FLOODS MENACE FERNIE, B.C.

Three Men Are Already Known to Have Been Drowned in Elk Lake.

A despatch from Fernie, B. C., says: The Elk River is on the rampage and small shacks, lumber, trees and bridges are being washed away in and around here. The Elk Lumber Company and Fernie Lumber Company lost much timber as a result. The railway bridge near Elk had two spans damaged and the trains could not cross. Passengers were transferred. The damage has been since repaired and trains are on the move again.

Residents in the river flats have lost a large amount of cattle, garden stuffs and buildings. The major portion of Fernie is in danger and families are moving out daily. Fernie Annex is also suffering. A large boom of logs in the river above the city expected to be carried away any moment.

Three unknown bodies have floated past here. Two men were drowned at Waldo while attempting to cross the river. One body has since been recovered, but is not yet identified.

Old timers report it is the highest flood for years. Fernie schools are all flooded.

BUSH FIRES ARE RAGING

Lumbermen and Miners at Elk Lake Trying to Save Their Property.

A despatch from Elk Lake says: Bush fires have started earlier than usual this season. For three days past men from Booth's two lumber camps up the Montreal River have been fighting fire, and they make no bones about blaming the prospectors for it. The "Big Six" Mining Co. have been fighting the same enemy during the past week. On Monday night the fire worked its way down to the outskirts of the town of Smyth, just across the river from here. The sight was impressive as night came on, even the smallest branches being sharply silhouetted against the flames.

A despatch from Dauphin, Man., says: A destructive forest fire is raging for a hundred miles between Crooked River and Bowsman, and from Hudson's Bay Junction to near the Pas. The value of the timber burned will not be less than $75,000, so far, and probably some of the farmers remote from the railway have suffered very severely. Ruby Lake lumber mills were destroyd on Wdnesday night, and considerable damage has also been done to the C. N. R. tracks.

A despatch from St. John, N. B., says: A telephone message from Oak Bay, near St. Stephen, reports a forest fire which broke out on Thursday afternoon, swept through two miles of heavily timbered land, leaving a track a mile wide, and is still burning. The property is owned chiefly by Jesse Bartlett and Wm. Kierstead. Bartlett's mills at Waweig were in danger.

ATTACKED BY DOGS.

Little Montreal Boy Bitten in Face and Neck.

A despatch from Montreal says: An eighteen-months-old child of M. Grant of St. Lambert was badly bitten on Friday by two English bulldog in a neighbor's yard. The child wandered into the yard and the dogs flew at his throat and face. The child's screams brought his mother and a couple of men to his assistance, and the dogs were beaten off, but only with the greatest difficulty. One of the men had to use a hammer before they could be made to loosen their hold. A doctor was summoned and was obliged to put in nineteen stitches in the little chap's face and neck. His nose was almost bitten off, and the other injuries were very painful. His recovery is doubtful.

BLYTHE TO BE HANGED.

Cabinet Will Not Interfere With Sentence for Murder.

A despatch from Ottawa says: The last chance to escape death is gone for Walter Blythe, the Agincourt railwayman under sentence to be hanged for the murder of his wife last winter. Blythe was originally sentenced to be hanged on May 13th, but two days before he paid the penalty a reprieve was granted by order in Council until June 17th. On Thursday his case was finally considered, and his Excellency Earl Grey has concurred in the recommendation of the Cabinet that the law shall take its course.

ATTACKED THE GUARD.

William Duff's Desperate Effort to Escape From Moose Jaw Jail.

A despatch from Moose Jaw, Sask., says: William Duff, under trial here for horse-stealing, made a desperate effort to escape on Thursday morning. He succeeded in breaking the lock from his door, and securing the iron bar he attacked the guard fiercely, and it was only after assistance had been rushed in that he was overpowered.

A HUSBAND'S DARING.

He Plunged into the Niagara to Save Her Life.

A despatch from Niagara Falls, N. Y., says: Louis Cohen of Buffalo, saw his young wife leap into the swirling river between Second and Third Sister Islands at 5 o'clock on Sunday afternoon, only 150 feet above the brink of the cataract. Without a moment's hesitation he followed her, caught her hand and struggled desperately to save her. Mrs. Cohen probably died in her husband's arms. Before it was possible to bring efficient help, an hour had passed. When aid at last arrived, Cohen was ehxausted and could not tie the rope thrown him around his own or his wife's body. He hed been unable, too, in the long wait to keep his wife's head above water. He held to the rope with one hand and was drawn ashore, but lost his grip on his wife's body when within fifteen feet of the bank. The woman's body was whirled away and later in the day was found fast on a rock 100 feet above the brink. When it was rescued life was extinct.

MAD DOG AT PARIS.

Bit a Boy, Who Will be Treated for Rabies.

A despatch from Paris, Ont., says: Anticipating the development of rabies in the three-year-old son of William North, a citizen of Paris, father and son will go to New York, where the little tot will undergo treatment for the dread seizure. The expenses for the trip will be borne by the Paris Council. The child was bitten some time ago. The father destroyed the dog at once, and sent the head to Ottawa for analysis. A telegram from the capital city brought back the information that symptoms of rabies were unmistakable. Fear is general all over the neighborhood at present, because the dog had been at large for some time. The Council has already issued a proclamation prohibiting dogs from being allowed out during this month. After that they must be muzzled or held in leash.

ALL IS BRIGHT OUT WEST

Ideal Growing Weather Is General Over the Prairie Provinces.

A despatch from Winnipeg says: "Optimistic to the highest point of satisfaction," just about describes the crop report issued by the C. P. R. on Wednesday. It combines reports from every section of the prairie country clear through to the Rockies, and, in its essence, tells that all the wheat has been sown, while the percentage of oats, barley and flax which remains to be put in is small. Ideal growing weather, with light rains and plenty of warmth, has been general over the entire northwest, and in some places the growth has been exceptional for the first of June. At Balcarres the grain is reported to be up eight inches; at Arcola, from four to seven inches; at Waskada, four inches; on the Portal section, from two to five inches, and on the Lacombe branch in the far west, the same height. All over the west the acreage in grains has increased.

CONDENSED NEWS ITEMS

HAPPENINGS FROM ALL OVER THE GLOBE.

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

CANADA.

Archbishop Duhamel of Ottawa died suddenly on Saturday night.

The Government will dredge the St. Lawrence channel to a depth of 35 feet.

Toronto manufacturers have advanced the price of biscuits one cent a pound.

Building permit values at Toronto for the first five months of the year aggregated $6,827,830.

Rev. Dr. Lyle has been elected Moderator of the Presbyterian General Assembly.

The Polson's Iron Works Company will erect a new and large shipbuilding plant at Toronto.

Abram Young, a Delaware farmer, dropped dead at London, on Saturday. He was 70 years of age.

The hours of civil servants at Ottawa have been increased to from 9 to 5, with an hour and a half for lunch.

Mr. I. B. Lucas, M.P.P. for Centre Grey, has been sworn in as a member of the Ontario Cabinet without portfolio.

Tenders received by the Ontario Government for bridge-building in northern Ontario were considered too high.

Regina police are on the trail of "Dutch Henry," a noted outlaw, whose record entitles him to be shot at sight.

The Ontario Government decided to issue another public loan in Canada of $3,500,000 in 4 per cent. 30-year bonds.

Shareholders of the Elgin Loan Company, which failed six years ago, will receive a dividend of 8 1-3 cents on the dollar.

A case of smallpox was discovered on the Allan Virginian on Friday, and the vessel has been held at quarantine.

Rev. J. W. Wright pronounces Entwhistle, the present terminus of Grand Trunk Pacific construction, the toughest town in the west.

A witness at the Montreal civic inquiry swore that Ald. Proulx asked him for $300 for an appointment to the police force, but he refused.

The Grand Trunk Pacific train men are said to have applied for a Board of Conciliation, alleging that conditions in the west are very onerous.

Recent advances in beef hides and calf-skins have increased prices being paid in the country from sixty to one hundred per cent. over the level of last year.

UNITED STATES.

The thrashing of this year's wheat crop began in Texas on Saturday.

Pittsburg steel mills are running to full capacity for the first time in twenty years.

The United States imported 670,000 cords of spruce pulpwood from Canada last year.

Lady Aberdeen stated at New York that 12,000 persons die of consumption in Ireland yearly.

Three municipal officials, convicted of stealing money from the city of Boston, have been sent to jail.

An engineer on the New York Central wrecked his train at Medina, N. Y., to save the life of a child on the track.

The Appellate division of the Supreme Court of Brooklyn has decided that Harry Thaw must remain in Matteawan Asylum until he can prove himself sane.

John Murphy, a butcher, became suddenly insane while at work in a packing-house at Somerville, Mass., on Saturday, and killed five of his fellow-employees.

GREAT BRITAIN.

A speaker at the Royal Institute in London said there was a scientific justification for cannibalism.

The London Morning Post criticizes the action of the Dominion Trades and Labor Congress in attempting to restrict emigration to Canada.

At a bnaquet to the overseas delegates to the Imperial Press Conference, Lord Rosebery made a plea for colonial aid in the defence of the empire.

GENERAL.

A bitter feud war is being waged by rival clans in North China.

Numbers of Anarchists from Russia have taken refuge in Australia.

Hon. Thomas Price, the Labor Premier of South Australia, is dead.

Nine Moslems and six Armenians were hanged at Adana, on Wednesday.

Newfoundland ran behind $150,600 in its finances during the fiscal year just past.

A series of experiments in sending wireless messages to balloons was conducted at Berlin on Saturday.

The fishing schooner Souris Belle was so battered by ice floes that she went down off St. John harbor. Her crew were rescued.

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, June 8.—Flour—Ontario wheat 90 per cent. patents, $5.65 to $5.75 to-day in buyers' sacks outside for export; on track, Toronto, $5.80 to $5.90; Manitoba flour, first patents, $6.20 to $6.40 on track, Toronto; second patents, $5.70 to $5.80, and strong bakers', $5.60 to $5.70 on track, Toronto.

Manitoba Wheat—No. 1 Northern, $1.32, Georgian Bay ports; No. 2, $1.29½, and No. 3, $1.28¼.

Ontario Wheat—Prices of No. 2, $1.37 to $1.38 outside.

Barley—Feed, 62 to 63c outside.

Oats—No. 2 Ontario white, 57½ to 58c on track, Toronto, and 54½ to 55c outside. No. 2 Western Canada oats 56c, and No. 3 at 55c, Bay ports.

Peas—No. 2, 95 to 96c outside.

Rye—No. 2 74 to 75c outside.

Corn—No. 2 American yellow, 83c on track, Toronto; No. 3, 82½c on track, Toronto; Canadian yellow, 76½ to 77½c on track, Toronto.

Bran—Manitoba, $23.50 to $24 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, $2, and hand-picked, $2.15 to $2.20 per bushel.

Maple Syrup—95c to $1 a gallon.

Hay—No. 1 timothy, $13.50 to $14 a ton on track here, and lower grades, $11 to $11.50 a ton.

Straw—$7.50 to $8 on track.

Potatoes—Car lots, 95c per bag on track. Delawares, $1.10 to $1.15 per bag on track.

Poultry — Chickens, yearlings, dressed, 17 to 18c per lb.; fowl, 12 to 14c; turkeys, 18 to 22c per lb.

THE DAIRY MARKETS.

Butter—Pound prints, 18½ to 19c; tubs and large rolls, 16 to 16½c; inferior, 14 to 15c. Creamery rolls, 21 to 22c, and solids, 18 to 19c.

Eggs—Case lots, 18½ to 19c per dozen.

Cheese—Large cheese, old, 14 to 14½c per lb., and twins, 14¼ to 14½c. New quoted at 12¾c for large, and 13c for twins.

HOG PRODUCTS.

Bacon—Long, clear, 13¼ to 13½c per lb. in case lots; mess pork, $22 to $22.50; short cut, $25.

Hams—Light to medium, 15½c; do., heavy, 14 to 14½c; rolls, 12 to 12½c; shoulders, 11 to 11½c; backs, 17½ to 18c; breakfast bacon, 16½ to 17c.

Lard—Tierces, 14c; tubs, 14¼c; pails, 14½c.

BUSINESS AT MONTREAL.

Montreal, June 8.—Peas—$1.05 to $1.06. Oats—Canadian Western, 59c; extra No. 1 feed 58½c; No. 1 feed, 58¼c; No. 3 Canadian Western, 58c; No. 2 feed, 57½c; No. 2 barley 72½ to 74c; Manitoba feed barley, 66½ to 67c; buckwheat, 69½ to 70c. Flour—Manitoba Spring wheat patents firsts, $6.30 to $6.50; do., seconds, $5.80 to $6; Manitoba strong bakers', $5.60 to $5.80; Winter wheat patents, $6.75; straight rollers, $6.50 to $6.60; do., in bags, $3.15 to $3.20; extras, in bags, $2.65 to $2.80. Feed—Manitoba bran, $22 to $23; do., shorts, $24 to $25; pure grain mouillie, $33 to $35; mixed mouillie, $28 to $30. Cheese—westerns, 12 to 12¼c, and easterns 11¾ to 12c. Butter—22 to 22½c. Eggs 19 to 20c per dozen.

UNITED STATES MARKETS.

Minneapolis, June 8.—Wheat—July, $1.29⅞ to $1.30; Sept. $1.10¾ to $1.10⅞; Dec. $1.08¼; cash, No. 1 hard, $1.33¾ to $1.34¼; No. 1 Northern, $1.32¾ to $1.33¼; No. 2 Northern, $1.30¾ to $1.31¼; No. 3 Northern, 1.28¼ to $1.30¼. Flour—First patents, $6.40 to $6.60; second patents, $6.30 to $6.50; first clears, $5.05 to $5.25; second clears, $3.65 to $3.85. Bran—In bulk, $23.50 to $24.

Buffalo, June 8.—Wheat—Spring wheat firmer; No. 1 Northern carloads store $1.35¾; Winter nominal. Corn—Stronger; No. 3 yellow, 80c; No. 4 yellow, 79c No. 3 corn, 79¼ to 79¾c; No. 4 corn, 78¼c; No. 3 white, 80½c. Oats—Steady. Barley—Feed to malting, 77 to 81c.

LIVE STOCK MARKETS.

Montreal, June 8.—More than half of milkmen's strippers sold at 3½ to 4¾c per pound; the best cattle sold at about 5¾c per pound, but they were not extra; pretty good animals sold at 4½ to 5½c; common stock, 3½ to 4½c per pound. Large milch cows sold at from $55 to $65 each; the others sold at $25 to $50 each. Calves $2 to $8 each, or 3 to 6c per pound. Sheep from 5 to 5½c per pound; lambs from $4 to $7 each. Good lots of fat hogs 8½ to 8⅝c per pound.

Toronto, June 8.—Butchers' cattle were in strong demand and fully 15 cents dearer, with prices firm. Exporters likewise, and many animals that under ordinary conditions would not be looked upon as in this class were bought for shipping. Stockers and feeders wanted. Milkers and springers in firm demand for good milkers and near springers. Sheep and lambs unchanged. Calves unchanged. Hogs weakening. Selects quoted $7.70 fed and watered, and $7.40 to $7.50 f.o.b.

NOTHING TO FIGHT ABOUT

Count Bernstorff Says Jingoism Will Soon Pass Away.

A despatch from New York says: Count Von Bernstorff, the German Ambassador, who came to New York on Wednesday to receive an honorary LL.D. at the Columbia University commencement, took occasion in the course of an interview in the afternoon to pooh-pooh the talk of impending or probable war between England and Germany. "England has no need to worry about the likelihood of war with my country," he said. "The jingoism of a few easily excitable persons in England will soon pass over. Between the two Governments there is no misunderstanding or enmity, and the sentiment of the two peoples toward one another is not hostility or bitterness, but a healthy, temperate, good-natured rivalry.

"Germany is very proud of the progress which Count Zeppelin and our other aeronauts have made. But the English yellow journals are of course wrong in their efforts to make war talk out of our efforts to conquer the air. We are building no secret fleet of war airships, and we have no secret balloons hovering over the English coast.'

SET STREET CARS ON FIRE

Motormen and Conductors Dragged From Cars and Severely Beaten.

A despatch from Philadelphia says: The attempt of the Philadelphia Rapid Transit to operate its cars on Wednesday with strike-breakers imported from other cities resulted in the first serious rioting which has occurred since the strike of the street car men began on May 29. In the Kensington district, where many mills are located, the feeling ran high. Mobs of men, women and children pulled the motormen and conductors from their cars and beat them severely. In many instances care were set on fire and in other cases thrown across the tracks. The police were powerless to control the angry strike sympathizers. When they charged the mob it separated only to form again in the vicinity of another car.

One policeman was shot and probably fatally injured; another was ducked in a water trough, whilst nearly a hundred persons were badly battered either by the police or by strike sympathizers.

CLOUDBURST IN OXFORD.

Boy and Cows Had to Swim for Their Lives.

A despatch from Ingersoll says: Although Ingersoll is outside of the cloudburst zone, Saturday night's terrific storm was the worst within the recollection of the oldest inhabitant. Every street was a river while the storm was at its height, and heavy damage was caused in all parts of the town. Cellars in different sections were flooded and much damage caused to private property, particularly to gardens. To the south of the town, where the full effect of the cloudburst was felt, one lad who was in the field after the cows was compelled to swim. The land was low and the water rose at an alarming rate. Finally, after wading for some distance, the lad, as well as the cows, were compelled to swim.

SMOTHERED IN SAWDUST BIN.

Peculiar Accident to Son of a London Man.

A despatch from London, Ont., says: While playing in a bin of sawdust, Gordon, the year and ten months' old son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Knokles, of 1 High Street, was smothered to death at about 1 o'clock on Thursday. When Hedley Weaverly, an employe of Mr. Knowles, returned after dinner and went to the bin of sawdust, which is used as fuel for the engine, to put on more fire he saw the hand of the child sticking out. The boy was covered only about four or five inches and at the place where he was buried the sawdust was only about 18 inches deep.

A DECREASE OF 5,486.

Immigration Figures for April Show a Falling Off.

A despatch from Ottawa says: The total immigration into Canada for April was 24,237, as compared with 29,723 the same month of last year. The immigration from the United States was 12,609, as compared with 9,084, an increase of 39 per cent; 11,628 arrived at ocean ports, as compared with 20,669 for April of last year, a decrease of 44 per cent. In addition to the immigrants arriving at ocean ports there were 2,728 classed as returned Canadians, that is they were either Canadians born or had been in Canada before.

THREE MEN DROWNED.

Boat Carried Over Little Grand Mere Falls.

A despatch from Montreal says: Three young men of Grand Mere, working for the Laurentide Paper Company, on the Mattawin River drive, were drowned a couple of days ago. F. Boisvert, P. Juneau and M. Desrosiers were trying to cross the river between the two falls in a boat, but the current was too strong, and carried them over Little Grand Mere Falls. An inquest will be held.

DEATH CALLS JUDGE WELLER.

Had Been County Judge of Peterborough for 23 years.

A despatch from Peterborough, Ont., says: His Honor Judge Weller, county judge of Peterborough, passed away here last evening. He waasaaaaaaa wwrsio roror aaa arr was eighty years of age and had been in poor health for several months.

DEGREE FOR EARL GREY.

Oxford Will Make Him a D. C. L. During His Visit.

A despatch from London says: The University of Oxford will confer the degree of D. C. L on Earl Grey during his approaching visit to England.

CZAR AND KAISER TO MEET

European Situation Promises to Enter Upon a Decidedly Peaceful Stage.

A despatch from St. Petersburg says: A meeting between Emperor William and Emperor Nicholas has been arranged and will take place in the waters of the Finnish Gulf. The exact date of the meeting will be decided upon later, but it will probably will be June 17. The German Emperor will arrive on the Imperial yacht Hohenzollern, while Nicholas will be aboard the Standart, accompanied by M. Iswolsky, the Foreign Minister, and Admiral Voevodsky, the Minister of Marine.

The news of the proposed interview between the Sovereigns, coming so soon fter the settlement of the Balkan crisis, has aroused eager speculation among the diplomats at St. Petersburg. It was supposed in some quarters that German mediation, which had ended the crisis, had left an inheritance of bitterness which would estrange the two Monarchs and lead Russia to identify herself more closely with Great Britain's continental policy.

The meeting, which, according to some reports, has been arranged by the initiative of Emperor Nicholas, is taken to mean that Russia prefers an amicable arrangement with Germany to the doubtful issue of an antagonistic policy. If Emperor William also meets President Fallieres, as reported from Berlin, the European stiuation may be regarded as entering upon a decidedly peaceful phase.