

FOUR MEN FELL, OTHERS FLED

Explosion of Fireworks on Boston Wharf To-Day

THE CAUSE IS NOT KNOWN

Three Men Died and Fourth Was Fatally Injured—Six Hundred Men Working Nearby Were Thrown Into a Panic.

Boston, July 16.—Three men were killed and one was fatally injured to-day by the explosion of fireworks on the Boston & Maine railroad freight shed on the Mystic wharf.

The Dead. V. H. Nickerson, Lynn. Thomas Mason, Revere. Charles F. Atwood, Boston.

Fatally Injured. Carl F. Watson.

Mr. Nickerson, customs inspector, was examining the fireworks when the explosion occurred. The cause of the accident is not known, but it is supposed that it was indirectly due to the heat of the sun. The explosion blew Nickerson and Mason to pieces, and Atwood was so badly hurt that he died while on the way to the hospital. Watson cannot recover, it is expected.

Six hundred men were working on the wharf at the time of the explosion and they fled in a panic.

A WOMAN KILLED IN TRAIN WRECK

White Mountain Express Train from New York Hit Spread Rails at Greenwich, Conn., and Ten Cars Were Ditched.

Greenwich, Conn., July 16.—Miss Margaret Armstrong of Philadelphia was killed and ten other passengers on the White Mountain express, leaving New York at 8:20 o'clock this morning, were injured when the rails spread as the train passed the station here at a terrific speed. All ten cars were derailed. The speed was so great that the four forward cars went on for a quarter of a mile, plowing up the bridge and the ground beyond.

MINE WORKERS KILLED.

Terrific Explosion in the Anthracite Coal Fields.

Pottsville, Pa., July 16.—Seven mine workers were killed and ten others injured yesterday by a terrific explosion of gas in the Westmoreland colliery, in the lower part of the anthracite coal fields. The mine was wrecked and set on fire.

The explosion occurred in the back of the colliery and is believed to have been caused by one of the men lifting the gauge of his shaded lamp after an explosion, which had brought down a large body of coal. The explosion shook the entire colliery. The work of rescue was immediately begun.

Near the foot of the shaft, the injured men were found, they having rushed toward the entrance only to fall over unconscious. All of the dead were found a short distance from the shaft. One of the injured was taken to the morgue and it was not until an identification of the bodies was made that it was found that he was living. He was badly burned and battered, but will probably recover.

NEW FISH HATCHERY.

Government Officials Inspect Site at Chittenden.

Rutland, July 16.—G. M. Bowers and J. W. Titcomb of the fish hatcheries in Washington inspected a site in Chittenden Tuesday for the auxiliary hatchery, for which the government made an appropriation of \$20,000. They express themselves as well satisfied with the site and will send a government architect to look over the place in the near future. Many other sites on the east side of the state have been inspected but it is now thought likely that the hatchery will be located at Chittenden.

LAD RUN OVER BY CAR.

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SCARCELY A RIPPLE

Disturbed the Calmness of Maine Democratic Convention.

Bangor, Me., July 16.—Enthusiasm at every mention of the names of Gardner and Bryan distinguished the state Democratic convention here yesterday, when Obadiah Gardner of Rockland was nominated by acclamation for governor and Everett M. Mower of Augusta for state auditor. There was harmony throughout the day, the only ripple being in the election of electors, in which some rival candidates were presented.

WON THE DISCUSS AND THE SHOT PUT

American Athletes Continue Their Winning at the Olympic Games in London.

London, July 16.—The American team won all three places in the discuss throw at the Olympic games this morning. Martin Sheridan of the Irish-American club, New York, was first with 134 feet and 2 inches, breaking his own Olympic record of 132 feet. The second was Griffin of Chicago; third, M. F. Horr of the Irish-American club.

With the shot-put also on to-day's program, the Americans were confident of closing the gap between them and the English team. From now on they intend to concentrate their efforts on the events where England appears to be strongest, on the theory that no other team stands a show for first honors. Up to date, the games have not drawn as well as expected. The attendance has been smaller even than in little Athens.

At the commencement of to-day's program, the total points of the United Kingdom were 34, or 36 including Canada and Australia; the United States, 16; France, 3; Sweden, 3; Greece, 3; Belgium, Germany and Norway, 1 each. Ralph Rose, the American, won the shot-put finals today. W. W. Coe of the Boston Athletic association won first in his section with a put of 42 feet and 7 1/2 inches. Rose put the shot 45 feet, seven and one-half inches. Horgan of England was second with 44 feet, 8 1/4 inches; third, Garrels, American, 43 feet, 3 inches. The final in the 400-metre swim was won by Taylor of England.

"LOVE YOU JUST THE SAME"

Whether You Vote For Me or Not Said Candidate Kern.

Indianapolis, Ind., July 16.—The non-partisan reception given John W. Kern, Democratic candidate for vice-president held in the court yard last night on the candidate's arrival home from Denver, was as generous as the citizens of Indianapolis, regardless of politics, could make it. Fully 5,000 persons gathered in Delaware street and in the court house yard, and gave Mr. Kern a hearty welcome and cheered him enthusiastically.

The candidate addressed the crowd following his presentation by Vice-President Fairbanks. Four years ago Mr. Kern presented Mr. Fairbanks to a big non-partisan gathering under similar circumstances. Mr. Kern replied feelingly to the welcome accorded him and said he was deeply grateful for the friends Almighty God had given him in Indianapolis regardless of political affiliations. He added:

"Whether you vote for me or not in November, I love you just the same. Let every voter study the issues before the people and then, when you have made up your mind go and deposit your vote for the right, as God gives you to see the right, and we will abide by your judgment."

STEVE ADAMS NOT GUILTY.

July at Grand Junction, Colo., Acquits Him on Charge of Murder.

Grand Junction, Colo., July 16.—Steve Adams, member of the Western Federation of Miners, was yesterday afternoon acquitted of the murder of Arthur Collins.

After the clerk of the court had read the verdict Adams was ordered discharged by Judge Shackelford. Adams immediately stepped to the jury box and shook hands with each one of the jurors and thanked them. Collins, who was manager of the Smuggler Union mine at Telluride, was shot on the night of Nov. 19, 1902, while playing cards in his office.

ARRESTED ON HONEYMOON.

Portsmouth Navy Yard Marine Overstays Leave.

Dover, N. H., July 16.—The honeymoon of Frank W. Lindsey, a marine from the Portsmouth navy yard, was cut short yesterday afternoon by his being turned over to the navy yard authorities by the Dover police at the request of the former, who declared that Lindsey had overrun his leave of absence. Lindsey came here Monday and was married to Mrs. Sarah Follett. In celebrating the event, it is said, he forgot his appointment with Uncle Sam. He was considerably the worse for liquor, the police assert, when taken to police headquarters Tuesday night and held to await orders from his superiors.

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It is understood that the Rutland railroad company has decided not to replace the railroad bed where the landslides occurred July 4 and 7, but will lay 100 feet of track fifteen feet to one side of the place.

FIRE WIPES OUT PLANT

S. R. Sargent & Son of Castleton Lost \$20,000 To-day

WITH INSURANCE OF \$5,500

The Firm, Which Employed a Dozen Men, Had Expected to Move to Randolph Next Fall—The Cause Is Unknown.

Castleton, July 16.—The plant of S. R. Sargent & Son of Castleton Corners, manufacturers of cement building blocks and farm machinery, was practically destroyed by fire this morning. The cause of the fire is unknown. The loss is \$20,000, with insurance of \$5,500. The main building, four single-story houses, all the machinery and a quantity of stock were burned, and only the engine room and foundry were saved. The business was established fifteen years ago and employed a dozen men. The firm expected to move to Randolph in the fall.

MORAN NO BETTER.

Boston Lawyer Has Gone West for His Health.

Boston, July 16.—District Attorney Moran left New York City yesterday for Denver, where he goes in search of renewed health. If his condition is not speedily improved by the climate and altitude of the country about Denver, he will go to Arizona.

Mr. Moran arrived in New York City from Lake Saranac a week ago. While he suffered from the excessive heat in New York, he was quite strong for a man so ill and still possessed the same great courage which he displayed when he left Boston. During the week which he spent in New York he remained very quiet and saw only a few intimate friends.

Dr. Timothy J. Reardon of this city visited him there and some few friends and business acquaintances called upon him and discussed his affairs. One of his friends who saw him said yesterday that Mr. Moran is a much sicker man than is generally believed and that he is in a far weaker condition than even he himself suspects. If the mountain air of the country about Denver does not immediately cause his condition to show unmistakable signs of improvement, Mr. Moran will at once start for Arizona.

SPEAKS ON FORESTRY.

Prof. L. R. Jones at District Superintendent's Meeting.

Burlington, July 16.—The speakers at yesterday's sessions of the Vermont association of District Superintendents included Prof. L. R. Jones of the university of Vermont, who spoke on the "Value of Forestry and Its Teaching in the Public Schools of Vermont," and Dr. John T. Pierce of Massachusetts board of education, who discussed problems of supervision.

These officers were elected: president, E. S. Watson of Newport; vice-president, Miss J. I. Ross of Grand Isle; secretary-treasurer, Edward Dorsey of Ludlow; executive committee, these officers and state Superintendent of Education Mason S. Stone.

DIED IN NATIVE TOWN.

Henry B. Willis Was on a Visit to Brattleboro.

Brattleboro, July 16.—Henry Burnham Willis, aged 48 for many years head tuner for the Wilcox & White company in Meriden, Conn., died of heart disease yesterday at the home of his sister-in-law, Mrs. George H. Harris of 36 Western avenue. He had been in ill health for four years, but was able to keep at work until about June 1. He came to Brattleboro July 1.

Mr. Willis was born in Brattleboro Dec. 5, 1859, and was a son of Mass. Willis. He was a tuner in Brattleboro and in Woodstock, Ont., before going to Meriden. On July 10, 1880, he married Miss Lizzie R. Miller of Brattleboro, who survives with one daughter. He also leaves two brothers, Horace Willis of Woodstock Ont., and Fred Willis of Ottawa, Ill. He was a member of the Masonic lodge in Woodstock and of the Royal Arcanum and the Colonial club in Meriden.

Baptist Minister Ordained.

St. Albans, July 16.—The ordination of Luther Latham Holmes to the ministry of the Baptist church took place at the church at Georgia Plains Tuesday evening. The ordination sermon was preached by the Rev. A. F. Ufford of Fairfax; the prayer of ordination was offered by the Rev. Frederic Emerson of Jericho; and the Rev. N. A. Wood of Essex Junction extended the right hand of fellowship. The charge to the candidate was given by the Rev. J. H. Leroy of Montgomery, and the charge to the church by the Rev. Silas P. Perry of Richmond. Words of welcome in behalf of the Congregationalists were spoken by the Rev. Charles W. Clarke. A council of twenty-four members representing twelve churches of the Lamolle Baptist association, which met in the afternoon to examine the candidate and decide as to his fitness to be ordained, unanimously voted its satisfaction with the candidate on all points.

TOOK CHLOROFORM TO END HIS LIFE.

W. H. Stone, a Leading Business Man of Bellows Falls, Found Dead in Bed at Hotel.—No Cause Known.

Bellows Falls, July 16.—W. H. Stone, one of the leading business men of Bellows Falls, committed suicide yesterday in hotel Windham with chloroform. No reason can be ascertained for the act as Mr. Stone's business was in good shape. He recently purchased the large carriage business of Walter C. Hadley and came up from his home in Walpole, N. H., each day. Tuesday night, however, he hired a room at hotel Windham.

Yesterday morning one of the maids opened the door and found him lying on the bed. He had been dead for some time and had taken his life by pouring the contents of two bottles of chloroform on a sponge and laying face down on the liquid. By his side were found four letters, one addressed to Henry W. Porter, a real estate dealer of this place, and three to friends in Walpole, A. S. Morrill, with whom he lived, Mr. Wilson, with whom he had business dealings and Mrs. A. B. Smith. In Mr. Porter's letter he was appointed executor and given explicit directions as to the business and estate, the letter was begun July 2 and concluded July 15. At the very close it was written that when the letter was received the writer would be lying dead at hotel Windham. No reason can be given although Mr. Stone was of a somewhat morbid disposition. The fact that the deed was contemplated nearly two weeks before it occurred is taken as very mysterious. A cousin of the dead man, Mayor H. O. Carpenter of Rutland, came yesterday afternoon and took charge of the body. Mayor Carpenter is greatly mystified. Mr. Stone was unmarried and left no near relatives.

SLASHED WITH A KNIFE.

A Syrian Makts Crowd Move on Burlington Street.

Burlington, July 16.—The even tenor of events on Battery street was broken last evening when a Syrian from Winookski, brightly lighted up with fire water, attempted to knife several other citizens of the same nationality. The Syrian wandered into the fruit store of A. K. Brice & Brother and after purchasing a few things engaged in a heated argument with a few loungers. He then drew out his knife and if he hadn't attempted to carve several at once he might have succeeded in cutting at least one. The Syrian was taken to jail.

DESERTER CAUGHT, AT LIBERTY LONG TIME

Fred Nelson Will Also Be Charged With Horse Stealing When He Gets to Burlington.

Rutland, July 16.—Fred Nelson who deserted from the 11th Cavalry at Fort Ethan Allen last August was arrested last night by Sheriff Hayden of Ludlow at Wallingford, where he was working on a farm. He was taken to Burlington today. He has been at odd jobs in various Vermont towns ever since his desertion. It is claimed that he sold a lively horse hired in Ludlow recently; also one hired at South Londonderry. The state will prefer charges of horse stealing against him.

TAFT COMING TO VERMONT.

Will Speak in Two Vermont Cities During Month of August.

Newport, July 16.—F. C. Williams, Prouty's campaign manager, has received a letter from Judge W. H. Taft stating that he is in the hands of the Republican national committee and that arrangements are being made through Mr. Hitchcock, chairman, to have Mr. Taft visit Vermont early in August and to speak in two cities, to be decided upon later. Mr. Williams is now busy with the work pertaining to the state campaign and he will call a meeting of the state Republican committee early next week, either in Burlington or in Rutland, to map out the work.

Getting Ready for Campaign.

Vergennes, July 16.—The Vermont Republican League has organized for the campaign of 1908, with the following officers: president, Robert W. McCuen of Vergennes; vice-president, Frank D. Thompson of St. Johnsbury; secretary, L. S. Hayes of Bellows Falls; treasurer, A. A. Sargent of Barre; executive committee, Charles I. Burton of Middlebury, Collins M. Graves of Bennington, Walter A. Dutton of Hardwick, Guy W. Bailey of Essex, Alfred E. Bishop of Island Pond, Warren R. Austin of St. Albans, Beecher Dods of North Hero, Orville H. Wilson of Johnson, Hale K. Darling of Chelsea, Aaron H. Grant of Newport, W. K. Farnsworth of Rutland, E. H. Deavitt of Montpelier, O. F. Benson of Brattleboro, Arthur G. Spaulding of Ludlow.

AHEAD OF SCHEDULE.

Y. M. C. A. Boy Relay Runners Cut Down Time.

Little Falls, N. Y., July 16.—Cutting down the schedule time, the Y. M. C. A. runners, carrying a message from the mayor of New York to the mayor of Chicago, are expected here by noon. The boys are running in half-mile relays. They left Johnston this morning at 7:57, just an hour and 13 minutes ahead of the schedule time. At Utica this afternoon the message will be handed to Sherman, the Republican vice-president, who will pass it to the Mayor Wheeler.

TOLD EVILS OF SWEATSHOP

W. S. Wisner to Barre Laboring Men Last Night

PLEADS FOR UNION LABEL

He Related the Hardships of Child Labor and Also the Disease-breeding Shops Where They Work—What He Said.

W. S. Wisner of New York, national organizer of the United Garment Workers of America, and label promoter, gave a strong and interesting address last evening at City park. A fair-sized audience was present and listened with interest to the remarks of the speaker, which were in part as follows:

"The trades union movement has done more to elevate the working class than all other agencies combined. This may seem like a broad statement, but it is an incontrovertible fact, nevertheless, make the exchange of railroad transport of living by increasing the wages of the workmen. We have given him the opportunity of intellectual development by shortening the hours of labor. By the passage of laws relating to child labor we have given the children an opportunity to secure mental and physical development far superior to that of the previous generation. I might add right here that if the child labor laws now existing were more strictly enforced the condition of the rising generation would be far better than it is. To make my meaning clear, let me say that in prohibition Maine they have one or more 'tramp deputies' in each town, to enforce the prohibition law. And ONE inspector in the entire state to enforce the factory laws. As a result of these conditions, the child labor laws are being violated in every state except those which have none. I have seen little children under six years of age working in the tobacco factories of the South, the little tots of eight years working in the textile mills of the same section, and in one case I have found boys eight years of age working 12 1/2 hours of night work. In this particular silk mill, a husky, able-bodied creature calling himself a man, walks up and down the aisles between the machinery with a pail of ice water on his arm; not to give those poor little wretches a cooling drink, but to dash a dipperful of water into the faces of the child slaves, whenever he saw one of them getting just a little drowsy. And that condition is not confined to any one section of the country. Little children six years of age are working in the sardine canneries of Eastport, Me. Little child slaves who ought to be in school or out in God's bright sunshine and pure air are imprisoned in sweat shops, factories and mines from one end of this country to the other.

Female Workers.

"Another class who need and deserve our aid is the constantly increasing army of female workers. In many instances the woman worker is compelled to work for a mere pittance just because she is a woman. I know of cases where women have received the munificent sum of 24c per dozen for making shirts, and I have known women who worked from 5 in the morning until 11 at night, six days of the week, and they only received 85 for their week's pay. These unfortunate women were compelled to compete with convict labor on the one hand and their own offspring in the slave pens of the manufacturers on the other.

"The product of these wretched conditions are not sold to the consumer any cheaper than the product of fairly paid labor. I have gone into stores where I knew convict made shirts were being sold and found that the same price was being charged for them as for the same quality made under fair conditions. Compare the conditions of these unfortunate women with the conditions of those who are working in our union tailor shops, cigar factories or printing offices. In these 'union' shops we take pride in pointing out the male and female workers sitting side by side and receiving equal pay for equal work, which is as it should be.

"The system of discriminating against the female worker is not confined to the shop, but extends to the department stores, to the schools and to the offices. How frequently do we hear the complaint that women teachers, of greater ability than some of the men, are compelled to accept smaller wages than the man who is her inferior receives! And if the educated woman has to put up with these conditions, what then must be the position of her uneducated sister? Contrast the conditions of these poor female workers, whom I have mentioned, with the conditions of the fairly paid, well dressed and sunny faced girls working in our union factories at Lebanon and Keene, N. H., and at Brattleboro, Burlington and Newport in this state. We ask for your aid in continuing the happy condition of our union girls, men, and ask for your aid in extending these same conditions to others.

The Sweet Shop.

"Another source of danger to the entire community lies in the sweat shop, which exists in all our large centers of population. This same pesthole is sometimes dignified by the name of home

PROTEST WAS TO NO AVAIL

Merry-go-round Not a Nuisance in Legal Sense

CONCLUDES THE COUNCIL

Vigorous Remonstrance to Licensing of the Machine on the Tilden Lot, North Main Street, Was Heard Last Night.

A few wooden horses, a shrill toot, and some old familiar cast-off tunes, all in conjunction with an application for a merry-go-round license and a vigorous protest against the issuance of the same, had the city council all tied up in a knot for an hour and a half last night. But after a long parley the council tabled the protest and granted the application, and the wooden horses will gallop around the circle on the Tilden property, North Main street, to the pleasure or discomfiture of the neighbors and to the financial profit of R. R. Goff of Boston, so he hopes.

ANOTHER RACE MEET

ON AUGUST 7 AND 8

Gentlemen's Driving Club Has Set Out Entry Blanks For Races and Some Big Events Are Promised.

Entry blanks have been sent out by Secretary C. M. Winch of the Gentlemen's Driving club of this city for another two-days' meet at the Granite City trotting park, to be held on Friday and Saturday, August 7 and 8. The club has met with very good success in both of the meets held thus far this season, and the inquiries regarding the August meet are sufficient to indicate even better racing than ever before. Some of the prominent horsemen are among those who have written for information. The entries will close on Wednesday, July 29.

There will be six events, the 2:35 class for a purse of \$150, the 2:30 for \$150, the 2:24 for \$150, the 2:21 for \$175, the 2:18 for \$175 and the free-for-all for \$300. Chester Pike will be the starter.

MRS. PEARL MAY HARRIS.

Body Will Be Taken to Her Native Town, Richford, for Burial.

Mrs. Pearl May Harris, wife of W. L. Harris of 12 Clark street, died last night after a short illness due to child birth. She was born in Richford 24 years ago, being the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Homer B. Noyse, who survive her. She also leaves, besides her husband and the infant child, one brother, Herman of Boston, and five sisters, Greenwood, Bessie, Beatrice, Jean and Harriet of two years. A funeral service will be held at the house this afternoon at four o'clock, and the body will be taken to-morrow morning to Richford for burial.

FUNERAL OF MRS. MUDGETT.

Was Held Yesterday Afternoon, With Interment in Hope Cemetery.

The funeral services of Mrs. Charles A. Mudgett were held at her late residence on Beacon street at two o'clock yesterday afternoon, Rev. C. C. Conner officiating. The bearers were Robert Knox, Alex. Mackie, William Cameron and Pearl Grenall. Her son, Dale Mudgett of Pittsburgh, Pa., was present at the funeral. Interment was made in Hope cemetery.

Band Concert Friday Evening.

Program of band concert to be given in Barre by the Montpelier military band Friday evening, July 17th, at 8 o'clock:

- March, "Before Queens".....Lofch Overture, "Peter Schmitt".....Welder "Glow Worm Idyl".....Lincoln "On Horseback Gallop".....Bemis Selection from Gravia.....Verdi Waltz, "Les Adieux".....Dungl Bit of Remick's Hits.....Lampe March, "Manisot".....Brooke

TALK OF THE TOWN.

Mrs. Jennie Cunningham of Worcester, Mass., is visiting her sister, Mrs. C. E. Coppins, for a few days.

There will be a regular meeting of Neal Dow lodge, I. O. G. T., to-morrow evening at 7:30 o'clock sharp, in the K. of C. hall. All officers and members be present, as there is special business.

Among arrivals at the City hotel last evening and to-day are Hammet Hall, Boston; R. Sweeney, St. Albans; L. Barlow, Montpelier; J. J. Dunn, C. C. Baker, Boston; H. R. Miller, Jr., White River Junction; F. L. Bennett, Boston.

TO-NIGHT IN BARRE.

Moving pictures, opera show. The Comique picture show, A. Tomast block. Theatrotorium, 40 Main street. Massucco's theatre, Scampini block.