MARINE BUOY EXPLODES

One Man Killed and One Hurt on the King's Wharf at Quebec.

A despatch from Quebec says: For want of expert direction on Friday forenoon a fatal explosion occurred on the King's Wharf in connection with the Quebec agency of the Marine and Fisheries Department, which resulted in the death of one man named Ludger Germaine and serious injury to another employee named Huppe. The agency is now busy getting ready the buoys to be laid in the St. Lawrence at the opening of navigation, and several workmen were charging one of the large buoys with calcium of carbonite, which did not seem to fit. One of the workmen, presumably Germaine, lifted a piece of batten from the ground and commenced to strike the carbon, when the explosion took place. It was accelerated by the damp snow that covered the ground on which the large gas buoy stood. It is very evident that the workmen were ignorant of the danger in handling the calcium of carbonite, and there was no expert to direct them.

RIOTING IN CAIRO.

Lancers and Mounted Policemen Disperse the Mob.

A despatch from Cairo, Egypt, says: The new press law promulgated last week, that provides penalty for the spreading of false news or for incitement against the public order, was followed on Thursday by riotous demonstrations in the streets of Cairo by a large body of students. The situation became so threatening that lancers and mounted policemen had to be called out to disperse the mob, which numbered several thousand persons. The troops charged several times and fire hose had finally to be brought into play to rout the demonstrators. Further trouble is feared. The local garrison has been placed under arms and ball cartridges have been served out so that the authorities may be prepared to cope with any eventuality.

THE CUSTOMS REVENUE.

March Increase Nearly Four Hundred Thousand Dollars.

A despatch from Ottawa says: Customs receipts of the Dominion for the month of March, the last month of the fiscal year, show that the turn of the tide, which set in with the beginning of the year in respect to customs revenue, is now increasingly apparent. For the month the total customs receipts have been $4,747,291, an increase of $391,189 as compared with March of last year. This is the first big increase in about a year and a half. For the twelve months of the fiscal year the customs revenue has totalled $47,378,000, a decrease of $10,488,632, as compared with 1907-08.

TWO CHILDREN BURNED.

Mother Had to Jump From Window With Babe.

A despatch from Emo., Ont., says: A horrible occurrence happened on the farm of Robert Stirret, north of this village, at an early hour on Friday morning, when his residence was burned, and two little children, Colin and Ruby, aged 7 and 5 years, respectively, perished in the flames. Every member of the family was burned more or less, but Mr. Stirret was severely injured in the effort to rescue his children. A married daughter, Mrs. Campbell, with her infant child but a week old, had a very narrow escape from a horrible death, being obliged to jump from a window into a snowbank with her babe.

ALEX. MILLER ARRESTED.

Charged With Killing John Bell in Drunken Quarrel.

A despatch from Dryden, Ont., says: Alex. Miller, who is accused of having killed his mate, John Bell, in a drunken brawl at Minnitaki on Thursday night by striking him on the side of the head with a lantern, was arrested on Friday, and is in jail here. Provincial Constable Hanson made the arrest. Miller, it would seem, was quite unaware that the blow had killed Bell.

FAMILY ASPHYXIATED.

Family of Mr. James McLean, London, Found Unconscious.

A despatch from London, Ont., says: At 6 o'clock on Friday evening, when neighbors broke into the house of James McLean, on Chesley avenue, it was to find McLean, his wife and three children in an unconscious condition from gas asphyxiation. For eighteen hours they had been that way. All will probably recover except a ten-year-old girl, who is in a serious condition. The family retired about midnight on Thursday night. An hour later the mother was awakened by the moaning of a child. She staggered into the next room, to find the child vomiting, and then herself fell in a semi-conscious condition. The woman says that she never completely lost consciousness, but was physically unable to arise or even make a sound. When neighbors finally awoke her she thought it was but morning. Her husband, when aroused, murmured that he had overslept.

REVOLVER IN EACH HAND.

Daring Thief Gets Away With Diamonds at Montreal.

A despatch from Montreal says: Montreal is becoming famous through her epidemic of robberies and hold-ups. On Saturday night a daring robbery was committed on St. Lawrence street, when a thief smashed a window in a jewellery shop, secured $3,000 worth of diamonds, and made good his escape after terrorizing the crowd on the street by flourishing a pair of revolvers. He then ran a short distance to Lagauchetiere street, and climbed into a waiting rig and escaped with his confreres.

FOUND POWDER IN COAL.

Something Pretty Near a Tragedy at Brockville.

A despatch from Brockville says: Thos. McGraw is a hero around the G. T. R. shops at present. On Saturday afternoon while lighting an engine preparatory to a trip over the road and as the coal was being shovelled into the fire box McGraw noticed a five-pound tin can of blasting powder used in the mines for disinterfrating bituminous coal. A sample of the powder on being tested proved a very powerful explosive. Had the can escaped McGraw's eye it is hard to say what might have been the result.

BUFFALO'S GAS SHUT OFF.

Order Prohibiting Export of Natural Gas Now in Force.

A despatch from Welland says: The Provincial Gas Company received official notice from Ottawa that its permit to export natural gas, expiring Mar. 31, would not be renewed, and on Wednesday night at midnight the supply going to Buffalo was shut off. One-third of the Buffalo supply came from Canada. The company has not yet decided what market it will seek for the gas which has been going to Buffalo, but a meeting will be held soon to decide this matter.

THE HUGE INVADING HOST

Seventy Thousand Americans Will Go Upon Farms in the West This Season.

A despatch from Winnipeg says: Wealth is pouring over the border into Canada from the United States at the present at the rate of nearly a million per week, according to the estimates of those who are in touch with the immigration movement. The influx is exceptionally large. Trains in two sections are the rule of the Soo line running into Moose Jaw, and all the trains are carrying large numbers of Americans from the States of the central west.

Special settlers' trains, with large numbers of cars loaded with effects, are also being operated. The estimate of the local office is to the effect that 70,000 Americans will come in this season, taking up between 20,000 and 25,000 homesteads, and the number may possibly reach a hundred thousand. At several points in Saskatchewan and Alberta the rush has been so great that the Government has arranged to supply large furnished tents. These can be used not only by travellers from the United States, but also by those from Eastern Canada and Europe.

CONDENSED NEWS ITEMS

HAPPENINGS FROM ALL OVER THE GLOBE.

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

CANADA.

Six new constables were appointed at Hamilton.

The Senate has killed the Lancaster crossings bill again.

Port Arthur will build a new Collegiate Institute and gymnasium at a cost of $65,000.

The Ontario Government's bill amending the license act increases tavern licenses in Toronto to $1,600.

Paul S. Lesser, a Winnipeg clerk who absconded, has been captured in Germany and will be brought back for trial.

A company is asking assistance at Port Hope to establish a daily steamship service between Picton and Toronto.

Dr. Amyot has recommended that Springbank Park, London, Ont., be closed to the public, owing to danger of pollution of the city water supply.

A hotel porter was fined a hundred dollars at Cobalt for supplying the guests with liquor, unknown to the proprietors. The guests paid the fine.

Miss d'Armour, the young woman who told a sensational story of being abducted and robbed at Montreal, has confessed that the whole thing was manufactured.

Several hundred pounds of honey was found between the attic and the roof of Philip Cook's apartment house, corner of Queen's avenue and Colborne streets, London, Ont.

Bank clearings in Toronto during March were $111,875,827, and during the first three months of the year $328,236,792, the largest in any similar period in the history of the Toronto clearing house.

A cartridge was found by the police of Hamilton in a yard next to the Kinrade residence, on Friday, the bullet being the same size as those found in the body of the murdered girl.

Mr. Robert King was killed near Grand Valley on Thursday, by the limb of a tree striking him. On hearing of the occurrence his wife was stricken with paralysis and died also.

GREAT BRITAIN.

Mr. Augustine Birrell reintroduced the Irish land purchase bill in the British Commons on Tuesday.

The Salvation Army is planning to establish a "World's University of Humanity," to train workers for the Army's social service.

The Naval League prize of $400 for an essay on "Shall Canada Have a Navy of Her Own?" was awarded to Mrs. Oliphant of Simcoe street, Toronto.

Sir Robert Hermon-Hodge, Unionist, was elected to the British House of Commons from Croydon. His majority was more than 3,000 over his two opponents.

The London Standard thinks the creation of a Canadian fleet would be more useful to Britain than an alliance with a second-class naval power.

Eleven suffragettes, arrested in an attack on the British House of Commons, on Monday, have been sent to prison for terms varying from one to three months.

UNITED STATES.

John E. Ashworth, formerly of Gravenhurst, Ont., committed suicide at North Adams, Mass, on Friday.

The imports of merchandise at New York for March were the largest for any month in the history of the port.

It is probable that President Eliot of Harvard University will not accept the position of Ambassador to Great Britain.

Eight workmen were killed and eight injured by the explosion of four hundred pounds of dynamite at Indian Creek, Ohio.

GENERAL.

A case of sleeping sickness has been discovered in Paris.

The Franco-Canadian treaty was ratified in the French Senate by a vote of 217 to 6.

Dr. Wm. Jones of Chicago, a noted anthropologist, was murdered by Philippine hill men.

The sloop Kearsarge went down off the Nicaraguan coast with twenty-one passengers and sailors.

New South Wales and Victoria have decided to join their contributions and present a Dreadnought to Britain.

GREAT CANADIAN ORCHESTRA

The concert of the Toronto Symphony Orchestra in Massey Hall, Toronto, last week, was an unqualified success, and proved that we now have an orchestra in this country which will soon be the equal of any such organization in America. The most unstinted praise is due to Mr. Welsman, the Conductor, and to the performers themselves, not forgetting those who have shouldered the financial responsibility which made this finished orchestra possible.

LEADING MARKETS

BREADSTUFFS.

Toronto, April 6—Flour—Ontario wheat 90 per cent. patents, $4.15 to $4.20 to-day in buyers' sacks outside for export. Manitoba flour, first patents, $5.70 to $5.90 on track Toronto; second patents, $5.40 to $5.60, and strong bakers', $5 to $5.20.

Wheat—No. 1 Northern, $1.21, and No. 2 Northern, $1.18, Georgian Bay ports. No. 1 Northern, $1.27½(all rail, and No. 2 Northern, $1.24½, all rail.

Barley—No. 3 extra, 60c outside.

Oats—Ontario No. 2 white, 48c on track, Toronto; No. 2 Western Canada oats, 47½c, Collingwood, and No. 3, 46c, Bay ports; No. 2 Western Canada, all rail, 51½c.

Peas—95c outside.

Corn—No. 2 American yellow, 73½c, on track, Toronto, and No. 2 72½c on track, Toronto. Canadian corn, 71 to 72c on track, Toronto.

Bran—Cars, $23 in bulk outside. Shorts, $23 to $23.50 in bulk outside.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

Apples—$4.50 to $5.50 for choice qualities, and $3.50 to $4 for seconds.

Beans—Prime, $1.90 to $2, and hand-picked, $2.10 to $2.15 per bushel.

Honey—Combs, $2 to $2.75 per dozen, and strained, 10 to 11c per pound.

Hay—No. 1 timothy, $10.50 to $11 per ton on track here, and lower grades at $8 to $9 a ton.

Straw—$7 to $8 on track.

Potatoes—65 to 70c per bag on track.

Poultry—Chickens, dressed, 15 to 16c per pound; fowl, 11 to 12c; turkeys, 20 to 22c per pound.

THE DAIRY MARKETS.

Butter—Pound prints, 20 to 21c; tubs and large rolls, 15 to 17c; inferior, 13 to 14c; creamery rolls, 25c, and solids, 20 to 21c.

Eggs—Case lots, 18 to 19c per dozen.

Cheese—Large cheese, 13¾c per pound, and twins, 14 to 14¼c.

HOG PRODUCTS.

Bacon—Long clear, 12 to 12½c per pound in case lots; mess pork, $20.50 to $21; short cut, $23 to $24.

Hams—Light to medium, 14 to 14½c; do., heavy, 13 to 13½c; rolls, 11 to 11¼c; shoulders, 10¾c; backs, 16½ to 17c; breakfast bacon, 15½ to 16c.

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

BUSINESS AT MONTREAL.

Montreal, April 6.—Peas—No. 2, $1.03 to $1.04. Oats—Canadian Western No. 2, 51 to 51½c; extra No. 1 feed, 50½ to 51c; No. 1 feed, 50 to 50½c; Ontario No. 2, 50 to 50½c; Ontario No. 3, 49 to 49½c; Ontario No. 4, 48 to 48½c; No. 2 barley, 59½ to 60c; buckwheat, barley, 59½ to 0c; buckwheat, 69½ to 70c. Flour—Manitoba Spring wheat patents, firsts, $5.80 to $6; Manitoba Spring wheat patents, seconds, $5.30 to $5.50; Manitoba strong bakers', $5.10 to $5.30; Winter wheat patents, $5.40 to $5.50; straight rollers, $5 to $5.10; do., in bags, $2.25 to $2.45; extra, in bags, $1.95 to $2.05. Feed — Manitoba bran, $22 to $23; do., shorts, $24 to $25; Ontario bran, $23 to $24; do., shorts, $24.50 to $25; Ontario middlings, $25 to $25.50; pure grain mouille, $33 to $35; mixed mouille, $28 to $30. Cheese—White quoted at 12¾ to 13c. Butter—Fall made creamery, 21 to 21½c, while Winter made is quoted at 20 to 20½c. Eggs—21 to 22c per dozen.

UNITED STATES MARKETS.

Buffalo, April 6.—Wheat—Spring firmer; No. 1, carloads store, $1.22¾; Winter higher; No. 2 red, $1.28; No. 3 extra red, $1.26½; No. 2 white, $1.26; No. 2 mixed, $1.27½. Corn—Higher; No. 3 yellow, 70¾c; No. 4 yellow, 69¾c; No. 3 corn, 69¾ to 70c; No. 4 corn, 69¼c; No. 3 white, 70¾c. Oats—Steady; No. 3 white, 56½c.

Minneapolis, April 6.—Wheat — May, $1.16½ to $1.16⅝; July, $1.17⅜ to $1.17½; cash, No. 1 hard, $1.19⅜; No. 1 Northern, $1.18⅜; No. 2 Northern, $1.16⅜ to $1.16⅝; No. 3 Northern, $1.12⅜ to $1.14⅜. Flour—First patents, $5.65 to $5.75; second patents, $5.55 to $5.65; first clears, $4.35 to $4.45; second clears, $3.15 to $3.25. Bran—In bulk, $23 to $23.50.

LIVE STOCK MARKET.

Toronto, April 6.—Exporters' were in fairly active demand and prices firm for well finished cattle. Other grades declined. Stockers and feeders were wanted, and the few offering quickly changed hands. Milch cows and springers were dull. Sheep and lambs—Firm and unchanged. Calves—Quiet and lower. Hogs—Steady and unchanged. Select at $6.90 f.o.b. and $7.15, fed and watered.

Montreal, April 6.—Trade in cattle was rather slow, with the prices a shade lower; prime beeves sold at 5¼ to 5¾c per pound, but they were not extra; pretty good animals sold at 4¼ to 5c, and common stock at 2¾ to 4c. per pound. Calves sold at from $2 to $7 each. Sheep at about 5½c per pound; lambs at 6½ to 7c per pound; Spring lambs at from $4 to $6 each. Good lots of fat hogs sold at 7¾ to 8c per pound.

GENERAL INCREASE IN PAY

Hard Working Post Office Employees' Salaries Will Be Advanced.

A despatch from Ottawa says: Hon. Mr. Lemieux, Postmaster-General, has given notice of a resolution in the Commons which will bring good news to over one thousand employees in the outside service of the department. The resolution provides for a general advance in salary to messengers, porters, letter-carriers, box collectors, stampers, sorters and fourth-class clerks. The increases average over $150 a year.

For messengers, porters, letter-carriers and box collectors the new schedule will be as follows:—Grade A, $1.75 per day; grade B, $2; grade C, $2.25; grade D, $2.50; grade E, $2.75. The present schedules are 50 cents less in each case. The average number of working days in the year for each man is 313; consequently the increase is $156 per year. There is a further betterment in the conditions of the men by allowing those in grade A to go into grade B after only three months' service.

In the case of fourth-class clerks the minimum salary, which is now practically only $361, is increased to $500, and the annual increase of $100 is provided up to a maximum of $700.

In the case of stampers and sorters the minimum salary is raised from $400 to $500.

The action of the Postmaster-General extends to the letter-carriers and other outside employees of the Postoffice Department the same measure of justice as has been accorded to members of the inside service generally by the recent increases of salary.

FRENCH RUNNER CHAMPION.

Shrubb and Longboat Failed to Finish in Marathon Race.

A despatch from New York says: Henri St. Yves of France won the great international Marathon Derby for professional runners at the National League baseball park here on Saturday. Dorando Pietri of Italy was second, John J. Hayes of New York third and Matthew Maloney of Yonkers, N. Y., fourth. Tom Longboat, the Canadian Indian, quit the track in the nineteenth mile, and Alfred Shrubb of England gave up in the twenty-fifth mile. Both were completely exhausted trying to keep the terrific pace set by the Frenchman. Shrubb made a game struggle from the twentieth to the twenty-fifth mile, but the pace was too fast and the distance too far for him.

St. Yves, the almost unknown, who figured but little in the forecasts of the race, covered the Marathon distance, 26 miles 385 yards, in 2 hours 40 minutes 503-5 seconds, a remarkable performance under the conditions, and finished with a fast sprint in good condition. Dorando was four minutes forty-seven and three-fifths seconds behind the Frenchman, while Hayes, the third man, followed the Italian across the finishing line three minutes and fifty seconds later. No time was taken on Maloney, the fourth man. St. Yves took down $5,000 of the prize money, Dorando $2,500, Hayes $1,500, and Maloney $1,000. Shrubb and Longboat go unrewarded for their brave efforts.

WEST'S GREAT DEMAND.

Implement Dealers Unable to Fill Their Orders.

A despatch from Winnipeg says: Western implement dealers are having great difficulty in filling their spring orders, which have exceeded in volume all estimates of the trade. Manufacturers cannot rush orders, as their output in a majority of cases is already sold ahead. An enormous business is being done in ploughs, thrashers and smaller implements.

AIRSHIPS AT PETAWAWA.

Canadian Aviators Will be Invited to Conduct Experiments.

A despatch from Ottawa says: The Government will give assistance to Messrs. McCurdy and Baldwin, the Canadian aeronauts, to enable them to continue their experiments. They will probably be invited to go to Petawawa camp and conduct airship operations there at the expense of the Militia Department.

WOMAN FELL FROM BRIDGE.

Mrs. Heward of Brownsville Hurt at St. Thomas.

A despatch from St. Thomas says: Falling 90 feet from the Pere Marquette bridge here on Friday night, Mrs. Mary Heward of Brownsville was badly hurt. Mrs. Heward was on a visit to her sister, Mrs. Fred Smith, Regent street, and in returning to that address after being downtown took a short cut over the bridge. While crossing over she overbalanced herself and fell. Her fall was broken by some wires. Her right ear was nearly torn off, her jaw was hurt and she was also hurt internally. At the hospital it was said she would recover. The injured woman is the wife of Mr. Chas. Heward, a Michigan Central employee at Brownsville.

LEAPED TO HIS DEATH.

Spectacular Suicide at Niagara Falls.

A despatch from Niagara Falls, N. Y., says: An unknown man, about 38 years old, on Sunday afternoon, committed suicide by jumping into the river from Luna Island. A score of people saw him swept over the falls. The man's actions were not unusual, and, even when he clambered up on the bridge railing, no one supposed he was going to jump. He stood on the railing for a second or two peering down into the water and then dived in head-foremost. He was described as an unsuually handsome man, weighing about 180 pounds, with black hair and moustache. His overcoat was found on the bridge.

DRANK CARBOLIC ACID.

Four-year-old London Boy Has a Narrow Escape.

A despatch from London, Ont., says: Harold Dent, aged four years, son of Mr. Chester Dent, Rectory street, on Tuesday night picked up a bottle of crude carbolic acid by mistake and drank part of the contents. Drs. Lindsay and W. J. Stevenson were called, and used a stomach pump. The boy's throat and mouth were badly burned, but he is now doing fairly well.

KILLED IN COBALT MINE.

St. Thomas Prospector Met Death Near Haileybury.

A despatch from St. Thomas, Ont., says: Word was received in the city on Friday morning that J. P. Bailey, mining prospector, of St. Thomas, was killed in a mine near Haileybury on Thursday. The deceased had been in the employ of the Elgin Cobalt Mining and Developing Company for four years, the members of the company all being well known St. Thomas people.

FED THEM ON HER OWN FLESH

Mother Made Cannibals of Her Two Children.

A despatch from Detroit says: A horrible story, almost incredible in its barbarity and gruesomeness, is told by Hilton George, an employee of the Hudson's Bay Company in the Algoma district, who arrived at Tvaverse City, Mich., on Saturday to visit relatives. George, who had been with the Hudson's Bay Company for four years and is in charge of an important post near Lake Nepigon, was notified that a family of Indians living in an out-of-the-way spot was in imminent danger of starvation. He immediately started out on snowshoes with a dog team, carrying supplies for the beleaguered ones. When he reached the Indian wigwam in the wilderness a terrible sight greeted him.

The mother, knowing assistance was on the way, had doled out the provisions carefully, but delay was too long and the children were crying for food. Taking the keen hunting knife from its sheath, the devoted mother cut several strips of flesh from her own body and upon this she fed the little ones.

George immediately had the suffering mother and her family conveyed to the nearest post, where the woman is now making a brave fight for life. The children are well and strong.