STRANGLED BY INDIANS

Sick Squaw Was Slain by Indian Medicine Man.

Ottawa, Aug. 1.—Joseph and Jack Fidler, the chief and the medicine man of the Sandy Lake Crees, are under arrest at Norway House on the charge of murdering a squaw.

The woman, who is of the same name and blood as the two prisoners, fell sick in the Spring and became delirious. The Indians of this district believe that when a sick person becomes delirious a spirit or "Wendigo" has entered them, and that if the person dies naturally the Wendigo escapes to the woods, pursues and frightens away the game, and famine follows. Therefore, the band assembled, and, according to the custom, appointed their chief and medicine man to the high honor of choking the sick squaw, that the spirit might not escape with the passing of breath, but might remain imprisoned in the dead body. In the presence of the band, the chief and medicine man carried out the instructions. A piece of canvas was placed about the squaw's neck and then the noose of a rope. This being tightened by the two leaders of the band, the ravings of the woman were stopped, the evil spirit was imprisoned and the game preserved. This piece of barbarism was executed within two hundred miles of Kenora. Word of it reached the authorities, and the arrests followed.

The Fidlers asked the officials not to be too severe with them, as they had no idea that they were doing wrong. They were merely doing their duty by the band, and following the custom of their fathers. The execution of this duty was a high honor, and, according to custom, the executioners were handsomely fed by the parents of the victim.

The Justice Department is to decide whether it will be better to send a judge to Norway House to try the case or bring the prisoners and witnesses to Edmonton for trial.

LEADING MARKETS

Toronto, Aug. 6.—Ontario Wheat — Practically nominal; No. 2 white, 87½c to 88c.

Manitoba Wheat—Steady; No. 1 northern, 79c; No. 2 northern, 95c.

Corn—No. 2 yellow, 61½c to 62c.

Barley—Nominal.

Oats—Ontario, dull; No. 2 white, 43½c to 44c, outside. Manitoba—No. 2 white, 44½c on track at elevator.

Peas—Nominal.

Rye—Nominal.

Flour—Ontario—90 per cent. patents, $3.35 bid, $3.40 asked; Manitoba first patents, $5 to $5.20; seconds, $4.40 to $4.50; strong bakers', $4.20 to $4.30.

Bran—$16 to $17, bulk, outside; shorts, in demand, about $19 to $20, outside.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

Butter—There is a good supply of both creamery and dairy, but the former is in better demand. Prices are steady.

Creamery prints .... 21c to 23c
do solids .... 19c to 21c
Dairy prints .... 17c to 19c
do solids .... 17c to 18c

Cheese—Quiet at 12c to 12¼c for large and 12½c for twins, in job lots here.

Eggs—Prices continue very firm at 17½c to 18c, with the bulk selling at 18c.

Beans—$1.65 to $1.70 for hand-picked and $1.50 to $1.55 for primes.

Potatoes—Eastern, dull and almost over-quoted at 80c to 90c per bag; new potatoes firm at $3 to $3.25 per barrel, in car lots on track.

Baled Hay—Quiet at $14 to $15 for No. 1 timothy; new hay, uncertain, $12.50 to $13.

Baled Straw—$7.25 to $7.50 per ton, in car lots on track here.

PROVISIONS.

Dressed Hogs—$9.75 for lightweights and $9.25 for heavies.

Pork—Short cut, $22.75 to $23 per barrel, mess, $21 to $21.50.

Smoked and Dry Salted Meats—Long clear bacon, 11c to 11½c for tons and cases; hams, medium and light, 15½c to 16c; heavy, 14½c to 15c; backs, 16½c to 17c; shoulders, 10¾c to 11c; rolls, 11½c; out of pickle, 1c less than smoked.

Lard—Steady; tierces, 12c; tubs, 12¼c; pails, 12½c.

MONTREAL MARKETS.

Montreal, Aug. 6.—Oats—Business in oats remains slow and sales of car lots of Manitoba No. 2 white were made at 45c per bushel ex-store.

Flour—Choice spring wheat patents, $5.10 to $5.20; seconds, $4.50 to $4.60; winter wheat patents, 4.65 to $4.75; straight rollers, $4.25 to $4.35; do., in bags, $1.95 to $2.10; extras, $1.65 to $1.75.

Millfeed—Manitoba bran in bags, $20; shorts, $23 to $25 per ton; Ontario bran in bags, 19 to $19.50; shorts, $22.50 to $23; milled mouille, $24 to $28 per ton; straight grain, $30 to $32.

Rolled Oats—Continue quiet at $2.25 per bag.

Cornmeal—Is steady at $1.45 to $1.50.

Hay—Baled hay is steady under a fair local demand; No. 1, $16 to $16.50; No. 2, $15 to $15.50; clover, $13.50 to $14, and clover mixed, $12.50 to $13 per ton in car lots.

Butter—Townships, 21¾c to 22c; Quebec, 20½ to 21c. Receipts were 3,408 packages.

Cheese—Ontario, 10½c to 10¾c; easterns, 10⅜c to 10½c.

Eggs—Sales of selected in single cases were made at 20c, and round lots of straight receipts at 16c; No. 1 candled at 17c; No. 2 candled at 14c, and No. 2 straight at 12½c per dozen.

Provisions—Barrels short cut mess, $22 to $22.50; half barrels, $11.25 to $11.75; clear fat backs, $23.50 to $24.50; long cut heavy mess, $20.50 to $21.50; half barrels do., $10.75 to $11.50; dry salted long clear bacon, 10c to 11½c; barrels plate beef, $14 to $16; half barrels do., $7.50 to $8.25; barrels heavy mess beef, $10; half barrels do., $5.50; compound lard, 10¼c to 10¾c; pure lard 11¾c to 12¼c; kettle rendered, 13c to 13½c; hams 12½c to 15½c, according to size; breakfast bacon, 13½c to 14c; Windsor bacon, 15c to 15½c; fresh killed abattoir dressed hogs, $9.75 to $10, alive, $7.25 to $7.40.

BUFFALO MARKET.

Buffalo, Aug. 6.—Flour—Dull. Wheat—Spring quiet; No. 1 Northern, $1.03¼; Winter quiet; No. 2 red, 95c. Corn—Steady; No. 2 yellow, 59½c; No. 2 mixed, 57¾ to 58¼c. Oats—Strong; No. 2 white, 49¾c; No. 2 mixed, 47c. Barley—Nominal. Canal freights—Unchanged.

NEW YORK WHEAT MARKET.

New York, Aug. 6.—Spot easy; No. 2 red, 98⅛c elevator; No. 2 red, 98⅜c f.o.b. afloat; No. 1 northern Duluth, $1.08⅜ f.o.b. afloat; No. 2 hard winter, 98⅞c f.o.b. afloat.

LIVE STOCK MARKET.

Toronto, Aug. 6. — There were no choice exporters offered, and quotations were nominal. Top quality, $5.25 to $5.50; medium heavy, $4.75 to $5; bulls and cows, $3.75 to $4.75.

Butcher cattle were not offered very freely. Choice stock was quoted from $4.75 to $4.90; medium, $4.25 to $4.50. Cows were about the only grade to show any improvement, choice selling up to $4.10, with the range from $3.50.

A bid of $3 on a bunch of stockers of 800 to 900 lbs. was refused, and buyers were not willing to go higher. Choice are worth from $3.25 to $3.75, and common to medium from $2.50 to $3.

Milch cows continued dull. Quotations unchanged at $35 to $50 for choice and $20 to $30 for common.

Veal calves were steady and slightly higher at 3c to 6c per lb.

Ewes sold at $4.25 to $4.50; bucks and culls at $3 to $3.50; lambs sold from $6.50 to $7.50.

Hogs held steady on a comparatively heavy run. Selects were quoted at $6.90.

BOY FELL THREE STOREYS.

Miraculous Escape of a Lad at Queen's Hotel, Toronto.

A despatch from Toronto says: To fall from a three-storey window with a hard cinder path beneath and escape uninjured is an experience which comes to few. Such was what happened to Master Buell, a lad of 8 years old from Rochester, N. Y., at the Queen's Hotel Friday morning.

The boy was leaning out of a window on the east side when he lost his balance and fell out. Luckily for him, an awning projected out from the wall about fifteen feet from the ground. Master Buell struck the awning broadside on and rolled off to the ground. He escaped without any injury whatever.

FIVE DROWNED IN LAUNCH.

Engine Broke Down and Boat Went Over a Dam.

A despatch from Ottumwa, Iowa, says: Five people were drowned Thursday night by the capsizing of a launch in the Des Moines River, near this city. The drowned are:—Wm. H. Powell, wife and son Hallie, Mrs. J. F. Stevens and baby. The boat had started out on a pleasure trip. The boat became unmanageable in the strong current, due to the high water, and finally the engine broke down altogether. The boat, with its helpless occupants, then drifted over the dam and crashed into the rocks below.

BOLT STRUCK; CHILDREN GONE.

Miraculous Escape of Stratford Family From Lightning.

A despatch from Stratford, Ont., says: Miraculous was the escape of Mrs. Fred Struthers and family during Friday nights electrical storm. Mrs. Struthers occupies apartments in the Old Strafford Hotel. The children could not sleep and were removed from the bedroom to the kitchen. Immediately afterwards a bolt of lightning entered the bed-room, destroying the furniture and fixtures.

COSTLY FIRE IN NORTH BAY.

Business Section of Town Badly Damaged.

A despatch from North Bay says: While a fierce gale of wind was raging a fire broke out on Friday morning in the tailor store of T. H. Campbell, the second store of the Gilmour block, and, spreading with startling rapidity, was not checked until one o'clock, when the Gilmour and Richardson blocks were smoldering heaps of debris. The fire originated from gasoline used in cleaning garments and Mr. Campbell was seriously burned, his clothing being ignited. The firemen worked heroically in the blinding smoke and blistering heat and succeeded in preventing the flames from spreading to the Purvis block adjoining. In this they were assisted by a fire wall, which helped to check the attack of the flames. J. W. Richardson's large brick block, occupied by him entirely as a hardware store, was the first building to fall. Of the Gilmour block adjoining only a few bricks remain of the front. The rapid spread of the flames prevented much salvage and the stocks in the burned stores are almost total losses.

One man was arrested for stealing while the fire was in progress and another, an intoxicated man, was placed in the lockup for safekeeping, having been rescued by the firemen from attempting to climb along a narrow ledge on the second storey.

The Richardson block was valued at $6,000, with $4,000 insurance, divided between the Liverpool and London and Globe, the Union and the North British and Mercantile Companies.

J. W. Richardson's hardware stock was valued at $25,000, the insurance being $14,360, divided between the Guardian, Canadian Sun, Commercial Union, Ottawa, Norwich Union, Home, Montreal, Canada, North British and Mercantile and the Atlas.

The Gilmour block, owned by J. E. Gilmour, was valued at $6,000; insurance $3,000, in Monarch London Mutual and Standard Companies. Total loss. Mr. T. H. Campbell carried insurance of $700 on household effects and piano. Very little saved. J. W. Smith, druggist, carried a stock valued at $3,000, insurance $1,000. Part of the stock saved. T. M. Mulligan, clothing merchant, stock $5,000, insurance $3,000.

NO CHEAP RATES YET.

Grand Trunk Railway Gives Notice of Appeal.

A despatch from Ottawa says: The Grand Trunk Railway Company has lost no time in notifying the Railway Commission that it is its intention to appeal to the Supreme Court against the judgment of the board compelling it to issue penny-a-mile tickets and attach carriages for third-class passengers on one train each day between Montreal and Toronto. The appeal will be taken at once. It will come before the Supreme Court at its next sitting. No doubt the case will be taken to the Imperial Privy Council, should the decision be against the company. This means that the order of the board will not go into effect for some time to come.

MOTHER PLUNGED AFTER SON.

Woman and Her Four-year-old Child Drowned.

A despach from Caron, Sask., says. On the homestead of John Slack, near here, his widowed sister, Mrs. Reeson and her four-year-old son were drowned on Friday. The little fellow was carrying water in a small pail, and on his being missed, his eight-year-old brother went in search of him. The pail and his hat were seen floating on the pond, and when the mother was called she dashed into the water, which was seven feet deep, and sank. The bodies were recovered twenty minutes later.

NEARLY FIVE MILLIONS.

Increase in the Customs Revenue for Four Months.

A despatch from Ottawa says: For the first four months of the present fiscal year to July 31 the customs revenue shows an increase of almost thirty per cent. Collections during the four months amounted to $20,565,694. In the same four months in the year previous the collections totalled $15,721,080. The increase amounted to $4,844,614. For the month of July customs collections totalled $5,442,601, being an increase of $1,880,222 over July of the year before.

INSANE, BURNED FATHER'S BARN.

Serious Loss Through the Act of a Welland Woman.

A despatch from Welland says: Margaret Hoover, a demented woman, aged thirty-four years, on Wednesday set fire to her father's barn, which was completely destroyed, including the contents, 50 tons of hay, a quantity of grain and a bull. On Sunday she tried to burn the house, but was prevented. Wednesday she took advantage of the absence of the men in the fields and set fire to the barn. By the time the alarm was given it was impossible to save anything. While attention was directed to the burning barn she again tried to set fire to the house, but her effort was frustrated. Local authorities placed Miss Hoover in custody and she will be removed to an asylum.

Lord Strathcona arrived at Montreal, and speaks in warm terms of the benefits Canada will receive if the all-red line is carried through.

HOLY WAR IN MOROCCO

Europeans Are Warned Not to Leave the Towns.

A despatch from Tangier says: Mohammed-el-Torres, Commissioner for Foreign Affairs, has notified the foreign representatives here that the Zair and other tribes are in a state of unrest owing to the intervention of the French Comptroller in the Moorish customs. He warns Europeans not to quit the town, mentioning especially Rabat.

The steamer Gibel Musa, from Casablanca, reports that when she left that port the Europeans there were held as hostages by the natives, who feared bombardment.

It is reported that the natives at Saffi are preparing to emulate those at Casablanca.

There are many rumors of an impending holy war and a general massacre of all Christians in Morocco, but there is no confirmation of these alarmist stories, which are of a kind frequent here.

RUSHING WARSHIPS.

A despatch from Madrid says: As one and perhaps two Spaniards were murdered at Casablanca, Spain has decided to co-operate with France in exacting satisfaction. This is in accordance with the agreement covering such cases. The cruiser Infanta Isabel, has been ordered to join the French cruiser Galilee at Casablanca. The Government has sent a strong note to Mohammed-el-Torres asking that immediate attention be paid to it.

FRANCE SENDS WARSHIPS.

A despatch from Paris says: The warship Conde Duchayla has been ordered to sail from Toulon and to join the Galilee at Casablanca as soon as possible. The Desaix, Cassini and La Hire have been ordered to be in readiness to sail if they are needed.

CONDENSED NEWS ITEMS

HAPPENINGS FROM ALL OVER THE GLOBE.

Telegraph Briefs From Our Own and Other Countries of Recent Events.

CANADA.

Harvesting has started in Lethbridge district.

James Smith committed suicide near Woodstock by hanging.

The army cut worm is ravaging the gardens in London district.

Montreal's customs collections for July were $1,189,012, the highest yet.

Five sustained injuries in a rear-end collision at Glen Grove on the Metropolitan Railway.

Three residence buildings in connection with the University of Toronto will be erected, at a total cost of $150,000.

The body of Harry Pember, the little boy who disappeared from 10 Napier Avenue, Toronto, was found in the Don.

Sir Thomas Shaughnessy is pleased with the result of his inspection of the new C.P.R. lines in Ontario.

Marshall Townsend, a diver, was suffocated in thirty feet of water in Lake St. Clair by the air hose breaking.

The Harbor Commissioners' elevator at Montreal has been pronounced dangerous.

A Judges' squabble has caused a small deadlock in the British Columbia Supreme Court.

Joseph Grau fell off the Quebec bridge into the water, a distance of 180 feet, and escaped with a broken rib.

The Ontario Government may establish a number of permanent emigration offices in Great Britain and Ireland.

The C. P. R. engineers have asked for a conference with the company to deal with questions of wages and hours.

Rev. Dr. R. P. McKay of Toronto writes from abroad that the treatment of Coreans by Japanese is scarcely less atrocious than the horrors of the Congo.

Fire at North Bay destroyed the Gilmour and Richardson blocks, and caused a loss of about fifty thousand dollars.

A man named Galley climbed on the rail of a boat at Chatham, N. B., while intoxicated, fell overboard and was drowned.

Hon. W. T. Finlay, Minister of Agriculture in Alberta, has just inherited $70,000 through the death of a brother in Ireland.

A Montreal carter has been charged with revolting cruelty to a horse. He drove the animal into a ditch and then attacked it with a pitchfork.

Only eighteen hundred miles of the National Transcontinental Railway remains to be contracted for, and work on the big undertaking is being vigorously pushed.

On behalf of Mrs. Lillian M. Smith, widow of C. F. Smith, killed in the Crystal Hall disaster in London, a writ has been issued claiming $15,000 damages from W. J. Reid.

Robert Thompson, a leading fruit grower of St. Catharines, denies the statement of the City Clerk Pay that two-thirds of the peach trees are winter killed.

UNITED STATES.

Judge Wood of Boise, Idaho, has refused to grant bail to Pettibone.

Heavy damage has been caused in southern Michigan by hail storms.

Five persons were drowned on Friday by the capsizing of a launch in the Des Moines River.

Commander Robert Peary hopes to start within a week on another trip in search of the North Pole.

Burglars at Chester, N. Y., stole a cow, killed it at a slaughter house and carried off the meat in bags.

James H. Morey, aged 74, of Binghamton, N. Y., was drowned in the Susquehana River, in six inches of water.

Clarence W. Byrne, a New York salesman, was sent to jail for allowing his daughter to die of pneumonia without medical attendance.

The body of an eight-year-old girl who had been strangled to death was found on Thursday in an east side tenement in New York.

Charles Hogge, who has confessed to having practised forgery for fifteen years, has been sent to the penitentiary for a long term in Colorado.

Orchard's wife, Mrs. Albert E. Horsley, of Northumberland County, Ont., claims an interest in the Hercules mine, is the story now told in Boise.

GREAT BRITAIN.

The British Medical Association has suggested that sick persons be treated at the State's expense.

Britain and Russia have amicably adjusted all outstanding differences regarding the Indian and Persian frontiers.

The British House of Commons has passed the third reading of the bill establishing a Court of Criminal Appeal.

GENERAL.

Eight Europeans have been killed in an Arab rising at Casablanca, Morocco.

Germany's grain fields have been damaged by floods for hundreds of miles.

The French resident at Annam has locked the King up in his palace and established a regency.

CROP OUTLOOK IMPROVED.

Weather in the West Ideal for the Growing Grain.

A despatch from Winnipeg says: The weekly crop report which was handed out by the C.P.R. on Thursday shows that the outlook is far more favorable than was expected three weeks ago. The weather has been ideal for the growing grain, and the prospects are now brighter than was ever dreamed of a short time ago. There have been timely showers in southern Manitoba, with the result that the reports from that district are greatly improved. The wheat is now rapidly heading out. In a number of districts, in Saskatchewan particularly, there has been heavy damage from hail, but in most sections the damage has been light from storms.

$7,000,000 ROLLING STOCK.

Grand Trunk Will Have New Cars Ready for the Fall.

A despatch from Montreal says: The Grand Trunk on Wednesday announced that it will have ready in September for Fall traffic $7,000,000 worth of rolling stock, which has been under construction for some time. So far 4,500 freight cars, out of 5,200, have been delivered, which at $850 makes $4,420,000. Of the sixty passenger coaches, thirty have been delivered, a total of $720,000, and of 100 engines, sixty have been received, amounting to $1,500,000.

THE PEOPLE'S RAILROAD.

Receipts and Disbursements of Temiskaming Commission.

A despatch from Toronto says: Receipts of the Temiskaming & Northern Ontario Railway for May were $77,041; disbursements, $51,496; net revenue, $25,545. The disbursements include $8,512 paid for insurance, which might have been spread over the whole year. Passenger traffic accounted for $40,027, and freight, $30,842 of the total receipts. During May 138.9 miles were in operation, as compared with 112 miles in May, 1906. The passenger traffic shows a large increase over the corresponding month of last year.

MILLION IN CUSTOM DUTIES.

Collections at Toronto for July Show Big Increase.

A despatch from Toronto says: Foreign imports at Toronto still continue on the increase. The total duties collected at this port during July were $1,055,853.27. For July last year the total collections were $766,329.97, and therefore this July was greater than the same month last year by the substantial sum of $289,523.30.