

THE GATES CARRIED AWAY

Three Boats Swept Down and Badly Damaged at Sault Ste. Marie.

A despatch from Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., says: On Wednesday afternoon the Canadian Soo locks were practically put out of commission by one of the worst accidents that ever happened in marine circles in the Soo or vicinity. At present the water from Lake Superior is pouring through in a torrent, and it will probably be a month before the locks are again available for marine trade. Three boats, the Assiniboia of the C. P. R. Line; the Perry G. Walker of the Gilchrist fleet, and the Crescent City all figured in the accident. The overflow of water threatens to wash out the piers at the foot of the locks. At 2 on Wednesday afternoon the Assiniboia was in the locks, bound down; she was followed by the Crescent City. The Walker was coming up the river, presumably to lock through on an up trip. Just as the Crescent was entering the canal, and before the gates could be closed at the upper end, the Walker crashed into the lower gates, breaking them and allowing the Assiniboia and Crescent to rush down with the overflow of water.

The Assiniboia missed the Walker, barely grazing her side, but the Crescent dashed into her and received a hole in her side six feet square. The Walker was also considerably damaged. The Crescent and the Assiniboia proceeded to the Michigan side, where both now lie. The Assiniboia seems to have suffered minor injuries, while the Crescent is now lying on the bottom. The Walker reached the centre of the river and grounded, and was later towed to the Michigan

side by two tugs. Her injuries are not yet known.

Passengers on the Assiniboia are not yet aware how close they came to death. Had the boat turned turtle in the locks not a soul would have escaped.

A movable dam at the head of the locks is being placed in position at the present time in an endeavor to have the locks repaired, but since it has not yet been tried there is some doubt as to its effectiveness. The four large gates have been swept away, and there remain only the frail emergency gates, which are not of much use, providing the dam refuses to work.

The accident will not, of course, seriously delay navigation as the United States and Canadian canals are open to ships of either nation, and the business will be done entirely through the United States locks till repairs are made.

NOT SO SERIOUS.

A despatch from Ottawa says: A telegram received at the Department of Railways and Canals on Thursday evening from Mr. J. W. L. B. Ross, superintending engineer at Sault Ste. Marie, would indicate that the damage to the canal is not quite so serious as at first estimated. The auxiliary gates and the pair of guard gates were found to be safe, and this no doubt accounts for the engineer's expectation that repairs will be effected within a short time. Mr. Ross wired to the Acting Deputy Minister, Mr. L. K. Jones, "The lock may be ready by Monday night, but further delay is possible."

Hon. Mr. Graham accordingly left for the "Soo" at 1.10 Friday morning.

BANK MANAGER DISAPPEARS.

Mystery Shrouds Fate of Saskatchewan Man.

A despatch from Grenfell, Sask., says: Excitement has been caused in the town by the mysterious disappearance of James Young Thompson, manager of the Grenfell Investment Company, bankers. Sunday, June 6, Thompson engaged a horse and buggy to drive to the home of Skilliter, a farmer living seven miles south-east of this town. But about five o'clock he turned up at the residence of Mr. Thornton, Indian agent, living about seventeen miles north-east of Grenfell. Thomson informed Thornton that he had driven out to get a bath in Crooked Lake, which is three-quarters of a mile from Thornton's. He left the horse and buggy with Thornton, and walked to the lake, and disappeared. Sergt. Besonge and W. Peel made a thorough examination of the bank, and report that everything is in its usual shape.

NATAL WILL ENTER.

Union of South African Colonies Now Assured.

A despatch from Durham, Natal, says: A referendum held to decide

whether or not Natal should join the South African Union has resulted in favor of the juncture by a vote of 11,121 to 3,701. This assures the complete union of the South African colonies—the Transvaal, Cape Colony, the Orange River State and Natal. Practically the entire population of Natal is British, and the disinclination of a considerable element to enter the union was caused by fear that the confederation would be dominated by the Dutch.

THE DEADLY TOY RIFLE.

Boy Victim in Montreal—Shot Through the Heart.

A despatch from Montreal says: The toy rifle has claimed a second victim in Montreal within two weeks, Harold Davenport, sixteen years of age, being killed on Saturday night by the discharge of a 22-calibre rifle with which he and some boys were shooting in a yard at Point St. Charles. The bullet passed through his heart, killing him instantly. The previous victim was Gordon MacFarlane, son of the general passenger agent of the Dominion Line.

Kingston citizens propose to erect a monument to Sir Oliver Mowat.

GREATEST OF WAR FLEETS

Magnificent Spectacle Witnessed by Delegates to Press Conference.

A despatch from Portsmouth, England, says: The delegates to the Imperial Press Conference, who spent Saturday here as the guests of the admiralty, witnessed a naval spectacle that represents a concentration of sea-power unparalleled in the history of the world.

Stretched out in seven lines in the far-famed Roadstead, and extending from Cowes Road to the sea forts guarding the entrance to Spithead, the visitors saw the "war head" of the British navy, that is to say, that section of the fleet which always is fully manned and equipped in readiness for instant action. Of the 144 ships, estimated to be worth, all told, something like \$450,000,000, that had assembled for Saturday's manoeuvres, not a single one had been especially commissioned for the occasion.

Among the 24 battleships were seven Dreadnoughts, while supporting these lines of capital ships

lay 24 cruisers, thirteen scouts and auxiliaries, 48 torpedo-boat destroyers and 35 submarines. Had they bands playing, the scene was full have formed a double line 18 miles long.

All the vessels were dressed with thousands of flags, and with the crews on deck manning ship and the bandsp laying, the scene was full of animation and color.

A salute from Nelson's old flagship, the Victory, announced the arrival of the Admiralty yachts, bearing the lords of the Admiralty and the newspaper guests. After traversing the lines of the fleet, the visitors went on board the Dreadnought and witnessed a sham attack of submarines and destroyers on the battleship. The sea front of Portsmouth was black with masses of spectators and the Roadstead was filled with steamers thronged with sightseers from all parts of the kingdom.

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, June 15.—Flour—Ontario wheat 90 per cent. patents, \$5.50 to \$5.60 to-day in buyers' sacks outside for export; on track, Toronto, \$5.75 to \$5.80; Manitoba flour; first patents, \$6.20 to \$6.40 on track, Toronto; second patents, \$5.80 to \$6, and strong bakers', \$5.65 to \$5.70 on track, Toronto.

Manitoba wheat—No. 1 Northern \$1.34, Georgian Bay ports; No. 2 at \$1.31½ and No. 3 at \$1.30.

Ontario wheat—No. 2, \$1.35 to \$1.40 outside.

Barley—Feed, 62 to 63c outside. Oats—No. 2 Ontario white .60 to 61c on track, Toronto, and 58 to 58½c outside. No. 2 Western Canada oats 61½c, and No. 3 60½c, Bay ports.

Peas—Prices nominal.

Rye—No. 2, 74 to 75c outside.

Buckwheat—No. 2, 70c outside.

Corn—No. 2 American yellow, 83c on track, Toronto; No. 3 82½c on track, Toronto; Canadian yellow, 76½ to 77½c on track, Toronto.

Bran—Manitoba, \$23.50 to \$24 in sacks, Toronto freights; shorts, \$24.50 to \$25, Toronto freights.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

Apples \$4 to \$5 for choice qualities, and \$3 to \$3.50 for seconds.

Beans—prime, \$2, and hand-picked, \$2.15 to \$2.20 per bushel.

Maple syrup—95c to \$1 a gallon.

Hay—No. 1 timothy \$13 to \$13.50 a ton on track here, and lower grades \$11 to \$11.50 a ton.

Straw—\$7.50 to \$8 on track.

Potatoes—Car lots, 90 to 95c per bag on track.

Poultry—Chickens, yearlings, dressed, 16 to 17c per lb; fowl, 12 to 14c; turkeys, 16 to 18c per lb.

THE DAIRY MARKETS.

Butter—Pound-prints, 18 to 19c; tubs and large rolls, 15 to 16½c; inferior, 14 to 15c. Creamery rolls, 21 to 22c, and solids, 18 to 19c.

Eggs—Case lots, 18½ to 19c per dozen.

Cheese—Large cheese, old, 14 to 14½c per lb, and twins 14¼ to 14½c. New quoted at 12½c for large and 13c for twins.

HOG PRODUCTS.

Bacon, long clear, 13¼ to 13½c per lb in case lots; mess pork, \$23; short cut, \$25 to \$25.50.

Hams—Light to medium, 15½ to 16c; do., heavy, 14 to 14½c; rolls, 12½ to 12¾c; shoulders, 11¼ to 12c; backs, 17½ to 18c; breakfast bacon, 16½ to 17c.

Lard—Terces, 14c; tubs, 14¼c; pails, 14½c.

BUSINESS AT MONTREAL.

Montreal, June 15.—Oats—No. 2 Canadian Western, 62c; extra No. 1, 61¼c; No. 1 feed, 61½c; No. 3 Canadian Western, 61c. Barley—No. 2, 72½ to 74c; Manitoba feed barley, 67½ to 68c; buckwheat, 69½ to 70c. Flour—Manitoba Spring wheat patents, firsts, \$6.30 to \$6.50; do., seconds, \$5.80 to \$6; Manitoba strong bakers', \$5.60 to \$5.80; Winter wheat patents, \$6.75; straight rollers, \$6.50 to \$6.60; do., in bags, \$3.15 to \$3.20; extra, in bags, \$2.65 to \$2.80. Feed—Manitoba bran, \$22 to \$23; do., shorts, \$24 to \$25; pure grain mouille, \$33 to \$35; mixed mouille, \$28 to \$30. Cheese—Westerns, 11½ to 12c, and easterns, 11½ to 11¾c. Butter—Finest creamery 22½c. Eggs—19 to 20c per dozen.

UNITED STATES MARKETS.

Minneapolis, June 15.—Wheat—July, \$1.30½; Sept., \$1.11½ to \$1.11¾; Dec., \$1.08½; cash, No. 1 hard, \$1.35 to \$1.35½; No. 1 Northern, \$1.30½; No. 2 Northern, \$1.32 to \$1.32½; No. 3 Northern, \$1.29½ to \$1.31½. Flour—First patents, \$6.40 to \$6.60; second patents, \$6.30 to \$6.50; first clears, \$5.05 to \$5.25; second clears \$3.65 to \$3.85. Bran—In bulk, \$23.50 to \$24.

Chicago, June 15.—Cash wheat—No. 2 red, \$1.60; No. 3 red, \$1.56½; No. 2 hard, \$1.31 to \$1.32; No. 3 hard, \$1.29 to \$1.31; No. 1 Northern, \$1.32 to \$1.33; No. 2 Northern, \$1.32 to \$1.33; No. 3 Northern, \$1.30 to \$1.32; No. 3 Northern, \$1.24 to \$1.28. Corn—No. 2, 75½c; No. 2 white, 76c; No. 2 yellow, 75½ to 75¾c; No. 3, 75½c; No. 3 white, 76c; No. 3 yellow, 75½ to 75¾c; No. 4, 74 to 74½c.

LIVE STOCK MARKETS.

Montreal, June 15.—Prime beefs

ASQUITH GIVES ADVICE

British Premier Tells the Press Delegates What Is Their Highest Duty.

A despatch from London says: The week's brilliant functions in connection with the Imperial Press Conference reached a climax on Friday night with the Government's dinner, at which Earl Crewe, Colonial Secretary, presided. Premier Asquith, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Col. Seeley, Lord Cromer, Lord Northcote and other distinguished guests were present.

The Premier proposed the toast to the guests and with high eloquence he claimed that there ought to be a sense of interdependence in the partnership between the Governments and the press. It was the duty of the Imperial press to promote in the highest forms and for its worthiest purposes a spirit of Imperial unity, and he referred to the one voice and settled conviction wherewith statesmen of both parties had dealt with the question of Imperial defence.

Mr. Langlois, who first responded, speaking for two and a quarter millions of French-Canadians, declared that in all crises Quebec would stand by the Empire. There would be no discordant voice.

Should any occasion arise Canada would be united in a mighty whole to defend the common cause. French-Canadians were proud of the British flag, which floated over a peaceful and contented people in Quebec. (Applause.)

Speaking in French, Mr. Langlois expressed pleasure at the entente cordiale and repeated that French-Canadians were grateful to Britain for safeguarding their religion, customs and liberties. He recalled with pride that in the dark days of 1812 French-Canadians saved Canada. What they had done in the past they could be relied on to do in the future.

Messrs. Cunningham and Fenwick responded for Australasia.

Earl Crewe said the Home Government would meet the overseas representatives as equals and allies. Nothing could be further from the Minister's thoughts than to dictate to them any policy or act. He thought the Imperial Press Conference would have effects as far reaching and beneficial as any conference that had been or would be held.

from 6 to 7½c per lb. Pretty good animals sold at 5 to 5½c; milkmen's strippers at 3½ to 5c per lb. Milch cows from \$25 to \$60 each; calves, \$2.50 to \$8 each, or 4c per lb.; sheep, 5 to 5½c per lb.; lambs, \$4 to \$6 each. Good lots of fat hogs about 8½c per lb.

Toronto, June 15.—The demand for butcher cattle is still strong and light exporters were freely bought for killing purposes. \$6 was paid for the latter class, whilst choice butchers were firm at \$5.00 to \$5.75. The top price paid for exporters was \$6.50, but well finished cattle of this class were firm at \$6.25 to \$6.40. Stockers and feeders continue in strong demand, with only a limited supply on offer. Milkers and Springers—Firm and unchanged. Sheep and lambs—Steady at last quotations. Calves—Firm. Hogs—Selects, \$7.50 f. o. b., and \$7.75 fed and watered.

fining it to the structure in which it started. Nevertheless, it cost the life of one fireman, and severe bruises and narrow escapes from death by half a dozen others in the collapse of the building. The blaze was in the wooden building occupied by the Nova Scotia Furnishing Company, adjoining their main brick structure. After the fire had been got under control the wooden building collapsed while a score of firemen were at work within it, or on the roof. A mass of debris fell upon the men, but all were dug out with more or less injuries, excepting James Tynan, who was at work with the hose when the roof fell in. He was struck by a beam, and instantly killed.

REVENUE INCREASING.

Customs, Excise and Post Office Show Large Gains.

A despatch from Ottawa says: The financial statement for May shows the revenue for the first three months of the year to have been \$13,613,974, which is an increase of more than a million and three-quarter dollars over the collections in the same time the year before. The increase is principally due to enlarged customs collections, which show an increase of over a million dollars during the three months. Excise collections increased by about a hundred thousand dollars, and postoffice revenue by the same.

MOSQUITOES KILL NINETY.

Outbreak of Malaria in Northern Orange Colony.

A despatch from Cape Town says: The heavy rainfall has caused the overflow of the Orange River, in the Gordonia northern district. This has resulted in the breeding of swarms of mosquitoes leading to a serious outbreak of malaria. Three-quarters of the population are affected and ninety deaths are reported.

Lieutenant-Governor Dunsmuir of British Columbia, whose term has yet a year to run, is anxious to retire.

FOUND DISMEMBERED BODY

Mystery Surrounds Horrible Murder in New York City.

A despatch from New York says: The headless and dismembered body of a man done up in two packages, one containing the torso and the other the arms and legs, was found on Thursday night in charge of a 14-year-old boy who stood crying on the sidewalk of Oliver Street, at the side of Public School No. 1, a block south of Chatham Square. The dismemberment had apparently been done with a heavy sharp knife and with a saw that worked smooth. Haste was evidenced by the unfinished character of the cuts at one edge of the stumps, and by the fact that the

butcher had not taken the time to undress the body. In severing the head the knife was used just at the base of the neck, cutting through the soft collar of the shirt, which ends in a ragged edge just where the collar would join it. The boy who had the bundle in his care gave a description of a man who he said had entrusted them to him. The man looked like a Jew. It is believed the murdered man was a Jew. Perhaps with the purpose of throwing the police on the wrong track, the words "Black Hand" had been printed on each bundle, crudely, in English.