MILLIONAIRES WENT HUNGRY

Inspectors at Falls Destroyed Meats in a Private Car.

A despatch from Niagara Falls, N. Y., says: For the first time in his life, Signor de Aguero, reputed to be one of the wealthiest Italians in New York, together with a party of distinguished fellow-countrymen, was forced to go without his dinner on Wednesday. It all happened as the result of the cattle and dressed meat embargo.

To the rear of Grand Trunk express No. 4, leaving the Bridge Street Station at 12.25 p.m., was attached Signor de Aguero's private car, "Sunshine." The party was bound to Cobalt to inspect some mining property in which they are interested. Just before the train pulled out, Dr. Orchard, Dominion Inspector; Customs Officers Geo. Buckley and A. R. Robertson, put in an appearance on the rear platform of the private car. Just here is where the trouble began for the millionaires. The officials demanded to be admitted to the chef's pantry. There they found all the choicest of viands, including dressed turkeys, chickens, ducks and a whole side of beef. All these were ordered burned. The foreigners protested that they had not yet dined, and would have no time to procure other edibles until they reached Toronto. In spite of the vehement protests of the millionaires the viands were burned in a Grand Trunk engine, and the vessels containing them were left behind to be disinfected.

BURNED TO DEATH.

Remains of Unknown Man Found in Ruins at Port Arthur.

A despatch from Port Arthur says: An unknown man was burned to death in a fire which destroyed the old stable behind the Vigars-Shears Lumber Company's plant Saturday night. The building was vacant, and how the fire originated can only be surmised, but possibly the unfortunate man who met his death in it had been spending the night there. The body was not discovered until Sunday afternoon, when Chief of Police McLellan was looking over the ruins. It had been burned beyond identification.

BOY SHOOTS HIS SISTER.

Shocking Accident at Mahone Bay, Nova Scotia.

A despatch from Halifax says: A shocking accident occurred at Mahone Bay on Sunday morning whereby Ruby, fourteen-year-old daughter of Capt. Benj. Ham, lost her life. Her eight-year-old brother was told to take a supposedly unloaded shotgun upstairs, and in passing through the room pointed the weapon at his sister. The hammer of the gun caught in his clothing and he fell, causing the discharge of the gun, the contents of which struck Ruby in the right cheek, tearing a gaping hole and lodging in the brain, causing instant death.

CHINAMEN MURDERED.

Crime Committed While People Were Passing Laundry.

A despatch from Winnipeg says: Yat Sun, Chinese laundryman of 214 Jarvis avenue, and his hired man were murdered some time Saturday evening, robbery apparently being the motive, as the store was rifled. The crime was discovered by a man who called for his washing half an hour before midnight and found the Celestials in a welter of blood, the head of one being almost completely severed. Last spring almost a similar crime was committed near the overhead bridge when two Chinese laundrymen were murdered, but in that case the shack was fired in an attempt to destroy traces.

OUR TRADE FOR NOVEMBER

A Large Increase in Exports---Imports Are Falling Off

A despatch from Ottawa says: An increase of $8,509,333 in exports, a decrease of $7,859,622 in imports, and a trade balance in Canada's favor of $6,965,875, are the outstanding features of the trade returns for the past month, as compared with November of last year. The excess of exports over imports for the month is the largest for any month in Canada's trade for years past.

Exports of domestic goods for the month totalled $31,672,224. As compared with last year, agricultural products increased by $7,939,436, exports of animals and their produce increased by $1,291,580, exports of the forest increased by $135,047, exports of the mine decreased by $730,504.

Total imports for the month were $24,706,349. For first eight months of present fiscal year the imports have totalled $194,827,463; a decrease of $64,667,721. Total exports of domestic products were $168,080,489, a decrease of $4,353,190.

Customs revenue for the eight months was $30,788,407, a decrease of $10,324,052.

BATTLE RIVER BRIDGE.

First Train Crosses New Structure on Wednesday Morning.

A despatch from Winnipeg, says: The rubicon of the Grand Trunk Pacific was crossed on Wednesday morning, when the first engine rolled over the immense Battle River bridge, which has been in course of construction during the entire season. The bridge is nearly three thousand feet long, and is very high, so that the construction has been slow, on account of high winds interfering with the handling of aerial steel work. On the west side of the bridge the grading has been practically completed to Edmonton for a long time. Steel is now being laid towards that city, and the work will be prosecuted as fast as the weather will permit. There are still nearly 125 miles of track to be laid before Edmonton is reached, and the shortest railway line from Winnipeg to the Alberta capital will be complete.

TO REFORM JOSIE CARR.

She Will be Taken to a Nunnery in Alberta.

A despatch from Kingston says: Josephine Carr, the young Toronto girl who was quietly removed from the penitentiary here last week, was taken by nuns to reside with them in Boysland, Alberta. This is the girl whose murder of the baby she stole from a Yonge street shop entrance stirred Canada several years ago. She has developed into an attractive girl of seventeen, and is said to be quite reformed. The trial Judge sentenced her to the penitentiary for an indefinite period, or until it was safe for her to be at large again. The Minister of Justice agreed to her removal, provided the nuns who asked for her would keep her in charge. It is understood she will take the veil when she becomes older. Her removal was kept a secret, and took place at night, but the information leaked out.

GREAT COAL PILES ABLAZE

The C. P. R. Is Fighting a Big Fire at Fort William.

A despatch from Fort William, Ont., says: The most destructive coal fire that has ever visited the head of the lakes has been in progress for weeks at the Canadian Pacific coal docks. To combat the conflagration and save tens of thousands of tons of soft coal that is threatened the company has resorted to almost every known means of extinguishing the blaze, without result. Hundreds of tons have been reduced to ashes, and thousands of tons more may go before the fire is checked. There are more than 100,000 tons in the mountainous piles on fire, and dozens of coal shovellers have fruitlessly endeavored to get at the seat of the blaze. Fanned by gusts of wind, clouds of smoke and flame burst forth at night, giving the appearance of a miniature volcano. In an extreme effort to extinguish the blaze the company is preparing to put in operation a steam shovel. It will be weeks before the seat of the blaze can be reached. Spontaneous combustion is responsible for the fire.

CONDENSED NEWS ITEMS

HAPPENINGS FROM ALL OVER THE GLOBE.

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

CANADA.

Mr. Gordon J. Leggatt has been appointed Police Magistrate for Windsor.

A colony of 600 Germans is to be located in the Peace River country next spring.

An epidemic of catarrhal jaundice is reported among children at London, Ont.

Mr. F. W. Thistlewait of L'Orignal, has been appointed Registrar of Prescott county.

A detachment of Royal Canadian Engineers has been ordered from Wolseley Barracks, London, to Toronto.

James Jenkins and Jack Pertella, negroes, and Lee Chung, a Chinaman, were hanged at New Westminster, B.C., on Friday.

Messrs. B. M. and R. C. Allen, brothers, who had lost all trace of each other for 25 years, met by accident in a Hamilton hotel.

The public school of Pottersburg, a suburb of London, Ont., is closed on account of the teacher, Mr. McFadden, being ill with smallpox.

Joseph Varone, an Italian, was sentenced at North Bay to five years in Kingston Penitentiary for robbing a fellow-countryman at Cobalt.

The National Manufacturing Company, whose foundry at Pembroke was destroyed by fire, has made arrangements with the Cossitt Company to remove to Brockville.

The local option by-law was carried in seven new municipalities in Manitoba, repealed in two and continued in force in five. Seven municipalities in which it was submitted voted to remain under license.

William Bero, convicted of stealing hides at Cornwall, was allowed by a policeman to enter a butcher shop on Friday. He seized a cleaver and cut four of his fingers off, remarking that they would steal no more.

Train-robbers turned the semaphore against a train approaching Niagara Falls, on Friday, and robbed a car of a lot of turkeys and champagne. Police recovered the booty in a culvert and arrested two men on suspicion.

GREAT BRITAIN.

Three Canadian Rhodes scholars have won scholarships or prizes at Oxford University.

Archbishop Walsh of Dublin has been elected Chancellor of the new National University of Ireland.

The British Government's bill prohibiting the use of hop substitutes in the manufacture of beer has been withdrawn.

In the House of Lords on Thursday Lord Morley unfolded a plan for giving the people of India a greater share in the government of the eastern empire.

UNITED STATES.

A bill was brought before the United States Senate, on Thursday, to increase the salary of the President from $50,000 to $100,000.

According to the Bureau of Labor bulletin between 30,000 and 35,000 laboring men were killed in the United States during the past year.

Thirty-four persons lost their lives during the hunting season in the northern New England States and adjoining Canadian Provinces.

GENERAL.

Two brothers have been arrested, charged with swindling investors in a German hotel trust out of two million dollars.

The people of Caracas broke out in a riot and burned all the pictures and statues of President Castro they could find in the city.

Wilbur Wright kept his aeroplane in the air almost two hours at Lemans, France, on Friday, and covered a distance of 61½ miles.

A Dantzig professor will build an aerial warship next summer capable of carrying two tons of explosives, and of flying 45 to 50 miles an hour.

Sir Max Waechter, who is touring European capitals advocating the formation of the United States of Europe, favors King Edward for the first President of his union.

NEARLY FIFTY MILLIONS.

Season's Record of Wheat Shipments Through Winnipeg.

A despatch from Winnipeg says: Navigation has closed and over 48,000,000 bushels of wheat of the crop of 1908 passed Winnipeg before the last boats went out. Shipments for the last week of open water reached the enormous total of 5,103,097 bushels. The entire movement of wheat for this season leaves all other years many miles behind. The situation, so far as the outlook for the future is concerned, is much more bearish than it was a week ago.

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. 22—Flour—Ontario wheat 90 per cent. patents quoted at $3.70 to-day in buyers' sacks outside for export. Manitoba flour, first patents, $5.80 on track, Toronto; second patents, $5.30, and strong bakers, $5.10 to $5.20.

Wheat—Manitoba wheat is firmer at $1.08½ for No. 1 Northern, at $1.05½ for No. 2 Northern, and at $1.03 for No. 3 Northern, Georgian Bay ports. No. 1 Northern is quoted at $1.12½, North Bay freights, and No. 2 Northern at $1.09½.

Ontario wheat—No. 2 white is quoted at 94 to 94½c outside, and No. 2 red Winter at 94c outside, and No. 2 mixed at 94c outside.

Oats—Ontario No. 2 white quoted at 38 to 39c outside, and at 42c on track, Toronto; No. 2 Western Canada oats quoted at 43½c, lake ports.

Rye—No. 2 quoted at 71 to 72c outside.

Barley—No. 2 barley quoted at 55c outside, and No. 3 extra at 53c.

Buckwheat—57 to 57½c outside.

Peas—No. 2 quoted at 86½ to 87c outside.

Corn—No. 2 American yellow nominal at 70c on track, Toronto; new No. 3 yellow quoted at 67c Toronto.

Bran—Cars are quoted at $19 in bulk outside. Shorts quoted at $22.50 in bulk outside.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

Butter—Pound prints, 25 to 27c; tubs, 22 to 24c; inferior, 20 to 21c. Creamery rolls, 29 to 30c, and solids, 28c.

Eggs—Case lots of storage, 25 to 26c per dozen, and new laid are quoted at 30 to 35c per dozen.

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

HOG PRODUCTS.

Bacon—Long clear, 10¾ to 11c per pound in case lots; mess pork, $19 to $19.50; short cut, $22 to $22.50.

Hams—Light to medium, 13½ to 14c; do., heavy, 12 to 12½c; rolls, 10½ to 10¾c; shoulders, 10 to 10¼c; backs 16 to 16½c; breakfast bacon, 14½ to 15c.

Lard—Tierces, 12¼c; tubs, 12½c; pails, 12¾c.

BUSINESS AT MONTREAL.

Montreal, Dec. 22—Grain—Canadian Western No. 2 white oats are selling at 46½c, No. 3 at 45½c, extra No. 1 feed oats at 45c. No. 1 feed at 44½c, Ontario No. 2 white at 44½ to 45c, No. 3 at 43½ to 44c, No. 4 at 43 to 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, $21; shorts, $24; Ontario bran, $21 to $21.50; middlings, $24.50 to $25.50; shorts, $24.50 to $25 per ton, including bags; pure grain mouille, $30 to $32; milled grades, $25 to $28 per ton. Cheese—Westerns quoted at 12¼ to 12½c, easterns at 11¾ to 12c. Butter—Finest creamery quoted at 27c in a jobbing way. Eggs—New laid, 34c; selected stock at 25½c, No. 1 stock at 22½c, No. 2 stock at 17½c per dozen.

UNITED STATES MARKETS.

Buffalo, Dec. 22—Wheat—Spring, firm; No. 1 Northern, carloads, store, $1.13⅛; Winter, steady. Corn—Steady. Oats—Steady; No. 3 white, 54¼ to 54¾c. Rye—No. 2 on track, 80c.

Minneapolis, Dec. 22—Wheat—Dec., $1.06¼; May, $1.09; cash, No. 1 hard, $1.09¼ to $1.09¾; No. 1 Northern, $1.08¼ to $1.08¾; No. 2 Northern, $1.06¼ to $1.06¾; No. 3 Northern, $1.02¼ to $1.04¾. Flour—Dull; first patents, $5.30 to $5.65; second patents, $5.10 to $5.20; first clears, $4.00 to $4.10; second clears, $2.95 to $3.05. Bran in bulk, $19.00 to $19.25.

Milwaukee, Dec. 22—Wheat—No. 1 Northern, $1.09½; No. 2 Northern, $1.07½; May, $1.06½ to $1.06⅝. Rye—No. 1, 76c. Corn—May, 61⅜c. Barley—Standard, 66c; samples, 59 to 66c.

LIVE STOCK MARKET.

Toronto, Dec. 22.—The offerings of export cattle were restricted to a few loads of medium quality that sold at $4.50 to $4.90 per cwt. Sales of choice butchers' cattle were slated around $5 per cwt. Good loads of choice cattle were worth from $4.60 to $4.75, and medium sold at $3.75 to $4.25 per cwt. Common animals were worth $3 to $3.60 per cwt. Choice cows were firm at $3.60 to $4 per cwt. Medium and common cows brought $2 to $3.50 per cwt. Feeders and stockers were in moderate demand at $3 to $3.75 per cwt. Stock calves sold at $2.25 to $2.70 per cwt. Sheep and lambs were easy in price, without a quotable drop. Hogs were reported to be weaker, but no decline was recorded. Selects sold at $6 per cwt., fed and watered, off cars, and lights and fats at $5.75 per cwt.

VACCINATION THE REMEDY

Only Means for Stamping Out Smallpox Says Dr. Hodgetts.

A despatch from Toronto says: "If the municipal authorities of this province desire to be rid of these nuisances which have been smouldering in their midst for over ten years, they must avail themselves of the only known method to prevent them, viz., vaccination and re-vaccination," said Dr. C. A. Hodgetts, secretary of the Ontario Board of Health, in his report to that body on the outbreaks of smallpox which have recently occurred. He told the board on Wednesday that there had been 45 cases in ten municipalities during October, while 136 cases in 23 municipalities had been reported for November. It had been learned that mild cases had existed for weeks before their presence was known to the local Medical Health Officer. With but few exceptions those suffering from the disease had never been vaccinated for during the past twenty years. Municipal Councils had been uniformly indifferent to the question and the Act respecting vaccination and inoculations had been a dead letter. This measure permitted municipalities to provide for compulsory vaccination. "The failure on the part of Municipal Councils to make the Act operative has resulted particularly in the large centres of commerce, most disastrously to the business community," said Dr. Hodgetts. He added that business was still further crippled by the failure of the councils even in the face of an outbreak of considerable extent to take a firm stand and enforce vaccination.

SMOKED NEAR GASOLINE.

A Hotel Shed at Abbotsford, B. C., Was Blown Up.

A despatch from Abbotsford, B. C., says: Archie Baxter, aged 50, employed at the Abbotsford Hotel, was fatally injured on Tuesday night by an explosion of gasoline. He was in charge of the hotel's lighting plant and must have been smoking when he visited the gasoline shed, a short distance from the hotel. At 5 o'clock a terrific explosion was heard. The shed was immediately in flames, and Baxter was reached with great difficulty. He died at 6 o'clock on Wednesday morning. He had lived in Abbotsford for some time and had been employed by the Abbotsford Mill Company.

BURNING SHIP BOMBARDED.

Gunners at Singapore Sink a Dangerous Vessel.

A despatch from Singapore says: The burning oil ship Kelam Kaloma was bombarded by the harbor fort and soon sank with her hull riddled with solid shot. The flaming steamer, which hails from England, arrived in Singapore from New York on Wednesday, with her cargo of case oil on fire. All attempts to extinguish the blaze were unsuccessful. It was impossible to go near the vessel because of the possibility of explosion and finally the harbor agent appealed to the commandant of the fort. The gunners, at a distance of two miles, sank the craft with their six-inch guns.

10,000 WOMEN PUT ON TRIAL

Remarkable Scene in a Court Room at Bilbao, Spain.

A despatch from San Sebastian, Spain, says: The opening trial of ten thousand women of Bilbao began on Tuesday. The women are accused of contempt of court in signing a petition of sympathy on behalf of Jesusa Pajana, who was sentenced to eight years' imprisonment for killing her faithless fiance. The petition extols Jesusa's deed, and the Public Prosecutor caused the indictment of all the women signing the petition. The documents in the case were brought to court in three vans, and covered 157,000 pages. Crowds in the street hissed the van's passage.

The court room was packed with beautiful Spaniards, and the plaza outside was packed with the remainder of the defendants. The court resembled a beauty contest, instead of a tribunal. The justice and prosecutor were jeered in the streets by the women, who demanded to know where they could find jails enough to imprison them all if convicted. The novel trial is attracting the attention of all Spain.

AN ITALIAN STABBED.

Ran, Dripping Blood, Along Montreal Streets.

A despatch from Montreal says: An Italian, who will likely die, rushed madly along Craig street on Wednesday night through a crowd of Christmas shoppers, with blood streaming in the snow from a deep gash in his throat. He had been gashed with a razor by an unknown assailant. The blood left a crimson trail on the sidewalk, and the injured man collapsed within sight of his home. Robbery or revenge is thought to have been the motive. The Italian was taken to the General Hospital, and is thought to be fatally injured.

ROBBED LETTER OF MONEY.

Post-office Official at Ottawa is Given Three Years.

A despatch from Ottawa says: Three years in the Kingston Penitentiary was the sentence imposed by Magistrate O'Keefe at the Police Court on Wednesday morning on George M. Lett, who pleaded guilty to the charge of stealing $2.00 from the post-office. Lett has been employed in the post-office for five years. During the last year and a half, at intervals, money and jewelry has been taken from letters, and finally suspicion rested on Lett. On Tuesday a test letter containing $2 was sent to Ottawa from Montreal. In the evening it was noticed that the envelope had been tampered with. Lett was searched and the money was found in his possession. When confronted with the facts in the case he acknowledged his guilt.

FOR PURER MILK.

Quebec Government is Looking for Pointers in Ontario.

A despatch from Montreal says: The Quebec Government is taking action to bring about the purification of milk and Hon. Jules Allard, the Minister of Agriculture, announced on Wednesday that the Government is making enquiries from Ontario and the United States and that the movement will have the utmost support of the Government.

PEOPLE RULE IN TURKEY

Sultan Abdul Hamid Opens Parliament in Person.

A despatch from Constantinople says: After an interval of thirty two years Turkey, on Thursday, entered upon a second attempt at constitutional government, with the inauguration of the new Parliament elected under the constitution promulgated by the Sultan.

The Sultan opened Parliament in person with elaborate ceremony. The scene was perhaps one of the most remarkable in the political history of the world. All the creeds and races of the Turkish Empire sent their duly elected representatives, and the varied costumes of the delegates, who came, some in flowing silk robes, and others in the fashionable frock coat, formed a gorgeous and multi-colored picture, never before witnessed in a legislative gathering in Europe. Albanians, Syrians and Arabs were among the Moslem representatives, while Greeks, Armenians and Bulgars represented the Christian nationalities.

So far as can be judged from surface indications, the new Parliament has entered upon its duties with a united determination to carry out successfully the aims of the bloodless revolution which made possible the inauguration of a constitutional regime in Turkey.