FIFTY PERSONS ARE KILLED

Go Down to Death By An Avalanche on the C. P. R.

A despatch from Revelstoke, B. C., says: At midnight Friday, while a gang of workmen were cleaning a snowslide off the tracks a mile west of Rogers' Pass, a second avalanche swept down the mountain, carrying death and destruction in its wake. The spot where the accident occurred is a very dangerous one, at the summit of the Selkirks at a place known as Rogers' Pass, between Field and Golden. The C. P. R. track at this point passes through a gully, or what is generally known as a "dip." The mountains on either side rise to a height of some eight thousand feet. It was at noon on Friday that the first slide occurred, but it was a comparatively small one. A wrecking train was at once sent out from Revelstoke to clear the track. About 100 men, mostly Japs, were engaged in this work, and while the gang was so employed another avalanche swept down from the mountains, overwhelming between 40 and 50 of the wrecking crew. For a distance of over a quarter of a mile the track was covered with snow and ice to a depth of 30 feet, and the victims were buried beneath huge masses of snow, ice, rocks and timber. As soon as the news of the disaster reached Revelstoke a fire bell sounded, and within half an hour a relief train conveying physicians and over 200 railroad men and other citizens was enroute to the scene. The relief train had just passed Genogle when a third slide occurred, covering the track for some distance and damming the Wapita River, which runs nearby, but there was no further loss of life. When the relief train arrived at the scene of the disaster no time was lost in the work of rescuing the bodies and clearing the track, a work that was rendered particularly trying by a fierce blizzard.

The bodies of twelve white men have been recovered and identified, all of them living in the vicinity of the avalanche. They were employed in clearing the track when the slide came. The bodies of 37 Japanese have also been recovered, making a total of 51 recovered to date, and it is feared that a number of others yet lie amongst the thousands of tons of snow, ice, trees and rocks piled high in the canyon.

The dead, so far as identified, are as follows:— Assistant Roadmaster Fraser of Revelstoke, Conductor Buckley, Fireman F. Griffiths, Brakesman Mahon, Engineer Phillips, Engineer Portruff, F. Wagner, laborer; H. Martin, laborer.

100 AVALANCHE VICTIMS

Lying Beneath the Tightly Packed Snow and Debris.

A despatch from Wellington, Washington, says: Eighty-six names are now on the list of dead and missing passengers and railroad and postal employees, who were carried down by the avalanche which destroyed two Great Northern trains on Tuesday morning. Statements of the number of laborers fighting the snow, who were sleeping on the ill-fated trains vary from 20 to 30. An estimate of 100 dead is conservative. All the dead were residents of the northwest. Of the injured, only Rev. Bishop Winget of Chicago was from the east. No one who has seen the wreckage has the slightest hope of finding any of the missing alive. The explorations have uncovered none living, and some of the bodies are shockingly mangled. An avalanche of dry snow might have covered its victims alive, but the gorge at Wellington is packed tight with wet snow, ice, huge trees and glacial boulders of enormous weight.

Two of the bodies recovered were those of electricians who were living in a cabin at the edge of Wellington, and who were carried three hundred feet down the slope.

All Thursday a stream of men with packs strapped to their backs wound about the mountain path from Skykomish to Scenic and Wellington, carrying food and supplies for the injured. Some are digging for the bodies of friends or relatives. Sightseers were told that they were not wanted.

A laborer was caught taking trinkets from a woman's body, and he was compelled to start down the trail at once. One hundred and fifty men dug for bodies in the debris all day. Among the bodies found on Thursday were those of ex-Prosecuting Attorney R. M. Barnhart of Spokane. Conductor J. L. Pettit, who, after a trip on foot to Skykomish, went back to his post, and Mrs. M. A. Covington of Olympia, who left Spokane to celebrate her golden wedding in Seattle on Thursday.

STABBED TO DEATH.

Italians Had a Fatal Encounter in Toronto.

A despatch from Toronto says: Pasquale Ventricine, an Italian laborer, living at 265 Claremont street, stabbed Raffaele Fabbio, a fellow countryman, to death, near the boarding house of Mrs. Tony Butcher, 299 Manning avenue, at 8.30 Sunday night. Tony Bush, brother of Mrs. Butcher, who was present at the time of the stabbing, declares that Ventricine had been drinking and stabbed the other without provocation other than the advice of his victim, who urged him to go home as it was late. The prisoner declares that Tony Bush, the dead man, and three others set upon him and that the stabbing took place in the melee. The story told by Tony Bush is borne out by that of another Italian lad.

The postal savings banks bill has passed the United States Senate.

Thomas Collier Platt, formerly Republican "boss" of New York State, is dead.

FIELD CROPS OF CANADA.

Increase from 1860 to Present Represented 451 Per Cent.

A despatch from Ottawa says: The Census Statistics Bureau has prepared a statement of the value of the field crops of Canada at four stated periods. It shows that in 1860 the total value of the crops was $96,701,643. In 1880 it had increased to $158,403,533; in 1900 it grew to $205,071,914, while last year it was $532,992,100 or an increase of 451 per cent. in 49 years.

MORE MONEY IN CANADA.

Bank Deposits Show Big Increase During Past Year.

A despatch from London says: At a meeting of the Bank of British North America, E. A. Hoare, presiding, said money was plentiful in Canada, as shown by the fact that total deposits in banks had increased by $128,000,000. He also referred to the impossibility of measuring the vast potentialities of central Canada.

IT IS BECOMING A TORRENT

The Stream of Immigration From the United States Is Increasing.

A despatch from Ottawa says: The influx of settlers into the Canadian west this year promises to greatly surpass all previous records. Reports received by the Immigration Department indicate that the arrivals from the American States, particularly from the Northwest, will exceed the one hundred thousand mark. During the first month of the year there has been an increase of over one hundred per cent. in the number of homesteads taken up. The total number of entries for January was 2,698, as compared with 1,308 in January of last year, an increase of 1,399. Americans led, with 913 homestead entries, and there were, in addition, 43 returning Canadians from the United States. Entries by Canadians totalled 661. English immigrants took 331 homesteads, Scotch 97, and Irish 29. The remaining 413 homesteads taken up during the month were by people from other European countries.

CONDENSED NEWS ITEMS

HAPPENINGS FROM ALL OVER THE GLOBE.

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

CANADA.

Provincial authorities regard the rabies situation as alarming.

Arrangements to give Pasteur treatment in Toronto have been completed.

Lord Strathcona has given $7,000 for the purchase of tunics for Toronto cadets.

Mr. Murray Pettit, one of the pioneer fruit-growers of Winona, is dead.

A lot of liquor was seized at Woodstock, N.B., in barrels labelled groceries.

The United States Government has withdrawn its immigration officers from the Windsor ferry dock.

Part of Mr. P. Bray's farm slid into the Nation River, near Casselman, carrying some farm buildings and stock with it.

Mr. McCurdy made a number of successful flights with the aeroplane, Baddeck No. 1, at Baddeck Bay, on Thursday.

The mineral production of Ontario for 1909 was valued at $32,652,072, nearly $7,000,000 more than in the preceding year.

Lord Mount Stephen has placed securities worth $300,000 in the hands of trustees at Montreal to encourage the immigration of poor British boys.

The Dominion Government has decided to remit tonnage dues on American vessels at lake ports, in return for similar action by the United States.

The revenue for February shows an increase of $1,606,751, and the total receipts of the Dominion for the current fiscal year will be nearly one hundred millions.

Dr. Hodgetts, Secretary of the Provincial Board of Health, says there is no doubt as to the genuineness of the recent case of hydrophobia in Hamilton hospital.

Gladys Price, aged seven years, of Niagara Falls, was bitten by a muzzled dog a few days ago. The animal has been proved to have been affected with rabies, and the little girl was taken to Toronto for treatment.

Eight men who attended to a horse belonging to Mr. D. C. Campbell of Coldstream, have gone to New York for Pasteur treatment. The horse was bitten by a dog some time ago, and died in agony. The men had a dreadful time with the poor animal.

GREAT BRITAIN.

Mr. Rufus Isaacs is to be appointed Solicitor-General of Great Britain.

Mr. Percy H. Illingworth has been appointed a junior Lord of the Treasury in Mr. Asquith's Cabinet.

UNITED STATES.

A ship arrived at New York on Friday with a cargo of rubber worth over $6,000,000.

Avalanches and mountain floods have rendered the railroads of northwest Washington helpless.

Three railwaymen lost their lives in a fire which destroyed a Y.M.C.A. building near Schenectady, N.Y.

A woman committed suicide at Chesaning, Mich., rather than go with her daughter to the Canadian west.

New liquor regulations make it necessary for every saloon in Chelsea, Mass., to have a car announcer.

The United States naval programme for the present year includes the construction of two battleships and four submarines.

A State Senator, an Assemblyman and a deputy Sheriff were shot down by a wealthy citizen of Scotland Neck, N. C., on Friday.

A resolution was passed in the House at Washington on Friday, which may result in a modification of the treaty regarding warships on the great lakes.

The American Sugar Refining Company has been indicted for contempt of court in failing to furnish its books when subpoenaed to do so.

A young man was hypnotized at Saginaw, Mich., by long-distance telephone. The hypnotist has declined to revive him until the end of a week, and an order has been issued for his arrest.

A bill is before the Senate at Washington to incorporate the Rockefeller Foundation, which is intended to administer for the benefit of humanity a large part of the wealth of John D. Rockefeller.

GENERAL.

The French general elections will be held on April 24th.

A general strike of French railroad men threatens.

Indications at present are that Marshal Hermes Fonseca has been elected President of Brazil.

Black Hand men have demanded $15,000 from Caruso, the singer, under threats of death.

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, Mar. 8—Flour—Winter wheat 90 per cent. patents, $4.25 to $4.30 in buyers' sacks on track, Toronto, and $4.15 to $4.20 outside in buyers' sacks. Manitoba flour, first patents, $5.70; second patents, $5.20 to $5.30, and strong bakers', $5 on track, Toronto.

Manitoba Wheat—No. 1 Northern $1.13, Bay ports, and No. 2 Northern, $1.11, Bay ports.

Ontario Wheat—No. 2 mixed red Winter or white, $1.07 to $1.08 outside.

Barley—No. 2, 56c outside; No. 3 extra, 53 to 54c; No. 3, 50 to 51c, and feed, 48c outside.

Oats—No. 2 Ontario white, 39 to 39½c outside, and 42 to 42½c on track, Toronto. Canada West oats 42 to 42½c for No. 2, and 41 to 41½c for No. 3, Bay ports.

Peas—No. 2 for shipment, 82 to 83c outside.

Rye—No. 2, 68c outside.

Buckwheat—51 to 52c outside for No. 2.

C rn—Kiln-dried No. 3 American, 72c, and No. 3 yellow, selected, 69 to 69½c, Toronto freights. Canadian corn, 64 to 65c, Toronto freights.

Bran—$22 to $22.50 in bags, Toronto, and shorts at $24, in bags, Toronto.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

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

Beans—Car lots outside, $1.85 to $1.95, and small lots, $2.10 to $2.20 per bushel.

Honey—Combs, dozen, $2 to $2.50, extracted, 10½ to 11c per lb.

Baled hay—No. 1 $13.50 to $14.50 on track, and No. 2, $12 to $13.

Baled straw—$7.50 to $7.75 on track, Toronto.

Potatoes—45 to 50c per bag on track for Ontarios.

Poultry—Turkeys, dressed, 18 to 19c per lb.; ducks, 13 to 15c; geese, 13 to 14c; chickens, 14 to 15c, and fowl, 11 to 12c.

THE DAIRY MARKETS.

Butter—Pound prints, 21 to 23c; tubs and large rolls, 20 to 21c; inferior, 16 to 18c; creamery, 28 to 29c, and solids, 26 to 26½c per lb.

Eggs—Case lots of new laid, 30 to 31c per dozen, and storage, 25c per dozen.

Cheese—13c per lb. for large, and at 13¼c 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; breakfast bacon, 18 to 18½c; backs, 19 to 20½c.

Lard—Tierces, 15¾ to 16c; tubs, 16 to 16¼c; pails, 16¼ to 16½c.

BUSINESS IN MONTREAL.

Montreal, March 8.—Oats — No. 2 Canadian Western, 44¾ to 45c; No 3, 43¾ to 44c; Ontario, No. 2 white, 44c; Ontario No. 3 white, 43c; Ontario No. 4 white, 42c. Barley—No. 3, 60c; No. 4, 58c; feed barley, 56c. Flour—Spring wheat patents, firsts, $5.80; do., seconds, $5.30; Winter wheat patents, $5.50 to $5.60; Manitoba strong bakers', $5.10; straight rollers, $5.10 to $5.25; 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 mouillie, $31 to $33; mixed mouillie $27 to $29. Cheese—Westerns, 12½ to 13; easterns, 12 to 12½c. Butter—Choicest creamery, 25½ to 26c. Eggs—Strictly new laid, 30c per dozen.

UNITED STATES MARKETS.

Buffalo, March 8.—Wheat — No. 1 Northern, carloads store, $1.23½; Winter, nominal. Corn—Weak; No 3 yellow, 63¾c; No. 4 yellow, 61c, No. 3 corn, 63c; No. 4 corn, 60½c. Oats—No. 2 white, 53c; No. 3 white, 51c; No. 4 white, 50c. Barley—Feed to malting, 71 to 77c. Rye—No. 2 on track, 86c.

Chicago, March 8.—Cash wheat—No. 2 red, $1.22½; No. 3 red, $1.18 to $1.21; No. 2 hard, $1.15 to $1.15⅝; No. 3 hard, $1.12½ to $1.15; No. 1 Northern, $1.17½ to $1.18½; No. 2 Northern, $1.15 to $1.17; No. 3 Spring, $1.13 to $1.15½. Corn—No. 3, 62c; No. 3 white, 62 to 62¾c; No. 3 yellow, 61½ to 62½c; No. 4, 55½ to 57c; No. 4 white, 57 to 58c; No. 4 yellow, 57 to 58c. Oats—No. 2, 46¼c; No. 3, 45¾c to 46c; No. 3 white, 46 to 47c; No 4 white, 45 to 46c; standard, 47¾c.

LIVE STOCK MARKET.

Montreal, March 8. — Prime beeves, 5¾ to 6¼c per lb.; pretty good animals, 4½ to 5½c; common stock, 3 to 4½c per lb. Superior milch cows, $60 to $65 each; other cows and springers, $30 to $55 each. Calves from $4 to $15 each, or 5c to 7c per lb. Sheep, about 5c per lb.; lambs 6½ to 7c per lb. Two Spring lambs sold for $20, or a little over 20c per lb., live weight. Hogs, 9½ to 9¾c per lb.

Toronto, March 8.—Business was dull and draggy, except for prime butcher cattle, for which there was a good demand. All the choice stock was quickly absorbed and realized from $5.25 up to $6 for picked, well finished steers and heifers. Good cows and bulls were in strong demand, and realized high prices. Milkers and springers were active, a few extra choice milch cows selling up to $75 each. Sheep and lambs firm and unchanged Hogs advanced another 15 cents. Selects were quoted at $8.90 f.o.b., $9.15 fed and watered. Some dealers think that hogs will reach the $10 mark before the month is out.

OUR MINERAL PRODUCTION

$90,000,000 Worth of Minerals Produced in Canada Last Year.

A despatch from Ottawa says: The total value of the mineral production of Canada during 1909 was a little over ninety million dollars, an increase of nearly five millions as compared with the preceding year. Nearly all metals show an increased output, according to a preliminary estimate contained in a report by the Mines Department. The total production of silver during the year is estimated at 27,873,590 ounces, valued at $14,358,310, of which nearly thirteen million dollars is credited to the Cobalt mines. There was a slight decrease in gold production, which totalled about nine and a half millions. The Yukon gold output last year is estimated at $3,960,000, an increase of $360,000 over 1908. The total production of nickel from the Sudbury deposits was 28,845 tons, valued at the furnaces at $3,913,012 An increase of twenty per cent. is shown in production of pig iron in Canada last year as compared with 1908. The total production was 757,162 tons, valued at $9,581,864, as compared with 630,835 tons, valued at $8,112,194 in 1908. Coal and coke were produced to the extent of 10,411,955 tons, valued at $24,431,351, a somewhat smaller production than in 1908, owing to labor troubles at the Nova Scotia mines.

GOOD ACT LED TO ARREST.

Tramp Found Broken Rail and Flagged Train.

A despatch from Sudbury says: There is a tinge of romance in connection with the arrest here on Wednesday of James Donaldson, wanted on a charge of being an accessory to the murder of John Davis, of Parry Sound, on Monday night. Without funds, Donaldson, after assisting in the arrest of the alleged murderer, fled to Parry Sound, walking the C. P. R. tracks towards Toronto. Fourteen miles from Parry Sound, he discovered a broken rail, the danger of which was plainly apparent. He stood at the spot and flagged the first train that came along and doubtless averted a wreck. The grateful conductor brought him to Sudbury, and the circumstances was reported to the local superintendent, in the hope of getting him work. It was while waiting in the C. P. R. station for some work that he was arrested.

RUSH TO NEW GOLD FIELDS.

Many Prospectors and Others Leaving Cobalt for Bryce Tp.

A despatch from Cobalt says: The latest rush in the mining way is to Bryce township, about twenty miles west of Charlton and Uno Park. Several parties who contemplated going up the Transcontinental Railway to reported silver finds have gone to the new gold strike instead. Reports of free gold on fairly reliable information are responsible for the rush. It is a peculiar fact that this territory was practically all staked for silver in the early rush to the Montreal River section. Although hilly in parts, the greater portion of the new belt is flat, like Porcupine camp. Considerable flurry and excitement have been caused in Cobalt over this rush.

WAS BURNED TO DEATH.

Dreadful End of a Montreal Man's Debauch.

A despatch from Montreal says: John Logan, a steamfitter, wound up a drunken spree at his home, at 24 Archambault lane, early on Friday morning, by upsetting the kitchen stove, setting the house on fire, and burning himself to death. Logan was alone in the house, having turned his wife and children out on Thursday. When the firemen were called to put out the fire they found Logan's body, badly burned, lying near the overturned stove.

PROFITS OF THE MINT.

Over $60,000 Earned During Fifteen Months' Existence.

A despatch from Ottawa says: According to a return tabled in the House on Friday, the net profits on silver and bronze coinage from the opening of the Ottawa branch of the Royal Mint on Jan. 1st, 1908, till March 31, 1909, has been $63,857.

MYSTERIOUS TRAGEDY.

Saskatchewan Farmer Found Hanging to Stable Beam.

A despatch from Tisdale, Sask., says: Harry Smith, residing fifteen miles out of the town, met a tragic death on Thursday. He was found by a neighbor suspended to a beam in his stable, and quite dead. No reason can be assigned for the act. His financial standing was good, and nothing strange was noticed in his demeanor. He leaves a young widow and child four months old.

MISTOOK PILLS FOR CANDY.

Third Child to Die in a Week From This Cause.

A despatch from Ottawa says: The sugar coating of strychnine pills with which she was playing tempted Marjory May, the fourteen months' old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Bleakney, 28 Aylmer Avenue, to eat several of them and also to feed them to her pet dog The dog died in a few minutes and the child was soon stricken with convulsions and died on Thursday morning.

ZINC FROM CANADIAN ORES.

Government to Authorize Expenditure of $50,000.

A despatch from Ottawa says: The Government has given notice of a motion authorizing the expenditure of $50,000 for promoting the production and manufacture of zinc and zinc products from Canadian ores.

BRITISH ARMY ESTIMATES.

Total for Maintenance for the Year Nearly $139,000,000.

A despatch from London says: The army estimates for 1910-11, issued on Thursday, show a total for maintenance of $138,800,000. This is an increase over the estimates of the preceding year of $1,625,000.

EXPLOSION IN MAGAZINE

Killed Twenty-Three Men in Alaska Mine on Wednesday Night.

A despatch from Juneau, Alaska, says: Twenty-three miners were killed on Wednesday night by an explosion of a powder magazine in the 1,100 foot level of the Mexican mine, one of the group of Treadwell gold properties on Douglas Island. Eight men were seriously injured and four of these may die.

The last shots had been fired by the night shift twenty minutes before the men were assembled at the elevator to go on top. The magazine, which contained 275 pounds of powder was 30 feet from the place where the men were standing, but every man was killed or injured. Most of the miners were foreigners. The man in charge of the magazine had locked the door where the explosives were stored and was standing with the other men. He was killed.