

POWDER MAGAZINE EXPLODES AT LOWELL AND KILLS TWENTY

Thirty Houses Destroyed and a Great Many Persons Injured—Shock Was Felt in Boston and Windows Were Broken in Buildings as Far Away as Lynn.

Many People Injured on Business Streets of Lowell by Falling Glass—Much Property Damage Throughout the City—Explosion Occurred at 9.10 This Forenoon.

Lowell, Mass., July 29.—The powder magazine of the United States Cartridge Company blew up this morning destroying thirty houses in the vicinity of the works and killing a large number of people, reports at this time fixing the number at twenty.

The building in which the explosion occurred was a stone building used for storing dynamite. It was located at South Lowell, a mile and a half from the United States Cartridge company's plant, to which it belonged. Up to 10:30 o'clock only seven bodies had been taken from the ruins of the thirty houses which were blown down in the vicinity. It is thought that the number of fatalities will not exceed twenty.

The explosion occurred at 9 o'clock. Many persons were injured but the exact number cannot be learned. They are now being removed to hospitals. Many buildings in Lowell were damaged by the shock, among them being the Sacred Heart church on Moore street and the Wigganville Mission chapel. The Wigganville school house, in course of erection, was badly wrecked. Along Lawrence, Church, Central, Gorham and Merrimac streets, a number were injured by breaking glass. Reports from the surrounding towns state that considerable damage was done by the explosion at points many miles from Lowell.

At Andover, twelve miles away, plate glass windows were broken by the concussion. At Lynn plate glass windows in Lathers hall were broken. The shock was distinctly felt in Boston but no damage was done, however.

Last Poem by Leo XIII. The English papers print Pope Leo's latest poem, written during his illness, of which only a couple of lines have appeared in the United States, says the New York Tribune. It is in Latin, and is entitled "Nocturna Ingenientiae Anima Meditatio" (Night Thoughts of a Stigling Soul), and the English translation is roughly as follows:

The fateful hour is hastening on, Leo! 'Tis time now to depart and to tread the way of eternity according to thy deserts.

What fate may await thee? The gifts conferred on thee by God's bounty or the supreme keys, that heavy charge borne by thee so many years, will bid thee hope for heaven.

Think on this with sighs, for he who stands pre-eminent in honor among the people, unhappy man, will be punished the more sharply.

But then a sweet vision aids the trembling soul and a sweeter voice sounds in converse with it.

Why does such fear oppress thee, and why, recalling thy whole past life in order, dost thou cherish sadness in thy heart?

Christ is at hand in pity. If thou be humble and ask forgiveness (oh, trust him!) he will wipe out every sin.

"Omit the Third Stanza." Mabelle had been unusually quiet at church one Sunday. She was generally a very restless listener. Her mother, noticing it, asked her:

"What made you so good during service this morning, daughter?"

"I was thinking," answered the child, "why the people who write hymns always put something bad in them that the minister can't let the people sing. He always says 'omit the third' or some other stanza, and he says it over twice, so they'll be sure not to sing it, so it must be something wicked."—New York Times.

Farm Laborers Organize. Farm laborers in Illinois have formed a union and will demand a minimum wage of \$35 a month and board. Eligible to the union are thrashers, corn huskers, plowmen, binders, stock laborers and, in fact, all men employed about farms.

BROWNINGTON LADS ARE FREE.

Court Could Not Find Sufficient Evidence of Barbarous Cruelty.

Barton Landing, July 28.—The three Brownington boys who were arrested on a charge of torturing a young son of Mrs. Canning by running him through a fire barefooted and throwing him down and jumping on him, from the effects of which he died, have been discharged as there was not sufficient evidence to convict them. The hearing was begun last week and was closed at 7.30 o'clock last night.

The case was prosecuted by States Attorney Albert W. Farman, of Newport. The boys under arrest were Alba Day, Raymond Adams, and Waterman boy. The boy who died was Rolfe Earl Canning, aged 3 years, the youngest child of Mr. and Mrs. Canning of Brownington, and the affair happened near the school house where the parties concerned were attending school.

Colby Stoddard, of this place assisted State's Attorney Farman. F. C. Williams of Newport appeared for the boys.

KILLED BY ROCK.

A Polisher Killed in Rutland Marble Quarry.

Rutland, July 28.—Adolph Terminski, a Polisher, 38 years of age, was fatally hurt this forenoon about eleven o'clock while at work in the Albion quarry in West Rutland by a rock which fell from the back of his head, crushing the skull. Dr. C. B. Ross was called and removed several pieces of bone but Terminski did not regain consciousness and died at 1.30 o'clock in the afternoon. Undertaker C. H. Campbell was called and removed the body in his ambulance to his undertaking rooms.

Mr. Terminski leaves a wife and six children in the old country. The funeral will be held Thursday morning at eight o'clock at the home of Tony Ross, where he boarded.

HAS BIG BALANCE.

L'Union St. Jean Baptiste Society Has \$25,200.25.

Burlington, July 28.—Yesterday the high court officers of L'Union St. Jean Baptiste were engaged with the business of the society, and were in session the greater part of the day in the grove of the rear of St. Francis Xavier's Church in Winooski. The report of the treasurer, Hon. Phillip Boucher, brought forth a round of applause. He said that there was at the present time \$25,200.25 in the treasury. The total membership of the union, after something over two years' existence, is 4,154 and there are many places in which councils will be organized in the near future.

BURLINGTON POLICE MUDDLE.

Attempt Made to Have Hearing Felled Last Evening.

Burlington, July 29.—Another attempt was made last night by the board of police examiners to have a hearing on the charges filed by Mayor Burke against Officer E. R. Coon, but because the mayor has insisted that the hearings be public and a majority of the examiners insist that they be private an adjournment was taken, after some written evidence had been presented, until Monday evening at 7.30, but in the meantime City Attorney Brown is to furnish the board an opinion on the duties of the board in general and as to whether they can have the hearings public or private as they choose.

LEAGUE BASE BALL.

Boston Americans Administered Second Shut-Out to New York.

Yesterday's National League scores: At Cincinnati, Cincinnati 10, Pittsburgh 5.

At Brooklyn, Philadelphia 15, Brooklyn 10 (10 innings).

At Chicago, Chicago 9, St. Louis 2.

At New York, Boston 5, New York 3.

National League Standing. Won. Lost. Pct. Boston 66 28 .697 Brooklyn 40 40 .500 Chicago 53 30 .598 Boston 33 45 .426 New York 41 38 .520 St. Louis 33 35 .486 Cincinnati 44 42 .512 Phila. 27 57 .321

Yesterday's American League scores: At Philadelphia, Philadelphia 4, Washington 3 (10 innings).

At St. Louis, Cleveland 10, St. Louis 2.

At Boston, Boston 3, New York 0.

American League Standing. Won. Lost. Pct. Boston 64 29 .688 New York 37 40 .481 Phila. 50 34 .596 Chicago 36 44 .450 Cleveland 44 35 .558 St. Louis 34 44 .438 Detroit 40 38 .513 Wash'g'ton 27 50 .350

Yesterday's Northern League scores: At Burlington, Plattsburg 7, Burlington 2.

At Rutland, Rutland 10, St. Albans 1.

A Way the Baby Has.

"Has the baby had the measles yet, Mr. Popp?"

"Sh-sh! Don't speak so loud. When ever he hears anything mentioned that he hasn't got he cries for it."

Rusk's favorite adverb was "entirely."

Over the grave of his father he put a memorial stone describing the elder Rusk as "an entirely honest merchant."

SITUATION THREATENING.

France and Great Britain Trying to Prevent Trouble in East.

Birmingham, Eng., July 29.—The Post today says that while the alarmist views regarding the situation are to be deprecated there is no doubt that the dispute between Russia and Japan is regarded with considerable concern in official quarters. The paper adds, "Perhaps not the least interesting feature is that the British and French governments are combining to prevent an outbreak of hostilities. Almost identical representations have been made to Russia and Japan by France and Great Britain, four couriers having passed between France and England since Saturday."

SCOTCH HARVEST FAILS.

Farmers Will Lose Three Million Pounds in Aggregate.

Glasgow, July 29.—The Scotch harvest this year will prove almost a total failure. The yield is the lowest in 20 years. Farmers will lose in the aggregate three million pounds. As a result the demand for American grain and corn will doubtless exceed all records.

FAILURES IN LONDON.

Two Firms, One Long Established, Went Under Today.

London, July 29.—The failures of A. S. G. Graves and Company, old established brokers, and A. H. M. Kirby, small jobbers, were announced at the stock exchange today.

BOATS IN COLLISION.

Cruiser Sunk Collier But all of Crew Saved.

Pennance, Eng., July 29.—The cruiser, Melampus, collided with the Collier, Rupperra, off Stilly Islands today. The latter was sunk, but all the crew were saved.

PROVED TO BE A THIEF.

Alleged Boston Pastor Was Looking for Plunder Instead of Rest.

St. Albans, July 28.—The good people of Highgate Springs are greatly exercised over the disappearance of a man, woman and boy who came there shortly after the first of the month, hired a cottage, engaged board with a Mr. Platt and settled down for a few weeks of camp life. The man represented himself to be the Rev. Mr. Marvin, claiming to be the pastor of a large church in Boston, and said that he had come up into the country for rest. The visitors made a favorable impression on the natives and campers generally and lived high, getting goods on credit; among other things which the "Rev. Mr. Marvin" bought was a fine large tent. Last Friday night when "Mr. Marvin's" board bill was due, the whole outfit disappeared entirely, taking one of Mr. Platt's best boats, the tent, a quantity of bedding and other stuff which didn't happen to be nailed down. Where they went to, no one knows, and a search of the surrounding country by officers and interested creditors has failed to locate them.

BRATTLEBORO REFORMER SOLD.

Has Been Bought by E. H. Crane of the Ludlow Tribune.

Brattleboro, July 28.—E. H. Crane of Ludlow, proprietor of the Ludlow Tribune, has closed a deal with J. G. Uley, proprietor of the Windham County Reformer, whereby Mr. Crane will become the owner of the Reformer and all its equipment, including a linotype machine now being set up, the job printing office, etc., August 1st.

Mr. Crane intends to continue the policy of the Reformer as an independent paper, but will continue to publish the Tribune.

Mr. Crane will print the New England Farmer for Mr. Uley.

RAISED HIS TIME S.I.P.

Dishonest Street Car Employee Drew Too Much Pay.

Rutland, July 28.—There was an unusual case in city court this morning when George Herron, employed by the Rutland Street Railway Co., was arraigned on the charge of obtaining money on false pretenses.

Herron had six hours' pay coming to him and was given a time slip to that effect. He altered the slip to read 106 hours instead of 6, and was given \$15 too much by the cashier of the company. He was found guilty and given a sentence of 70 days' imprisonment.

ALLEGED HORSE POISONING.

Clarence Baker of St. Albans Given a Hearing.

St. Albans, July 28.—Clarence Baker was arraigned before City Judge John M. Thorne this morning on a continuation of his preliminary hearing on the charge of having poisoned a horse belonging to Douglas Holmes, the death of the horse having occurred July 13.

At 2 o'clock this afternoon the hearing was resumed, Mr. Holmes being cross-examined at length. Dr. J. C. Parker was also put on the stand and testified to his treatment of the horse and that the animal died of arsenical poisoning. The case was adjourned at this point until August 4th.

ORANGE CO. TELEPHONE

Hearing on Granting Franchise in Barre.

THE OPERA HOUSE LEASE

W. W. Lapoint Asks to Have His Rent Reduced Another Year—Minor Matters.

The special business before the board of aldermen at its regular meeting last evening was a hearing on the request of the Orange County Telephone Co. to set poles on Elm, Brooklyn and Burnham streets in the city of Barre, and to establish a central office at the store of O. J. Dodge. The matter was taken up at the opening of the meeting, but no one interested being present, it was laid on the table until the other business before the board was transacted.

The franchise provides that for the right to set poles in the city streets the company shall pay the city yearly \$1 for each private telephone and \$2 for each pay station established.

On taking up the matter later, C. L. Spear, representing the Orange County Telephone Co., stated the case of the company and why they sought entrance to Barre, which was to accommodate the many subscribers to its phones in the farming towns where their lines run.

Dr. V. C. Goodrich asked if the N. E. company paid a rental on its phones. Alderman Currier stated the N. E. Co. came into Barre before it was a city and it paid no rentals.

Dr. Goodrich said that he knew people of the towns east and south of Barre wanted telephone connection with Barre, because they wanted to do business with Barre. He hoped the council would grant the company the franchise asked without the dollar rental.

C. W. Souffle, representing the New England Telephone company, suggested how the city council ought to act in the matter, and sought to instruct the council in its proceedings.

W. W. Lapoint spoke in favor of the Orange County company, and said there was "free gratis" communication over all its lines.

M. J. McGowan asked if the New England company had not restricted instead of extending the zone of its free phones to subscribers.

Dr. Goodrich thought if it was going to help us to have the Orange County Telephone lines in Barre, we ought to have it. John Anderson thought the Orange County company was required here in the city and he thought the city was right in imposing the franchise tax.

W. D. Smith wanted to see the Peoples' line in the city. So far as he knew this company had dozens of subscribers among the farmers where the New England Telephone company had one. He said it looked to him as if the Peoples' company were charging as little as they could while the New England company was charging as much as it could.

Alderman Currier asked if there was any citizen of Barre present who objected to the granting of the franchise. No one responded.

After some further discussion the hearing was closed, and the matter of granting a franchise was referred to a committee of the whole.

The secretary of the Board of Health reported 24 births and nine deaths in June.

Sig. Santelle's circus, through its agent, asked that the fee for exhibiting in Barre be reduced from \$50 as the circus was a small one. They propose to visit Barre August 14. The matter was referred to the license committee and the city attorney with power to act.

The committee on cemeteries reported they had no authority to execute a lease. The lease of an unused portion of Elmwood cemetery to E. M. Lyon and Edwin Carleton was read and referred back to the committee to make a few alterations and report back.

The New England Tel. & Telegraph Co. asked that in the resolution granting the N. E. Co. the right to put its lines underground be amended to read "Vermont Telephone Co." It was so voted.

E. L. Smith quit claimed to the city for \$1 the street from Brook to Lane street, a 32 foot street. Accepted.

The treasurer was authorized to transfer a 15 cent tax assessment to the sinking fund commissioner.

A sewer permit was granted A. J. Kempton for Circle street.

Building permits were granted W. Jackson to build a 10 foot fence along Main street in front of the new Sortwell block while building; to Mrs. H. E. Waite to build a piazza.

W. W. Lapoint appeared before the board in regard to renewing his bond. Before the bond was submitted to the city he wished the council to refer the matter to the property committee to see if they could not lower the yearly rental. He thought that the city ought to remit at least the two summer months. The matter was referred to a committee of the whole to report on at the next meeting.

Wm. Kingston appeared to ask some questions about a sidewalk being laid on Foster street. He thought too much of the street was being used for sidewalk and too little left for street. The sidewalk being constructed is 9 feet wide. The width of the street is two rods.

Alderman Currier for the street commissioners explained that the sidewalks were laid at least it could be on a hilly street.

Miss Tilden, owner of the Tilden house

on North Main street, asked the council in a communication to abate her taxes on the house, because it had been destroyed by fire and she had received no insurance on the same. Referred to the board of civil authority.

A communication from A. B. Thurston of West Topsham asked the city to pay \$30, three months rent for the time his house was used as a pest house, and also \$27 for repairs. The communication was laid on the table until ex-Mayor Melcher could be interviewed in regard to the matter.

WANTS INFORMATION.

Licensee McGowan Goes Before Aldermen to Ask Why Wine Was Returned.

M. J. McGowan, one of the Barre licensees, was before the board of aldermen last evening to ask by what authority the wine seized the other day at the freight depot was returned to claimants without a hearing in court and without its being claimed within 24 hours. He wanted the grand juror who returned it investigated. On motion it was voted to refer the matter to the city attorney for investigation.

The wine in question was seized at the Central freight office several weeks ago because it appeared to have been brought into Barre and resold here by some unknown parties not regularly licensed dealers.

SERIOUS FIRE AVERTED.

Blaze Discovered in Drug Store of E. E. Bryan of Randolph.

Randolph, July 29.—What might have been a very serious fire was discovered at about six o'clock yesterday morning in E. E. Bryan's drug store. The cause of the fire is unknown as no one had been near the store since 10:30 the night before and everything was all right when Mr. Bryan closed the store. The fire started in the laboratory of the store behind a counter and had burned but very little when discovered. Chemicals were used to extinguish the fire but there was not enough, so water had to be used and more damage was done by water and smoke than by fire. Mr. Bryan had insurance on the goods and the insurance commissioners were here yesterday to examine the store.

A BIT OF ROMANCE.

Connected With Marriage of Miss Ladd and S. M. Holman.

Northfield, July 28.—Miss Jennie B. Ladd of East Roxbury and Samuel H. Holman of Randolph, were married here yesterday forenoon by Rev. William S. Hazen. They have gone to Connecticut on a short wedding trip. Mr. and Mrs. Holman's friends extend congratulations. There is a bit of romance in this event as Mr. Holman and Miss Ladd were engaged to be married 26 years ago. For some reason the engagement was broken off and Mr. Holman has since been twice married. Miss Ladd remained single and now after many years has accepted her old lover for a husband.

REPAIRING DAMAGE.

E. B. Ellis of Northfield Rebuilding Old Stone Shed.

Northfield, July 28.—E. B. Ellis has begun repairs on the old stone shed which was so badly wrecked by the wind storm last week. He needs the old shed for additional cutters and his loss in the delay will be as great as the damage to the shed. When the contemplated repairs and additions are completed the shed will give room for his increasing business.

Like an Ant Hill.

The Vatican resembles an ant hill, so feverish is the work of preparing the part of that building set aside for the conclave. Before 1870 conclaves were held in the Quirinal palace, one long wing of which was always ready with out any special preparation. But in the case of the Vatican, apartments of three or four rooms for each cardinal have to be specially prepared, and as there are sixty-four cardinals the amount of work involved is very great. Indeed, the section destined for the conclave comprises, on the ground floor of rooms which surround the famous court of San Damaso, the rooms under the late pope's apartment and the tower with the rooms about the Sala Ducale. On the second floor the rooms about Loggia Raphael and the pontifical offices, comprising all the apartments formerly occupied by Cardinal Rampolla, who has left the Vatican altogether, will be used. The whole will furnish commodious lodging for about 500 people.

The Sistine chapel, as in the case of the last conclave, will be used for the meetings of the cardinals and balloting. There, after three solemn funeral services, which begin Tuesday, will be erected a throne for each cardinal. Over the thrones will be baldachinos, or canopies, attached to the wall behind. The moment a new pope is elected he will lower his baldachino as a token of his new dignity, thus silently announcing. The Pauline chapel will be used for the celebration of high mass every morning of the conclave, while in the Sala Ducale will be movable altars for the masses to be celebrated every morning by each cardinal.

The gendarmes and Palatine guards will be transferred to the building in the Belvedere courtyard, where the poor pilgrims were lodged during the last jubilee, the gendarmes' barracks being transformed into kitchens, pantries, etc. The Belvedere courtyard will be converted into general quarters for the cardinals and other workmen. The courtyard is quite unrecognizable. The long lines of glass windows of the Loggia Raphael have been painted up to a certain height as precaution, and shades have been put on every window to better insure secrecy.

Assurances have been given that everything will be in readiness for Friday

RIFLE TEAM FOR SEA GIRT

V. N. G. Will be Represented this Year.

TEAM CHOSEN AT MUSTER

Twelve Officers and Men Will be Selected Under Advice of Capt. Burnham.

Burlington, July 29.—Gen. W. H. Gilmore was in this city yesterday for a short time, making preliminary arrangements for muster. The contract for supplying provisions has been let to C. A. Barber, who supplied the regiment last year. Next Monday details from the several companies in the regiment will go to the grounds and put them in readiness for the arrival of the regiment on Thursday. It is proposed to send a team of twelve officers and men of the Vermont National Guard to the national rifle competition at Sea Girt, N. J., September 8, and to this end Col. J. Gray Estey, commanding First regiment, has issued orders of instructions to company commanders, in the hope that the effort to send a team to Sea Girt will be appreciated by the regiment, and will stimulate a greater amount of rifle practice than ever before. As there is no state fund available for this purpose, those selected to compose the team will have to give their time without other compensation than the honor of being selected to represent the regiment. The actual expense will be defrayed by friends of the regiment.

The team will be selected at camp next month under the advice of Captain Burnham, inspector of small arms practice. The exact method of selecting the team will be announced later. Company commanders are directed to bring to camp all of their 1600 score books. They will also forward to Captain Burnham a list of the six best shots in their company, showing the highest score made by each, and the average made by each up to August 1, 1903.

The distances to be shot in the national rifle competition are 200, 300, 400, 500, 600, 800, 900 and 1,000 yards; 10 shots to each competitor at each range; positions—standing at 200 yards; prone at all other ranges. The orders further say that men selected for the preliminary team, from which the final team will be taken, will be given every opportunity for practice during the camp.

FOR FIFTH TIME.

Edward Gabree of Montpelier Finally Found Guilty.

Montpelier, July 29.—Edward Gabree was arrested yesterday for intoxication, the fifth experience for him. Last night in city court he was tried and the jury failed to agree. Again this morning Gabree was tried by a different jury. This time he was declared guilty. His attorney, J. G. Wing, entered an appeal, bail being set at \$150, which the attorney furnished.

FIFTEENTH ANNIVERSARY.

Mr. and Mrs. John Clifford Entertained Last Evening.

Quite a number of the relatives and friends of Mr. and Mrs. John Clifford gathered at their residence on the East Montpelier road last evening to remind them that it was their fifteenth wedding anniversary. The evening was pleasantly spent in a social visit. Cake and coffee were served and the company broke up wishing the happy couple a return of many such occasions.

PAINFUL INJURIES.

Clara Stevens, Little Girl, Had Several Bones Broken.

Montpelier, July 29.—Clara Stevens, the two-year-old daughter of A. S. Stevens, received a very painful injury last night by a heavy window falling on her hands. Several bones were broken and the skin was knocked from her knuckles. Dr. Chandler attended her.

CENTRAL LABOR UNION.

Important Meeting to Held on Friday Evening, July 31st.

The 29th regular meeting of the Central Labor Union of Barre and vicinity will be held in Sharpers' hall, Quinlan building, on Friday evening July 31st, at 7.30 o'clock. This will be an important meeting, and it is hoped that every local union will be fully represented by its delegates.

B. F. Healey, Pres. C. C. Ramsdell, Sec.

OFF FOR EAST BARRE.

Thirteen Montpelier Young Men Travel on Tally-Ho.

Montpelier, July 29.—A party of thirteen young men of this city left this afternoon by tally-ho to go to East Barre, where they will be entertained by Harry McAllister. They expect to make the return trip tonight.

Muslin Underwear Sale at Abbott's