

FOUR BURNED TO DEATH

Two at Ottawa, One at Hespeler, and One at Napinka, Manitoba

A despatch from Ottawa says: Through the upsetting of a lamp in the home of F. X. Deloges, on Nelson street, on Saturday night, he was burned to death in his bed, and his seven-year-old son, Alexander, was burned so badly that he died shortly afterwards in the hospital. Three other children barely escaped with their lives. While working at a sewing machine about 9 o'clock in the evening Mrs. Deloges knocked a lighted lamp to the floor. The flames quickly ignited the curtains of the room, and spread with great rapidity up the stairway to the room where Deloges and two of his children were sleeping. Mrs. Deloges rushed to the street, carrying two young children who were with her downstairs. When she returned to awaken those upstairs the flames barred her way. Firemen arrived quickly on the scene and soon effected an entrance to the upper story. Deloges was found dead in bed, having been suffocated by smoke in his sleep and very badly burned. His son, Alexander, was also found unconscious on the bed and badly burned. On the floor was a little daughter, unconscious from the suffocating smoke, but she revived on being taken into the open air, and escaped serious injury from the flames.

HESPLER LADY FATALLY BURNED.
A despatch from Hespeler says: Mrs.

Hartick, who was badly burned in a fire on Saturday, died at 11 o'clock on Sunday night. The fire was caused by a bottle of benzine, standing on a shelf in the kitchen, which in some way fell on the stove and immediately set the place on fire, seriously burning Mrs. Hartick about the face and body. Ladies from the neighborhood carried her into a neighbor's house, where her injuries were attended by Dr. R. J. Lockhart. The heroic ladies did nobly in fighting the fire. They had it well under control when the town fire-fighters arrived on the scene. In some way the infant son of Mrs. Hartick was forgotten for a minute, when one of the ladies ran into the house, which was filled with smoke, and brought the little one out, nearly smothered by smoke.

MRS. YEOMANS ANOTHER VICTIM.
A despatch from Napinka, Manitoba, says: Through the explosion of a cup of coal oil, accidentally left on the top of the kitchen range, Mrs. John Yeomans died on Saturday morning after suffering intense pain. Mrs. Yeomans had started a fire in the kitchen range, and left the cup of coal oil upon the stove. The coal oil exploded, covering her in a sheet of flame. Before she could give the alarm she was fearfully burned. Mrs. Yeomans was formerly Miss Lizzie McKay, and came from Seaford, Ont.

LEADING MARKETS

BREADSTUFFS.
Toronto, Dec. 31.—Manitoba Wheat—No. 1 northern, about nominal at \$1.18½; No. 2 northern, \$1.13½; No. 3 northern, \$1.10½; feed wheat, 60c to 61c; No. 2 feed, 50c to 51c, lake ports.
Ontario Wheat—No. 2 white or red, 95c to 96c, outside; No. 2 mixed, 94c to 95c, outside; goose, 85c.
Flour—Ontario winter wheat patents; for export, \$3.65 bid, offering at \$3.70; Manitoba patents, special brand, \$5.80 to \$6; seconds, \$5.20; strong bakers', \$5.10.
Barley—No. 1, 72c to 74c; No. 2, 70c to 72c, outside; No. 3 extra, 68c to 70c.
Peas—\$3½c outside.
Rye—No. 2, 80c.
Corn—Old No. 2 yellow American, 72c to 73c, Toronto freights; new, No. 3 yellow, 65c; new No. 3 yellow, kiln-dried, 67c to 68c.
Oats—No. 2 white, 45c to 45½c, outside; mixed, 44c to 44½c, outside, 49c track Toronto.
Buckwheat—62c outside.
Bran—\$19 in bulk outside; shorts, \$21.
COUNTRY PRODUCE.
Butter—Market steady, with prices unchanged.
Creamery prints 28c to 30c do solids 26c to 27c
Dairy prints 23c to 24c do solids 22c to 23c
Inferior 20c to 21c
Cheese—Dull at 13½c for large and 13½c for twins.
Eggs—Storage, 22c per dozen in case lots; selects, 26c; strictly new-laid nominal at 30c to 35c.
Potatoes—Steady at 80c to 85c per bag in car lots on track here.
Beans—\$1.70 to \$1.75 for primes and \$1.80 to \$1.85 for hand-picked.
Venison—Firm and in demand; hind-quarters, 11½c to 12c; front quarters, 5c, carcasses, 8½c to 9c.
Baled Hay—Timothy quoted from \$17

to \$17.50 per ton on track here.
Baled Straw—Quiet at \$9.50 to \$10.50 per ton on track here.
PROVISIONS.
Smoked and Dry Salted Meats—Long clear bacon, 10c to 10½c for tons and cases; hams, large medium and light, 14c to 15c; hams, 12½c to 13c; backs, 16½c to 17c; shoulders, 10c; rolls, 10c to 10½c; breakfast bacon, 15c to 15½c; green meats out of pickle, 1c less than smoked.
Pork—Short cut, \$22.75 to \$23 for barrels; mess, \$18 to \$19.
Lard—Tierces, 11½c; tubs, 12c; pails, 12½c.
BUFFALO MARKET.
Buffalo, Dec. 31.—Wheat—Spring, firm; No. 1 Northern, \$1.17½; Winter, steady; No. 2 red, \$1.06. Corn—Lower; No. 3 yellow, 61½c; No. 3 white, 58c. Oats—Steady; No. 2 mixed, 50c; No. 2 white, 55½c. Barley—95c to \$1.12. Rye—No. 1, 90c.
NEW YORK WHEAT MARKET.
New York, Dec. 31.—Wheat—Spot, firm; No. 2 red, \$1.08, elevator; No. 2 red, \$1.06½ f.o.b. afloat; No. 1 northern, Duluth, \$1.23½ f.o.b. afloat; No. 2 hard winter, \$1.17½ f.o.b. afloat.
AID TO TEMPERANCE.
Scarcity of Earley Will Close One Thousand Chicago Saloons.
A despatch from Chicago says: "One thousand saloons will have locked their doors and gone out of business in this city by May 1 next," said Adam Orstesen, president of the McAvoy Brewing Co., during a talk on Tuesday night on the scarcity of barley, which is seriously crippling the large breweries and the malt houses, and may mean a probable raise in the price per barrel of beer within a few weeks. Both brewers and malsters, for several weeks, have been bidding almost to the point of wiping out the margin of profit in order to get the few carloads of barley that arrive in this market each day.

CONDENSED NEWS ITEMS

HAPPENINGS FROM ALL OVER THE GLOBE.

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

CANADA.
Canada's fisheries yielded \$26,125,000 last year.
Over \$143,000 was spent in Waterloo this year on new buildings.
Port Dalhousie storekeepers protest against unlicensed peddlers.
At Kenora \$5,772.80 was paid in 1907 in Police Court fines.
The play-grounds of the St. Catharines Public Schools are all too small.
The mother of Archbishop Bruchesi died at Montreal on Sunday.
Very destructive fires have occurred at North Battleford, Sask., and Richard's Landing, Ont.
Japanese have applied for a block of ten thousand acres of C. P. R. land in Alberta to grow sugar beets.
The N., St. C. and T. Railway will relay their tracks in Niagara Falls in the spring.
Fred Leclaire was murdered with an axe near Gretna, Man., his head being split open.
Andrew McComb, railway laborer, drank wood alcohol at Lanigan, Sask., and died.
Oswald Robinson, aged 40, of near Campbellton, N.B., died from drinking wood alcohol.
The total catch of fish in Canadian waters for 1906 was worth over 26 million dollars.
Roy Pears, of Rosthern, Sask., received an injection of anti-toxine and expired instantly.
A number of St. Catharines boys have been summoned to answer a charge of cock-fighting on Sunday.
Toronto assessment, as finally revised by the County Judge, is \$206,403,246, an increase of \$22,120,161 over last year.
Mr. James Blythe has given the Methodist Church of Raleigh Plains a free site for a church. Mr. Blythe is a Catholic.
The first sheet of Canadian tin-plate turned out at the new factory at Kingston was presented to Premier Whitney.
D. J. Hamilton, a diver working on the G.T.R. bridge at West Fort William, was drowned by his diving suit bursting.
It is reported that Mr. John D. Rockefeller will donate \$2,000,000 to McMaster University, Toronto, for the establishment of a medical department.
Since the inception of bounties, in 1882, the sum of \$3,949,701 has been paid to the deep-sea fishermen of the Maritime Provinces.
Plans of Saskatchewan's new legislative buildings, which will cost over a million, are being prepared by Messrs. E. & W. S. Maxwell, of Montreal.
A young man named Roland Madill was stabbed by his uncle, James Morrison, at Gooderham village, on Christmas Eve, and may be fatally wounded.
For raising a disturbance in the Kingston penitentiary on Christmas night twenty-seven convicts have been placed in solitary confinement.
The Toronto City Council decided to ask the Legislative to grant to married women owning property in their own name the franchise in Toronto.
A quantity of plate, including two solid silver trays, was found near the railway at Niagara Falls on Thursday. It is supposed to be thieves' spoil dropped from a train.
Two Emerson, Manitoba, men who were forced over the line and arrested by a United States secret service officer are taking steps to extradite the officer and have him tried in Canada for his illegal act.
GREAT BRITAIN.
Seven hundred Indian Mutiny veterans met in London to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of the great struggle.
Rev. W. White, a curate in Tipperary county, Ireland, was shot and dangerously wounded by a brother clergyman on Christmas Day.
UNITED STATES.
The second Thaw trial will commence at New York next week.
An epidemic of pneumonia, grip and typhoid fever has broken out in Pittsburgh.
New England cotton manufacturers will curtail their output 25 per cent. until March 1st.
Begram Somers of San Jose, Cal., mistook his five-year-old boy for a burglar and shot him dead.
Officers of the New York trust companies claim that their institutions are in a better position to-day than they were before the panic.
The New York Republican Club has endorsed Governor Hughes as a candidate for the Presidency.
James W. Paul, a Philadelphia banker, gave a ball the other night at which the decorations alone cost \$35,000.
The International Paper Company has purchased 350,000 acres of heavily-wooded spruce lands on the Restigouche River in New Brunswick.
Rev. A. Leonard Parker, an Episcopalian minister, said to be well known in Canada, has been arrested at Boston on a charge of larceny.
GENERAL.
Famine is threatening a large number of villages in the interior of Turkey.
The Italian Government will complete the excavation of Herculaneum.
Gustave, the new King of Sweden, does not desire an expensive coronation.
The Dutch Cabinet has resigned because its army estimates were rejected by the second House.
The Persian Shah has accepted the stipulation of Parliament as to the maintenance of the constitution, and has agreed to banish the intriguing priests.

MURDER OF PEEL FARMER

William Curry the Victim of Immigrant Farm Hand.

A despatch from Brampton says: During the closing hours of Christmas Day a horrible tragedy was enacted in Toronto township by which William Curry, a man of sixty years, was shot and killed. Thursday afternoon John Terriss, an English immigrant, was taken to the county jail here, charged with murder.

VISITING ON CHRISTMAS.
Christmas Day was passed by the deceased and his son at the home of Mr. J. Black, his son-in-law. There were then left in the Curry home Terriss and a ten-year-old "home" boy. Miss Curry the housekeeper, was away at Stayner passing the holiday with her sister, Mrs. Pain. About 8 o'clock the two Currys returned to their home. Half-past 8 found James Curry and the prisoner sitting in the living room reading newspapers at the table, with the father gone to his bed in a room opening off the living room. The home boy, according to the story told, said to the hired man, "Let's go to bed." Terriss rose, walked over to the corner of the room, and picked up James Curry's breech-loading, double-barrelled shotgun. Drawing the gun to his shoulder he covered Curry with it and remarked: "The other day you laughed at me before others, but now I have the laugh on you." Curry thought the gun was empty, as he had left it in the corner a few days before, and did not treat the threat seriously at first. He told Terriss to put the gun down, and there were words loud enough to rouse the old man in the adjoining room and bring him to the door.

TO SAVE HIS SON.
Terriss, it is said, turning to him, ordered him back, threatening to shoot if he advanced. The old man advanced and the shotgun belched at the same moment. A charge of No. 4 shot entered the old man's left breast and tore open a large hole. At the same moment the lamp was extinguished by the discharge of the weapon. James Curry, who had been seated when the shot was fired, sprang to his feet, rushed at Terriss, grasped his throat with one hand and the gun with the other.

WERE TWO SHOTS.
A second report rang out, but the charge passed harmlessly into the ceiling. The deadly struggle in the dark continued over chains and around the table. Curry succeeded in pulling the gun away from the Englishman, but he sooner had he done so than he was attacked by a fresh weapon in the hands of the infuriated Terriss. This was a stove crank shaker, which the man had in his pocket. He struck Curry on the head and on the arm without inflicting very serious injuries. Curry was able to wrest the crank from the man, whom he struck over the left temple, felling him to the floor where he lay unconscious. In the meantime old Mr. Curry had staggered into his room and fallen on his bed. The boy had fled the scene when the trouble began and had hidden himself.

A MONTH IN CANADA.
The aged victim of the shooting lingered for two or three hours, but he was unable to survive the shock and expired. The alleged perpetrator of the deed, though he received a heavy blow from the plecter, regained his senses and revived sufficiently to be brought to the jail. He had been known around the farm as "Jack," and his surname was not ascertained until he gave it to the officers of the law. He further stated that he had come from Newcastle-on-Tyne, and it is believed he has a wife living there. The prisoner is about thirty years of age and is a painter by trade. He came from the old country about a month ago and went straight to the Curry farm from the immigration depot in Toronto.

CLAIMS SHOOTING ACCIDENTAL.
It is said that the dispute between the younger Curry and the hired man arose over a question of wages. The latter, it seems, claimed he had been hired for a year, while Curry stated that he had only come a month on trial. Terriss had been told his services were no longer required. Afterwards, it is claimed, there was a quarrel about a sick horse, and whatever was said rankled in Terriss' heart. When arrested in talking of the affair the prisoner claimed that the shooting was accidental.

\$147,000,000 FOR ROLLING STOCK.

The Railroads Increased Their Equipment in 1907.
A despatch from Chicago says: Railroads of the United States and Canada have spent approximately half a billion dollars for rolling stock this year. This covers only the cost of products of car building concerns, and does not include cars and locomotives constructed in their railroad shops.
According to the Railroad Gazette, the financial slump will be felt by the car builders next year. Orders for new equipment, to be delivered during 1908, have fallen off greatly.
The total number of cars built in the United States and Canada this year is 289,645, against 243,670 in 1906. Of those built this year, 284,188 were freight cars and 5,457 passenger coaches. The output of locomotives was 7,362, against 6,952 in 1906. Freight cars cost an average of \$1,100, an increase of \$100, passenger cars, \$8,500, an increase of \$500, and locomotives, \$10,000, an increase of from \$500 to \$1,000. Taking these figures as a basis, the total expenditure for rolling stock was \$477,000,000, an increase of 25 per cent. over last year.
The mileage added this year was 5,220, against 5,623 in 1906. Only 349 miles of road went into the hands of receiver; this year, against 657 in 1906, and only six roads, with a total mileage of 175, were sold under foreclosure.

THREE CROOKS ARRESTED.

Threatened to Shoot Four Detectives When Captured.
A despatch from Toronto says: George Chambers, 27 years old, no home, and Thomas Morgan, 21 years old, no home, two fearless highwaymen, who have figured in a number of highway robberies in the city and county during the past ten days, were captured on Saturday night by Detectives Newton, Twigg and Nat Guthrie and plain clothesman Lydiatt on Sherbourne Street. Both men were armed with revolvers, and when the detectives pounced upon them the highwaymen attempted to shoot. Chambers, who has a long police record, succeeded in getting the loaded revolver, which he was holding in his pocket, out, when Detective Twigg wrenched his arm, and the weapon fell on the sidewalk. Morgan, who has just made his start in the hold-up game, showed great nerve and fought desperately with the detectives. The two men were hiding in a dark spot, and were evidently waiting for a victim to appear on the scene. The men tried to escape through an alleyway. They are desperate characters, and the police claim it is the most important capture that has been made in Toronto in some time. The prisoners, who have been kept separated since their arrest, were brought up to the detective office on Sunday morning, and in the presence of Crown Attorney Corley and Inspector of Detectives Duncan were

WHISKEY KILLS A BOY.

Ten-Year-Old Got Hold of Some on the Railway.
A despatch from St. Stephen, N. B., says: A very sad affair has occurred at Bonny River, Charlotte county. On Christmas eve a number of boys were playing about the station, among them John Maxwell, ten years old, who lived with his stepfather, Mr. Cook. The boys discovered there was some whiskey in transit, and little Maxwell obtained possession of a quantity and drank it. The result was that he became ill, and died on Christmas Day. An inquest was held, at which witnesses testified to seeing Maxwell drinking the whiskey, and a verdict was returned that his death was due to that cause.

A HEAD-ON COLLISION.

Four Trainmen Killed on the Grand Trunk Railway.
A despatch from Detroit says: Speeding through a dense fog at forty miles an hour, Grand Trunk passenger train No. 5, which left Port-Huron shortly before 7 o'clock on Friday night for this city, collided head on with a double-header freight train one mile north of Lenox, Mich. Five trainmen met death, four being killed instantly, the fifth dying three hours later. All of the passengers escaped injury except a baby, who was only slightly hurt by being thrown out of its mother's arms and over a seat when the trains crashed. The dead are: Engineer Bennett of the passenger train, Engineer Bobowski of the first freight engine, Fireman Boughner, Fireman Albert McCall, Switchman W. G. Taylor. The passenger locomotive ploughed under the engines of the double-header and the trainmen were buried in the wreckage. Their bodies were terribly mangled and scalded by the escaping steam.

PATROLLING THE WEST.

Mounted Police to Visit Isolated Sections This Winter.
A despatch from Ottawa says: Although climatic conditions in the west have been quite favorable so far this winter, the Northwest Mounted Police have decided to repeat the policy of last winter of sending out patrols to the outlying sections. The first of these patrols will be sent out to look after the welfare of a party of Scotch settlers who are 100 miles from a railway and twenty miles from a neighbor. They are located between Swift Current and Battleford. Other patrols will follow, in due course.

TRAGEDIES MARK VOYAGE

Vessel Reaches San Francisco After Many Disasters.

A despatch from San Francisco says: The American ship Atlas dropped anchor here on Tuesday night, 275 days out from Baltimore. It ended a voyage made tragic by a collision off Cape Horn, attended by the sinking of another vessel, the drowning of the fated craft's captain and the captain's wife, mutiny on its decks and death among its crew.
On June 6 at 6 p.m. the Atlas struck the Norwegian barque Viking (Captain Peterson), bound from Hamburg to Calcutta. Both were badly damaged by the contact, but the barque fared worst. In the terror of the night thirteen of the crew of the Norwegian barque boarded the American ship, crawling over tangled shrouds and dangling booms. Captain Peterson and his wife were not among those who made the dangerous transit, but it was too dark to render aid, though the Atlas took during the night, and next morning the Viking

had disappeared. The Atlas put into Rio de Janeiro for repairs, leaking badly. On the way to this port a mutiny took place among the crew over some trouble with the mate, but it was easily quelled.
Before the collision off Cape Horn, three of the ship's company met death. On May 23 J. Senumacher and Chas. Nolan, seamen, fell from the jibboom and were drowned. On June 15 John Hook, sailmaker, died and was buried at sea. When the ship arrived on Tuesday the captain's son and the third officer were ill, and the vessel was ordered into quarantine.
The Atlas had a cargo of coal for the United States Government. The vessel had been 120 days out from Rio de Janeiro. Reinsurance had been ordered at 10 per cent. The Viking was a new barque of 2,541 tons. Nothing had been heard of her after she began her last voyage until the Atlas brought in the tidings on Tuesday night.