ORGANIZED GANG OF THIEVES

Robberies Are Frequent Since the Great Fire in Cobalt.

A despatch from Cobalt says: Ever since fire destroyed many dives down in French town, robberies have been reported, and the police believe that an organized gang of thieves are operating in the town. Following the hold up of a man with revolvers on the road, there was an attempt made to enter Mayor Lang's house on Wednesday night. Bert Normandy, who has had $70 in cigars and tobacco stolen from the skating rink, was on watch at midnight, and he gave chase, but fell in a trench, and the thief was lost.

A gang was arrested on Wednesday night on Sasaginaga Lake, the Dunn family forming the nucleus. Three men put up a strenuous fight, and the women set dogs on the police. Almost all the goods taken from the rink were found, and many articles that citizens have missed for months were located.

On Sasaginaga Lake, on Wednesday night about $250 worth of goods were taken from a tent. A vigorous effort will be made to stamp out incipient lawlessness, as previous to this Cobalt has not been troubled by the light-fingered tribe.

HER LEG MANGLED BY TRAIN

Girl, on Way to Visit Toronto, Injured at Windsor.

A despatch from Windsor, Ont., says: While attempting to dismount from an incoming Canadian Pacific train at the car ferry dock at 1.45 Saturday morning, Miss Genevieve Lennon, a young lady of Joliet, Ill., lost her balance and fell beneath the wheels of a train as it was being shunted on the car ferry. The wheels passed over her right leg, just below the knee, and mangled it so badly that amputation was necessary. Miss Lennon was bound for Toronto, where she intended spending her vacation with relatives. She refused to give her name up to the moment she was placed on the operating table, when she requested to have her brother, living in Chicago, sent for.

THE CODLING MOTH.

Has Destroyed the Apple Crop in Pennsylvania.

A despatch from Harrisburg, Penn., says: Not more than a fourth of a crop of peaches and one-third of a crop of apples will be gathered this year in Pennsylvania, according to information received at the State Department of Agriculture. State Zooloigst Surface estimates that the loss to the apple-growers this year will amount to $1,000,000. "This will be due mostly to the codling moth," said Prof. Surface. "The inspectors of the department say that nearly ninety-five per cent. of the apples of the State have been stung or are wormy."

TWO CAUGHT BETWEEN CARS.

Fatal Street Car Accident on the Streets of Winnipeg.

A despatch from Winnipeg says: A horrible accident happened at the corner of Main street and Logan avenue here on Sunday evening, when two pedestrians, E. Rees and [illegible] Ollett, were caught between two cars going in opposite directions and terribly crushed. Ollett was instantly killed, and Rees so terribly injured that he died on the way to the hospital. The two cars were running the crossing at the same time, which is against the law. Rees' wife and four children are now on the Atlantic Ocean en route to Canada. The motormen of both cars were arrested.

FILLING UP THE WEST.

70,000 American Homeseekers This Year.

A despatch from Winnipeg says: Immigration from the United States during April and May was 23,716, compared with 15,523 for the same months last year. This gives an increase of 53 per cent. The Immigration Commissioner is confident that his estimate of 70,000 homeseekers from south of the line for this year will be considerable exceeded.

FUN ENDS IN TRAGEDY.

C. P. R. Conductor Drowned in French River.

A despatch from North Bay says: Thomas Jamieson, a former C. P. R. passenger conductor, was drowned on Tuesday evening in French River. With a fishing party of eight Jamieson left North Bay on the steamer Hazel B. When near Frank's Bay the fatality occurred. During a friendly scuffle with John Russell, one of the party, both men fell over the gangway board into the water. The steamer was stopped and a skiff lowered, Russell being rescued, but no trace of Jamieson could be found. Jamieson was a prominent citizen of North Bay, and was widely known and respected. A widow and six children survive.

SAVED FROM CATARACT.

Disabled Boat, With 14 Occupants, in Danger at Falls.

A despatch from Niagara Falls, N. Y., says: A launch party of fourteen young people of this city had a narrow escape from going over the Falls early on Wednesday night, when the motor boat in which they were riding sprung a leak. With the water rushing into the boat faster than it could be bailed out, the boat was steered for shore, but the water stopped the engine, and the party were in danger of being swept over the cataract. A well-known riverman appeared on the scene in a sailing boat, and took an anchor from his boat, which held the launch against the current until he went ashore for a motor boat.

DROWNED IN CLOUDBURST.

Several Persons Perish in Odanah, Wisconsin.

A despatch from Ashland, Wis., says: A cloudburst late on Tuesday night caused heavy loss to all kinds of property in northern Wisconsin. It is estimated the total loss will be $500,000. The power plant at White River, which furnishes light to the city of Ashland, and the State fish hatchery near Bayfield were practically destroyed. The dam breaking at White River imperils Odanah. Several persons are reported drowned. Six families near the ore docks in Ashland had to be taken from their homes.

GALLOPED TO HIS DEATH.

Indian on Hoarseback Leaped Into River.

A despatch from Vancouver says: Victor Lecampe, a member of the best-known family in the Kamloops Indian reserve, galloped deliberately to death on Tuesday evening. Aware that the draw of the bridge over the South Thompson River was open, but crazed with drink, he galloped furiously to his doom. The horse cleared the bridge timbers and landed in the fairway. The Indian extricated himself from the stirrups, but finally sank, one hundred yards below the bridge. The horse swam ashore.

JAIL AS A LABOR BUREAU

Scarcity of Harvesters Leads Winnipeg Magistrate to Try Experiment.

A despatch from Winnipeg says: Daily the fear of a scarcity of farm labor this summer grows apace with favorable news from the agricultural districts. At the present time there are four hundred applications on file with the Provincial Government, and nearly seven hundred with the Dominion immigration officers, asking for men, but neither can supply any. The C. P. R. is at present endeavoring to arrange excursions from the east, but reports received indicate that men there are also scarce. When the excursions are en route this year every effort will be made to prevent a recurrence of the rowdyism of last year, and if necessary a special constable will be placed on each car. On Thursday Magistrate Daly decided to try an experiment. Hearing of the scarcity of men, he released all short-term prisoners on condition that they get employment.

General Grain Agent Atheson of the C. P. R., who has just returned from a tour of inspection of the crops, says the grain is at about the same stage of development as in other years, and esptcially in Manitoba the harvest will be about the same time as last year. He does not look for more than an average crop, which would mean a yield of about a hundred million bushels of wheat.

CONDENSED NEWS ITEMS

HAPPENINGS FROM ALL OVER THE GLOBE.

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

CANADA.

Gold is said to be plentiful in the Sturgeon Lake country.

James Dale was attacked by masked men near Cobalt and robbed.

Hon. L. P. Broudeur has promised to assist the movement for a dry-dock at Montreal.

A little lad but nine years of age is under arrest at Toronto, charged with pocket-picking.

United States immigration officers say fewer people are entering the States through Canada.

Stephen H. Patterson, a Brockville park-keeper, fell a distance of eight feet and was killed.

The jewellery stolen from a store in Ottawa was found hidden in the bathroom of a hotel in Renfrew.

Seventy-five spikers and steel-workers have struck work on the Transcontinental for higher wages.

Tht Ontario Government subscribed $1,000 towards the Parliamentary memorial at Halifax, N.S.

Seven thousand dollars' worth of diamonds are said to have been smuggled into Canada from England.

The Ontario Board of Health has approved of plans for a waterworks system and sewage disposal plant at Cobalt.

The bank statement for Jane, which has just been issued, shows clearly hoy rapidly trade conditions are improved.

Miss Audilia St. Denis is suing the Manager and President of the defunct Banque de St. Jean for the amount of her deposit.

Owen Sound financiers are considering the advisability of harnessing the Eugenia Falls on the Beaver River for the supply of electricity

The Ontario Government has cancelled the leases of seven power companies, each of which has failed to comply with the terms of its lease.

Sir Charles Rivers Wilson and other directors of the Grand Trunk are coming from England to make a trip of inspection of the G. T. P. to Edmonton.

The majority of the Board of Conciliation in their report on the Sydney Mines dispute find that the international union should not be officially recognized.

J. E. Brown of the Brown, Lee Company, Guelph, was committed for trial, on Friday, on charges of defacing the firm's books and obtaining money by false pretences.

GREAT BRITAIN.

The budget fight in the British Commons is becoming very bitter.

Lance Coroporal Burr of London, England, won the King's Prize at Bisley.

London papers have spoken in glowing terms of Canadian winnings at Bisley.

The remains of Oscar Wilde are to be removed to a more honorable resting-place.

Mr. John Lavery, the famous British artist and bachelor, was married to a Chicago girl.

Six Yorkshire tykes on a world tour have decided to cross the American continent via the C.P.R.

Canadian delegates to the International Nurses' Conference laid a wreath on the tomb of Queen Victoria at Frogmore on Saturday.

UNITED STATES.

The body of an Armenian was found in a trunk in a room at Lynn, Mass.

Robert Smith of Cornwall, Ont., was found dead of gas poisoning in his room at Andover, Mass.

The C. P. R. has invaded northern Maine, and will break the monopoly of the Aroostook & Bangor Railway.

The New York police had a fierce fight with a band of gypsies whom they sought to place on a steamer for deportation.

Some of Col. Roosevelt's friends expect the ex-President to be a candidiate for Mayor of New York in the coming campaign.

It is probable that the Joint Conference Committee on the tariff at Washington will place a duty of $1.25 per thousand on lumber and $3 per ton on print paper.

Cornelius P. Shea, one time President of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Chicago, was sent to prison for from five to twenty-five years for attempted murder.

GENERAL.

M. Briand, the new Premier of France, has succeeded in forming a Cabinet.

M. Aristide Briand has been asked by the President of France to form a Cabinet.

Peru and Bolivia will make an attempt to settle their differences without recourse to war.

Germany is striving eagerly to gain trade concessions from Canada. A Berlin paper has decided to send a special correspondent over in August.

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 27.—Flour—Ontario wheat 90 per cent. patents, $5.25 to $5.35 to-day in buyers' sacks outside for export, and $5.40 to $5.50 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, $1.33, and No. 3, $1.32.

Ontario wheat—No. 2, $1.20 outside. New Ontario wheat about $1.10 outside.

Barley—Old No. 3 extra, 63c outside.

Oats—No. 2 Ontario white, 57½ to 58c on track, Toronto, and 54½ to 55c outside. No. 2 Western Canada oats, 55½c, and No. 3, 54½c, Bay ports.

Peas—Prices purely nominal.

Buckwheat—Prices purely nominal.

Corn—No. 2 American yellow, 80½c on track, Toronto. Canadian yellow 76 to 77c on track, Toronto.

Bran—$19.50 to $20 for Ontario bran outside in bulk. Manitoba, $22 in sacks, Toronto freights; shorts, $24 Toronto freights.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

Beans—Prime, $2.20 to $2.25, and hand-picked, $2.40 to $2.45 per bushel.

Hay—No. 1 timothy, $13 to $14 a ton on track here, and lower grades, $9 to $10.50.

Straw—$7 to $7.50 on track.

Potatoes—Small lots of old, 75 to 90c, and new, $3 to $3.25 per barrel, on track.

Poultry — Chickens, yearlings, dressed, 12 to 13c per lb; fowl, 9 to 10c; turkeys, 14 to 16c 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 19 to 20c per lb.

Eggs—Case lots, 20 to 21c per dozen.

Cheese—New 12¼c for large, and at 12½c for twins.

HOG PRODUCTS.

Bacon, long clear, 13½ to 13¾c per lb in case lots; mess pork, $23 to $23.50; short cut, $25.50 to $26.

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 27.—Oats—No. 2 Canadian Western, 58c; No. 1 extra feed, 55¾c No. 1 feed, 57½c; No. 3 Canadian Western, 57c. 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; Winter wheat patents, $6.75; Manitoba strong bakers, $5.60; straight rollers, $6.50 to $6.60; straight rollers, in bags, $2.15 to $3.20; extras, in bags, $2.80 to $2.90. Feed—Business in most lines of milling feed continues quiet. Cheese—11⅞ to 12c, and easterns at 11¾ to 11½c. Butter—Pound lots, 21⅞c; jobbing 22¼c. Eggs—19½ to 20c. Selected stock, 23c, and candled at 20c per dozen.

UNITED STATES MARKETS.

Minneapolis, July 27.—Wheat—July, $1.30; Sept., $1.09⅞; Dec., $1.07; cash, No. 1 hard $1.32¼ to $1.32¾; No. 1 Northern, $1.31¼ to $1.31¾; No. 2 Northern $1.29¼ to $1.29¾; No. 3 Northern, $1.27¼ to $1.28¼. Flour—First patents, $6.10 to $6.30; second patents, $6 to $6.20; first clears, $5.05 to $5.25; second clears, $3.65 to $3.85. Bran—In 100-lb. sacks, $21.50.

Chicago, July 27.—Cash wheat—No. 2 red, $1.18 to $1.20; No. 3 red, new, $1.18; No. 2 hard, $1.18 to $1.20; No. 3 hard, $1.15 to $1.18; No. 1 Northern, $1.39 to $1.40; No. 2 Northern, $1.24 to $1.30; Spring, $1.20 to $1.28. Corn—No. 2, 73½ to 74c; No. 3, 72c; No. 3 white, 75½c; No. 3 yellow, 73 to 73½c; No. 4, 66 to 69c. Oats—No. 3, 45 to 45¾c; No. 3 white, 46½ to 50½c; No. 4, 42 to 46¾c; standard, 49 to 52c.

LIVE STOCK MARKETS.

Montreal, July 27.—Pretty good beeves sold at 4 to 5¼c, common stock at 2½ to 3¾c per lb. Milch cows from $25 to $50 each. Calves from $2.50 to $10 each. Sheep 3½ to 4c per lb., lambs 6½ to 7c per lb. Good lots of fat hogs sold at 8¾ to a little over 9c per lb.

Toronto, July 27.—A number of steers sold for both butchers and export purposes at from $5.20 to $5.50. Sheep and lambs—Market sttady. Export market — Extra choice heavy well finished cattle, $5.90 to $6; medium, $5.25. Butchers' — Steady demand for choice butchers' cattle. Medium and common cattle steady at late declines. Stockers and feeders — Demand for good stock. Calves—Market steady for good butchers' calves. Milch cows—Steady demand for good milkers. Feeders—Steady around $5. Choice butchers' cattle—Steady to easier around $5.25 to $5.50 for picket extra choice heifers and steers. The ordinary run of fair to good butchers' easier around $4.50 to $4.90; common to inferior mixed butchers' cattle, 50c off. Hogs—Steady at $8 f.o.b., $8.25 fed and watered, and $8.50 off cars.

FLEW ACROSS THE CHANNEL

Epoch-Making Feat by a French Aviator in an Aeroplane.

A despatch from London says: The epoch-making exploit of flying across the English Channel was accomplished easily and swiftly on Sunday morning by Louis Bleriot, one of the pioneers of French aviation, in his small monoplane aeroplane. He left Les Baraques, on the French coast, at 4.33, and arrived in the North Foreland meadow, two miles east of Dover, 37 minutes later. The air-line distance between the two places is about 24 miles, but Bleriot flew nearly thirty. He got lost in mid-channel, having been without a compass and out of sight of land. When the haze lifted and he was able to see the English coast. he found his traveling almost east. He swung round, and with perfect control of the machine flew west against a strong breeze, which had sprung up, and landed with little difficulty on a favorable spot. His speed throughout the trip exceeded forty miles an hour, and he completely outdistanced the torpedo-boat destroyer, aboard of which was his wife, which was endeavoring to keep him in sight.

Bleriot's success makes him the winner of the prize of £1,000 offered by the Daily Mail to the first man who crossed the Channel in a heavier-than-air machine. Three Frenchmen were on the coast waiting to seize the first favorable opportunity to make the attempt. Latham overslept himself. Count Lambert, with a Wright biplane, has not been heard from.

WARNING TO DEPARTMENTS

Government Expenditures to be Limited Strictly to the Sum in Estimates.

A despatch from Ottawa says: That the Government is making an effort to cut down expenditures is indicated by an order-in-Council recently passed. The order is based in a report to Council by the Minister of Finance, suggesting that the chief spending departments be admonished to live strictly within the appropriations for the current fiscal year.

A copy of the order has been served upon every department. It points out that in the interests of economy it is absolutely necessary that no works be undertaken for which provision has not been made in the estimates, and that expenditures for authorized services be limited strictly to the sum authorized by the estimates.

The object doubtless is to prevent, if possible, the growing practice of continuing the outlay upon specific projects after the proper appropriation has been exhausted, and so obviate the necessity of supplementary estimates to cover the over expenditure.

Mr. Fielding desires to include in his main estimates next session, as nearly as may be, the total expenditure projected for the ensuing fiscal year.

LINE TO HUDSON'S BAY.

Surveyors Favor Port Nelson as Terminus.

A despatch from Winnipeg says: A party of surveyors who have been engaged running trial lines for the Hudson's Bay Railway in the Nelson country arrived back from the north on Friday. They bring a report that would seem to indicate that Port Nelson is better suited in every way for the terminus of the road to the bay. The line is shorter and more direct, and the harbor facilities are good and open earlier than at Churchill, while the cost of construction is vastly cheaper than the more northern route. The surveyors estimate that from Split Lake to Nelson the cost of building the line will not greatly exceed that of ordinary prairie work, as there are no muskegs and no grades.

SEND PAUPERS TO CANADA.

Britain Would Find it Sanest Course, Says Morning Post.

A despatch from London says: The Morning Post says: "Surely the sanest and most hopeful method of dealing with pauper children is to send them out to Canada and the other British dominions as early as possible."

GRAVE CAVED IN.

Shocking Occurrence at Burial of Murdered Man.

A despatch from Winnipeg says: Angus Roos, who was murdered on Saturday at Frank, was buried at Blairmore on Wednesday beside his father and mother. While four men were lowering the coffin the grave caved in, two of the men being precipitated into the newly-dug grave under the coffin, which had to be righted and the pit dug out again. The wife of the deceased fainted at the occurrence.

MAY BE BANK-ROBBER.

A Foreigner Captured by Winnipeg Police.

A despatch from Winnipeg says: The Winnipeg police have under arrest a man who is supposed to be one of the gang who robbed the Bank of Nova Scotia at Rainy River. He is a foreigner, giving the name of M. Obrenovitch, and when arrested he was carrying a fully-loaded revolver. He will be held until the police of Rainy River have had an opportunity to look him over.

IMPALED ON A PIKE.

Train Lurched and Workman Was Speared.

A despatch from Winnipeg says: Robert McBride, a workman employed on the N. T. R. at Dot Siding, met almost instant death under peculiar circumstances on Thursday evening. He was standing on the back of a work train, holding a pike in his hand, when the train suddenly gave a lurch, and he fell on the point, which penetrated his body under the right arm. He died a minute later.

75,000 SETTLERS THIS YEAR

Inspector of Agencies in the United States Repeats His Prediction.

A despatch from Ottawa says: Mr. W. J. White, inspector of Dominion immigration agencies in the United States, is here and reaffirms his former prediction that 75,000 immigrants will come this year from the United States to Canada. He has recently conducted a party of American visitors through the Northwest.

"What impressed the party most," he said, "was the character of the settlements along the line, towns of from five to ten thousand inhabitants, with imposing school houses and other evidences of solid settlement, and peopled by a superior stamp of men and women who gave them cordial welcome." No Canadians born could speak more enthusiastically of the future of Canada than did those visitors upon the conclusion of their trip. "As it happened," Mr. White continued, "we were in Lethbridge on the day of the school lands sale, when eight quarter sections were put up at auction, and some 60 people, not only speculators, but farmers, stood in line from Sunday night until Monday morning to get first chance in the bidding. The scene was an object lesson of the growing value of Canadian farm lands, which did not fail to impress itself upon the party."