A COUNTERFEITING OUTFIT

Plates Unearthed of Seven Banks and Nearly $4,000 in Bogus Notes.

A despatch from Buffalo, N. Y., says: One of the most complete counterfeiting plants ever discovered in this country was unearthed on Wednesday afternoon by United States and Canadian Secret Service officers in a secluded spot on a small farm a few miles outside of Gowanda, Cattaraugus County. It was operated by Thomas Washington Crozier and his son, Milton, who were arrested the other day at Oakville, Ont. More arrests will follow.

W. L. Gammon, of the United States Secret Service, and James Parkinson, inspector for the Dominion Secret Service, went out to the farm early on Wednesday morning and began their hunt. Hour after hour it was kept up, and late in the afternoon their efforts were rewarded. Hidden away in an outhouse they discovered the most incriminating testimony, and returned to Buffalo with a complete counterfeiting outfit.

The capture included 150 Farmers Bank of Canada $10 notes; 80 Farmers Bank of Canada $5 notes; 100 Standard Bank of Canada notes for $10; and 138 United States $5 silver certificates; making a total of $3,645.

PLATES OF SEVEN BANKS.

In the deserted old house were also discovered rubber stamps and letters, 47 engraving tools, one set of United States silver certificates with $5 plates; one set of Imperial Bank of Canada $10 plates; one set of Crown Bank of Canada $5 plates; one set of Quebec Bank of Canada $10 plates; one set of Standard Bank of Canada $10 plates; one set of Farmers Bank $10 plates, and a set of the same bank's $5 plates.

The officers also found buried under an old barn on the premises a front plate of the United Empire Bank of Canada $5 notes, and parts of finished and unfinished plates.

According to the officers, the elder Crozier bought the Cattaragus farm last Summer, and while on his way from Canada always stopped off in Buffalo to drop a little of the queer. The counterfeiters passed United States bills in Canada, and Canadian money over here.

FLAMES HEMMED IN TRAIN

Awful Fate of Refugees Seeking to Escape From Burning Town.

A despatch from Detroit says: Seventeen people are known to have perished when a relief train on the Detroit & Mackinaw Railroad, carrying refugees from forest fires in upper Michigan, ran off the tracks right in the midst of a burning pine forest. Unconfirmed reports say nearly every one on the train perished. Bishop Williams of Detroit was reported to have been on the wrecked train, but later advices show that he is safe. Fifteen burned skulls were found in a steel gondola car. When the cars left the rails the train crew and passengers found themselves trapped on all sides by the raging flames through which no human being could pass and live. Fireman Lee took refuge in the water tank, and when the flames closed round it he was boiled to death. The whole country north and west of Alpena is being swept by the most serious fire in years.

RELIEF TRAIN DERAILED.

A despatch from Alpena, Mich., says: Twelve out of the seventeen persons who lost their lives in the forest fires north of here on Thursday night belonged to the town of Metz. The whole town was ablaze and a train of eight or nine wooden cars and a steel gondola was made up to take the people out. Thirty or forty men, women and children, with a mass of household effects, were crowded into the gondola and the train started with a wall of fire on either side. At Nowickis Siding the rails spread and the engine went into the roadbed. The flames immediately swept over the train, setting fire to the wooden cars and the household goods in the gondola. Three mothers and their nine children remained in the steel car and were cremated there. Engineer John Kinville of Alpena and another member of the train crew escaped by crawling on their hands and knees along the track. A number of passengers badly cut and burned made their way to the village of Posen, between here and the scene of the wreck. It is not known whether any of them perished after leaving the train or not.

PEACE IS NOW ASSURED

If Servia Keeps Quiet Her Interests Will be Safeguarded.

A despatch from London says: A special to the Times from St. Petersburg says that the Russian Government has sent a note to Servia and Montenegro, promising to safeguard their interests at the forthcoming conference, and expressing the hope that this promise will induce them to avoid a rash policy.

SHE STANDS ALONE.

A despatch from Paris says: A special despatch from Constantinople states that the German Ambassador has declared to Tewfik Pasha, the Turkish Foreign Minister, that Germany would follow the line of conduct adopted by Great Britain regarding the annexation by Austria of Bosnia and Herzegovina. As a consequence of the attitude of the powers, Austria-Hungary now stands alone.

AUSTRIA HOLDS BACK.

A despatch from Berlin says: Neither Austria-Hungary nor Turkey has yet given its consent to the proposed international conference to settle the existing situation in the near east. Austria-Hungary declines to participate unless it is agreed that the annexation of Bosnia and Herzegovina be not discussed and accepted and legalized [illegible] without debate. Turkey [illegible] free hand in Macedonia, as well as cash compensation from Bulgaria for the Oriental Railroad in Eastern Russia and some other outstanding claims. All the powers are in favor of a fixed programme, and a majority of them are inclined to omit from the discussions the question of the passage of the Dardanelles and the Cretan proclamation for union with Greece.

THE SITUATION AT A GLANCE.

A despatch from London says: The new Europe consists of six great powers equally divided into two groups. Neither of these two groups, nor a single one of their components, desires war, yet the world's peace stands in greater danger to-day than at any moment in the present generation. The past week's events have noticeably diminished that peril. They have established a generaly line of cleavage and they have transferred the point of the acutest irritation from Bulgaria to Constantinople. The question of the hour is whether the splendid qualities of restraint shown by regenerated Turkey will endure the strain of another ten days. If they can and do then the danger of immediate war will have disappeared. The powers will then take up the thankless task of attempting to reconcile irreconcilable interests.

LEADING MARKETS

BREADSTUFFS.

Toronto, Oct. 20.—Ontario Wheat—No. 2 white or red, outside, 90½c to 91½c; No. 2 mixed, 90c to 90½c.

Manitoba Wheat—Spot, No. 1 northern, $1.04½; No. 2 northern, $1.02½, bay ports; No. 1 northern, for late October shipment, $1.04; No. 2 northern, $1.02 on track, bay ports.

Barley—No. 2, 56c to 56½c; No. 3X, 55c to 55½c; No. 3, 53c to 54c.

Oats—Ontario, No. 2 white, 38c to 38½c outside; No. 2 mixed, 37c to 37½c, outside.

Corn—Nominal at 87c to 87½, Toronto freights, for No. 2 or 3 yellow.

Rye—No. 2, 78c to 79c outside.

Peas—No. 2, 86c outside.

Buckwheat—No. 2, 59c to 60c outside.

Bran—Scarce and quiet; quoted at $20 to $20.50 per ton in bags outside.

Shorts—Quiet, $24 to $25 per ton in bags, outside.

Flour—Manitoba, first patents, $5.80; seconds, $5.30; strong bakers, $5.10; Ontario winter wheat patents, for export, $3.60.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

Butter—Local wholesale prices are:—

Creamery, pound	25c to 27c
Dairy prints, choice	24c to 25c
Store prints and tubs ..	22c to 23c
Inferior	19c to 20c

Poultry—Receipts of live poultry have been heavy, and prices are steady.

Spring chickens, live wt.	9c to 10c
Fowl, live weight	7c to 8c
Ducks, live weight	8c to 9c
Geese, live weight	8c to 9c
Young turkeys, live wt..	16c to 17c

Dressed prices 2c higher.

Eggs—22c to 23c in case lots.

Beans—$1.90 for primes and $2 for hand-picked.

Cheese — Large, 13c to 13½c; twins, 13½c to 14c.

Honey—10c to 10½c per pound, for strained, and $2 to $2.75 per dozen for combs.

Potatoes—Ontarios, 60 to 65c per bag in car lots, and 70c to 75c out of store; Delawares, 75c in car lots.

PROVISIONS.

Pork—Short cut, $23.50 per barrel; mess $19 to $19.50.

Lard—Tierces, 13½c; tubs, 13¾c; pails, 14c.

Smoked and Dry Salted Meats—Long clear bacon, 12¾ to 13c, tons and cases; hams, large, 12½c to 13c; small, 14½c to 15c; backs, 17½c to 18c; shoulders, 10½c to 11c; rolls, 11c to 11½c; breakfast bacon, 15c to 16c; green meats, out of pickle, 1c less than smoked.

BUSINESS AT MONTREAL.

Montreal, Oct. 20.—Grain—Ontario new crop oats, No. 2 white is quoted at 44½ to 45c; No. 3 at 43½ to 44c, and No. 4 at 43 to 43½c, with Manitoba old crop No. 2 white at 46 to 46½c; No. 3 at 45 to 45½c; rejected at 44 to 44½c per bushel ex store. Flour—Manitoba Spring wheat patents, $6; seconds, $5.50; Winter wheat patents, $5 to $5.10; straight rollers, $4.50 to $4.60; do., in bags, $2.10 to $2.20; extras, $1.75 to $1.85. Feed—Manitoba bran, $21 to $22; shorts, $25; Ontario bran, $21.50 to $22; middlings, $26 to $27; shorts, $26 per ton, including bags; pure grain mouille, $30 to $35; milled grades, $25 to $28 per ton. Cheese—Western cheese are quoted at 12¼c for white, and 12⅜c for colored. Butter 26½ to 27c. Eggs—22½c for selects; 20½c for No. 1, and 17½c for No. 2.

UNITED STATES MARKETS.

Buffalo, Oct. 20 — Wheat—Firmer: No. 1 Northern, carloads, store, $1.06½; Winter, steady; No. 2 mixed, $1.04. Corn—Weak; No. 3 corn, 80¾ to 81¼c; No. 4 corn, 79¼ to 79¾c; No. 3 white, 80¼c. Oats—Unsettled; No. 3 white, 51 to 52¾c; No. 4 white, 49½ to 50½c. Barley—Feed to malting, 60 to 67c. Rye—No. 2 on track, 81c.

Minneapolis, Oct. 20—Wheat—Dec., $1.01⅞; May, $1.06¼ to $1.06⅜; No. 1 hard, $1.04¾; No. 1 Northern, $1.03¾; No. 2 Northern, $1.01¾ to $1.02¼; No. 3 Northern, 96c to $1.00. Flour—First patents, $5.40 to $5.50; second patents, $5.30 to $5.40; first clears, $4.00 to $4.10, second clears, $3.00 to $3.10. Bran—$17.75 to $18.25.

Milwaukee, Oct. 20. — Wheat — No. 1 Northern, $1.07 to $1.08; No. 2 Northern, $1.05 to $1.06; Dec., $1.01 bid. Rye—No. 1, 76c. Barley—Standard, 66c; No. 3, 57 to 60½c; No. 4, 56 to 56½c; sample, 55 to 63c. Corn—Dec., 63¾c asked.

LIVE STOCK MARKET.

Toronto, Oct. 20.—Quotations were: Good exporters' cattle, $4.50 to $5; light exporters' cattle, $4.25 to $4.60 per cwt. Sales of a limited number of choice butchers' cattle were reported at $4.50 to $5 per cwt. Good loads were selling at $4 to $4.50. For heavy steers $4 per cwt was paid in a few instances. Good distillery steers were quoted at $3.40 to $3.75, and bulls brought $2.40 to $2.80 per cwt. The better class of milch cows were in demand at $35 to $70 each. Prices were about 50c lower in sheep and lambs. Select hogs continued to sell at $6.25 per cwt.

SEVENTY MILES OF FLAME

Terrible Forest Fires Are Raging in Northern Michigan.

A despatch from Detroit says: Despatches from Alpena indicate that the number of deaths in the forest fires in Presque Isle and Alpena counties will exceed fifty and may run well up towards one hundred. It is reported that there is a solid wall of flame stretching 70 miles from Gaylord to Alpena. In the vicinity of Metz, Bolton and Posen the fires have burned sufficiently to leave several hundred women and children camping with comparative safety in the open fields, but near the city of Alpena on Saturday night the fires were so threatening that Mayor McKnight called out a volunteer force of several hundred with shovels to form a patrol and construct trenches to stay the progress of the flames in the direction of the city.

It is now estimated that 23 people lost their lives in the destruction of the ill-fated Metz relief train Thursday evening.

With the certainty that a sudden drop in temperature would bring untold distress upon the half-clothed victims huddled in temporary shelters in the open fields, every effort is being made to organize a comprehensive system of relief measures.. On Sunday the Detroit & Mackinac Railroad sent out three cars of provisions to be distributed among the stricken.

It is estimated that at least 500 people are utterly dependent upon assistance contributed from outside the burned district.

ATTACKED A FARMER'S WIFE.

Tramp Knocked Her Unconscious in Kitchen of Her Home.

A despatch from Brockville says: Mrs. William Charlton, the wife of a farmer residing on the Mail Road, west of Brockville, on Friday morning was assaulted in a brutal manner by an unknown tramp. At 5.30, while her husband was milking in the barn the tramp appeared at the house and asked for something to eat. She took him in and was in the act of preparing a meal when the stranger, seeing she was alone, suddenly changed his mind, demanding that he be given money instead of food. Mrs. Charlton positively refused, whereupon the tramp seized her by the throat. In the struggle she managed to break away and ran for the door. The tramp followed and felled her to the floor with blows on the back, rendering her unconscious. How long she remained in that condition is not known, but on coming to her senses the man had departed. Mrs. Charlton at once notified her husband and a hurried search of the neighborhood failed to find trace of the scoundrel. It was subsequently discovered the tramp had found $1.06 on a shelf, which he appropriated. Mrs. Charlton has furnished the police with a description of the man, who so far has escaped arrest.

FIREMAN ROASTED ALIVE.

Shocking Accident on C. P. R. Near Stickney, N. B.

A despatch from Woodstock, N. B., says: During a dense fog on Saturday two C.P.R. freight trains collided head-on near Stickney. Robert Johnson, St. John, fireman, was burned to death, and Chas. Humphrey, Woodstock, engineer, was fatally injured and died a short time after. Fireman Johnson was caught between the tender and the firebox, and roasted alive, while he piteously begged the train men to kill him, and put him out of his agony. One leg was burned off before he was extricated. Humphrey had both legs and his back broken. Conductor Taylor was injured about the head and face. The engineer and fireman on the other train jumped and saved their lives.

MEN WERE SCARCE.

Scarcity of Labor Delays Work on the T. & N. O.

A despatch from Toronto says: The construction of the T. & N. O. Railway northward has just about reached the National Transcontinental Railway. At present the work has practically been completed to the "Y" joining the other road. The work has been delayed because of a minor strike, and it was found very difficult to procure men. The commission desired 100 men, and with a view to securing these strenuous efforts were made in Toronto. The wages offered were $1.75 a day, and only about 40 men could be obtained. In addition, the men were promised their fares both ways if they served the time stipulated in the agreement.

FIVE HURT IN DERAILMENT.

A Mixed Train Was Ditched Near Allandale.

A despatch from Barrie says: Three coaches of a mixed train, No. 42, from Meaford, left the rails half a mile north of Allandale, at 1.30 on Thursday afternoon. Five passengers were more or less injured, Mrs. John Wilson, of Meaford, 75 years of age, being the most serious. She sustained a broken arm, a broken leg and other injuries. Percy Herment, of 159 Wilton Avenue, Toronto, had his head cut and was otherwise bruised. Mrs. John Potts, of Collingwood ankle hurt. Miss Hotson, of Parkhill, arm broken and otherwise injured. The train was running about 25 miles an hour on a level track when the rear trucks of the last coach left the rails, bringing the other coaches after it. The coaches turned on their sides.

300 LIVES WERE LOST.

Typhoon Had Deadly Effect in Chinese City.

A despatch from Amoy, China, says: Native reports received here from Chang-Chow are to the effect that more than 300 lives were lost in that city as the result of Thursday's typhoon.

A CONDITIONAL GIFT.

Daughters of Empire Give $10,000 to Fight White Plague.

A despatch from Ottawa says: The Daughters of the Empire have donated $10,000 to the funds of the Anti-Tuberculosis Society, of Ottawa, on condition that a further $20,000 be raised.

HINDUS TO BE SENT AWAY

Plan to Ship Them to British Honduras Sugar Plantations.

A despatch from Ottawa says: The despatch from Vancouver, stating that the Canadian and Imperial Governments have co-operated to bring about a happy solution of the Hindus problem in British Columbia, is officially confirmed at the Department of the Interior.

In previous years it has been the practice for the British West Indian colonies to import each year for work on the sugar plantations a number of coolies from India, chiefly from Calcutta. It is now proposed by the arrangement reached between the Governments of Canada, Great Britain and British Honduras, that this year, instead of obtaining coolies from Calcutta, they shall be shipped from Vancouver.

Mr. Harkin left Vancouver on Thursday, and will proceed to Honduras via New Orleans. As soon as all arrangements can be completed, the Hindus now in British Columbia will be transferred to Honduras at the cost of the three Governments.