

KILLED BY EXPLOSION

Eight Workmen in Pennsylvania Powder Plant.

COUNTRYSIDE TERRORIZED

Inhabitants Fled to Places of Safety Fearing that Greater Explosions Would Follow.

Hollidaysburg, Pa., May 1.—The plant of the Cresson Powder works, owned by Pittsburg capitalists and located on Piney creek, ten miles south of this town, was wrecked by an explosion during the day. Eight workmen were killed. The dead are: Ross Kennedy, Charles Ross, George Fay, Tony Fabrico, an Arablan; William Lyons, Frank McKiernan, Fisher Lanter, Frank Strasser.

Superintendent Harry Taggart of Pittsburg is fatally injured. The powder factory is located in a remote portion of the county and authentic details are unobtainable at present. Near the factory are the limestone quarries of the American Wire and Nail company, where 500 men are employed. These quarries have been deserted by the fleeing men, and all who live in the neighborhood are hurrying to places of safety.

In the magazines and storehouses of the factory are 1,400 blocks of explosives, and it is feared greater explosions may occur. The Piney creek branch of the Pennsylvania railroad runs past the factory, and because of the danger the railroad company has refused to allow trains to pass over this branch.

Fourteen men and sixteen women were employed in the factory which was destroyed. Most of them were brought from Pittsburg. They are regarded as experts in the manufacture of powder. The women managed to escape from the building before the explosion came that hurried their fellow workmen into eternity. All were cut and badly burned.

The force of the explosion was so great that it wrecked all buildings in the vicinity and broke window panes in towns five miles away. A rescuing party has gone from Williamsburg to the scene of death and destruction.

SECOND DAY OF EXPOSITION.

Dedication Continued in Raw Weather Which Debauched Overcasts.

St. Louis, May 1.—The second day of the dedication ceremonies of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition began at 10:30 this morning with a reception to the diplomatic corps and representatives of foreign governments at the St. Louis club. This lasted an hour. Then the diplomats and others were driven to the Liberal Arts building, escorted by the entire Eighth cavalry.

At noon a crowd nearly as great as that of yesterday was gathered. Ex-Senator Thurston of Nebraska acted as chairman of the day. President Francis delivered an address of welcome to the foreign representatives, followed by addresses by the French ambassador and the Spanish minister. The weather was nearly as cold as yesterday. The diplomats wore heavy overcoats and the women appeared in furs and heavy winter wraps. The reception at the state house was a brilliant affair. Luncheon was served at the club.

MURDERED IN HER ROOM.

Sister of Catholic Priest at Loraine, Ohio, Killed.

Lorraine, Ohio, May 1.—During the absence of Father Reichman, a Catholic priest, from his home last night, his sister, who keeps house for him, was murdered by an unknown man who entered her room and crushed her head with a stone which was found by the bedside.

KILLED BY BASE BALL.

Former Barre Boy Meets With Fatal Accident.

Franklin, N. H., April 30.—Ralph Harley Paddiford, aged 10, died at 1:30 o'clock Wednesday morning as the result of an injury received in a game of base ball. He was struck in the abdomen by a base ball and the immediate cause of his death was internal hemorrhage. The boy was the son of Mrs. Sarah Dustin Paddiford, living at 26 Smith street. He came here two years ago from Barre, Vt. The funeral will be held Saturday and burial will be in Bristol.

FIRE NEAR WELLS RIVER.

Barn Together With 21 Head of Cattle and Two Horses Burned.

Woodsville, N. H., April 30.—A barn belonging to James Jordan at Woodsville, and located about one and one-half miles north of Wells River, Vt., was burned early this morning with 21 head of cattle and two horses.

Warden of Rhode Island Prison Dead.

Providence, R. I., May 1.—Gen. Nelson Viall, warden of the Rhode Island state prison, died this morning.

LICENSED SALOONS WERE OPENED TODAY

Only Three Retail Establishment in Operation--Business Quite Good.

The opening of the saloons in Barre today was not attended with any unusual occurrences. Outside the wholesalers, only three places are doing business, John Gallagher on Granite street, Joe Ossola at No. Barre and M. J. McGowan, who holds a second class license at the south end.

May 1st is observed as a holiday by the Italian colony of the city, and they have furnished the greater part of the patronage of the saloons today. If it had not been for this trade would have been very light.

M. J. McGowan had sold about \$21 worth up to 10 o'clock.

Everything appeared very orderly this forenoon in the saloons open and the two doing business had no more than they could easily attend to.

No arrests up to noon and only one drunk seen.

LEAGUE BASE BALL.

Some Loosely Played Games in Both Leagues.

Yesterday's National League scores: At Brooklyn, Boston 10, Brooklyn 2. At Philadelphia, Philadelphia 10, New York 2. At St. Louis, Pittsburg 13, St. Louis 4.

Table with 4 columns: Wm. Lost, Pct., Won, Lost, Pct. Rows for New York, Philadelphia, Chicago, Boston.

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EMPLOYERS MEET.

Two Hundred and Fifty in Session at Rutland.

Rutland, April 30.—A meeting of employers of labor from all over Vermont was held here today under the auspices of the Vermont Employers' association. A formal meeting was held this afternoon at Baxter hall, at which the question of trade unionism and employers' association was discussed. Speeches were made, strongly condemning the actions of labor unions. About 250 were present, including 100 from out of town. Those in attendance were mostly members of the different employers' associations scattered about the state.

A conference was held at the Berwick House this evening by members of these employers' associations, at which plans were discussed for forming a state federation of these employers' associations. No definite action was taken, however. The meeting this afternoon at Baxter hall was scheduled to begin at 2:30 o'clock but it was about 4 o'clock when President Manning of the Columbian Marble Co., president of the Vermont Employers' Association of this city, called the meeting to order.

He said that employers all over the country were feeling the need of closer affiliations. He said the labor unions were becoming intolerable in their demands and attempts to run the employers' business and it was time the latter got together to offer a solid front to their tyranny.

EIGHT DRUNKS IN RUTLAND.

Disposed of in City Court Today, Making Total of Eleven.

Rutland, May 1.—There were eight drunks disposed of in city court this morning. Seven of these were just plain drunks and one was charged with being drunk and disorderly. All paid fines and costs, except one who took the alternative sentence of 10 days in the county jail. Three other drunks were fined the same, making 11 in two days.

There are three licensed places running, two first and one second class.

MURDERED IN HIS HOME.

James E. McMahon of New York Beaten Mercilessly.

New York, May 1.—With his head a mass of wounds and cuts James E. McMahon, a retired contractor and member of the executive committee of Tammany Hall, was found murdered at his home on West 153rd street this morning. The police think burglars were surprised by McMahon while trying to break into the house. Lawrence Hines, McMahon's brother-in-law, with whom he boarded, claims to have heard a woman speaking to a man in the vestibule early this morning and some believe McMahon was murdered by a woman aided by one or more men.

LIKES EVENING DRESS.

Former Speaker Keifer Wears His Clawhammer All Day Long.

There was a commotion in the dining room of the Hollenden hotel, in Cleveland, O., the other morning and a craning of many necks when General J. Warren Keifer, former speaker of the house of representatives, appeared for breakfast in company with General Joe Wheeler, says the New York World.

General Keifer was in full evening dress. He has adopted full dress for all occasions and wears no other clothes from the time he arises in the morning until he retires at night.

Underground Observatories.

It is proposed in France to establish subterranean observatories by drilling miles into the earth with oil well machinery. In these the strata, temperature and gases at various depths would be studied.

DIFFICULTY WAS SETTLED

Concord Granite Cutters Did Not Strike.

ACCEPTED PROPOSITION

Mainly on Lines of Westerly Settlement--\$3 for Three-fourths of Men and Eight Hour Day.

Concord, May 1.—The granite cutters will not strike May 1. This was the pleasant information given last evening by a member of the executive committee of the union. The granite cutters held a largely attended meeting last evening and appointed a committee to confer with a committee representing the manufacturers.

It was agreed to accept the proposition of the manufacturers, which is practically on the lines of the recent Westerly, R. I., settlement. The terms allow that 75 per cent of the men employed must receive \$3 per day and that 25 per cent of the less skilled help receive \$2.80 per day. Eight hours constitute a day's labor.

There remains one matter to be settled, and that is in relation to the tool sharpeners. They desire an increase in wages from \$2.80 to \$3. It is expected that this will be fully discussed at a coming meeting of the Sharpeners' union.

VIOLATING LAW.

Cattle Being Driven Between Vermont and New Hampshire.

White River Junction, April 30.—Dr. J. W. Fink of Washington, D. C., a United States inspector, is here investigating reports of movements of live stock across the state line between New Hampshire and Vermont in this vicinity. The investigation is to extend to the towns of Hanover, N. H., and Norwich, Vt.

It has been alleged that in these three localities live stock has been secretly driven from one state to the other in violation of law. It is believed here that the inspector is on the track of one offender, or more, who have been either ignorantly or deliberately importing cattle from New Hampshire into Vermont and vice versa.

HIS FOOT CRUSHED.

Leon Dandrew of Winooki, Got Member Caught in Elevator.

Winooki, May 1.—Another serious accident happened at the Woolen company's plant yesterday morning. Leon Dandrew, a 16-year-old lad, who is employed in the spinning department of the Colchester mill as a bobbin carrier, had his right foot badly crushed between the elevator and flooring. The young man was taken to the office of Dr. Hill, who found no bones broken, but the flesh was scraped from the foot and made a very painful wound.

WILLIAMSTOWN.

Mr. and Mrs. Bagley Abbott have been visiting at A. A. Reed's.

A party went to Barre Wednesday evening to see "David Harum."

Uncle Liberty Jeffords is so far recovered as to be out of doors these warm days.

Horace White has sold the white horse he has driven for some time, to Barre parties.

The Order of the Eastern Star was organized last night with nearly fifty members.

Mrs. Ralph Ditty is soon to go to Lunenburg to keep house for Rev. F. E. Currier's father.

Mrs. Munroe Seaver who has been visiting in Concord, N. H., has gone to Boston for a few weeks' visit.

Andrew Barnham returned last evening from Randolph, where he has been spending a few days with relatives.

The fishermen are all on the war path early this morning. Large strings of fish will be brought in this evening.

Cornelius Perrin is seriously ill at the home of his nephew in South Barre and has a trained nurse to care for him. Dr. Tindall attends him.

Miss Kennedy and Miss Cloggett who are teaching in the quarry district are boarding at Williamstown village at School Street, G. E. Wilber's. They drive to and from school.

Mr. Bogle of the firm of Bogle Bros., wholesale dealers in silverware, White River Junction, accompanied by Mrs. Bogle is making a trip through this part of the country, visiting his customers.

Miss Townsend of the firm of Townsend & Harrington has gone to New York and Boston for new goods. She will be at the store in Williamstown on Tuesday with a new stock of hats and trimmings.

While making the turn from Main street up the Brookfield road the buckboard which Henry Lazell was driving in dropped on one side, both wheels crushing down, and the two men riding with him were thrown out but the horse was stopped and no one hurt.

The People's Telephone Co. has just put a telephone into M. S. Drury's store. The central office is to be in this store and the switchboard is expected to be in place in a few days. The wire is being strung from Chelsea to Williamstown and will probably be through by Saturday.

PLAINTIFF GETS VERDICT

McKinstry vs. Collins Suit Decided.

McKINSTRY GETS \$700.00

Jury Reported at Five O'clock Last Evening After Being Out Thirty-one Hours.

Montpelier, May 1.—After being out 31 hours the jury in the McKinstry vs. Collins case reported a verdict last evening shortly before five o'clock. The jury awards in favor of the plaintiff to recover damages of \$700.

The case was given to the jury at ten o'clock Wednesday forenoon, and since that time they have been in the custody of the sheriff. Late Wednesday afternoon they were taken up and allowed to ask the court a question, which was, if the words in the printed forms given them, "in manner and form as the plaintiff has alleged," necessarily included "all" that the plaintiff had alleged. The court told them that it did not.

The jury remained together all night Wednesday night, and today one of the jurors said that the time they were together seemed like five weeks instead of 31 hours.

This was the third trial of the case, in which McKinstry sought to get damages for the death of his wife which, it was alleged, was caused through the rough usage received from the defendant. The suit was for \$5,000. It was one of the most remarkable that has been on the Washington county court docket for some time.

Yesterday afternoon the contested Barre divorce case of Murock Molyer vs. Mary Ann Molyer went on trial. The plaintiff alleges intolerable severity.

There was a slight sensation during the examination of one of the witnesses in the Molyer case. A man who had been sworn in as a witness, and was awaiting his turn to testify, became too much in evidence in the jury box where he was sitting. He appeared to be feeling very satisfied with the world in general and first hummed a tune to himself until the sheriff rapped on his desk. An instant later Mrs. Murray gave an expression of opinion as to the reputation of the witness which pleased the gentleman and he applauded. But not for long, for Judge Stafford pointed to him with his finger and said, "Mr. Sheriff, take that man into your custody." He was taken from the court room by Mr. Evans.

HIT HIM OVER THE EYE.

But John M. Senter Charged to Man Until An Officer Arrived.

Montpelier, April 30.—It appears that John H. Senter had something to do with the arrest of Frank Coburn at the Central Vermont depot last night. Mr. Senter found him asleep on a seat in the waiting room and awoke him, presumably with the intention of advising him to go home. Coburn, however, jumped up and gave Mr. Senter a crack over one eye that nearly knocked him down. Mr. Senter spoke gently as he sometimes does, clinched Coburn and downed him on the spot. He kept him in the station until the night operator telephoned to the police station and Officer Durkee appeared on the scene. Coburn probably concluded he hit the wrong man that time.

DWELLING HOUSE BURNED.

W. S. Noyes' Residence at Cambridge Burned to the Ground.

Cambridge, April 30.—The large two-story dwelling house, owned and occupied by W. S. Noyes, was burned to the ground this afternoon. The fire was caused by sparks from the steam mill nearby. The contents of the house were saved. There is no insurance. The dwelling house, owned by Charles Wallace, was badly damaged, and the residences of B. G. McCoy and L. H. Bixby barely escaped being consumed. Good work was done by a bucket brigade. Jeffersonville and Fletcher assisted largely by good help. This is the second time a house on this site has been destroyed by fire.

WILDER POST OFFICE ROBBED.

Door of Safe Blown Off and Money and Stamps Taken.

White River Junction, April 30.—The post office at Wilder was entered by forcing a window at midnight last night and the door of the safe was blown off. A quantity of postage stamps and money to pay money orders and cash were abstracted including \$75 which was the property of J. M. Quimby, postmaster. There is no clue to the burglars. The government loss has not been fully ascertained.

PREPARING TO BUILD.

Woodbury Granite Company Getting Out Timber For Stone Shed.

Hardwick, April 30.—The Woodbury Granite Company has lumber and timber cut for a new 350 foot shed and is getting out material for a 100 foot addition to the original shed.

Coal Drops in Rutland.

Rutland, April 30.—The price of coal in this city was reduced today. Grade coal is now selling at \$6.25; egg, \$6.50, stove, \$6.50; chestnut, \$6.50, and pea at \$5.50.

MACHINISTS' STRIKE WAS STARTED TODAY

Men in the Employ of Smith, Whitcomb & Cook and Trow & Holden Shops Are Out.

The machinists at Smith, Whitcomb & Cook's and Trow & Holden's are out on strike today, pending a settlement of their demands for an increase of wages. The machinists ask a minimum wage of \$2.16 a day or 24 cents an hour, with a five per cent advance in the wages of all journeymen now employed in the shops. The machinists also ask that apprentices be limited to one for every five workmen.

The men at Whitcomb Bros. are all working. The number of men out are five from Smith, Whitcomb & Cook's, and six from Trow & Holden's.

Whitcomb Bros. have six men at work, two of whom are members of the Machinists' union and one the Carpenter's union. It is claimed that this firm is already paying the scale demanded, though the firm has not signed the agreement.

The decision to strike was not reached by the men until an early hour this morning, after the failure of a conference between the employers and the men.

REPORTED HE SAW BODY IN THE RIVER

Hardwick Man Said He Saw Woman's Body in River Near the Pioneer.

Last evening at 7 o'clock a man went to the police station and notified Chief Brown that while coming to this city on the Central Vermont train he saw the body of a woman in the Onion river near the Pioneer.

Chief Brown at once communicated with the police department at Montpelier and a search was instituted, but up to the time of going to press no body had been found.

The man could not state positively that what he saw was a woman's body but he thought that it was. The man came here from Hardwick.

Chief McMahon of the Montpelier police, immediately started for the Pioneer and searched until it became so dark that it was impossible to see objects in the water. Nothing was found of the body and it is thought some mistake was made about the matter.

LIBRARY ADDITIONS.

The Following New Books Have Recently Been Added.

The following new books have recently been purchased and placed in the Barre public library: Concerning Polly, Winslow; Janet Ward, Sangster; Just So Stories, Kipling; Thy Friend Dorothy, Blanchard; Cadet Standish of the St. Louis, Drysdale; The Fast Mail, Drysdale; The Young Superargo, Drysdale; Lovey Mary, Rice; Hearts Courageous, On the Wings of the Gossamer, Harris; The Misadventures of Nancy, Hoyt; Caribean, Chamber; The White Bird, Barrie; Russian Life in Town and Country, Fabner; The Four Feathers, Mason; The Hounds of Baskerville, Doyle; The Right Princess, Burnham; Babubab; McKay; Temporal Power, McKay; The Leopards Spots, Dixon, Jr.; The Pit, Morris; The Octopus, Norris; The Mississippi Bubble, Hough; History of Modern Italian Art, Willard; Blithedale Romance, Hawthorne; National Register of the Society S. A. R., Cornish; Her Majesty, The King, Roche; The Mannerings, Brown.

COMMANDERY ELECTION.

Officers Chosen Last Evening to Serve For a Year.

The St. Aldemar Commandery, No. 11, at their meeting last evening elected the following officers for the year: Knights Templar, E. B. Whitaker; Generalissimo, William Marr; capt. general, J. W. Jackson; prelate, O. H. Reid; senior warden, J. S. Wilson; junior warden, Noble Love; treasurer, E. W. Bisbee; recorder, A. E. Bruce; standard bearer, Nat. Bond; sword bearer, V. E. Ayers; warden, J. M. Bonnyman; 1st capt. gen., M. J. McGowan; 2d capt. gen., C. W. Melcher; E. N. Aldrich; sentinel, D. A. Blake.

SEVERELY INJURED.

Addie Leonard of Graniteville Was Thrown From Team.

Graniteville, May 1.—Addie Leonard, foreman on Miles, Clarhew & Gray's quarry, sustained quite a serious accident last Friday by being thrown from a team.

ARMY MARKSMANSHIP.

Secretary Root's Plans to Excite General Interest.

Secretary Root is resolved that the United States shall have the best "men behind the guns" that time and trouble will buy, says a Washington special dispatch to the New York Post. He has had a special board of officers work out a plan for this end which he hopes will succeed. As an immediate step to excite interest he wishes to have a team of expert American riflemen assembled through competitive contests and sent abroad to try at Bisley in England for the Palma trophy, now held by Canada.

The scheme evolved by the army board contemplates introducing rifle practice into the colleges and leading high schools of the country. Later it is hoped to have municipal shooting galleries sprinkled all over the country where men in all walks of life can learn to use the modern military firearm. The next congress, it is said, will be asked to provide medals and trophies for competitive marksmanship outside of the organized militia.

SEWER MAIN IN BAD WAY

Not a Whole Length of Pipe on Main Street.

FOR SOME DISTANCE

If New Street is Constructed New Sewer Main May be Necessary--Pipe Broken for Ten Years.

At the hearing on the necessity and the nature of a permanent roadway for Main street at the city council chamber yesterday afternoon, a rather startling fact was stated by City Engineer Allen when he stated that he had been making an examination of the Main street sewer from the National Bank building to Granite street, and that from Miles' block to Granite street there isn't a length of sewer pipe that is whole.

Mr. Allen further stated that many of the lengths of pipe are broken in three places, two underneath and one on top. From the bank building to the Miles block the pipe is apparently whole. Beyond Granite street Mr. Allen has not had opportunity to examine. Mr. Allen said the breaks had probably existed for the past ten years. He attributed the cause of the breaks to poor tamping when the pipe was laid.

If the cracks have been there 10 years as seems probable it will be extremely dangerous to dig up Main street for the purposes of constructing a new roadway without first laying a new sewer main, as the present pipes would be very liable to cave in.

The hearing brought out no opposition to the construction of a new street--everyone agreed that it was needed. The objections that were made were to methods proposed by assessing half the cost on the abutters.

W. A. Boyce, I. J. Bolster, J. P. Farnson for Sortwell & Morse and others, F. Williams for the Nichols estate, O. C. Sheplee, Dr. B. W. Braley as administrator for the A. P. Braley estate and Morse estate, W. H. Gladding, Mrs. A. T. Smith, Mrs. I. J. Bolster, Mrs. O. C. Sheplee and J. B. Sangumetti, all objected to being assessed 50 per cent of the cost of construction.

W. G. Reynolds objected to the assessment if it was to be made on the front foot basis. The property of Reynolds & Son has a considerable frontage, but little depth.

The question of the continuance of the scales in front of Reynolds' store was discussed. L. J. Bolster, one of the nearby property owners, said he had no objection to offer to their remaining.

At 3:45 the hearing adjourned.

The sewer system of Barre was constructed 14 years ago this fall at an expense of between \$35,000 and \$75,000. Bonds for \$74,000 were issued to pay for the same. None of these have ever been paid, as they do not fall due until 1909.

FOR COMMENCEMENT AT SPAULDING HIGH

Announcements of Honors and Dates Made--Annice McGue Takes First Honor.

The commencement announcements of Spaulding High school have been made and are as follows: Prize speakers, Stella Brooks, Bessie Jones, Ethel Strong, Allie Richardson, Carrie Bemis, Louise Calder, Pinkie Lewis, Harold Robinson, Harry Jackson, James Darling and Mary McDonald. The last named is not to compete for a prize. The prize speaking contest will be held on Tuesday evening, June 9.

On Thursday afternoon the class day exercises will be held. The programme is as follows: Address of welcome, Leon Parker; class history, Mae Heath; class will, Charles McDonald; prophecies, Ethel Wishart; essay, (honorable mention) Influence of the Senate in our National Government, Arthur Daniels; address to undergraduates, Clyde Batchelder; presentations, Annie Clark; address to graduates, Dean Thwing.

The exercises of graduation will be held on Friday, June 12, with the following programme: Essay, Emerson, Lena Wales (second honor); address; essay, Recreation, Annice McGue (first honor). The members of the graduating class are: English course, Clyde Batchelder, Annie Clark, Mae Heath, Charles McDonald, Leon Parker, Dean Thwing, Ethel Wishart; academic course, Arthur Daniels, Annice McGue, G. Truman Swasey, Lena Wales.

Who Will Claim Them?

The following letters appear on the advertised list for May 1, 1903:

Men--E. Andrews, Homer Bates, John Boyce, Ralph Brown, Wm. Batchelder, 2, John Chynorth, Robert Clark, Alfonso Desjardis, A. Emery, I. C. Given, Michael Glynn, G. H. Johnson, Alfred Ladoo, Joe Murry, W. F. McKanna, S. D. Partridge, O. Roberts, S. & S. Beef Co., G. B. Saasi, John Thiffier.

Women--Mrs. K. Boggi, Mary Budro, Mary Clarhew, Anna Gordon, Mary Huse, Maggie Ling, Hattie Peery, Mrs. Joe Pettos, Mrs. Ellen Quinlan, Mary Rencarelli, Mrs. Cora Robinson, Lillian Stranbridge.

First Plate Glass Manufacturer Dead.

Creighton, Pa., May 1.—Capt. John B. Ward, the pioneer manufacturer of plate glass, died this morning, aged ninety one years.