INFANT KILLED BY A RAT

Child's Father Saw a Large Rodent Leap From the Cradle.

A despatch from Ottawa says: Death as the result of the bite of a rat was the sad fate of little Eugene Jambeau, the 9-days-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Jambeau, of 134 Besserer Street, on Thursday morning, after having been severely bitten on the hand by a large grey rat. The infant developed blood-poisoning. The baby had slept in its carriage in the same room as its parents for several nights, and on Friday night last this was also the case. Mrs. Jambeau retired about 1 o'clock, her husband being already asleep. At 2 o'clock she was awakened by the sound of the baby's cry, and aroused her husband. On jumping out of bed he saw a large grey rat leap from the carriage to the floor, and escape in spite of his attempts to kill it. The baby was found with its left had covered with blood from seven bites on the inside of the palm. Medical assistance was summoned, and an antiseptic applied, but blood poisoning soon set in, and the infant grew rapidly worse, until death ensued.

PRAIRIE PROVINCES SHAKEN

Earthquake Around Moose Jaw Sufficient to Move Buildings.

A despatch from Winnipeg says: A thirty-second earthquake tremor, reaching from Winnipeg to the mountains, was distinctly felt on Saturday evening at 10 o'clock. While in Winnipeg the shock was so slight as to be observed by few, it was so heavy around Moose Jaw as to move buildings and rattle glass. This is the first time in the history of the prairies that an earthquake was ever felt. Wetaskiwin, Alberta, on the west, Weyburn, Sask., on the south, Prince Albert, on the north, and Kenora on the east, was the scope of the quake.

HEAVY SHOCK AT MOOSE JAW.

A despatch from Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, says: A very distinct earthquake shock was felt here at 9.16 Saturday night. The shock lasted 35 seconds. The tremor was felt all over the city and district. People rushed from residences and stores in terror. Buildings were moved perceptibly. Several people in the upper storeys were knocked off their feet. The first impression was that a violent explosion had occurred. The tremor was preceded by a loud rumbling sound. People here from places where earthquakes are more or less common say this was one of the most distinct shocks they ever experienced.

WAS FELT IN MONTANA.

A despatch from Great Falls, Mont., says: A distinct earthquake shock was felt here on Saturday night at 9.15 o'clock and it was also felt at Choteau, Havre, Wagner and other points, showing that it prevailed generally over northern Montana. While no serious damage was done, the shock was sufficient to spill articles from shelves in stores and cause breakages of glassware.

WOMAN HURLED TO DEATH.

Mrs. Swain Killed While Walking at Oil Springs.

A despatch from Oil Springs, Ont., says: Mrs. Richard Swain, a resident of Oil City, was almost instantly killed and her niece, Miss Josie Truan, of this village, was injured here about 5.30 on Sunday afternoon in a very peculiar manner. They were on the way to the station, when a severe storm came up and, picking up the sidewalk on which they were walking, hurled it across the street into a deep ditch on the opposite side. The ladies were carried with it, the sidewalk striking Mrs. Swain on the head and crushing her skull. Miss Truan was not seriously injured.

RISKED LIFE FOR CHILDREN.

Mother Ran Through Flames of Burning House.

A despatch from Sterling, Manitoba, says: While outside milking her cows, Mrs. Harris Courtney discovered that her house was on fire. Winding her apron over her head the mother pluckily dashed through the fire and saved her four children, who were huddled in an inner room. Mrs. Courtney's hair caught fire and she was badly burned about the head and ears.

FELL ON A CROWBAR.

Farmer Near Ottawa Killed While Aiding a Neighbor.

A despatch from Ottawa says: Coller C. Morgan, a farmer, living near Hazelden, was fatally injured on Wednesday evening, while assisting in the erection of a driving shed for a neighbor. He slipped from a sill, and in falling landed on the sharp end of a crowbar standing upright in the ground. He died a few hours afterwards.

CHILD MUTILATED BY DOG.

Mother Fought the Animal Till Help Arrived.

A despatch from Chatham, Ont., says: Gladys, the six-year-old daughter of Mrs. Frank Schram, was attacked by a large bulldog and severely bitten on Saturday afternoon. Her mother was with her, and fought a desperate battle with the dog before help arrived. The girl was thrown prostrate, and her face, head and arms were mutilated. The dog, which was not suffering from rabies, was shot.

DIFFICULTIES SETTLED.

C. P. R. Mechanics and Company Reach an Agreement.

A despatch from Winnipeg says: It is stated on reliable authority that the difficulties between the C. P. R. and their mechanics have been satisfactorily settled. All the strikers are to be reinstated, and the old wage schedule restored practically, and old conditions reverted to. O. H. Warl represented the machinists, and H. H. Vaughan the company. While no mention is made, it is understood the men are not returning to their previous standing on the pension roll.

RUN OVER BY LAND ROLLER.

Little Girl Killed on Farm in Saskatchewan.

A despatch from Tuxford, Sask., says: A horrible accident happened on the farm of E. Eaton, near here, on Wednesday, when his little daughter, who was riding with him on a land roller was run over and killed by the roller, following the runaway of the team. The father was injured also, but not seriously. The horses were frightened by the whistle of a steam plow.

TUNISIAN DAMAGED BY ICE

Third Accident to Allan Liners Since the Opening of Navigation.

A despatch from Montreal says: A marconigram was on Thursday received by the Allan Line from Captain Fairfull of the Tunisian, stating that that vessel had suffered an accident almost similar to that which recently befell the Lake Champlain, and that he had been compelled to put into St. John'e, Newfoundland, for safety. The Tunisian, while steaming slowly, inward-bound, through heavy field ice, struck an unusually heavy mass and started a plate under her forepeak. The broken plate caused quite a heavy leak, and Captain Fairfull considered it his duty to head at once for St. John's, which was only sixty miles distant. The vessel will be overhauled there, and if it is found that she has sustained serious injuries the passengers will be forwarded from St. John's across Newfoundland to Port Basque by rail, thence by the Reid Newfoundland Company's boats to Sydney, where they will be taken by special trains to St. John, N.B., and Montreal. If the Tunisian has to go into dry dock the passengers booked for her sailing from Montreal on the 21st instant will be transferred to another of the Allan boats. This is the third accident the Allan boats have suffered since the opening of navigation, the Corinthian and Siberian having both met with mishaps.

THE WORLD'S MARKETS

REPORTS FROM THE LEADING TRADE CENTRES.

Prices of Cattle, Grain, Cheese and Other Dairy Produce at

BREADSTUFFS.

Toronto, May 18.—Flour—Ontario wheat 90 per cent. patents $5.15 to $5.25 to-day in buyers' sacks outside for export; on track, Toronto, $5.40 to $5.50. Manitoba flour; first patents, $6.20 to $6.40 on track, Toronto; second patents, $5.70 to $5.80, and strong bakers', $5.50 to $5.60, on track, Toronto.

Wheat—No. 1 Northern, May delivery, $1.27, Bay ports; No. 2, $1.24½ and No. 3, $1.23.

Ontario wheat—$1.25 to $1.28 for No. 2, according to location and demand.

Barley—No. 3 extra 60 to 61c outside, and No. 3 58c outside.

Oats—Ontario No. 2. 48½c on track, Toronto, and 46 to 47c outside; No. 2 Western Canada 49c. and No. 3 48c, Bay ports.

Peas—No 2, 95 to 96c outside.

Rye—No. 2, 74 to 75c outside.

Buckwheat—No. 2, 62 to 64c outside.

Corn No. 2 American yellow 81½c on track, Toronto, and No. 2 at 80½c on track, Toronto; Canadian yellow, 76c on track, Toronto.

Bran—Manitoba $23.50 in sacks, Toronto freights; shorts, $24.50 to $25, Toronto freights.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

Apples $4 to $5 for choice qualities, and $3 to $3.50 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.

Maple syrup—95c to $1 a gallon.

Hay—No. 1 timothy $13 to $13.50 a ton on track here, and lower grades, $11 to $11.50 a ton.

Straw—$7.50 to $8 on track.

Potatoes—Car lots, 90c per bag on track. Delawares, $1.10 to $1.15.

Poultry—Chickens, dressed, 16 to 18c per lb; fowl, 12 to 14c; turkeys, 20 to 22c per lb.

THE DAIRY MARKETS.

Butter—Pound prints, 20 to 22c; tubs and large rolls, 16 to 18c; inferior, 14 to 15c; creamery rolls, 23 to 25c, and solids, 19 to 20c.

Eggs—Case lots 19c per dozen.

Cheese—Large cheese, old, 14 to 14¼c per lb. and twins, 14¼ to 14½c; new cheese, dull at 12¼ to 12½c.

HOG PRODUCTS.

Bacon long clear, 13 to 13½c per lb in case lots; mess pork $21 to $21.50; short cut, $23 to $24.

Hams—Light to medium, 14 to 15c; do., heavy, 13 to 13½c; rolls, 11½ to 11¾c; shoulders, 10¾ to 11c; backs 17 to 17½c; breakfast bacon, 15½ to 16c.

Lard—Tierces, 13¼c; tubs, 13½c; pails, 13¾c.

BUSINESS AT MONTREAL.

Montreal, May 18.—Peas—No. 2, $1.05 to $1.06. Oats—Canadian Western, No. 2, 52½ to 53c; extra, No. 1 feed, 51½ to 52c; No. 1 feed, 51 to 51½c. Barley—No. 2, 70 to 72c; Manitoba feed, 60 to 60½c. Buckwheat—69½ to 70c. Flour—Manitoba Spring wheat patents, firsts, $6.30; Manitoba Spring wheat, patents, seconds, $5.80; Manitoba strong bakers, $5.60; Winter wheat patents $6.15 to $6.25; straight rollers, $6 to $6.10; straight rollers, in bags, 2.90 to $3; extra, in bags, $2.50 to $2.60. Feed—Manitoba bran, $22 to $23; Manitoba shorts, $24 to $25; Ontario bran, $23 to $24; Ontario shorts, $24.50 to $25; Ontario middlings, $25 to $25.50; pure grain mouillie, $33 to $35; mixed mouillie, $28 to $30. Cheese—12¼ to 12⅜c, and easterns at 12 to 12⅛c. Butter—21½ to 22c. Eggs 19 to 19½c per dozen.

UNITED STATES MARKETS

Chicago, May 18.—Wheat — No. 2 red, $1.45; No. 3 red, $1.30 to $1.42; No. 2 hard, $1.28 to $1.35; No. 3 hard, $1.24 to $1.30; No. 1 Northern, $1.28 to $1.30; No. 2 Northern, $1.26 to $1.29; No. 3 Spring, $1.24 to $1.28. Corn — No. 2. 75 to 76c; No. 2 yellow, 75¾ to 76; No. 3, 75 to 75¾c; No. 3 white, 75¾ to 76c; No. 3 yellow, 75½ to 76c; No. 4, 74 to 74¼c. Oats — No. 2 white, 59¼ to 59¾c; No. 3 white, 58¼ to 59½c; No. 4 white, 54 to 58½c; standard, 59 to 59½c.

Minneapolis, May 18.—Wheat — May, $1.26; July, $1.24⅜; Sept., $1.07⅝; cash, No. 1 hard, $1.28⅝ to $1.29⅛; No. 1 Northern, $1.27⅝ to $1.28⅛; No. 2 Northern, $1.25⅝ to $1.26⅛; No. 3 Northern, $1.23⅝ to $1.25⅛. Flour—First patents, $6.10 to $6.30; second patents, $6 to $6.20; first clears, $4.75 to $4.95; second clears, $3.35 to $3.55. Bran—In bulk, $24 to $24.50.

LIVE STOCK MARKETS.

Montreal, May 18.—A large proportion of the butchers' cattle were milkmen's strippers, which sold at from 3½ to 4¾c per pound, prime beeves sold at 5½ to a little over 6c; pretty good animals, 4½ to 5½c; common stock, 3 to 4¼c per pound. Milch cows, $30 to over $60 each. Calves, $2 to $8 each, pretty good lots, $4 to $5 per head. Sheep sold at 5 to near 6c per pound; lambs at $3.50 to $6 each. Good lots of fat hogs at about 8¼c per pound.

Toronto, May 18.—There was an abundant supply of choice cattle in both export and butchers' classes, which sold readily at top-notch prices. One very fine bunch of nine export steers realized $6.25, and several loads sold at $6 and over. Choice butchers' cattle sold firm at $5.25 to $5.50, and heavy cows at $5. Stockers and feeders were in strong demand. Milkers and springers strong, except for common stock, which are not wanted. Calves steady and unchanged. Sheep and lambs dearer. Hogs—Strong demand; selects are quoted at $7.60, fed and watered, and $7.35 f.o.b.

NO MIDDLEMEN.

Florida Orange Crop Will be Marketed Direct.

A despatch from Denver says: Henceforth the Florida orange crop will be marketed direct, according to J. C. Swingling, president of the Florida Fruit and Citrus Growers' Association, who was in Denver on Thursday night. "The orange crop of Florida this year," he said, "will exceed that of any other year since 1895, and we will produce half as much as the entire crop of California. For years, we have submitted to the abuses of brokers who practically regulated the market, making big profits and keeping up the prices of oranges. From now on we will market the Florida output direct, and this will reduce the price of oranges 40 per cent. Before this fight is over oranges will be selling at the rate of three for five cents, instead of five cents apiece."

ROSS BECKSTEAD SHOT.

Boys Were Annoying Isaac Garlough, Who Fired.

A despatch from Ottawa says: Ross Beckstead, aged eighteen, was shot and instantly killed at McMillan's Mill, about four miles from Chesterville, at 9 o'clock on Thursday night. Isaac Garlough, aged forty, lies in the local jail awaiting the action of the Cororer's jury. The body of Beckstead was not discovered until 8 o'clock on Friday morning, when John Elia, a passing farmer, found it in the corner of a field by the roadside. Garlough acknowledged having fired off his shotgun to frighten some boys who were bothering him by firing stones at his house about 9 o'clock on Thursday night, and it is thought this shot must have killed Beckstead, as his face was hit and buckshot wounds were in the head.

WOMAN BURNED TO DEATH.

Mrs. Terney Plumbo Loses Her Life at Montreal.

A despatch from Montreal says: Mrs. Terney Plumbo, a young woman of twenty-five, was burned to death on Friday evening at her home as the result of a lamp explosion. Mrs. Plumbo apparently went into the kitchen to light a lamp, leaving her four children in front asleep. The lamp exploded, smothering her with oil, and a neighbor, hearing her cries for help, found her lying on the floor with her hair and clothing a mass of flames. The nearest fire alarm would not work, and by the time assistance came the woman was unconscious, and died shortly after being taken to the hospital.

DREADNOUGHTS — CRUISERS

Italian Cabinet Authorizes Expenditure of $52,800,000.

A despatch fram Rome says: The Minister of Marine, Admiral Mirabello, has obtained the approval of the Cabinet to a naval programme that provides for the construction within three years, at a total expense of $52,800,000, of four Dreadnoughts and a number of fast scout cruisers. A local paper says the decision to build these vessels was reached after Italy had learned that Austria-Hungary was going to spend $40,000,000 on increased naval power.

WOMAN LIKELY MURDERED.

Her Body Found Under Suspicious Circumstances.

A despatch from Vancouver, B.C., says: Face downwards the body of a well-dressed woman was discovered on Wednesday under a clump of brush in Burnaby. Nothing near affords any clue except the remains of a small fire, wherein paper had been burned and possibly the woman's hat. No person has been missed in New Westminster or vicinity for months. The cause of death is not yet ascertained, but as the clothes are badly torn in places, there is a probability that she met with a violent death during a struggle. The corpse has apparently been exposed to the elements about four months.

The French Chamber of Deputies on Thursday endorsed the Government's attitude with regard to the postal strike.

29 MEN BLOWN TO ATOMS

Four Tons of Dynamite Exploded Prematurely Near Albany, N. Y.

A despatch from Albany, N. Y., says: There were 29 men killed shortly before 3 o'clock on Wednesday afternoon, following a premature explosion of dynamite in the Callanan quarries at South Bethlehem, twelve miles south of Albany. There were three injured. All within the explosion zone were instantly killed, and the bodies are unrecognizable. The dead include eight Americans and 21 Italians, the latter not being known by name. All the Americans are residents of the locality. The ten holes for Wednesday's blast were drilled 20 feet back from the face of the bluff, which was 80 feet high. The holes were 76 feet deep, and five inches in diameter. It was to be the biggest blast of all, using over four tons of dynamite. The blast was scheduled for five o'clock in the afternoon, and was expected to dislodge material for 25,000 wagon loads of crushed stone. Those killed had successfully placed the charges in six of the holes, and were working upon the seventh when the shock came. The explosion is supposed to have been caused by a defective cap. The 29 bodies were blown to atoms and scattered all over the quarry. It was half an hour before anyone dared approach the scene, fearing danger from other explosions. As a result of the explosion, fear has seized the 165 Italian laborers employed about the quarry, and many have fled.

CONDENSED NEWS ITEMS

HAPPENINGS FROM ALL OVER THE GLOBE.

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

CANADA.

Grand Trunk Pacific officials deny that the men are ill-treated in the construction camps.

Archbishop Bruchesi has placed the Theatre Royal at Montreal under the ban.

The T. & N. O. Railway inaugurated a daily through service between North Bay and Cochrane on Monday.

Wilfred Bishop, clerk in the Ottawa postoffice, has been arrested on a charge of stealing letters.

Mr. Thomas Mulvey, K.C., is leaving the Provincial service to become Under Secretary of State.

Dr. J. B. Leathes of London, Eng., has been appointed to the University chair of chemical pathology.

The steamer Gargantua carried away three gates in the Welland Canal, on Sunday, but repairs are being rushed.

By-laws were carried by Owen Sound ratepayers, on Saturday, to extend the waterworks and the electric lighting plant.

Mr. Eager, Governor of the jail at Cornwall, has decided to resume his business career, and has resigned, to take effect on June 15.

Hon. W. S. Fielding will go to London after the session ends to arrange for a fifty-million-dollar loan.

The Government will appoint inspectors of gear and tackle at several shipping ports of the Dominion.

The Government is about to send a commission to Great Britain and Denmark to study the bacon industry.

Hon. Adam Beck's company is prepared to supply the city of London with two and a half million gallons of water daily.

The Railway Commission has ordered that stations and passenger cars be regularly cleaned out and kept in sanitary condition.

Elmer Pennock, a medical student at Queen's, went suddenly insane at Brockville, on Thursday, and attempted to kill his mother. He was committed to the asylum.

The C. P. R., it is said, will go into the business of farming in different parts of the country, with the object of supplying the requirements of their dining cars and hotels.

Sir Richard Cartwright informed Senator Lougheed that Canada would be represented at the Imperial Defence Conference in London, probably by Sir Frederick Borden and Hon. L. P. Brodeur.

The worthless assets wiped out in the balance sheet of the Dominion amounted to $837,646, but there was a liability on the books of $363,887, and it was also wiped out, leaving the net increase in the public debt $437,759.

GREAT BRITAIN.

A number of prominent London bankers have written Mr. Asquith protesting against the increased death duties and income tax in the budget.

A bill for the removal of Roman Catholic disabilities and to amend the coronation oath passed its second reading in the British Commons.

Queen Alexandra, in a message of sympathy to the Women Nurses' Congress at Liverpool, on Thursday, intimated that she was not in sympathy with the suffragettes.

A British departmental committee appointed to inquire into the question has reported that there is a meat combine in Britain, though it is not at present powerful enough to endanger the country's meat trade.

UNITED STATES.

A Chicago girl danced herself to death.

The United States Senate on Thursday voted for a duty of 25 cents a ton on iron ore.

Capt. Peter C. Hains, who shot and killed William E. Annis on Long Island last August has been found guilty of manslaughter.

Charles L. Foxwell, a mining stock broker, is under arrest at Washington. He is alleged to have victimized a number of firms in Canada and the United States.

GENERAL.

Premier Stolypin of Russia will remain at the head of the Cabinet.

Forty-five Turkish mutineers have been arrested at Erzeroum.

Germany is establishing a line of airship stations along the French frontier.

The Turkish troops at Erzeroum are said to be on the verge of mutiny.

The German Emperor and the King of Italy met on Wednesday at the port of Brindisi.

Foreigners at Urmiah, Persia, including British and American missionaries, are in danger.

The fourth son of Abdul Hamid, the deposed Sultan of Turkey, has been placed under arrest.

The French postal strike is practically dead, and the leaders in their desperation are adopting destructive tactics.

The reports of the slaughter of Christians in Asia Minor have been greatly exaggerated. Probably not more than ten thousand have been slain.

VILLAGES WERE WIPED OUT

Entire District Laid Waste About Marash in the Recent Rioting.

A despatch from Beirut, Turkey, says: The recent rioting in the vicinity of Marash has laid waste that entire district. Marash itself was spared, for only a few persons there were killed, but within sixty miles to the southwest a total of sixteen villages, with a population of 8,000 souls, have been practically wiped out. The only survivors are boys under ten and old women. The girls were carried away and the men killed. Telegraphic reports received on Wednesday declare that the hungry and naked number 14,000. Immediate relief is required. The interior districts are still far from settled, and from all directions the most heart-rending accounts and appeals are being received here.

MUTINEERS EXECUTED.

A despatch from Constantinople says: Constantinople witnessed another batch of executions on Wednesday morning when 24 mutineers of the army and navy were hanged in public within the city limits. This makes a total of 38 executions within the capital since the revolution of April 13. Four of the men on Wednesday were hanged near the Sultan's palace, eight at the marine barracks, eight in the Djinzi Meidan quarters of Stamboul and four at the War Office. It was desired to impress the people with the fact that the guilty had been punished, and had the hangings not been public the people would have thought that the condemned men had saved themselves by bribing officials or that the statement of their execution was nothing more than a political lie.

There are rumors of a rising of Albanians at Uskub, about a hundred miles from Salonika.