

# FLOODS MENACE FERNIE, B.C.

## Three Men Are Already Known to Have Been Drowned in Elk Lake.

A despatch from Fernie, B. C., says: The Elk River is on the rampage and small shacks, lumber, trees and bridges are being washed away in and around here. The Elk Lumber Company and Fernie Lumber Company lost much timber as a result. The railway bridge near Elk had two spans damaged and the trains could not cross. Passengers were transferred. The damage has been since repaired and trains are on the move again. Residents in the river flats have lost a large amount of cattle, gar-

den stuffs and buildings. The major portion of Fernie is in danger and families are moving out daily. Fernie Annex is also suffering. A large boom of logs in the river above the city expected to be carried away any moment. Three unknown bodies have floated past here. Two men were drowned at Waldo while attempting to cross the river. One body has since been recovered, but is not yet identified. Old timers report it is the highest flood for years. Fernie schools are all flooded.

# BUSH FIRES ARE RAGING

## Lumbermen and Miners at Elk Lake Trying to Save Their Property.

A despatch from Elk Lake says: Bush fires have started earlier than usual this season. For three days past men from Booth's two lumber camps up the Montreal River have been fighting fire, and they make no bones about blaming the prospectors for it. The "Big Six" Mining Co. have been fighting the same enemy during the past week. On Monday night the fire worked its way down to the outskirts of the town of Smyth, just across the river from here. The sight was impressive as night came on, even the smallest branches being sharply silhouetted against the flames. A despatch from Dauphin, Man., says: A destructive forest fire is raging for a hundred miles between Crooked River and Bowsman, and

from Hudson's Bay Junction to near the Pas. The value of the timber burned will not be less than \$75,000, so far, and probably some of the farmers remote from the railway have suffered very severely. Ruby Lake lumber mills were destroyed on Wednesday night, and considerable damage has also been done to the C. N. R. tracks. A despatch from St. John, N. B., says: A telephone message from Oak Bay, near St. Stephen, reports a forest fire which broke out on Thursday afternoon, swept through two miles of heavily timbered land, leaving a track a mile wide, and is still burning. The property is owned chiefly by Jesse Bartlett and Wm. Kierstead. Bartlett's mills at Waweig were in danger.

### A HUSBAND'S DARING.

#### He Plunged into the Niagara to Save Wife's Life.

A despatch from Niagara Falls, N. Y., says: Louis Cohen of Buffalo, saw his young wife leap into the swirling river between Second and Third Sister Islands at 5 o'clock on Sunday afternoon, only 150 feet above the brink of the cataract. Without a moment's hesitation he followed her, caught her hand and struggled desperately to save her. Mrs. Cohen probably died in her husband's arms. Before it was possible to bring efficient help, an hour had passed. When aid at last arrived, Cohen was exhausted and could not tie the rope thrown him around his own or his wife's body. He had been unable, too, in the long wait to keep his wife's head above water. He held to the rope with one hand and was drawn ashore, but lost his grip on his wife's body when within fifteen feet of the bank. The woman's body was whirled away and later in the day was found fast on a rock 100 feet above the brink. When it was rescued life was extinct.

### MAD DOG AT PARIS.

#### Bit a Boy, Who Will be Treated for Rabies.

A despatch from Paris, Ont., says: Anticipating the development of rabies in the three-year-old son of William North, a citizen of Paris, father and son will go to New York, where the little tot will undergo treatment for the dread seizure. The expenses for the trip will be borne by the Paris Council. The child was bitten some time ago.

# ALL IS BRIGHT OUT WEST

## Ideal Growing Weather Is General Over the Prairie Provinces.

A despatch from Winnipeg says: "Optimistic to the highest point of satisfaction," just about describes the crop report issued by the C. P. R. on Wednesday. It combines reports from every section of the prairie country clear through to the Rockies, and, in its essence, tells that all the wheat has been sown, while the percentage of oats, barley and flax which remains to be put in is small. Ideal growing

weather, with light rains and plenty of warmth, has been general over the entire northwest, and in some places the growth has been exceptional for the first of June. At Balcarres the grain is reported to be up eight inches; at Arcola, from four to seven inches; at Waskada, four inches; on the Portal section, from two to five inches, and on the Lacombe branch in the far west, the same height. All over the west the acreage in grains has increased.

# THE WORLD'S MARKETS

## REPORTS FROM THE LEADING TRADE CENTRES.

### Prices of Cattle, Grain, Cheese and Other Dairy Produce at Home and Abroad.

#### BREADSTUFFS.

Toronto, June 8.—Flour—Ontario wheat 90 per cent. patents, \$5.65 to \$5.75 to-day in buyers' sacks outside for export; on track, Toronto, \$5.80 to \$5.90; Manitoba flour, first patents, \$6.20 to \$6.40 on track, Toronto; second patents, \$5.70 to \$5.80, and strong bakers', \$5.60 to \$5.70 on track, Toronto. Manitoba Wheat—No. 1 Northern, \$1.32, Georgian Bay ports; No. 2, \$1.29½, and No. 3, \$1.23½. Ontario Wheat—Prices of No. 2, \$1.37 to \$1.38 outside. Barley—Feed, 62 to 63c outside. Oats—No. 2 Ontario white, 57½ to 58c on track, Toronto, and 54½ to 55c outside. No. 2 Western Canada oats 56c, and No. 3 at 55c, Bay ports. Peas—No. 2, 95 to 96c outside. Rye—No. 2 74 to 75c outside. Corn—No. 2 American yellow, 83c on track, Toronto; No. 3, 82½c on track, Toronto; Canadian yellow, 76½ to 77½c on track, Toronto. Bran—Manitoba, \$23.50 to \$24 in sacks, Toronto freights; shorts, \$24.50 to \$25, Toronto freights.

#### COUNTRY PRODUCE.

Apples—\$4 to \$5 for choice qualities, and \$3 to \$3.50 for seconds. Beans—Prime, \$2, and hand-picked, \$2.15 to \$2.20 per bushel. Maple Syrup—95c to \$1 a gallon. Hay—No. 1 timothy, \$13.50 to \$14 a ton on track here, and lower grades, \$11 to \$11.50 a ton. Straw—\$7.50 to \$8 on track. Potatoes—Car lots, 95c per bag on track. Delawares, \$1.10 to \$1.15 per bag on track. Poultry—Chickens, yearlings, dressed, 17 to 18c per lb.; fowl, 12 to 14c; turkeys, 18 to 22c per lb.

#### THE DAIRY MARKETS.

Butter—Pound prints, 18½ to 19c; tubs and large rolls, 16 to 16½c; inferior, 14 to 15c. Creamery rolls, 21 to 22c, and solids, 18 to 19c. Eggs—Case lots, 18½ to 19c per dozen. Cheese—Large cheese, old, 14 to 14½c per lb., and twins, 14½ to 14½c. New quoted at 12½c for large, and 13c for twins.

#### HOG PRODUCTS.

Bacon—Long, clear, 13¼ to 13½c per lb. in case lots; mess pork, \$22 to \$22.50; short cut, \$25. Hams—Light to medium, 15½c; do., heavy, 14 to 14½c; rolls, 12 to 12½c; shoulders, 11 to 11½c; backs, 17½ to 18c; breakfast bacon, 16½ to 17c. Lard—Tierces, 14c; tubs, 14½c; pails, 14½c.

#### BUSINESS AT MONTREAL.

Montreal, June 8.—Peas—\$1.05 to \$1.06. Oats—Canadian Western, 59c; extra No. 1 feed 58½c; No. 1 feed, 58½c; No. 3 Canadian Western, 58c; No. 2 feed, 57½c; No. 2 barley 72½ to 74c; Manitoba feed barley, 66½ to 67c; buckwheat, 69½ to 70c. Flour—Manitoba Spring wheat patents firsts, \$6.30 to \$6.50; do., seconds, \$5.80 to \$6; Manitoba strong bakers', \$5.60 to \$5.80; Winter wheat patents, \$6.75; straight rollers, \$6.50 to \$6.60; do., in bags, \$3.15 to \$3.20; extras, in bags, \$2.65 to \$2.80. Feed—Manitoba bran, \$22 to \$23; do., shorts, \$24 to \$25; pure grain moullie, \$33 to \$35; mixed moullie, \$28 to \$30. Cheese—westerns, 12 to 12½c, and easterns 11½ to 12c. Butter—22 to 22½c. Eggs 19 to 20c per dozen.

#### UNITED STATES MARKETS.

Minneapolis, June 8.—Wheat—July, \$1.29½ to \$1.30; Sept. \$1.10½ to \$1.10¾; Dec. \$1.08¼; cash, No. 1 hard, \$1.33¾ to \$1.34¼; No. 1 Northern, \$1.32¾ to \$1.33¼; No. 2 Northern, \$1.30¾ to \$1.31¼; No. 3 Northern, 1.28¾ to \$1.30¾. Flour—First patents, \$6.40 to \$6.60; second patents, \$6.30 to \$6.50; first clears, \$5.05 to \$5.25; second clears, \$3.65 to \$3.85. Bran—In bulk, \$23.50 to \$24. Buffalo, June 8.—Wheat—Spring wheat firmer; No. 1 Northern carloads store \$1.35¾; Winter nominal. Corn—Stronger; No. 3 yellow, 80c; No. 4 yellow, 79c. No. 3 corn, 79½ to 79¾c; No. 4 corn, 78½c; No. 3 white, 80½c. Oats—Steady. Barley—Feed to malting, 77 to 81c.

#### LIVE STOCK MARKETS.

Montreal, June 8.—More than half of milkmen's strippers sold

# NOTHING TO FIGHT ABOUT

## Count Bernstorff Says Jingoism Will Soon Pass Away.

A despatch from New York says: Count Von Bernstorff, the German Ambassador, who came to New York on Wednesday to receive an honorary LL.D. at the Columbia University commencement, took occasion in the course of an interview in the afternoon to pooh-pooh the talk of impending or probable war between England and Germany. "England has no need to worry about the likelihood of war with my country," he said. "The jingoism of a few easily excitable persons in England will soon pass over. Between the two Govern-

ments there is no misunderstanding or enmity, and the sentiment of the two peoples toward one another is not hostility or bitterness, but a healthy, temperate, good-natured rivalry. "Germany is very proud of the progress which Count Zeppelin and our other aeronauts have made. But the English yellow journals are of course wrong in their efforts to make war talk out of our efforts to conquer the air. We are building no secret fleet of war airships, and we have no secret balloons hovering over the English coast.

#### CLOUDBURST IN OXFORD.

#### Boy and Cows Had to Swim for Their Lives.

A despatch from Ingersoll says: Although Ingersoll is outside of the cloudburst zone, Saturday night's terrific storm was the worst within the recollection of the oldest inhabitant. Every street was a river while the storm was at its height, and heavy damage was caused in all parts of the town. Cellars in different sections were flooded and much damage caused to private property, particularly to gardens. To the south of the town, where the full effect of the cloudburst was felt, one lad who was in the field after the cows was compelled to swim. The land was low and the water rose at an alarming rate. Finally, after wading for some distance, the lad, as well as the cows, were compelled to swim.

#### THREE MEN DROWNED.

#### Boat Carried Over Little Grand Mere Falls.

A despatch from Montreal says: Three young men of Grand Mere, working for the Laurentide Paper Company, on the Mattawin River drive, were drowned a couple of days ago. F. Boisvert, P. Juneau and M. Desrosiers were trying to cross the river between the two falls in a boat, but the current was too strong, and carried them over Little Grand Mere Falls. An inquest will be held.

#### DEATH CALLS JUDGE WELLER.

#### Had Been County Judge of Peterborough for 23 Years.

A despatch from Peterborough, Ont., says: His Honor Judge Weller, county judge of Peterborough, passed away here last evening. He was a very old man, and had been in poor health for several months.

#### ATTACKED THE GUARD.

#### William Duff's Desperate Effort to Escape From Moose Jaw Jail.

A despatch from Moose Jaw, Sask., says: William Duff, under trial here for horse-stealing, made a desperate effort to escape on Thursday morning. He succeeded in breaking the lock from his door, and securing the iron bar he attacked the guard fiercely, and it was only after assistance had been rushed in that he was overpowered.

Nine Moslems and six Armenians were hanged at Adana, on Wednesday.

# CZAR AND KAISER TO MEET

## European Situation Promises to Enter Upon a Decidedly Peaceful Stage.

A despatch from St. Petersburg says: A meeting between Emperor William and Emperor Nicholas has been arranged and will take place in the waters of the Finnish Gulf. The exact date of the meeting will be decided upon later, but it will probably be June 17. The German Emperor will arrive on the Imperial yacht Hohenzollern, while Nicholas will be aboard the Standart, accompanied by M. Iswolsky, the Foreign Minister, and Admiral Voevodsky, the Minister of Marine. The news of the proposed interview between the Sovereigns, coming so soon after the settlement of the Balkan crisis, has aroused eager speculation among the diplomats

at St. Petersburg. It was supposed in some quarters that German mediation, which had ended the crisis, had left an inheritance of bitterness which would estrange the two monarchs and lead Russia to identify herself more closely with Great Britain's continental policy.

The meeting, which, according to some reports, has been arranged by the initiative of Emperor Nicholas, is taken to mean that Russia prefers an amicable arrangement with Germany to the doubtful issue of an antagonistic policy. If Emperor William also meets President Fallieres, as reported from Berlin, the European situation may be regarded as entering upon a decidedly peaceful phase.