

3 KILLED AND 7 INJURED

Natural Gas Explosion Dashed Several Workmen to Death.

A despatch from Niagara Falls, Ont., says: Without warning, and with a roar that could be heard for miles, a terrific explosion wrecked a penstock at the power-house of the Ontario Power Company, Queen Victoria Park, on Friday morning, killing three men instantly and seriously wounding seven others. Dead: David Henderson, Niagara Falls, N. Y.; William Orchard, Niagara Falls, N. Y.; Charles M'Gonigle, Tonawanda, N. Y. Injured: Henry Byron, Merriton, crushed about the head and face, probably internally injured; Lewis Fluellin, this city, minor bruises about the body, severely scratched face; John Otto, Niagara Falls, N. Y., badly bruised face and body;

Robert Moran, this city, left side and face bruised; Peter McKinnon, head and shoulders bruised; James Nelson, Buffalo, left arm and side injured, face badly bruised; George Garvey, this city, severely injured and thought to be internally hurt. General Superintendent Hugh H. Wilson stated that the loss aside from the fatalities would be trifling, possibly not exceeding \$5,000. He said that so far as could be ascertained at the present time, the explosion was due to a leaking gas pipe. There is a small gas line within the penstock for heating purposes and it is thought that gas escaping from the pipe produced the fatal combustion.

FROM THE LAKES TO THE SEA

United States Government Proposes a Big Scheme.

A despatch from Washington says: The Taft Administration sprang a large surprise on Friday in connection with Canadian relations by proposing co-operation with Canada for the construction of a deep waterway from the great lakes to the Atlantic Ocean via the St. Lawrence, thus making ocean ports of lake cities in both countries, and reducing freight rates to the great advantage of the people of the interior. The proposal came in the form of a resolution introduced in the House of Representatives early on Friday forenoon by Senator-elect Townsend of Michigan, following a long conference with President Taft on Thursday night.

The resolution for the first time makes public that it is the desire of the Administration to open the great lakes to ships of the largest size. It is drawn in such terms, apparently, as to seek to enlist the support of Congress before this important step is negotiated by the executive end of the Government.

FOUND MURDERED IN ROAD. Commercial Traveler Meets Terrible Fate in Nicolet County.

A despatch from Quebec says: Maurice Plouffe, a commercial traveler, was found on Friday night murdered in the roadway between St. Celestin and St. Leonard, in Nicolet County. His head was split open, his throat cut, and there was a knife stab in the region of the heart.

LATER.

A despatch from St. Leonard de Nicolet, Que., says: Hormidas Trepanier, a farmer, forty-five years of age, of St. Leonard de Nicolet, was arrested at his home on Sunday by Chief McCaskell of the Provincial Police for the murder of Maurice Plouffe. On Sunday night Chief McCaskell stated that Trepanier had confessed he had killed Plouffe by stabbing him and crushing his head with an axe. The body was found on the main road by George Lord, a storekeeper of St. Leonard de Nicolet, who was returning from a business trip to Three Rivers.

MINER GETS 20 YEARS.

Escaped From New Westminster Penitentiary.

A despatch from Gainsville, Georgia, says: George Anderson, alias "Old Bill" Miner, who escaped from the penitentiary at New Westminster, B.C., was given a prison sentence of twenty years, and George Hanford and Charles Hunter sentences of fifteen years

each here on Friday for complicity in the robbery of an express car on a southern railway passenger train near White Sulphur Springs recently. Had he escaped conviction, arrangements had been made by the Canadian Government to have Anderson held for extradition, so that he could be taken back to British Columbia to serve out a life sentence for robbing a Canadian Pacific Railway train.

DIED OF BROKEN HEART.

Man Falls Dead After Attending His Son's Funeral.

A despatch from Montreal says: Died of a broken heart, was the verdict in the case of Ed. Bergevin, who fell dead in his house on Thursday morning. He had attended the funeral of his only son, and was much cut up about it. He entered his home, took off his overcoat, and pitched forward dead.

INFANTE JAIME A MUTE.

Second Son of King and Queen of Spain Deaf and Dumb.

A despatch from Paris says: It is said that the King and Queen of Spain have been informed by experts that their second son, Infante Jaime, is deaf and dumb.

Oil may be used by the railways to banish the mosquito from Muskoka.

Rev. Mr. Gross was acquitted at Dorchester, N.B., on a charge of arson.

DEATH OF BRITISH ADMIRAL

Admiral Sir Assheton Gore Curzon-Howe Was Stricken With Paralysis

A despatch from Portsmouth, says: Admiral Sir Assheton Gore Curzon-Howe, commander-in-chief at Portsmouth, was stricken with paralysis on Wednesday morning and died the same evening. He was the second in command of the squadron which visited Quebec at the time of the Tercentenary, to escort King George, then Prince of Wales.

Admiral Curzon-Howe succeeded Admiral Sir Arthur Fanshawe as commander-in-chief at Portsmouth in March, 1910, the latter being promoted to the rank of admiral of

the fleet. He had served in the navy 43 years, and during that period commanded many of the best known ships and saw a great variety of active service. He received the thanks of the Royal Humane Society in 1868, and was twice mentioned in despatches in 1891. He was commodore in charge of the Newfoundland fisheries in 1893-96. He was second in command of the Channel fleet, 1902-03; commander, China, 1903-05; Channel fleet, 1905-07; Atlantic fleet, 1907-08; commander-in-chief, Mediterranean fleet, 1908-10.

PRICES OF FARM PRODUCTS

REPORTS FROM THE LEADING TRADE CENTRES OF AMERICA.

Prices of Cattle, Grain, Cheese and Other Produce at Home and Abroad.

BREADSTUFFS.

Toronto, Mar. 7.—Flour—Winter wheat 90 per cent. patents \$3.20 to \$3.25 at seaboard. Manitoba flours—First patents, \$5.40; second patents, \$4.90, and strong bakers', \$4.70, on track, Toronto.

Manitoba wheat—No. 1 Northern, 96½c, Bay ports; No. 2 Northern, 94c, Bay ports, and No. 3 at 91½c, Bay ports; carrying Winter storage at Goderich, 1c extra.

Ontario Wheat—No. 2 white and red Winter, 80c outside.

Barley—Malting qualities, 66 to 68c outside, according to quality, and feed 53 to 55c outside.

Oats—No. 2 white 34 to 34½c on track, Toronto, and 32c outside. No. 2 W. C. oats, 36½c, Bay ports, and No. 3 at 35 to 35½c, Bay ports. Corn—50½c, Toronto freights, for No. 3 American.

Peas—No. 2 at 80 to 81c outside. Rye—66 to 67c outside.

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Buckwheat—No. 1 at 48½ to 49c outside.

Bran—Manitoba at \$22, in bags, Toronto, and shorts, \$24, in bags, Toronto. Ontario bran, \$22 to \$22.50, in sacks, Toronto, and shorts, \$24 to \$24.50.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

Apples—Spys, \$5 to \$6; Baldwins \$4 to \$5; Greenings, \$4 to \$4.50; No. 2 assorted, \$3.50 to \$4.50 per barrel.

Beans—Car lots \$1.75 to \$1.80, and small lots, \$1.90 to \$2.

Honey—Extracted, in tins, 10½ to 11c per lb.; No. 1 comb, wholesale, \$2 to \$2.50 per dozen; No. 2 comb, wholesale, \$1.75 to \$2 per dozen.

Baled Hay—No. 1 at \$12 to \$13 on track, and No. 2 at \$9 to \$10.50.

Baled straw—\$6.50 to \$7, on track, Toronto.

Potatoes—Car lots 80 to 85c per bag.

Poultry—Wholesale prices of dressed poultry:—Chickens, 15 to 16c per lb.; fowl, 11 to 13c per lb.; turkeys, 19 to 21c per lb. Live 1 to 2c less.

THE DAIRY MARKETS.

Butter—Dairy prints, 19 to 20c; choice rolls, 18 to 19c; inferior, 16 to 18c. Creamery quoted at 27c per lb. for rolls, 24c for solids, and 22 to 23c for separator prints.

Eggs—Case lots of new-laid, 22 to 23c per dozen, and of pickled at 16 to 17c.

Cheese—Large, 13c, and twins at 13½c.

HOG PRODUCTS.

Bacon—Long clear, 11½ to 12c per lb. in case lots; mess pork, 21.50 to \$22; do., short cut, \$25 to \$25.50; pickled rolls, \$22 to \$22.50.

Hams—Light to medium, 15 to 16c; do., heavy, 14c; rolls, 12½c; breakfast bacon, 17 to 17½c; backs, 18 to 18½c.

Lard—Tierces, 12c; tubs, 12½c; pails, 12½c.

BUSINESS AT MONTREAL.

Montreal, Mar. 7.—Oats—Canadian Western, No. 2, 38½ to 38¾c, car lots ex store; extra No. 1 feed, 37½ to 38c; No. 3 C.W., 37½ to 37¾c; No. 2 local white, 37½; No. 3 local white, 36½c; No. 4 local white, 35½c. Flour—Manitoba Spring wheat patents, firsts, \$5.60; do., seconds, \$5.10; Winter wheat patents, \$4.50 to \$4.57; strong bakers', \$4.90; straight rollers, \$4.25 to \$4.35; do., in bags, \$1.90 to \$2.

Rolled Oats—Per barrel, \$4.45; bag of 90 lbs., \$2.10. Barley—Feed, car lots ex store, 49 to 50c. Corn—American No. 3 yellow, 55½ to 56c. Millfeed—Bran, Ontario, \$22 to \$23; Manitoba, \$21 to \$23; middlings, Ontario, \$24 to \$25; shorts, Manitoba, \$23 to 25; mouillie, \$25 to \$30. Eggs—Selected, 23c; fresh, 25 to 27c; No. 1 stock, 20c; No. 2, 18c. Cheese—Westerns, 11½ to 12c; easterns, 11¼ to 11½c. Butter—Choice, 26 to 26½c; seconds, 23½ to 25c.

UNITED STATES MARKETS.

Minneapolis, March 7.—Wheat—May, 95¼ to 95 3-8c; July, 96½ to 96 5-8c; September, 90½c. Cash—No. 1 hard, 97 5-8c; No. 1 Northern, 96 to 97 1-8c; No. 2 Northern, 93 to 95 1-8c; No. 3 wheat, 91 to 94. Bran—\$20 to \$21. Flour—First patents, \$4.45 to \$4.75; second patents, \$4.35 to \$4.65; first

SITUATION IS DESPERATE

Thousands of Chinese Are Dying of Starvation—Bark and Weeds the Only Food

A despatch from Washington, says: To meet the pressing needs of the starving people of China, American Consul-General Wilder at Shanghai, on Wednesday cabled to the Secretary of State an urgent appeal to the people of the United States for the contribution of \$100,000 more to be sent by cable to the stricken people. Mr. Wilder makes it plain that that amount will be needed before the army transport Buford, now loading at Seattle, can possibly arrive in China with its supplies. The situation, Mr. Wilder adds, is desperate. While some relief has been given to the suffering multitudes, thousands are dying of starvation. Barks and weeds, the Consul-General says, provide the only food for thousands of others.

The Red Cross, on Wednesday, cables \$1,000 to Mr. Wilder, making a total of \$23,000 which the Red Cross has disbursed for the relief of the sufferers, \$16,000 having been cabled directly to the stricken districts and \$7,000 having been spent for supplies.

clears, \$2.90 to \$3.30; second clears, \$1.90 to \$2.50.

Buffalo, March 7.—Spring Wheat—No. 1 Northern, carloads store, \$1.02 5-8; Winter, nominal. Corn—Firm. Oats—No. 2 white, 34c; No. 3 white, 33½c; No. 4 white, 32½c. Barley—Malting, 95c to \$1. Rye—No. 2, on track, 87c, through billed.

LIVE STOCK MARKETS.

Montreal, March 7.—Choice steers sold at 6½c, good at 6¼c, fairly good at 5¾ to 6c, fair at 5½ to 5¼c, and lower grades at 4½ to 5c per lb. Cows and bulls brought from 3½ to 5½c per lb. Hogs sold at \$7.25 to \$7.50 per cwt., weighed off cars. Calves sold from \$3 to \$10 each, as to size and quality. Sheep, \$5 to \$7, and a few Spring lambs sold at \$8.

Toronto, March 7.—Three good fat heifers, weighing 1,400 lbs. apiece, were sold for \$6.15 per cwt., and one or two loads of choice steers and heifers fetched \$5.85. Medium butcher cattle ranged from \$5 to \$5.60. Bulls were steady at around \$5 to \$5.10, and good butcher cows brought \$5.25 in some cases. Canners were from \$2 to \$2.50 per cwt. Good lambs weighing from 90 to 100 lbs. were about 25c higher. Sheep were quoted from \$4.25 to \$4.85. Hogs, \$6.75 f.o.b., and \$7.05 fed and watered.

NEW ONTARIO LOAN.

Five and a Half Million Dollars to be Floated.

A despatch from Toronto says: Col. Matheson, Provincial Treasurer of Ontario, announced on Thursday afternoon that a provincial loan of \$5,500,000 is to be floated. Of this, \$2,500,000 is for Hydro-Electric transmission lines, two million of it to carry the line to Windsor. Three million is to be

spent on the T. & N. O. railway, \$600,000 to extend the line to Porcupine, and \$55,000 to carry the line south to meet the Grand Trunk at Calendar.

BOXER RISING IN CHINA.

Proclamation Issued Advising Extermination of Europeans.

A despatch from St. Petersburg says: Recurrent reports of a threatened anti-foreign rising in China, which have become more frequent since the plague appeared in that country, reappear in telegrams from Mukden and Vladivostok. They state that proclamations have been issued advising the extermination of Europeans. A Boxer rising is expected by the foreign newspapers. All the European Governments will send troops to protect their subjects.

NORTHERN WOLVES HUNGRY.

Numerous, Too, in the Vicinity of Charlton Lake.

A despatch from Charlton says: Wolves are numerous at the head of the lake here and in the country bordering Council Creek, right down to the Montreal River. Two were killed at one of J. R. Booth's lumber camps on Bear Creek the other day, and another at the head of the lake here. Old trappers say the wolves are having a particularly hard time of it this winter, owing to the great depth of snow and the absence of a crust. Many, they say, have died of starvation.

Lieut. Hennessy, Quartermaster at the Royal Military College, has retired.

Miss Ethel Coleman, playing with a "Ben Hur" company, was asphyxiated at Joplin, Mo. Her remains were buried at Belleville, on Thursday, where she lived.

INSANE PATIENTS ARE CURED

Dr. Robertson, of the Royal Edinburgh Asylum, Gives Wonderful Results

A despatch from London says: Dr. George Robertson, Superintendent of the Royal Edinburgh Asylum for the Insane, in a report published in The Scotsman of the marvellous cures of the insane, instances two cases. The first was of a woman who was a sufferer from myxoe dema. She became childish, heard imaginary voices and had strange delusions. A tablet prepared from the thyroid gland of a sheep was given to her. She

was transformed from a misshapen, stupid object to a bright, intelligent woman. The second case was that of a woman whose affliction was due to excess of secretion of thyroid in the blood. She was treated with serum from a goat, the thyroid gland of which had been removed. She rapidly recovered.

Dr. Robertson says those unbalanced by politics usually recover. He states that the cures effected to-day would have been considered miracles twenty years ago.

RIOT AT SPRINGHILL MINES

Strikers Stone Houses of Men Who Returned to Work

A despatch from Springhill, N.S., says: The troops stationed here on account of the strike by coal miners have at last found something serious to do. They were called out on Thursday to suppress a fierce riot. The trouble began by the stoning of the houses of the strikers who have returned to work during the past few days. The stoning continued for some time, becoming very much worse, until the crowd numbered several hundreds, and the disorder was tremendous.

Manager Sharp and other officials did what they could to protect the company's property, and to preserve the rights of the men who were being assaulted. In the melee Mr. Sharp was somewhat badly cut about the head. The town police took a hand, and the arrests they made, strange to say, were of those who had been trying to preserve peace, while the men who caused the riot were unmolested. The troops were then called out, and quiet was restored.