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 Murillo, 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. ported to be pretty well under conerol. 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.

BLOOD TRANSFUSION REJUVENATES ARTIST

Franco-Polish Physician Employs Method on 84-Year-Old French Painter.

A despatch from Paris says:—Armand Guillaumin, the famous French painter, and one of the earliest masters of the impressionist school, aged 84, has been successfully rejuvenated by Dr. Jarrowski, a Franco-Polish scientist, through blood transfusion. Family friends state the result may be well termed miraculous, and it was achieved by the simple method of taking between four and five cubic centimetres of blood from the vein in the arm of a young girl and injecting it into the patient sitting at her side.

While this rapid operation constituted the whole actual process employed by Jarrowski for rejuvenating the aged painter, it was preceded by a minute microscopic examination and analysis of the blood molecules of both subjects, which having been found identical, a "blood marriage"—as Jarrowski terms it—could be performed. While he does not claim to have found anything in the nature of a universal panacea, the doctor believes the system can cure many ills and fortify patients against others, while providing fresh reserves of strength and vigor for bodies fatigued either through illness or age.

With the injection of a bird's blood, Jarrowski has been able even to cure several stubborn cases of emphysema. He divides subjects in four classes: Nervous, lymphatic, bilious, and sanguine. According to class he chooses the subject to supply the blood for transfusion, and then he proceeds with a simple operation similar to that performed on Guillaumin. A book will shortly appear containing a history of Jarrowski's discovery and observations on results hitherto obtained.

$10,000,000 Air Line from New York to Chicago

A despatch from Chicago says:—The National Air Transport, Incorporated, backed by more than a score of the nation's leading business men, and capitalized at $10,000,000, was organized here for the purpose of operating a commercial air line between New York and Chicago, carrying express and freight matter by night over a lighted airway between these two cities.

The New York-Chicago line is only the first unit of a series of similar air lines which the company expects to establish. It is expected that the service will be inaugurated early in the fall, planes leaving New York about 9.30 p.m. and flying over a lighted airway to Chicago, arriving here about 5 a.m., effecting a saving of a full day in deliveries of freight and express matter handled.

Of the $10,000,000 capitalization $2,000,000 already has been subscribed, and it was announced no stock will be offered for public sale.

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 an 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 strategical 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 Pluimer, 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.

New Brunswick Forest Fires Quenched by Rain

A despatch from Moncton, N.B., says:—Danger from forest fires, which for the past few days have been raging at West Galloway, N.B., between Buctouche and Rexton, and which menaced Richibucto village, was thought to be over, when rain began to fall throughout the district. The fire had burned over an area of wood and timber-lands six miles in length and a mile in width, and had destroyed four farmsteads, with an estimated loss of $25,000.

World's Largest Electric Fan Made for African Gold Mine

The largest fan in the world is at present being erected on one of the Rand gold mines. Thirty feet in diameter, it will carry eight blades, each ten feet across, writes a Johannesburg correspondent of The Morning Post, London. It will drive 9,000 cubic feet of air a minute, and it will take a 15,000 horse-power steam engine to turn it at 120 revolutions a minute. The fan is to be placed above a circular shaft 3,500 feet deep to draw out the foul air from the entire underground workings.

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 Dewney district are reported travelling in boats.

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—28.04 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.

Lord Haldane's Mother Dies at Hundred Years of Age

A despatch from London says:—Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Burdon-Handerson-Haldane, mother of Lord Haldane, former Lord Chancellor, died on Wednesday at the family home, Cloan, Auchterarder, Perthshire. She celebrated her 100th birthday a month ago.

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.

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 Flavelle 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.

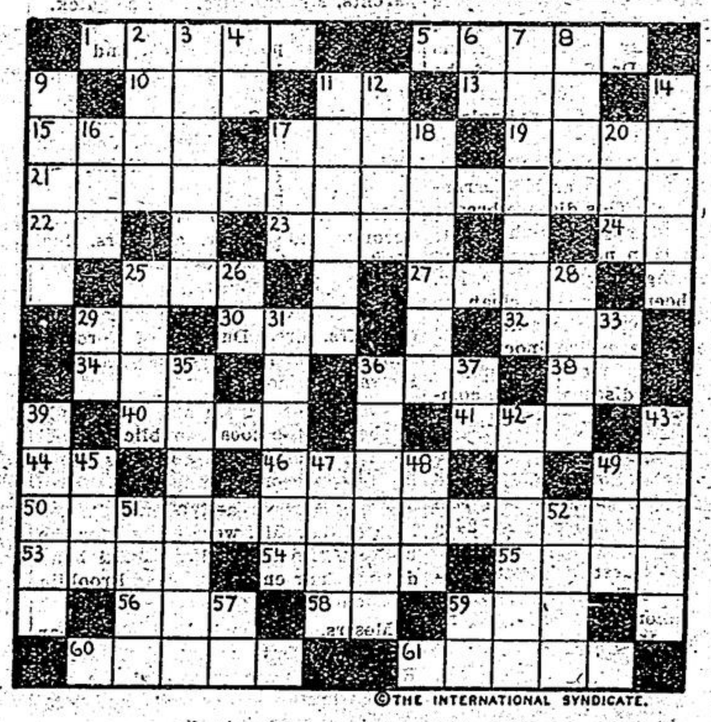
"Canada has learned to grow black fox. Why stop there?" Dr. McLennan asked. "What is wrong with the beaver?"

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.

World's Diamonds.

The diamonds of the world probably represent a value of $5,000,000,000.

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
36—Large city of U. S. (abbr.)
38—Negative
40—A thick slice
41—Deed
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
56—A Turkish governor
58—A heavy weight (abbr.)
59—Fuzzy covering
60—Roman goddess of grain and harvests
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 slantingly
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

Dominion News in Brief

St. John's, Nfld.—The total catch of the sealing fleet for the season just closed amounted to 127,882 seals. The total for each ship was as follows: Neptune, 20,604 first trip, 8,226 second trip; Viking, 19,168; Sagona, 5,219; Eagle, 16,349; Thetis, 16,920; Prospero, 5,110; Ranger, 5,953; Senef, 2,642; Seal, 9,466; Terra Nova, 18,225.

Kentville, Nova Scotia.—The forecast of Nova Scotia's apple crop for 1925 indicates that prospects have never been any brighter than at present for a successful crop this year. It is early to predict results, but weather conditions being favorable, the crop should reach, if not exceed, previous records.

Fredericton, N.B.—Records of the motor vehicle branch of the Public Works Dept. show 12,000 or more motor vehicles are already licensed in New Brunswick, fee receipts having reached $265,000. The number of automobiles registered in New Brunswick this year will probably be considerably over the 20,000 mark.

Quebec, Que.—All highways and roads in this province are now open for regular traffic. Only ten per cent. of the roads have been affected by the winter frost, a considerable decrease from previous years. The planting of ornamental trees along the King Edward Highway is proceeding rapidly and also between Quebec City and Montreal. Safety signals are being placed along the roads also, chiefly near railway crossings.

Timmins, Ont.—According to preliminary estimates the output from the gold mines of Northern Ontario reached an aggregate of approximately $2,500,000 for the month of April. Output from Porcupine continued at the high record established during the preceding month, while an increase was recorded from the Kirkland Lake field.

Winhipeg, Man.—The Grace Mining Co., with headquarters in Buffalo, N.Y., have started producing soapstone on their property at Eagle Lake, twenty miles south of Vermilion Bay. They shipped their first carload about three weeks ago to the Dryden Pulp and Paper Co., and if it proves successful, may result in a business of considerable importance, as the only source of supply for this stone is Norway and West Virginia. This stone is used for lining of furnaces of pulp mills, on account of its great heat resisting qualities.

Regina, Sask.—Two contracts covering the construction of 27 country elevators have been let by the Saskatchewan wheat pool. A Winnipeg company was successful in securing the contract for 15 elevators, while the balance will be constructed by a local company. It was stated that the points at which the 27 elevators are to be built have not yet been decided upon.

Edmonton, Alta.—Sixty-two billion tons of coal, half of this amount recoverable, lie beneath the surface of Alberta soil, according to Prof. J. A. Allen, Provincial Geologist and head of the Provincial University's Dept. of Geology, in a statement made before the Alberta Coal Commission.

Invermere, B.C.—There is every possibility that the Provincial Government may this year complete the construction of the scenic highway connecting Golden with the summer resorts of Banff and Lake Louise. Much of it was built during the past two seasons. When this link is completed it will make one magnificent triangle through the heart of the Canadian Rockies.

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; heavyweight 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, me., $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, $14 to $15.50; 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.

MONTREAL.

Oats, No. 2 CW, 72½c; No. 3 CW, 65½c; extra No. 1 feed, 63c. Flour, Man. spring wheat pats., firsts, $10; seconds, $9.50; strong bakers', $9.30; winter pats., choice, $7.70 to $7.80. Rolled oats, bag 90 lbs., $3.55. Bran, $28.25 to $29.25. Shorts, $30.25 to $31.25. Middlings, $36.25 to $37.25. Hay, No. 2, per ton, car lots, $14 to $15.

Cheese, finest wests., 17¾ to 18c; do, finest easterns, 17¾ to 17⅞c. Butter, No. 1 pasteurized, 32½ to 33c; do, No. 1 creamery, 31½ to 32c; do, seconds, 30½ to 31c. Eggs, fresh specials, 36 to 37c do, fresh extras, 35c; do, fresh firsts, 32c. Potatoes, per bag, car lots, 55c.

Med. calves, $6.50; [illegible] drinkers, $5 to $5.50; hogs, poor quality, $13.50; do, good, $13.75.

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 fiancee 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.

Queen Sees Likeness in Model of Prince of Wales

A despatch from London says:—Despite the heavy rain on Wednesday, her Majesty Queen Mary visited the British Empire Exhibition at Wembley and inspected the Canadian section.

Her Majesty was quite interested in the exhibits from the Dominion, which she thought were more varied and even better than those of 1924. She was very much amused when she beheld the model of the Prince of Wales in butter and examined it for several moments.

"It is a remarkable likeness," she said.

Sterling is Highest Since End of 1914

A despatch from New York says:—Sterling exchange approached within one-half cent of dollar parity—$4.86⅝—which goal has not been reached since November, 1914.

Demand bills on London were quoted at $4.85⅝, an overnight gain of one-quarter of a cent, when the market opened, and rose steadily until they reached the top figure of $4.86 3-16, slipping back slightly just before the market closed.

Solution of last week's puzzle.