

ALMOST SURE 100 MEN DIED

Little Hope That Any of Entombed Miners are Now Alive

TWENTY BODIES FOUND

Terrible Disaster at McCurtain, Okla., Yesterday and Rescuers Have About Given Up Hope of Reaching the Men Who Were Caught.

McCurtain, Okla., March 21.—Hope that any of the three score men still entombed in the Sans Bois coal mine are alive was at a low ebb this morning when the workings, which were wrecked in yesterday's explosion, were resumed.

Of 116 men of the day shift, only 11 are known to be alive while the others are entombed behind the debris. In the opinion of government expert mine officials they are dead and a special train, which brought physicians and nurses from Fort Smith, Ark., yesterday returned last night.

The explosion occurred shortly after 9 o'clock. Those on the surface heard a faint rumble and an earth tremor. When those nearest to the mouth of the mine reached the opening a cloud of dust and smoke belched forth.

Then came tense moments of waiting for those in the mine to emerge. Frank Fields, a miner, was the first to stagger out. He was walking in an entry and heard the explosion, he said. He jumped into a side room, and the explosion passed, and he made his way to the mine opening. No other miners escaped through a "man-way."

GREAT SUFFERING IN GREAT BRITAIN

Relief Is Being Distributed Freely In London To People Who Are Impoverished By The Coal Strike.

London, March 21.—The crisis which has arisen over the minimum wage bill introduced by Premier Asquith in the House of Commons to bring an end to the deadlock in British trade caused by the coal strike continues. The idea appears to be gaining ground that there will be considerable delay in passing the measure even if it is not thrown out entirely. Thus will the strike be prolonged.

It is estimated that besides the million miners who are striking, nearly two million other persons have been rendered idle. Suffering is already extreme. The offices of the mayor are being besieged, and relief is freely distributed. The government has issued a circular to all local boards of guardians, suggesting co-operation with all authorities and agencies able to assist in the economic distress arising through the coal strike, and empowering the guardians to find work for the unemployed.

The distress in South Wales has become extremely serious. Nothing like it has been suffered since the strike of 1898. At Cardiff, 20,000 men are idle. At Swansea and other ports and towns, the mayors and councils are overwhelmed with appeals for relief.

THOUSANDS ARE SUFFERING

Grimsby, England, March 21.—Three hundred starving men marched to the town hall yesterday and begged relief. The mayor promised to raise funds to supply their wants. Meanwhile food was distributed by the chief constable. Thousands of others are suffering in silence.

WAS "MADE A SLAVE"

This Charge Made Basis for Suit by a Tilton Woman.

Boston, March 21.—Claiming that she was "made a slave," was deprived of her liberty and by false representatives was molested of personal property worth \$1,000, Mrs. Emma L. Jewell of Tilton, N. H., brought suit in the United States court yesterday for damages of \$10,000 against Dacie Vaughn of Lynn, by whom she was formerly employed as a domestic. Mrs. Jewell recites in detail in her complaint that she was confined to the house and not allowed to see her relatives and friends when her employer lived at Tilton, N. H., Richmond Corners, Me., and Worcester.

\$175,000 FIRE LOSS.

Geneva Preserving Company Burned Out Last Night.

Rochester, N. Y., March 21.—Fire of unknown origin destroyed the plant of the Geneva Preserving company last night. The property consisted of eight or nine frame buildings. The loss is estimated at \$175,000, partly covered by insurance. The main building was 500 feet long. Three thousand bushels of seed peas, valued at \$7 a bushel, were part of the contents. Several houses in the neighborhood were damaged. Geneva did not have enough hose to meet the emergency and called on Waterloo. The fire was first seen in the vicinity of the boiler room.

FIST FIGHT IN COURT.

Exciting Exhibition For Spectators At New Orleans Yesterday.

New Orleans, March 21.—Scores of spectators stood upon benches in the court room yesterday afternoon just after the adjournment of the day's session of the trial of Annie Crawford and watched the district attorney, an attorney for the defense and two other men fight. Lionel Adams of counsel defending the woman for the alleged murder of her sister, Elise, renewed a quarrel begun earlier in the afternoon, struck District Attorney St. Clair Adams in the face and the prosecutor retaliated. Dr. Gustave Mann, who started to the aid of Lionel Adams, was set upon and severely pummeled by Sturgis Q. Adams, brother of the district attorney. All four were immediately arrested, charged with fighting and disturbing the peace.

The day's session had dragged on with the monotonous cross examination of Dr. Charles W. Duval, pathologist and medical expert for the state, by a defense attorney. Lionel Adams, who is not related to the district attorney, also began to question Mr. Duval.

"Your honor," said District Attorney Adams, addressing the court, "I desire to ask that you enforce the rule that only one attorney at a time examine a witness."

"I do not care to be lectured by you, sir," said Lionel Adams, turning to the district attorney. "If you don't like what I've said we can settle it outside."

When the court ordered adjournment until to-day, District Attorney Adams walked over to Lionel Adams.

"Well do you want to settle it outside?" he said.

"If you are looking for trouble," said Lionel Adams, "I'll have to send my friends to you I guess."

"Do you mean to say you wish to fight a duel with me?" asked the district attorney. "Me—the chief peacemaker of this parish? Besides the code duello allows a gentleman to refuse an encounter with one of your character."

Lionel Adams then struck the district attorney, who struck back. Dr. Mann, one of the experts for the defense, made an attempt to strike the district attorney. Sturgis Adams struck Dr. Mann several times.

A police detail entered and cleared the courtroom.

WILL ASK CLARK TO WITHDRAW

From Participation In Nebraska Presidential Preferential Primary.

Des Moines, Iowa, March 21.—Senator Thomas P. Gore of Oklahoma yesterday authorized the statement that Speaker Champ Clark is to be asked to withdraw in favor of Woodrow Wilson from participation in the Nebraska presidential preferential primary.

Senator Gore said the Nebraska progressive league prior to the Bryan birthday banquet Tuesday night adopted a resolution calling upon the speaker not to allow his name to go before the voters "in view of the rival candidacies of Woodrow Wilson and Judson Harmon."

The resolution follows: "Resolved, That it is the sense of this conference that the continued candidacy of Speaker Clark for the preferential vote to be given in the Nebraska delegation to the Baltimore convention in view of the rival candidacies of Wilson and Harmon, may result in the success of Harmon and thus endanger the cause of true democracy, and that if Mr. Clark will withdraw his candidacy in Nebraska, we recommend that the Nebraska delegation to the national convention in the event Wilson cannot be nominated vote for Clark as its second choice."

REVENGE FOR BURGLAR'S DEATH

Consisted Of Shooting To Death The Mother Of Girl Who Killed Burglar.

New York, March 21.—Mrs. Pasquarrella Spinelli was found murdered last night in a stable of which she was part owner, directly opposite her home on 198th street. Nellie Lenore, the 20-year-old daughter of the woman, looking from the window of her home, saw two unknown men push open the stable door and shoot her mother down. The murderers escaped before she could call the police.

The daughter attributed the murder to revenge for the killing of Frank Monico, a young burglar, in her home last fall.

The girl stabbed the burglar to death while he knelt over her father's safe. She was acquitted of the charge of murder, and afterwards she and her mother received threatening letters from men who declared that if either the mother or daughter left their home, they would be killed. For months the two kept themselves closely guarded in their home, but last night the mother ventured out for the first time, to meet her death.

MRS. TAFT HAD A FALL.

Report That She Was Seriously Hurt Proved Untrue.

New York, March 21.—Mrs. William Howard Taft, wife of the president, stumbled as she was alighting from a wheeled chair at the woman's industrial exhibition in the Grand Central palace yesterday afternoon and fell to the floor. She was not injured and later was able to attend a matinee performance at a theatre. The report that Mrs. Taft had been badly hurt, spread rapidly, but anxious inquirers were speedily reassured, as was President Taft, who called, on the long distance telephone when he heard the report on his arrival in Washington.

CHILDREN AND MOTHER DEAD.

Letter Left An Incoherent Letter Showing She Planned It.

Toronto, Ont., March 21.—Mrs. Emily Orr, wife of James Orr, a carriage maker, put her three children to bed yesterday afternoon, unscrewed a cap from a gas pipe, and laid down with them to die. Their four dead bodies, asphyxiated, were discovered by the husband on his return from work. The woman left a rambling and incoherent letter indicating that, reading over companionship trifling grievances, had unhinged her mind. The children were a girl, aged eight, a boy, aged six, and a girl, aged four.

MAN CRIMES LAID TO HIM

Daniel Callahan, Nabbed in St. Louis To-day, Is Much Wanted

FOR DIAMOND ROBBERIES

Postoffice Inspectors Allege That He Was Concerned in Three Robberies, in Which a Total of \$120,000 Was Cleaned Up, Besides Other Crimes.

St. Louis, March 21.—Daniel Callahan was arrested to-day by postoffice inspectors, who say that Callahan is wanted for complicity in three diamond robberies aggregating \$120,000, and also for complicity in the robbery of postoffice sub-stations in St. Louis and other points.

Postoffice Inspector Hunsen says, in addition, that Callahan is being held as the leader of the gang which stole the diamonds from Mrs. Bahwin Drummond's storeroom on the steamship America in February, 1911. He is also accused of being in the gang which bound and gagged two men and stole \$10,000 worth of jewels from a Chicago store two months later, the gang killing a man in getting away.

ANTHRACITE OPERATORS RECONSIDER ULTIMATUM

It Became Known To-day That They Will Convene Again Shortly and Go Over the Situation.

New York, March 21.—It became known to-day that the anthracite coal operators, who recently met here and refused the miners' demands for increased pay, have reconsidered the decision to make the answer final and will convene again shortly to go over the situation. Whether this means that a compromise offer will be drafted could not be learned.

ALLENS STILL UNCAUGHT.

Although Detectives and Posse Closed in on Three Mountain Strongholds.

Hillsville, Va., March 21.—Sidna Allen and his gang were to-day apparently no nearer capture than a week ago when they blotted out the circuit court. The detectives and posse men surrounded three different mountain strongholds, in which all the men were believed to have run to cover. Upon closing in, the outlaws were not found.

The town is excited over the report that a party of Allens or their sympathizers rode to within three miles and posted a notice which said: "You can get us in the end, maybe, but we will get you first."

It is believed that there are a dozen of the Allens and their henchmen in the band somewhere in the mountain fastnesses, and although many of the posses which trained detectives are leading ironsmiths accustomed to the country and to mountain skirmishing, the law of Carroll county has thus far been powerless to meet the situation.

But the detectives and their followers are not disheartened. If bushwhacking and guerrilla warfare are brought to play as now seems inevitable, the Allens will meet their doom in cunning, courage and endurance. If the chase becomes a siege, it will continue until the last of the Allen clan is killed or captured.

Upwards of 200 bullet holes have been found in the court room which a week ago was the scene of the massacre, and the wonder is that more persons were not killed by the fusillade. On account of the short range, most of the bullets, lodged in the walls after piercing the bodies of their victims. Twenty-seven of the bullets fired hit those killed and wounded.

TRANSFER OF RUTLAND R. R. CALLED PEACE MOVE

Mr. Untermeyer, Therefore, Opposed the Proposition as Part of Plan to Pass New England Territory Over to New Haven System.

Albany, N. Y., March 21.—Samuel Untermeyer of New York charged yesterday before the public service commission that taking over of the New York, Ontario & Western Railroad company by the New York Central, the transfer of the control of the Rutland road by the Central to the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad company and an agreement between the Central and the New Haven as to the Boston & Albany Railroad company, was a comprehensive deal for a treaty of peace between the Central and the New Haven.

He contended that the proposed transfers were for the purpose of parceling out territory, making the New Haven road the practical monopoly of all New England, and leaving the Central in control of southern and central New York. He appealed to the commission to use its power to protect the minority stockholders.

Mr. Untermeyer held that the three questions before the commission were: First, whether the transaction was a violation of the Sherman anti-trust law, and, if so, whether it was not the commission's inhibition from giving its consent to the application, and, third, if the commission had the power, should it not be exercised in accordance with the spirit of modern times and not in the spirit which, he said, characterized railroad management in the past?

General Attorney E. D. Robbins, in speaking for the New Haven road, insisted that the Rutland was a natural part of the New Haven system and not of the Central. The case was closed and the commission reserved decision.

BOTH SIDES ADMITTED RESPONDENT CRAZY

Alexander Brown Quickly Found Not Guilty Of Murderous Assault By Reason Of His Impaired Mental Condition.

Burlington, March 21.—In Chittenden county court late yesterday, Alexander Brown, alias Alexander Bissette, was found not guilty of assault with intent to kill his father-in-law, James Hammond by reason of insanity. The trial lasted just one hour, including the returning of the verdict. Both sides, the state and the defense, admitted that Bissette was insane, but the respondent had demanded a jury trial and it was speedily given.

The chief witness for the state was Dr. Don D. Grout, superintendent of the state hospital at Waterbury, who testified that he had made a special investigation of Bissette's case and that the man was suffering from a combination of imbecility, degeneracy and insanity, and was not a sane man to be at large. He said he doubted if Bissette had ever been a sane man to allow at large in the community.

Bissette was called to the stand to tell his own story of the assault and to give the jury opportunity to judge for themselves of his mental condition. He rambled along in a very plausible manner, but made several direct contradictions under cross examination. While he was describing the axe with which he is alleged to have made the assault, he suddenly stooped and drew out a wicked looking two-bladed axe from under the witness bench. No one seemed to have known that the axe was there prior to that. Col. Minnis edged back an inch or two and there was an uneasy stir in the courtroom. "Here is the axe right here," said Bissette, holding it up. "I would not hit a man with that. A blow from that axe would kill a man."

The witness was informed that he need not continue to hold the axe and it was secured as quickly as possible by Sheriff Allen. State's Attorney H. R. Shaw presented his argument to the jury in just four minutes, informing them that all the state asked was that they return a verdict of not guilty because of insanity. Mr. Webster made no argument and the jury returned in five minutes after leaving the room, with the verdict. Bissette will now be committed to Waterbury, although he did not seem to realize this fact and seemed relieved when the jury said "not guilty."

VERGENNES MAN DETAINED.

He Was Found To Be Suffering At Fitchburg, Mass., From a Drug.

Fitchburg, Mass., March 21.—Lewis Sykes, aged 42, was found in a dazed condition near the Boston & Maine railroad tracks last night by reserve Officer Cheney, and was taken to the police station. The officer believed that the man was intoxicated and preferred a charge of drunkenness against him. On being searched it was found that he had a bottle in his coat which contained a small quantity of a drug used by physicians to quiet people and make them sleep. Sykes admitted that he had consumed half the contents, for he said that he was nervous and could not sleep. A physician was called and stated that Sykes had taken a large quantity of the drug, which brought about the dazed condition in which the man was found. Sykes was, however, detained for safe keeping. He said that his home was at Vergennes, Vt., and that he was employed as a traveling salesman. When searched at the station he was found to have \$350 on his person.

EDGAR B. MILLER DEAD.

Body Of Woodsville, N. H., Man To Be Buried at Boltonville.

Woodsville, N. H., March 21.—Edgar B. Miller, aged 68, died near midnight Tuesday, after an illness of two years. Funeral services will be held Friday afternoon at 1:30 at the home, North Court street. The body will be taken to Boltonville, Vt., for burial. Mr. Miller was born in Groton, Vt., where he married Miss Martha Miller. In 1885, after the death of Mrs. Miller, he married Lizzy Park of South Ryegate, Vt., who survives him.

They have lived in Woodsville 33 years, and for 28 years Mr. Miller conducted a grocery store. He leaves five brothers, Nelson J. Miller of this town, Francis Miller of Springfield, Mass., Edwin, Chester and Hubbard Miller, who reside in the West. Rev. L. R. Danforth will officiate at the funeral.

RAILROAD MAN BADLY BURNED.

John Dyke Victim of Steam from Engine in Burlington Yard.

Burlington, March 21.—John Dyke, who is employed in the Central Vermont roundhouse, was severely burned about the legs and had one shoulder badly bruised yesterday while at work on an engine. In some manner the steam suddenly shot out from under the engine and one leg was burned from the knee down in a very severe manner, while the other was injured in about the same place but not quite so much. He was taken to the Mary Fletcher hospital, where he was reported as resting comfortably last evening. There is little doubt of his recovery, although it will probably take a long time.

WRESTLER HANSON MARRIED.

Takes Claremont Woman As Bride At Brattleboro.

Brattleboro, March 21.—Fritz Hanson, the well known welterweight wrestler, who is making his winter quarters in this town, was married at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon to Miss Helen Baxter Thrasher of Claremont, N. H., by Rev. D. E. Trout in the Universalist church. Mr. and Mrs. Hanson left on the evening train for Claremont, where they will make their home.

Winooski Valley Pomona Grange.

Winooski Valley pomona grange meets at East Montpelier Saturday, March 23. At the afternoon session, which will be open to the public, Hon. E. S. Brigham of St. Albans will speak on "Some Examples of Community Effort." This is a very important subject, and there should be a large attendance.

MUST STAND TRIAL IN CASE

Officers of United Shoe Machinery Company are Balked

IN MACHINERY MONOPOLY

They Had Succeeded in Getting Four of the Five Indictments Quashed and They Petitioned for a Rehearing on the Other.

Boston, March 21.—Judge Putnam in the United States district court to-day denied the petition of five officers of the United Shoe Machinery company for a rehearing of the one count of the indictment charging them with monopoly of the shoe machinery trade. This count was the only one of the five sustained down by him on March 2. To-day's action means that the next step in the proceedings will be the trial of the case.

MUCH LIQUOR SPILLED BY ORDER OF COURT

Barre Police Held a Little "Bee" This Forenoon and Wasted Assortment in River—A Woman Brought Into Court.

Mrs. C. Palaore of 11 Addison place was arrested this morning by Deputy Sheriff H. J. Slayton on a warrant charging her with selling. She was taken to Montpelier by the officer and will be arraigned in county court to answer the charge. The warrant for her arrest was made out by State's Attorney J. Ward Carver.

Chief of Police Sinclair and Officer Harry Gamble conducted a "spilling" at the police station this morning following the receipt of an instruction warrant from county court. The contraband goods that went gurgling down the sink hole at the station were seized in 1910 and condemned during the March session of county court in 1911. Fourteen quarts of whiskey, kegs of brandy, wines and a barrel of bottled Ballantine ale went to swell the little aromatic river that trickled down beyond the reach of human thirst.

The contraband goods had been kept securely locked in the basement of the city building since the seizure took place. The officers intend to empty the contents of other receptacles in the same store house as soon as the orders are forthcoming from county court. For the reason that many of the bottles are saved to be sold, the process occupied considerable portion of the forenoon before the last drop was spilled.

ARGUED HIS OWN CASE.

Dartmouth Junior Confounded Attorney And Won Out.

Hanover, N. H., March 21.—Ralph E. Badger of Lowell, Mass., a junior at Dartmouth college, yesterday argued his own case in court in a suit brought against him by a local stable keeper for damages to a sleigh.

During the progress of the case, half a hundred students stood outside the courtroom and sent up intermittent cheers for their courageous classmate.

Opposed by the leading counsel of a neighboring town, the embryo lawyer argued facts and law before Prof. Harry E. Burton, judge of the local police court, for over an hour. Quoting cases from numerous law books piled up on the desk beside him and tripping the lawyer time and again on questions of law the accused came through with flying colors.

CHARLES BROOKS ARRESTED.

White River Junction Officials Get Man Wanted at Lebanon.

White River Junction, March 21.—Charles Brooks was arrested by Police Chief Leon Cott of Lebanon and Chief J. Howard Ober of this place and brought to Lebanon yesterday afternoon on a charge of breaking and entering the residence of Frank Billings on North Main street, February 18. It is alleged that he entered the cellar, took twenty pounds of pork, some vegetables and cigars.

WOMAN BROKE ONE ARM.

Mrs. Daniel Hagan Fell in the Street To-day.

Mrs. Daniel Hagan, who lives in the Phelps mills neighborhood, fell on the street shortly before noon to-day and sustained a fracture of the left arm near the wrist, both bones being broken. Dr. Stickney was called to attend her, and after taking the woman to her home he set the fracture. It will be several weeks before the use of the arm is regained.

TALK OF THE TOWN

New songs, new jokes, old and new faces at the B. A. C. minstrels April 11 and 12.

Mrs. Harry Laird of Plainfield is visiting friends in this city for a few days.

At the Bijou—One of the greatest pictures ever shown, "Cardinal Farley's Reception in New York," also an I. M. P.

The body of Miss Lorena Jones will be brought to Barre from Utica, N. Y., Saturday, and the funeral will be held at Barre at 2:30, from the house on Allen street.

NEW POLICE SCHEDULE.

Station To Be Always in Charge Of One Man—Hours Arranged.

Barre policemen will hereafter have fixed hours for street and station duty, according to a new schedule of hours recently arranged and during every hour of the day and night, at least one patrolman and two during the night will be on the streets, a condition which has not hitherto existed. A chart for the patrolmen's guidance has been posted in the police station and the new schedule went into effect Tuesday night. Under the arrangement, Officer George K. Carle will begin work at 7 in the morning and cease at 6 p. m. Officer Harry Gamble will work from 6 p. m. until 5 o'clock in the morning. Officer John Dineen will begin work at 6 p. m. and go home at 5 in the morning. Officer Edwin L. McLeod will work from 8 p. m. until 7 in the morning. During the day, Chief of Police Sinclair will divide his time between the station and patrol work on the streets.

Under the new schedule, each patrolman will work ten hours of each day or night, spending six hours on the street and four in the station. It will be seen by the schedule that one hour is allowed every man for lunch. In days past, before a fourth patrolman was added to the department, the station had to be left unattended during a small part of the day. This condition has been remedied and the department now intends that an officer shall be stationed there at all hours.

As Officer Gamble is recovering from a recent siege of illness, his hours on the schedule are being filled temporarily by Officer George Carle. With the complete return of health to Officer Gamble, however, the hours will be filled by each patrolman according to the schedule.

TO ADDRESS REPUBLICANS.

Senator Townsend Of Michigan Will Speak Before State Convention.

The Republican state committee has arranged, through the Vermont delegation in Congress, to have Hon. Charles E. Townsend, senator from Michigan, address the Republican state convention at Montpelier, April 10. Senator Townsend is one of the authors of the Each-Townsend railroad bill, which with some amendments, is now the federal railroad law. He was a member of the 58th, 59th, 60th, 61st and 62d Congresses; was nominated United States senator at the primaries in Michigan, September 7, 1910, receiving a majority of 41,000 over Senator Burroughs and elected by the Michigan legislature, January 13, 1911, receiving 115 votes to 14 for John T. Winshop, Democrat.

He has been a progressive in his ideas and was a supporter of the principal policies of President Roosevelt. He is a supporter of President Taft for re-nomination and believes that he has faithfully and honestly endeavored to have enacted sound progressive laws, and that his service to the country has been such that he is entitled to a recognition by his party and an election by the people.

TALK OF THE TOWN

Alfred Edwards intends to go to Boston to-night to sing on the stage.

Mrs. H. J. Ennis of South Main street is confined to the house by illness.

Misses Michelina Fontana and Alice Mariotti will leave to-night for New York City to visit friends.

Tacey Bros. of South Barre have sold their meat market there to Jason Johnson of South Barre, who has taken possession.

The parents and friends of the primary children of the Congregational Sunday school are especially invited to attend the Sunday school session on next Sunday, March 24.

Misses Lillian Olsen and Evelyn Bugbee of Washington street returned yesterday from Waterbury, where they have been passing a few days at the guest of Miss Nellie Swasey, formerly of this city.

There will be a rehearsal for all the children of the primary department of the Congregational Sunday school at 2:30 o'clock on Saturday afternoon. Will the parents please see that the children attend!

You will miss a rare opportunity if you fail to attend the Goddard social next Tuesday night. Tickets, 50 cents for gentlemen, ladies 25 cents. Refreshments of ice cream and cake included. Music by Riley's orchestra.

A very pleasant surprise party was given Carter Downing Tuesday night, when about twenty of his friends gathered at his home in Orange. The evening was spent in dancing, playing games and music. Mr. Downing was presented a gold ring. Dainty refreshments were served.

A dainty chaffing dish luncheon was served last evening at the home of Miss Pinkie Lewis, 16 Nelson street, in honor of Mrs. W. E. Welch. Mrs. H. J. McAuley and Miss Grace Richardson assisted Miss Lewis in serving. The remainder of the evening was spent in music and guessing contests.

James Iqfio, who lives at 7 Harrington avenue, was injured while chopping in the woods in Marshfield, and Dr. Burbank of Cabot and Dr. Carver of Marshfield advised amputation of the large toe on the right foot. The injured man came to Barre and was placed in the City hospital, where the necessary operation was performed.

The following traveling freight agents were business visitors in this city yesterday: George B. Brown of Boston of the Southern Pacific; W. J. Walsh of Boston of the Delaware and Hudson railroad; A. C. Wier of the Southern States Dispatch; G. F. Colby from Boston of the Illinois Central; George E. McCurdy of Boston, representing the Rock Island railroad lines.

Lenten Service.

The first of a series of Lenten services will be given in the Congregational church Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock. A recital will be given by the organist, Miss Gladys N. Gale, assisted by Kenneth H. Gale, violinist, and the pastor will give devotional readings from the poets.

The following is the musical program: Sonata H. Mendelssohn Elsie M. Massenet Cantilene Nuptiale Dulois To Spring Grieg Scherzo Symphonique Guilmant

LABOR UNREST IN MILL TOWNS

Massachusetts Remains in Fervor of Excitement

MORE LAWRENCE DOUBLED

Stationary Fire in Three Mills Went Out To-day and Their Places Were Filled—Seven Hundred Weavers Have Resumed Work.

Boston, March 21.—Interest in the strikes in Massachusetts centered this morning in Lawrence, where one hundred stationary firemen employed in three mills of the American Woolen company quit work, claiming that their demands for a wage increase of fifteen per cent. were not granted by the mill owners. The three plants continued operations, other help being secured.

Dissatisfied with their present conditions, one thousand employes of the Lanecaster gingham mills in Clinton struck to-day. The strikers declared they would not accept the five per cent. wage advance offered by the mill officials, and they prepared to hold a meeting this afternoon to formulate their demands. The walkout caused considerable excitement, but there was not the slightest indication of disorder. Thirteen hundred operatives remained in the mills. A large number of the strikers were weavers, while others were loomfixers, etc. The strike was unorganized.

Fall River Mills Get Increase.

Another general increase in the wages of textile employes, increasing the amount to 10 per cent., is looked for in many quarters as a result of the action taken yesterday at the seven cotton mills of the Fall River Iron Works company, controlled by M. C. Borden of New York. Notices were posted in these mills, announcing that on March 25 a wage advance of 10 per cent. will become operative. Five thousand employes are affected.

On previous occasions the other Fall River mills have followed Mr. Borden's lead in the wage question, and many New England mills base their pay on the Fall River scale. In many cities the operatives are not satisfied with the five per cent. generally offered and as result of the action of the iron works mills it is believed that there will be a general demand for an additional five per cent. or more.

Agreement Reached at Barre, Mass.