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AS BALL FIELD

Ohio River Bed is Quite Dried Up.

A SERIOUS OUTLOOK

FIRE IS WIPE OUT MANY FORESTS.

The Long Dry Spell Has Created Conditions of An Alarming Nature—Streams Dry For the First Time in Fifty Years.

Pittsburgh, Pa., Sept. 21.—With forest fires destroying much valuable property, the enforced suspension of many industries, crops ruined, live stock suffering, river navigation at a standstill and numerous small streams absolutely dry, a drought which has practically been unbroken for over two months, is fast assuming serious proportions in Western Pennsylvania, Eastern Ohio and West Virginia.

During four days of last week a representative of the Associated Press visited over thirty cities and towns in the tri-state district and conditions of an alarming nature were found on account of the long, dry spell.

At night raging forest fires light up miles of territory, while thousands of persons are doing everything in their power to check the flames. Meetings are held at which prayers for rain are offered.

A tour through portions of the three states shows the seriousness of the drought. A majority of the smaller streams are as dry as a bone and their beds are being used as wagon roads. At a number of places along the Ohio and West Virginia shores of the Ohio river there is not a sign of water.

Near Marietta, Ohio, the large steamboat Tornado, with a tow of barges for Pittsburgh, is lying on a bed of gravel in the middle of what was the river. At many points small streams of water extend a few yards from either shore and boys, after having crossed these, can be seen playing ball in the middle of the Ohio river.

Telegraph and telephone companies having cables crossing the river are busily engaged in digging trenches in the river bed so the cables can be placed out of sight.

Many inquiries along the river are suspended on account of no power for pumping purposes and many others will be idle unless rain falls soon.

In view of the streams now dry that it is the first time in fifty years that such a condition has existed.

In the Pittsburgh harbor there are between fifteen and twenty million bushels of coal ready to be shipped to points south and west of this city. Unless this fuel reaches its destination before snow comes considerable suffering will result from a coal famine. To prevent an epidemic of disease the health authorities are flushing several streams in the Pittsburgh district and then coating the bed and banks with lime.

A "WORLD" YARN.

Frog in Ice Hopped About When Melted.

New York, Sept. 21.—A special to the World, from Middletown, N.Y., says: "An employee of an ice company here was delivering a cake of ice to a customer on Orchard street, to-day, when he discovered a frog in the centre of the cake. The ice was melted and the frog taken out. After it had been exposed to the sun for about ten minutes the frog commenced to hop about, apparently none the worse for its ice imprisonment. It is a remarkable fact that the ice from which the frog had been taken had been in storage for two years. The frog was exhibited about the city for some time."

DAILY MEMORANDA.

Ladies' Lined Coats, Surprising values, at Campbell Bros', Wolfe Island Fair, to-morrow. Civic Light Committee, 4 p.m. Tuesday.

Read the Want and For Sale Advs. on page 3.

Twenty minute service on the Street Cars goes into effect to-day.

Sept. 21st. In Canadian History. 1898—Archdeacon Betsch was elected coadjutor bishop and successor to Bishop Strachan, of Toronto.

1898—The Hon. John Boyd was appointed Lieutenant-Governor of New Brunswick.

1895—The Peary relief expedition returned to St. John's, Newfoundland, with Lieut. Peary and two companions on board.

1898—The statue of Champlain as unveiled at Quebec by Lord Aberdeen.

1898—The Dominion liner Scotsman was wrecked off Belle Isle, Newfoundland, with a loss of fifteen lives.

1901—The Duke of Cornwall unveiled a statue of Queen Victoria at Ottawa.

WIFE, DAUGHTER, MONEY.

Home Was Stripped of Everything

Saved a Bed.

Worcester, Mass., Sept. 21.—Deserted by his wife and seventeen-year-old daughter, and robbed of \$8,000, his savings of a lifetime, John O'Hearn, a machinist, has asked the police to find the couple, and the grand jury has returned an indictment against them for forgery on the charge that they drew from three savings banks on forged orders savings deposited in his name.

O'Hearn left home one morning recently, leaving his wife and daughter in the best of spirits, and when he returned in the evening found the house stripped of all furniture save a bed. The fugitives were traced to an expensive flat in Springfield, but O'Hearn lacked the means to follow them up.

DRANK POISONED WATER.

Nurse Made Fatal Mistake in California Hospital.

San Diego, Cal., Sept. 21.—A nurse in the county hospital confessed to District Attorney Kirby that she had accidentally furnished a number of the patients with drinking water containing a quantity of poison. Six were taken violently ill, one died, and the others are in a serious condition, some being unconscious. It is probable that the other deaths will occur.

The wholesale poisoning was followed by rumors that it had been brought about deliberately as the result of a plot. The sheriff and the district attorney immediately began an investigation at the hospital, and finally learned from one of the nurses that she had used for drinking water a receptacle that had contained poison.

THE TAX DODGERS.

Attempt Will Be Made to Collect Duties.

Windsor, Ont., Sept. 21.—The question whether the estates of Michigan tax dodgers, who die in Ontario, can be made to pay succession duties, is involved in proceedings about to be started against the estate of John Patten, who died here three years ago. Most of the Patten property passed to a son who is now living here. His Windsor property is worth about \$2,000, but it is said the Michigan estate is worth \$60,000. If successful in this suit the Ontario government will call toll from the remittance of others who escape taxation in Michigan by living in Ontario. From one estate alone, which will be involved, the dues will be over \$7,000.

The Latest Position.

Manchester, Eng., Sept. 21.—The wage dispute in the Lancashire cotton trade, which threatened to involve the locking out of 200,000 operatives, took a new turn. The spinners decided to accept the terms of the employers, a five per cent. reduction in wages beginning January 1st, but the card-room operatives decided not to yield. Should the card-roomers adhere to their decision the spinners, those willing to work, will be unable to do so owing to lack of material for the card-roomers will be locked out.

Sent Up For Murder.

Belleville, Ont., Sept. 21.—The inquiry held at Shannondale, in the case of James Sero, shot and killed Wednesday, was adjourned in view of a fit of wild murder against Thomas Smart, who is now under arrest. The prisoner told witnesses that he would kill Sero and told others that he had killed him and was ready to swing for it. He alleged Sero beat and wronged his (the prisoner's) sister.

A CHARITY FRAUD

WOMAN BEGAR USES INFANT TO STIR SYMPATHY.

Fined \$500 When Judge Learned Husband Had Three Bank Accounts and Earned \$3 Per Day.

New York, Sept. 21.—Probably the heaviest sentence ever given a woman beggar by the justices of special sessions was imposed, yesterday, on Sarah Borotsky. She pleaded guilty to using her eighteen-months-old baby as a means of exciting sympathy, and was fined \$500, with the alternative of ninety days in the city prison.

Agent Cook arrested her. Clothed in rags, bent over and hugging her baby to her breast, she presented a pitiful sight, but Cook knew her off old.

Yesterday, he told the judges the result of his investigation. He learned that her husband had three bank accounts and earned \$3 a day, as a painter. One of her neighbors said to him, Cook testified:

"What are they looking for charity for? Her husband makes lots of money. Why, they live better than anyone in the house."

Justice Mayo recognized the woman as one on whom for similar offence he had suspended sentence twice before.

WOMAN WHIPS PASTOR.

Preacher on Street Takes His Punishment.

Alexander, Ia., Sept. 21.—Mrs. Bonita Swartzberg created a sensation by stopping on Main street and applying a horsewhip to the head and shoulders of Rev. C. H. Worton, a young minister in charge of one of the best churches here.

With his wife, Worton was walking down Main street when attacked by Mrs. Swartzberg. She applied the heavy whip until exhausted. Attempts by citizens to stop the woman were not permitted by the young minister, who stood quietly and took his punishment.

The woman alleged Worton had made remarks reflecting on her character.

CHOSE CURRIE

As Liberal Candidate in Prince Edward.

VICTORY IS ASSURED

FOR THE REPRESENTATIVE OF LAURIER.

The Liberals United—Dr. Currie's Able Address—J. McD. Mowat, of Kingston, Scored the Conservative "Purists" and Paid His Spouse to Foster.

Pieton, Sept. 21.—If the old adage, "in union there is strength," be true, then the liberals will send their candidate to the House of Commons, to represent Prince Edward. Never was a more enthusiastic and unanimous convention for the selection of standard bearer than that on Saturday, when a crowd that packed the opera house, selected Dr. Morley Currie, ex-M.P.P., to contest the election on October 26th. Further evidence that Dr. Currie's election is assured is the very evident disfavor with which this selection became known among the conservative voters. A stronger man to pick than Dr. Currie would have been almost an impossibility. "The outlook was never brighter for the liberals of this country than this year," said M. R. Allison, chairman of the afternoon's convention.

After Dr. Currie had been unanimously selected, he gave a short address thanking the electors, and called upon all to give their help, without which he could not hope to win the election. He made a definite pledge regarding matters of patronage with which he might be called upon in the future to act. He would take no part in the matter, but turn it over to a committee of township chairmen, and officers of the association of the county and Wellington, Bloomfield and Picton. Criticizing the campaign literature of the conservatives, he characterized the pamphlet, "Facts for the People," as full of insinuations, accusations and misrepresentations of well-known facts. Regarding misappropriation of public funds, he pointed out that it was true that some cases had occurred at the government chest, but he drew attention to a worthy comparison that there had not been as much wrong doing at Ottawa in the chartered banks of Canada, where the clerks and attaches were selected with unusual care.

Dr. Currie, who has been an energetic advocate in the need of technical education to overcome the present difficulties that have cropped up over the tariff rate that is the cause of friction with the woolen manufacturers. It was only natural that Canadian manufacturers should want a high tariff when they could compete against manufacturers in the old land. Technical education would, he thought, overcome this difficulty. The reason for the better and cheaper product from the old land was because of such education. In conclusion, the candidate referred to the wonderfully prosperous condition of Canada, while in England, United States and in Japan, there was depression. Laurier's term was responsible for good and a prosperous condition of the country.

J. McDonald Mowat, of Kingston, was up for nomination meeting and gave an address of spirit. Speaking of Tupper's late letter to the press, he said he was glad that Tupper had jumped into the campaign in the interest of the liberal cause in the past, but that when Tupper had led the liberals had won. The conservatives advocated against the high rate of tariff. The taxes were higher, but the tariff less. The speaker referred to the campaign of Borden and his colleagues, who preached of the liberal scandals? "Who are these holy white clad men, who preach of purity?" he asked and answered his own question, "None other than George E. Foster," who was dismissed as general manager of the Union Trust for mismanagement of funds. He admitted that there had been cases of misappropriation of funds in the Ottawa treasury, but he pointed out that in every instance investigation had proved that the wrong-doer had been a Tory official left over by the administration before 1896. He refused charges of extravagances. He said the country was developing and the government spending to meet this development, but is yet living well within the means of the land and never exceeding the year's business with a deficit, as the conservative regime had done.

In conclusion he urged strongly for an effort to help Dr. Currie in his quest. Other speakers included G. N. Rose, Ex-Sheriff Gillespie and John Hyatt.

Charles Peckover, of Toronto, who has been filling the position of assistant to Town Engineer Code, for the past few months, has returned home.

The question of ownership of the popular Sabbath evening resort, at Half Moon Bay, which has lain in abeyance for years or more, is likely to be decided in the near future. By the will of the late Mr. Wallace, of New York, the bay, with a strip of land twenty feet surrounding it, and \$2,000 in cash to build a pavilion and a half moon bay, which has been in abeyance for years or more, is likely to be decided in the near future. By the will of the late Mr. Wallace, of New York, the bay, with a strip of land twenty feet surrounding it, and \$2,000 in cash to build a pavilion and a half moon bay, which has been in abeyance for years or more, is likely to be decided in the near future. By the will of the late Mr. Wallace, of New York, the bay, with a strip of land twenty feet surrounding it, and \$2,000 in cash to build a pavilion and a half moon bay, which has been in abeyance for years or more, is likely to be decided in the near future. 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