

# ADIRONDACKS ON FIRE

## Hotels and Residences of Wealthy Cottagers in Danger.

Much Valuable Property Already Destroyed—Every Available Railroad Man Pressed Into Service.

PLATTSBURG, N. Y., April 30.—The forest fires in the Adirondacks have gained great headway to-day on account of the high wind, in spite of the heroic efforts to check them. Nothing but a good long rain will save the woods in many places from being seriously damaged. Telephone and telegraph wires are down, and but few details are at hand to-night, but enough is known to make it certain that the worst forest fire in years is raging.

At Dannemora close watch is being kept that the State Prison buildings do not become damaged.

The Chateaugay Ore and Iron Company, at Iron Mountain, to-day shut down all their mines and rushed the men by special train to Standish, where the fires have already burned large quantities of pulp wood and charcoal wood.

At Plumadore, Manley's Kilns, and South Inlet, hundreds, probably thousands, of cords of pulp wood have been destroyed, and at Plumadore three dwellings have been burned.

The Loon Lake House, a Summer hotel, at Loon Lake, owned by Ferd. W. Chase, is in serious danger.

At Lake Placid, the White Face Inn, one of the largest hotels there, is entirely surrounded by forest fires, and unless rain comes to-night it cannot be saved. The cottage owned by Charles Burt, near the White Face Inn, is now on fire. The cottages of George H. Daniels of the New York Central Railroad and H. B. Auchincloss are in danger.

Proprietors of Summer hotels all through the Adirondacks have appealed to the railroads for assistance, and the response has been prompt. Every available man on both the New York Central and Delaware and Hudson Roads has been pressed into service.

The weather is warm and sultry, and this, together with the dense smoke and intense heat of the flames, makes the work of fighting the flames unusually difficult and disagreeable.

The Hurd sawmill at Tupper Lake, N. Y., which at the time it was erected, about twelve years ago, was the largest sawmill in the United States, caught fire from forest fires to-night, and was destroyed. Two hundred men will be thrown out of employment. The entire population of Tupper Lake is fighting the flames. The contractors on the Chateaugay Railroad have sent a gang of men to the Loon Lake Hotel in the hopes of saving that hostelry.

The top of St. Regis Mountain can be seen ablaze with forest fires, but none of the woods owned by the Paul Smith's Hotel Company has caught fire as yet. At McColloms and Mountain View gangs of men are fighting the fires in the surrounding woods to protect the hotels.

A telegram from Malone at 9 P. M. says it is almost impossible to breathe the village is so filled with smoke, and fires can be seen raging in all directions.

There are no immediate signs of rain.