CITY OF COBALT FIRE-SWEPT

Early Morning Blaze Destroyed Over 2,00 Structures.

A despatch from Cobalt says: Cobalt is painfully familiar with the iron clang of the fire bell in the early morning hours, and when the whole town was aroused at four o'clock on Friday, people found a blaze already painting the early morning sky red and knew that the inevitable had happened, and that fire had broken into the jam of shacks and crazy wooden buildings on the Haileybury-road, and fanned by a slight breeze, was cracking up the buildings around it like orange boxes.

For six hours the fire raged, and the result is the destruction of about 200 buildings, rendering homeless 2,000 people, in a district, about half a mile long by 100 yards wide, known as "Frenchtown" and tenanted chiefly by foreigners. The loss is placed at about $300,000, while the insurance will be less than $50,000. This is because the insurance rates have been almost prohibitive—from 10 to 15 per cent.—and in some cases the companies cancelled the risks held.

The fire originated in Joe Lee's Chinese restaurant, supposedly from an overheated stove. Two waitresses, who roomed in the building, heard the flames crackling, and aroused the other inmates. As previous serious fires have originated in Chinese buildings there is a decidedly anti-Oriental sentiment here to-day.

The local volunteer firemen were assisted by the brigades from New Liskeard and Haileybury, which arrived by special train about 5.30. The water supply was inadequate and recourse was had to dynamite to blow up buildings in hopes of checking the progress of the fire.

It was during the dynamiting of one building that a Finlander, who did not understand the warnings given him, and who rushed back into the house, was blown up and killed.

ROBBERS OBTAIN $10,000

Three Masked Men Held Up Manager of Rainy River Bank.

A despatch from Rainy River, Ont., says: In the most daring robbery ever perpetrated in this section of the country, the local branch of the Bank of Nova Scotia was robbed of between $9,000 and $10,000 shortly before noon on Friday. While Manager Templeton was in the building alone three masked men, believed to be from Spooner, Minn., entered, and at the point of revolvers made Templeton abstain from giving the alarm. One of the bandits kept him under cover while the other two made a rapid search for the currency. They were not long in finding the money owing to the fact that considerable of it is always in plain view at this time of the day. After securing nearly $10,000 the robbers ran across the street and made north in the direction of the C. P. R. tracks. Manager Templeton as soon as possible sounded the alarm and a posse was at once organized and is now in pursuit. The robbers were all the more daring from the fact that many people were on the streets and passing the bank while the bandits were at work.

The revolvers with which the holdup was accomplished were stolen from the John Weeks Hardware Company, Spooner, on the night of June 30, three men having previously visited the store to look at firearms. Three answering the same description purchased cartridges from the Rat Portage Company's store at this point Friday morning.

A regrettable accident occurred during the arming of the posse. A rifle was accidentally discharged in the hands of one of the men, the bullet passing through the leg of Mr. Field, the accountant of the bank.

MEETS HORRIBLE DEATH.

Detroit Woman Aeronaut Dies on a Live Wire.

A despatch from Detroit, Mich., says: Entangled in a network of live wires, many of them carrying high voltage electricity, Mrs. Dell Meixell, a female aeronaut, met a horrible death at Lowell, Mich., on Saturday afternoon. Mrs. Meixell's balloon ascension was one of the features of a Fourth of July celebration. The balloon rose gracefully from the earth, but before it could reach a safe height, a gust of wind struck it and drove it at a high rate of speed towards a network of wires on the main street of the town. Mrs. Meixell saw her danger, and as the parachute bar neared the wires, she let go and caught the topmost cable. She missed her hold, but fell with her body directly across it, and hung as though dead, her feet twisted in a mass of smaller wires below. Someone had presence of mind to telephone to the electric power plant to shut off the current, which was done with all possible speed. In the meantime, however, a small spiral column of smoke began to rise from the woman's body where it came in contact with the wires, and there were horrified cries from the spectators, who were compelled to look on while the current continued its deadly work. When the electricity was finally shut off the body of the unfortunate woman dropped to the ground forty feet below. Doctors found life in the inanimate form, but it was so slight that the woman died shortly after midnight. One hand was burned almost entirely off, and she was otherwise injured.

THREE PERSONS KILLED.

Barns and Houses Demolished in Saskatchewan Cyclone.

A despatch from Carievale, Sask., says: A severe storm passed over this district on Thursday night. The house of Wm. Hackett, who lives 15 imles north, was completely demolished, as was also his stable. One child, two years old, was killed, and other members of the family were injured. Reports of the storm had been coming in on Friday, and tell tales of suffering and devastation. Three deaths have occurred, several others were so severely injured that their lives are despaired of, and a score of people were more or less injured in the French settlement around St. Antoine, 15 miles north of here. In many cases farm buildings were totally destroyed, together with stock, the heaviest losers being the Hackett and Raymond families.

Fourth of July carnage in the United States was heavy.

SCORE OF MEN WERE KILLED

A Sudden Landslide at Newport, Eng., Was Most Disastrous.

A despatch from Newport, England, says: It is estimated that twenty men perished on Friday by the sudden collapse of the west wall of the new lock at the entrance to the Alexandra dock where fifty men were working in a trench sixty feet deep, preparing for the laying of a concrete foundation. Without warning the heavy shoring timbers gave way, the entire structure collapsing, and carrying down with it thusands of tons of earth, railway lines, many cars and four travelling cranes. The men at the bottom of the trench had no chance to escape, but many of those working nearer the surface were uninjured. Of the fifty men in the trench twenty-six have been accounted for.

The work of rescuers begun immediately after the collapse, and three men were taken out alive. The bodies of some of the dead also were rescued. At midnight, aided by electric lights and flare lamps, the rescuers were still busy with their work. Thousands of persons had gathered to watch the weird scene.

Conversations were being held with a few of the imprisoned men with the aid of speaking tubes and stimulants and cigarettes were passed down to them; but there was little hope of rescuing the victims as the removal of the debris that was pinning them down was likely to cause further falls of earth and beams.

CONDENSED NEWS ITEMS

HAPPENINGS FROM ALL OVER THE GLOBE.

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

CANADA.

Nearly $1,250,000 of Ontario's $3,500,000 loan has been subscribed.

Lord Strathcona has made a gift of $500,000 to McGill University, Montreal.

Sergeant Bert Daniels fell off a gun carriage at Winnipeg, was run over and killed, on Friday.

Mr. D. D. Mann has made a satisfactory settlement with the Canadian Northern engineers.

The Manitoba Gypsum Company's works at Winnipeg were burned on Saturday. Loss $60,000.

Mrs. Oscar Shaw, mother of Mr. W. H. Shaw of Toronto, fell into a well at Morpeth, on Friday, and was taken out dead.

A report comes from Amherst, N. S., tnat Montreal capitalists have purchased the Rhodes, Curry Company's car works.

The crop report of the Ogilvie Flour Mills Company tells that grain in the west on summer-fallow land is very heavy.

Miss Jennie Guest of London, while suffering from despondency, threw herself into a cistern and was drowned, on Saturday.

The residence of Mr. John Bowers of Gooderham was burned on Wednesday and his ten-year-old daughter lost her life in the fire.

Bush fires are raging on both sides of the Montreal River near Elk Lake. Four settlers' houses and three shacks have been destroyed.

In the Montreal graft inquiry a witness testified to having paid ex-Chief Benoit of the Fire Brigade $800 or $900 from men taken on the forct.

Toronto building permits from anuary 1 to June 30 totalled in value $8,829,375, or $3,816,130 more than in the corresponding period of 1908.

I. McLaren of Fort William fell five hundred feet down the side of Mount McKay, and was saved from serious injury by plunging into a tree-top.

Injunctions have been served on the Mayor and City Clerk of Hamilton to prevent them from making a contract with the Hydro-electric Power Commission.

A second plant for the electric smelting of ores is being erected in Sweden, and the matter is of great interest to Canada, where a similar enterprise may soon be started.

GREAT BRITAIN.

Dominion Day was celebrated in London with great pomp. Many eminent Canadians were present and made speeches.

UNITED STATES.

The United States Senate has finished its discussion of tariff schedules.

A Texas woman cleared $60,000 last year on 135 acres of Bermuda onions.

The Republican party agreed to raise the tax on cigars, cigarettes and plug tobacco.

Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King and Dr. Grenfell received degrees from Harvard University.

The Mississippi Legislature took action against the Standard Oil Company under the anti-trust law.

The Tennessee night-riders who were sentenced to death for the murder of Captain Rankin have been granted a new trial.

The State of Tennessee went dry at midnight on Wednesday night. Bargain-hunters, looking for cheap liquor, were very numerous.

Former President Eliot of Harvard has been appointed President-Emeritus. He will get a salary and a present of half a million dollars.

The National Bank in Ironwood, Mich., suspended on Friday, and the arrest of its main officials followed. The grossest mismanagement is alleged.

GENERAL.

A proposal was made that a Zeppelin airship try to reach the north pole.

Tuan Fang, a progressive statesman, has been made Viceroy of the Chinese province of Chihli.

Chancellor Von Buelow of Germany has intimated that he will retire as soon as his finance reform measures have been disposed of.

A member of the German Reichstag delivered an address in which he warned Great Britain and Europe against the American peril.

HORSE BIT OFF HER EAR.

Woodstock Woman Was Petting Animal in Garden.

A despatch from Woodstock, Ont., says: Mrs. Butler, wife of R. E. Butler, head of the R. E. Butler Lumber Company, was petting her horse in the garden on Saturday when the animal got her ear between its teeth and bit the greater part of the member off. The ear was found afterwards on the ground and an endeavor will be made to graft it on again.

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, July 6.—Flour—Ontario wheat 90 per cent. patents, $5.40 to $5.60 to-day in buyers' sacks outside for export, and at $5.60 to $5.90 on track, Toronto. Manitoba flour, first patents, $6.20 to $6.40 on track, Toronto; second patents, $5.75 to $5.90, and strong bakers', $5.50 to $5.70 on track, Toronto.

Manitoba Wheat—No. 1 Northern, $1.37½, Georgian Bay ports; No. 2 at $1.35½, and No. 3 at $1.33½.

Ontario Wheat—No. 2 $1.34 to $1.35 outside.

Barley—Feed barley 60 to 62c outside.

Oats—No. 2 Ontario white 58 to 58½c on track, Toronto, and 54½ to 55c outside. No. 2 Western Canada oats, 57c, and No. 3 56c, Bay ports.

Peas—Prices purely nominal.

Rye—No. 2, 74 to 75c outside.

Buckwheat—No. 2, 70c outside.

Corn—No. 2 American yellow, 81c on track, Toronto. Canadian yellow, 75 to 76c, Toronto freights.

Bran—$20.50 to $21 for Ontario bran outside in bulk. Manitoba, $23 to $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, $2.20 to $2.25, and hand-picked, $2.40 to $2.45 per bushel.

Maple Syrup.—95c to $1 a gallon.

Hay—No. 1 timothy at $11.50 to $12.00 a ton on track here, and lower grades, $8 to $9.

Straw—$7 to $7.50 on track.

Potatoes—Car lots of old, 65 to 75c per bag, on track.

Poultry — Chickens, yearlings, dressed, 12 to 13c per lb.; fowl, 10 to 11c; turkeys, 16 to 18c per lb.

THE DAIRY MARKETS.

Butter—Pound prints, 19 to 20c; tubs and large rolls, 18 to 19c; inferior, 15 to 16c; creamery, 23 to 24c, and separator, 20 to 21c per lb.

Eggs—Case lots, 20c per dozen.

Cheese—Large cheese, old, 14 to 14¼c per lb., and twins, 14¼ to 14½c. New quoted at 12½c for large, and at 12¾ for twins.

HOG PRODUCTS.

Bacon—Long clear, 13½ to 13¾c per lb. in case lots; mess pork, $23 to $23.50; short cut, $25 to $25.50.

Hams—Light to medium, 15½ to 16c; do., heavy, 14 to 14½c; rolls, 12½ to 13c; shoulders, 11¾ to 12c; backs, 18 to 18½c; breakfast bacon, 16½ to 17c.

Lard—Tierces, 14¼c; tubs, 14½c; pails, 14¾c.

BUSINESS AT MONTREAL.

Montreal, July 6.—Oats, No. 2 Canadian Western, 60c; extra No. 1 feed, 59¾c; No. 1 feed, 59½c; No. 3 Canadian Western, 59c; barley, No. 2, 72½ to 74c; Manitoba feed barley, 67½ to 68c; 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, $6.75; straight rollers, $6.50 to $6.60; straight rollers, in bags, $3.15 to $3.20; extras, in bags, $2.65 to $2.80. Feed—Manitoba bran, $22 to $23; Manitoba shorts, $24 to $25; pure grain mouille, $33 to $35; mixed mouille, $28 to $30. Cheese—Westerns, 11⅝ to 11¾c, and easterns at 11⅜ to 11½c. Butter—Finest creamery 22½c. Eggs—18½ to 19c per dozen.

UNITED STATES MARKETS.

Buffalo, July 6.—Wheat—Spring wheat steady; No. 1 Northern, Northern, carloads store, $1.32¾; Winter nominal. Corn—Easier; No. 3 yellow, 77½c; No. 4 yellow, 76½c; No. 3 yellow, 77⅛c; No. 4 yellow 76¼c; No. 3 corn, 76½ to 77¼c; No. 4 corn, 75½c; No. 3 white, 80c. Oats—Easier; No. 2 white, 57c; No. 3 white, 56c; No. 4 white, 55c. Barley—Feed to malting, 70 to 73c.

Chicago, July 6.—No. 2 red wheat, $1.40; No. 3 red, $1.30 to $1.35; No. 2 hard, $1.35 to $1.36; No. 3 hard, 1.20 to $1.23; No. 1 Northern, $1.29 to $1.32. Corn—No. 2, 72 to 72½c; No. 2 yellow, 73½c; No. 3, 71½ to 72½c; No. 3 yellow, 73 to 73½c; No. 4, 70 to 70½c. Oats—No. 3, 47c; No. 3 white, 48 to 51c; No. 4 white, 48 to 50c; standard, 52c.

LIVE STOCK MARKETS.

Montreal, July 6.—There was only one load of really prime stall-fed cattle on the market, and these were held at 6¼c per pound but without sales. The other cattle sold at 2¼ to 5½c per lb. A large bull, weighing over 1,800 lbs. was sold for $71; milch cows sold at $25 to $50 each; calves sold at $2.50 to $8 each; sheep sold at 3½ to 4c per lb; lambs sold at $3.50 to $5.50 each; good lots of fat hogs sold at 8½ to 8¾c per lb.

A DIPLOMAT ASSASSINATED

The Famous Statesman, Curzon Wyllie, Shot Dead in London.

A despatch from London, England, says: A startling double assassination of a political character occurred late on Thursday night towards the conclusion of a public gathering at the Imperial Institute. An Indian student, whose name is not known, shot and killed Lieut.-Colonel Sir William Hutt Curzon Wyllie and Dr. Calas La Loaca of Shanghai.

Wyllie, who had held important Indian appointments, fell dead on the spot. He showed signs of life after he fell and was hurried to St. George's Hospital, but on arrival there it was found that he was dead. Those near the assassin seized and held him until the arrival of the police. He had two revolvers, a dagger and a knife. All were new, and it is believed that the crime was premediated.

The gathering at the Imperial Institute, a building devoted to Indian and other colonial functions, was an "at home" to Indian students. D. W. Thorburn, one of the guests, thus graphically describes the scene attending the murders:—

"It was near 11 o'clock, and the musical programme was just concluding when I saw a middle-aged English gentleman conversing with a young Indian student.

"Suddenly the native drew a revolver and fired four shots with the greatest rapidity at the head of the Englishman.

"Then came another shot as the Englishman fell, and a sixth, which struck an elderly Indian gentleman standing a few yards off, and who fell shot in the side.

"I rushed at the assassin and others sprang forward at the same time. We seized him, but he struggled, and, wrestling one hand free, placed the revolver to his forehead and pulled the trigger. It clicked harmlessly, as he had fired all his shots. Meantime there was a terrible scene and commotion, and the folding doors were finally closed to prevent the people from looking on the fearful sighs.

"At this moment someone exclaimed. 'Why, it is Curzon Wyllie.' Then a stately woman in evening dress came upstairs from the cloak room to discover what had happened. Looking at the recumbent figure, and not immediately recognizing it, she said, 'Poor fellow.' She then knelt down and as she looked closely at the disfigured face, a look of horror leaped into her eyes and she exclaimed: 'It is my husband!' It was Lady Wyllie, who had left her husband only a few minutes previously.

"A group of men near by were holding the assassin, whose other victim was groaning on the ground a few yards away."

MESSINA AGAIN SHAKEN

Ruins of Former Buildings Demolished With Loss of Life.

A despatch from Messina, Sicily, says: Six months after the devastating earthquake of Dec. 28, which laid waste over a score of cities and towns in Calebria and Sicily and killed 200,000 people, Messina and Reggio were on Thursday morning again visited by an earthquake which, had they been rebuilt, would have laid them a second time in ruins. Earthquake shocks both here and in Reggio at 7.20 o'clock on Thursday morning created a panic among the people of these two cities. Walls of houses that were not completely destroyed in the visitation of last December were shaken down and one woman was killed.

The earth shocks have been becoming more intense recently and on Wednesday night they were sufficiently severe to cause alarm. The shocks of Thursday morning were accompanied by deep roaring sounds. The first one was followed by an explosion like the roar of cannon, and lasted between eight and ten seconds, which seemed an eternity to the terrified population. It is said that this quake was of greater severity than the fatal one of the night of December 28. The wooden houses and huts erected for the accommodation of the people seemed to be thrown from one side to another. Cries filled the air as the people fled in terror.

On the night of Dec. 28, the first shock was followed by a circular movement of the ground. Five minutes later there came another quake accompanied by another roaring sound. This completed the destruction. The remains of the devastated houses collapsed and the entire district was covered by a dense cloud of dust.

TEN KILLED.

Rome, July 1.—Private telegrams from Messsina give the number of persons as ten, including a lieutenant, two soldiers and two carbineers.

CONDUCTOR KILLED.

Fatality on C. P. R. Fifty Miles West of North Bay.

A despatch from North Bay says: Ashland Ardell, C. P. R. conductor, was killed near Markstay, fifty-five miles west of North Bay, on Wednesday night, while walking along the track. Ardell's train was stalled by a freight wreck which had blocked the line, and he had walked out to a farm house one mile away, where a party was in progress. Returning to his train he must have been struck by the westbound Winnipeg express, his mangled body being picked up on Thursday morning by a section man. Ardell leaves a widow and one child in North Bay.

CROPS LOOKING WELL.

They are in Excellent Condition in Manitoba.

A despatch from Ottawa says: The following telegram was received on Sunday from Dr. Saunders, the director of experimental farms, by the Department of Agriculture: "Crops throughout Manitoba looking very well. Will average a shorter growth than crops in Saskatchewan and Alberta, due probably to later sowing. Now growing rapidly. Weather very favorable. At Brandon Experimental Farm crops are in excellent condition and well advanced."

Senator Aldrich declares in favor of corporation tax.

GASOLINE TANK EXPLODED

Terrible Dominion Day Tragedy Reported From Nova Scotia.

A despatch from Yarmouth, N. S., says: Two boys killed, four seriously injured and a station building destroyed on the Halifax and Southwestern Railway at Shagharbor, Shelburne County, resulted on Thursday from boys celebrating the glorious first and exploding a barrel of gasoline. About 3 o'clock on Thursday afternoon it was discovered that the combined passenger station and freight shed was on fire and burning fiercely. A locomotive was run up abreast of the scene and the train's fire apparatus was at once put to work, with the result that the fire was overcome as the building was about half destroyed. The trainmen at once commenced an investigation.

From the incoherent utterances of the woman station agent it appeared that a number of boys, perhaps seven or eight all told, had been playing about the station celebrating Dominion Day. One of them had a candle and just before the mishap he went into the station and asked the agent for a match, which she gave him. He returned to his companions and an instant later a deafening explosion was heard. A barrel of gasoline had been standing on the station platform. This explosive liquid was ignited.

One of the boys was found dying beyond the railroad track. The top of his head was literally blown off and his brains were scattered about in a terrible manner. Another was found lying on the platform near the spot where the barrel stood. He had evidently been rendered unconscious and had been burned to death in a very short time. Four others were found in various positions, all unconscious.