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## DEATH IN A MINE.

Seven Victims of the Nottingham Explo-

sion at Plymouth, Pa. WILKESBARRE, Pa., Feb. 3 .- The Nottingham colliery, of the Lehigh and Wilkesbarre Coal company at Plymouth, was the scene of a fearful explosion of gas Saturday, by which seven men were almost instantly killed and one so badly injured that his death is certain.

The colliery was being prepared to resume work and a number of timbermen were in the fifth and sixth lifts of the west gangway. Fire Boss Dunstan was passing from the fifth to the sixth lift with a light and probably ignited the

The violence of the explosion was such that the men on both lifts were dashed about as though feathers in a cyclone. They knew nothing from the moment the explosion took place. In the upper or fifth lift they were also wrapped in flames and were horribly burned. In the lower lift there was no fire, but the concussion was felt in its full force, blowing down props and tim-bers, shattering cars that stood on the track like match boxes and dashing the men about like straws.

The rush of air was so violent that on its exit through the lower air shaft down on the flats, it stopped the fan at the head of the shaft and blew the engineer, A. K. Kocher, through the door of the

Burial of the Victims. WILKESBARRE, Pa., Feb. 4.-The little town of Plymouth is wrapped in the deepest shadows of grief and the flutter of crape on seven sorrow stricken homes is the cause.

Arrangements for the funerals of the dead have been made, and all will be buried today. They are as follows: John Crossin, David J. Williams, Paul Schultz, Edwin Parry, John Humphreys, John C. Davis and Joseph Jones.

Opposed to Confederate Monuments. HUNTINGDON, Pa., Feb. 1.-The members of George Simpson Post 40, Grand Army of the Republic, of this city, discussed the question relative to the pro-posed erection of Confederate monuments on the battlefield of Gettysburg. The veterans were unanimously opposed to the proposition and considered it in the light of adding insult to injury that such an offer should be made at all. While opposing the erection of the Confederate monuments on the Gettysburg battlefield the post members are favorable to having a line made marking the relative positions of the two opposing armies on that occasion.

The Revolver Exploded.

NEW BRIGHTON, Pa., Feb. 1 .- An accident which has shocked the entire community, occurred at this place at 4:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon. Frank caliber revolver at the Townsend residence when it exploded in the hands of the last mentioned young man, and the bullet entered the forehead of Wilson, instantly killing him. The boys were 16 years of age and their parents were out of town at the time.

Reading Terminal Town Meeting. PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 1.-It was stated at the Reading railroad offices that President Corbin may attend the town meeting to be held at the Academy of Music on Tuesday evening in the interest of Select Councilman Beasley's terminal ordinance. Mr. Corbin will be in the city on Tuesday and he may decide to attend the meeting. A large number of prominent citizens have signed the petition favoring Market street as the terminus of the road and the sentiment in favor of that street is very strong.

Crushed and Scalded to Death. LANCASTER, Pa., Feb. 1 .- On the Kilkenny Lumber Company railroad, six miles east of here, a lumber train broke in two on a steep grade and the engineer was speeding to avoid being run into by the rear portion when the en-gine was derailed at a curve and the train was wrecked. Engineer L. Crouch, of Haverhill, was crushed and scalded to death. The fireman and brakemen jumped and had a narrow es-

The Postmaster Rifled Letters. CHARLOTTE, N. C., Feb. 1.-A special to the Chronicle from Blacksburg, S. C. says J. H. Goss, assistant postmaster there, was arrested on a charge of rifling letters. The arrest was made by postoffice department detectives. money has been missing at this postoffice for months, but the exact amount is not known. Goss stood high socially and in business circles. He was taken to Spartansburg where he will be tried.

Houses Drop Out of Sight. WILKESBARRE, Pa., Feb. 1.—Three single houses and a double block in the town of Plains, about four miles from here, dropped nearly out of sight, the cave in being caused by the "robbing" of pillars in the old coal mines under the town. The cavein is likely to extend to the cemetery and other portions of the town. There had been warning of trouble and the people had taken precaution, so that no one was injured.

Crusade Against the Store System. PITTSBURG, Feb. 3. — The United Miners have decided to inaugurate a new fight against company stores. Now that the miners are united they will peremptorily demand the abolishment system of store checks, The crusade will be commenced in this district immediately after the Columbus convention between the miners and

A Veteran of Three Wars Dead. SCRANTON, Pa., Feb. 3 .- Capt. John Travis, a veteran of the Seminole, Mexican and civil war, died at his home in Moscow. He was nearly 90 years of age and has been in the United States military service from the time he was 19 years old until the close of the civil

Fourteen Years and a Half for an Assault SCRANTON, Pa., Feb. 3. — Edward Hutchins, aged 30, convicted of assault on an 11-year-old girl named Annie Siverer, at Dunning, last summer, was sentenced by Judge Connolly to serve fourteen years and six mostlis in the will sifail mastern position way.

## FIRE'S FATAL WORK.

Secretary Tracy Suffers an Awful Affliction.

Fire Destroys His Washington Home. Mrs. Tracy Jumps from a Window and Sustains Fatal Injuries - Miss Mary Tracy and a Servant Suffocated. The Secretary Carried Out in an Unconscious Condition-Mrs. Wilmerding and Her Daughter Leap from a Window and Escape-Expressions of Sym-

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4 .- The wife of Secretary Tracy, of the navy, is dead, Miss Mary Tracy is dead and the secre tary has been seriously injured. The house of Secretary Tracy was burned to a ruin yesterday and it was only by the most desperate efforts of the rescuers that any person in the house was saved.

The family were all asleep when the fire was discovered. Two servants were the only persons awake in the house. The fire had got headway beyond con-

trol before any one became aware of it.

The butler and the cook were the first to discover the flames. Before they could give an alarm Officer Cathell and a department postman turned in a call for the fire department. There was

delay in getting the engines.

Officer Cathell found the secretary on the floor of his room unconscious and Miss Tracy dead in the hall.

Awful Suddenness of the Fire.

The house was all ablaze inside before any signs of fire were apparent on the outside. About 7 o'clock a postman passed and saw no signs of tire. After he had gone a square he looked back and saw flames burst ing from the win-The fire had

started on the first floor, cutting the BENJAMIN F. TRACY. servants' quarter in the basement off from the sleeping rooms above. All means of escape, except by the upstairs windows, was cut off. The heat of the flames bursting into their rooms was the first thing to warn the family of their danger. The footman and cook rushed back out of the front basement door, as the footman tells the story, and when they reached the street a crowd was already assembling.

Escape of the Wilmerdings. Mrs. Wilmerding and her little daughter were standing in the window on the second story and the people outside were running about aimlessly. In another moment Mrs. Wilmerding and the little girl jumped. The older lady broke her wrist in the fall and both were more or less injured, but it is not thought

The first attempt at rescue was made by Officer Cathell. He had just turned in his usual 7 o'clock call, the call box being within a square of the secretary's 4:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon. Frank house, and was walking toward the B. Wilson and Benjamin Townsend, the house when he heard the cries of fire. latter a son of Congressman C. C. Town- He ran to the front of the house and send here, engaged in handling a 38 called to the crowd collected there to run to the engine house, which is but two squares away, and as some one rushed in that direction he ran into the

> How the Secretary Was Saved. All the staircase was ablaze. He ran through the flames and reached the second story. In the first room he entered he saw a man lying on the floor and a woman evidently trying to get him to the window. The room was full of smoke and the officer was almost overcome. He dragged the man, who was Secretary Tracy, into an adjoining room to a window. The officer's strength was rapidly failing and he cried from the window for a ladder and for help.

> He lost sight of the woman who was in the room, but it was evidently Mrs. Tracy, for it was from the window of that room that she leaped afterwards. The officer lifted the secretary's head to the window sill and at that moment the chief of the fire department rushed through the flames and came to his assistance. Still in their exhausted condition the two men could not carry the weight of the secretary, but by that time ladders had been put up to the window. and arms were reached up to take the burden from them.

> Chief Parish's Brave Act. Then Chief Parish of the fire department did an heroic thing. The room in which he and the exhausted officer stood was all on fire and the only escape that seemed possible for them was through the window from which the secretary was taken. The staircase was The chief saw the form of a woman lying on the floor in the hall at the head of the stairs. It was that of Miss Mary Tracy. The chief ran to her and stooped to pick her up. As he took hold of her arms the skin came off in his hands. She was then dead, but he picked the body up in his arms and ran down the burning staircase and out at

> the front door. The fire department was then on the scene and plying great streams of water on the burning building, but already the terrible work of the flames had been done. Mrs. Tracy died soon after being taken to a neighbor's house and Miss Tracy was dead when taken from the building. The firemen went to the third story and found there the body of the French maid. She was dead. Her body was carried down and sent to the

> undertaker. Mrs. Tracy's Death. E. S. Rheem, whose house on Seventeenth street runs back to the rear of the secretary's house, give a graphic account of the terrible death of Mrs. Tracy. "I heard terrible screams," said Mr. Rheem, "about 7:15 and jumped from bed and ran to the window. Mrs. Tracy was hanging by her hands from the sill of a window on the second floor. She was screaming and

> almost immediately dropped."
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> The house of Mr. E. S. Rheem, itself almost captured by the fire, was thrown open for the reception of the dead and Mrs. Tracy, still alive, was brought in by a couple of firemen and was placed on a sofa in the dining room. Here she

> lingered for about an hour, fully con-scious and apparently suffering but lit-It was little after 8 o'clock when she spat up a little blood—hardly enough to be determined a hemorrhage—closed her eyes, and, without a moan, ceased

When the president heard of the

immediately went to the Bancroft Davis house to see the secretary. Mr. Tracy had recovered consciousness when car-

ried down the ladder. President Harrison in view of the terrible affliction which has come to Secretary Tracy, recalled all invitations to the dinner in honor of the justices of the supreme court of the United States, HIS WIFE AND DAUGHTER KILLED. which was to have taken place at the executive mansion on Thursday of this

The calamity that overwhelmed Secretary Tracy has caused profound grief throughout the country, and many telegrams of condolence have been received by the president.

Funeral from the White House, It is expected that the funeral of Mrs. and Miss Tracy will take place at the White House and that the secretary will be taken there as soon as practicable

Secretary Tracy is still at the residence of Bancroft Davis and will probably remain there for the present. President Harrison said to The United Press representative that he thought in Secretary Tracy's present depressed and pros-trated condition it would be imprudent to remove him to the executive mansion at once. The secretary is suffering from the inhalation of smoke and his lungs in consequence are extremely weak.

The Tracy Family. BROOKLYN, Feb. 4. - Mrs. Benjamin F. Tracy, BROOKLYN, Feb. 4.—Mrs. Benjamin F. Tracy, the wife of Secretary of the Navy Tracy, was a lady well and favorably known in Brooklyn, where her home had been for twenty-three years. She was in the 60th year of her age. Gen. Tracy, who was born and brought up in Owego, married Miss Catlin in 1854. They resided in that place until 1865, when they came to Brooklyn, where their home has since been. Three children have blessed their union. Two are daughters and

the other a son.
Personally Mrs. Tracy was a very pleasant lady. She had a fair complexion and large blue eyes. In height she was slightly above the medium. She was solidly built and her face was that of an intelligent woman. Her silver gray hair was worn smoothly brushed back from her high forehead. She talked in a quiet tone and expressed herself in a very

The Tracy family, besides Mr. and Mrs. Tracy, consists of three children and one grandchild. Mrs. Emma L. Wilmerding, the eldest, is a widow with one child. Mrs. Wilmerding has resided with her family since her husband's death, and went with them to Washington. Frank B. Tracy, the only son, favors his father in appearance and in his business ability. He is a handsome young man of 30 and unmarried. He now lives at home and only spends in Washington what time he can spare from his father's business. Miss Mary Tracy, the unmarried daughter, one of the victims of the disaster, was like her mother in appearance. She was very amiable and had a host of friends who will be corrified to learn of her dreadful fate.

The Tracy mansion in Washington is situated at No. 1634 I street, opposite Farragut square. It was a building of rather imposing exterior, four stories in height and constructed of brown stone and brick. A side extension had recently been built, which contained on the main floor a parlor, on the second floor a room occupied by Mrs. Wilmerding, and on the third floor a chamber used
by Miss Tracy. Mrs. Tracy's room was the
large one on the second floor above the dining
room. The interior of the house had been recently refurnished and redecerated, the work having been finally completed on Dec. 3L

TEN BURNED TO DEATH.

Frightful Result of a Fire in a Boston Lodging House,

Boston, Feb. 3.-Shortly after midnight Sunday morning the dwelling house 259-261 North street, occupied by Maurice Rubey's clothing store on the first floor and by lodgers, chiefly Italian families, on the three upper floors, was gutted by fire which is supposed to have originated in the store. flames speedily cut off escape by the stairways and the inmates of the building had no means of saving their lives except by jumping from windows. Ten persons were burned to death, three were fatally injured and six were seriously if not fatally injured.

When the firemen arrived they quickly extinguished the fire and rescued those of the inmates who had managed by hanging out of windows or taking refuge on the roof, to escape the deadly smoke and flames. The shricks and prayers of the terrified people were ningled with the cries and groans of the injured and the scene was: terrible one. In a few moments, however, the imprisoned people had been taken down the ladders, the injured removed to the hospital and the dead to the station

It was then found that ten persons had been burned to death. All of their odies were found huddled together on the top floor, they having fled from the lower rooms when they first discovered the fire, the flames having already cut off escape by the stairway to the lower floor. The bodies were burned to a crisp, and it was almost impossible to identify any of them.

BLAINE AGAIN BEREAVED.

Death of Mrs. Coppinger, His Eldest Daughter-Funeral Arrangements. WASHINGTON, Feb. 3. - Mrs. Alice Coppinger, the eldest daughter of Secretary Blaine, who has been seriously ill for several days past with brain fever, the outcome of an attack of la grippe died at the Blaine mansion about 5 o'clock Sunday morning. The funeral services will take place from St. Matthew's church to-morrow morning at half past 10 o'clock. The place of interment has not yet been definitely determined upon, but it is expected that it will be at Oak Hill cemetery, this city.

Rev. Thomas Sherman will officiate.
BALTIMORE, Feb. 3.—Cardinal Gibbons was informed of the death of Mrs, Coppinger, the daughter of the secretary of state, last evening. The cardinal will assist at the obsequies at Washington on Tuesday morning.

Wanamaker Would Accept. Washington, Jan. 29.—The mention of Postmaster General Wanamaker as a probable successor of Senator Cameron in the United States senate is referred to by many who call upon Mr. Wanamaker, at the postoffice department. His manner of treating such references depends very much upon the source from which they come. To personal acquaintances he admits that of course he is not a candidate. In conversation he endorsed what Postmaster Field of Philadelphia is reported to have said in an interview—that if the office came to Mr. Wanamaker unsought, he would Wanamaker unsought, he would

Parnell Obtains Damages. LONDON, Feb. 4. - The trial of the suit LONDON, Feb. 4.—The trial of the suit for libel brought by Mr. Parnell against The Times was to have begun yesterday, but when the case was called counsel announced that the suit had been com-promised. The Times paying Mr. Parnell

\$5,000 damages, The withdrawal was also and of the action brought by Mr. Henry Campbell, Mr. Parnell's private secretary, against the Times for damages. The Times will pay, Mr. Campbell £900 besides the cost of the Balton. THE RUSSIAN MISSION.

Pennsylvania Congressmen Ignorant of Editor Smith's Proposed Appointment. Washington, Feb. 4.—If the Russian mission has been tendered to Charles Emory Smith, editor of The Philadel phia Press, it has certainly been done without the knowledge of Senator Cameron.

When asked by a correspondent if he had any information about the matter he replied that he had not. He was not aware that Mr. Smith had been agreed upon for it or that it had been offered to him or accepted. He had a lurking idea, however, that he ought to be in a position to know something about it if any one had been slated for the place. Congressman Bingham states that the

vania delegation. "If it has been done," he continued, "it has been done by the state department without any consultation with the Pennsylvania representatives." Mr. Bingham was inclined to doubt the

report that the mission has been ten-

dered Mr. Smith is news to the Pennsyl-

CRAZY ON PROHIBITION.

Alexander Pleads Guilty to the Attempt to Assassinate Bishop Whitzker. PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 1. - David Alexander, who tried to assassinate Bishop Whitaker on Sunday evening last, pleaded guilty, in the old court house, before Judge Arnold. Dr. Andrews testified that Alexander was sane on every other subject except that of prohibition. When asked by Judge Arnold what he had to say Alexander arose and, addressing the court, said:

I always thought that the church was sup-posed to help and support the poor widows and orphans, and when a man, a minister of the church, openly denounces prohibition, I, as a Christian, consider it a vile and base crime; but when a man ranks so high as the bishop I think he is guilty of a very vile crime indeed and a hindrance to the church instead of a support. They speak of the increase of the good cause and the church, but when a bishop is allowed to openly and publicly de-nounce prohibition I think it is a great de-

Sentence was deferred.

Murdered for Revenge. PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 4.-Watchman Hagney, who was shot by some unknown person at Phoenixville on Sunday night, died in the Pennsylvania hospital here. Hagney was a pumping engineer at the Reading railroad station at Phoenixville and is also a special police officer for the Reading company. Several months ago he participated in a raid upon a number of lawless places in Phoenixville. Among the places raided was that of Mellon, who was convicted and just finished his sentence of imprisonment last week. Hagney's friends had warned him against Mellor. Hagney laughed at their fears and paid no attention to them. Sunday he was standing at his engine in Phoenixville when a pistol shot rang out and through the window crashed a bullet. He was struck in the abdomen and fell to the floor. Mellon has been arrested.

Excited by an Elopement. PARKER, Pa., Feb. 4 .- Quite a sensation has been created here by the elopement of Miss Dade Parker, a well. known young lady of this place, and a young man named McNutt, a pipe line employe of Butler county. Miss Parker's mother objected to the match and so the young people slipped over the border into New York and were mar-Mr. McNutt is a very reputable young man and it is thought the couple will be forgiven upon their return.

More Miners Needed.

ELIZABETH, Pa., Feb. 4.-There is still a great scarcity of miners along the Monongahela Valley, but work continues in all the mines. Walton & Co. are among the fortunate firms which have all the men they want. At their upper mine they are running over 20,000 bushels of coal a day, and at their lower mine about :6,000 bushels. Beside this their first pool mine is running full, and the three are loading about 50,000 bushels a day.

Young Christians to Convene

Uniontown, Pa., Feb. 4.-The annual convention of the Young Men's Christian associations of the Pittsburg district will be held here on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, March 21, 22 and 23, The district includes the counties of Allegheny, Armstrong, Butler Fayette, Greene, Washington and Westmoreland, and contains seventeen associations. A large attendance and an interesting session is expected.

Some Are Merry and Some Are Mad. Uniontown, Pa., Feb. 1.-There is great rejoicing here among the friends of P. I. Patterson over his appointment to the postofficeship. O. G. Sturgis and his friends are very much disappointed, as they thought they were sure winners. Patterson's delegation to Washington and H. C. Frick's backing undoubtedly did the business.

A Pan-American Feature. WEST BROWNSVILLE, Pa., Feb. 4 .-Axton & Son, of this place, closed a contract with Arthur Stegman, of Carthagenia, United States of Colombia, South America, for the building of two freight and passenger steamers, which are intended to ply in the trade on the Magdalena river, in that country.

Prefer Higher Wages to Shorter Hours, PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 3.—At a meeting of the brickmakers of Philadelphia yesterday it was decided to demand an increase of 20 per cent, in wages next season. The proposal to demand the eight hour day was rejected as inad-

Treasurer Livsey Convalescent. HARRISBURG, Feb. 4.—Reports from State Treasurer Livsey state that he is convalescing, but not able to leave the The department employes with Mr. John Stott at their head have charge of affairs.

Mrs. Campbell Arrested. BRADFORD, Pa., Feb. 1.—Mrs. M. Campbell, of McKeesport, Pa., supreme president of the Woman's Veterans Re-lief Union, was arrested here charged with stealing a charter of the Bradford auxiliary.

A Cancer Cured by Faith. WAYNESBURG, Pa., Feb. 1. — Mrs. Amanda Bailey, of Kirby, this county, claims to have been cured by faith of a cancer of two years' standing, after several physicians had failed to effect a cure.

Harrisburg Appointments. HARRISBURG, Feb. 4.—Dr. William H. Eagle has been reappointed state li-brarian for four years. Governor Beaver ass appointed M. Jackson to be associate

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