MOVING WESTERN WHEAT

Splendid Record Being Made By the Railways This Year.

A despatch from Winnipeg says: Up to date there has passed inspection at Winnipeg 40,400,000 bushels of wheat of the crop of 1908, or nearly 9,000,000 bushels more than had been inspected up to the end of December last year. Putting the exportable surplus of crop at 80,000,000 bushels, more than half of that surplus has already been inspected, and before navigation closes on the 5th of December the amount will have run over 45,000,000 bushels. In spite of the kicks that continue to come from the country as to car shortage, the west has already got out more wheat, considering the distance it has to travel, than any country has ever moved in the same period before.

Up to the end of September the average price to the farmer had run just about 85 cents per bushel for all grades. The average has not been made up since that time, but it has certainly been higher, rather than lower. Taking the average of wheat passed inspection at 85 cents to the farmer, there has been paid to them on the wheat crop of 1908, $34,340,000. It is interesting to note the record of the various roads, in the movement of the crop. Of the 43,973 cars inspected the C. P. R. handled 27,845, the C. N. R. 12,821, and the new G. T. P. made the splendid record of 924, and 2,383 went over the Great Northern to Duluth.

The Canadian Pacific holds the palm for the largest number of cars mover on such long hauls in the period of two and a half months, and evidence of the advantage of double tracking is fairly thrust in the face of every dealer of wheat.

The record of the G. T. P. for a new road is magnificent, for it must be remembered that not a car moved on that road in September. The record of nearly a thousand cars is for October and November alone.

IT IS VERY DANGEROUS OIL

Prof. Parker, of Manitoba University, Says It Is Worse Than Dynamite.

A despatch from Winnipeg says: "That oil, poured on a living fire, would be more dangerous than dynamite or nitro-glycerine used similarly."

Such was the startling statement of Professor Parker of Manitoba University, on Thursday, on the completion of tests of samples of oil obtained from the same source as that which resulted in fifteen deaths within a fortnight in the Province.

"This oil," said Professor Parker, "is extraordinary in some respects. I do not think that it was adulterated with gasoline, as has been suggested. I tried it for specific gravity, for flash point, and I distilled it fractionally. I believe that it contained a heavy percentage of naphtha, of low grade perhaps. Gasoline would distill off below 90 degrees, or even 70 degrees, and only 2 or 3 per cent. of this oil distilled off below 90 degrees. The portion of 47 per cent. distilled at between 90 and 130 degrees. Therefore I think it contained, not gasoline, but naphtha. The flash point was below what my machine will register. Investigation shows that the company charged with wholesaleing this oil has been importing naphtha largely."

W. H. MORTON STABBED.

Italian Laborer Thrusts Knife Into His Breast.

A despatch from Niagara Falls says: Following a dispute over wages, Joe Fread, an Italian laborer, committed a murderous assault on W. H. Morton at Stamford on Thursday afternoon. Morton is foreman of a gang of laborers who work on the roads in Stamford township, and was paying the men at the conclusion of the job. Fread demanded more than had been agreed upon, and Morton refused to pay him. Fread walked away, but in a few minutes came back, and, without warning, stabbed Morton twice in the breast near the heart with a dirk knife, and ran off into the woods. The police, after a long chase, captured him. Morton is in a very critical condition.

BACK TO INDIA.

Government May Deport Hindus Now in British Columbia.

A despatch from Ottawa says: 'As there does not seem to be any likelihood of the Hindus in British Columbia accepting the proposal to be transferred to British Honduras, it is said that the Interior Department may take the extreme step of deporting them to India. The climate of British Columbia is held to be altogether unsuitable for Hindus.

A HUNDRED DROWNED.

Coasting Steamer Went Down off the Philippines.

A despatch from Manila says: The coasting steamer Ponting, carrying a large number of laborers from Narvaian to the ricefields in Pangasinan province, struck a rock and sank on Thursday night during a storm, off the town of San Fernando, in Union province. It is estimated that a hundred of the passengers and crew of the Ponting were drowned. The steamer Viscaya rescued 55. A patrol of constabulary, which was established immediately after the accident, picked up fifteen bodies, and many were coming ashore. It is not known whether any Americans or Europeans were aboard the wrecked steamer.

HUDSON'S BAY RAILWAY.

Rapid Progress is Being Made With the Survey.

A despatch from Ottawa says: Reports received by the Railway Department are that rapid progress is being made with the survey of the proposed route of the Hudson Bay Railway. There are at present four parties in the field, consisting in all of from seventy to one hundred men engaged in surveying alternate routes. It is anticipated that the engineers will be in a position to make a report, on which a practically definite conclusion may be based, by the end of February, for presentation to Parliament.

WAR IN BALKANS IMMINENT

The Trouble Is Now Believed to Have Come to a Head.

A despatch from London says: Friday has been a day of uneasiness and even alarm. Various reports, all seeming to harmonize with each other, created a belief that the Balkan trouble had come to a head, and that war was very near. The general interpretation of the withdrawal of Marquis Pallavicinni, the Austrian Ambassador at Constantinople, as a disguised ultimatum to Turkey, Russia's unfavorable reply to the Austrian note concerning a conference, the reported definite conclusion of an alliance between Turkey, Montenegro and Servia, the alleged clash of an Austrian column with a Servian guerilla band, the rumored increase of troops in Bosnia, and a fresh concentration at Semin, opposite Belgrade, where it was asserted a plot to murder an Austrian Minister had been discovered, were the principal causes of the excitement. These, added to the uneasiness caused by the Turkish boycott caused declines at the bourses of Vienna and Budapest, which were partly checked by a hasty official announcement denying some of the rumors, especially the fight between Austrians and Servians.

The position was in no wise bettered when it was learned that the Government had confiscated four Vienna newspapers for reporting the movements of troops particularly at Semlin.

It is impossible to say how far the day's alarm was justified, but nothing can be definitely ascertained to show that the situation is really worse than it has been for the last few days. Nevertheless the uneasiness is general, and the outlook is very obscure. It is stated in diplomatic quarters that the gravest difficulties lie in the direction of an Austrian-Russian disagreement, and the probability of an alliance between Turkey, Montenegro and Servia.

CONDENSED NEWS ITEMS

HAPPENINGS FROM ALL OVER THE GLOBE.

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

CANADA.

Gambling is said to be almost a mania at Winnipeg.

The tax rate for Niagara Falls will be 21 or 22 mills.

The smelter at Chippewa is working day and night on Cobalt ores.

Mr. James R. McNeil of Ottawa has left $20,000 to charities in that city.

Immigration to Canada from April to October decreased 48 per cent.

Capt. Maitland was killed at Kingston by a fall from his vessel, on Thursday.

Police Magistrate Moore of Kenora has been suspended by the Government.

Two prisoners named Brooks and Mallory escaped from Lindsay jail on Saturday.

The St. Catharines Board of Trade is agitating to stop the export of natural gas.

The C. P. R. is preparing to erect a mammoth coal handling plant at Fort William.

During October 500 cases of typhoid were reported to the Provincial Board of Health.

Hindus at Vancouver have entered a strong protest against being sent to British Honduras.

For the nine months ending September 30 Ontario's mines produced mineral worth $12,205,795.

Alberta is to build her own railways, and Premier Rutherford will preside over the new department.

Toronto will receive between $48,000 and $50,000 profits of the recent Canadian National Exhibition.

A four-year-old boy named Anderson fell and struck his head on a table at Calgary, and was fatally injured.

Many gasoline launches and boats were destroyed in a fire that consumed a boathouse on Lake street, Toronto, on Sunday.

Madame St. Andre was sentenced at Montreal to three months in jail for attempting to poison the horse of a saloon-keeper.

Canada has been divided into inspection districts by the Railway Commission and the work apportioned among a staff.

Kingston Board of Education has been ordered by Chancellor Boyd to admit children who are not vaccinated to the schools.

Edward Murdock, aged seventy years, of Raleigh township, committed suicide by shooting himself in the head, on Friday.

The Government has decided to exempt dressed meat shipments in bond from the embargo placed on cattle products from the United States.

A number of vessel-owners have raised the rate for carrying grain from the head of the lakes to Georgian Bay ports from two to three cents a bushel.

Four thousand men and large quantities of material for the National Transcontinental will be sent in over the new Lake Superior branch from Fort William.

A bull driven by H. Flaata at Midale, Sask., suddenly attacked him. The animal had him down and was attempting to gore him, when a collie dog attacked the bull and kept at it until Mr. Flaata was able to make his escape.

Judge Monet has granted the application for a change of venue, and Hon. P. H. Roy will be tried at Montreal on a charge of making false returns to the Government in connection with the St. John's Bank.

GENERAL.

Thirty Servians were slain in a fight with Austrians on the frontier of Herzegovina.

Major-General Sir Percy Lake has been appointed Quartermaster-General of India.

Twenty men were killed in a fight between Austrians and Servians on the Bosnian frontier.

UNITED STATES.

A New Jersey girl was frightened to death by a mouse which ran across the floor in her home.

Four persons were drowned when the steamer Finance was sunk off Sandy Hook in collision with the White Star steamer Georgie, on Thursday.

Ray Lamphere, accused of the murder of Mrs. Gunness, the owner of the murder farm at Laporte, Ind., has been found guilty of arson and given an indeterminate term in the State prison.

GREAT BRITAIN.

All difficulties in the way of South African union have been surmounted.

Ontario, British Columbia and Nova Scotia were awarded gold medals at the colonial Fruit Show in London.

Mr. Birrell has introduced a bill into the British House of Commons to facilitate the purchase of land for the tenants in Ireland.

The army budget for Prussia, Saxony and Wurtemburg estimates the expenditure for 1909 at $180,500,000, or $6,500,000 less than in 1908.

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, Dec. 1.—Ontario Wheat — No. 2 white or red, outside, 93c to 94c; No. 2 mixed, 93c to 93½c.

Manitoba Wheat—No. 1 northern, $1.07½ to $1.08; No. 2 northern, $1.04½ to $1.05 lake ports.

Oats—Ontario No. 2 white, 39c to 40½c outside; No. 2 mixed, 37c to 38c, outside, 43½c on track, lake ports; extra No. 1 feed, 41½c; No. 1 feed, 41c, on track, lake ports.

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

Corn—Old, 74½c to 75c, Toronto freights, for No. 2 or 3 yellow; new No. 3 yellow, 71c to 71½c, Toronto freights.

Rye—No. 2, 75c to 76c, outside.

Peas—No. 2, 85c to 86c outside.

Buckwheat—No. 2, 55c to 56c, outside.

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 $21 per ton in bags, outside; shorts, $22 to $23, in bags, outside.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

Apples—Winter, $3 to $4 per barrel for good qualities, and at $2 to $2.50 for cooking apples.

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

Honey—Combs, $2 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—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, 24 to 26c; tubs, 23 to 24c; inferior, 20 to 21c. Creamery rolls, 27½ to 28c, and solids, 25½ to 26c.

Eggs—Case lots of storage, 23 to 24c per dozen, while new laid are quoted at 30 to 32c per dozen.

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

PROVISIONS.

Pork—Short cut, $22.50 to $23 per barrel; mess, $19 to $19.50.

Lard—Tierces, 12½c; tubs, 12¾c; pails, 13c.

Smoked and Dry Salted Meats—Long clear bacon, 11¼c to 11½c, 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, Dec. 1.—Grain—Canadian Western No. 2 white oats are selling at 46½c; No. 3, 45½c; extra No. 1 feed oats at 45½c; No. 1 feed at 45c; Ontario No. 2 white, 45 to 45½c; No. 3, 44 to 44½c; No. 4, 43½ to 44c per bushel ex store. Flour—Manitoba Spring wheat patents, firsts, $6; seconds, $5.50; Winter wheat patents, $5 to $5.25; straight rollers, $4.60 to $4.70; do., in bags, $2.15 to $2.25; extra, $1.75 to $1.85. Feed—Ontario bran, $21.50 to $22; middlings, $25 to $26; shorts, $24.50 to $25 per ton, including bags; pure grain mouille, $30 to $32; milled grades, $25 to $28 per ton. Cheese—12¼ to 12½c, and easterns at 11¾ to 12c. Butter—27c in round lots, and 27½ to 28c in a jobbing way. Eggs—New laid, 29 to 30c; selected stock, 25 to 25½c; No. 1 stock, 22 to 23c, and No. 2 stock, 17½c per dozen.

LIVE STOCK MARKET.

Toronto, Dec. 1.—A scarcity of choice cattle was reported. A buyer said that he was willing to pay $5 for a load of extra choice butchers' cattle, but he could not find them. The best prices ruled around $4.40 per cwt. Straight loads of good cattle were sold at $4 to $4.25 per cwt. The prices of medium cattle varied from $3 to $4 per cwt. Choice cows were sold up to $3.75 per cwt. Common and medium cows brought $2 to $3 per cwt. Few heavy feeders of good quality were offered. A demand from the country persisted for them at current prices. Sheep and lambs were in better demand. Select hogs continued to sell at $6.25 per cwt., fed and watered, Toronto.

UNITED STATES MARKETS.

Milwaukee, Dec. 1—Wheat—No. 1 Northern, $1.06½; No. 2 Northern, $1.04 to $1.05; May, $1.08 asked. Rye—No. 1, 75c. Corn—May, 62⅞c bid. Barley—Standard, 64c; samples, 57 to 64c; No. 3, 57 to 61c; Nov., 57c.

Minneapolis, Dec. 1.—Wheat — Dec., $1.04¾; May, $1.09¼; cash, No. 1 hard, $1.08½ to $1.08¾; No. 1 Northern, $1.07¼ to $1.07¾; No. 2 Northern, $1.05½ to $1.05¾; No. 4 Northern, $1.01½ to $1.01. Bran —$18.25 to $18.50. Flour — First patents, $5.40 to $5.65; second patents, $5.25 to $5.50; first clears, $4.00 to $4.30; second clears, $3.00 to $3.30.

Buffalo, Dec. 1.—Wheat—Spring, steady; No. 1 Northern, carloads, store, $1.09½; Winter, higher; No. 2 red, $1.08½; No. 3 extra red, $1.07½; No. 2 white,, $1.04; No. 2 mixed, $1.07. Corn—Easier; No. 3 yellow, 67c; No. 4 yellow, 66½c; No. 4 corn, 65½c to 66c; No. 3 white, 67c. Oats—Steady; No. 2 white, 53¼ to 53¾c; No. 2 rye, track, 81c.

INDIA'S UNREST INCREASIN

Attempt on the Lives of Englishme Almost of Daily Occurrence.

A despatch from Calcutta says: The situation in India has not shown such a menace of serious uprisings as it does to-day for many years past. Attacks and attempts on the lives of Englishmen, officials and civilians are of almost daily occurrence. Lord Minto, the Viceroy of India, returned here on Wednesday from the north, cutting short his excursion in this territory for the purpose of considering measures to cope with the native disaffection, which the authorities have been forced to recognize as alarmingly on the increase.

On Wednesday night a Bengali made an unsuccessful attempt to kill Public Prosecutor Hume with a bomb in a railroad carriage, near Agurpara. There were three oth Europeans in the carriage at t same time. None was injured. La Monday night District Supt. of P lice Clough was murdered by a n tive at Lyallpur. The native a proached the superintendent wh he was asleep and cut open h head with a spade.

The native, named Chownhur who on November 7 made an a tempt here upon the life of Sir A drew Henderson Fraser, the Lieut Governor of Bengal, on Wednesda pleaded guilty and was sentenc to imprisonment for life.

The police are taking remar able precautions to safeguard Lo Minto, and this is regarded as mo significant.

HAMONIC LAUNCHED.

The Finest Product of Canadian Shipbuilding.

A despatch from Collingwood says: Shortly after 2 o'clock on Thursday afternoon the ropes holding the splendid steel steamer Hamonic were severed simultaneously and the tremendous tonnage of steel slid gracefully down the ways into the water and another addition was made to the fleet of the Northern Navigation Company. The initial dip of the Hamonic was greeted by the tumultuous cheering of fully 10,000 people, while the whistles of the several steamers in the harbor added their welcome to the new recruit. The customary bottle of wine was broken upon the prow of the boat by Mrs. H. H. Gildersleeve, wife of the general manager of the company, who performed her task just as the steamer started on the way for her first submersion.

PARDON CAME TOO LATE.

Death of Capt. N. F. Harbottle From Cancer.

A despatch from Edmonton says: Captain N. F. Harbottle, the defaulting collector of inland revenue here, who was serving a two-year sentence, died suddenly in the penitentiary on Friday morning from cancer of the stomach. He had been operated upon and never rallied. A peculiarly sad feature of the case was the fact that one hour after his death a pardon arrived from Ottawa, which had been granted by order in Council after the precarious condition of his health was made known to the Government. Capt. Harbottle leaves a wife and four children.

LICENSING BILL REJECTED

New British Measure Buried by 272 to 96 Votes.

A despatch from London says: The House of Lords on Friday rejected, in accordance with their resolution of Nov. 24, the Government's Licensing Bill at the second reading by 272 to 96 votes. The Liberal party has for the past two months regarded this as the inevitable fate of the bill. They will, however, during the next general election campaign, use this as one of their many reasons for ending the House of Lords. They set forth, furthermore, that the bill, being a revenue measure, is outside the jurisdiction of the House of Lords.

HER LIFE FOR A DOG.

Mrs. Tony Ververan, of Hamilto Killed by a Car.

A despatch from Hamilton: says In an attempt to save her dog fro injury by a Radial car on Sunda evening about 5 o'clock Mrs. Ton Ververanan, Whitfield avenue, lo her own life. She and her husban were walking along the tracks nea Irondale, and hearing a car ap proach, they stepped aside out d danger. The dog remained on th track, and as it was in danger being struck, Mrs. Ververanan ra on the track to save it. As she be forward to pick it up the corne of the car struck her on the hea knocking her senseless. The ca was stopped, and she was take to the City Hospital, where th doctors operated on her. Her sku was too badly fractured for surg cal aid to be of any benefit, an she died about an hour later.

138 MINERS DEAD.

Explosion in Pittsburg-Buffalo Co Mine.

A despatch from Pittsburg, Pa. says: Twenty-five bodies, all bu two of them horribly mutilated, an several dismembered, were taken o Sunday from the mine of the Pitts burg-Buffalo Coal Co., at Marian na, where an explosion occurred o Saturday. Officials of the compan who said on Saturday night tha over 125 had been killed, on Sun day night admit that 138 men went down the shaft to work on Saturday morning. According to miners and others familiar with the number of men generally employed in the mine, the death list will exceed the company's estimate by at least 50.

ST. JEROME'S DAMAGED.

Berlin Students Work Hard to Save New Buildings.

A despatch from Berlin says: Fire did $35,000 damage to St. Jerome's College early on Sunday morning, destroying the oldest of the college buildings, which was used as a notiviate chapel, dormitory and society hall. Several billiard tables, a piano, an organ and other valuable furniture were destroyed, as well as practically all the clothing of 12 students who slept there. The volunteer brigade of students had streams playing on the flames before the arrival of the city brigade.

SIX MEN SUFFOCATED.

Were Working in Salt Mine on Outskirts of Detroit.

A despatch from Detroit says: Six men were suffocated to death on Saturday afternoon in the Village of Oakwood, on the western outskirts of Detroit. They were work 500 feet down in a shaft being sunk for a salt mine, when the canvas tube which supplied them with air became clogged, and the shaft filled with gas. Four bodies have been recovered.

Jessie Wilkinson, said to be an expert forger, was arrested at Winnipeg on Saturday.

OPIUM IN THE PENITENTIARY

Tailor Instructor Has Been Suspended Pending Investigation.

A despatch from Kingston says: The tailor instructor of the penitentiary is under suspicion pending an investigation into the finding in one of his rooms in the institution a quantity of opium, tobacco, money and two watches purchased at Eaton's in Toronto. The suspended official denies all knowledge as to how these materials found their way into his department. The discovery was made by the prison authorities that opium and tobacco were being used, and a prisoner gave information as to where the material was coming from. Two prisoners under the instructor were using the drug, and one of them is now in the prison hospital. How the stuff got into the storeroom no one can tell. Some years ago a large quantity of stolen goods were found under the floor of the architect's room at the prison, but he knew nothing about the matter. Some prisoners were suspected of hiding the stuff, and there is no doubt the present case is a piece of convict sleight-of-hand work. Inspector Dawson will investigate.