you some more jokes, but what's the use? You would only laugh at them.

A man inherits his religious beliefs; his religious prejudices are acquired.

We may not know it, but we're being checked up all the time—the neighbors are busy when we least suspect it.

Most everybody thinks there is a social law made just to embarass them.

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Rhodes Memorial Opened at Oxford

Designed in Honor of the Founder of University Fund

Oxford, Eng.—The Rhodes House, designed as a memorial to Cecil John Rhodes, founder of the Rhodes scholarships, was opened recently by Sir Otto Beit, a trustee of the Rhodes fund, in the presence of 300 invited guests and Oxford University authorities.

At the same time Sir Otto formally presented the library to the university as a branch of Rhodelian Library.

Viscount Grey, chancellor of the university, accepted the gift in a brief speech.

Te building is an imposing structure on South Parks Road, close to Keble College, the University Museum and the School of Forestry. It will not only furnish living quarters for F. A. Wylie, Oxford secretary to the Rhodes trust, but will also serve as a centre for the activities centring around the trust and the Rhodes scholarships, which celebrate their twenty-fifth anniversary this summer.

In the small dome in the roof are symbols representing the dominions which compose the British empire. Upon the walls will be carved the names of Rhodes scholars who have deserved well of their country, whether that country be a Dominion of the British empire, Germany or the United States. Rhodes, the Empire builder, desired above all that those who benefitted by his scholarships should devote themselves to public service.

At the entrance of the building, the names and countries of all Rhodes scholars who lost their lives in the World War have been carved.

Science and Health

"The old cry used to be: 'The greatest happiness of the greatest number', to-day the cry has been changed to the greatest health of the greatest number; take care of the health and the happiness will take care of itself," writes Professor D. Fraser Harris in the Clarion.

"The young people should not be brought up to believe that science does not concern itself with the practical details of our personal daily lives. She teaches us a great deal about ourselves, our food, our clothes, our sleep and so forth. The science of personal hygiene is intensely practical, it tells us, for instance, why we must use hot water and soap to wash our skins, why even hot water alone is not enough.

"A scientific training is one of the most powerful character-builders there is. For science is not antagonistic to the cultivation of artistic taste or to the highest conceptions of ethics. The notion that 'science' and 'materialism' are synonymous is quite out of date.

"Science teaches us reverence and humility—reverence for the beauty in the Universe and humility in presence of its mystery. For although we know so much about the Universe there is plenty of mystery in it—the mystery, for instance, of the origin and maintenance of life ,and the beauty of numberless living mechanisms so perfectly adapted for their purposes or functions.

"Science—reverent science—fosters a love of beauty. Keats said that Newton, by explaining the colors of the rainbow, had destroyed its beauty. But Keats was very young when he said that. For the adequately instructed mind, the man of science had added to the sensuous beauty of the rainbow the intellectual beauty of a matheratical demonstration. The scent of the lily would be no less delightful to me if some day I should come to know the chemical formula for the substance of the perfume.

"Science teaches us that, as in Peter's vision, there is 'nothing common or unclean'. Science teaches us that the disease-bringing microbes and the stinking, slimy fungus, the parasitic worms and the 'devil-fish' must be studied with as much impartiality and detachment as the lily, the rose, the bird of paradise or the human body."

Hands

Under the still, sequestering snow
The finger-roots begin to grow,
And in the darkness there is mirth.
They will be reaching, soon,
Those green hands out of earth.

And we who seem so fixed and deep,
As though no change had now begun,
Shall we not reach with quickened hands
To claim our yellow share of sun?

The new public hangmar. at Budapest, Hungary, wears a silk hat, a frock coat, and spats in performance of his duty. He is drest to kill.

Let us have faith that right makes might ,and in that faith let us to the end dare to do our duty as we understand it.—Abraham Lincoln.

Minard's Liniment—good for tired feet

Children and the Movies

Le Monde Ouvrier (Ind.): The law prohibiting children under sixteen to attend the movies, whether they are accompanied or not, is a ridiculous law, as it is broken thousands of times every day in the year, for want of being able to apply it. How are you going to expect a ticket-seller at the door of a picture-house, especially when there is a crowd, to notice whether a young girl is under sixteen or not? If he stops her he holds up the entrance of others and hurts his employer's business and even then—will the young lady have her birth certificate in her pocket? What is he to do? Let her in or stop her? Whatever he does, his livelihood—generally a very poor one at that—will be at stake. What would you do?

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Government Ships

La Patrie (Cons.): (Sir Henry Thornton, being asked what would happen if the Canadian Government Merchant Marine belonged to a private company, said: "It would immediately be put into liquidation.") Hon. H. H. Stevens has made the suggestion that some of the C. G. M. M. ships should be allotted the task of trying out the navigation conditions of Hudson Strait. If they succeed in bringing out some cargoes from Churchill, it will encourage other ships to go on this presumably dangerous route; if they perish, the destruction of the cargo will be a lott, but that of the ship will in reality be a gain. However, Mr. Dunning has no desire for such an experiment. He wants to give the Hudson Bay route a real chance of proving its utility. He is even entertaining the notion of having special ships built for the route, which makes us quail at the prospect of still more unprofitable expenditure, in keeping with this whole enterprise of the Hudson Bay route.

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Quebec Evenement (Cons.): If any of our French-Canadian brothers are thinking at the present time of going to seek their living in the United States, we would like to give them a word of counsel: this is no time to emigrate, not only because too many of our compatriots in New England are suffering from hardship and lack of work, but also because the Province of Quebec can count on a continual improvement in conditions which are already satisfactory. There are four times as much happiness and good fortune waiting for our people who go on cultivating their lands with perseverance as there would be for those who are going to embark elsewhere on the adventure of being happy.

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The Mexican Revolution

Ottawa Droit (Ind.): President Portes Gil, in a public address, has said that he does not believe that the Catholic Church, as an institution, is responsible for the recent military revolution. He denounced certain Catholics, who, according to his statement, have committed reprehensible actions in certain States. But he praised the conduct of other Catholics who kept apart from the revolution. This is a praiseworthy appreciation. Portes Gil admits that the Catholic Church did not provoke the present revolution. If some of its members took part in it, even for religious motives, that would be no reason to throw the responsibility on the official authority of the Catholic Church. The position of the official authority in the present conflict has been one of absolute neutrality.

Leaven

A noted geologist is quoted as saying that "had a man been living during the changes that produced the coal he would not have suspected their progress," so slow was the mighty process. Neither do we suspect the progress of many a social movement in the world about us which in the centuries to come will be seen to have been of the utmost importance. The leaven of the kingdom works slowly and silently, but it works.

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