NINE MEN BLOWN TO PIECES

Fearful Tragedy on the National Transcontinental Railway.

A despatch from Quebec says: Nine men were hurled into eternity suddenly and without warning through a dynamite explosion on Saturday afternoon, while three others were badly injured. The scene of the explosion was on the Transcontinental Railway at the railway construction camp of Messrs. Murdoch Bros., at St. Cajetan d Armagh, Bellechasse County. St. Valier is 20 miles from Quebec, while St. Cajetan d Armagh is 22 miles above the former place.

Six of the victims of the disaster were young French-Canadians, workmen of the vicinity. The names of the victims are as follows: A. Barnard, French; A. Pinkstone, English; A. Campbell, Scotch, from New Brunswick; Adelard Morrisette, St. Cajetan; Wilfrid Noel, St. Cajetan; Edouard Langlois, St. Cajetan; Onesime Gagnon, St. Cajetan; Emile Charette, St. Cajetan; Joseph Roy, St. Philemon.

Of the six French-Canadians who met death in the explosion, only one, Emile Charette, was married. He leaves a widow and several children. Campbell was the foreman of the party. His body will be sent to his relatives in New Brunswick. Of the injured, two are slightly hurt, while the third has his leg broken. He will be brought up to the Hotel Dieu Hospital for treatment.

Details as to how the disaster occurred are as yet not very definite, but it is stated to have been caused by the premature explosion of a blast. Coroner Perron will hold an inquest. The jury was sworn in on Saturday night and viewed the remains of the victims of the accident.

MOUNT TEMPLE FLOATED

C. P. R. Steamer Has Been Stuck Since Last November.

A despatch from Halifax says: After having been ashore on the ledges at Ironbound Island, at the mouth of the Lahave River, since November 30 last, the big C. P. R. Liner Mount Temple was successfully floated on Wednesday night's tide. The steamer was filled with air, and with the rising tide and the assistance of three tugs she slid off the rocks into deep water.

This was the third attempt made to float her. Under her own steam the Mount Temple started for Halifax, but owing to a heavy southeast storm setting in she was obliged to make Lunenberg harbor for shelter at 11.30 Wednesday night. The Mount Temple registers 6,661 tons, and the underwriters agreed to give the salvors $200,000 if they floated her.

When the steamer stranded she had over 600 passengers on board, and all were saved. She will come to Halifax to drydock as soon as the weather permits. The steamer had been driven hard on the rocks to save the lives of the passengers, and the rocks protruded through her bottom in several places. The work of floating her was one of the most difficult ever undertaken on the Atlantic coast, and the success of the salvors is regarded by marine experts as a notable achievement.

THE FISHERIES TREATY.

Was Favorably Reported by U. S. Senate Committee.

A despatch from Washington says: The fisheries treaty between the United States and Great Britain regulating fishing in the lakes along the boundary line between the United States and Canada to-day received the favorable endorsement of the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations. Secretary of State Root went over the treaty in detail with the committee, and also explained the treaty providing for the demarcation of the boundary between the United States and Canada. Upon the conclusion of his remarks the committee decided to report the fisheries treaty, but final action on the other convention was postponed until another meeting.

MONEY FOR JUNKETING.

Claim That Former Winnipeg Council Was Disqualified.

A despatch from Winnipeg says: The street railway has entered a remarkable defence in a suit brought by the city to compel the company to pay damages for failure to fulfill the running schedule demanded by the traffic. The company will maintain that when the council of 1907 passed the by-law under which the action is taken, a majority of the Aldermen and Controllers present were disqualified, through having accepted expense moneys for junketing trips through the United States, contrary to the charter. It created a sensation in civic circles.

WARSHIPS TO VISIT QUEBEC.

Canada's Invitation to Washington Will be Accepted.

A despatch from Washington says: A favorable response will be made by the United States Navy Department to the courteous invitation of the Dominion Government to be represented at Quebec by a war vessel at the coming visit of the Prince of Wales to Canada in July. The present intention is to despatch the fine new battleship New Hampshire, recently put into commission, and in command of Capt. Cameron McR. Winslow. The finishing touches are now being put on the vessel.

$200 ON MURDERER'S HEAD.

Reward for Capture of Man Who Shot Constable at Frank.

A despatch from Ottawa says: The comptroller of the Royal North-West Mounted Police has authorized the offering of the regular reward of $200 for information which will lead to the arrest and conviction of the man or men who shot Constable Wilmot at Frank, Alberta, the other day.

WILL TOUCH AT HALIFAX.

Will be Port of Call for North German Lloyd Steamers.

A despatch from Bremen says: The North German Lloyds Company has decided to have some of the slower steamers in its New York service touch at Halifax. This change will be put into operation the middle of next month.

NINE 'DREAMERS' ARRESTED

Leaders of the Peculiar Sect in Alberta Jailed for Arson.

A despatch from Medicine Hat says: The arrest of nine leaders of the sect known as "Dreamers" is causing a sensation.

Joseph Lehr, a farmer, is alleged in some way to have incurred the enmity of the sect. Lately he received letters in German, signed "Revenge," threatening to burn his house. On Saturday night his young son was awakened by hearing a noise, and discovered the house in flames. The family barely escaped with their lives and night gear, everything being consumed. The loss is estimated at $5,000.

Constable Ashe, of the Mounted Police at Irvine, heard the story and rode out to investigate the occurrence. He immediately wired for reinforcements. Corp. Humby, two constables and Ashe, after all night driving, arrested the heads of nine "Dreamers'" families. A demonstration of force was necessary to overawe the other settlers, who thought the arrest was tantamount to conviction.

Wagon loads of settlers are coming to attend the trial.

LEADING MARKETS

BREADSTUFFS.

Toronto, April 21.—Manitoba Wheat—For immediate delivery, No. 1 northern, 1.16 at Owen Sound; feed wheat, 69c; No. 2 feed, 63c at North Bay. For May delivery, No. 1 northern, $1.10½; No. 2 northern, $1.06½; No. 3 northern, $1.04.

Ontario wheat—No. 2 white, 88c to 89c at point of shipment; No. 2 red, 88c to 88½c; No. 2 mixed, 87½c; goose, 87c to 88c.

Corn—Firm; No. 3 yellow American, 73½c, Toronto freight; No. 3 mixed, 1c less.

Barley—Very dull; No. 2 offering at 55c to 60c.

Peas—No. 2, 88c outside.

Rye—Strong; No. 2, 86c to 87c.

Buckwheat—No. 2, 64½c to 65c.

Oats—No. 2 white, 46c outside, 48c on track Toronto; No. 2 mixed, 43½c.

Flour — Manitoba patents, special brands, $6; seconds, $5.50; strong bakers', $5.30; winter wheat patents, $3.40.

Bran—Full cars, $24.50 to $25, Toronto freights.

Shorts—Scarce, $24 f.o.b. mills.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

Butter—Still scarce, with good demand. Wholesale prices are:—

Creamery, prints	31c to 32c
do solids	29c to 30c
Dairy prints	25c to 26c
do large rolls	24c to 25c
do solids	23c to 24c
Inferior	20c to 21c

Honey—Strained steady at 11c to 12c per lb for 60-lb pails and 12c to 13c for 5 to 10 lb pails. Combs at $1.75 to $2.50 per dozen.

Potatoes—Ontario, 85c to 90c; Delaware, 95c to $1, in car lots on track here.

Beans—Firm; $1.70 to $1.75 for primes and $1.80 to $1.85 for hand-picked.

Cheese—Firm; 14c for large and 14¼c for twins in job lots here; new-make, 13c for large and 13¼c for twins.

Maple Syrup—$1 to $1.10 per gallon.

Baled Straw—$8 to 9 per ton.

Baled Hay—Timothy is quoted at $15 to $15.50 in car lots on tracks here.

PROVISIONS.

Pork—Short cut, $21 to $21.50 per barrel, mess, $17.50 to $18.

Lard—Tierces, 11½c; tubs, 11¾c; pails, 12c.

Smoked and Dry Salted Meats—Long clear bacon, 10c to 10½c; tons and cases, hams, medium and light, 12c to 13c; hams, large, 11½c to 12c; backs, 16c to 16½c; shoulders, 9¾c to 10c; rolls, 10c; breakfast bacon, 13c to 14c; green meats out of pickle, 1c less than smoked.

MONTREAL MARKETS.

Montreal, April 21.—Flour—Choice spring wheat patents, $6.10; seconds, $5.50; winter wheat patents, $5.50; straight rollers, $5 to $5.25; do in bags, $2.35 to $2.50; extras, $1.80 to $1.90.

Millfeed—Manitoba bran, $22 to $23; shorts, $23 to $24; Ontario grain, shorts, $22 to $22.50; middlings, $24 to $25; shorts, $25 to $27 per ton, including bags, and pure grain mouille, $32 to $34. Moderate trade is passing at firm prices.

Rolled Oats—$3.12½ per bag.

Cornmeal—$1.67½ to $1.75 per bag.

Oats—Eastern Canada No. 2 white, have declined ½c; eastern Canada No. 2 white oats, 49c; No. 3, 46½c; No. 4, 45½c; rejected, 43½c per bushel ex store; and Manitoba rejected, 45½c to 46c per bushel, ex track North Bay.

Cheese—September westerns are selling at 13c for white and 13½c for colored; September easterns, 13¼c for white and 13½c for colored.

Butter—Fresh creamery, 33c to 35c per lb; best fall make, 32c per lb.

Eggs—18c per dozen for single lots and 15c to 17½c for wholesale lots.

Provisions—Barrels short cut mess, $21; half barrels, $10.75; clear fat back, $22 to $23; long cut heavy mess, $20; half barrels do, $10.50; dry salt long clear backs, 10½c; barrels plate beef, $13.50 to $15; half barrels do. $7.25 to $7.75; bulk heavy mess beef, $10 to $11; half barrels do, $5.50 to $6; compound lard, 8¼c to 9c; pure lard, 11¼c to 11¾c; kettle rendered, 11½c to 12c; hams, 12c to 13½c, according to size; breakfast bacon, 14c to 15c; Windsor bacon, 14½c to 15½c; fresh killed abattoir dressed hogs, $9.55 to $10; live, $7 to $7.25.

UNITED STATES MARKETS.

Buffalo, April 21.—Wheat—Spring dull; No. 1 Northern, $1.02¾, carloads; Winter strong; No. 2 red, 98c. Corn—Firm; No 2 yellow, 71¼c. Oats—Strong; No. 2 mixed, 51c; No. 2 white, 55½ to 56c. Barley—85 to 95c. Rye—No. 1, on track, 88c.

Minneapolis, April 21.—Wheat—May, 99⅝c; July, 99c; September, 88⅞c; No. 1 hard, $1.04½; No. 1 Northern, $1.02½; No. 2 Northern, 99⅝c to $1.00½; No. 3 Northern, 99⅛ to 97⅛c. Flour—First patents, $5.15 to $5.30; second patents, $5.05 to $5.20; first clears, $4.05 to $4.15; second clears, $3.10 to $3.20. Bran—In bulk, $21 to $21.25.

Milwaukee, April 21.—Wheat—No. 1 Northern, $1.04 to $1.06; No. 2 Northern, $1.02 to $1.03½; May, 91½c bid. Rye—No. 1, 80½ to 81c. Barley—No. 2, 87c; sample, 65 to 85c. Corn—No. 3 cash, 65 to 66c; May, 67¼c asked.

Duluth, April 21.—Wheat—No. 1 hard, $1.01½; No. 1 Northern, 99½; No. 2 Northern, 95¼c; July, 98c; September, 99½c.

New York, April 21.—Spot firm; No. 2 red, 99⅞c elevator; No. 2 red, $1.00⅜ f.o.b. afloat; No. 1 northern, Duluth, $1.08 f.o.b. afloat; No. 2 hard winter, $1.05½ f.o.b. afloat.

HALF A MILLION WANTED

Statement of the Quebec Battlefields Commission.

A despatch from Quebec says: In connection with the work which has been undertaken by the National Battlefields Commission, and which includes the making of the necessary arrangements for the Champlain tercentenary celebration, the following statement is officially authorized:—

(1) All subscriptions, given either by private individuals or by public bodies, other than the Dominion Government, will be applied strictly and solely to the work of reducing and beautifying the battlefields, and not in connection with the Champlain tercentenary fetes.

(2) That at present the aim of the commission is to purchase the land necessary to redeem the battlefields of the Plains of Abraham and of St. Foy, and not to expropriate such buildings as the jail and the Ross rifle factory. The commission desire, through the various subscriptions, to obtain before the arrival of the Prince of Wales about $500,000, in order that the announcement may be made at that time that the fields have been redeemed so far as title to the lands not at present vested in the Crown is concerned.

(3) Arrangements are about to be made for the systematic collection of subscriptions throughout Canada under the supervision of a central committee at Ottawa.

(Signed) J. Geo. Garneau, Chairman National Battlefields Commission.

SWINDLED BANKS AT SARNIA.

Slick Customer From Port Huron Secured Total of $830.

A despatch from Sarnia says: A man, who gave his name as James B. Young, and a Port Huron address that is now found to be a vacant lot, is being searched for by the police of Sarnia for passing worthless cheques on two banks here. Last Tuesday Young deposited $50 in one of the banks. Later he deposited a cheque for $400 on a bank in Springfield, Mass. On Thursday afternoon he appeared with a cheque for $300, which appeared to be certified to by the same Springfield bank whose cheque he had previously deposited. The $300 cheque was paid, but later, becoming suspicious, the bank telegraphed to Springfield and found that both cheques were bogus and the certification was a forgery. On Friday night it developed that another ebank had been swindled by precisely the same operation to the amount of $530, the losses of the two aggregating $850.

$7,000,000 HALL FOR LONDON.

Plans of Obscure Young Architect to be Realized.

A despatch from London says: The London County Council has decided to proceed with the building of the proposed County Hall on the site selected on the banks of the Thames at Westminster. It is estimated that it will cost $7,000,000 and that seven years will be consumed in building it. The architect is Ralph Knott, who till he won that position by competition was an obscure assistant in the city architect's office. He is 29 years old. His fees as architect will amount to about $200,000.

LAND FOR DOUKHOBORS.

Leader Has Purchased 2,700 Acres of Land Near Nelson.

A despatch from Winnipeg says: Peter Vierigin, the Doukhobor leader, has closed a deal for 2,700 acres of land on the Columbia River, near Nelson, B. C., and a large number of Doukhobors will be placed on it.

BEATEN WITH FENCE RAIL.

T. Jerow Nearly Killed at Niagara Falls.

A despatch from Niagara Falls, Ont., says: A daring assault occurred early on Friday morning, when T. Jerow was nearly beaten to death with a fence rail near the Grand Trunk Railway yards, a lonely district in the outskirts of the city. His assailant was frightened away by the man's cries for help and the barking of a dog, which drew the attention of J. Kells, who carried the man to his house and called in a doctor. Jerow has three severe scalp wounds, and his condition is precarious. Chief of Police Kimmins has commenced an investigation, and closely examined several men who were in Jerow's company earlier in the evening, but no arrests have been made.

ALLANS GET CONTRACT.

New Steamship Service Between Canada and France.

A despatch from Montreal says: The new subsidized mail service provided by the treaty for a steamship line between Canada and France has been obtained by Messrs. H. & A. Allan. It calls for eighteen round trips a year, at a minimum subsidy of $100,000, with the privilege of increasing the service to thirty-six round trips if the trade warrants. Last year the Allans had three ships on the service, but two more will be added per year. It is part of the contract that freight rates shall not be higher than those between the United States and France.

SERGT. LLOYD MURDERED.

Stratford Man Shot at Wolseley Barracks, London.

A despatch from London, Ont., says: On Friday night about midnight Sergt. Lloyd, an attached man from Stratford, was murdered at the Wolseley Barracks here in a row. Lloyd was struck by a bullet from a rifle and died very shortly after he was brought to the hospital here from the barracks, which are two miles away. The deed is believed to have been committed in a row which arose among a number of the soldiers in the barracks.

CHANCE FOR CANADIAN DRILLS.

Transvaal Has Arranged for Competition in Mining Machinery.

A despatch from Ottawa says: Premier Louis Botha, of the Transvaal, has sent a letter to Sir Wilfrid Laurier, pointing out that the Transvaal Government, in co-operation with the Transvaal Chamber of Mines, has arranged for a practical trial of small rock drills, suitable for narrow stoping work, under the working conditions obtaining on the Witwater's Rand. All types of rock drill are eligible to compete. Drills using compressed air will be supplied with a pressure varying from 60 to 75 pounds per square inch at the working face. Two prizes of £4,000 and £1,000 respectively are offered. The competition will commence early in 1909 and will last about six months.

MORE HOMESTEAD ENTRIES.

Increase of 729 Recorded During January and February.

A despatch from Ottawa says: A net increase of 729 in the number of homestead entries during January and February, 1908, is recorded, as compared with the same months of 1907. Of a total of 347 entries made in February by persons coming from the United States, 120 were from North Dakota, 52 from Minnesota and 22 from Wisconsin. In February, 1907, the number of land patents issued was 1,602, covering an area of 263,469 acres. For the month of February, 1908, there was an increase of 59 in the number of patents, covering an increase of 741,598 acres in the area patented.

MONTANA TOWNS DESTROYED

Craig and Cascade Wiped Off the Map by Advancing Waters.

A despatch from Helena, Mont., says: An uncontrolable flood is rapidly advancing upon Great Falls, a city of 15,000 population, and it is believed that the Boston and Montana smelter, one of the largest in the world, is doomed to destruction. The smelter, which is built on the river bank, employed more than 1,500 men.

The employes were engaged all Tuesday night in the construction of a "wing dam" around the smelter. Preparations have also been made so that the dam at Great Falls, from which the smelter secures its power, may be dynamited as a last resort.

Craig, Montana, probably was wiped off the map, although as far as is known, all of the 400 inhabitants escaped. Cascade, a town of 400 population, 69 miles from Helena and 25 miles north of Craig, is now under water and in danger of being swept away. The river is thickly strewn with debris of ranch houses. Many animals are battling for their lives in the flood.