

ANOTHER FRENZIED SCENE IN WHEAT PIT

James A. Patten is This Time Likened to Napoleon and His Wife First He Sold Heavily in May Option and Then Turned and Sold July—Bradstreet's Report Aids Him.

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NEW ACT FOR CHILDREN. To Help Parents Protect Moral and Physical Welfare of Children.

London, April 20.—The new children's act, which came into force yesterday, is one of the most important measures of recent years, inasmuch as it is aimed at preserving the health and life of the children, and regulating their moral conduct.

The new law provides that any boy under the age of sixteen found smoking shall be stopped by the police, whose duty it will be to search the small boy and confiscate the remainder of his cigarettes.

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Very few people were astir when Lee arrived, but as the ex-crier was being escorted to the lock-up a young lady approached the pair. She turned out to be Dorothy Dodd, who made the trip with the defuncting teller, and was given the privilege of speaking to him. The woman appeared to be much affected over his position and is standing by him in every possible way and doing everything possible to make his life in jail comfortable.

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ABSCONDING TELLER BACK IN SASKATOON

Fred Lee, Northern Crown Bank Teller, Who Skipped Out With a Wad of Cash, Must Face Eight Charges of Theft.

Saskatoon, April 22.—Fred Lee, the absconding teller of the Northern Crown bank, arrived here yesterday morning on the C. P. R. in charge of Constable Moxson, of the R. N. W. M. P., and was lodged in the city jail. At eleven o'clock he appeared before Magistrates Jackson and Turner and the case was enlarged until this afternoon.

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TERRIFIC BOILER EXPLOSION ROKED HOUSES IN TORONTO SUBURB

Like an Earthquake—Miraculous Escape of Score of People.

Toronto, Ont., April 21.—Property loss of from \$50,000 to \$200,000, the miraculous escape of more than a score of employees and the almost total destruction of the second to the largest conservatories in Canada, covering nearly four acres, was the result of a boiler explosion on the extensive grounds of Fred Miller and Sons at Brackendale on the north west end outskirts of the city. The force of the explosion was terrific, bricks, stone, mortar and huge pieces of the big boilers being scattered far and wide.

One section of the boiler, weighing more than half a ton was blown more than 300 feet in a south-westerly direction landing in a ploughed field. At Wychood the houses rocked as though from an earthquake.

Winnipeg, Man., April 22.—"Snow and cold weather has interrupted seeding but it will be general by the last of the week if the weather is favorable." Such is the not too favorable report received from many parts of the spring wheat country. Farmers are beginning to grub the open fall last year enabled them to get a second acreage ready for seeding and the high wheat prices excite them to get as much of the land as possible under the plow.

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G.T.R. CREDIT SAVED FROM BEING WRECKED

Return of Four Retiring Directors of Company at Annual Meeting Quiets Hysterical Feeling, Which Might Have Smashed Company—Other News From England.

London, April 21.—Concerning the recent G. T. R. meeting, the Financial News observes that the question was whether a purely hysterical feeling should be permitted to wreck the credit of the company. It was perfectly obvious that if the four retiring directors had been thrown out, the failure would certainly have compelled the Canadian government to hold its hands concerning the proposed \$2,000,000 loan, until it discovered whether the G. T. R. guaranteed bonds were still good, that is, backed by a board of responsible gentlemen in London.

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TO PREPARE CANADA'S CASE. Ministers of Justice of Canada and Newfoundland Will Work on Fisheries Dispute. Ottawa, April 21.—The Hon. J. B. Aylsworth and J. S. Ewart, E.C. of Ottawa will leave for England early in May, where they will meet the Newfoundland minister of justice, Hon. M. Hunt, and discuss the fisheries dispute with the United States. They will also be present at the meeting of the Hague tribunal, which is to be held in The Hague, Holland, on the 22nd inst. Mr. Aylsworth will probably be absent from Canada all summer and during his stay in Europe he will again take treatment for his rheumatism. The department has been asked to send ice breakers to smash up the ice but there are none this side of the Atlantic at present. Mr. Ewart will go to the United States to meet the American authorities who propose to blow up the jam with dynamite.

NO RELIEF ON NIAGARA. Dynamite Used to Break Terrific Ice Jam But No Avail. Niagara Falls, Ont., April 21.—Hundreds of tons of ice jammed in the rapids between Youngstown and Niagara Falls today in a final effort to break the terrific ice jam which imperils thousands of lives and threatens to destroy property of many millions. Tons of ice were sent high in the air by the explosion of dynamite. The explosion was heard in Buffalo.

Hungarian Cabinet Resigns. Budapest, April 21.—The Hungarian cabinet resigned today, and the Emperor-King Francis Joseph has received in audience by the interior, to form a new cabinet. The resignation of the ministry of day and extra guests, which resulted in a breaking up of the coalition of political parties by which the government was supported in its efforts to secure the establishment of a Hungarian state bank independent of the Austrian state banking institution.

Foreign Envoys Advise Shah. Teheran, April 22.—The British and Russian diplomatic representatives were received in audience by the Shah today, who advised him to proclaim amnesty to all political prisoners and to restore the constitution. He will reply in a few days. C. N. R. Official Resigns. Portage La Prairie, Man., April 21.—Word was received here today of the resignation of J. W. Davy, superintendent of the northern division of the C. N. R., with headquarters at Dauphin.