

quantity of hose should be sent up to supplement the appliances of the local volunteer fire brigade. An answer was very soon received from the Chief Secretary, advising that all necessary arrangements would be made by the next train in charge of Mr. O'Brien, deputy chief officer of the Metropolitan Fire Brigade. A lively conversation was conducted on all sides at the ready response made by Mr. Frayling.

ON THE STRAZLEKI RANGES. FIFTY HOMESTEADS SWIFT BY FLAMES. SETTLERS FLEE FOR THEIR LIVES. A FAMILY MISSING. SENSATIONAL EXPERIENCES OF SCHOOL CHILDREN. HARBORING DETAILS.

WARRAGUL, Thursday. Now that a communication has been opened up between the Strazleki ranges, which lie to the north of Warragul, and stretch away for miles in an easterly direction, full particulars have been furnished. The Strazleki ranges are dominated by the bush fires throughout the thickly timbered mountainous region. The devastation exceeds the most gloomy forebodings, and the suffering is beyond anything that men and women and helpless children can sustain a pitiful tale. When it is stated that some fifty homesteads have been swept by flames, and that a number of families are not a trace of the house, furniture, or other surroundings of the home remain, some idea can be formed of the unprecedented severity of the visitation. To all eyes, the scene is one of heart-rending horror, the desolation of the scene is beyond anything that can be described. The scene is one of heart-rending horror, the desolation of the scene is beyond anything that can be described.

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MEASURES FOR RELIEF. Steps are already being taken to form a committee locally to assist the sufferers, and to provide relief measures. The fire which swept through the Strazleki ranges, and the town has again resumed its normal life. The fire which swept through the Strazleki ranges, and the town has again resumed its normal life.

HEAVY STOCK LOSSES. NEERM SOUTH, Thursday. Great trees are still burning a few chains from the main area, consequently the fire is still burning in places. The fire which swept through the Strazleki ranges, and the town has again resumed its normal life. The fire which swept through the Strazleki ranges, and the town has again resumed its normal life.

THE SITUATION AT LEONGATHA. LEONGATHA, Wednesday. An anti-gale wind, which was blowing from the north, has caused a great deal of damage to the crops and buildings. The fire which swept through the Strazleki ranges, and the town has again resumed its normal life. The fire which swept through the Strazleki ranges, and the town has again resumed its normal life.

IMPRISED IN A HOLE. There is a state of alarm at Sea View. It is in charge of Miss O'Meara, and is attended by about 20 children. The fire which swept through the Strazleki ranges, and the town has again resumed its normal life. The fire which swept through the Strazleki ranges, and the town has again resumed its normal life.

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IN THE CRANBOURNE DISTRICT. GENERAL DESTRUCTION. CRANBOURNE, Wednesday. Some large strips of country have been burnt out on the Yallock estate, north of Cranbourne. The fire which swept through the Strazleki ranges, and the town has again resumed its normal life. The fire which swept through the Strazleki ranges, and the town has again resumed its normal life.

AT ALLAMBEE. A FIRE-FIGHTER LOSES HIS REASON. YARRAGON, Wednesday. For the last few days, the fire has been burning in places. The fire which swept through the Strazleki ranges, and the town has again resumed its normal life. The fire which swept through the Strazleki ranges, and the town has again resumed its normal life.

AT MILDOR NORTH. THE TOWNSHIP SUBROUNDED. TWENTY-FIVE SETTLERS BURNED OUT. MILDOR NORTH, Wednesday. Today was one of the hottest here this year, the thermometer registering 100 in the shade. The fire which swept through the Strazleki ranges, and the town has again resumed its normal life. The fire which swept through the Strazleki ranges, and the town has again resumed its normal life.

STILL RAGING FEROCELY. WALHALLA, Thursday. At Moorndarra, several miles of country are simply a mass of flame. The fire which swept through the Strazleki ranges, and the town has again resumed its normal life. The fire which swept through the Strazleki ranges, and the town has again resumed its normal life.

IN THE WESTERN DISTRICT. TWENTY FAMILIES BURNED OUT. TERANG, Thursday. The bush fires still continue to rage in the forest country to the southward of the town. The fire which swept through the Strazleki ranges, and the town has again resumed its normal life. The fire which swept through the Strazleki ranges, and the town has again resumed its normal life.

PHIRES AROUND MORWELL. MORWELL, Wednesday. Terrible bush fires are again raging in this district. The fire which swept through the Strazleki ranges, and the town has again resumed its normal life. The fire which swept through the Strazleki ranges, and the town has again resumed its normal life.

ABOUT DROUIN. SERIOUS PLIGHT OF WOMEN. A SETTLER'S PERIL. DROUIN, Thursday. Today the atmosphere has been close and heavy, scarcely a breath of air moving. The fire which swept through the Strazleki ranges, and the town has again resumed its normal life. The fire which swept through the Strazleki ranges, and the town has again resumed its normal life.

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FEDERATION. MURDERING FOR INSURANCE. SERIES OF CRIMES. A NEW YORK SENSATION. THE BATTLE OF THE RIVERS. LIMITS OF FEDERAL CONTROL. FAVOURABLE TO NEW SOUTH WALES. COLAC, Thursday. The fire at Borongrook was particularly severe upon a number of the holders of property. The fire which swept through the Strazleki ranges, and the town has again resumed its normal life. The fire which swept through the Strazleki ranges, and the town has again resumed its normal life.

APPROACHING A SETTLEMENT. After spending four or five days in discussing the problem of all its completed houses, the Federal Government has decided to come to a settlement. The fire which swept through the Strazleki ranges, and the town has again resumed its normal life. The fire which swept through the Strazleki ranges, and the town has again resumed its normal life.

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THE GOVERNMENT ASTRO-NOMER'S FORECAST. Thursday, 4 Feb.—Very hot, with light to moderate northerly wind; much sun. Note—There are indications of a change occurring from the westward, which may reach Victoria between Saturday and Sunday.

SYNOPSIS OF THE WEATHER. Forecast for the first two months of the year, 1938. 1. Rain has fallen in previous 24 hours to 2.4 in. 2. Wind from the north-west, with moderate to strong gusts. 3. Temperature, 60 to 70 degrees.

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MELBOURNE OBSERVATORY. Feb. 2-3. Corresponding to Perth, 2-3. Feb. 2-3. Perth, 2-3. Feb. 2-3. Perth, 2-3.

RIVER GAUGINGS. Feb. 2. Albany, 1.0; Adelaide, 1.0; Brisbane, 1.0; Melbourne, 1.0; Perth, 1.0; Sydney, 1.0; Wellington, 1.0.

BUSH FIRES IN TASMANIA. INTENSE HEAT. ZERHAN, Thursday. The heat wave passing over the West Coast has been of long duration, and the weather is very hot. The thermometer is showing a maximum of 90 degrees.

PASTORAL INTELLIGENCE. NEW SOUTH WALES. BURBARRINA, Jan. 30.—During the past week the weather has been very hot and dry. The pastures are improving, and the sheep are in good condition.

AGRICULTURAL INTELLIGENCE. CROSWICK, Jan. 30.—The potato crop in this district is a complete failure, owing to the late planting and the hot weather. The wheat crop is also in poor condition.