TWENTY-FIVE WERE KILLED

Gas Explosion in Excavation in Brooklyn Causes Their Death.

A despatch from New York says: Twenty-five persons are believed to have lost their lives in an explosion of gas which tore up a great section of Gold street, Brooklyn, on Friday. It is definitely known that fifteen persons were buried under the hundreds of tons of earth and timber that were thrown into the air by the explosion, and ten more persons are missing. The explosion occurred in a fifty-foot deep excavation that had been made in Gold street between York and Front streets, where a water main was being laid. The gas main recently sprung a leak, and in a manner unknown a spark came in contact with the escaping gas. There was a terriffic explosion that lifted the surface of the street for half a block in both directions, and hurled dirt, paving stones and debris into the air.

When the smoke and dirt had been cleared away it was seen that the street had been opened from doorstep to doorstep over an area of nearly a block. The loosened earth and debris had fallen into the excavation, burying the score of laborers who were at work when the accident happened. Great tongues of flame shot out of the crevices in the street, and beside them geysers of water leaped into the air from a water main that had been shattered by the explosion. Two bodies were sticking out of the wreckage.

Gold street was crowded with school children, when the explosion occurred, and that scores of children were not killed or injured was remarkable. A woman and three children were almost opposite the excavation when the earth crumbled under their feet and they were swept down into the hole under tons of wreckage. Two other children were on the opposite side of the street when the sidewalk caved in and they lost their lives.

Samuel Trout, who lived near the scene, lost his life in attempting to save a woman who was passing through Gold street at the time of the explosion and fell into the trench. Trout was caught by the flames from the blazing gas main and roasted alive. The woman was dragged out of the trench and saved by a boy.

MURDER IN RAILWAY CAR.

C. P. R. Car Cleaner Under Arrest at Winnipeg.

A despatch from Winnipeg says: Thos. Hicks, a C. P. R. car cleaner, is under arrest, suspected of murdering Eccles Lennox, a Grand Trunk Pacific brakesman, at Portage La Prairie. On Monday Lennox started for the Old Country to bring his family to Canada; his dead body was found in a car the next morning in the C. P. R. yards at Winnipeg. He was shot through the head, and a revolver lay by his side. There was $60 in his pocket, and it is thought to be a case of suicide. Hicks is charged with having killed Lennox, after having had a row with him over money, and left the gun by his side to suggest suicide.

SUICIDE AT OTTAWA.

Chas. T. Moffatt, Law Clerk, Shoots Himself Dead.

A despatch from Ottawa says: Chas. T. Moffatt, law clerk in the office of Gemmill & May, took his life at noon on Sunday. He went into the janitor's room of the Carleton Chambers, where his firm has offices, and fired a bullet from a forty-four-calibre revolver through his head, dying instantly. He was twenty-eight years of age, and a son of the late R. B. Moffatt of Amherst, N.S., who was for many years Clerk of the Commons Railway Committee. The young man had no financial troubles, and despondency due to illness is supposed to have occasioned the deed. He was unmarried, and made his home here with a brother and stepmother.

CHINESE TROOPS MUTINY.

After Severe Fighting the Mutineers are Defeated.

A despatch from Shanghai says: News received here is to the effect that there was a mutiny among the Chinese troops at Anking after the anouncement of the death of the Emperor and Empress Dowager. The mutiny was suppressed after severe fighting. The British gunboat Wuhu has been sent to Anking.

ED. LEE CAPTURED?

German Police Think They Have Toronto Jail Breaker.

A despatch from Niagara Falls says: Chief of Police Lyons of Niagra Falls, N. Y., has received information that Edward Lee, alias Blackie, who it is alleged murdered Patrolman McCormick and seriously injured Patrolman Manger of the Niagara Falls, N. Y., police on the evening of July 22 last, after escaping from Toronto Jail with five others, has been apprehended in Berlin, Germany. The German authorities claim the man they have answers in every detail to the description sent them of Lee, and ask if the American authorities will extradite.

GIRL KILLED COASTING.

Struck by Milk Wagon While Sliding on Ottawa Street.

A despatch from Ottawa says: A little girl named Beatrice Dawson, aged five years, was killed while coasting of Saturday down one of the suburban streets. A milk wagon came down the hill and knocked her down.

ONLY THE BABY SAVED.

Four of a Family go Through the Ice at Red River.

A despatch from Selkirk, Manitoba, says: Four lives were lost in the Red River on Wednesday. The victims were: C. Favel, a fisherman, and his wife and two children. They were travelling over the ice by dog train to the mouth of the river to open winter fishing quarters, when they all went through a weak spot. Mrs. Favel had thrown her little baby up on the solid ice when she went through herself, and it was found shortly afterwards, safe and sound. The others had been swept away.

Mr. F. A. Acland has been appointed Deputy Minister of Labor, in succession to Mr. Mackenzie King.

James McQueen was kidnapped at Emerson, Man., and taken across the border by United States secret service officers.

THE TURN OF THE TIDE

Trade Returns for October Show Marked Improvement.

A despatch from Ottawa says: Trade returns for October show an increase of $2,602,074 in exports of domestic products and a decrease of $5,221,515 in imports of merchandise entered for consumption, as compared with October of last year. The total value of domestic exports for the month was $26,299,212, as compared with 23,697,148 for the same month last year. Exports of agricultural products increased by about four millions, while exports of the mine and of animals and their products each fell off about one million. Total imports, exclusive of coin and bullion, were $26,262,985, as compared with $31,484,500 for October, 1907.

For the first seven months of the present fiscal year the imports entered for home consumption totalled $162,908,302, a decrease of $59,726,936, as compared with the same period of 1907. During the seven months coin and bullion were imported to the value of $7,212,812, as compared with $1,396,375 last year. Exports of domestic products for the seven months totalled $136,408,263, a decrease of $12,862,525. The total trade for the seven months was $318,406,985, a decrease of $73,216,434.

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, Nov. 24. — Ontario wheat—No. 2 white or red, outside, 92c to 93c; No. 2 mixed, 92c to 92½c.

Manitoba Wheat—Spot, No. 1 northern, $1.08 to $1.08½; No. 2 northern, $1.05 to $1.05½, lake ports.

Oats—Ontario No. 2 white, 38½c to 39½c, outside; No. 3 mixed, 37½c to 38c, outside. Manitoba No. 2 western Canada, 43¾c to 44c on track, lake ports; No. 3, 41¾c to 42c; No. 1 extra feed offered at same level.

Barley—No. 2, 56c to 56½c; No. 3 extra, 55c to 55½c; No. 3, 53c to 53¾c.

Corn—Old, 77½c to 78c, Toronto freights, for No. 2 or 3 yellow; new No. 3 yellow, 71½c to 72c, Toronto freights.

Rye—No. 2, 76c to 77c.

Peas—No. 2, 85c to 86c, outside.

Buckwheat—No. 2, 54c to 55c.

Flour—Manitoba, first patents, $5.80, seconds, $5.30; strong bakers', $5.10; Ontario winter wheat patents, for export, $3.70 to $3.75 outside.

Millfeed—Bran, $20 to $20.50 per ton in bags, outside; shorts, $21 bulk, $24.50 in bags, Montreal.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

Apples—Winter stock quoted at $2.50 to $3.50 per barrel for good qualities, and at $1.50 to $2 for cooking apples.

Beans—Prime, $1.80 to $1.85, and hand-picked, $1.90 to $1.95 per bushel.

Honey—Combs, $2.25 to $2.75 per dozen, and strained, 10 to 11c per pound.

Hay—No. 1 timothy quoted at $11 to $11.50 a ton on track here, and No. 2 at $7 to $8.

Straw—$6.50 to $8 on track.

Potatoes—Ontario 60 to 62c per bag. Delawares, 75 to 80c per bag on track.

Poultry—Chickens, dressed, 9 to 10c per pound; fowl, 7 to 8c; ducks, 9 to 10c; geese, 8 to 9c per pound; turkeys, 12 to 12½c per pound.

THE DAIRY MARKETS.

Butter—Pound prints, 22 to 24c; tubs, 22 to 23c; inferior, 19 to 20c. Creamery rolls, 27 to 28c, and solids, 25½ to 26c.

Eggs—Case lots of storage, 22 to 23c per dozen, while new laid are quoted at 28 to 30c per dozen.

Cheese—Large, 13¼c per pound, and twins, 13¾c.

PROVISIONS.

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

Lard—Tierces, 13c; tubs, 13¼c; pails, 13½c.

Smoked and Dry Salted Meats—Long clear bacon, 12c to 12¼c; tons and cases, hams, large, 12½c to 13c; small, 14c to 14½c; backs, 17c to 17½c; shoulders, 10c to 10½c; rolls, 11c to 11½c; breakfast bacon, 15c to 16c; green meats out of pickle, 1c less than smoked.

BUSINESS AT MONTREAL.

Montreal, Nov. 24.—Grain—Canadian Western No. 2 white oats are selling at 46½c, No. 3 at 45½c, extra No. 1 feed oats at 45½c, and No. 1 feed at 45c. Ontario No. 2 white at 45c, No. 3 at 44c, and No. 4 at 43½c per bushel, ex store. Flour—Manitoba Spring wheat patents, firsts at $6, seconds at $5.50; Winter wheat patents, $5 to $5.25; straight rollers, $4.60 to $4.70; do., in bags, $2.15 to $2.25; extras, $1.75 to $1.85. Feed—Manitoba bran at $21; shorts, $24; Ontario bran, $21.50 to $22; middlings, $25 to $26; shorts, $24.50 to $25 per ton. Cheese—Westerns were quoted at 12¼c to 12½c and easterns at 11⅞c to 12. Butter—Finest creamery was quoted at 27c in round lots, and 27½c to 28c to grocers. Eggs—New-laids were quoted at 29c to 30c, selected at 25c to 25½c, No. 1 at 22c to 23c, and No. 2 at 17½c.

UNITED STATES MARKETS.

Minneapolis, Nov. 24.—Wheat — Dec., $1.04; May, $1.08½; No. 1 hard, $1.08¼; No. 1 Northern, $1.07 to $1.07¼; No. 2 Northern, $1.05 to $1.05¼; No. 3 Northern, $1.02¾ to $1.04¾. Flour—First patents, $5.40 to $5.65; second patents, $5.25 to $5.50; first clears, $4 to $4.30; second clears, $3 to $3.30.

Milwaukee, Nov. 24.—Wheat — No. 2 northern, $1.08; No. 2 northern, $1.06; May, $1.07¼ bid. Rye —No. 1, 75½c. Barley—Standard, 65½c; No. 3, 60 to 62c; No. 4, 60c. Corn—May, 63 to 63⅞c bid.

HELPLESS IN FACE OF DEATH

Twelve-Year-Old Dundas Girl Run Over and Fatally Injured

A despatch from Hamilton says: Violet Norton, the twelve-year-old daughter of Edward Norton, Flamboro' street, Dundas, was run over by a Hamilton & Dundas car in Dundas about 5 o'clock on Thursday evening and received injuries from which she died at her home about 10 o'clock the same night. Miss Norton was crossing the tracks near the canal when her foot caught in the frog. She tried to pull it out, but without success, and though she called for help, no person was near. Shortly after her foot was caught she heard the car approaching. She cried to try and attract the motorman's attention and threw her body to one side, but the spot was unlighted and he could not hear her cries over the noise made by the car. The first he knew of the accident was after the car wheels had passed over her leg. This was terribly crushed near the knee. She was taken home, where Dr. Ryckert was called. He first thought she would be brought to the city hospital for treatment, but she was too weak from loss of blood and shock, and rapidly declined.

CATTLE MARKET.

Toronto, Nov. 24.—Sales of the best butchers' steers and heifers ranged from $4.25 to $4.50 per cwt. Good loads were sold at $4 to $4.25 and medium at $3.35 to $3.75. Common cattle could be had from $1.75 per cwt. upwards. Quotations for light stockers ranged from $1.75 to $2.25 per cwt.

For the best milch cows as high as $70 was paid. The ordinary cows sold around $30 each. Choice veal calves are wanted. Sheep were steady and unchanged, while lambs were slow of sale. Select hogs continued to sell at $6.25 per cwt. fed and watered, Toronto.

WILL HANG FOR MURDER.

Stephen Szweryda Found Guilty at Brampton.

A despatch from Brampton, Ont., says: "Stephen Szweryda, the judgment of this court is that you be taken from here to the place whence you came, and there kept in close confinement until Thursday, the 11th day of February, 1909, and that you be taken thence to the place of execution, and there hanged by the neck until you are dead, and may the Lord have mercy on your soul." This was the sentence that Mr. Justice Riddell pronounced upon the Ruthenian who under the guise of friendship enticed a young fellow-countryman, Olvickh Loutick, a stranger in Canada, into a lonely wood near Erindale, and with a heavy bludgeon beat the poor boy to death.

A MAMMOTH ELEVATOR.

Plans of the Grand Trunk Pacific for Fort William.

A despatch from Winnipeg says: Mr. W. R. Sinks, General Manager of the Stewart Company, who will build a big handling warehouse for the G. T. P. at Fort William, is here preparing to undertake the contract. He says this mammoth elevator involves the largest contract of the kind let in America. The tanks of the new storage warehouse will be of concrete and will have a capacity of three and a quarter million bushels, and the estimated cost is about $1,250,000.

SMALLPOX IN LUMBER CAMPS

Eight Cases in North Part of Peterborough County.

A despatch from Peterborough, Ont., says: Smallpox has broken out in the lumber camps in Cavendish Township, in the north of Peterborough County. There are eight cases. The disease is said to be of a mild type. Dr. Smythe, of the Provincial Board of Health, has arrived to take charge of the cases.

ANDREW FOX MURDERED.

Thrown Out of Cab and Dragged Behind Galloping Horse.

A despatch from Montarel says: Andrew Fox of Toronto was found dead on St. James street at 1 o'clock on Friday morning. He was thrown out of a cab by the cabdriver and dragged behind his galloping horse. The tragedy occurred on St. James street near the Grand Trunk station. Fox was in the cab with one or two other men, when a quarrel arose, and it is said the cab driver took part in the row. Two young men who profess to be eye-witnesses say that the cabby had smashed the man on the face and knocked him apparently unconscious to the ground. After knocking the man down the cabby got into the sleigh, caught hold of the unconscious man by the foot, and drove off down the street east at a furious pace, dragging the man after him over the rough snow.

GREAT FIELD OF COPPER.

Discovery Near Flor Island, Thunder Bay District.

A despatch from Port Arthur says: One of the richest and most extensive discoveries of copper in this district was made within the last few days near Flor Island, off Isle St. Ignac, at the entrance to Nepigon Strait, by Didace Carufel of Sudbury. It is said to extend for miles, and the deposits seem to run through a chain of mines continuing from Lamb Island lighthouse eastward. Carufel and his associate have taken up seventeen claims.

VOTES FOR WOMEN AT LAST.

Australian State Legislature Passes Bill.

A despatch from Melbourne, Australia, says: The Victoria Legislative Council has passed the bill empowering women to vote at the State elections. This bill previously had been rejected several times. The women throughout Australia have now won the right of suffrage in both Commonwealth and State elections.

DIED OF GLANDERS.

Dr. Thomas M. Wilson of Atwood Succumbed to Disease.

A despatch from Startford says: Dr. Thomas M. Wilson of Atwood, Ont., died of glanders on Thursday at the Chicago Presbyterian Hospital. He is supposed to have become infected while pursuing a post-graduate course at the Rushwell Medical College.

HE DIED OF STARVATION

Peterboro', Ont., Man Found Dead in a Cincinnati Hotel.

A despatch from Cincinnati, Ohio, says: Patrick J. Creedon, aged forty-five, an inventor, and a native of Peterboro', Ont., was found dead on Wednesday afternoon in his room at the Burnet House. Dr. Coe of the Coroner's staff stated he believed death to be due to natural causes, probably a hemorrhage brought on as a result of starvation. The man was last seen in the hotel lobby at noon on Monday. The failure of the porters to obtain a response to their knocks on his door necessitated the employment of the pass key and resulted in the finding of the man dead on his bed. He was partially dressed. Creedon came to Cincinnati on Wednesday, November 11th, to negotiate with Arthur Francis Hoover and Charles S. Burdsall the organization of a company to put on the market a bit that Creedon had patented, and also to employ his secret process of hardening steel in the manufacture of the bit. He had held a number of conferences with Burdsall and Hoover and negotiations had proceeded to the extent of obtaining the subscription of several thousand dollars to capitalize a $75,000 company. Papers found on the man by Dr. Coe indicate that he was married.