

# HOLIDAY DISASTER

### TROLLEY CAR DASHES DOWN AN EMBANKMENT.

#### Thirty-Six People Killed and About Sixty-Five Injured, Some of Whom May Not Recover—Day of Joy at Tacoma Turned to Despair—Pleasure-Seeking Excursionists Thrown Over a Bridge to a Horrible Death—Unfortunate Victim, Mangled into Unrecognizable Shapes.

Tacoma, Wash., July 6.—The most appalling accident ever known in the history of Tacoma occurred yesterday morning when the 8:30 Edison car, loaded with excursionists coming to see the parade, was dashed down sixty feet over the bridge at the gulch where the track runs from Delin street, burying the passengers, among whom were many women and children, under the wreck of the car. The car turned completely over and mangled the unfortunate victims into unrecognizable shapes as the debris crashed down the steep side of the gulch. Where the car went off there is a sharp curve at the foot of a steep grade. Just how the accident occurred will never be known, but as the car struck the curve, instead of following the rails it whirled completely over and pitched from the bridge, striking on its top, the heavy body of the car splintering the frail upper works to splinters and smashing down upon the mass of men, women and children with which the car was loaded. The number of killed is thirty-six and sixty-five were injured, some of whom may not recover.

### TROOPS ARE DELAYED.

#### Guardsmen Meet With Difficulties on The Road to the Indian Country.

St. Paul, July 6.—Trouble with the Indians in the Rainy Lake region, which has been imminent last week, is now considered by the war department as improbable. The orders directing Gen. Wade to proceed to the scene of the expected trouble have been countermanded owing to advices received by the department of interior from Rainy Lake saying that affairs in that locality have quieted down and there is no longer any reason to apprehend trouble from the Indians. The state military department received no intelligence yesterday of the whereabouts of the detachment of state troops in command of Capt. Eva of Duluth, en route to Koochiing to protect the settlers and property in the event of an uprising. Gen. Lambert said last evening he believed Capt. Eva's detachment had reached its destination. Owing to the long distance messages must be carried by courier and boats. Reports would of necessity be delayed.

### DAWSON IS HELD FOR MURDER.

#### William Marshall, Formerly of Preston, Found Dead.

Minneapolis, July 6.—William Marshall, a young laborer who formerly resided in Preston, Minn., and recently worked on the Taylor farm, about a mile north from Minneapolis workhouse, is believed by the local police to have been murdered at an early hour yesterday morning. James Dawson, who has served two years in Stillwater penitentiary for committing a murderous assault upon a Great Northern railway conductor at Fergus Falls, is in custody, suspected of the crime.

### PROPOSED WISCONSIN ROAD.

#### It Will Be the First to Enter Adams County.

Madison, Wis., July 6.—The first railroad company to enter Adams county has filed articles of organization with the secretary of state. It is the Princeton & Wisconsin River company, to run from Princeton to Neenah, fifty miles, through Juneau, Adams, Marquette and Green Lake counties. The capital stock is \$750,000 and the incorporators are R. A. Crandall, Robert Jones, W. H. Hopkins, W. S. Syrett and John C. Hopkins of Chicago.

### FATAL WRECK IN MONTANA.

#### Two Passengers Killed and Thirty-Three Others Injured.

Butte, Mont., July 6.—A wreck occurred late last night on the Montana Central, a branch of the Great Northern, at Track Siding, twelve miles from Butte, by which two persons were killed and thirty-three injured.

### Drowned in the Mississippi.

St. Paul, July 6.—Otto Reuth, sixteen years old, son of Michael Reuth, a traveling salesman for Kerwin & Melady, living at 2070 Marshall avenue, was drowned in the Mississippi river yesterday afternoon near the Marshall avenue bridge. Searching parties were organized soon after the accident, but the body had not been recovered last evening.

### Revolvers at His Head.

West Bend, Wis., July 6.—Adolph Homrig, a night operator, was held up about midnight by two masked men and at the point of revolvers made to give up the key to the cash drawer, which contained about \$20, and then was relieved of his valuables. The safe of the West Bend Lumber company was also tampered with.

### Hand Blown Off.

Plainview, Minn., July 6.—Clyde Richardson of Elgin, twenty-five years old, had his right hand blown off with a cannon firecracker yesterday. He is in a critical condition as a result of the shock.

### Northern Pacific Depot Burned.

Royalton, Minn., July 6.—The Northern Pacific depot was struck by lightning and burned to the ground. There was very little freight in the house. The lightning ran into the depot on the telegraph wires, causing the fire.

### Roof Taken Off.

Winona, Minn., July 6.—A furious wind unroofed the large warehouse of the Bay State Milling company, damaging the structure \$1,000 and uncovering 7,000 barrels of flour, much of which was damaged by rain.

# NOT ONE LEFT ALIVE.

### All Foreigners in Peking Reported Killed.

London, July 6.—"Not a single foreigner is now alive in Peking." This is the latest Chinese report that has reached Shanghai. Earlier reports from the same sources describe the condition of the British legation as something awful. It is said that the rooms of the legation were filled with sick and wounded, the killed lying unburied in heaps. It is believed that many members and officials of the tsung li yamen perished when the German guard.

#### Maddened by the Murder

of Baron von Ketteler, the German minister, set fire to the building. That the foreigners of the Chinese capital have been abandoned to their fate seems no longer open to doubt in the light of the message received by the Associated Press from Taku announcing the decision of the admirals regarding the hopelessness of further attempts to relieve Peking under the circumstances. The commanders of the allies in Tien-tsin inform the correspondents that it

#### Would Be Suicide

to attempt to reach Peking with the troops now available in the face of the colossal force of imperial troops and Boxers occupying the country between Tien-tsin and Peking. So far from taking the offensive the 12,000 international troops at Tien-tsin and the 8,000 others at Taku and intermediate points can barely keep up communications, fighting incessantly with overwhelming numbers, using far more numerous artillery than the allies. The correspondent of the Express at Chefu, telegraphing Wednesday, says Admiral

#### Seymour Was Wounded

while sitting in a house at Tien-tsin by Chinese sharpshooters. Official news received at Chefu shows that the Chinese have been guilty of horrible cruelty toward the wounded and captured, subjecting them to what is known as the ling che, or the slicing process. Under this hideous rite the bodies of the fallen have been mutilated. The Russians are retaliating by the wholesale shooting of natives. The situation, according to the express correspondent, shows no signs of drifting into

#### Barbarism and Savagery.

Revolting stories are told of barbarities practiced upon Japanese and European prisoners captured on the way to Peking, though it was not known before that Admiral Seymour lost any prisoners. The Chinese troops marching toward Tien-tsin, the Chinese say, left behind them trails of rapine, fire and blood. Native women were ravished and children were cut in two. Direct tidings from Peking end with the dispatch sent by Sir Robert Hart on June 25. According to roundabout reports it is asserted by the Chinese that Prince Tuan is

#### Personally Directing

the assault upon the legations. He conferred honors and gave large sums of money and other presents to the leaders of the Boxers and the commanders of the troops who drove back Admiral Seymour, and also gave money to every soldier taking part in the operation.

A dispatch to the Express from Shanghai says that according to the best military estimates 500,000 men will be necessary to subjugate Northern China, and even then it will take two or three years. The forces of the Chinese empire have gathered such numbers that even Japan's full strength launched now, will be unequal to the task of restoring order.

#### Washington Without News.

Washington, July 6.—The administration was without news dispatches from its representatives in China yesterday. Some surprise is manifested that nothing came. Secretary Hay said at 9 o'clock last night that there had been no word at all received during the day, and Secretary Long was also without advices from Admiral Kempff or from the battleship Oregon. The officials accept as correct the press dispatches that the Oregon has been blocked.

### BOND BETWEEN TWO NATIONS.

#### Lafayette Statue Unveiled in Paris—Ireland the Orator.

Paris, July 6.—In the presence of the president of the republic, M. Loubet; the United States ambassador, Gen. Horace Porter, and a brilliant assembly of representatives, Frenchmen and the most prominent members of the American colony here, the statue in honor of General, the Marquis de Lafayette, the gift of the American school children to France, was presented to the nation by F. W. Peck, president of the Lafayette memorial committee, and was accepted by President Loubet in behalf of France. The monument was unveiled by two boys representing the school children of France and America, Gustav Hennoque, great grandson of the Marquis de Lafayette, and Paul Thompson, son of the projector of the monument. After a few words by Paul Thompson and the reading of a dedicatory poem by Miss Voss, representing the Daughters of the American Revolution, Archbishop Ireland delivered an address on Lafayette and the Daughters of the American Revolution.

### SIX PERSONS KILLED.

Parkersburg, W. Va., July 6.—An incoming freight train while pulling into the yards early yesterday morning ran through a misplaced switch and into an oil tank car, which immediately took fire. In an effort to extinguish the blaze the tank exploded. As a result six persons are dead, one probably will die, twelve more painfully injured and about forty others suffering minor hurts, several of whom were women and children.

#### Victims of Fireworks.

Philadelphia, July 6.—A blank cartridge fired at close range by a small colored boy into a large collection of fireworks yesterday cost the lives of four children, the probable death of three others and injured twenty more.

#### Death in a Wreck.

Webster, Mass., July 6.—An electric car on Webster & Dudley street railway and a car on the Worcester & Webster road came together on a down grade at East Webster. Several were injured, three of whom may die.

# News of the Northwest

### THEY GOT NO FISH.

#### Kept Indoors by the Rain Which Banned Farmers' Faces to Expand With Joy.

Shell Lake, Wis., July 4.—This entire section of country has received practically its baptismal rain of the season. Beginning on Saturday a magnificent downpour began, lasting until Monday, and thoroughly drenching the earth. It will save a portion of the crop, and will vastly benefit all of the late growth. Farmers and citizens smiled at the chagrin of the many Twin City fishermen penned in at the Summit house, swearing at the weather, which meant thousands of dollars for this section. Trout and bass were sunk into insignificance.

### POUL MURDER COMMITTED.

#### Widow Mysteriously Killed Near Pipestone.

Pipestone, Minn., July 4.—A foul murder was committed about ten miles southwest of here. The victim was Mrs. James Dowd, a widow. Neighbors called at the house yesterday morning and found Mrs. Dowd's lifeless body on the floor. The shot which caused her death entered her breast near the heart and passed through the body. Her twenty-year-old child was found with the mother's remains. The child has a slight bullet wound in the wrist. The perpetrator of the crime is unknown. Suspicion rests upon a man who is said to have disappeared very suddenly and has been heard to threaten Mrs. Dowd's life.

### WADE TO INVESTIGATE.

#### Washington Officials Discuss the Threatened Uprising.

Washington, July 4.—The threatened Indian uprising in the Rainy Lake region of Minnesota was one of the subjects considered at the cabinet meeting at the state department yesterday afternoon. A telegram from the governor of Minnesota, saying that an uprising in that region was threatened, and expressing the fear that it might go beyond the control of the state authorities. It was concluded that more definite information as to the exact condition of affairs was needed before the federal authorities could properly interfere in the matter, and in order to procure this information Secretary Root telegraphed to Brig. Gen. Wade at St. Paul to proceed at once to Rat Portage and ascertain the condition and extent of the trouble.

### ATTORNEY ARRESTED.

#### Charged With Embezzlement—Claims He Is Misrepresented.

Sioux Falls, S. D., July 4.—S. H. Wright, a prominent local attorney and formerly state's attorney of Brule county, has been arrested on complaint of Miss Peannette K. Morrow, superintendent of schools of Brule county, on the charge of embezzling \$900 which she had placed in his hands to settle outstanding indebtedness against her father who was formerly United States commissioner at Chamberlain and Wright's law partner. Mr. Wright declares that he has been misrepresented and that when his preliminary examination is held he will have parties present whose testimony will place the matter in its true light.

### WELCOME SHOWERS.

#### Northwest Generally Visited by a Heavy Rain.

St. Paul, July 4.—Reports from railroad agents show that rain fell in every locality in the Northwest between Saturday morning and last night. The rain was generally heavy, furnishing sufficient moisture to carry many of the crops through to maturity and assuring good crops in the southern part of Minnesota and South Dakota.

### Crushed Under Wagon Wheels.

Huron, S. D., July 4.—A fatal accident occurred at Cavour. August Sikorra, a farmer, was engaged in hauling stone when his team became frightened and ran away, throwing him under the wagon. The wheels passing over his body, crushing him so severely that he died in a few hours.

### Raise Saloon License.

Faribault, Minn., July 4.—The city council has raised the saloon licenses from \$500 to \$800, beginning the first of July. Not any of the saloons have closed since the raise. There are fourteen of them, which means an additional income of \$4,200.

### Safe-Blowers at Washburn.

Washburn, Wis., July 4.—Burglars blew open the safe of the Omaha depot yesterday morning but obtained nothing for their trouble. The explosion damaged considerable furniture. This is the second safe blowing within a week. No clew.

### Imported Stallions Burned.

Sigourney, Iowa, July 4.—A barn at Keota, belonging to Singmaster & Sons, one of the largest horse importing firms in the United States, was struck by lightning and burned to the ground. Several imported stallions were burned.

### Accidentally Killed.

Black River Falls, Wis., July 4.—Guy Nettleton, nineteen years old, was instantly killed yesterday in the town of Alma, this county, by falling from a barn where he was at work. He was in the freshman class of the high school here.

### Thrown From a Wagon.

Excelsior, Minn., July 4.—George Williams of Excelsior, who is associated with his son in conducting a meat market at Minnetonka Beach, was thrown from his wagon and received severe injuries.

### Punished for Causing Forest Fire.

Duluth, Minn., July 4.—Iver Olson was sentenced in the municipal court and paid a fine of \$20 and costs of prosecution for causing a forest fire. He had previously settled for the damage done to others by the fire.

### Killed at a Crossing.

Burlington, July 4.—The narrow gauge passenger, No. 22, killed two men at a crossing near Hedrick, fifty miles north of here. The men were attempting to cross in a wagon in front of the train.

### NO INDIAN UPRISING.

#### None of the Chiefs Have Any Grievances and Are Simply Having a Good Time.

Winnipeg, July 3.—Indian Agent Leveque and others who went to the Big Grassy river yesterday to investigate the rumors of an Indian uprising, have returned to Rat Portage. They report having reached the Indian encampment in the afternoon and found there 450 men, women and children holding a powwow. They were greeted with profuse demonstrations of friendship. The Indian chiefs were quite indignant over the reports that they had threatened the settlers on Rainy river, and gave all such stories an emphatic denial. There are only three American Indians in the encampment, and they came from Warroad, Minn., and not from Leech Lake, as reported. None of the chiefs had any grievances. They simply were having a good time, and a jollier crowd was never encountered, even amongst white people. There are no fears there of an uprising.

### Duluth, Minn., July 3.—Company A, Third Regiment, M. N. G., left on a special Duluth & Iron Range train this morning under orders from Gov. Lind to proceed to the scene of the Indian uprising in the Rainy lake region. The company is in command of Capt. Eva and consists of forty-five picked men. Adjt. Gen. Lambert of St. Paul has been in the city arranging for transportation, rations and other details. A quartermaster and surgeon from St. Paul will accompany the troops. It is not expected that any fighting will occur, but the men do not expect to return for a couple of weeks at least.

### FIRE IN SIOUX FALLS.

#### The Leading Hotel Destroyed and Another Building Badly Damaged.

Sioux Falls, S. D., July 3.—The Cataract house, the leading hotel of the city, was completely burned. The fire started in W. D. Simon's bookstore in the hotel in a stock of fireworks. The explosion blew out the front of the store and the fire spread, enveloping the whole building. The Hollister block was also badly burned. The Cataract was valued at \$50,000. It was owned by Corson Bros., and was managed by George H. Love, whose loss is \$12,000. The loss in Simon's bookstore is \$8,500; Buchanan & Stern, clothing stock, same building, \$30,000; Sioux Falls Savings bank, in same block, lost \$2,000 on furniture.

### AN ENTIRE BLOCK DESTROYED.

#### Twelve Business Houses Burned at Brown's Valley.

Brown's Valley, Minn., July 3.—One entire block in the center of the town, comprising twelve business houses, was destroyed by fire. The total loss is estimated at \$75,000, with insurance of \$30,000. The fire started in Redfield's meat market in the center of the block, and spread both ways. The city has no fire protection and citizens with buckets did yeoman service in preventing the flames from spreading to the opposite side of the street. Two weeks ago the city voted bonds for a system of water works.

### MEN ARE BADLY SCALDED.

#### Several Workmen Terribly Injured by Escaping Steam.

Park Rapids, Minn., July 3.—Sandy Sawyer, shingleman; E. L. McKinney, foreman; and Morwin Clausen, car rigger, were terribly scalded by steam from the boiler of the Park Rapids Lumber company. Clausen and Sawyer were badly injured, but it is believed all will recover. The boiler was a total wreck.

### ICE FORMS IN WISCONSIN.

#### Places in Badger State Visited by Killing Frost.

Barron, Wis., July 3.—Friday night a killing frost visited many places in this locality, ice being formed in some places. Yesterday afternoon the drought of weeks was broken by a fine rain which still continues.

### Struck by a Sledge Hammer.

Cokato, Minn., July 3.—J. J. Sandberg, a young man, was seriously hurt last evening while putting down curbing in a well three miles east of town. His brother, who was driving down the curbing with a sledge hammer, broke the handle, and the sledge struck him on the head and fractured the skull. He is unconscious and the doctors say there is no hope of recovery.

### Changes the Aspects.

Fargo, N. D., July 3.—On account of the drought and the general discouragement of the farmers all over the state a movement was set on foot to call off the excursions of the farmers from all over the state to the agricultural college. The recent rains have so changed the crop situation that President Worst announces the excursions will be given as originally planned.

### Long Distance Phones.

Fargo, N. D., July 3.—Beginning yesterday Fargo was made the exchange for thirty long distance telephone wires by the Northwestern telephone exchange. This will simplify the work in North Dakota and the northern part of Minnesota.

### Struck by Lightning.

Clearwater, Minn., July 3.—During an electric storm yesterday morning lightning struck B. A. Leme's livery stable in this village and it burned to the ground, together with eight horses and all other contents.

### Tons of Gold.

Seattle, Wash., July 3.—Three tons of gold arrived in Seattle yesterday from Alaska, being brought by the City of Seattle and City of Topeka. This gold is valued at over a million dollars.

# In Minnesota.

### State News of the Week Briefly Told.

S. Winn was killed by an ore train near Cloquet.

J. C. Pratt of Stillwater was drowned at Carnelian lake.

A cloudburst at Sugar Loaf, near Winona, caused a damage of \$8,000.

Peter McNally, a Great Northern brakeman, was killed at St. Cloud.

Census returns will show that Winona has a population slightly in excess of 25,000.

Reports from Rice county indicate that scarcely a third of a crop will be realized.

Henry Finehout, the oldest railway conductor in the world, died of heart failure at St. Cloud.

People of Northern counties are agitating the matter of a new water route from Bemidji to Leech lake.

Leo Rupp and Charles Thiennes of St. Cloud were drowned while bathing. They were about ten years old.

The two-year-old son of Samuel Wheeler of Sleepy Eye was burned to death while playing with gasoline.

Anthony Case, a marine engineer, has disappeared from Duluth and no trace has been seen of him for several days.

Herbert Wigdall, aged twelve, and Florian Lorisinski, aged six, were drowned while bathing in the river at Winona.

The Minnesota Norwegian synod held its sixteenth annual meeting at Willmar. About 600 ministers and laymen were present.

St. Martin, Stearns county, experienced a \$5,000 fire recently. The hotel, Catholic church and house of M. Weier were destroyed.

P. J. Regan, a Great Northern employe, was seriously injured near Willmar by being struck on the head with a cable-stretcher.

The semi-centennial of the entrance of Episcopal missionaries into Minnesota was celebrated at Christ church, St. Paul, last week.

O. Christianson of Preston, went insane and cut his hand off with an axe. He has been taken to Rochester. He was eighty years old.

The year-old child of George Chuba of Two Rivers tipped a pan of hot water over and was so badly scalded that it died in a few hours.

W. W. Wilkin, a highly-respected citizen of Steele county, died at Owatonna recently. At one time he was a member of the legislature.

While James Ballard, an oiler at the Glenroot mill at Cass Lake, was oiling some cups on a carriage, the hand saw broke and cut the thumb off his hand.

The barn and machine shed of Jesse Hanner, a farmer living northwest of Northfield, were burned to the ground. All harness and farm machinery were burned.

The summer school for the counties of Stearns, Benton, Sherburne and Morrison will be held in the normal school building, St. Cloud. The school begins July 9 and lasts four weeks.

The foundations for the normal school building at Duluth are completed and work on the superstructure is beginning. This will be red stone and buff brick. It is intended to have the building under roof by the coming autumn.

Eugene Meade, a young man living a few miles west of Little Falls, was arrested at St. Cloud and taken to Little Falls Saturday. Meade was in possession of a bicycle which he had stolen from Nathl Bros. of Little Falls, and his attempt to dispose of it at St. Cloud led to his arrest. He admits his guilt.

The Dairymen and Buttermakers' association of Faribault county met in Blue Earth recently for the purpose of adopting a constitution and by-laws.

The Wells creamery company organized recently with thirty stockholders. G. M. Graham is president; M. Olson, treasurer. They will build a creamery costing about \$5,000.

The rest of the people are having a quiet laugh at the republicans who met in county convention at Duluth last week. Among the officers nominated was M. Douglas, an attorney, for the office of court commissioner. It so happens that this office does not become vacant for two years, and no election can be held for it now.

Daniel Alguire was brought from Ozellie, being found in the woods near that place, in a terrible condition. His eyesight was totally gone, and when discovered he was crawling on his hands and knees, imagining he was in the house, and was practically insane. He was in a starved condition, and had evidently been without food for several days.

John Mitchell, head of the large contracting firm of Powers & Mitchell of Marquette, died at Two Harbors in a very peculiar manner. On his way to the breakwater contract over which he had charge, he grew weary and sat down against some timbers, in plain sight of the men at work. An investigation proved that he died almost immediately upon sitting down.

John Mertes, an aged farmer of St. Joseph township, near St. Cloud, was severely injured in a runaway. He had been delivering milk to the creamery, and as he was leaving for home, the team became frightened as he was unhitching them, and he was knocked down by the buggy pole, stepped on by one of the horses, and the buggy wheels passed over him, cutting his head badly and bruising and cutting one leg severely.

An executive committee of seven prominent citizens of Glenwood, assisted by a number of special subcommittees, is making preparations for the reception and entertainment of the big crowd which will visit Glenwood on July 17. That day will mark the arrival of thousands of M. A. W. excursionists from Morrison county and points between Little Falls and Glenwood, and from all points on the Soo as far west as Harvey, N. D. Glenwood is preparing to entertain fully 5,000 visitors on this occasion.

### STATE'S SWAMP LAND.

#### Gov. Lind Delivers a "Roast" on the Interior Department.

Gov. Lind has addressed a letter to Attorney General Douglas urging that some action be taken in regard to the encroachment of the interior department, real or alleged, upon lands that have been granted to the state under the swamp act.

The controversy between the state and the interior department, which the governor recommends be settled by law, grows out of an agreement, made long ago, in which certain swamp lands were turned over to the custody of the state. Michigan and Wisconsin are also affected by this act.

Under a proposition made in 1860 the state agreed to abide by the government survey in determining what was swamp land and what portion should be left in the custody of the general government. Under the terms made by the interior department, a given tract was to be surveyed, and if it was found that this contained more swamp land than the survey, it was to be turned over to the state, an agreement that was kept to the letter.

Although all of the lands set apart to the state are said to have been in strict accordance with the official government survey, it is asserted that the interior department has permitted, during recent years, that contests be instituted to show that the lands returned were not swampy, and for that reason, did not inure to the state. In this connection the governor hints at retaliation. He asserts that if the agreement entered into is not binding on the general government, then, of necessity, it is not binding on the state, and it will be incumbent on the commonwealth to make claims to such tracts as are in fact swampy and have been erroneously returned as arable. He delivers this as a parting shot:

"From these decisions, as well as upon principles of common justice and fair dealing, it is evident to me that when the United States surveyor general, on the basis of his survey, and field notes on file in this office, has made a selection of lands as inuring to the state under the swamp land act, the state becomes the owner in fee of such lands, whether a formal certificate has been issued by the commissioner of the general land office awarding them to the state or not, and that it is competent for the state to maintain an action of trespass or ejectment for the protection or recovery of such lands; and I would, therefore, most respectfully recommend that the question be immediately tested, either in the state or federal courts, by the institution of an action in trespass or ejectment against any person or persons who are interfering with that class of lands, either under a pretended contest in the general land office or otherwise. To obtain justice in the interior department is out of the question."

### SWAMPS ARE DRYING UP.

#### Effects of the Remarkable Drouth in Timber Counties.

Conditions were never better for forest fires than at present, and it has been considered necessary in the fire warden's office to take unusual precautions to prevent a repetition of the Hinckley disaster. Reports from the Northern part of the state are not reassuring, and considerable anxiety is felt in that quarter.

W. S. Dedon, a state timber cruiser, visited the state auditor's office recently and told of conditions that are practically without precedent. He has just returned from a trip through Itasca county, and there so much anxiety is felt that some of the more timid are getting out of the woods. The swamps that have heretofore impeded the progress of forest fires are drying up and the underbrush is withering from lack of moisture. A fire, having once gained headway, would sweep over the northern part of the state.

The usual precaution has been taken in the matter of camp fires, and notices have been posted citing the penalties attached to building fires that are not properly protected. The fire wardens have been urged to unusual vigilance.

Mr. Dedon said that many of the timber cruisers who have spent years in the woods in Itasca county, could not recall a time when the conditions were so ripe for dangerous forest fires. Swamps that had been impenetrable had dried up and the bushes had died, so that it is now possible to penetrate them for miles.

### CALL IT "PETTIFFOGGING."

#### Maj. Bowler Talks About Baking Powder Trust.

"The determination of this office to prosecute a number of cases for the sale of baking powder that has been shown to contain alum, has created a great fluttering in certain quarters," remarked Dairy Commissioner Bowler recently. "There is really no occasion for any excitement. The law makes it a misdemeanor to sell baking powder that contains anything dangerous or deleterious to the public health. If alum is dangerous or deleterious to the public health, it is a misdemeanor to sell baking powder in which it is an ingredient. If it is not dangerous or deleterious, no offense has been committed."

"This office believes that alum is at least deleterious, and that the law was put on the statute books to be enforced. It remains for the courts to say whether our position is well taken or not. It is the merest pettifoggery to attempt to drag he so-called baking powder trust into this question, just as if anything that is different from the product of the trust must be all right. There are scores of varieties of baking powder that are not made by the trust and that contain no alum."

Leprosy has broken out among the Idaho volunteers returned from the Philippines, according to a report made to the state board of health.

### It Cut Both Ways.

"A penny for your thoughts, Miss Clambake."