FOURTEEN WERE KILLED

Train Wreck on the Southern Railway Near Greensboro, N. C.

A respatch from Greensboro, N.C., says: Local passenger train No. 11 on the Southern Railway, known as the Richmond and Atlanta train, due in Greenshire at 6.40 a.m., was wrecked at Reedy Fork trestle, ten miles uorth of here, early on Wednesday, and by evening twelve bodies had been removed from the wreckage, and twenty-five injured are in St. Leo's Hospital. Two dead are believed to remain beneath the wreckage. George J. Gould, who with his son Jay was in one of the Pullmans, and who was reported dead, escaped uninjured. The Goulds and their friend, R. H. Russell, of New York, former editor of The Metropolitan Magazine, had just got out of their berths when the wreck occurred. Mr. Russell was badly hurt by coming in contact with a car-stove, and is at the hospital.

The derailment was caused by a broken rail. The day coaches and Pullmans were thrown from the trestle into the creek twenty feet below.

CONDENSED NEWS ITEMS

HAPPENINGS FROM ALL OVER THE GLOBE.

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

CANADA.

Berlin (Ont.) desires to be declared a city.

Mr. W. B. Archer, Postmaster at Campbellford, is dead.

Canadian Northern Main line to Quebec may sidetrack Ottawa and Montreal.

A carload of strikebreakers have been landed at Springhill, N.S., to work in the mines.

The House of Commons passed a resolution in favor of taking further steps to fight tuberculosis.

Montreal Irishmen subscribed $1,000 to help the cause of home rule in the British elections.

The faculty of the Ontario Agricultural College asked the Government for increases in salaries.

Fifteen hundred and ten students have registered at Queen's University, a large increase over last year.

The Manitoba Government has promised the grain-growers to establish a system of elevators in that Province.

Capt. C. H. Nicholson has been appointed Manager of the Grand Trunk Pacific steamship lines at Vancouver.

Fire damaged the Norrish block at Guelph, on Friday, and Mr. John Davidson, furniture dealer, lost heavily.

J. E. Wilkinson, refiner, and Alex. Littlejohn, Cobalt miner, have been arrested on charges of receiving stolen minerals.

Charles Farr secured a $4,600 homestead by waiting on the steps of the Regina land office from Thursday night until Saturday morning.

Total deposits in Canada amounted to $757,539,000 at the end of November, an increase for the year of $131,303,000. Commercial loans amounted to $590,291,000.

GREAT BRITAIN.

Sir Edward Grey, speaking at Berwick, said it would be dangerous to tax colonial wheat.

Five men were killed in a train wreck at Cleveland, Ohio, on Saturday.

Over seven and a half million dollars Christmas money has been sent to Europe by way of New York.

George Salting has left the British nation his great art collection, valued at from fifteen to twenty million dollars.

Fireman Robertson was killed on Saturday when the Winnipeg flyer on the Great Northern was wrecked near Monticello, Minn.

Mr. Austen Chamberlain was so persistently interrupted at a political meeting at Bromsgrove that he wes unable to finish his speech.

Mr. Lloyd-George declared at a meeting at Walworth on Friday that the colonies and foreign nations buy British goods only because of their better quality or lower price

Sir Thomas Shaughnessy, interviewed on his arrival in England, stated that he would like to see Canada have war vessels built by Britain at Canada's expense and then rent them to the mother land.

UNITED STATES.

Six negro miners lost their lives in a coal pit in Kentucky.

Seven persons lost their lives in a tenement fire in Cincinnati.

Rev. David C. Hughes, father of the Governor of New York, is dead.

Five girls were burned to death in a Philadelphia factory on Friday.

J. P. Morgan & Co. have acquired control of nine telephone companies in Indiana and Ohio.

War on the United States Steel Corporation has been declared by the leaders of organized labor.

Five employees of the American Sugar Refining Company have been found guilty of conspiring to defraud the United States Government out of customs dues.

GENERAL.

Prince Albert will take the oath as King of Belgium on Thursday.

The new Italian Premier has announced that Italy will remain loyal to the triple alliance.

Grand Duke Michael Nicholaievitch, the Czar's grand-uncle, is dead at Cannes, France.

Madame Gouin, widow of a prominent French financier, was murdered on a train near Paris, on Thursday.

The second reading of the bill providing for compulsory military training has passed the New Zealand House of Representatives.

YOUNG COUPLE SHOT.

Found in Room at Winnipeg With Bullets in Head.

A despatch from Winnipeg says. Developments on Friday in the mysterious case in which Miss McLean and her lover, G. Emmett, were found on Thursday night in his room at their boarding-house with bullet wounds in the head, indicate that after a dispute he had attempted to murder her and then commit suicide. Four shots were fired, one of which pierced the girl's skull over the temple, inflicting a dangerous but not fatal wound. Both are now in the hospital, but will recover, and both will likely be arrested until the matter is thoroughly sifted. At present they refuse to discuss it, but have asked to see each other. They were to have been married next month.

A TRIO OF LEPERS.

Moving About at Will in Michigan Camp.

A despatch from Detroit says: The authorities of Calumet, Mich., are confronted with an unusual and peculiar situation by reason of the fact that the State laws give them no jurisdiction or executive authority to order the confinement of Stanislaus, the miner discovered last week to be infected with leprosy. Within the past few days two other men have been discovered bearing unmistakeable evidences of having acquired the horrible disease. Loathsome patches of white have appeared on their faces and bodies. All these men are being allowed to move about freely in the community, because there is no State law by which they can be isolated.

KING OF BELGIUM IS DEAD

Aged Monarch Died at 2.35 on Friday Morning.

A despatch from Brussels says: King Leopold died at 2.35 o'clock on Friday morning, his aged and wasted body being unable to stand the strain put upon it. The collapse occurred suddenly, and at a moment when the doctors seemingly had the greatest hopes for his recovery. After a restful day the patient was able to sleep for a brief period early in the evening, and the night passed quietly, until 2 o'clock, when alarming symptoms appeared. Suddenly the King turned and called to Dr. Thiriar that he was suffocating. Dr. Depage was summoned, and the two physicians did everything possible to prolong life, but without avail. The end came quickly, and, after a spell of weakness, peacefully.

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, Dec. 21.—Flour—Ontario wheat 90 per cent. patents, $4.30 to $4.35, in buyers' sacks on track, Toronto, and $4.20 to $4.25 outside in buyers' sacks. Manitoba flour, first patents, $5.60 on track, Toronto; second patents, $5.10 to $5.20, and strong bakers', $4.90 to $5 on track, Toronto.

Manitoba Wheat—No. 1 Northern $1.07 to $1.07½, Bay ports, and No. 2 Northern $1.05 to $1.05½, Bay ports.

Ontario Wheat—No. 2 mixed $1.04 outside, and No. 2 white and red $1.04 to $1.05 outside.

Barley—No. 2 60 to 62c outside, and No. 3 extra 58 to 59c outside.

Oats—No. 2 Ontario white 36 to 36½c outside, and 38½ to 39c on track, Toronto. Canada west oats 39½c for No. 2, and 38¾c for No. 3, Bay ports.

Peas—87 to 88c outside.

Rye—No. 2 70 to 71c outside.

Buckwheat—52 to 52½c high freights, and 53 to 53½c, low freights.

Corn—New No. 2 yellow 68 to 68½c on track, Toronto, and selected No. 3 at 66 to 67c., Toronto.

Bran—$20.50 in bags, Toronto, and shorts $22 to $22.50, in bags, Toronto.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

Apples—$2 to $3.50 per barrel, according to quality.

Beans—Car lots outside, $1.55 to $1.65, and small lots here $1.75 to $1.90.

Honey—Combs, dozen, $2.25 to $3; extracted, 10½c per lb.

Hay—No. 1 timothy $14 to $14.50, and No. 2 $12.50 to $13 on track, Toronto.

Straw—$7.50 to $8 on track, Toronto.

Potatoes—50c per bag on track for Ontarios.

Poultry—Chickens, dressed, 11 to 13c per lb.; fowl, 9 to 10c; turkeys, 16 to 18c per lb.; ducks, lb., 12 to 13c.; geese, 10c per lb.

THE DAIRY MARKETS.

Butter—Pound prints, 13 to 25c; tubs and large rolls, 21 to 23c; inferior, 19 to 20c; creamery, 27 to 28c, and solids, 26 to 26½c per lb.

Eggs—Case lots of fresh gathered, 32 to 35c per dozen, and storage, 25c. New laid, 40c in case lots.

Cheese—12½c per lb. for large, and 12¾c for twins.

HOG PRODUCTS.

Bacon—Long clear, 14 to 14½c per lb. in case lots; mess pork, $26 to $26.50; short cut, $28 to $29.

Hams—Light to medium, 15 to 16c; do., heavy, 14 to 14½c; rolls, 14 to 14½c; shoulders, 12¾ to 13c; backs, 19 to 20c; breakfast bacon, 17½ to 18c.

Lard—Tierces, 15¾c; tubs, 16c; pails, 16¼c.

BUSINESS AT MONTREAL.

Montreal, Dec. 21.—Oats—No. 2 Canada Western, 41¼ to 41¾c; No. 3 oats, 40¼ to 40½c; barley No. 2, 66 to 67c; Manitoba feed barley, 52 to 53c. Flour—Manitoba Spring wheat patents, firsts, $5.70; do., patents, seconds, $5.20; Winter wheat patents, $5.50 to $5.60; Manitoba strong bakers', $5; straight rollers, $5.10 to $5.25; straight rollers, in bags, $2.40 to $2.50. Feed—Ontario bran, $20.50 to $21.50; Ontario middlings, $23.00 to $23,-50 · Manitoba bran, $20; Manitoba shorts, $22 to $23; pure grain mouillie, $23 to $33; mixed mouillie, $25 to $27. Cheese—September made westerns, 11¾ to 11⅞c; October made, 11¾ to 11½; eastern, 11¼ to 11⅜c;. Butter—Choicest creamery, 25c; current receipts, 24½ to 25c; dairy 19 to 22c. Eggs—Selected stock, 28 to 28½c, in single cases at 29c; No. 1 candled, 24½ to 25c per dozen.

UNITED STATES MARKETS.

Minneapolis, Dec. 21.—Wheat—December, $1.10; May, $1.10¼; cash wheat No. 1 hard, $1.12½ to $1.13; No. 1 Northern, $1.12 to $1.12½; No. 2 Northern, $1.10 to $1.10½. Flour (in wood, f.o.b. Minneapolis)—First patents, $5.60 to $5.80; second patents, $5.40 to $5.60; first clears, $4.55 to $4.65; second clears, $8.50 to $8.60. Bran in hundred-lb. sacks, $21.

Chicago, December 21. — Cash wheat—No. 2 red, $1.25 to $1.27½; No. 3 red, $1.19 to $1.23; No. 2 Northern, $1.12 to $1.14; No. 3 3, 60 to 60¼c; No. 3 white, 60 to 60¼c; No. 3 yellow, 60 to 60⅝c; No. 4, 57 to 57½c; No. 4 yellow, 57 to 57⅝c. Oats, — No. 2 white, 44¾c; No. 3 white, 42¼ to 44c; No. 4 white, 42½ to 43½c; standard, 45c.

LIVE STOCK MARKETS.

Montreal, Dec. 21.—A few of the best animals sold at from 4 to 4¼c per lb.; common stock, 2¼ to 3½c; lean canners, 2c per pound. There were more springers than milch cows on the market, and prices ranged from $30 to $60 each. Grass-fed calves, 3 to 4¼c per lb.; good veals, 5 to 6c per pound; younger calves, $3 to $4 each. Sheep 4 to 4½c; lambs, 6 to 6½c per pound. Good lots of fat hogs, 8½ to 8¾c per pound.

Toronto, Dec. 21.—Fancy Christmas cattle and well finished butchers' were as strong as ever, the former selling at $6 to $6.40, and the latter from $5 to $5.80. Stockers and feeders were steady and a few extra good North-Western cattle were sold for local killing. Milkers and springers—Firm. One extra choice milch cow sold at $80. Sheep and Lambs—Very firm. Hogs—25c dearer. Selects quoted at $7.75 f. o. b., and $8, fed and watered.

TWO CHILDREN PERISH.

Fire Destroyed a Dwelling at Winnipeg.

A despatch from Winnipeg says: On Friday morning Ida and Thomas, children of Mr. Sydney Masters, were burned to death in a fire which destroyed the little home of the family at 296 Arnold avenue. The mother had left the house to call on a neighbor, and after an absence of only five minutes returned to find the structure in flames. Realizing at once the danger to the children, she rushed madly towards the front door, but collapsed from shock on the sidewalk before she reached the house. She is now in the hospital in a critical condition. In addition to the bereavement, the parents have experienced the loss if all the home furnishings, as the house has been gutted.

TONS OF PUDDING IN MAIL.

Special Train of Christmas Gifts Leaves Montreal.

A despatch from Montreal says: Christmas mail distribution is breaking all records this year. A special Christmas mail train of eight cars, with over two million letters and packages containing holiday gifts, left here on Sunday by the C. P. R. for Winnipeg. Most of the mail was from Great Britain, and it contained several tons of Christmas puddings sent to British settlers in the West. Ten years ago it took only half a car to forward the Christmas mail to the West.

DEATH OF DONALD GUNN.

Peculiar and Simple Fatality on Yonge Street, Toronto.

A despatch from Toronto says: From a fractured skull received by a fall in front of an automobile at the corner of Yonge street and Wilton avenue, Mr. Donald Gunn, President of Gunn's, Limited, pork packers and provision merchants, died on Sunday morning in St. Michael's Hospital. The accident happened Saturday afternoon at about 4.30 o'clock. Mr. Gunn was hurried to the hospital, where he was operated upon, but death ensued on Sunday morning at about 10 o'clock.

HUNTERS SHOT DOWN.

Thirty-One Lost Their Lives in Eastern Woods.

A despatch from Boston says: Thirty-one human lives were sacrificed in the hunting season ended on Wednesday night. Twenty-three persons were killed by being mistaken for deer or by the accidental or careless discharge of firearms in Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, and Massachusetts, and in the Canadian Provinces of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia. Contributory causes added eight more deaths. Among the score or more known to have been seriously injured five are not expected to recover, two will lose their sight, and half a dozen more will be maimed for life.

MURDERED THREE PERSONS

John Mesci Found Guilty at Saskatoon—Defence Was Insanity.

A despatch from Saskatoon says: John Mesci was on Thursday found guilty of murdering Geo. Thorburn on Nov. 4 near Quill Lake, Sask. The jury was out but three minutes. The preliminary evidence contained a confession by Mesci and the defence was that of insanity.

A CHINESE MURDER.

Chinaman Destroys Powder House on Burrard Inlet, B. C.

A despatch from Vancouver says: News reached the city Friday afternoon that a Chinaman killed another and set fire to the black powder house of the British Columbia Powder Works Company in the north arm of Burrard Inlet on Thursday morning. The powder house was entirely destroyed.

GERMANS ARE UNDERFED

The Embargo on Foreign Cattle at Dresden Responsible.

A despatch from Dresden, Germany, says: Discussing the increased price of meat in the second Chamber on Wednesday, Herr Koch, a Radical member, said that dear meat meant dear bread and dear everything else in the way of food. He added that German agriculture, which was protected by high tariffs, was unable to supply sufficient beef to feed the population, which, as a result, was underfed. He demanded that the embargo on American and Danish cattle be raised. Replying, the Premier denied that the cost of beeves and sheep on the hoof was higher, and said that if the dressed meat had increased [illegible] fact was due to the action of the middlemen and the close combination maintained among the butchers. To admit American meat more freely would be, the Premier thought, to throw away the last trump card held by Germany in its trade relations with the United States. The House took no action in the matter.

THE NEWEST WARSHIPS.

Britain Will Shortly Lay Down Two Sea Monsters.

A despatch from Birmingham says: The Post says the Admiralty is making arrangements for laying down before the end of the financial year two vessels which will establish a record in warship building. They will be of almost 27,500 gross tonnage. Their guns will number less than those on the latest Dreadnoughts, but the muzzle velocity and firing range will be very much greater. The ships will be of an entirely new composite class, combining features of battleships and cruisers.

THE FRENCH TARIFF.

Shuts Out American Agricultural Machinery.

A despatch from Paris says: During the consideration of the tariff bill in the Chamber of Deputies on Wednesday a black eye was given to the importation of American agricultural machines by the adoption of an amendment fixing the maximum rate on machines of over 400 kilograms (881.6 lbs.) weight at 15 francs (approximately $2.85) per hundred-weight, and the minimum rate at 12 francs. On machines under 400 kilograms weight the maximum is 22, and the minimum 9 francs, irrespective of weight.

AFTER SIXTEEN YEARS

Long Missing Husband Gives His Wife a Surprise at Hull.

A despatch from Ottawa says: After hearing no word from her husband for sixteen years, and not knowing whether he was alive or dead, Mrs. Henri Gariepy, of Hull, opened the door of her house on Wednesday, in response to a ring, and found her long missing spouse standing on the doorsten. Mr. Mr. Gariepy left Hull for the west in 1893, leaving behind a wife and four young children. For twelve years he was in the far uorth of the western provinces, where there was no mail service. Three years ago he came to Winnipeg, and Wednesday returned home unexpectedly, bringing with him a considerable pile of money amassed in the west.

BROTHER MICHAEL DEAD.

Fatal Accident to Principal of St. Francis School.

A despatch from Toronto says: Turning quickly in parting from a friend on the corner of Arthur street and Euclid avenue, Brother Michael Reilly of the Order of Christian Brothers, 28 McDonnell square, walked in front of a westbound Dundas car, No. 1298, was struck down and almost instantly killed at about 8 o'clock on Friday evening. Brother Matthew of the same order, who was with him, was also knocked down, receiving comparatively slight injuries about the shoulder and head.

PEARY'S CLAIMS RECOGNIZED

Geographical Society Presents Him With Medal.

A despatch from Washington, D C., says: The National Geographical Society on Wednesday night publicly acclaimed Commander Robert E. Peary the discoverer of the North Pole, and in recognition thereof presented to him a gold medal. In presenting the trophy to Commander Peary, Prof. Willis L. Moore, president of the society, who acted as toastmaster, phrased his sentences to refer to Commander Peary as "the man" who had won the prize. There was no reference to Dr. Cook. Captain Robert A. Bartlett, the master of the Roosevelt, who took that stout ship into the ice farther than any other craft ever went, also received a medal. This was presented by Ambassador James Bryce, of Great Britain.

SHELTERS AT FLAG STATIONS

Railway Commission Has Sent Out a Draft Order.

A despatch from Ottawa says: The Railway Commission has sent out a draft order requiring all railway companies to construct at all points known as "flag stations," shelters or waiting-rooms for passengers or freight, the same to be done within six months. Where the revenue is not less than $15-000 the depot shall be what is known as No. 2 standard. At points where shipments of grain amount to 50,000 bushels a year, temporary agents shall be provided in the shipping season. The proposed order will be argued here next month.

DEATH OF HON. A. GORDON

Third Son of Earl of Aberdeen Dead in London.

A despatch from London says: Hon. Archibald Ian Gordon died on Friday from injuries received in an automobile accident on November 28. He was the third son of the Earl of Aberdeen. This week his engagement to Miss Violet Asquith, daughter of the Premier, whom the poet William Watson accused of having "the serpent's tongue," was to have been announced. Miss Asquith had been in almost constant attendance upon her fiance since the accident, and was with him when he died.

MRS. THOMAS HUNT KILLED.

Fatal Accident at a Crossing Near Ottawa.

A despatch from Otttawa says: Mrs. Thomas Hunt of Osgoode township was instantly killed on Friday by a C. P. R. express from Prescott at a level crossing near the city. She was driving alone when the horse took fright and dashed across the railway track in front of the train. She was 35 years of age, and leaves three children

CANADA'S TRADE IS BOOMING

November Figures Over $73,000,000---An Increase of $62,000,000 in 8 Months

A despatch from Ottawa says: The trade figures of the Dominion for the month of November show another large jump, both in imports and exports, as compared with November of last year, the imports increasing by no less than $10,-727,690, or nearly 40 per cent. over last year, and the exports increasing by $3,643,489, or about ten per cent. For the first eight months of the current fiscal year the total trade has been $439,959,213, an increase of $62,037,972 over the corresponding eight months of 1908. Of this increase $45,280,968 was in imports and $14,970,233 in exports of domestic products.

The total trade for November was $73,151,731, and for the eight months the total trade was $439,-959,213. Imports for November totalled $35,434,039, and for the eight months $240,108,431. Exports of domestic products for November totalled $35,315,713, or practically equal to the value of the imports. Exports of domestic products for the eight months totalled $183,050,727.

The total customs revenue for eight months has been $38,998,476, an increase of $8,210,069. For the last month the increase of customs revenue was $1,422,617, the largest increase in any one month within the last two years.