AWFUL RAILWAY WRECK

Passenger Train From Montreal to Sault Ste. Marie Plunges Into Spanish River.

A despatch from North Bay says: A terrible accident occurred on Friday afternoon on the "Soo" branch of the C. P. R., 37 miles west of Sudbury, when express No. 7, en route to Sault Ste. Marie, was derailed, taking heavy toll in death and injury among the passengers.

The express was speeding along with a good passenger list, when, without warning of any kind, several of the cars left the rails and plunged down a steep embankment, two of the cars going into the Spanish River, adding death by drowning to the horrors of the tragedy. A dining car is partially submerged and a first-class car is almost wholly under water.

It is impossible to obtain a correct estimate of the dead, reports varying all the way from 35 to 45. The number of injured will total between 50 and 70.

Fourteen passengers were enjoying lunch in the dining car when the accident happened, but it is stated that they all got out safely. About 25 passengers were in the first-class car, which is partially submerged, and how many are dead will not be known until the diver, who is being rushed on a special train from Sault Ste. Marie, arrives at the scene.

Twenty passengers at least were in the second-class car, which took fire and was burned, adding additional horror to the terrifying spectacle. How many escaped from the fiery furnace of death is not known as yet, as there is no telegraphic communication with the wreck at present.

When the cars left the rails, tearing loose from the front part of the train, the crash of timbers, the groaning of girders and shrieks of twisting steel was speedily followed by cries of injured passengers, as the water of the Spanish River filled the doomed cars.

The train was just approaching the large steel bridge spanning the river when the accident happened, and the cause, whether a broken rail or a broken truck, may never be known, as the track is torn up.

Physicians were hurried to the scene from Sudbury as soon as word was received, and a wrecking train, with General Superintendent Gutulius, made a record time from North Bay. Arrangements were made to rush a diver on a special train from Sault Ste. Marie to recover the bodies from the submerged cars.

The injured were rushed to Sudbury Hospital, where one, Mrs. Houde, of Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., died. All the others will recover.

The engine, baggage, express, mail and one second-class car remained on the rails, while one second-class, one first-class, the diner and a sleeper left the rails, plunging down the embankment. The first-class car and diner went into the river. The sleeper and second-class car remained on the ground, but the second-class car was burned. Engineer Trelford and the train crew, with the exception of Conductor Reynolds, escaped injury.

Passengers from the eastbound "Soo" express are being transferred around the wreck, as the bridge is considered unsafe, which will cause considerable delay to traffic.

DEATH LIST TO DATE IS 33.

A despatch from Montreal says: Following is the official list of the dead in the wreck at Spanish River, issued by the C. P. R. on Monday night:

Father Chaillou, Dorval, Que.; J. Henault, Matheson, Ont., died in Sudbury Hospital, Jan. 22; Tatoforf Hoppe, Mrs. C. Houde, "Soo," Ont., drowned in diner; George McIlhenney, North Bay, Ont., C. P. R. fireman; George McLaughlin, Barrie, Ont., farmer 22 years old, from Anton Mills, Ont., several ribs fractured on right side, suffered from shock, died night of Jan. 22 in Sudbury Hospital; Nick Nikolanko, 150 Walley Street, Lawrence, Mass., died on way to hospital; John Resback, North Bay, C. P. R. fireman; S. J. Saunders, Orillia, Ont., commercial traveller, drowned in diner; body taken to Sudbury; Zonnum Spinkzie, going to Chisholm, Man., died in Sudbury Hospital Jan. 22; T H. Watt, Renfrew, or some place in Montana, drowned, body taken out of diner and sent to Sudbury; unknown man, Italian or French; —. Bosenza, foreigner; Rev. Mr. Childerhose, North Bay, Ont., Superintendent of Presbyterian Missions; R. A. Booth, 13 Laurier Avenue, Toronto; C. J. Robertson, Arnprior, travelling auditor C.P.R.; Patrick Kinehan, Bruce Mines; Clara Tees, aged 4, Bruce Mines; E. G. Bemmels, Lisbon, North Dakota; elderly woman, unidentified; middle-aged woman, unidentified; Thomas Aussant, Blind River, Ont.; unidentified boy, 12 years old; Hiram Johnston, Montreal, president of the Hiram Johnston Co., Limited; unidentified woman, unidentified woman, unidentified boy, 10 years old; Dr. Whitehead, Powassan, Indian, medicine vendor; Geo. McDougall, Copper Cliff; Mrs. Stankie, Shawville, Que.; Joseph Kelly, Leavenworth, Wash.

MISSING.

C. Carey, Montreal, C.P.R. air brake inspector; Wm. Lavery, C. P. R. fireman, North Bay.

TOP OF HEAD BLOWN OFF.

Young Man Accidentally Shoots Himself Near Stratford.

A despatch from Stratford says: Roy V. Shore, 21 years old, was found dead in his father's barn on Thursday afternoon. He had left the house at noon with the intention of shooting sparrows, and when discovered it was found that the top of his head had been blown away by the discharge of the gun. The unfortunate young man had evidently slipped on the barn floor and, in doing so, accidentally set off the gun.

PICKED UP SEVERED ARM.

New Brunswick Lad Carried it Length of Platform.

A despatch from St. John, N. B., says: An English boy named White fell under a C. P. R. train at Harvey Station and had one arm cut off, on Thursday. He picked up the severed member and carried it the whole length of the station platform. He was brought to the hospital here, and may recover.

NEARLY FOUR MILLIONS

Annual Increase in Ontario Crops as Result of Drainage.

A despatch from Toronto says: The remarkable value to Ontario of the extensive underdrainage operations going on in the Province is set forth in an agricultural report just issued by the department. Each acre that has been so drained, it points out, produces on an average about $20 more per year than formerly.

"The total number of acres drained during the years 1905-1909," says the report, "is 193,436, the product of which, at $20 increase per acre, would be worth $3,858,720 more each year than before being drained."

Prof. W. H. Day of the Ontario Agricultural College estimates that at least one-third of the cleared land of the Province, or 4,710,000 acres, is in urgent need of underdrainage. If that were all drained and each acre produced $20 more than it does now, the increase in crop would be worth $94,200,000 annually. The value of all field crops in Ontario in 1908, according to the latest report of the Bureau of Industries, was $164,077,000. Thus drainage of all the cleared land needing it might increase Ontario's field crop about 57.4 per cent. At the present rate it would take 100 years to complete the drainage.

"But that does not tell the whole story of the possibilities of underdrainage," adds Prof. Day. "Ontario has 2,250,000 acres of slash land and 2,750,000 acres of swamp, marsh and waste land, or 5,000,000 altogether, much of which remains in this comparatively useless state only because it would be too wet for cultivation. On much of the slash and marsh a comparatively small amount of labor would do the necessary clearing, and underdrainage would reclaim the land and make it equal to the best. The swamp, too, when cleared, would yield to drainage in the same way. Thus an immense area could be added to the arable land of the Province."

CONDENSED NEWS ITEMS

HAPPENINGS FROM ALL OVER THE GLOBE.

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

CANADA.

Toronto's fire losses last year totalled $740,931.

Ten thousand Italians are needed for railway construction work in British Columbia.

The British Columbia Legislature was opened on Thursday, and Mr. D. M. Eberts was elected Speaker.

Ottawa City Council has voted for a reduction in the number of licenses from 67 to 58, and shop licenses from 26 to 21.

Mr. George McL. Brown has been appointed European manager of the C. P. R.

Mrs. Bell of Montreal was shown to have taught her eleven-year-old son to steal, and the boy was sent to the reformatory.

Rubber manufacturers and jobbers decided at a meeting at Montreal on a general increase in prices.

Morris Hickey, a Windsor butcher who failed, left an insurance policy with Judge McHugh for the benefit of his creditors, and the proceeds will, it is expected, satisfy all claims.

GREAT BRITAIN.

Mr. Lloyd-George, speaking at Bangor, said the Government would have a good working majority.

Mr. Asquith, speaking at Leven, said he regarded the vote of the great industrial centres as a verdict against Tariff Reform.

Mr. Redmond has announced that it is not the intention of the Nationalists to embarrass the Government by demands for home rule until the Commons have settled with the Lords.

It has come to light in Liverpool that a woman serving a sentence there for breaking the windows of the jail is Lady Constance Lytton, a prominent suffragette, who was recently released from prison.

UNITED STATES.

Two women and a man were murdered in a flat in New York's east side, on Thursday.

An unknown man murdered a jeweller in a Brooklyn store and then committed suicide, on Thursday.

Four girls and one man lost their lives in a fire in a shortwaist factory in Philadelphia, on Wednesday.

Louis Paulhan, the French aviator, flew 23 miles across country near Los Angeles and returned without landing.

GENERAL.

A new comet, which can be seen in the day time, has been discovered by Prof. Drake of Johannesburg.

GOOD BANK STATEMENT.

That for December Shows the Country is Prospering.

A despatch from Ottawa says: The December bank statement, just issued, reveals a substantial addition to the country's prosperity. While the notes in circulation as compared with the month of November show a decrease of $5,000,000, and the current deposits a shrinkage of a similar amount, the savings deposits show an increase from $493,253,823 in November to $499,082,024 at the end of December. This increase is to be taken as an indication of the extent to which the results of the harvest have been placed in the modern stocking. As for the decrease in note circulation, it is said to be due to the fact that several of the banks took advantage during November of the recent Act of Parliament legalizing increased circulation for the purpose of facilitating crop movement, and then evidently returned to normal circulation.

The statement shows that the amount represented by call and short loans by the banks upon the security of stocks and bonds increased by $5,675,545. Current loans, too, increased by nearly $2,500,000, standing at the end of the month at $592,741,812. On December 31st the chartered banks of Canada had at rest or reserve $77,847,333.

ELK LAKE FIRE SWEPT.

Twenty Stores on East Side of Town Destroyed.

A despatch from Elk Lake, Ont., says: Fire destroyed over half the east side of Elk Lake early on Sunday morning. The flames originated in a pool room, a man having knocked over a gasoline stove. The loss is over $100,000, with practically no insurance. About twenty stores were destroyed and many people are homeless.

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, Jan. 25.—Flour — Ontario wheat 90 per cent. patents, $1.25 to $4.30 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, $1.12, Bay ports, and No. 2 Northern, $1.10 Bay ports.

Ontario Wheat—No. 2 mixed, $1.06, and No. 2 white and red, $1.07 outside.

Barley—No. 2, 58c outside; No 3 extra, 55 to 56c; No. 3, 50 to 52c, and feed 48c outside.

Oats—No 2 Ontario white, 37½ to 38½c outside, and 39½ to 40c on track, Toronto. Canada West oats, 41½c for No. 2, and 40½c for No. 3, Bay Ports.

Peas—85 to 86c outside.

Rye.—No 2, 67c outside.

Buckwheat—52c high freights, and 53c low freights.

Corn—New No. 2 yellow, 75 to 75½c, Toronto, and selected No. 3 at 73 to 73½c Toronto.

Bran—$21 in bags, Toronto, and shorts, $22.50 to $23, in bags, Toronto.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

Apples—$2.50 to $4 per barrel, according to quality.

Beans—Car lots outside, $1.65 to $1.70, and small lots here at $1.50 to $2.

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

Hay—No. 1 timothy, $13.50 to $14, and No. 2 at $12 to $12.50 on track, Toronto.

Straw—$7.50 on track, Toronto.

Potatoes—47 to 50c per bag on track for Ontarios.

Poultry—Turkeys, dressed 17 to 18c per lb.; ducks, 13 to 15c; geese 12 to 13c; chickens, 13 to 14c, and fowl, 10 to 11c.

THE DAIRY MARKETS.

Butter—Pound prints, 23 to 25c; tubs and large rolls, 21 to 22c; inferior, 18 to 20c; creamery, 27 to 28c, and solids, 26 to 26½c per lb.

Eggs—Case lots of new laid, 32c per dozen, and storage, 25c per dozen.

Cheese—12¾c per lb. for large, and at 13c for twins.

HOG PRODUCTS.

Bacon—Long clear, 14¾ to 15c per lb. in case lots; mess pork, $27 to $27.50; short cut, $29 to $29.50.

Hams—Light to medium, 15½ to 16c; do., heavy, 14½ to 15c; rolls, 14 to 14½c; shoulders, 13 to 13¼c; backs, 19 to 21c; breakfast bacon, 17½ to 18c.

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

BUSINESS IN MONTREAL.

Montreal, Jan. 25.—Oats, No. 2 Canadian Western, 45¼ to 45½c; No. 2, 44¼ to 44½c; Ontario No. 2 white, 43c. Ontario No. 3 white, 42c; Ontario No. 4 white, 41c. Barley—No. 2, 68 to 69c; Manitoba feed barley, 53 to 55c. Flour — Spring wheat patents, firsts, $5.80; Manitoba Spring wheat patents, seconds, $5.30; Winter wheat patents, $5.50 to $5.60; Manitoba strong bakers', $5.10; straight rollers, $5.10 to $5.20; straight rollers, in bags, $2.40 to $2.50. Feed—Ontario bran, $22.50 to $23; Ontario middlings, $23.50 to $24; Manitoba bran, $22; Manitoba shorts, $23; pure grain mouille, $31 to $33; mixed mouille, $27 to $29. Cheese—Westerns, 11¾ to 12c; easterns 11⅜ to 11⅝c. Butter—Choicest creamery 25½ to 26c, and fresh receipts 24½ to 25c. Eggs—Selected new laid, 40 to 42c; selected No. 1 stock, 30 to 32c, and No. 1 candled, 27 to 28c per dozen.

UNITED STATES MARKETS.

Buffalo, Jan. 25.—Spring wheat—Stronger; No. 1 Northern, carloads store, $1.17½; Winter, No. 2 red, $1.25; No. 2 white, $1.25. Corn—No. 3 yellow, 68½c; No. 4 yellow, 67½c; No. 3 corn, 67¾ to 68¼c; No. 4 corn, 66¾ to 67¼c; No. 3 white, 68¾c. Oats—Firm; No. 2 rye, track, 88c.

Chicago, Jan. 25.—Wheat—Cash No. 2 red, $1.23; No. 3 red, $1.18 to $1.24; No. 2 hard, $1.10¼ to $1.13; No. 3 hard, $1.06 to $1.12; No. 1 Northern, $1.12 to $1.13; No. 2 Northern, $1.11 to $1.12; No 3 Spring, $1.08 to $1.10½. Corn—No. 2, 64½ to 64¾c; No. 2 white, 65¾ to 66c; No. 2 yellow, 65 to 65¼c; No. 3, 63¼ to 63¾c; No. 4, 62¾ to 63c; No. 4 yellow, 62¾ to 63¼c; No. 3 yellow, 63½ to 64c; No. 4 white, 64¾ to 65¼c. Oats—No. 3, 48c; No. 3 white, 47¼ to 48¼c; No. 4 white, 46¾ to 47½c; standard, 48 to 49c.

FOUR NEW DREADNOUGHTS

The Ships Are to Represent Improvements on the Original Warship.

It is reported, on what appears to be good authority, says The Manchester Guardian, that the Admiralty has placed orders for the building of two battleships of the Dreadnought type, but representing improvements upon the original, and that a conditional offer has been made to the Thames Ironworks Company to accept their tender for the construction of a third. A fourth vessel which has been ordered is a cruiser-battleship similar to the Lion, recently laid down at Davenport.

Messrs. Vickers, Sons & Maxim have received the order to build the cruiser-battleship. This vessel will have a replacement of about 22,000, and will have turbine engines capable of giving her a speed of thirty knots an hour. The Vickers firm is already building the turbine machinery for the Lion.

The Press Association confirms this statement, and adds that an order for a battleship of the Dreadnought type, but larger, has been placed with Sir W. Armstrong, Whitworth & Co., of Newcastle and Manchester. Orders for turbine engines and boilers have been placed with Messrs. Hawthorn, Leslie & Co., Newcastle. A similar vessel and machinery has been ordered from Messrs. Beardmore of Clydebank. The armaments of the three ships definitely ordered have been allotted in equal proportions between Armstrong, Whitworth & Co., and Vickers, Sons & Maxim. Each battleship will be 600 feet long and 68 feet broad, and will be armed with ten 12-in. guns, which will be available for use on either broadside. The Admiralty order for the Tyne is estimated at £2,500,000.

IMMIGRANTS TO BE CULLED

Importation of Boys and Girls of Defective Type Should Be Discouraged.

A despatch from Toronto says: The Province of Ontario deported 263 "undesirable persons" during the year 1908, according to the official report on prisons and asylums, issued the other day. In the two previous years, 87 and 19, respectively, were the figures.

The report says: "An analysis of the admissions proves most strikingly the importance of carefully scrutinizing those who come to our shores.

"How some of them can pass any thorough system of inspection is a mystery; the genera paretics, the precocious dement, the obvious degenerate all slip by and reach us in a surprisingly short time. Surely it would be wisdom and good economy on the part of the Federal authorities to have some of their medical inspectors trained in psychiatry. Even a mere tyro in the study of psychiatric problems would be able to detect the weak spots in many of those who at present safely run the gauntlet or port of arrival inspection.

"The importation of boys and girls of distinctly defective type should be absolutely discouraged. Our experiences with these weaklings make us realize how great a menace they are, and how careful we should be to have a thorough examination of their antecedents made before admitting them. Better still would be to exclude them altogether, and when I say this I voice the opinion of many of those who have had to deal with these questions practically."

Mr. S. A. Armstrong, Deputy Provincial Secretary, submits charts which show the alarming proportions of English and foreign-born inmates of Ontario's prisons and asylums.

LIVE STOCK MARKETS.

Montreal, Jan 25. — Prime beeves sold at 5½ to near 6¼c per lb.; pretty good animals 4¾ to 5¼c; common stock, 3 to 4c per lb., and the lean canners at about 2½c per lb. There were about an equal number of milch cows and springers on the market. The former were in active demand at from $30 to $60 each. Calves sold at 3 to near 6c per lb.; sheep about 4½c per lb.; lambs, 6¼ to a little over 6½c per lb. Good fat hogs 9c per lb.

Toronto, Jan. 25.—Picked choice well finished steers and heifers were bought for butchers' purposes up to $5.85; ordinary to choice butchers' sold freely at $5.25 to $5.60. Cows were strong, selling up to $5 for the finest grades. There were a few export cattle on offer, which sold at $5.85 to $6.15 Milkers and springers were in fair demand at prices current for the last two months. The large run of sheep and lambs caused a little weakness. Hogs were weak, although a large number were sold at $8.40 f.o.b.; selects are still quoted at $8.45 f.o.b. and $8.70 fed and watered.

WINNIPEG SEES COMET.

One of First Class Visible There on Thursday Night.

A despatch from Winnipeg says: A remarkable phenomenon appeared in the western sky here on Thursday evening, when a comet of the first class suddenly appeared shortly after sundown. It had a tail measuring twenty-two degrees, equal to about thirty-five million miles. Great interest was aroused generally, as the majority thought it was Halley's comet which had suddenly made its first appearance. The strange visitor was plainly visible for upwards of an hour.

BURNED IN HIS SHACK.

Settler's Charred Body Found Near Moose Jaw.

A despatch from Moose Jaw, Sask., says: Martin Rach was burned to a crisp in his homesteader's shack south of Moose Jaw, in the district known as "The Gap." Rach was in the city a few days ago on legal business, and a brother came to town on Friday and reported that he had gone over to Martin's homestead and found the shack burned to the ground and only the charred remains of his brother left. He can give no idea as to how the fire started. The police will investigate the case.

$16,000,000 FIRE.

A despatch from Constantinople says: The Palace of Cheraga, where the Turkish parliament meets, was entirely destroyed by fire on Wednesday. The loss is great, as the building alone cost about $16,000,000. Little furniture and very few of the important documents were saved. Practically all the archives of the chamber of deputies, including important bills and budget estimates were burned. The superstitious orientals regard the fire as an evil omen.

DEPORT THE BLACKHANDERS

Government Taking Power Under Mr. Oliver's Bill.

A despatch from Ottawa says: The immigration bill introduced by Hon. Mr. Oliver in the Commons on Wednesday gives the Government power, if deemed advisable, to absolutely prohibit the entrance of Asiatics, and also to deal summarily with members of such organizations as the Black Hand, Mafia or Chinese Highbinders. Provision is made for the deportation of any person not a Canadian, "who by common repute belongs or may be suspected of belonging to a secret society or organization which extorts money or attempts to control anyone by blackmail."

It is understood that in order to prevent the rumored further influx of Hindus the Government contemplates raising the money qualification now required of each Asiatic, other than Chinese or Japanese, on entering Canada to $500. It is now $200.