

FIFTEEN PERSONS CREMATED

North Shore of Lake Superior Scene of Terrible C. P. R. Disaster.

A despatch from Chapleau, Ont., says: A terrible disaster by which the west-bound Imperial Limited was wrecked and fifteen persons, chiefly English immigrants, were either killed or burned to death, took place twenty-two miles west of here at noon on Wednesday. The train was running at a little over twenty miles an hour and was rounding a curve when beneath the baggage car a rail broke. The car left the rails, was torn away from the engine and mail car ahead, and plunged down the embankment to a small ice-covered lake. It was followed by two immigrant cars. The cars and a first-class coach crashed into each other at the bottom of the bank. The immigrant cars were crowded with people who were engaged in cooking dinner. The acetylene lights were also burning. From these two sources fire spread through the debris with incredible rapidity. The wounded, seeing the flames approaching, cried out pitifully for help. Many of them were pinned down beneath the wreckage.

HEROISM OF THE RESCUERS.

With splendid heroism the train crew and passengers set about the work of rescue. From the battered cars almost a hundred persons made their escape before the workers were driven back by the flames. The fate of some of the imprisoned passengers was horrible. One of the three men among the victims was caught by the feet between two coaches and burned to death. Until the flames surrounded him men tried to move the wreckage, persisting even after their hands were burned and bleeding.

"IT IS TOO LATE FOR ME."

Another, a young man, was caught above the knees. The rescuers had almost freed him when the top of the car gave way, its supports having been eaten through by the fire. The poor fellow cried out, "Save yourselves, it's too late for me," and thrust his would-be rescuers away.

It is impossible to say how many of the victims were dead before the fire reached them, but as six of them were children, some of very tender years, they were probably killed outright and saved the more terrible fate.

As the injured emerged, battered and blood-covered, the porters pulled out mattresses from the cars that remained on the track, and the more seriously injured were laid in long rows along the line and cared for as best they could be until doctors were secured from Chapleau and other nearby points. It took some time to reach Chapleau, as the wires were interrupted and messages had to go round by Chicago and back to Chapleau from the east. The auxiliary came up finally, cleared the line and hauled back the six remaining cars and all the passengers. The people of

Chapleau threw their homes open to the injured and the other survivors, many of whom were almost crazed with grief.

AN OVERPOWERING TRAGEDY.

One poor fellow named Goulding cabled to friends in England, saying that he had lost his wife, his two children and his blind brother. Then he added, apparently not thinking of the incongruity of it, that the blind brother's dog was dying of burns. What could be done for him and for others in like case was done by the kind-hearted Chapleau people before the removal of the passengers to Fort William.

J. J. Nevins of Ottawa, mail clerk on the wrecked train, when seen, said he was in his car and witnessed the parting of the train and the disaster that followed. It seemed a miracle to him that the train crew were not killed. They were in the baggage car, which was crowded with trunks. After the fire had partially burned itself out Mr. Niven walked over to the blazing ruins and saw indistinct masses among the red hot iron fittings that represented the bodies of the dead. Most of them would be completely incinerated, as it was impossible to do anything till the heat had subsided.

THE CASUALTY LIST.

Dead.—Mrs. R. B. Champion and child; Mrs. R. Davidson, and child; Winifred and Susie Horton, of Charing Heath, Kent, England; William Day, London, England; C. H. Goulding, his brother, brother's wife and two children, of Palestow, Essex, England; Mrs. August Djorklund and two children, of Worcester, Mass.

Seriously Injured.—Charles Coleman, Portsmouth, England, hands, face and head burned.

Slightly Injured.—Lewis Gillett, London, England; Wm. Williamson, Brandon, Manitoba; Joseph Gilson, Salisbury, N. Comiss, Fort William; Alphonse Ferland, St. Marie Bianca, Quebec; Archibald Struthers, Cheltenham, England; S. Knight, Cambridge, England; Ernest Knight, Cambridge, England; Harry Williams, Manchester, England; John Tabestall, Orkney Island; William Hamilton, Dumfries, Scotland; Joseph Townsend, Scotland; Arthur McCreay, Prince Edward Island; Patrick Harvey Whyton, Scotland; Peter Bueroff, Winnipeg, Manitoba; Herbert Jacob, Athens, Ont.; A. Decharias, Woonsocket, R. I.; Geo. Lacalocire, Winnipeg; George Hickey, Athens, Ont.; Edward Collier, West Shefford, Que.; J. C. Savage, West Shefford, Que.; Frank Schmidt, Winnipeg; J. H. Starr, London, England; Roderick Davidson, Exshaw, Alberta; W. D. White, Whiteside; James Clarke, Carleton, N. B.; Clarence Sproule, New Glasgow, N. S.; H. Saunders, Schriber, Ont.; R. Gamble, Fort William.

FARMERS IN WEST ARE ANXIOUS.

Demand for Help is Far Greater Than the Supply.

A despatch from Winnipeg says: Thursday witnessed another big rush of settlers to the West. Seven hundred came on the trains from Montreal. The newcomers are all destined for points west of Winnipeg, many of them purposing to go to British Columbia, where they will take up duties in the coast province; 375 Europeans who were also passengers on the Virginian, and 150 British who crossed the Atlantic on the Kensington. A large number are bent on going to Alberta, where many have already secured employment. Applications for help still continue to be pouring in by hundreds to the immigration officials, who are taxed to their utmost in providing suitable situations for the new comers. With the near approach of spring great anxiety is being felt by the farmers, and the wages being offered show a substantial increase over the figures of a few weeks ago. Even as it is the number of available men is not nearly so great as the quota of applications. The dearth of help is particularly being felt in Manitoba, many of the men preferring to cast their lot in Saskatchewan, Alberta, and British Columbia.

LORD CROMER RESIGNS.

Has Spent Forty-nine Years in Government Service.

A despatch from London says: Foreign Secretary Grey announced in the House of Commons on Thursday that Lord Cromer, the British Agent and Consul-General in Egypt has resigned his post for reasons of ill-health, and Sir Eldon Gorst had been appointed to succeed him.

BOTH LEGS CUT OFF.

Strathcona Citizen Run Over by Express and Killed.

A despatch from Strathcona says: E. J. McMillan, a well-known citizen, whose parents and family reside at Stratford, Ont., was run over by the midnight express in front of the C.P.R. station on Tuesday night. Both legs were cut off, and the unfortunate young man succumbed to his injuries a few hours later. He formerly was a medical student in Toronto University.

LEADING MARKETS

Toronto, April 16.—Wheat—Ontario, No. 2 white winter, 71½c to 72½c; No. 2 red, 71½c to 72½c; No. 2 mixed, 71c to 71½c.

Manitoba Wheat—No. 1 hard, 87c to 87½c; No. 1 northern, 86½c, lake ports, 90½c North Bay; No. 2 northern, 85c, ports.

Oats—No. 2 white, 39c to 39½c outside; No. 2 mixed, 38c.

Peas—78c to 78½c.

Corn—Strong; No. 2 yellow American, 52½c to 53c, Toronto and west; Ontario, 45c to 46c.

Rye—63c to 63½c.

Barley—Scarce; No. 2 nominal at 52½c to 53½c outside; No. 3 extra, 52c to 52½c; No. 3, 51c to 51½c.

Flour—Ontario—90 per cent. patents, \$3.70, asked, \$2.67 bid; Manitoba, first patents, \$4.50; seconds, \$3.75; bakers', \$3.90.

Bran—\$20 outside, buyers' sacks; nominal.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

Butter—Market continues firm, with an insufficiency of choice grades.

Creamery, prints 27c to 28c do solids 25c to 26c Dairy, prints 25c to 26c do tubs 21c to 22c

Cheese—Octobers are steady at 14c for large and 14c for twins.

Eggs—Prices are: 16c to 17c; splits, 15½c to 14c.

Chickens, live 10c to 11c do dressed 12c to 13c Hens, live 8c to 9c do dressed 10c to 11c

Honey—Pails, 11c to 12c lb.; combs, \$2.50 to \$2.75 per doz.

Beans—\$1.50 to \$1.55, for hand-picked and \$1.35 to \$1.40 for primes.

Potatoes—Ontario, 85c to 90c; eastern, 55c in car lots here.

Baled Hay—No. 1 timothy is quoted at \$11.50 to \$13, and secondary grades \$9.50 to \$10.50, on track here.

Straw—\$6.75 to \$7.25.

PROVISIONS.

Dressed Hogs—\$9.35 for light and \$8.75 for heavies, farmers' lots; \$8.25 to \$8.50 for car lots.

Pork—Short cut, \$23.50 to \$24 per barrel, mess, \$21 to \$21.50.

Smoked and Dry Salted Meats—Long clear bacon, 11c to 11½c for tons and cases; hams, medium and light, 15½c to 16c; heavy, 14½c to 15c; backs, 16½c to 17c; shoulders, 11c to 11½c; rolls, 11½c; out of pickle, 1c less than smoked.

Lard—Firm; tierces, 12½c; tubs, 12½c; pails, 12½c.

MONTREAL MARKETS.

Montreal, April 16.—Buckwheat—55c to 56½c per bush.

Corn—American, No. 2 yellow, 55c; No. 3 mixed, 65c, ex-store.

Oats—On spot, No. 2 white, 52½c; No. 3 white, 41½c to 42c; No. 4, 40½c to 41c per bushel, ex-store.

Peas—Boiling peas, \$1 in carload lots, \$1.10 in jobbing lots.

Flour—Manitoba spring wheat, \$4.25 to \$4.60; strong bakers', \$4 to \$4.10; winter wheat patents, \$4.10 to \$4.25; straight rollers, \$3.60 to \$3.70; do., in bags, \$1.65 to \$1.75; extras, \$1.50 to \$1.55.

Millfeed—Manitoba bran in bags, \$20 to \$22; shorts, \$22 to \$22.50; Ontario bran in bags, \$20 to \$21; shorts, \$22 to \$29.50; mill mouille, \$21 to \$25; straight grain, \$23 to \$29 per ton.

Rolled Oats—Per bag, \$2 to \$2.10 in car lots, \$2.20 to \$2.25 in jobbing lots.

Hay—No. 1, \$13.50; No. 2, \$12.50; No. 3 \$11.50; clover mixed, \$11; pure clover, \$10.50 to \$11 per ton in car lots.

Cheese—For fadders 12½c to 12½c is quoted, but receipts are very small.

Eggs—Price of new-laid remains unchanged at 17c to 18c per dozen.

Butter—28c to 29c is being quoted for the new make of creamery butter. For winter make 24c and 25c is being asked, while 23c to 24c is quoted for lower grades.

Provisions—Live hogs, selects, \$7.45 to \$7.50; mixed lots, \$7.10 to \$7.25; culls, stags, \$4.75 to \$5; sows, \$5.75 per 100 pounds; dressed hogs, abattoir dressed, \$10 to \$10.25; country dressed, \$8.50 to \$9.25 per 100 lbs.; smoked meats, hams, extra large, sizes 25 lbs. and upwards, 13c; large sizes, 18 to 25 lbs., 13½c; medium sizes, selected weights, 12 to 18 lbs., 14c; extra small sizes, 8 to 12 lbs., 14½c; hams, boned, cut, rolled, large, 14½c; do., small, 15c; English boneless breakfast bacon, 15c; Windsor bacon, backs, 15c; compound lard, 8½c to 9½c; kettle lard, 13c to 13½c; pure lard, 11½c to 12½c.

BUFFALO MARKET.

Buffalo, April 16.—Flour—Steady. Spring wheat—Steady; No. 1 Northern, 89c; Winter, strong; No. 2 white, 79½c.

Corn—Strong; No. 2 yellow, 51c; No. 3 white, 49c. Oats—Strong; No. 2 white, 47 to 47½c; No. 2 mixed, 43½c. Barley—Firm; Western for shipment quoted at 70 to 75c. Rye—Quiet; No. 1 in store, 70c asked c.i.f.

NEW YORK WHEAT MARKET.

New York, April 16.—Spot firm; No. 2 red, 83½c elevator; No. 2 red, 84½c f. o. b. afloat; No. 1 northern, Duluth, 90½c opening of navigation f.o.b. afloat; No. 2 hard winter, 86½c opening navigation f.o.b. afloat.

LIVE STOCK MARKET.

Toronto, April 16.—The run at the City Cattle Market this morning amounted to 116 cars, which included 1,900 cattle; 1,166 sheep and lambs, 1,000 hogs and 415 calves.

Trade was good for all kinds of cattle and there was no shortage of offerings. Export cattle sold well. Prices con-

THAW JURY DISAGREED

Seven Stood for Murder and Five for Acquittal

A despatch from New York says: After having struggled for nearly two days to reach a verdict the Thaw jury reported a disagreement late on Friday afternoon and was immediately discharged. The final ballot stood seven for conviction of murder in the first degree and five for acquittal on the ground of insanity.

Thaw was at once taken back to the Tombs. Application that he be released on bail will undoubtedly be made very soon, but it is regarded as almost certain that the application will be denied. District Attorney Jerome announced immediately after the jury's discharge that Thaw would be tried again, though not for several months.

The scene in the court when the jury announced its disagreement, though accompanied by all the formality usual on such occasions, lost much of the drastic quality it would otherwise have possessed for the reason that Thaw and all the members of the family were aware that no agreement had been reached, counsel for each side having been told of this by Mr. Justice Fitzgerald before they entered the court-room.

THAW HOPEFUL TO THE LAST.

The young Pittsburger had earlier in the afternoon again bundled up the mass of letters and documents which he meant to take with him from his cell. He was even at the eleventh hour hopeful of acquittal. He thought that the appeal of Mr. Delmas, who pictured him as a Sir Galahad, rescuing forlorn damsels, would impress the jury so greatly that he would be liberated before the setting of Friday's sun.

When he was told by Mr. Peabody and Mr. O'Reilly of his counsel that the result would be a mistrial, he dropped his bundle of documents to the floor. The bitterness of his disappointment was beyond words. He faced months more of confinement and then the strain of another trial.

After some words of encouragement from his lawyers Thaw braced himself and followed his prison guard into the

court-room. He slipped into his chair at the head of the table reserved for the lawyers for the defence so quietly that few of those in court noticed him.

THE PRISONER'S WIFE.

Evelyn Nesbit Thaw slipped into the room from the door which leads to the Justice's chambers. Instead of taking her accustomed seat she swung a chair beside that in which her husband sat. She knew the result; she had been told by the lawyers who made the fight for her husband's life and liberty. As she sat close to him Thaw dropped his right hand toward her, caught her gloved hand, and held it fast.

Some court attendant pressed a button, and a flood of light relieved the cloudy April afternoon by the glare of many electric lights. Clerk Penny arose from his seat and called to Thaw to stand and face the jury. He then turned to Foreman Deming B. Smith and called to him and his eleven associates to face the defendant.

THE SCENE IN COURT.

Thaw stood up. In the glare of the electric light his face showed plainly the pallor that comes from long imprisonment. The lines from the curve of his nostrils down to the chin seemed to have deepened as if the keenly sharpened plough of adversity had suddenly furrowed them. A few moments before he had sat with his pitiful little treasures in his lap all neatly parcelled and ready to carry them to the outer life, of which he had been deprived for nearly a year. He had even arranged for a tour abroad with his wife.

As Thaw rose he threw back his heavy shoulders and put his chin in the air. He looked squarely at Foreman Smith and Mr. Smith looked at Justice Fitzgerald.

The end of the case was brought quickly. Clerk Penny asked if the jury had reached a verdict. Mr. Smith said simply that it had not. He then plumped himself into his chair and Thaw sank into his.

CHARGED WITH MURDER.

Leopold Koeller Charged with Killing His Housekeeper.

A despatch from Stratford says: Leopold Koeller, 106 Romeo Street, was on Friday night placed under arrest, charged with the murder of his housekeeper, Mrs. Arriet Dewing, who was burned to death in the house on Thursday, Koeller being alone with her in the house at the time. The coroner's jury examined Koeller, who told the story of the accident. His story does not hold together well, however. Although the woman's clothes caught on fire and were burned off from her body, there was nothing in her room, where he claims the accident happened, to start the fire. Again, he says he grasped the woman while her clothes were blazing fiercely and threw her to the floor, but yet he received no burns whatever himself. The carpet upon which the woman was placed by Koeller in trying to extinguish the flames showed only two marks of fire—one exactly beneath where the body had lain and the other about 18 inches to the right side. The ceiling is about six feet three inches high in the centre of the room, and painted white, but it bears no marks of fire or smoke on its surface. The lantern in the room contained only a very small quantity of oil, and appeared to be in perfectly safe condition. Two half-burned matches were found on the floor nearby. Koeller was arrested and put in jail, the indictment being murder.

KILLED ON THE RAILWAY.

Mr. Marshall Grimshaw Struck Near Shannonville.

A despatch from Belleville says: Marshall Grimshaw, one of the oldest and best-known residents of the country, was killed by mail train No. 6, leaving this city at noon on Friday, about half a mile west of Shannonville. He was on the way home after visiting his daughter, and was walking on the track. He apparently did not hear the approaching train from the west, and stepped over on the south track and was struck on the back and instantly killed, being thrown a considerable distance into the ditch. His home was in Shannonville.

BOER WAR HEROES' MONUMENT

Earl Grey Will Be Present at Unveiling in Montreal.

A despatch from Montreal says: The Governor-General will be present at the unveiling on May 24, of the monument in Dominion Square to the memory of the Canadian soldiers who lost their lives in the South African War. Principal Peterson, chairman of the Citizens' Committee that raised the funds for the erection of the monument, has been informed that the statue is on the way from Paris to Havre, and as soon as it is shipped from Havre preparations will be commenced for the unveiling. Arrangements will be made to have every department of the militia represented at the ceremony.

MARKET FOR ONIONS.

England Will Take Canadian Produce for Pickling.

A despatch from Ottawa says: A report received by the Department of Trade and Commerce on Saturday from Mr. W. J. McKinnon, Canadian agent at Bristol, says there is a great demand in the Mother Country for small onions suitable for pickling. This branch of trade has hitherto been neglected by Canadians. The onions should be shipped unpeeled in bags holding 100 pounds each. Importing firms would be prepared to take 100 to 500 bags on a single order. The present supplies used by the big establishments in England come from Egypt, Holland and Belgium, the home supply being wholly insufficient.

There is also a big demand in the Mother Country for small pickling gherkins. Some shipments have been sent from Canada in the past, but they were too large in size. There is also an enquiry for Canadian-grown cauliflower. The British market at present is supplied principally from Italy, but the big pickle manufacturers would like to hear from Canada, and Mr. McKinnon offers to put Canadian growers into touch with the manufacturers if they will communicate with him.

C. E. MASSON ACQUITTED.

Some Doubt as to Who Struck the Blow at Hockey Match.

A despatch from Cornwall says: Charles E. Masson, who was charged with manslaughter in connection with the death of the late Owen McCourt on March 6, at a hockey match, was found not guilty on Thursday at the Spring Assizes, held by Mr. Justice Magee. Although five witnesses swore positively that McCourt was struck and felled by Masson, there were as many more witnesses who claimed that a few minutes previously McCourt received a vicious blow from Chamberlain. The defence made a lot of this evidence, and the outcome was the acquittal of Masson.

The Toronto Board of Control fixed the civic tax rate at 18½ mills.

King Victor Emmanuel of Italy is visiting King George of Greece.

time firm at last week's advance, \$5.45 being paid to-day for the best.

Butcher cattle were offered freely. Ordinary choice sold from \$4.75 to \$5, medium from \$4.30 to \$4.60; choice cows sold up to \$4.25, with ordinary quality ranging from \$3 to \$3.50.

Trade in stockers and feeders continues to improve. Prices for choice ranged up to \$3.85, common stuff is not wanted.

Milch cows are steady, and prices show little change.

Veal calves are slow and prices easy at 3c to 6c per pound.

Sheep are 50c higher at \$5.50 to \$6 for ewes and \$4.50 to \$5 for bucks and culls; grain-fed lambs are a little firmer at \$7.50 to \$8; spring lambs are steady at \$4 to \$7.50.

The market for hogs continues easy. Selects are quoted at \$6.65 fed and watered.

A MONSTER CRUISER.

Invincible, One of Britain's Great Trio, Successfully Launched.

A despatch from Newcastle, England, says: The British armored cruiser Invincible was launched on Saturday from the Elswick shipyard. She is one of the trio of largest cruisers in the world, of which the first, the Indomitable, was launched March 16. Under the Admiralty order the greatest secrecy was observed, in order to prevent any details regarding the new warship leaking out. Her dimensions are the same as those of the Indomitable, namely, she is 17,250 tons, is 530 feet long, exceeding the old armored cruisers by 50 feet, has turbine engines, and is expected to attain the high speed of 25 knots an hour. The armament of these three cruisers includes eight 12-inch guns, almost equaling the main battery of the Dreadnought.

AFFLICTED JAMAICA.

Cattle Dying of Drought—More Heavy Shocks at Kingston.

A despatch from Kingston, Jamaica, says: Sleepers were thrown out of their beds by a shock of earthquake early Tuesday morning, but the damage done to buildings was immaterial. A drought is killing the cattle on the island and is ruining the crops. The insurance companies are trying to arrange a compromise in the cases in which they are not protected by an earthquake clause in their policies.

REV. F. E. CORY DROWNED.

Methodist Missionary Loses His Life Near MacLeod.

A despatch from MacLeod, Alberta, says: The man who was drowned here on Saturday in Old Man River was Rev. Frederick Elston Cory, a missionary of the Methodist Church. He left MacLeod for his mission field near Lethbridge, having just finished writing on his examinations. His relatives all reside in the old country. Police and citizens are diligently working with grappling irons in search of the body.

Russia is said to be massing troops on the Persian frontier.