

## GRAND MARAIS MAY BE IN ASHES; RANGE MEN FIGHT GRIM BATTLE

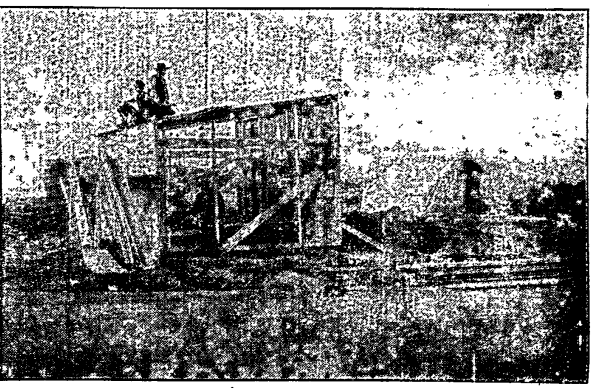
General View of Ruins at Chisholm



Portion of the Tented City



The First Building Under Construction



### FLAMES SWEEPING DOWN ON NORTH SHORE VILLAGE

America Brings News That Grand Marais Is Doomed—Panic Stricken Settlers Driven From Their Homes—Gopher Goes to Aid Victims of Probable Disaster.

With the waters of the lake on one side and a vast fire wall on the other, the inhabitants of the little town of Grand Marais, on the north shore of Lake Superior about 100 miles from Duluth, are threatened with a horrible fate and the U. S. training ship Gopher, under the governor's orders is speeding to the relief of the threatened town.

Passengers on the steamer America of the Booth line, which returned yesterday from a trip up the north shore reported that the flames have been steadily creeping up on Grand Marais, seemingly hemming it in.

Men are fighting heroically against the awful menace, but the odds seem hopelessly against them. There is no escape except by water, and help cannot arrive for hours. When the ship Gopher arrives this afternoon before the threatened town it may be too late.

Al J. Smith, county attorney of Hennepin county, who has been camping beyond Grand Marais with Judge Milton D. Purdy and Judge Noyes, also of Minneapolis, were among the passengers on the America yesterday. They brought dismal tidings.

Settlers in the country along the shore are flocking into Grand Marais. For days they have been driven before the advancing flames, and many have fought their way slowly and painfully on foot, to escape death. Smoke begrimed, burned and exhausted, reeking with the terrible struggle for life and safety, these settlers first brought the news of the impending disaster.

Clearing on Outskirts of Town Widened.

Under the leadership of Mr. Smith and his companions, the terror stricken inhabitants were induced to widen the clearing on the outskirts of the town as a means of prevention. When the steamer America left the town on its return trip its fate was in doubt. Men and women begged the captain of the America to send a boat for their relief.

In answer to this request Mr. Smith communicated immediately on his arrival in Duluth yesterday with Governor Johnson at St. Paul. Then the Governor issued orders for the Gopher to proceed to Grand Marais, assist in fighting the conflagration, and in case this task should prove hopeless pick up the settlers and inhabitants of Grand Marais and bring them to safety.

Adjutant General Wood arrived in Duluth last night at 10 o'clock and the Gopher sailed immediately afterwards. She was manned by a crew of 50 marines with officers, in command of General Wood. With good luck the boat should arrive at Grand Marais early this morning.

Grand Marais is cut off from the rest of the world as far as railroad or telephone communications is concerned. No direct word of the situation at the little town could be obtained last night, and the gravest danger is apprehended.

For many weeks there has been no rainfall in Cook county, and the woods are dry as tinder. The advance of the flames has been steadily eastward, closing in upon the town. The greater portion of Cook county is said to be ablaze. An incendiary fire in Grand Marais a week ago has added much to the terror of the inhabitants.

### The Fire Situation in a Nutshell

THE flame girdled towns on the Mesaba range are fighting desperately against the fires that constantly menace them. Yesterday the wind fanned the smouldering wall of crimson destruction into proportions that struck terror into the hearts of thousands of inhabitants. To stem the raging front of flames every able bodied man in the threatened district entered the army of fire fighters that extended from one end of the fire zone to the other. Until rain comes and removes the menace, the range people must keep a constant vigil. Grand Marais, a little town on the north shore of Lake Superior, about 100 miles from Duluth, is believed to be doomed by a forest fire which has been sweeping down upon it for days. The United States training ship Gopher has been sent by Governor Johnson to aid the terror stricken inhabitants and settlers on the north shore who have been driven from their homes. Dense clouds of smoke threaten to stifle the people of Grand Marais before help reaches them. The wind changed at a critical moment yesterday and saved the city from destruction. Buhl, Nashauk, Bovey, Coleraine and Mountain Iron, together with several smaller villages and mining locations were threatened, and only the heroic efforts of the human battle front kept them from adding other charred villages to the list which is headed by Chisholm and Snowball. Wrenshall is still fighting its battle against its own particular menacing demon, and is still in danger, but courageous in its extremity. Relief measures for the range refugees are growing and Chisholm is being rebuilt.

DULUTH'S CONTRIBUTIONS UP TO DATE FOR FIRE SUFFERERS.

Oliver Iron Mining company.....	\$5,000.00	W. J. Works.....	1.00
Thomas F. Cole.....	1,000.00	H. Brown.....	25.00
C. A. Condon.....	1,000.00	E. Pitaska.....	1.00
A. M. Chisholm.....	500.00	E. Warner.....	1.00
Julius H. Barnes.....	100.00	G. W. Whitaker.....	1.00
Duluth News Tribune.....	100.00	Jess. Danckard.....	1.00
Duluth Evening Herald.....	100.00	A. Fieldman.....	1.00
John H. Norton.....	100.00	Hugh L. Joyce.....	1.00
F. A. Patrick.....	100.00	H. G. House.....	1.00
J. B. Cotton.....	100.00	U. H. Griffin.....	1.00
Henry Turkelson.....	25.00	L. Davidson.....	1.00
Duluth Engineering company.....	50.00	West Duluth Grocery Co.....	1.00
C. B. Dickerman.....	100.00	Edward Hines Lumber Co.....	100.00
Watson S. Moore.....	30.00	S. H. Moore.....	25.00
T. M. Madden.....	5.00	J. J. Casman.....	1.00
Clude Iron Works.....	100.00	J. J. Le Tourneau.....	1.00
Edward T. Abbott.....	25.00	Cash.....	100.00
Drake & Stratton.....	500.00	C. Markell.....	1.00
Dr. E. B. Hasselquist.....	500.00	Cash, W. C. A.....	1.00
Marshall-Wells Hardware Co.....	1,000.00	Frances L. Bellan.....	1.00
Ward Ames, Sr.....	250.00	C. E. McGinn.....	1.00
Frank Leonard.....	1.00	John G. Williams.....	125.00
Louis Anderson.....	5.00	G. W. Buck.....	25.00
Mr. Smith.....	5.00	W. H. Love.....	2.00
C. H. Taylor.....	10.00	J. M. Thomson.....	1.00
A. J. Meidahl.....	5.00	W. H. Moore.....	1.00
Smith & Alexander.....	10.00	Miss Russell.....	1.00
Frank Leonard.....	1.00	Mrs. J. H. Pattison.....	1.00
Cavanaugh & Cavanaugh.....	50.00	Thos. McNaught.....	5.00
Gowan, Peyton & Twombly—groceries to be distributed by employees.....	1,000.00	Isaac S. Barum.....	100.00
Institute of Sacred Heart.....	20.00	Dr. Homer Collins.....	10.00
L. N. Case.....	25.00	Duluth Lumber Co.....	50.00
Hammes Society.....	50.00	Duluth Lumber Employees.....	245.00
J. P. Johnson.....	50.00	Mrs. Lutes.....	5.00
Spalding Hotel.....	100.00	S. E. Webb.....	1.00
H. B. Gouth & Co. and employees.....	42.00	Mrs. W. H. Hoy.....	1.00
Tom Purdy and Ogdan Filiger & Aneker employees.....	51.60	F. W. Callan.....	1.00
Mayor H. D. Haven.....	50.00	Mrs. E. H. Johnson.....	1.00
W. H. Clark.....	100.00	R. H. Magie.....	1.00
Gronseth & Olson.....	50.00	T. Johnson.....	1.00
First Presbyterian church.....	317.30	Lenox Hotel Co.....	100.00
James McNabill.....	100.00	C. G. Gander.....	5.00
M. A. Hanna Coal company.....	10.00	K. S. Mitchell.....	5.00
Dr. David Gulhaun.....	10.00	Mrs. M. Thomson.....	5.00
Verne Hochberg Coal company.....	30.00	Mrs. Corbett.....	1.00
Elks' Lodge.....	25.00	Alex. Macner.....	1.00
Dr. John Jackson.....	25.00	H. W. Scott.....	1.00
Rev. D. W. Lynch.....	25.00	P. M. Hille.....	3.00
Martin A. Olmstead.....	5.00	Duluth, Missabe & Northern R. R.....	2,500.00
Gray-Taitout company.....	25.00	Cantata Lumber Co.....	1,000.00
Henry Lunnar.....	25.00	M. H. Alworth.....	1,000.00
Duluth Van & Storage Co.....	25.00	A. McFerris.....	100.00
Thomas Clark.....	25.00	W. G. Hegardt.....	100.00
Henry Lunnar.....	25.00	Wright-Clarkson Merc. Co.....	100.00
Office.....	25.00	John Higgins.....	10.00
M. C. Palmer.....	25.00	C. S. Aske.....	25.00
Employees in Retail.....	1,000.00	H. H. Hansford.....	25.00
M. G. Leay.....	50.00	Cash.....	1.00
F. H. Kennedy.....	50.00	Parik Point Study.....	5.00
H. L. Brasar.....	15.00	W. H. Russel.....	50.00
J. B. Middleberg.....	25.00	John L. Bussner.....	10.00
William Williams.....	20.00	John L. Mullin.....	10.00
Estate of Giles Gilbert.....	100.00	R. C. Dana.....	2.00
American Lumber Co.....	5.00	A. C. Volk.....	2.00
L. A. Barnes.....	5.00	Christie Smith & Frink Co.....	25.00
John Kenner.....	5.00	Mrs. Foote.....	1.00
Henry Lunnar.....	3.00	E. L. Poole.....	50.00
M. G. Leay.....	2.00	Clearing House at St. Paul.....	1,000.00
Cash.....	2.00	Julian Dixon & Selling Co.....	100.00
R. C. Weddell.....	1.00	Duluth Brewing & Malting company.....	500.00
J. A. Barnes.....	1.00		
S. H. Lander.....	1.00		

### FIRES HALT AGAIN AFTER NEW PERIOD OF TERROR

Hibbing Saved After Hard Struggle—Other Range Towns Menaced, But Wind Ceases and Danger Is Averted—Thousands in Battle Front Against Flames.

Fighting desperately against the wind-fed forest fires that threatened momentarily to add six more range towns to the blackened ruins of Chisholm and Snowball, practically the entire male population of the Mesaba region composed the self-constituted fire brigade that struggled fiercely all of yesterday and late into the night to save their homes and property. After raging furiously all the afternoon the flames died down with the wind in the evening, and gave the army of fighters a chance to rest after their strenuous work.

Hibbing, Nashauk, Buhl, Bovey, Coleraine and Mountain Iron, which were considered doomed during the greater part of the afternoon, are safe again unless the wind revives. There is still little promise of rain, and a strong wind from any direction will fan the quieted flames into a renewed menace.

At 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon the anxious watchers on the southern edge of Hibbing saw the fires that had been smouldering all morning near the city begin to leap and gain headway under the influence of a rising wind from the south. The alarm was given, and soon all Hibbing flocked to fight the enemy.

'Huge Tongues of Fire.

In a few minutes huge tongues of fire reached across the Great Northern spur south of Brooklyn, the little suburb to the southeast of Hibbing, and bore down upon the residences in the outskirts. From the Drake & Stratton company, and the Oliver Iron Mining company an army of workmen hastened to the scene. They had been kept in waiting for just such an emergency. The city of Hibbing and the township added their hundreds of fighters, and with an array of thousands of men the struggle began.

Two drill pumps from the mines were hurried to the scene, and used in beating back the flames. The Oliver Mining company sent 10 locomotives to haul water and at 4:30, when the conflagration was at its height, and the struggle seemed hopeless, a huge Cameron pump was enlisted in the service and the flames were checked until the wind died down and brought relief.

Brooklyn is about half a mile from Hibbing. It is so situated as to form a perfect feeder for the flames to the south, into the main portion of the city. Had the suburb succumbed Hibbing would have been doomed. There are about 30 houses in Brooklyn.

Citizens Remain to Fight.

In spite of the terror that attended the awful struggle during those critical hours in the afternoon, there was no exodus from the threatened city. The people of Hibbing stood stuck by the ship and even the population of Brooklyn stood its ground. Trunks were packed by many of the Brooklyn people, however, and many of them were shipped out of town to safety on afternoon trains. About 50 of these arrived in Eveleth last night. Many of the Hibbing school teachers live in Brooklyn, and these held their ground as well as the rest. Flames swooped around the outlying houses at the critical portion of the struggle yesterday afternoon, and great dif-

### FIVE CHILDREN ARE SUFFOCATED

House Near New Brighton, Minn., Burns While Parents Are Absent.

ST. PAUL, Sept. 8.—While the parents were away from home, the residence of J. C. Burdette, near New Brighton, 15 miles northwest of here, burned this evening and five small children, ranging from five to ten years of age, met death by suffocation.

Neighbors seeing the house on fire rushed to the burning house to save the furniture, not knowing that the children were within. The cause of the fire is unknown.

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