NEWS OF THE DAY IN BRIEF

Aerial Post to be Tried Between London and Windsor.

Montreal to Make Fire Department Best in America.

Ottawa River Has Fallen Twenty-One Feet Since May.

The Right Rev. Francis Paget, Bishop of Oxford, is dead. He was born March 20, 1851.

Joe Chamberlain has been elected vice-president of the Royal Colonial Institute.

General Sir Percy Lake, late military advisor to Canada, is to become chief of the Indian general staff.

Mme. Morozoff, owner of the largest cotton mills in Russia, died at St. Petersburg. She leaves a fortune of $40,000,000.

Damage by fire to the extent of $30,000 was done to the stock and plant of the St. Lawrence Pulp & Paper Company at Ottawa.

Ex-Mayor Allen Huber is hard at work at Berlin, Ont., promoting the Old Settlers' Reunion to be held during the week of August 15.

The Canadian Northern Railway announces that it will require 20,000 men to construct the Port Arthur to Sudbury branch of the line.

Thomas Vanwart, postmaster of St. Mary's, N.B., for thirty years, died there, aged 72 years. He was an uncle of Senator F. P. Thompson.

Addison H. King, a native of Vermount, took charge of the United States Customs at the port of Montreal in succession to the late Mr. Probey.

At a special meeting of the Toronto Board of Trade Mr. R. S. Gourlay, president, was appointed to represent it on the Toronto Harbor Commission.

Sir William Mackenzie will go to Winnipeg personally to conduct the negotiations with the city for the sale of the Winnipeg Electric Railway interests.

An examination of the lockmaster's book showed the startling fact that the water in the Ottawa River had sunk about twenty-one feet since last May.

More than 500 boys attended the swimming school for the London, Ont., public baths, established by the Playgrounds Association, making a new record.

Switzerland has inaugurated a new system for the importation of Canadian cattle for slaughter. The first batch of 200 beeves arrived to-day by way of France.

The Very Rev. Robert Gregory, D.D., died at London. He was born at Nottingham on February 2, 1819, and since 1891 was Dean of St. Paul's, resigning that office on May 1 last.

Wilfrid McMahon, the 12-year-old son of Edward McMahon, was drowned in the lake at the foot of John street, Port Hope. He was a good swimmer, but it is supposed he was seized with cramps.

A man named Larson, an escaped convict from Dorchester, N.B., Penitentiary, is creating terror in Westmoreland county. He has stolen three horses, and after stealing the last one, he set fire to the barn.

George McIntosh, 57 Redwood street, Toronto, aged 31 years, a conductor of the Toronto Railway Company, received internal injuries by being crushed between his car and a pillar of the gate to the King street east car shed.

The prolonged spell of hot weather in England has caused an ice famine, and the demands of London and the Provincial centres for ice cannot be satisfied until the arrival of cargoes which have been shipped from Norway.

The London General Post Office will shortly start a week's experimental aerial post. Letters and post cards will be carried from London to Windsor, where with the consent of the King, a post office will be opened in the park.

There has been a mutiny at Cherbourg among the enlisted men and petty officers of the torpedo flotilla, and 200 have been placed under arrest. The men mutinied because they thought that they were overworked and unjustly punished.

U. S. Secretary of the Navy Meyer sailed for England on the Mauretania to look into the administration of navy yards there, with special reference to the needs of American yards now about to undergo changes in business methods.

The Montreal Board of Control has taken steps to have the city's fire department the most up-to-date in America, the latest being to call for tenders for five automobile fire-fighting machines and two of the latest steam pumps.

The Congregation of the Beverley Street Baptist Church, Toronto, has unanimously decided to extend a call to Rev. David Miller, of Glasgow, Scotland, pastor of the Partick Baptist Church, to take the pastorate in succession to the Rev. W. H. Wallace.

Robert Bevis, director of the Campbell-Laird Company, states that if the present negotiations materialize, a shipyard will be constructed at St. John for the building of Canada's warships by a firm which will be established in Canada, and which will be organized and developed by a British company.

TWO CENTS A MILE.

Hancock, Mich., Aug. 7.—The Duluth South Shore & Atlantic Railroad has secured a temporary injunction in the State Circuit Court against the enforcement of the two-cent-a-mile passenger rate law, which was to have taken effect in the upper peninsula of Michigan yesterday. September 26 has been set as the date for a hearing and until that date the railroads will continue to charge three cents per mile.

SPRING WHEAT.

Only Ninety-Five Days Between Dates of Seeding and Cutting.

Brandon, Man., Aug. 7.—Unless there is something freakish about the growth of the new unnamed variety of wheat just cut at the Experimental Farm, farmers will undoubtedly be much interested in this grain. This new variety of wheat was sown at the Experimental Farm in April and was cut on July 31, so that there are only ninety-four or ninety-five days between seeding and cutting. Last year Marquis wheat, which is a very early variety, occupied one hundred and seventeen days between seeding and cutting, and Red Fife was one hundred and twenty-three days. If the new variety, which is not yet named, lives up to the record it has this year, farmers may find it a much more suitable variety for the country than the other spring wheats.

FOUR DROWNED

Three of Them Young Lads and the Other an Old Man.

One Lad Drowned Swimming—Boat Overloaded and Sank With Other.

Montreal despatch: Four victims of drowning were taken from the water of the harbor to-day, and in three of the cases the victims were under 20 years of age.

With his boat overladen with driftwood, which he had gathered from the harzor, to help in the support if his mothers and sisters, John Archibald MacPherson, 19 years of age, lost his life when his boat swamped yesterday afternoon.

The body was recovered and taken to the morgue, where it was identified by the mother this morning. The coroner's inquest disposed of the case as one of accidental drowning.

Men on board the market boat Princess this morning saw the corpse of a boy floating in the canal at Lachine. The police were notified and the body was recovered between Cote St. Paul and Lachine and identified as that of Zeotique Leduc, eight years of age, who had been missing from his home at 34 St. Louis street, Lachine, since the night before last.

Victor Ethier, 18 years of age, who resided with his parents at Beaubien street, met his death while in bathing with a couple of other little chaps, all of whom had walked out to the Back River for the purpose of learning to swim. The tragedy occurred at the south end of the bridge, known as Pont Viau, where the current is quite strong. The body has not been recovered.

Still another victim was recovered from the Wellington Basin early this morning, near the Dominion Coal Co's. sheds. He was a middle-aged man, dressed in blue serge coat, trousers and vest and black boots; $3.41 in money was found in his pockets as well as his watch.

He is awaiting identification at the morgue.

RUSSIA OBJECTS.

Will be Trouble if British Officer Goes Up Against Ex-Shah.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 7.—The Novoe Vremya, in a leading article to-day, says that Anglo-Russian relations would be disturbed by the appointment as rumored of Major C. Stokes, the British military attached at Teheran, as head of an expedition against the deposed Shah, Mohammed Ali Mirza. Russia and Great Britain, the paper says, should not interfere in the internal affairs of Persia. If Great Britain prizes the Anglo-Russian agreement of 1907, she will not permit Stokes to resign his command in the British army for the sake of participating in combats outside the British sphere of influence, as consent to Stokes' appointment as chief financial gendarmerie, as is planned by the "financial dictator Shuster," to operate throughout Persia, including the northern provinces, which are in the Russian sphere of influence.

MURDERESS' BABY.

Mrs. Napolitana Gives Birth to a Robust Girl at the Soo Hospital.

Sault Ste. Marie despatch: A baby girl was born to Mrs. Angelo Napolitana at the General hospital here this morning. The child is said to be robust and will be handed over to the Children's Aid Society, which now has the other four children of the convicted murderess. Mrs. Napolitana was sentenced to hang on Wednesday next by Justice Britton at the assizes for the murder of her husband with an axe on Easter Sunday morning. Owing to the widespread interest which was manifested in her case the sentence was commuted to life imprisonment, and as soon as she is well she will be removed to Kingston penitentiary.

LOSES HIS FOOT.

Sarnia despatch: This morning at 11 o'clock, Conductor Albert Duncan was mounting his car at the street railway office when his foot slipped and he fell under the car just as it was started by the motorman. The wheels passed over his right foot, crushing it badly. He was taken at once to the hospital, and it was found necessary to amputate the foot above the ankle. The victim of the accident only recently entered the service of the company and is a son of John Duncan, retired farmer, Wellington street.

TO ADVISE GIRLS

Women to Take Place of Special Officers at Many Points.

Recommendations of Anglican Social and Moral Reform Committee.

Toronto despatch: A comprehensive report is to be laid before the General Synod of the Church of England in Canada, by the Committee on Social and Moral Reform. The committee pleads for sympathetic aid to fallen women. It suggests a plan for the elimination of vice in the public schools, and appeals for the abolishing of betting from the nation's social games.

The report runs: "Owing to the prevalence of procuring girls through fraud and trickery, it is recommended that the appointment be made in large centres of population of a female officer or officers, whose duty it shall be to meet unattended girls and women coming into the district, and to advise them as to proper places of abode, and also that in such places where no officer can be appointed a committee of women be formed for the purpose."

With reference to rescue work the committee have decided that "women are often led astray through worries and misfortune, but were they met by a sympathetic hand of women ready to stretch out a caring hand of sympathy they would be helped back again to a pure and upright life.

"While recognizing that this is done by clergy and laity in many parts of Canada, the turning of the cold shoulder against such unfortunates by the community at large requires that a more general interest be taken in the redemption of the fallen."

The question of juvenile immorality has received the full consideration of the committee, whose finding follows:

"Attention has been called to the charge publicly made and with some positiveness and published in the newspapers that social immorality is increasingly rife among boys and girls in public schools.

"The committee thinks that the church should demand the introduction into all public schools of a complete system for the teaching of morals based upon religious principles.

"Parents are perhaps the most natural teachers of their children of purity and chastity, but parents are not always willing to do so, nor the most capable. It should, therefore, be the duty of all teachers in our schools."

Betting is strongly deprecated by the committee, which finds that while the gambling spirit has been to some extent stifled, it is by no means overcome. The human endeavor to gain a living otherwise than by the sweat of the brow and the extravagant desires and practices of the people as a whole beget an energy to become rich by chance.

This desire for costly recreations and luxuries has done much to unsteady the ordinary individual. The same spirit of chance and grasping has not confined itself to the race track or common gambling house, but has entered social homes with professional games, which but for the spirit of gambling would be harmless and helpful. The committee recommends that the fight be continued not only against the race track, but against the spirit in general.

EDISON'S RULES.

Inventor Off on a Trip Says He Expects to Live to be 150 Years Old.

New York, Aug. 7.—When the Mauretania left the dock to-day one of its passengers was Thomas Alva Edison, who, with his son, was about to begin a vacation in Europe. Mr. Edison talked freely to the newspaper men who besieged him with numberless questions.

"Why don't you try to invent an airship?" he was asked.

"Why don't I try?" responded Mr. Edison. "Why, I did try thirty years ago. I looked into it from every side. We knew then the principle of gliding just as you have them now, but we didn't have an internal combustion engine."

To take the present trip Mr. Edison has broken the rules of his most punctual life. Some of these were discussed by him on his last birthday. He reiterated them to-day.

"With my system of living I expect to live 150 years.

"My system is based on proper living, sleeping and clothing.

"I am in bed six hours, all of it good, solid sleep. It's enough.

"I don't ever intend to retire. Work has made this earth a paradise for me, and I don't believe there is any paradise up above.

"My body and I are still keeping at it for about eighteen hours a day, and I seldom get tired.

"I am beter able to keep working now than when I was twenty-five.

"This earth is a cinch if you take it right.

"Agreeable work never hurt any one. I am no exception.

"I am not an individualist; I am an aggregate of cells.

"When I have any spare time I study music.

"I eat as much as I want, but that is very little—half a handful of solids at each meal."

FISHED BOY OUT.

Toronto despatch: Max Mendel, 19 Chestnut street, was pulled out of the bay yesterday by John Foster, an employee of the T. Eaton Company, who delivers goods at the Island. The boy fell in at the foot of Bay street. Foster, who was not far away, grabbed a pike-pole and used it successfully, bringing the boy out.

CANNOT GO.

Italian Government Prevents Italians From Going to Argentine.

Rome, Aug. 7.—The decree issued by the Government which forbids Italian emigration to Argentina and Uruguay and places restrictions on the exodus to Brazil has afoused laborers here and elsewhere in the country. During the past few days there have been a series of anti-Government meetings held in the Town Halls in many Italian cities.

The prohibition of emigration to Argentina is based on the sanitary restrictions of the latter country, which, the Italian Government maintains, works injustice to the Italian interests. Advices from Buenos Ayres, however, state that the Argentine Government does not intend to modify its restrictions, even in the face of the stoppage of Italian immigration.

HAVE NO PRESIDENT

Haiti Without a Head and Capital Occupied by Rival Forces.

British and Garman Marines Landed to Help Keep Order.

Port au Prince, Aug. 7.—Haiti is without a president or organized government to-day. The capital is occupied by two rival revolutionary parties, headed respectively by General Cincinnatus Leconte, a former Minister of the Interior, and Gen. Antenor Firmin, who deserted his post as Haitien Minister to Great Britain to join the revolt against President Simon.

A committee of public safety, composed equally of Firminists, Lecontеists and neutrals, has been organized through the initiative of the diplomatic corps and is maintaining public order.

British and German marines have been landed to aid the provisional authorities. During the night there were attempts at pillage and it was necessary to shoot several of the looters. Energetic measures prevented any serious outbreak.

Antoine Simon, the deposed national executive, who was compelled to withdraw from the city yesterday, was still to-day on board the American schooner Bradford French, which is anchored in the harbor under the protection of the guns of the United States cruiser Boston. Simon waits the arrival of a fruit steamer for Kingston, Jamaica.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS.

Annual Election of Officers and Names of New Officials.

Detroit, Aug. 7.—The Knights of Columbus, holding annual convention in Detroit, elected the following officers today:

James A. Flaherty, Philadelphia, re-elected Supreme Knight of the Order.

Martin Carmody, of Grand Rapids, Mich., re-elected Deputy Supreme Knight; William J. McGinley, New Haven, National Secretary; D. J. Callahan, Washington, Treasurer; J. C. Pelletier, Boston, National Advocate and head of the Committee on Laws; Dr. E. W. Buckley, St. Paul, National Physician; Thomas J. McLaughlin, New York, National Warden; Rev. P. J. McGiveney, Middletown, Conn., National Chaplain.

The National Board of Directors is as follows: George Monaghan, Detroit; James Maher, Chicago; James McGraw, Oklahoma City; T. J. Coughlin, Kansas City; Wm. Fix, Indianapolis; Victor J. Dorr, Augusta, Ga.; John H. Reddin, Denver; W. D. Dwyer, St. Paul; Jos. A. Mercier, Montreal; John A. Bowler, Sioux Falls; Mathias Mahorner, jun., Mobile, Ala.; Daniel J. Griffin, New York, and William H. Gulliver, Portland, Me.

KNIGHTS FOR TEMPERANCE.

Detroit, Aug. 7.—The Knights of Columbus have vigorously reaffirmed the declarations of the order in favor of total abstinence.

In executive session an attempt was made to amend the by-laws so that wine and other liquors, which are now prohibited, may be served at banquets and in the club rooms of the organization. There was a storm of opposition and the amendment was overwhelmingly defeated.

The annual report of Supreme King Flaherty shows that on April 30 last the membership of the order aggregated 256,000, a net gain for the year of 18,012. A net gain of 83 councils for the year is reported. This includes the establishment of the first council in Porto Rico and makes the order active in Canada, Newfoundland, the United States, Cuba, the Philippines and Porto Rico.

The amount paid in death claims since the organization has been in existence is over $5,000,00, with an aggregate collected in assessments of more than $7,000,000.

CRIPPLE CURED.

Kingston, August 7.—John Ivy, of Ivy Lea, who went to St. Anne de Beaupre a cripple owing to a dislocated hip, from which he suffered several years, came back to his home cured. At the famous shrine he threw away his crutches and walked almost as well as ever. Mr. Ivy is 70 years of age and well known down the St. Lawrence.

ILLEGAL WHISKEY.

Porcupine, August 7.—Three hundred bottles of confiscated whiskey were destroyed this morning by the police authorities. C. Dewetro was fined $100 and costs for selling liquor without a license, and P. Fisher was fined $200 and costs for the same thing. Napoleon Giroux skipped his bail for the same offence, which the authorities have collected: it was $250.

WINDOW MODEL

National Trimmers Condemn Papier Mache Displays in Stores.

Expert Drapes Young Ladies in Dresses to Show Convention.

Chicago, Aug. 7.—The old-fashioned show window "dummy," with its placarded appeal of "Take me home for $9.98," is to become a thing of the past. Flesh and blood models are to take its place.

Members of the National Association of Window Trimmers—the men who form the connecting link between dry-good merchants and the casual passer-by—assembled in convention in Chicago, decreed this yesterday afternoon. More than 200 "trimmers," all of whom regard their calling as a scientific profession, voted to pass papier mache figures when the superiority of the "real thing" was demonstrated by one of their leaders.

The contract was shown on the 'stage' of a school of window trimming in West Jackson boulevard. There were several women dummies with fixed smiles and hands extended in stiff greeting, gowned tastefully and expensively. Eyeing them with the typical, unenthusiastic stare of their kind were a number of "gent dummies," rigged out in everything from "neat and nobby campus clothing" to full evening regalia.

Then Will Bates, an instructor at the window trimming seat of learning, began his lecture.

"Before us," he said, "we have a sample of the wooden display with which we have contented ourselves in the past. If anything, the expressionless countenances and the motionless figures of the dummies frighten prospective buyers.

"Goods might just as well be displayed on racks. Remember, this is the twentieth century—well along in it, too—and people don't look on the dummy as they used to years ago. What they want is novelty, and there isn't any more of that in the dummy. Just think how much better this clothing could be displayed on the human figure and how much more striking would be the effect!"

The shade was drawn down and the audience waited.

When the curtain rolled up again the same background was discovered, but the dummies were gone. In their places stood three young women in street clothing.

Mr. Bates ascended the platform carrying several bolts of cloth. With these and a paper of pins he worked wonders. In fifteen minutes, without cutting or stitching, he had dressed the girls in costumes that, so far as appearances were concerned, might have come from Paris. The folds and tucks, the sweep of the trains, the outlining of the slender figures were as perfect as if the gowns had taken days to put together.

KILLED BY CAR.

Run Over by Street Car in Toronto and Instantly Killed.

Toronto despatch: William Smith, 60 years of age, a night watchman for the Toronto Railway Co., on East Queen street, where the tracks are bein grepaired, was struck and instantly killed at 8.50 last night by a westbound King street car. The front wheels passed over his shoulders, almost severing the head from the body, and his left arm was torn from its socket.

As the car approached, the unfortunate man was standing on the tracks at the corner of Queen and Ashdale avenue, adjusting one of the red lanterns which are used to warn the public that the street is under repair. The motorman ran the gong, and Smith attempted to run of fthe tracks when he tripped on a brick lying between the tracks and fell directly in front of the fender. The front wheel passed over the dead man's shoulder, almost decapitating him, and he was so badly twisted up that it seemed as if every bone in his body was broken. So tightly was Smith wedged underneath that the repair car had to be sent for to jack the wheels before he could be got out.

As the body was being lifted the head dropped off, and the left arm fell out of the coat sleeve.

50,000 MEN WANTED.

Ottawa, Aug. 7.—The Grand Trunk Pacific agents here announce to-day that from 45,000 to 50,000 men can be taken care of for harvesting and other work along their western lines this summer. Advices to the Commissioner of Dominion Immigration place the number, conservatively estimated, at 40,000 to 45,000, and state that harvesting will be in full swing by Aug. 10.

MANY ORE BOATS.

Duluth, Minn., Aug. 7.—Sixty boats arrived in the harbor for the 48 hours ending at midnight last night and during the same time 48 cleared, most of them with ore.

Predictions that the fall rush would more than make up for the quiteness prevailing during the earlier part of the season seems to be in a fair way to be verified.

NEARLY KILLED.

Toronto despatch: Shortly after one o'clock this morning Thomas O'Leary was found under a freight car at the foot of John stree, laying on the tracks, and it is possible he may have been there for some time. He was practically unconscious, and was hurried to Grace Hospital. There it was found that his right arm was so badly lacerated that amputation will be necessary. The man was intoxicated, and was supposedly stealing a ride on the train. O'Leary is about 45 years of age.

A YOUNG HERO.

Twelve-Year-Old Lad Saves Mother and Infant Child From Drowning.

Toronto despatch: Heroic work on the part of Frank Walker, a 12-year-old lad, saved a mother and babe from possible drowning when a 25-foot yacht capsized in Ashbridge's Bay yesterday afternoon. The upset yacht came from Woodbine beach and was occupied by two men, a woman and a baby. While going through the shallows the centreboard jammed in the mud and the boat toppled over, spilling her crew into the bay.

Young Walker saw the accident from the shore and accompanied by Miss Anna Brown, of Simcoe Park, sprang into a rowboat and went to the rescue. Although the water was only about four feet deep the woman and child were floundering about in a panic-stricken manner and were in danger of stepping off into deep water.

Master Walker got them into the boat and took them safely to shore. The two men were rescued by another boat.

A JAP MOVE.

Cultivating Friendly Relations With Germany as "Compensation."

Berlin, Aug. 7.—The Marine Rundschau, the official monthly review issued by the Germany navy department, publishes conspicuously a despatch from Tokio indicating that Japan will seek to "compensate" herself for the disadvantages she suffers under the revised treaty with Great Britain by a rapprochment with Germany.

Encouragement in this direction is seen in the circumstance of prominent Japanese like Viscount Aoka and two cabinet ministers, Goto and Hirahi, taking the initiative in the reorganization of the defunct "Society for the Cultivation of the German-Japan friendly scientific and social relations."

Gen. Nogi, the victor of Port Arthur, who is visiting Berlin, is receiving distinguished attention from military leaders. The general will be the Kaiser's personal guest at a great military parade at Mayfio on Aug. 14.

TELLER SHOT.

Molsons Bank Official at Diamond City Found Dead in Bed.

Lethbridge, Alta., Aug. 7.—Hugh B. McLaughlin, teller and accountant of the Molsons Bank at Diamond City, was found lying on a bed in his room at the rear of the office last night by D. C. Morrison, manager, when he returned from lunch. A revolver lying beside McLauchlin showed the cause of death, but whether it was through suicide or accident is uncertain.

No cause for suicide is revealed, as the teller's accounts are correct. He had intended leaving to-morrow for his home in Alvinston, Ontario.

RAINS IN WEST.

Winnipeg, Aug. 7.—Heavy rains have fallen through Manitoba and Saskatchewan for 48 hours, interfering with harvest operations. The rain continues. Persistent rumors of black rust in Saskatchewan are being vigorously denied. Some grain has been cut and there seems no basis to the report of the rust damage. The yield and condition of harvested grain is over the average.

LAD DROWNED.

Montreal despatch: Another drowning accident was recorded yesterday afternoon, the victim being Darcie Lamontte, 17 years old, living at 195 4th avenue Emard Ward, who perished whilst swimming in the Lachine Canal. He had been swimming for some time when at 3 o'clock he was noticed to weaken in the water and before aid could be summoned he had disappeared from view.

WANTS A DIVORCE.

Seattle, Wash., Aug. 7.—Lena Porter Uyeno, a former Minnesota school teacher, 20 years old, who was married to a Japanese May 11, 1910, yesterday asked the Superior Court for a decree of divorce on the grounds of cruelty and incompatability. In the complaint the white wife says she does not know "how she happened to marry the Japanese." They lived together only 11 days.

SUPPOSED MAD DOG.

Guelph despatch: A dog, believed to have been mad, ran through the Rockwood districts on Monday, biting a number of animals which came in its path. After it had bitten Mr. George Graham's dog at Creweson's Corners, Mr. W. Lamb and Mr. Wilson gave chase with a horse and buggy and succeeded in coming up with it and shooting it in Nassagweya township. The animals bitten by it will be isolated to await developments.

CALLED TO ST. MARY'S.

St. Mary's despatch: At the meeting of the Stratford Presbytery at Mitchell yesterday the call extended by the First Presbyterian Church congregation of St. Mary's to the Rev. J. George Miller, of Toronto, was sustained and accepted. The induction will take place on Friday evening, Aug. 25, when Rev. Dr. McCrae, of Mitchell, will preach the sermon, Rev. Dr. Campbell, of Lucan, will address the congregation, and Rev. A. H. Kippen, of Harrington, will address the pastor.

Some people are such stickers for form that they would blame Fortune for unfavorable "Dog Days" days.