

150 LIVES LOST BY EXPLOSION IN DEEP MINE

All Attempts at Rescue in the Virginia Mines Near Birmingham, Ala., Given Up this Morning as Rescuers Can't Live in After-damp.

MEN ENTOMBED ON YESTERDAY.

The Accident Happened Yesterday and Rescue Work Has Been Interrupted, Meaning Death to All the Men in the Mine.

Birmingham, Ala., Feb. 21.—All hopes of finding the imprisoned 150 miners at the Virginia mines, where an explosion occurred yesterday, have been given up as evidence has been found today which shows that after the explosion black damp permeated the mine, making it impossible for anyone to live in it.

STREET FIGHT SUNDAY.

Many People Were Either Killed or Wounded. St. Petersburg, Feb. 21.—A dispatch from Baku states that street fighting broke out there Sunday between Musselmen and Armenians. Thirty-five persons were killed or wounded.

A STATE OF TERROR.

Caucasus Said to Be in State of Anarchy. St. Petersburg, Feb. 21.—Private advices received today state that anarchy is prevalent in Caucasus. Massacres are occurring on all sides, oil wells are ablaze, trains have been destroyed, and river navigation has been stopped.

TEXAS WANTS IT.

Asks Roosevelt to Send Investigator to That State. Washington, Feb. 21.—President Roosevelt has been requested by the Speaker of the Texas House of Representatives to send Mr. Garfield to Texas after his labors in Kansas have been concluded, to investigate the oil situation in that state.

ATTEMPT ABANDONED.

Railroad Rate Legislation Amounts to Nothing. Washington, Feb. 21.—In the Senate today, Senator Elkins, chairman of the committee on interstate commerce, practically gave formal notice that all efforts to secure railroad rate legislation have been abandoned and that the committee would continue its inquiries during the summer.

TRACK NOW OPEN.

Mount Mansfield Electric R. R. Snowed Under Since Saturday. Stowe, Feb. 21.—After working all day the Mt. Mansfield Electric road was opened its entire length last night, having been closed since Saturday. It was blocked by the heavy wind Friday night and Saturday morning, which filled the tracks with hard snow drifts.

MILLION AND A HALF BURNED IN BOSTON

Hoosic Tunnel Docks Destroyed. Early This Morning and Heavy Losses of Imported Stuffs Resulted.

Boston, Feb. 21.—Fire, early this morning, destroyed piers three and four at the Hoosic Tunnel railroad's docks in Charlestown, causing a loss of \$1,500,000. The ocean liners Philadelphia and Dalehall of the Furness line, narrowly escaped destruction and were seriously damaged.

Its origin has not been determined, but it is believed to have started from spontaneous combustion. An automatic alarm was quickly followed by a fourth and fifth alarm, which brought a greater part of the apparatus of the city to the scene.

BURNED WITH STEAM.

Broken Pipe at Buffalo, N. Y., Causes Terrible Accident. Buffalo, Feb. 21.—Steam from a broken pipe caused the death of one man and the serious injury of eight others at the city water works plant yesterday afternoon.

The dead man is Thomas White. The injured: Andrew Dickman, 50 years old, scalded face and hands; Stanley J. A. Kudowski, burned on face and hands; William Abraham, burned face and hands; Michael McCabe, badly scalded; John Bussler, burned face and hands; inhaled steam; Thomas Lannen, face terribly scalded; John Herrick, burned face and hands and leg torn by piece of broken pipe; John Marcinski, scalded face and hands.

BEGGAR LEFT \$400,000.

A Brooklyn Quiltmaker Will Inherit a Part of It. New York, Feb. 20.—Max Fidler, a Brooklyn quiltmaker, has learned that he is heir to a part of a fortune of \$400,000 left by a beggar in France, of whom Fidler happened to be a nephew.

FORMER VERMONT.

Congressman Norton P. Otis Died in New York Yesterday. New York, Feb. 21.—Congressman Norton P. Otis of the 19th district died yesterday at Hudson Terrace, his home in Yonkers. He had been ill for several months and had been confined to his hospital for a month.

CONCERT FOR B. I. L. BAIL.

The following is the programme for the concert and ball given by the B. I. L. of Barre and Montpelier at Hale's Pavilion Wednesday evening: The Bamber — Franz Von Blon Overture — Fest. G. Lattann Cornet Solo. Selected W. J. Gilbertson. Selections from "The Madcap Princess" — Englander Reading — J. Ward Carver Galop — Champagne. Lumbye Gilbertson's orchestra furnishes the music.

NO CHANGE IN HOURS.

Liquor License Holders Will Keep Open Till 11 Until May 1st. The question has been asked if the provisions of the amended liquor law relating to the closing of licensed liquor saloons at 10 p. m., and second class licensed places at 7 p. m., go into effect on March 1st, when the act takes effect.

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LAND FOR THE CHURCH

City Willing to Sell and Eight Foot Strip TO CONGREGATIONALISTS

Proposed City Ordinances for the Re-organization of the Fire Department Read to Council Will Be Considered Tonight.

A special meeting of the city council was held last evening to consider the sale of a piece of land to the Congregational church and proposed new city ordinances for the organization and regulation of a paid fire department.

An agreement between the city and C. L. Bugbee was read, by which the fire department may occupy the new fire station before it is fully completed without waiving any conditions of the building contract, except that Mr. Bugbee shall not be compelled to pay \$5 a day for not completing his contract in the time specified.

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The first place to be noticed is the amount of ground that an alderman tries to do to benefit the ward which he represents in to where he is located in said ward. Therefore, as candidate James Adie for ward six living on Main street and not being a real estate owner would not have the interest of fixing up the side streets permanently as a real estate owner would.

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A ROBINS TICKET FILED

Also Tickets With Perry For Constable.

Contest nCandidates in Each of the Four Wards Where Aldermen Are to Be Elected.

The tickets for the coming municipal election, are all in, the time for filing the same expiring at midnight, last night. There will be four complete city tickets, with the exception of second constable, for which office there is no candidate, Mr. Perry, the nominee of the citizen's caucus having entered the contest for the position of first constable.

The campaign committee selected at that caucus examined into the situation and found that part of those instrumental in calling the caucus have turned against it. With this knowledge the committee decided not to file the ticket. The committee considered Mr. Riley too good a man to be set up to be sacrificed.

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The papers placing John Robins in nomination for mayor were signed by J. W. McDonald, W. P. Kenerson, Wm. Cole, F. A. Danforth, Real Peruse, M. J. Liberty, T. G. Carswell, James Brown, D. W. McDonald, John Vercoe, H. A. Rugg, H. O. Camp, Abram Mann, Antoine Burke, Daniel Murphy. The ticket was filed about 9 o'clock last evening, and the Perry tickets were filed between 10 and 12.

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long and only two electric lights. There are nine families deprived of free delivery of mail as there is no sidewalk.

Therefore it is up to the voters of ward six to approach the different candidates for alderman and get their views on this subject before supporting them. Above all things let us support a man for that office that will not get a reputation as a good listener at our city council meetings.

LEADERS WENT DOWN.

C. O. F. Cribbage Team Lost to Red Men Last Evening.

The leaders in the cribbage league contest, the C. O. F.'s, received their first defeat in a long time when the Red Men downed them last evening at five tables to three. The result by tables was as follows: Ross and Scott, R. M., defeated Kelly and Gono, C. O. F.; Robertson and Laxon, R. M., defeated Loranger and Fremier, C. O. F.; Webster and Marshall, R. M., defeated Gallagher and McNulty, C. O. F.; Duncan and Rennie, R. M., defeated Moore and Dombrowski, C. O. F.; Davidson and Brodie, R. M., defeated Burke and Brault, C. O. F.

The M. U. and I. O. O. F. teams play Wednesday evening. The cribbage league standing: P. W. L. Pet. C. O. F. 112 63 49 563 C. G. 104 53 51 509 R. M. 112 56 56 500 F. of A. 104 51 53 490 M. U. 104 51 53 490 I. O. O. F. 104 46 58 442

O'LEARYS LOSE AGAIN.

Dewey's Colts of Montpelier Captured Two of Three Strings.

The O'Learys suffered defeat last evening at the hands of Dewey's Colts at Alexander's alleys. The O'Learys were too confident, and did not roll well in the first string, making only 795 for a total. They rolled 944 in the second. They were beaten by 15 pins in the last string and their team total of 2572 didn't keep them from losing the two strings.

O'LEARYS.

Table with 3 columns: Name, Score 1, Score 2. Includes Dewey's Colts and O'Learys teams.

GOT OUT QUICKLY.

Spaulding Building Cleared of 700 Scholars in Less Than Two Minutes.

The first fire drill for all departments of the Spaulding school occurred at 10 o'clock this morning, and from the time Prof. Mathewson touched the button which rings the alarm in the hall and rooms, to the time when the last one of the 700 students was out of the building, it was a few seconds less than two minutes.

STRUCK ON HIS FACE.

Murdo McAulay Tipped Out of Sleigh While Crossing Railroad Track.

Murdo McAulay of Granterville was thrown out of his sleigh while crossing the electric car track on South Main street near the Universalist church at 8 o'clock last evening and was quite badly hurt. One side of his head struck the car track and he was knocked insensible. He was carried into the Emergency room in the city building by Chief Brown and Dr. W. E. Lazelle.

ANNUAL DISTRICT MEETING.

Of Sixth District Held in Barre Tomorrow.

The annual district meeting of the Sixth Masonic District will be held in the Granite Lodge room tomorrow afternoon and evening and every Master Mason in this vicinity is cordially invited to attend. Several Grand Lodge officers are expected to be present. At 2 o'clock in the afternoon lodge will be opened by Anora lodge of Montpelier and they will work the first degree. At six o'clock a supper will be served in the banquet hall by the O. E. S. and at 7 o'clock Granite Lodge will open and work the third degree.

MONTPELIER BANKRUPT.

Daniel Emery, Granite Manufacturer, Has Liabilities of \$4,380.65. Burlington, Feb. 21.—A petition in voluntary bankruptcy was filed yesterday at the district court clerk's office in this city by Daniel Emery, a granite manufacturer of Montpelier. Liabilities \$4,380.65, of which \$85 is secured and \$4,244.32 unsecured. Assets \$1,535.00, exempt, \$132.96.

INVENTOR ENDS LIFE

James Pirie Who Perfected Sharpening Machine

SHOT HIMSELF IN BREAST

Wanted to See Success Assured for the Invention on Which He Had Expended Years of Labor and Study.

James Pirie, the inventor of the Pirie machine for sharpening granite tools, who formerly resided in Barre, committed suicide last evening at his home, 25 Foster street in Montpelier. Dependancy owing to ill health was undoubtedly the cause of the act. Mr. Pirie had been a sufferer with consumption for several years. The members of the family and his friends had noticed no signs of unusual depression recently but for some time the state of his health had been a cause of much concern to him.

While Eric Pirie, one of the sons, and William Pirie, a brother of the deceased, were in the kitchen at eight o'clock, Mr. Pirie stepped out of the house as was his custom to take a walk on the piazza. A short time later the former heard a faint, muffled shot. They rushed out and found Mr. Pirie lying on the piazza grasping a revolver. They carried him into the house and hastily summoned physicians, also notifying the others of the family who had just left the house to attend the theatre Dr. C. E. Chandler and Dr. Lindsay responded. Their arrival was after the wounded man breathed his last, and it is probable that the shot caused death almost instantaneously. The bullet entered the left breast about two inches below the heart. Eric, the son, said today that his father kept a revolver in a bureau in his bedroom and that the revolver was not loaded when he saw it last.

Four years ago Mr. Pirie was forced by ill health to give up active work in the stone industry and he worked on the construction of a machine which should simplify the sharpening of tools necessary in the granite cutting industry. He worked assiduously over his plans, and a short time ago evolved a scheme which later promises to revolutionize that branch of the granite industry. He invented a machine which has been put in operation in this city, the first one being tried out at the shed of Barclay Bros. last spring. The introduction of the machine caused a disarrangement of the labor schedule at that time and there was a consequent disagreement. The matter was satisfactorily adjusted and the machine took its place in the granite cutting industry. The sharpener is now in operation at the place where it was originally tried out, and is giving good results. There is only one other of the kind in the world and that is in use in Worcester, Mass. A third machine is being constructed by Eric Pirie, who was of material assistance to his father in the perfecting of the first design.

Mr. Pirie put his whole effort into his invention and constantly thought of it. To a Barre citizen he said last summer that he had only one thing to live for and that was to see the success of the invention so that the financial means of his family would be assured. He said that when the success of the invention was certain he had no purpose to live for. That the invention is a success is assured. The young son, Eric, and the inventor's brother, William, recently of Washington, D. C., but who is now residing in Northfield, were in this city yesterday and closed a lease with Young Bros., granite manufacturers, whereby a sharpening plant is to be located in the rear of Young Bros.' cutting plant. This plant, it was planned, should contain at the start one machine, the one which young Pirie is now building, and if the demand required, others should be added. It was the purpose to secure the sharpening for the stonemasons in that vicinity. They proposed to start the business on a small scale at first.

Mr. Pirie was born in Aberdeen, Scotland, 49 years ago. He came to this country when fifteen years of age, residing in Washington, D. C., then Quincy, Mass., Baltimore, Barre and finally in Montpelier. While in this city he resided on Harrington Ave., in the house with John Anderson. He was well known by the people of this city. He conducted a small granite business, being himself a skilled cutter and particularly proficient in the carving department. Ten years ago, Mr. Pirie removed to Montpelier and engaged in the stonemasonry business. Four years ago, illness caused him to give it up. The grip of consumption he was unable to throw off. The family was much respected in this city and the two daughters, Minnie and Edith, still have acquaintance with a large number of young people of Barre. There are also two sons, Eric, who lived at home, and Paul, of Marshallfield; also the widow, a brother, William Pirie, also survives.

NO PAPER TOMORROW.

Tomorrow, Wednesday, Feb. 22, being a legal holiday, the anniversary of the birth of the "Father of His Country," no paper will be issued from this office. Thursday's Times will contain full reports of the doings of the day.