SIXTEEN CHILDREN KILLED

Trampled to Death in Rush for Better Seats in Hall in England.

A despatch from Barnsley, England, says: Sixteen children were trampled to death and forty others, several of whom cannot live, were injured, in a mad rush for better seats at an entertainment given in the public hall here on Saturday afternoon.

There was a great rush to secure admittance to the entertainment, and when the show opened every seat was taken, and the gallery was literally packed with children, who filled the aisles and were dangerously massed against the lower railing. With a view to relieving this crowding in the gallery the attendants decided to transfer some of the children to the body of the house, and one of the ushers called out, "Some of you children come downstairs."

Immediately the rush started, and within a few seconds hundreds of children were being trampled under foot. Even those who had seats in the gallery, doubtless being panic-stricken by the screams and struggles of the crowds fighting to reach the staircases, joined in the stampede.

The scene was a terrible one, the cries of the injured and the moans of the dying causing the greatest excitement among those gathered in the body of the hall. Police and ushers rushed to the head of the staircase, which was literally strewn with dead and dying, and by the most desperate efforts managed to drag some of the struggling children to the corridors below. It was with the greatest difficulty that a panic among the children in the lower part of the house was averted, all of these eventually being taken to the streets in safety.

When the reserve police arrived they found the narrow stairway practically blocked with bodies, which were crushed in some cases almost beyond recognition. Scores of children were found later to be suffering from fractured bones and severe lacerations, caused by the indescribable manner in which they had been trampled upon.

Soon after the accident the approaches to the hall were crowded with sobbing women searching for their missing children.

THE WORLD'S MARKETS

REPORTS FROM THE LEADING TRADE CENTRES.

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

Toronto, Jan. 14. — Flour — Ontario wheat 90 per cent. patents are quoted at $3.70 to $3.75 in buyers' sacks outside for export. Manitoba flour unchanged; first patents, $6; second patents, $5.30 to $5.40, and strong bakers', $5.20.

Wheat—Manitoba grades were quiet. No. 1 Northern quoted at $1.21, lake ports; No. 2 Northern quoted at $1.16, lake ports; and No. 3 Northern at $1.13, lake ports.

Ontario Wheat—No. 2 white and red quoted at 97 to 98c outside, and No. 2 mixed at 96 to 96½c outside.

Oats—No. 2 white on track, Toronto, 49½ to 50c, and outside at 47 to 47½c.

Corn—No. 3 American new yellow is quoted at 66c, Toronto, and kiln-dried new No. 3 mixed at 65½c, Toronto.

Rye—No. 2 quoted at 81 to 82c outside.

Buckwheat—62c outside.

Barley—No. 2 quoted at 75c outside No. 3 extra at 72c outside, and No. 3 at 70c outside.

Bran—$18.50 to $19 in bulk outside. Shorts are quoted at $21 to $22 outside.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

Apples—Winter, $2 to $3.25 per barrel.

Beans—Prime, $1.65 to $1.70, and hand-picked, $1.80 to $1.85.

Honey—12 to 13c per lb for strained, and at $1.75 to $2.50 for combs.

Poultry—Turkeys, dressed, 12 to 14c per lb for choice; chickens, alive, 5 to 6c per lb; dressed, 9 to 10c; ducks, dressed, 9 to 11c per lb; geese, dressed, 9 to 10c.

Hay—No. 1 timothy quoted at $16.50 to $17.50 here in car lots.

Straw—Steady at $9.50 to $10.50 a ton on track here.

Potatoes—Car lots are quoted at 70 to 75c per bag on track.

THE DAIRY MARKETS.

Butter—Pound prints, 24 to 25c, and large rolls, 22 to 23c; do, inferior, 20 to 24c. Creamery rules at 28 to 29c, and solids at 25 to 26c.

Eggs—Cold storage are quoted at 20 to 21c and upwards.

Cheese—13¼ to 13½c in a jobbing way.

HOG PRODUCTS.

Bacon, long clear, 10 to 10½c per lb in case lots; mess pork, $18 to $19; short cut, $22 to $22.50.

Hams—Light to medium, 14½ to 15c; do, heavy, 12½ to 13c; rolls, 10½c; shoulders, 10c; backs, 16 to 16½c; breakfast bacon, 14½ to 15c.

Lard—Tierces, 11¾c; tubs, 12c; pails, 12¼c.

BUSINESS AT MONTREAL.

Montreal, Jan. 8.—(Special.)—Grain—The market for oats is firm; car lots Ontario No. 2 white at 52c, No. 3 at 48 to 48½c, No. 4 at 47 to 47½c, and rejected at 46c per bushel ex store. Flour—Choice spring wheat patents, $6.10 to $6.25; seconds, $5.50 to $5.65 winter wheat patents, $5.50; straight rollers, $5 to $5.25; do, in bags, $2.25 to $2.50; extras, $1.30 to $1.90. Feed—Manitoba bran, $22; shorts, $23; Ontario bran, $22 to $22.50; middlings, $24 to $25; shorts, $22.50 to $23 per ton, including bags; milled mouillie, $26 to $28; and pure grain, mouillie, $33 to $35 per ton. Provisions—Barrels short cut mess, $22.50 to $23; half barrels, $11.75 to $12.25; clear fat backs, $23.50 to $24.50; long cut heavy mess, $21 to $24; half barrels do, $10.50 to $11.25; dry salt long clear backs, 10¾ to 11½c; barrels plate beef, $13.50 to $15; half barrels do, $7.25 to $7.75; barrels heavy mess beef, $10 to $11; half barrels do, $5.50 to $6; compound lard, 10 to 11c; pure lard, 12½ to 13c; kettle rendered, 12½ to 13c; hams, 12 to 13½c; breakfast bacon, 14 to 15c Windsor bacon, 14½ to 15½c; fresh killed abattoir dressed hogs, $8.75 to $9.25; alive, $6.50. Butter—September, 28 to 29c; fresh receipts, 26 to 27c; dairy, 23 to 25c. Cheese—13¼ to 13½c.

UNITED STATES MARKETS.

Milwaukee, Jan. 14.—Wheat—No. 1 Northern, $1.13 to $1.14; No. 2 Northern, $1.10 to $1.11½; May, $1.05⅝ asked. Rye—Higher; No. 1, 83½ to 84c. Barley—No. 2, $1.04; sample, 70c to $1.04. Corn—No. 3, 56 to 59c; May, 40 to 60⅞c bid.

Duluth, Jan. 14.—Wheat—No. 1 hard, $1.11⅛; No. 1 Northern, $1.09⅝; No. 2 Northern, $1.07⅛; May, $1.12⅝; July, $1.13⅛.

St. Louis, Jan. 14.—Wheat—Cash, $1.01½; May, $1.05; July, 95⅝c.

Minneapolis, Jan. 14.—Wheat—May, $1.12⅛; July, $1.12¼; No. 1 hard, $1.14⅜; No. 1 Northern, $1.12⅜; No. 2 Northern, $1.10⅜; No. 3 Northern, $1.06⅜ to $1.08⅜. Flour—Steady: First patents, $5.70 to $5.80; second patents, $5.60 to $5.70; first clears, $4.30 to $4.40; second clears, $3.50 to $3.60. Bran—In bulk, $19.50.

LIVE STOCK MARKET.

Toronto, Jan. 14.—Picked butchers sold between $4.70 and $4.80 with choice lots from $4.25 to $4.50; medium to good, $3.75 to $4.25; common to medium, $2.75 to $3.75. Choice cows sold from $3.50 to $3.85, with a little higher price paid in one or two instances. Medium quality cows, $3 to $3.40; common cows, $2.25 to $2.75; canners, 75c to $1.00. Canning bulls sold at $2 to $2.50.

Buying for export was again limited to bulls, a number selling at $3.50 to $4.25, with extra good quality ranging up to $4.50.

Choice stockers were quoted at from $3 to $3.75, with light weights from $2 to $2.75.

Calves were steady at 3c to 6c per pound.

There was the usual steady demand for good milchers, choice selling at $40 to $55, with medium at $25 to $35.

Export ewes sold at $3.75 to $4.25; bucks and culls $3 to $3.50; lambs sold at $4 to $6, according to quality. Hogs were steady at $5.90 for the best; $5.65 for medium, and $5.40 for common.

GOT THE HIGHEST PENALTY

Three Years in Penitentiary for Attempted Stabbing.

A despatch from Montreal says: Judge Choquette placed himself on record in the Court of Special Sessions on Thursday as being determined to put a stop to the habit so common among Italians in this city of carrying and using weapons.

"You are a foreigner, seven months in this country," said his Honor, in sentencing a young Italian named Michaela Marino to three years in penitentiary, "and it is proved that without the slightest provocation you took out a razor and struck Antonio Tatti on the neck, causing him bodily harm. Fortunately you did not commit murder. Italians in this country must understand that they have to stop these practices—that they must not carry knives or razors. This is a quiet country, yet in this city we hear every day of quarrels and murders. Such quarrels and murders must be put a stop to. Anyone who is found guilty of such offence as at present before this court will be most severely punished. The highest penalty in the present instance is three years in penitentiary, and I inflict three years."

FATHER AND DAUGHTER KILLED.

Shocking Crossing Accident at Cedar Springs.

A despatch from St. Thomas says: A terrible crossing fatality occurred at Cedar Springs, near Bothwell, on Saturday night, when the Pere Marquette accommodation, due here at 9 o'clock travelling at forty miles an hour, struck a democrat waggon in which were seated Samuel Crouch and David Tole, elderly farmers residing near Blenheim, and Mr. Crouch's twenty-five-year-old daughter. All three were thrown about one hundred feet, and Mr. Crouch and his daughter killed instantly. Mr. Crouch was almost scalped and otherwise mangled, while the girl had her neck broken. Mr. Tole was severely injured, and no hopes are entertained for his recovery. Mr. Tole was taken to Blenheim for medical treatment, while the bodies of Mr. Crouch and his daughter were taken to the station, and are held pending inquiry. The rig was demolished, one horse instantly killed, and the other so badly injured it had to be destroyed. The party had been to Chatham, and were returning home when the accident occurred. It is believed they thought the train would stop at Cedar Springs, a flag station.

EXPERIMENTAL FARMS.

Agriculturists Taking Advantage of Their Work.

A despatch from Ottawa says: The twentieth annual report of the work done and in progress at the several Dominion experimental farms was tabled in the Commons on Friday. It contains the results of many important and carefully conducted experiments in agriculture, horticulture and arboriculture carried on during the last year. The director, Dr. Wm. Saunders, notes that the large and constantly increasing demand by the farmers of the Dominion for the publications issued from the experimental farms, the rapidly extending correspondence, and the readiness shown everywhere to co-operate with the work of the farms in testing new and promising varieties of cereals furnish gratifying evidence of the desire for the latest scientific information among the agriculturists of Canada. During 1906 nearly 48,000 farmers have joined in co-operative tests of seeds for the improvement of crops. Sixteen thousand samples of grain of various kinds were sent out to farmers in Quebec and seven thousand to Ontario farmers.

MURDERED BY STRANGER.

Alexander Swartz Shot Down at Whitemouth, Manitoba.

A despatch from Whitemouth, Man., says: Alex. Swartz was murdered in cold blood by an unknown man near here on Thursday night for the sake of a small sum of money. He had been in Winnipeg, where he sold three cars of wood, realizing $150. He returned on the evening train, and was seen to leave the station to walk to his home, accompanied by a stranger. Next day his body was found beside the River road, about three-quarters of a mile from town, with a bullet through the head. The pockets had been rifled. The presumption is that the murderer shot Swartz and then hastened back to the station and caught the express for the west. The dead man leaves a widow and three little children.

WALL FELL ON FIREMEN.

One Killed and Two Seriously Injured at Montreal.

A despatch from Montreal says: As the result of a small fire on Notre Dame street on Sunday night one fireman is dead and two others seriously injured. Fire broke out in a small fancy goods store through an overheated stove. The store was on the ground floor of a ramshackle three-storey brick building, and while fighting the flames part of the wall fell out, crushing Napoleon Gagnon, N. Narbonne and V. Lamouche, firemen. Gagnon died on his way to the hospital, and the others are badly injured. The loss by fire was trifling, and apart from the falling wall the building was uninjured.

MAY SAVE MANY LIVES.

Passenger Cars to be Equipped With Extinguishers.

A despatch from Ottawa says: With a view to preventing fires in connection with railway wrecks and the consequent burning to death of those who might be caught in the wreckage, the Railway Commission has passed an order compelling all railway companies to install two fire extinguishers in each passenger coach. A fine of $25 is imposed for each failure to comply with the order. The companies are given until January next to have extinguishers placed on all cars now in use.

AN ENORMOUS DEFICIT.

Prussian Government Will Have to Procure $110,500,000.

A despatch from Berlin says: In the course of the sitting on Wednesday of the Landtag, Baron Von Rheinbaben, Prussian Minister of State and Finance, went over the figures of the Prussian budget for 1908. The total is $840,500,000 and shows the enormous deficit of $110,500,000. A loan is to be issued for $63,000,000; $10,000,000 will be obtained by increased taxation, and the remainder will be covered, it is hoped, by augmenting the revenue receipts. The causes of this deficit are diminution in the revenues, fresh expenditures for railroads, and increases in the salaries of State officials.

A NOTED BRIGAND CAUGHT

Employed as Engineer in a Tunnel at New York.

A despatch from New York says: After a ceaseless search of nearly two years, Jan Janoff Pouren, alleged to be a notorious Russian brigand who is wanted in the Province of Livonia, Russia, for murder, arson and robberies without number, was caught here on Wednesday. He was arrested on the complaint of the Russian Consul-General, M. De Ledygensky, and held for further examination and the arrival of extradition papers.

Pouren is a mild-looking man, and submitted without protest. He was employed as an engineer in one of the East River tunnels. He admitted his identity by indicating that the photograph of Pouren, in possession of the detectives, was a picture of himself.

The Russian is charged with numerous crimes in Riga, Livonia, where, with several fellow-countrymen, he terrorized the province and defied arrest. It was the custom of the brigands to make demands upon citizens for large sums of money, and after the expiration of several days, if the money was not forthcoming, they would rob the houses and set them afire. When the inmates resisted, they were murdered, it is said.

Pouren and his associates are charged with being particularly active in 1906, having, it is charged, committed a number of murders and robberies.

A DRAYLOAD OF BOOTY.

The Winnipeg Police Bring Off a Big Haul.

A despatch from Winnipeg says: A gang of desperate burglars, who have been operating here for the past week, were cleverly rounded up by the police on Friday afternoon, and all are now under arrest. By a lucky circumstance they were discovered at work in Cohen's store by a patrolman on Friday morning. All escaped arrest but one, who gave the name of A. Fortescue, but his personality afforded a clue which led to the capture of the entire gang early in the afternoon. At the headquarters of the gang the police secured a big dray load of stolen merchandise of a miscellaneous character. The robbers pitched a camp in a bush two miles from the city. They confessed to the police that they had intended stealing a team of horses on Friday night and driving over the border with the loot. Among the spoils were eighty-five watches, which had been stolen in Brandon. The men gave the names of B. Martin, H. Boyd, R. Calder, M. Raymond, and all of them are Englishmen.

ACCIDENTS AT MONTREAL.

Old Man Knocked Down by Runaway Horse and Killed.

A despatch from Montreal says: An old gentleman, about seventy years of age, was knocked down and run over by a runaway horse at the corner of St. Mark and St. Catherine streets on Friday and sustained inuries from which he died. The victim when taken to the General Hospital said his name was Simpson, but that was all he could say before he became unconscious. There was nothing found in his pockets by which he could be identified.

Miss Marguerite Savage, about forty years of age, dropped dead at the Empire Cafe, corner of Craig and St. Alexander streets on Friday. Deceased had been boarding in the house about a week.

Robert Cartwright, employed on the Grand Trunk Railway, was admitted to the General Hospital early on Friday morning with both his hands and his feet cut off. He is unable to explain the cause of the accident.

WINNIPEG TO NEW YORK.

New Railway Connection Expected to Give Forty-eight-hour Service.

A despatch from Winnipeg says: Placing Winnipeg within 48 hours of New York is one of the possibilities, it may be said probabilities, of the new connection that the Canadian Northern secures by the completion of the Winnipeg & Duluth Railway. It is figured out that a service can be arranged by which a traveller leaving Winnipeg, say, on Thursday morning at 8 o'clock, can be landed in New York at about the same hour on Saturday morning.

REVENUE INCREASED.

Statement For First Nine Months of Fiscal Year.

A despatch from Ottawa says: The statement of revenue and expenditure of the Dominion for the first nine months of the present fiscal year shows a total revenue of $73,955,958, an increase of $7,097,205 as compared with the corresponding period of 1906, and a total expenditure on consolidated fund account of $45,667,086, an increase of $8,616,976. On capital account the total expenditure for the nine months was $19,271,966, an increase of about ten millions, as compared with the corresponding period of 1906. The increase is of course, due to a larger expenditure last year on the construction of the National Transcontinental Railway, the expenditure on which now averages over one million dollars per month. Of the total increase in revenue during the nine months ending with December $7,107,938 came from customs, half a million from excise and half a million from the postoffice.

AFTER MANY YEARS.

Dakota Man Finds Wife and Children in Brantford.

A despatch from Brantford says: A man named Chambers is here from Dakota on a strange mission. He claims that seven years ago his wife deserted him, taking away two children, a boy and a girl. For years he heard nothing of them, until lately he learned they were supposed to be living in this vicinity. The father communicated with the authorities, with the result that the trio have been found in Echo Place. The woman is now residing with another man and their two sons. The Dakota father has taken proceedings to recover his children.

RAILROAD MEN LAID OFF.

Illinois Central Drops 4,000 Men From Pay-roll.

A despatch from New Orleans says: Between 3,000 and 4,000 Illinois Co. employes have been dropped from the pay-roll on account of the financial situation. This was the announcement here on Tuesday night of J. T. Harahan, president of the Illinois Central Railroad, who said if he could possibly prevent it no more men would be laid off.

TRANSVAAL GOLD.

A Record Output for the Month of December.

A despatch from London says: The Transvaal yield of gold for the month of December makes a new record. The output was 583,526 ounces of the yellow metal, which is 28,499 ounces over the previous highest yield for a month. The value of the December output is placed at £2,478,659.

SAYS THAT WAR IS CERTAIN

M. Jacques Flach Issues a Warning to the United States.

A despatch from Paris says: The sensational section of the French press continues to dwell upon the probability of a clash between Japan and the United States. La Press on Wednesday published a long interview with Jacques Flach, the historian and professor in the College of France, who declares his belief that a conflict is certain for the reason that Japan seeks war. He advises the American fleet to be on the watch for a sudden Japanese descent, and asks: "Who knows if the attack made by the Japanese on the Russian ships at Chemulpo will not be repeated upon the American ships to-morrow?" Continuing, M. Flach advises Great Britain and France to intervene, and put an end to the trouble before it is too late.

The Echo de Paris prints an interview, emanating, it says, from an "authorized Japanese source" with the object of showing that Japan is so absorbed with the mainland of Asia that war with America is impossible.

"The entire attention of Japan," says the interview, "is occupied with China and Corea, where developments are occurring which are giving Tokio the greatest concern. China has just dismissed a number of Japanese instructors, who have been replaced with Germans.

"The message of the Emperor of Japan clearly indicates that the country is looking to the far East, and not in the direction of America."