

EATEN BY WOLVES

HORRIBLE FATE OF AN UNKNOWN MAN AT BASSWOOD, MAN.

George Murray Seriously Injured By a Falling Tree While Working in the Woods.

Basswood, Man., Dec. 28.—A report has been brought to this section by Indians from the northwestern reserve lying between Newdale and Strathclair of the finding of the body of a man in that district. According to the story, the body was torn and eaten by wolves, which roam at will in large numbers in this part of the country. The remains could not be recognized, but it is presumed to be the body of a Galician who became lost and subsequently frozen during the recent severe weather. Another theory is, that the man while travelling alone may have been attacked by the large timber wolves, which are numerous and very ferocious in the north. It is understood the authorities will investigate the truth of the report.

While at work in the bush at the Riding Mountains a few days ago, George Murray, of Basswood, met with a serious accident. He was cutting down a large tree when a heavy branch fell, striking him on the head and rendering him unconscious. He was picked up and serious results were apprehended, but with good care the injured man will recover.

An unfortunate runaway mishap occurred here on Christmas night. Rev. H. Feir, Presbyterian minister, was driving from Fairmont to Basswood, when his team of horses became uncontrollable and ran away. The ground was very rough and the reverend gentleman was thrown violently from the buggy, the animals continuing on their way and smashing the rig before being captured. Mr. Feir was not seriously injured. This is the second mishap of this kind that has occurred to him in the past few days.

EXPLOSION IN A POWDER MILL.

One Man Killed and Several Fatally Injured.

Scranton, Pa., Dec. 28.—An explosion in the Farrell mill of the Moosic Powder company at its Jeremyn works yesterday blew the mill and some adjoining buildings to pieces and broke windows for miles around. The shock was plainly felt in this city, a distance of fourteen miles. Jacob Hiller, who was in the engine room, was burned beyond recognition. It is feared others were fatally injured. Scarcely a store or residence in Jeremyn escaped with a whole pane of glass. A Delaware and Hudson passenger train, which passed about a quarter of a mile from the scene of the explosion at the time of the accident, was swayed by the force of the explosion and the passengers screamed with terror as the train gave a sudden lurch. The cause of the explosion is unknown.

Sharpville, Pa., Dec. 28.—An explosion at the old Sharpville furnace yesterday morning wrecked the furnace plant and killed three men. Another workman was probably fatally injured.

A SAD MISTAKE.

A Man Bathes His Head in Muriatic Acid Thinking It Was Hair Restorer.

The East Grand Forks Courier says: "Andrew Floberg, in charge of the N. P. freight department at Moorhead, is suffering with a bald head, occasioned by bathing in muriatic acid. Some time since, it appears that McNab, the popular druggist of the city across the Red, famous for his hair tonic, received a carboy of muriatic acid. For some reason it proved unsatisfactory and he ordered it returned. It was taken to the N. P. freight depot and left upon a barrel for a time. The name Macnab appeared on the bottle, and this proved a hoo-doo for Floberg. The carboy leaked and considerable of the fluid was upon the barrel. Floberg is said to have concluded that there was an excellent opportunity to try the famous hair tonic, and dipping his hands into the acid, saturated his hair with the first scoop. He quickly discovered the character of the fluid, and ran hurriedly to some water, into which he placed his head and hands to ease the pain. When he removed his head from the water it somewhat resembled a billiard ball, save for the blisters occasioned by the acid. Both scalp and hands were badly burned. The unfortunate man was placed in the hands of a physician, and is rapidly recovering.

It was suggested by some heartless person that there was an opportunity for Macnab to show what his tonic could do.

BRIEF NEWS NOTES.

The United States navy department will adopt wireless telegraphy as a means of signalling at sea.

Three new Ontario beet factories will be built this season. One at Berlin will cost \$500,000.

A C. P. R. work train was wrecked near Hastings, B. C., and three train hands were injured.

A Doyle, aged 87, was dangerously injured by a street car in Winnipeg.

Signor Marconi has arrived at Sydney, C. B., where he will establish a wireless telegraph station.

Large crowds witnessed the Christmas services in the Church of the Nativity at Bethlehem, in the Holy Land.

An application X X M for the incorporation of the Canadian Central railroad to run from French river, on Lake Huron, to Vancouver.

The last eight miles of track on the Canadian Northern east of Fort Frances will be laid by the 30th December.

There are now 392 cases of smallpox in Ontario.

Jacob Bennett was killed by a falling tree near Hamburg, Ont.

Mayor Still, of Orangeville, Ont., dropped dead in his office.

A party of South Dakota farmers will take up land near Port Arthur.

Rev. Colin Sinclair, of St. Thomas, Ont., and his wife and son were poisoned by eating canned salmon.

The Quebec provincial board of health has issued orders to all municipalities to enforce compulsory vaccination.

Three men were killed in Chicago through the breaking of a huge crane.

Sir Joseph Noel Paton, the Scottish painter, was found dead in bed at Edinburgh.

A white man tried to stab a negro in a fight at Birmingham, Ala., and he and his son were shot dead.

His Holiness the Pope will be specially represented at the coronation of King Edward by an envoy extraordinary.

A coal train broke loose near Scranton, Pa., and the cars rolled down into a valley. Four men were killed.

A G. T. R. brakeman named Vallee, was killed at St. John's Que.

It is believed that Mrs. Powell, who disappeared mysteriously from Vancouver was murdered.

A Jap killed a companion near Westminster, B. C., and died the morning after in terrible agony.

Lieut.-Col. Boswell, of Winnipeg, and Lieut.-Col. Boulton, of Russell, have been recommended for long service decoration.

Several canning factories at the mouth of the Fraser river were demolished by floods, which occasioned a loss of half a million dollars.

In an ambushade in South Africa the British lost ten killed.

A storm at Newfoundland caused serious loss to shipping and fishing industries.

ROBBERY AT CRANDALL.

\$1,000 Secured by the Burglars at the Store of George Elliott.

Residents of Crandall, Man., were surprised to learn that George Elliott's store was burglarized last Thursday night and about \$1,000 in Union Bank bills taken.

The robber or robbers were apparently scared away before a larger amount was secured as one of the citizens tried the street door and found it locked about ten minutes before J. Jordan, one of the clerks, arrived home, to find the door wide open and one of the cash tills partly robbed. Nothing new in the matter developed until the afternoon, when Mr. Todd, proprietor of a general store, came home to find that his store, which he had locked securely had been entered in his absence. The floor was covered with private papers and receipts, which the burglars had thrown about in their search for money. Fortunately no cash had been left in the till, and up to the present time Mr. Todd cannot find anything missing except the locks and bolts from the back doors, which were broken in order to force an entrance to the store.

No clue to the robbery has been obtained, and it is considered fortunate that only \$1,000 has been taken from Elliott's store, as there were several thousands on hand, all of which would probably have been taken had the miscreants not been scared away.

WESTERNERS WOUNDED.

Albert Edmonds, of Baigonia, and N. G. Glass of Willoughby, Severely Wounded.

Ottawa, Dec. 27.—Hon. Joseph Chamberlain cables Lord Minto as follows: I regret to inform you that Albert Edmonds was dangerously wounded, and N. W. Glass was severely wounded, both at Zont'lan on the 12th December. Their fathers, respectively, are Harry Edmonds, of Baigonia, Assa., and Wm. Glass, of Willoughby, Saskatchewan. Also that Sergt. W. H. Rea died of dysentery on the 19th of December at Plomfontein. His wife is Mrs. Rea, Ottawa.

BRITISH CAMP RUSHED.

London, Dec. 27.—General Rundle reports that on the night of Dec. 24 Col. Firman's camp at Zefontain, consisting of three companies of yeomanry and two guns, was successfully rushed by a strong commando under De Wet. It is feared the casualties were heavy. Two regiments of Light Horse are pursuing the Boers.

DE WET AND TOMMY.

A good story of De Wet, just fresh from South Africa, has been immediately "commandeered" by the London Express.

Part of the East Kent Regiment, soon after the abortive conference between Botha and Lord Kitchen, was engaged in pursuing the wily De Wet. Suddenly the guerilla chief turned on his pursuers and captured some of them after a hard fight. The Britishers, some of whom were badly wounded, were hurried along to the Boer hospital, where the wounded were put to bed, while their comrades who were sound in wind and limb, were made hospital attendants.

On the second day De Wet and Botha visited the hospital. Botha was smoking a cigarette, but De Wet had a huge pipe between his teeth.

One of the East Kents jumped up in his bed, shook his fist at De Wet, and said: "You bloomin' Dutchman you're the cause of this!"

De Wet took the pipe from between his teeth, and said: "You ought to think yourself lucky that you are allowed to lie there in peace, when there are better men than you, and me out there fighting. Wait till you get well, and won't I lead you a dance!"

Then turning to another East Kent he said: "Can I do anything for you?"

Tommy looked at De Wet in surprise; then he promptly replied, "Yes sir; give me a pipe full of 'bacca and match."

The Boer chief handed the soldier his pouch and a box of matches. Then he said: "You'll be released in a day or two."

A fortnight after the very same soldier was engaged in the eternal chase of De Wet and had the hard luck to be captured a second time, after receiving a nasty wound in the forehead, which made him unconscious.

He awoke after a while and found De Wet binding his wound with his own handkerchief.

Suddenly De Wet cried: "I've seen you before, haven't I? Yes, you were the chap I caught the week before last. Well, don't you get caught again, because next time we might have no tobacco and no handkerchiefs."

INDIANS ARE RESTLESS.

Buffalo Feast in Oklahoma Territory by Pawnees.

A dispatch from Guthrie, Okla., says the Pawnee Indians are on the warpath. An immense buffalo bull was so injured in being transferred from the Santa Fe stock yards to Pawnee Bill's rancho, south of the town, that he had to be killed. The meat was given to the Indians by Major Lillie for a buffalo dance. The Indians have been dancing and powwowing ever since. They say the vast herds of buffalo are coming back to this country, and many of them have notified the white lessees to vacate their ranches at once, because they wish to lay the fences low so that the buffalo will have the full swing of the country. The whites in the remote parts of the reservation are coming into Pawnee, and they report that the Indians are acting threateningly towards them. Pawnee Bill has placed mounted guards around his buffalo ranch for the Indians are camping in the timber west of there and in sight of the herd, and from their suspicious actions he thinks they intend to liberate the herd and perhaps kill them. The United States Indian agent at that point has been notified and has made a report to the commissioner of Indian affairs at Washington.

The "fast" young man doesn't make the best record for himself.

There is no cement that will repair broken promises.

Flirtation, like polishing powder, brightens up the spoons.

The man who attempts to keep a joint bank account with his wife is apt to find it out of joint quite frequently.

ONTARIO HAPPENINGS

SHOOTING AFFRAY IN TORONTO STREETS ON CHRISTMAS DAY.

Kersey Bros. of Eddy's Mills Accused of Robbing Their Own Safe—Fatal Accident.

Toronto, Dec. 26.—A long standing difficulty between Herbert Turan and Frank Rich, reached a climax yesterday afternoon, and in the affray which ensued Rich was hit in the leg by a revolver bullet. Two shots were fired and Frank McNamara, who was with Rich, had his leg grazed by one of them. Turan was afterwards arrested and charged with having shot with intent to kill. The men had been enemies and about five months ago Rich was bound over to keep the peace. He and McNamara went to Turan's house and the latter shot at them. Rich is in the emergency hospital, but is not seriously wounded.

A STRANGE ARREST.

Sarnia, Ont., Dec. 26.—Inspector William Greer, of the provincial detective department in company with Detective R. G. Chamberlain, of the Dominion police effected a sensational arrest in connection with the Eddy's Mills robbery.

About 3 o'clock on the morning of the 17th the general store of Kersey Bros., which also contains the post office at Eddy's Mills, a hamlet sixteen miles from Petrolia, was burglarized. The safe was blown open and a registered letter containing \$1,150 addressed to Mr. J. McTaggart, of Alvinson, who was buying cattle in the neighborhood, was stolen. Messrs. Isaac and Walter Kersey, who kept the store and post office, slept in the building. They had attended a social near-by the previous evening, returning about 1 o'clock. Immediately after the explosion they gave an alarm at the hotel across the street. The statement was then being made that one of the windows had been forced; the other windows and doors having been locked and barred. As a result of an investigation conducted by the crown officer the Kersey Bros. were arrested on a charge of themselves having committed the robbery. The crown officers say that the story that the window had been forced from the outside was inconsistent with the situation as they found it. The Kerseys were brought before the police magistrate at Sarnia and remanded for a week, no evidence having been taken.

TUCKETT'S GENEROSITY.

Hamilton, Dec. 26.—Following the pleasant custom of the late George Tuckett, the founder of the big Tuckett tobacco manufactory, President George T. Tuckett, his son, has presented each of the employees of the firm who have been in their continuous employ for 25 years, with a deed to a building lot, and also \$225 to aid in the building of houses thereon. The fortunate ones are: Miss Cassie Taylor, Mrs. Elizabeth Joyce, Mrs. Mary Lavelle, George N. Harris and William Smith.

FATAL SHOOTING ACCIDENT.

Hamilton, Dec. 26.—Mr. John Allan, a young farmer of Onondaga township, who has relatives in this city, died yesterday from a gunshot wound accidentally inflicted by himself while out shooting a week ago. He was 21 years of age.

FIRE AT HAMILTON.

Hamilton, Dec. 26.—A spark from one of the machines in the picking room of the Imperial Cotton company's factory fell on some loose cotton and caused a blaze yesterday morning that did damage to the extent of \$1,500.

TORONTO POISONING.

Toronto, Dec. 26.—James Moody, whose child died about a week ago, leaving him quite despondent, was found about 2 o'clock last night, lying in a downstairs room, suffering from laudanum poisoning. Beside him lay an empty bottle. Moody died at the emergency hospital early this morning without recovering consciousness.

A THRILLING RIDE.

A Brandon Boy Steered His Sleigh Under a Moving Freight Train.

Brandon, Dec. 26.—A young lad named Wilay had an experience on Tuesday afternoon which he will likely remember for some time to come. He was coasting down 18th street on his sleigh, when a freight train passed slowly over the C. P. R. crossing at this point. Being unable to stop his sleigh owing to the terrific speed at which he was traveling, he passed under one of the cars and came out the other side, continuing his fast ride until the bottom of the hill was reached. His only injury was a black eye.

Example may be stronger than precept, but precept does a great deal of example's work.

MARKETS

WHEAT.

The market for Manitoba wheat has continued quiet during the past week, but with the advancing markets outside, buyers have been more willing to take on some wheat, and on Thursday several parcels changed hands at 3c per bushel over what could have been obtained the previous Saturday. On Monday there were sales for January delivery at 69c for 1 northern, and 66c for 2 northern in store Fort William or Duluth, and on Tuesday at same price. On Thursday forenoon, with strong American markets, 70c and 67c, but these markets having closed weak, 69½c and 66½c were the best prices in the afternoon. Friday, with still further weakness, 69½c and 66½c were best prices paid, and most buyers had by that time withdrawn from the market altogether. No. 1 hard is worth 72½c to 73c, in store Fort William, spot, or January delivery, and 3 northern 62½c.

In the United States there are some complaints as to the new winter wheat crop in the southwest not being in very robust shape to go into winter. Sufficient moisture has recently fallen, but after the long drouth the roots are puny, and the ground is bare of snow and ill-fitted to withstand hard frost. In other parts of the States the crop is in good condition. In Europe the reports of the winter wheat crops leave very little to be desired. The Argentine harvest is now well ahead, amid favorable weather, but the yield is certain to be small, and the quality of much of it inferior.

Liverpool Markets.—On Saturday the wheat market closed as follows: No. 2 red western winter, 6s 2d; No. 1 northern spring, 6s 2½d; No. 1 California, 6s 5d. Futures quiet; March, 6s 3¾d; May, 6s 4d.

Country Wheat.—Farmers are not delivering wheat very freely owing to congested state of elevators, and at many country points there is no storage accommodation available at all. Prices range around 55c per bushel for best wheat at points where business is being done.

FLOUR—Ogilvie's Hungarian Patent, \$2.10 per sack of 98 pounds; Glenora Patent, \$1.95; Alberta, \$1.75; Manitoba, \$1.55; Imperial XXXX, \$1.35; Lake of the Woods Five Roses brand, \$2 per 98 pound sack; Red Patent, \$1.85; Medora, \$1.45; XXXX, \$1.25.

MILLEED—Stocks are very light, and prices hold as follows: Bran, in bulk, \$18.50 per ton; shorts, in bulk, \$19.50 per ton. Delivered in bags, the prices are \$1.50 per ton higher.

GROUND FEED—Oat chop is worth \$30 per ton delivered to the trade in Winnipeg. Oil cake is worth \$27.

OATS—There is not very much carlot business moving here owing to the fact that local feed merchants are well supplied with street oats. Prices hold at last week's range. Car lots of No. 1 white on track or en route are worth 42 cents per bus.; No. 2 white, 40c per bushel; feed oats, 38c. Prices being paid to farmers at country points for No. 2 white oats range around 32c, Brandon rate of freight.

BARLEY—Receipts are moderate; market unchanged. Malt grades worth 38 to 40c per bushel, and feed grades 34 to 36c per bushel in car lots on track in Winnipeg.

HAY—Receipts of hay are ample for all requirements of the market and there is an easier feeling noticeable, coupled with a decline of \$1. Dealers are now paying \$5 to \$6 per ton for fresh baled hay in carlots on track in Winnipeg. Loose hay on the street is also worth \$5 to \$6 per ton.

DRESSED MEATS—The market is quieter now since the Christmas rush is over. There was a large trade done. Hogs hold steady at last week's advance, and there is no change to note in prices. Beef, city dressed, 6 to 7c per pound; country 5c; veal, 6 to 8c; mutton, 8c; lamb, 9c; hogs, 7 to 7½c.

POULTRY—Receipts are light and the market unchanged, as follows: Chickens, 7 to 8c per lb, dressed; ducks and geese, 9c per lb; turkeys, 10½ to 11½c per lb, dressed.

GAME—Rabbits are bringing 5c each.

BUTTER—Creamery—Very little is offering! Receipts are mostly in brick form and bring 21c per pound delivered in Winnipeg, for good stock Dairy—The market is pretty bare of good stock, and as high as 22c per pound is being paid for finest table qualities by commission houses. Ordinary stock is worth 17c per pound delivered in Winnipeg, and the range of prices is from 12 to 17c per lb.

CHEESE—Jobbing houses are selling cheese at 11c per pound delivered to the trade.

EGGS—Manitoba stock is almost out of the market and weekly receipts amount to a few cases: Choice candled stock, 24 to 27c; strictly fresh laid, 35c per dozen.

POTATOES—Farmers' loads, delivered in Winnipeg, are worth 80c per bushel.

HIDES—No. 1 inspected hides, 6½c per lb delivered in Winnipeg; No. 2, 5½c; No. 3, 4½c; kips and calf, same price; deskins, 25 to 40c; horse hides 50c to \$1; frozen hides are worth ½c less.