

# GYPSY SLAYS TORMENTORS

## Young Man Threw Stones and He Responded With Buckshot.

A despatch from Shawville, Que., says: Goaded to madness by the jibes and affronts of a half-dozen young men who were tormenting him, Mike Murphy, a gypsy, 55 years of age, on Wednesday night, shot and instantly killed two of their number, Harry Howes, aged 22, and William Dale, aged 30. Both young men were killed by one shot fired point blank at a range of eighteen feet from an old muzzle-loading shotgun. Howes was standing immediately behind Dale, and the discharge of buckshot passed completely through Dale's body and entered that of Howes. Both dropped dead. The slayer, Murphy, was arrested by a private citi-

zen and lodged in the jail. His wife was also jailed, charged with being an accomplice in the crime. Murphy has scarcely a friend in the place. For three years he has openly defied the authorities to oust him from the property on which he "squatted" immediately outside the corporation limit at the southern end of the town. There, in a miserable hovel, he has lived with his gypsy wife amid poverty and filth and squalor, avowedly hostile to everyone in Shawville. On the other hand, the two young men who are dead were of good families, and were themselves highly respected, hence the very strong feeling which prevails against Murphy.

### MURDERER WILL GO FREE.

#### Confesses to Killing Wife, But No Witnesses to Prove It.

A despatch from Niagara Falls, N. Y., says: A peculiar situation has developed here as a result of the alleged confession that he murdered his wife here six years ago, made at Waukegan, Ill., on Saturday, by Foster Johnson, a Tuscarora Indian. Johnson says that he pushed his wife into the rapids above the falls. It is claimed by lawyers that the confession he made cannot be used against Johnson in a trial, and it is impossible to get corroborative evidence against him, as there were no witnesses. "The thing that makes me confess the murder of my wife," Johnson said, "was that before I killed her, and when she told me that she intended to commit suicide, she asked me for a nice gravestone, and I promised her I would get it. I have never done so, and it has haunted me. I see her head in the river in my dreams, and have hardly enjoyed a peaceful night in all these years."

### TWO MEN ASPHYXIATED.

#### Slept in Room With Storm Windows and Full Stove.

A despatch from Halbrite, Sask., says: Peter Erickson, whose home is in the Dirt Hills, was returning from a visit to Weyburn on Sunday evening, and put up for the night at his brother Simon's place, 150 miles southwest of Halbrite. Both retired in a room with storm windows on, and filled the stove with briquettes. The following afternoon at 4 o'clock a neighbor found both men unconscious, though still breathing. Physicians were called in and in the meantime artificial respiration was used, resulting in the recovery of Simon; but Peter died before the doctors arrived. Simon is now out of danger.

### QUEBEC DAIRY LAWS.

#### Government Control of Butter and Cheese Factories.

A despatch from Quebec says: Hon. Mr. Caron has framed a law which proposes to place all cheese and butter factories under the direct control of the Government. On and after January 1, 1912, all proprietors of factories will have to present a certificate from a Government inspector declaring that their building is sanitary and well equipped in order to receive permission from the Minister of Agri-

culture to continue business, and all new factories will have to secure a permit from the Minister before commencing operations. All head cheese and butter makers will also have to show a certificate from the St. Hyacinthe Dairy School or from an inspector in order to retain their positions.

### A TWO YEARS' CONTRACT.

#### Signed by Miners of Central Pennsylvania.

A despatch from Altoona, Pa., says: After being in session until midnight Saturday night the coal operators and miners of the Central Pennsylvania bituminous district signed a wage scale agreement to hold good for two years from April 1. The miners gained their contention for an increase in wages, but relinquished some of their demands on less important questions.

### 300 CARS OF CATTLE

#### Will Pass Through Sarnia Tunnel Each Week.

A despatch from Port Huron, Mich., says: The Grand Trunk Railway has secured the contract of hauling the National Car Line Company's cattle trains from Chicago to Boston, which means that over three hundred cars of cattle will pass through the tunnel every week, and that additional men will be given employment at this terminal. There is also a probability that feeding and watering quarters for the cattle will be erected at this point.

### LIGHT AS A STERILIZER.

#### Brown University Professor Uses Ultra-Violet Rays.

A despatch from Boston, Mass., says: Prof. E. P. Gorham of the Brown University plans to sterilize meat, milk, fish and every other food product in which disease germs exist and to destroy these germs by simply passing them under a ray of light. Prof. Gorham has been working on his process in secret for some time and announces that he will make known his discovery and method of applying it within ten days. He indicates however, that the ultra violet rays play a great part in his successful experiments in his Providence laboratory. There his experiments have been uniformly successful, and he believes he has discovered a deadly enemy to all food germs.

# INCREASED COST OF LIVING

## How Dairy Products and Fish Prices Have Advanced in Twenty Years.

A despatch from Ottawa says: A further instalment of the results of the special investigation by the Department of Labor into the increase in the cost of living during the past twenty years was published on Friday. It relates to prices of dairy products and fish. A summary of the figures quoted shows that dairy products were at their lowest in 1896 and 1897, and at their highest in 1908, when the general level was 36.3 per cent. above the average for 1896 and 1897. Prices

in 1909 were slightly lower than in 1908, though eggs were considerably higher, being 71.5 per cent. above the average. Since 1897 the price of eggs has advanced approximately 122 per cent. In the case of dairy produce generally, prices have advanced 46.6 per cent. since 1897.

In fish there has been a similar rise in prices, the average being 34 per cent. higher in 1909 than in the decade 1890 and 1899. The lowest year shown is 1892, since when prices have advanced 40.8 per cent.

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## 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, April 26.—Ontario Wheat—No. 2 mixed winter wheat, \$1.06 to \$1.07 outside.

Manitoba Wheat—Spot No. 1 northern, \$1.09; No. 2 northern, \$1.07 on track, lake ports. For opening of navigation, No. 1 northern, \$1.05; No. 2 northern, \$1.03 at lake ports.

Corn—American No. 2 kiln-dried yellow, 66c to 66½c; No. 3 yellow, kiln-dried, 65½c to 66c; No. 3 yellow, 64½c; Canadian corn, 60c to 6c, Toronto freights.

Oats—Canada western, No. 2, 39½c, on track, bay ports. For opening of navigation, No. 2 C. W. 38c; No. 3 C. W. 37c, at lake ports; Ontario, No. 2 white, 36c to 36½c, outside; No. 3 white, 35c to 35½c, outside; 38½c on track Toronto.

Barley—No. 2, 53c to 54c; No. 3 extra, 51c to 52c; No. 3, 46c to 47c outside; Manitoba, No. 4, 52½c, on track, lake ports.

Peas—No. 2, 75c to 76c.  
Rye—No. 2, 67c to 68c.  
Buckwheat—No. 2, 51c.

Manitoba Flour—Quotations at Toronto are:—First patents, \$5.70; second patents, \$5.20; strong bakers', \$5; 90 per cent., Glasgow freights, 28s.

Ontario Flour—Winter wheat patents for export, \$4.05 to \$4.10 in buyers' bags, outside.

Millfeed—Manitoba bran, \$20 per ton; shorts, \$22 per ton, track, Toronto. Ontario bran, \$22 per ton; shorts, \$23 per ton, on track, Toronto.

#### COUNTRY PRODUCE.

Eggs—20c to 21c per dozen in case lots.

Butter—The market for good quality of butter is still very firm.  
Creamery prints . . . . . 30c to 32c  
Separator prints . . . . . 25c to 26c  
Dairy prints (choice) . . . . . 24c to 25c  
Large rolls . . . . . 23c to 24c  
Inferior . . . . . 17c to 18c  
Syrup—\$1 to \$1.10 per imperial gallon.

Cheese—13c per pound for large to 13½c for twins.

Beans—\$2 to \$2.10 per bushel for primes and at \$2.15 to \$2.25 per bushel for hand-picked.

Potatoes—Delaware potatoes, 45c per bag in car lots, and 55c to 60c per bag out of store.

#### PROVISIONS.

Wholesale quotations:—  
Pork—Short cut, \$31 to \$31.50 per barrel; mess, \$28.50 to \$29.

Lard—Firm; tierces, 16½c to 16¾c; tubs, 16¾c to 17c; pails, 16¾c; stocks very light.

Smoked and Dry Salted Meats—Long clear bacon, tons and cases, 15½c; backs (plain), 21c to 21½c; backs (peameal), 21½c to 22c; shoulder hams, 14c to 14½c; green meats out of pickle, 1c less than smoked.

Rolls, smoked, 15½c to 16c; medium and light hams, 18c to 18½c; heavy, 16½c to 17c; bacon, 19½c to 20c.

#### MONTREAL MARKETS.

Montreal, April 26.—There is still very little business passing in the local flour market. 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; do. in bags, \$2.40 to \$2.50. Millfeed—Ontario bran, \$20.50 to \$21; Ontario midlings, \$22 to \$23; Manitoba bran, \$21; Manitoba shorts, \$21 to \$22; pure grain moullie, \$32 to \$33; mixed moullie, \$25 to \$28. Rolled Oats—Per barrel, \$4.05; do per bag, \$1.90; cornmeal, per barrel, \$3.40 to \$3.50. Cheese—Old cheese 12½c and foddors at 12½c. Butter—Old stock, 28½c to 29c and new milk creamery, 30c to 31c. Eggs—Selected lots, 23c to 24c and straight receipts, 19c to 20c per dozen.

NEW YORK WHEAT MARKET  
New York, April 26.—Wheat—No. 2 red, \$1.13¼ nominal c.i.f.; No. 1 northern, \$1.15½ f.o.b., opening navigation. Option wheat was weak and lower at the start under further liquidation on the weak

cables and poor cash demand, but prices regained the loss on covering by shorts and closed at unchanged to ¼c net decline.

#### LIVE STOCK MARKETS.

Montreal, April 26.—Choice steers, brought \$7.50 to \$7.85; fair to good, \$5.80 to \$6.40; fair, \$5 to \$5.50; cows, \$6.25; bulls, \$6; hogs, \$10.50; sows, \$9.50; sheep steady at \$4.75 to \$6, while lambs sold at \$7.50 to \$9; calves brought all the way from \$2.50 to \$10.

Toronto, April 26.—The average range for the best quality of steers and heifers was from \$6.50 to \$7, and an idea of the firmness of these prices may be gathered from the transactions, which show cattle weighing 800 and 900 pounds bringing from \$6 to \$6.50 per cent. Cows and bulls quoted as high as \$6.25 and \$6.60 per cwt. Trade in milkers and springers is light, but a few good cows have been sold as high as \$75 per head, the market for this class of cattle ranging from \$45 upward. Yearling lambs are quoted 50 cents lower at \$8 and \$9 respectively. Sheep are very firm at \$5 to \$7 per cwt. Hogs are easy at \$9 f.o.b. to \$9.25 fed and watered.

Mr. J. S. Larke, Canadian Trade Commissioner at Sydney, N.S.W., is dead.

Constable Samuel Baker of Kingston has been appointed Chief of Police for Trenton.

Albert Holmes, who killed Nathaniel Bolton at Cardinal, is now in Brockville jail, having surrendered himself.

# MARK TWAIN IS DEAD

## Famous Humorist Passes Away at His Home in Connecticut.

A despatch from Redding, Conn., says: Samuel Langhorne Clemens (Mark Twain) died painlessly at 6.30 o'clock Thursday night of angina pectoris. He lapsed into coma at 3 o'clock in the afternoon and never recovered consciousness. It was the end of a man outworn by grief and acute agony of body. Wednesday was a bad day for the little knot of anxious watchers at the bedside. For long hours the grey, aquiline features lay moulded in the inertia of death, while the pulse sank lower and lower, but late at night the patient passed from stupor into the first natural sleep he had known since he returned from Bermuda, and on Thursday morning awoke refreshed, even faintly cheerful and in full possession of all his faculties. He

recognized his daughter, Carrie (Mrs. Ossip Gabrilowitch), spoke a rational word or two, and, feeling himself unequal for conversation, wrote out in pencil: "Give me my glasses." These were his last words. Laying aside his glasses and pencil, he sank first into reverie and later into final unconsciousness. There was no thought at the time, however, that the end was so near.

Mark Twain died, as truly as it can be said of any man, of a broken heart. The death of H. H. Rogers, a close friend, was a severe blow. The death of his daughter, Jean, who was seized with an attack of epilepsy last fall while in her bath, was an added blow from which he never recovered. It was then that the stabbing pains in the heart began.