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CITY SENT AID

And Put Out Big Fire At Snow Road.

VILLAGE IN DANGER

350,000 FEET OF LUMBER WAS BURNED.

The Allens' Loss is \$10,000--No Insurance Carried--The Kingston Firemen Did Great Service--They Were Cheered By the Villagers.

On Friday afternoon at two o'clock, a terrible fire broke out at Snow Road, sixty-one miles north of Kingston, on the Kingston & Pembroke railway. The fire started in the lumber yards of Allen Bros., about one-quarter of a mile south of the village of Snow Road, and for some time the entire place was in danger of being wiped out, and as it was, quite a few houses were badly scorched by the flames, but no serious damage was done in the village proper.

The fire had not been raging long in the yards when the men saw that it was gaining on them so rapidly that unless they received help at once, the lumber yard, mill, and perhaps the village would become a prey to the flames and they would be left destitute. Word was sent to Sharbot Lake and then to Kingston, asking for aid. Ald. Rigney, chairman of the fire and light committee and Mayor Ross, ordered the Chatham engine and four firemen to go at once by special train. This word was received at three o'clock and at 3:30 o'clock, the engine was loaded on a flat car, and Chief Elmer, firemen Sinclair and McKee, and Callan Foster, were ready to start. The distance is sixty-one miles, and the train was sent off at three o'clock and at 3:30 o'clock, the engine was loaded on a flat car, and Chief Elmer, firemen Sinclair and McKee, and Callan Foster, were ready to start. The distance is sixty-one miles, and the train was sent off at three o'clock and at 3:30 o'clock, the engine was loaded on a flat car, and Chief Elmer, firemen Sinclair and McKee, and Callan Foster, were ready to start.

When the special arrived near the scene of the conflagration, cloud upon cloud of smoke could be seen arising, and driven by a strong, steady, stiff south west wind. The train was greeted by nearly the entire village, and a hearty cheer of thankfulness was given as the boys disembarked and got to work. Very fortunately the bridge over the creek was in such a position that the flat car containing the Chatham engine could be backed up on it and at once put to work, without taking it off the car. Engineer Sinclair had stood up before the train arrived and was ready at once to pump water.

Yard In Ruins.

When the Kingston fire fighting crew arrived they found a very serious problem confronting them, but they lost no time in getting down to business. The fire started first from a spark out of the smoke stack of the large saw and planing mill and was first noticed about fifty yards away from the mill. It caught in a huge pile of sawdust and dry shingle wood, and inside of a moment it was a mass of flames. The mill hands and villagers worked heroically to put it out but all their efforts proved of no avail. It was a hard fight between the men and the fire demon, and the latter was slowly driving them back foot by foot, nearer and nearer to their village, where their homes, their families, and all they held dear or earth were being put in

DAILY MEMORANDA.

New Fall Hats
The noblest styles
And best makes at Campbell Bros.
New York Excursion on Tuesday.
Special Sale tonight, at Waldron's.
See advt.
Steamer Caspian to Thousand Islands, 10.15 a.m. Sunday.
See Amusement Column for the four Moving Picture Shows and Park Vaudeville.

Aug. 22nd, In Canadian History.

1800--The Hon. E. B. Chandler, of New Brunswick, one of the "Fathers of the Confederation" was born. Died February 6, 1880.
1880--William Mendall, clothed in a work vest, swam through the Niagara whirlpool rapids.
1908--The Canadian government steamer "Neptune" sailed for Hudson Bay and Arctic regions on a botanical, geological and zoological expedition.
1905--Prince Louis of Battenberg received in Montreal.
1904--A service of plate was presented to the battleship "Dominion" at Quebec.

JOB DINNER SETS

Look At The Snaps:
These sets are short a few small pieces.
See them. Come quick. Only one set each.
\$25.00 Sets for \$19.50.
10.00 " " 7.50.
12.00 " " 9.00.
15.00 " " 11.00.
18.00 " " 13.00.
20.00 " " 15.00.
25.00 " " 18.00.
30.00 " " 21.00.
35.00 " " 24.00.

Herker Minister Injured.

Thousand Island Park, Aug. 20.--Smashing into an unseen nail which projected from the end of the dock, Rev. Mr. Markham, of Herkimer, who is summing here, received a blow which loosened one of his ribs and necessitated the services of a physician. With a party of friends Mr. Markham was returning from a launch ride and was preparing to land. The boat ran alongside the dock and the accident occurred. The blow nearly knocked the man from the boat into the water.

TOLEDO ITEMS.

Toledo, Aug. 21.--Great preparations are being made for the Roman Catholic picnic on the 29th. School reopened Monday. Mrs. W. J. Murphy and children, Kingston, are spending a couple of months with Mrs. Murphy's mother, Mrs. M. A. McGuire. A number from here attended the social at Nehalem, under the auspices of the English church. Miss Ella McGuire and Miss Agnes Smith left here Monday last for Gouverneur, N.Y., for a couple of weeks' visit with friends.

Excursion to Ogdensburg.

Steamer Altha will leave Swift's dock at 8 a.m., Tuesday, August 25th, for Ogdensburg. Fare 35c.

deadly peril. The fire had gained rapidly in the first hour and finally drove the men back to the small foot bridge over the creek. This only lasted a few moments and when the men saw the flames begin to creep up the stout timbers holding the bridge they realized that it was the worst step of all, as it cut the village off from help on the other side. It was at this point that word was sent to the city for help. The fire had travelled fully five hundred yards by this time, leaving in its wake the ruins of 350,000 feet of the choicest cut lumber, the pick of the yard, and also cords upon cords of kindling wood. In the centre of the yard stood a large stable and this was also burned to the ground.

Flames Reach Village.

After the burning of the bridge the fire spread rapidly over the dry leaves and grass up the hill to the village and before long five buildings were attacked. The minute the men heard this they quit work in the yard and everyone fought at the village. The men must have put up a heroic fight as they had the fire at the village was waged the excitement arrived. The houses were not seriously burned and a few dollars each will repair the damage. If the wind had been stronger the village would certainly have been wiped out as there was not sufficient water power to quench it. The houses attacked were occupied by Thomas Whittaker, Mrs. Woods, a barn owned by Delbert Woods, house occupied by John Havrick, and the village school house. As the light to put out the fire in the village raged the excitement rose high. There was no proper fire hose, only a bucket line of men and women, and this would not have been of much benefit had the fire gained any advantage. This part of the fire was all over and when the local crew arrived they at once went to work in the mill yard.

The fire was running along the north side of the yard in a pile of kindling wood and was making good headway. Twenty minutes after the mill arrived they had 750 feet of hose laid and the Chatham engine was throwing a heavy stream on the burning lumber with telling effect. The fire light was on the north side of the yard, where the fire had a very strong foothold. Chief Elmer put his men right in the midst of the blaze with the heavy hose and it was not long before they were slowly taking command of the fire, gradually beating it out. It was very hard on the men, the smoke and flames and the sickening odor of the wood all helping to make the work stiffer for them. In some places the men had a very hard time getting at the blaze as it was ten and fifteen feet down in the base of the pile. The fight on the north side took three hours before it was finally put out. At eight o'clock, after the men had been given supper, they started to work around the east side. Here it was just as hard a job as the fire was in piles of cut lumber, and was deep down. The smoke and odor of the burning wood was very hard on the men, but they fought on, step by step, until the fire out, driving it back into the centre of the yard where they could fight it from all sides.

Fire Well Under Control.

At ten o'clock at night the men had the fire under control and were using the stream to flood the ruins in case of the fire breaking out anew. At last at 11:30 o'clock after a fight of six hours of hard work, the brigade had conquered the fire and were ready to return to Kingston.

The people at Snow Road could not do too much for the local brigade. F. D. Allan, one of the owners of the mill, had the men up at his home for supper, and again for lunch after the fire. His kindness was greatly appreciated by the men, as they were just feeling in the right form to do justice to the good things provided by Mr. Allan. The people were also very thankful to the men for the services rendered, and everyone expressed their appreciation of their work.

Chief Elmer and his men cannot receive too much credit for their work in handling the fire. Two hours and twenty minutes after the train left the city water was playing on the fire through 750 feet of hose. This was very quick time indeed for the work that had to be done.

Before Chief Elmer and his men left, Mr. Allan complimented them warmly for their good work. He said that it was due to their efforts that the fire was put out, as if his men could not have handled it after it began to spread, Mr. Allan did everything in his power, and his numerous little kindnesses were greatly appreciated.

The loss of the bridge over the creek is a serious thing to the villagers, as they cannot get over to Macdonald's Corners, without going miles around country, over a road that is hard to travel. It will be some time before the bridge will be ready for traffic.

WAS REVENGE

Russian Revolutionists Shot Jewish Family.

DID THEY INFORM?

THE VENGEANCE EXECUTED FOR TELLING TALES.

They Afterwards Descend on Hospital Where Victims Were Taken, and Complete Their Work--An Horrible Outrage.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 22.--News has reached this city of a terrible vengeance taken by the revolutionists of Yurievka, in Yekaterinoslav province, upon a Jewish family named Edelstein, who were accused of giving information to the authorities regarding the activities of the agitators. They had been stronger the village would certainly have been wiped out as there was not sufficient water power to quench it. The houses attacked were occupied by Thomas Whittaker, Mrs. Woods, a barn owned by Delbert Woods, house occupied by John Havrick, and the village school house. As the light to put out the fire in the village raged the excitement rose high. There was no proper fire hose, only a bucket line of men and women, and this would not have been of much benefit had the fire gained any advantage. This part of the fire was all over and when the local crew arrived they at once went to work in the mill yard.

UNION SUITORS.

Must Be in Good Standing to Win Girls.
Chicago, Ill., Aug. 22.--Proposals of marriage made to any member of the Woman's Trades Union league probably will be accepted hereafter only on condition that the suitor answers the following questions in a satisfactory manner:
"Are you a union man?
"What union do you belong to?
"Is your card paid up?
This or a similar formula may be adopted by the league for the guidance of its unmarried members if the plan of Mrs. Raymond Robins, national president of the league, and other executive members of the organization is adopted at the league's national conference to be held simultaneously in Chicago, New York and Boston this month.

Briefly, the officers are considering the advisability of sending out an appeal to the members to accept in marriage only union men and women, and to pay up their dues. The backers of the plan believe this will be a strong inducement to non-union men to become unionized and an added stimulus to those already organized to remain loyal to their organization.

The proposition of the women is only one phase of a campaign started by unionists among young men and women who contemplate marriage. The object of the campaign is to encourage "union weddings."
Coincident with the "union wedding" campaign an appeal was sent out by Secretary Edward N. Nickels, of the Chicago Federation of Labor, urging all members of affiliated unions to see to it that funerals of dead members and relatives are "strictly union," and that only floral tributes bearing the union label be purchased for such occasions.

The "union flower and funeral" appeal was made at the request of Secretary Clarence Rogers, of the Gardeners and Florists' union, who complained that many dead union members have been buried recently in non-union coffins which have been decorated with non-union flowers.

Charles Kieser, Chicago, representative of the national Hotel and Restaurant Employees' union is conducting the campaign for union weddings. Kieser's plan is similar to that started a few days ago by the New York branch of the organization. An appeal sent out by Kieser, to several thousand young men and women unionists contain the following injunctions:
"If you contemplate marriage employ only union waiters and musicians at your wedding.
"Treat your guests to union cigars and union beer.
"Serve only union bread and other foods.
"If your wedding is in a hall see to it that it is a union hall."

TO RACE FOR HIS BRIDE.

Klein Must Win From Her Father.

LATEST NEWS

Despatches From Near And Distant Places.

THE WORLD'S TIDINGS

GIVEN IN THE BRIEFEST POSSIBLE FORM.

Matters That Interest Everybody--Notes From All Over--Little of Everything Easily Read and Remembered.

The failures in Canada this week totaled 23, same week, 1907, 24. Donald Day, a popular Syracusean, is proposed for a New York state senator.

TO VISIT WASHINGTON.

Dr. William Osler at Tuberculosis Convention.
Dr. William Osler, the regis professor at Oxford University, England, will be in the United States to attend the International Tuberculosis Convention, which will meet in Washington this fall. Dr. Osler, who is

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MAY LIE IN WELL.

ILLINOIS OFFICIALS LOOKING FOR MURDERER.

Anna Stuck, Employed on Niemann Farm, Disappeared in 1905 and It Is Supposed She Was the Victim of Foul Play.
Chicago, Aug. 22.--The Inter-Ocean, at the bottom of an old abandoned well, half filled with debris, the body of a girl, the discovery of which may save Herman Bilke from the gallows. The corpse is believed to be that of Anna Stuck, a pretty German girl who once stood with the affections of William Niemann, who afterwards became Emma Vrzal's husband.

State's Attorney Hadley and Coroner Matter of Dupage county, decided yesterday to search for the body. Details of the young woman's mysterious disappearance in August, 1905, which led to the belief that she was thrown into the well, were unearthed by a detective.

If the body is found it will be considered almost positive evidence that the murder of Anna Stuck was the first in the series which included the six members of the Vrzal family and Henry Niemann. Such a development would be thought absolute proof of the innocence of Herman Bilke.

A YARKER WEDDING.

Signalled By the Explosion of Torpedoes.

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Lideau Takes On Ottawa.

Ribeau King and Queen leave for Ottawa, Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday, at 6 a.m., and for Clayton, N.Y., Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, at 6.15 p.m. James Swift & Co., Agents.

PROBABILITIES

Toronto, Aug. 22--Ottawa, Valley and Upper St. Lawrence 10 a.m.

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