

125,000 MEN SEEK RAISE

Trainmen's Union on 75 Railroads in Agreement

FOR INCREASED WAGES

Notice Served To-day on Every Railroad System East of the Mississippi River--Other Labor Disturbances Start.

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 20.—Notice was served to-day on every railroad system east of the Mississippi river that the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen will soon demand a wage increase averaging 25 per cent. The principal demand will be that the conductors' and crews' wages be standardized. Seventy-five railroads and 125,000 trainmen will be affected by the demand.

This promised action is the result of a recent referendum vote of the brotherhood, which is said to have been practically unanimous in favor of making the demand. W. G. Lee, national president of the brotherhood, was in this city yesterday. He admitted at that time that the demand would be made, but he refused to state what line of action will be followed in case the demand was refused.

New York, Dec. 20.—The action of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen as announced in Pittsburg last night was not unexpected in New York. Knowing that the referendum vote was being taken, railroad heads were preparing to meet the situation and several conferences have been held in the city during the past two weeks. It is likely that a committee representing the employers will be appointed at once to arbitrate the matter. Involving, as it does, all the great lines in the East, it will be impossible to predict what course each road will pursue, but it is probable that the roads will stand together on the broader issues at stake.

NEW ENGLAND ROADS ALSO.

Boston & Maine and New York, New Haven & Hartford Notified.

Boston, Dec. 20.—The Boston & Maine and the New York, New Haven & Hartford railway men notified their respective roads to-day of an early demand for a wage increase.

HUNTING FOR FRAUD IS PAYING WORK

Richard Parr, who Found It in Sugar Barrel, Will Get Probably a Million Dollars.

New York, Dec. 20.—William Leobler, collector of the port of New York, has approved the claim to moiety by Richard Parr, the deputy collector and original informer in the sugar fraud, on the \$2,135,486 paid into the United States Treasury by the American Sugar Refining company as restitution for duties evaded by underweighing.

According to the statutes regulating such awards, Parr will receive "not exceeding in amount one-half of the net proceeds" which will mean in this case, if the claim is approved by the treasury department, approximately \$1,067,400.

Mr. Leobler approved the claim only after a thorough investigation by Harris Osborne, solicitor of the customs department. He held that the claim was valid in that Parr on November 20, 1907, discovered a steel spring which was used by the company's checkers to influence the weight of draughts of sugar adversely. This laid bare the scheme to defraud and it was due to the evidence obtained as the consequence of the events of November 20 that the jury in the civil suit against the company last spring returned a verdict of guilty, which was followed by the payment of the penalty, \$1,345,486.32 and the restitution of \$2,000,000 afterwards.

Parr is not the only claimant for the award. He has had a serious rival in Edwin L. Anderson, another customs employee, but the inference is that Parr will win for the treasury department had ratified practically every move of Mr. Leobler in the vast sugar scandals.

There is some conflict of statutes concerning payments of this character but it is said that in any event Parr will receive 30 per cent. of the amount named or approximately \$700,000.

Parr was seen at his home last night and confirmed the report that Mr. Osborne acted favorably on his claim and that Mr. Leobler ratified the decision. "I do not know exactly how much I will receive," said Parr. "In exceptional cases the government awards 50 per cent, but more usually 30 or 35. All the other claims were before the solicitor but the fact that mine was upheld speaks for itself."

TOOK CURVE AT HIGH SPEED.

Rock Island Train Wrecked on Southern Pacific Tracks.

Tucson, Ariz., Dec. 20.—Engineer Tom Walker and Fireman P. W. Bauer, both of Tucson, were killed, 10 persons, mostly trainmen, seriously injured and 13 others were cut and bruised yesterday when an eastbound Rock Island train operated over the Southern Pacific tracks was wrecked west of Benson, Arizona. The injured persons were brought to St. Mary's hospital at Tucson. Among the injured are Mrs. L. A. Bellows, Boston, Mass., Col. William F. Corbett, Cananea, Mexico, and Miss Nellie Corbett. Southern Pacific officials say that the train struck a curve at too high speed.

The locomotive, the baggage and the mail cars and two tourist cars tumbled from the rails, the locomotive and the mail car rolling 40 feet down a bank into a culvert.

LUMBERING IN THE OLD WAY.

Responsible for Condition in Vermont Says State Forester Hawes.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 20.—In speaking to the American Forestry Association A. F. Hawes, state forester at Vermont, says of the situation in his state:

"Lumbering in the old way is responsible for the condition in Vermont. The mountainous, or central part of the state, and Essex county in the northwestern part, have been greatly injured by this method of stripping the land clear of forest, and leaving it to take care of itself. The new growth can just as well be made to produce as valuable a crop of lumber as the one removed, or even a more valuable one.

"Not only does the thoughtless cutting of trees from the land without regard to the future prosperity of the state, which has found lumbering one of its most profitable industries, but it takes money out of his own pocket. The floods which last week overflowed the banks of the rivers in that state and caused a large number of mills to shut down might not have occurred but for the stripping of the mountain sides, thus letting the snow melt quickly.

"One of the most important functions of the office of state forester is that of fire warden. The fire warden in each town is the local warden, and they are all under the direction of the state forester, who, with two assistants, last summer made a thorough investigation throughout Vermont as to forest fires, causes, amount of damage, and means of protection.

"The state forester will cooperate with lumbermen and farmers desiring to improve their lands and prevent them from going to waste.

SAID HE WAS WANTED IN VERMONT TOWN

John Sullivan Surrendered Himself to Authorities at Bloomington, Ill., Having Become Tired of the Life of a Crook.

Bloomington, Ill., Dec. 20.—John Sullivan surrendered himself to authorities here yesterday and told a remarkable story of his career as a crook. His principal exploit was in robbing a postoffice at Morgan, Vt., on August 28, 1908, in which he had secured \$275. He gave the names of his accomplices as George Edwards, alias Portland Paddy, and John Williams, well known eastern crooks. The former is now serving time. He said that his home was in Lowell, Mass., and that he had served two terms in the Massachusetts penitentiary, had robbed a safe in Rochester, N. Y., for which he had served time, and had also been arrested in New York. He declared that he had decided to give up the life of a crook as he had found the game a losing one.

STILL SHINES AS STAR.

Honus Wagner Led the National League Batters Last Summer.

New York, Dec. 20.—Honus Wagner, shortstop of the Pittsburgh base ball club, again leads the batters of the National League with a percentage of .339 in the official batting averages made public by ex-President John Heydler of the National League yesterday. Wagner yielded the willow effectively making 108 hits for a total of 242 bases. Outfielder Mitchell of Cincinnati batted .310. Rescher of Cincinnati led the base stealers, purloining 64 bases. Pittsburgh led in team batting with an average of .259. The world's champions also led in run-getting, completing the circuit 101 times.

COLLAPSE OF BRIDGE DROWNED 27 PEOPLE

Wooden Structure Across Pripet River in Village of Mosyr in Russia Went Down with Crowd of Working People.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 20.—Twenty-seven persons were drowned to-day by the collapse of a wooden bridge over the Pripet river in the village of Mosyr. A crowd of laboring men and women were crossing the bridge at the time of the collapse.

WANTED IN VERMONT.

Fedeli Caruso, Charged With Assault, Found in Boston.

Boston, Dec. 20.—Inspector McCauley and Patrolman Durham of the Hanover-street station at 7 o'clock Saturday evening arrested Fedeli Caruso, 28 years, on a warrant charging him with being a fugitive from justice. Caruso is wanted in Springfield, Vt., on the charge of assault and battery with a razor with intent to kill Francesco Rabato, Nov. 21. The arrest was made at 4-Fleeton street, North End. Following the assault Caruso was arrested and bailed, after which he left Vermont.

SCARED, LET MAN DROWN.

Son and Others Watch Man Sink Through River Ice.

Waterville, Me., Dec. 20.—While his son and some boy skaters looked on, ten fishermen gave a man named Dow, aged 40, a shove in the Lockwood mill, drowned in the Sebasticook river yesterday.

Boy was taking his son on a fishing expedition, and while walking on the ice in the river he broke through. A widow and three children survive.

A NOTABLE ANNIVERSARY.

Double Golden Wedding of Two Brothers and Two Sisters.

North Troy, Dec. 20.—Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell Hunt and Mr. and Mrs. J. R. B. Hunt will celebrate their fifty-first wedding anniversaries at the home of the latter couple on Saturday, January 1. The husbands are brothers and the wives are sisters, and the marriages took place in this town, where they have lived ever since.

BIG FACTORY BLOWN UP

Mystery About Explosion in New York Today

IT FOLLOWED FIRE CALL

Structure Demolished and Fifty Firemen Had Narrow Escape from Death. Salvation Army Dormitory Was in Building.

New York, Dec. 20.—A big factory building at 132 and 134 Fourteenth street was wrecked to-day by a mysterious explosion, following a fire. Fifty firemen had a narrow escape, having left the building but a moment before the explosion came. The dormitory of the Salvation Army was located in the building, and the occupants of the place were driven into the street.

The structure in which the fire broke out was completely demolished, and the loss is placed at \$300,000. The cause of the explosion has not been determined. It is said that Margaret had remained away from home nights on many occasions. Early Friday morning she was found in a fishing shanty by a policeman, and previously, it is said, two young men had been with her there. She will probably be taken to Vergennes to-day.

THREE CHILDREN TOST LIVES IN FIRE

Their Mother, Mrs. John Paromia, Made Valiant Endeavor to Save Them But Was Driven Back by Flames.

Chicago, Dec. 20.—Three children of John Paromia, aged six, four and two years, were burned to death to-day while attempting to cook breakfast for their parents. The mother made an ineffectual effort to rescue the children but was driven back by the flames. The parents had left the house temporarily when the accident occurred.

SET SELF AFIRE WHILE SLEEPING.

Lester Connors of Lynn Runs from House with Clothes Ablaze.

Lynn, Mass., Dec. 20.—Lester Connors of 7 Rockaway street, fell asleep while smoking a cigar at his home last night, and when he awoke found his clothing in flames. He was so badly burned that he is on the dangerous list at the Lynn hospital.

SAVE COWS BUT MAN BURNS.

Farmer Dies in Blazing Barn While Neighbors Rescue Livestock.

Agawam, Mass., Dec. 20.—Louis Caruso, 50 years of age, a farmer, was burned to death in his barn last night. Caruso, who had been subject to fits, went to the barn to feed the cows, carrying a lighted lantern. It is supposed that he was seized with a fit and fell in the hay, which ignited from his lantern. His wife and children were away on a visit, and when the fire was discovered by neighbors the latter hastened to remove the live stock, but did not look for Caruso, not knowing that he was in the barn. Later, when the family returned, a search was made for the missing man and his charred body was found.

SMOKER'S HABIT FATAL.

Thomas F. Cooper Perished to Death at Media, Pa.

Media, Pa., Dec. 20.—Thomas Valentine Cooper, a member of the Pennsylvania legislature from Delaware county and formerly collector of the port of Philadelphia, was burned to death at his home here yesterday. While smoking a cigar in the sitting room of his home, he either fell asleep or suffered a paralytic stroke. His bath robe became ignited and he was dead before the flames were discovered by members of his family.

The aged legislator was a sufferer from insomnia and shortly before six o'clock Sunday morning he entered the room occupied by one of his nephews and got a cigar. Shortly afterwards his daughter-in-law smelled smoke and awakened her husband, Thomas Cooper, Jr. An alarm of fire was turned in but before the firemen arrived Mr. Cooper's body was found lying on a blazing couch in the sitting room. It was badly charred. As no outcry was heard his family believe he suffered a stroke of paralysis before the cigar fell from his mouth. He was 74 years old.

TUG BURNED IN ICY LAKE.

Three Aboard Had Bitter Fight to Reach the Shore.

Lorain, Ohio, Dec. 20.—The fishing tug Penelope of Cleveland burned yesterday afternoon four miles off shore. The crew of three escaped after a battle with ice-floes in the bitter cold which almost cost them their lives.

The boat, which belonged to A. H. Langell of Cleveland, was bound for its winter quarters at St. Clair, Mich. At 3:30 yesterday afternoon, Capt. Charles Innes discovered fire in the engine room, and in a few moments his position and that of the engine became untenable. While they were trying to cast loose the larger of two yawls they carried, the yawl caught fire. They were forced to take refuge in the smaller one, where there was barely room for the three men. The men, their oars and their boards

were crusted with ice before they had gone a mile. Two miles off shore they encountered shore ice too thin to bear their weight but thick enough to impede the progress of the boat. Through this they were compelled to break their way stiffened by the penetrating winds and endangered every moment by the shifting ice.

When they reached shore, five miles west of here, they collapsed. The engineer of the craft is Percy Upper, and the fireman, Jack Melver.

ANOTHER CONVICTION.

On Charge of Being a Prostitute. Case in Burlington.

Burlington, Dec. 20.—The hearing of the case against Leon Trombley, charged with being a prostitute, again occupied the attention of city court on Saturday, the case not being completed until evening. The jury rendered a verdict of guilty and sentence was withheld by the court. Many witnesses were heard, their evidence tending to show that Mrs. Trombley's place on First street was one of exceedingly ill repute. They testified to many colored soldiers and also many white women visiting there. City Attorney Vilas prosecuted, and J. J. Enright and M. G. Leary appeared for Mrs. Trombley.

Margaret Griffin, young in years but apparently quite old in the ways of the world, was arraigned in court on Saturday for being a transient and was sentenced to serve the remainder of her minority in the industrial school in Vergennes. Margaret will be 13 years old on January 11.

It is said that Margaret has remained away from school almost continually and has lived much on the streets. In fact, she has done about what she wished, having remained away from home nights on many occasions. Early Friday morning she was found in a fishing shanty by a policeman, and previously, it is said, two young men had been with her there. She will probably be taken to Vergennes to-day.

LUDLOW STRIKERS AGAIN RESUME

Part of Men Returned to Work To-day, According to Schedule, and Others Will Resume Later On.

Springfield, Mass., Dec. 20.—The strike of Polish workers with the Ludlow Associates is again settled. To-day part of the men returned to work, while under the new terms of the agreement three hundred will return each day until all are employed. No discrimination will be shown against the strike leaders, and they will be expected to instruct the strike-breakers in operating the machines. The strike was declared off last night in a mass meeting, at which the members of the state board of arbitration had previously signed the agreement with the company. In order to avoid the friction that occurred last Friday, when the 1,700 strikers returned to work, the board suggested that 150 report each morning and afternoon this week, until the entire number has been taken back.

KILLED BY BLOW.

Felix Pratt of Burlington Hit in Abdomen by Board.

Felix Pratt, the 17-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. F. Pratt, of North street, died yesterday afternoon as the result of injuries sustained in an accident in J. R. Booth's lumber mill a week ago. As a last resort an operation was performed upon the boy Saturday but he did not survive.

Pratt was in charge of a machine known as a planer and was running boards through it when one end of them flew back with great force and struck him in the abdomen. He was taken to his home in what was not thought to be a serious condition but internal injuries of a serious nature became apparent in a short time. Besides his parents the deceased is survived by two brothers, Frank and Ernest, both of this city.

MAN AND WOMAN SENTENCED.

After Pleading Guilty to Charges of Adultery.

Mrs. Julia Sulham and Henry Picord, who were arrested in Waterbury last week for adultery, were arraigned before Judge Harvey in Montpelier city court Saturday afternoon, and they both pleaded guilty to the charge brought against them in the information filed by State's Attorney Gates. Judge Harvey then sentenced Picord to not less than one and not more than two years in the house of correction at Rutland, serving at hard labor. Mrs. Sulham was given not less than ten months and not more than two years in the same institution.

BARONESS WILL GET \$56,000,000.

Not Allowed at Public Funeral, which will be Held with Much Pomp.

Brussels, Dec. 20.—King Leopold's desire for a simple funeral has been disregarded by the authorities, who to-day decided upon a state funeral, with the customary pomp and ceremony. Despite her wishes, the Baroness Faughan will not be allowed at the public service. The lawyers, making an inventory of the property of the late king, estimate the amount left the baroness at \$56,000,000.

CHILD BORN ON TRAIN.

Mother Was Traveling From Boston to Montreal.

St. Albans, Dec. 20.—Rose LeBlanc, who was on the No. 1 train Saturday morning going from Boston to Montreal, gave birth to a child between this city and Swanton. A physician was procured at Swanton and the woman and child were placed in the sleeping car for the remainder of the trip.

GRANITEVILLE.

Regular meeting of branch No. 12, Q. W. I. U. of N. A., will be held in Times' hall, Wednesday, December 2, at 7:30 o'clock sharp. All members are requested to attend. Per order corresponding secretary.

SEEKS TO BE DICTATOR

General Estrada Asks Recognition From United States

FORMAL REQUEST MADE

He Intimates That He Will Fight if Either Wadris or Irias Is Chosen as President of Nicaragua.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 20.—A formal request for recognition by General Estrada, chief in the revolution against the Zelayan regime in Nicaragua, was received by the state department. General Estrada declares that he will not accept any president selected by Zelaya or the Nicaraguan congress, and he intimates that he will fight if either Wadris or Irias is chosen.

The request is dated December 18 and was received from Bluefields via Colon. The message says that peace is only possible by the complete exclusion of Zelaya and his followers.

PRESIDENT MAKES NOMINATIONS.

Fills Places of Ambassador to France, Austria and Mexico.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 20.—The president to-day sent the following nominations to the Senate: Ambassador to France, Robert T. Bacon of New York; to Austria, Richard C. Kerns of Missouri; to Mexico, Henry Lane Wilson of Washington.

THAW'S PETITION DENIED TODAY

United States Supreme Court Will Not Review the Case, Justice McKenna Announced To-day.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 20.—The appeal of Harry Thaw from the decision of the New York courts committing him to Matteawan asylum will not be considered by the United States supreme court. Justice McKenna to-day denied the petition to review the case.

TALK OF THE TOWN

Ladies' fur-trimmed slippers at 60c at Fitt's shoe department.

Edward L. House visited relatives in Williamstown yesterday.

W. C. H. Cruikshank went to Boston to-day on a business trip.

C. E. Sargent left to-day for a business visit in Littleton, N. H.

Mrs. F. H. Bruffee of Plainfield visited friends in this city to-day.

E. M. Taylor went to Hardwick on a four-day business visit.

J. A. Dasher of Washington was a business visitor in this city to-day.

Robert R. Rouseau of the Barre Citizens' band this evening at 7:30 o'clock.

Mrs. Paul D. Leavitt went to Boston to-day to spend the holidays with relatives.

Miss Florence Leighton went to Lacombe, N. H., to-day for a visit with relatives.

Robert Rouseau left this morning for a ten-day visit with relatives in Gardiner, Mass.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Bemis went to New York to-day for a two weeks' visit with relatives.

Mrs. Angus McLeod of Graniteville was taken to the City hospital to-day for treatment.

Peter Thom of Seminary street lost a valuable English pointer dog yesterday. It is thought that the dog was poisoned.

Miss Mary Lowry returned to her home in St. Johnsbury to-day, after a visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Harvey.

GOOD CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Was Given to a Big Crowd at Baptist Church Last Evening.

The Sunday school department of the Baptist church held its Christmas concert in the church last evening, and it was pronounced to be one of the best and largest attended Christmas concerts ever given at the church. The audience filled the church to the doors. The concert program of songs, pretty movement exercises, dialogues and recitations was carried out by the young people in a highly proficient manner and was thoroughly enjoyed by the large audience.

The church was prettily decorated in evergreen letters, appropriate to the occasion, were arranged on the wall at the back of the altar. The ladies who had charge of the arrangements for the program were Mrs. Fred A. Gresson, Mrs. F. A. Hutchinson and Mrs. C. R. Lyman. Mrs. E. J. Batchelder presided at the organ.

The following is the program: Song by the school; prayer by pastor; dialogue, "We wish you a merry Christmas"; exercise, "Christmas is here"; exercise, "The way to be happy"; recitation, Florence Culbertson's song, "Little stars" (by request), Dorothy Perry; recitation, Edah Perry; exercise, "The spirit of Christmas"; recitation, Wayne Perry; violin solo, Edmund Sanborn; solo, Emma Cheney; recitation, Agnes Allen; movement song, "Holly wreaths"; exercise, "Christmas stars"; recitation, Edah Perry; exercise, "Our gifts to Jesus"; recitation, Ethel Castle; duet, Dorothy Ingles and Eva Cragg; exercise, "Christmas is giving"; recitation, Harley Kidder; song, Roland Cragg; exercise, "Praise and Adoration."

COMMITTEES SLOW IN CONFERENCES

Neither Side Appears to Be in Any Haste to Bring About a Settlement of Differences in Granite Industry.

To an outsider looking in, it doesn't appear as if either side was making a great effort to secure a settlement of the present differences in the granite industry, so far as Northfield is concerned. The last proposition before the Northfield branch was voted down at last Friday's meeting, and since then no move has been made by either the Northfield branch committee or the committee from the Barre manufacturers for further conference. Another conference might not bring about a settlement, but so long as the two committees remain apart nothing is accomplished. Why not make another try at it, gentlemen of the two committees?

There has been no change in the situation since Saturday.

Barre branch, which is compelled to wait on a settlement at Northfield, before anything can be done here, is making the most of it, and to give its members as good a time as possible, will have a moving picture show, beginning to-morrow night, in Socialist hall on Granite street. The picture will be all up-to-date, and vaudeville features will be introduced. Three shows will be given between 7 and 10 o'clock. No admission will be charged, and everybody is invited.

In addition to this, the checker cranks are arranging for a match game between Montpelier and Barre players for some night this week.

BAN TEMPORARILY WITHDRAWN.

But Barre Post Office Had Not Received Notification This Forenoon.

Postmaster Bisbee of the Barre office stated to-day that he had not received notification from the postoffice department at Washington that the British postal authorities had temporarily withdrawn their ban against the use of Red Cross stamps on letters and packages.

The dispatch, conveying the information, as printed in the newspapers yesterday was as follows: "Washington, Dec. 18.—Postmasters throughout the country were notified by the postoffice department to-day that the postal administration of Great Britain temporarily had withdrawn its prohibition against the use of Red Cross Christmas stamps.

"Mailable articles, including letters and parcels, bearing such stamps and addressed for delivery in Great Britain, Ireland will be forwarded as usual, provided they bear the necessary postage. "Postmasters have been directed to request patrons of their offices to affix the Christmas stamps to the backs of letters or parcels mailed to any part of Great Britain."

CAPT. DODGE RE-ELECTED

Commander of Crandall Post, G. A. R., Saturday Afternoon.

The annual election of the officers of G. A. R., Crandall post, No. 56, G. A. R., was held Saturday afternoon, and the following officers were elected: Post commander, A. F. Dodge; senior vice-commander, George I. Beckley; junior vice-commander, Jerry Hutchinson; quartermaster, V. P. Willey; surgeon, John Patterson; chaplain, A. J. Baldwin; officer of the day, Charles Sharkey; patriotic instructor, Charles E. White; officer of the guard, E. B. Johnson; delegates to the department encampment, Jerry Hutchinson, V. P. Willey, George I. Beckley; alternates, Nathan Harrington, Jesse Cayhan, George W. Hunt.

There was but one death among the members of the post during the past year, that of Morris Hunt.

QUARANTINE RAISED.

Montpelier Seminary Students Enabled to Go About Now.

The scarlet fever quarantine at Montpelier seminary was raised at 7:30 this morning, after the buildings had been thoroughly fumigated. The students were kept on the hill all day yesterday, a religious service being held in the chapel and Principal Bishop delivering the sermon. The Cooper boy, child of Prof. Cooper, has been isolated.

HOMECOMING SADDENED

Son Arrived to Find His Father Had Just Died

MARK DOTY OF CALAIS

He Passed Away Last Night, Shortly Before Arrival of T. Earl Doty, His Only Child, from Springfield, Mass.

Calais, Dec. 20.—Mark Doty, one of the prominent men of this town, died quite suddenly from a shock last night. He went out to the barn in the evening to get a chicken, to be prepared for the table and served when his son arrived. He brought the chicken into the house and started to remove the feathers, when his wife, who was in an adjoining room, heard a shuffling sound in the kitchen, where her husband was at work. She investigated and found him partially conscious in his chair. He fell to the floor and died shortly afterwards, having been stricken with a shock.

His son, T. Earl Doty, of Springfield, Mass., was expected that night for a visit, and he arrived with his wife shortly after the death of his father. Besides this son, who was an only child, Mr. Doty leaves his widow. He was 61 years of age, and was a lister at the time of his death.

The funeral will be held from his late residence at Kent's Corner Wednesday afternoon at one o'clock, and the interment will be in this town.

CHARLES C. STAPLES DEAD.

Williamstown Man Had Been Ill for More Than a Month.

Charles C. Staples died at 10 o'clock this morning at his home in Williamstown village of heart trouble. He had been seriously ill for over a month. The deceased was 70 years of age and was a veteran of the Civil war. He leaves a wife and four children. The funeral arrangements have not been completed.

PINNED TO GROUND.

William Minard Had Peculiar and Trying Experience.

William Minard, a teamster employed by H. C. Leonard, was the victim of a peculiar accident while driving his team Saturday afternoon. He was driving a six-horse team, the sleds being loaded with granite. At a point just below Barclay Brothers' quarry the sleds were moving and stuck in the snow. Mr. Minard got off to try the runners loose with a bar, and as he jumped back onto the sled he spoke to the horses to start.

He jumped to the footboard and slipped back to the ground, the horses starting at the same time. He was unable to get out of the way and the sled passed onto his right foot. Minard was forced to remain pinned to the road for nearly an hour, until other teamsters went for a jack