

FIFTEEN PEOPLE PERISH

Victims Were Trapped on Upper Floor of a Chicago Building.

A despatch from Chicago says: Twelve women and three men lost their lives on Friday in a fire in the Fish Furniture Company store, 19th Street and Wabash Avenue. Seventeen persons were known to have been on the sixth floor, only two of whom are known to have been rescued. Seven bodies were found in the south-east corner of the sixth floor. They were huddled together, as if each victim was trying to keep the flames from reaching the other. Two of the victims had died while kneeling, as if to offer prayer before the flames reached them. The bodies were not far from the front windows, showing that the victims had made a vain attempt to reach safety by that means. The bodies were so badly charred that identification was only possible by means of jewelry or pieces of wearing apparel that escaped the flames. The bodies were wrapped in blankets tied to planks and lowered from the windows. As the first bodies were lowered a groan went up from the spectators in the streets, and there was a rush for the opposite side of the street, many in the

crowd being knocked down in the jam.

Minor W. Bell, one of the departmental managers of the company, and H. M. Mitchell, auditor of the firm and a brother-in-law of Isaac Fish, were burned to death in an effort to save the girls. Both of them were in places of safety when they heard the cries of the girls on the top floor. With no concern for themselves, they ran up the burning stairs and perished with the girls. The fire started from an explosion at 8.30 o'clock. It burned for three hours, threatening to spread to other buildings before it was extinguished.

Leo Stocker, an employe of the firm, was arrested by Detective Horn in the crowd of spectators while the fire was in progress. At the station he was questioned by Fire-Attorney Hogan and Lieut. Ben Enright. He said that he was filling an automatic cigar-lighter with alcohol on the fourth floor. The device was lighted, and ignited the fumes of six gallons of benzine near him, causing a terrific explosion and starting the fire. The financial loss is conservatively estimated at \$650,000.

TOSSED BY A LOCOMOTIVE.

Little Girl Escapes Injury in a Wonderful Manner.

A despatch from Utica, N. Y., says: Tossed from the railroad tracks by a locomotive on Thursday evening, Gertrude Swartout, five years of age, escaped without a scratch. The West Shore Railroad runs close to the Swartout home, and the little girl, running to meet her mother, crossed directly in the path of a freight train. The pilot of the engine threw her to one side, and she struck several feet away in a ditch filled with water. This undoubtedly saved her from injury. The train was stopped and the engineer went back and picked up the child. She complained of a pain in her ear, but otherwise seemed unharmed. Examined by a physician, it was determined that there was not even a bruise on her head or body.

ETNA IN ERUPTION.

Stream of Lava Threatening the Town of Nicolosi.

A special despatch to the London Daily Mail from Catania, Sicily, says: Mount Etna broke into eruption on Wednesday morning at 8 o'clock after a night during which a number of slight earthquakes was recorded. The eruption is taking an alarming form, and a stream of lava is advancing and threatening the small town of Nicolosi. In its course the lava destroyed some houses and estates. The people of the towns in the vicinity are showing alarm.

YOUTH KILLS HIMSELF.

Snaps Pistol at His Head Not Knowing it Was Loaded.

A despatch from Ottawa says: "Now, I'll show you how to shoot," exclaimed Eugene Bordeleau, aged 19, whilst playing with some children on Sunday afternoon. Producing a revolver, he pointed the weapon at himself, pulled the trigger, and received a bullet in his head. He did not know the weapon was loaded. He was removed to the Water Street Hospital, but died in less than an hour. His parents, with whom he lived, were on a visit to Montreal.

MUTINY ON BRITISH WARSHIP

Disaffection Among the Crew of the Battleship Irresistible.

A despatch from London says: The battleship Irresistible has been isolated at Portland Roads since March 12 owing to disaffection among the crew. The cause of the trouble has not been made public. It became known on Wednesday, however, that the sights of the big guns were thrown overboard on the night of March 12 and that the most

rigid investigation has failed to reveal those responsible. Since the discovery of the offence the crew has been confined to the ship, no mails delivered, or any communication with the shore allowed, and tobacco and all other luxuries have been withheld. The ship sailed for Bantry Bay on Wednesday. A Court of Enquiry has been called at Portland.

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, Mar. 29.—Flour—Winter wheat 90 per cent. patents, \$4.20 to \$4.25 in buyers' sacks on track, Toronto, and \$4.10 to \$4.15 outside, in buyers' sacks. Manitoba flour, first patents, \$5.70; second patents, \$5.20 to \$5.30, and strong bakers', \$5 on track, Toronto.

Manitoba Wheat—No. 1 Northern, \$1.13, Bay ports, and No. 2 Northern at \$1.11, Bay ports.

Ontario Wheat—No. 2 mixed red Winter or white, \$1.07 to \$1.08 outside.

Barley—No. 2, 55 to 56c outside; No. 3 extra, 53 to 54c; No. 3 at 50 to 51c, and feed, 48c outside.

Oats—No. 2 Ontario white, 38 to 38½c outside, and 41 to 41½c on track, Toronto. Canada West oats, 41½c for No. 2, and 40½c for No. 3, Bay ports.

Peas—No. 2 for shipment, 81 to 82c outside.

Rye—No. 2, 68c outside.

Buckwheat—51 to 51½c outside for No. 2.

Corn—No. 2 American, 70 to 70½c and No. 3 yellow, 67 to 67½c, Toronto freights. Canadian corn, 63 to 63½c, Toronto freights.

Bran—\$22 to \$22.50 in bags, Toronto, and shorts at \$24 in bags, Toronto.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

Apples—\$1.50 to \$2.50 per barrel, according to quality.

Beans—Car lots outside, \$1.85 to \$1.95, and small lots at \$2.10 to \$2.20 per bushel.

Honey—Combs, dozen, \$2 to \$2.50; extracted, 10½ to 11c per lb.

Baled hay—No. 1, \$14.75 to \$15.50 on track, and No. 2 at \$13.50 to \$14.25.

Baled Straw—\$7.50 to \$7.75 on track, Toronto.

Potatoes—40 to 45c per bag on track for Ontarios.

Poultry—Turkeys, dressed, 18 to 19c per lb.; chickens, 15 to 16c, and fowl, 11 to 12c.

THE DAIRY MARKETS.

Butter—Pound prints, 21 to 23c; tubs and large rolls, 20 to 21c; inferior, 16 to 18c; creamery, 29 to 30c; solids, 26½ to 28c per lb.

Eggs—Case lots, 21 to 22c per dozen.

Cheese—13 to 13½c per lb. for large, and at 13½c for twins.

HOG PRODUCTS.

Bacon—Long clear, 15 to 15½c per lb. in case lots; mess pork, 28 to \$29; short cut, \$30.50 to \$31.

Hams—Light to medium, 16½ to 17c, do., heavy, 15½ to 16c; rolls, 15 to 15½c; shoulders, 14c; breakfast bacon, 15½ to 19c; backs, 20 to 21c.

Lard—Tierces, 16½ to 16¾c; tubs 16½ to 16¾c; pails, 16½ to 17c.

UNITED STATES MARKETS.

Buffalo, March 29.—Wheat—Spring wheat firm; No. 1 Northern carloads, store, \$1.22¼; Winter steady. Corn—No. 3 yellow, 62½c; No. 4 yellow, 60½c; No. 3 corn, 61½c; No. 4 corn, 59½c; No. 3 white, 64½c. Oats—Easier; No. 2 white, 47½c; No. 3 white, 46½c; No. 4 white, 45c. Rye—No. 2, on track, 85c.

Chicago, March 29.—Cash Wheat—No. 3 red, \$1.18 to \$1.19; No. 2 red, \$1.11 to \$1.16; No. 2 hard, \$1.13 to \$1.14; No. 3 hard, \$1.09 to \$1.13; No. 1 Northern, \$1.18½; No. 2 Northern, \$1.16½; No. 3 Spring, \$1.09 to \$1.15½. Corn—No. 2 white, 62½c; No. 3, 59 to 59½c; No. 3 white, 61 to 61½c; No. 3 yellow, 59½ to 60c; No. 4, 55 to 56c; No. 4 white, 57½ to 58½c; No. 4 yellow, 55 to 56½c. Oats—No. 2 42½ to 43½c; No. 2 white, 46c; No. 3, 41½ to 42c; No. 3 white, 41½ to 45c; No. 4, 48½c; No. 4 white, 40 to 42½c; standard, 44½ to 45c.

BUSINESS IN MONTREAL.

Montreal, March 29.—Oats—No. 2 Canadian Western, 43½ to 44c; No. 3, 42½ to 43c; Ontario No. 2 white, 42½c; Ontario No. 3 white, 41½c; Ontario No. 4 white, 40½c. Barley—No. 3, 60c; No. 4, 58c; feed barley, 56c. Flour—Manitoba Spring wheat patents, firsts, \$5.80; do., seconds, \$5.30; Winter wheat patents, \$5.50 to \$5.60; Manitoba strong bakers', \$5.10; straight rollers, \$5.10 to \$5.25; straight rollers, in bags, \$2.40 to \$2.50. Feed—Ontario bran, \$22.50 to \$23; Ontario middlings, \$23.50 to \$24; Manitoba bran, \$22; Manitoba shorts, \$23; pure grain moullie, \$21 to

DESPERADO ON A TRAIN

Shoots Conductor and Pullman Car Porter at Wilmington, Delaware.

A despatch from Wilmington, Del., says: Three men were killed on a northbound Baltimore & Ohio Railroad train on Wednesday afternoon in a fight which began at Newark, Del., and ended in a desperate battle between the police, aided by the firemen and citizens, and a murderer at Delaware Station here, following the arrival of the train at 5.17 o'clock. Several were wounded. The dead are: O. E. Wellman of Philadelphia, conductor of the train; Samuel Williams, colored, Pullman porter, and J. H. Bethea of Dilton, S. C. The triple tragedy was the result of an altercation between Bethea, who was a passenger, and Williams, porter on the Pullman.

The car was bound from Washington to Jersey City. Bethea, who had been drinking heavily, shot the porter through the heart, killing

him instantly. When Conductor Wellman saw the porter and ran up, Bethea fired a second shot into the colored man's body. Then, without a word, he shot Wellman through the heart. The conductor fell dead in his tracks. Before the passengers could interfere the double murderer barricaded himself in the toilet room of the Pullman car and threatened to kill the first person who approached. Meanwhile, the train reached Wilmington. When it came into the station a hurry call was sent to the police station. When the officers arrived and called on Bethea to surrender, he opened fire on them with an automatic revolver. After a battle lasting an hour, the murderer was driven from his stronghold by firemen with hose, and continued his fight from the car platform, where he was at length shot down.

THE MILITIA CAMPS.

Will be Held at London, Niagara and Kingston.

A despatch from Ottawa says: The dates for annual militia training camps this summer have been announced by the Militia Department. The camp at London will open June 13, and the one at Niagara on June 14. The Kingston camp will begin on June 13 and will be attended by all the regiments in the Ottawa district, there being no camp at Rockcliffe this year, according to the present arrangements. It is expected that the number of soldiers going into annual training this year will be slightly larger than ever before.

LIVE STOCK MARKETS.

Montreal, March 29.—There were no extra cattle on the market, but some were sold at about 7c per lb. Prime beefs sold at 6 to 6½c per lb.; pretty good animals, 4¾ to 6c; common stock, 3¾ to 4¾c per lb.; milch cows from \$30 to \$60 each. Calves from 4 to 7c per lb. Sheep from 5 to 5½c per lb.; lambs at 6½ to 7½c per lb. One buyer bought 12 Spring lambs at \$8 each. Good fat hogs sold at 10½ to 10¾c per lb.

GREAT SEALING CATCH.

Indicated by Wireless Reports From the Newfoundland Fleet.

A despatch from St. John's, Nfld., says: Further advices by wireless from the sealing fleet in the Gulf of St. Lawrence and on the Grand Banks indicate that the vessels are meeting with decided success. Already the sealers have begun to put into port, the steamer Viking having arrived at Port Aux Basque and the Harlaw at Codroy Harbor. The Viking brought 24,000 seals and the Harlaw 13,000.

DYING, ACCUSES WIFE.

Farmer Says His Three Weeks' Bride Shot Him.

A despatch from Winnipeg says: Samuel Bovitch, a farmer of White-mouth, Man., died on Friday from a gunshot wound. He made a statement before his death that his wife, 19 years of age, whom he married only three weeks ago, had committed the crime.

DEPOPULATING QUEBEC.

Exodus From Province at Rate of Fifty-two a Day.

A despatch from Quebec says: According to statistics furnished by Mr. Rene Dupont, local colonization agent for the Department of the Interior of Ottawa, on every day of the year 1909 52 inhabitants of the Province of Quebec left their parishes to go either to the States, to the North-West or Ontario. In all 10,183 inhabitants of the province went away. Mr. Dupont explains this heavy exodus of population by the lack of local industries, and also to the natural taste of the French-Canadians for traveling.

WIRELESS ON GREAT LAKES

It Will Play an Important Part in Navigation This Season.

A despatch from Windsor, Ont., says: The wireless telegraph is expected to play an important part in lake marine service this season. A large number of boats are being equipped with machines and with numerous shore stations, and but few points on the Great Lakes will be out of the zone of communication. One wireless company has planned to install a big tower and

station on Isle Royale, one of the principal danger points in Lake Superior, and with the station to be erected by the Canadian Government at Port Arthur the largest lake in the chain will be thoroughly covered. There are now ready for operation stations at Sault Ste. Marie, Calumet, Grand Marais, Marquette and Duluth. The equipment for Isle Royale will go out on the first boat from Duluth.