

PETERSBURG. THE CITIZENS CRITICALLY... FATAL EXPLOSION AT PITTSFIELD, MASS.

Mr. Charles Corling, at one time Mayor of the city, and for a great many years a member of the Common Council, is being dangerously ill at his residence, on Union Street, of dropsy of the heart.

The Petersburg Grays are considering the question of visiting the Richmond Fair and taking part in the competitive drill and the military campaign of the State.

The Petersburg Artillery will go to the Weldon Fair on Thursday, and will carry some of their guns with them.

A committee of friends of Dr. E. C. Patten, who was nominated for the House of Delegates from Dinwiddie county at a meeting of the Conservatives held at a meeting court, and of Dr. R. M. Anderson, who was a candidate for the nomination, was held on Friday last by consent.

A revival, with successful results, has been in progress at the Episcopal Chapel, which is held in this city during the past week.

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Miraculous Escape. SUSPENDED BY THE FINGERS OVER A STONE-PAVER COURT—A HEROIC WOMAN AND A SAVY RESCUER.

(From the Mobile Reader.) About 10 o'clock last Sunday night, as John Conley, the night-watchman at the Battle House, was making his usual rounds of inspection, while in the rear of the building, heard a noise in the yard.

On his way to see what it was his foot slipped on the smooth brass strip of the stairs, and he was faced, and he plunged over the banisters, grasping at the top rail, and turned a complete somersault. His hands slipped from the rail, but fastened with a desperate grip on the end of one of the steps, which projected only an inch or two from the wall.

His back was to the stairs, his hands over his head, and his head under the stairs, and far below him the stonemason yawned. He called for help lustily, and the noise was heard at the office by some gentlemen standing there, who remarked that there must be a fight in the street.

The watchman heard his cries and went to his assistance, but was not able to relieve him, but added her cries to his. The noise was heard below, and Mr. Tom Gale, Mr. John Soto, Mr. E. M. Alford, and Lamb, of Virginia, with Mr. L. Danne, and the bell-boy Billy Wilcox, rushed to the scene.

The town of Portland, N. B., was ravaged by fire on Saturday morning. Over two hundred and thirty were swept away. The loss is estimated at two hundred thousand dollars, and the insurance at about eighty thousand.

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THE NEWS THIS MORNING. Four Hundred Lives Lost in a Colliery Explosion.

OTHER CASUALTIES—\$150,000 FAILURE IN QUINCY, ILL.—CONGRESSIONAL PROCEEDINGS—BLAINE TOO SICK TO TRAVEL. YESTERDAY—HOUSE ADJOURNED UNTIL WEDNESDAY—FATAL EXPLOSION OF A GUN-BARREL AT PITTSFIELD, MASS.—THE EPISCOPAL CONVENTION—LECTONARY OF THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND TO BE USED UNTIL THE NEXT GENERAL CONVENTION—THE CONVENTION TO ADJOURN TO-MORROW—THE SITTING BULL CONFERENCE, &c.

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HORRIBLE EXPLOSION IN A SCOTLAND COLLIERY—FOUR HUNDRED MEN IN THE MINE AND MANY LIVES LOST. LONDON, October 22.—A special dispatch from Glasgow to the Pall-Mall Gazette says an explosion occurred in the colliery at High Blantyre, near that city.

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