# SWALLOWED UP BY FIRE.

## Horrible Death of Eleven Girls at Plymouth, Pa.

CHARRED BEYOND RECOGNITION.

Death Comes During a Pleasant After Dinner Chat-A Large Squib Factory Instantly Wreeked by Mysterlous Ex-Mosions-Blackened Bodies and Bones.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., Feb. 26.-Eleven girls, varying in age from 13 to 22 years, lost their lives in Powell's squib factory at Plymouth yesterday afternoon. Powder squibs are manufactured at this place for the use of miners. The spuib is a sort of fuse which is inserted in the drilled hole in the coal. Girls are employed to make these squibs because their labor is cheaper, and they can do the work more satisfactorily than men. Powell's squibs are used in probably every mine in the United States and Canada, and some are exported to the English collieries. When trade is good the factory employs about eighty girls. Lately, however, trade has been somewhat slack, and last week part of the machinery broke down, and the superintendent was compelled to lay off forty of the girls. Yesterday morning all hands reported for | tour Association of American Athletes. work, but the machinery was not yet in order, and all were sent home with the exception of about seventeen, who were retained glove contest. to do some odd jobs. When the 13 o'clock whistle blew six of the girls who lived near by went to their homes for their midday meal. The remainder-eleven all told-ate their dinner in the factory. After all had dined the girls adjourned to an ante-room containing a stove. Here they all sat and chatted.

Maggie Lynch said she had an invitation to a social in the evening; Charles Beatty had asked her to accompany him, and she said urged her to do so, saying she would have a good time. What passed between the girls table. ing up in the air, and when it fell back again the sides of the building were falling in. Then fire enveloped the debris and in ten

The spread of the flames was so rapid that heroically attempted to pull away the barning timbers so that they might enter and possibly save the lives of some of the imprisened a thorough cure. girls, but the flames had gained too much adway and the men were absolutely power-

When the firemen arrived they found that . their hose was not long enough to reach the fire from the nearest water supply, so that they were also unable to render material assistance. When the fire finally died out for want of material to feed upon the bodies of the unfortunate girls were dug from the lebris. Their heads, arms and legs were pane; nothing remained but their charred s, which were entirely unrecognizable, Miss Maggie Lynch's body being recognized only by its large size.

Thousands of persons had gathered about the wrecked building, and the piteous cries of the relatives of the dead girls was heartWents of the Day Beiled Down for the Benefit of Busy Readers.

Edward W. Woodruff, who was secretary of the Cincinnati, Hamilton and Dayton railroad under the Ives and Stayner regime, has been arrested at his home in Newars, N. J., and taken to police headquarters, President Cleveland signed the territorial

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bill at 11 o'clock, and the announcement was made in the afternoon. Among the familiar figures of six day go as

you please events who are participating in an affeir of that kind in Sau Francisco are 'Old Sport' Campana, of Bridgeport, Conn.; Hart, Moore, Vint and Taylor,

As a result of the recent misunderstanding between Professor Bowen and the young lady pupils Bordentown Female college is now entirely deserted, save by the professor and his family.

The directors of the West Jersey railroad have declared a semi-annual dividend of 314 ber cent., and the West Jersey and Atlantic declares 21% per cent.

The Standard Oil company has bought out the interests of Joshua Rhodes, J. J. Vandergrift and others, the last of the independent operators in the Lima oil field. The consideration was \$173,000, and gives the Standard company the lease on 40,000 acres additional territory.

Hon. Samuel J. Rapdall is rapidly failing in health and strength.

The Intercollegiate Athletic association has formally withdrawn from the National Ama-

Cal McCarthy, of Jersey City, defeated Hab Morgan, of Wilkesbarre, in a six round

It is believed that Albert Hegel, of Union Hill, N. J., and Mrs. Lena Stugen have eloped. The woman is the wife of a West Hoboken silk weaver. She was almost a daily visitor at Hegel's house. On Friday night she was absent from home, and her that she was at Hegel's husbe:

The Chill Blast, That sets the naked branches a-quivshe guessed she would go. All the other girls ering, is not felt by the wealthy valetudinarian indoors, but not all the covering after this is not known. There the story that he can pile on his warm bed, nor stops short. Alice Reese, who carried dinner for two of the workers, left for her home after Miss Lynch had told of her intention to the bar of the workers intention to go to the social. A few minutes before 1 chills and fever run its icy fingers along o'clock - almost starting up time - John his spinal column. Hostetter's Stomach Thomas, who resides near the factory, was Bitters is the thing to infuse new warmth sitting at a table eating his dinner, when a violent explosion shook the dishes from the At first he thought it was an ex- remedy the fierce fever and exhaustplosion in the mines, but looking out of the ing sweats which alternate with the DIAMOND Linseed OIL WORKS window he saw the roof of the factory shoot- chill. Dumb ague cake, billious remittent-in short, every known form of malarial disease is subjugated by this minutes time the structure was reduced to potent, and at the time, wholesome and genial medicine. Billousness, constipati was impossible for any one to enter the wrecked building. The miners from the Gay-lard slope rushed to the burning building and hereically attempted to wall are the start of the start matism and debility are also remedied by it. Use it with pattence to effect

## CATARRH, Catarrhal Deafness and Hay Fever.

### A NEW HOME TREATMENT.

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rending. All of the bones that could be found were placed in blankets and taken to Undertaker Williams' establishment, where the relatives gathered and vainly endeavored to recognize the charred remains. The following is a complete list of those who lost their lives: Katie Jones, aged 20; Maggie Lynch, 21; Hattie Jones, 16; Giadis Reese, 15; Mary Waiters, 17; Maggie Richards, 17; Mary Ann Lake, 17; Dati Maggie Richards, 17; Mary Ann Lake, 17; Ruth Powell, 20; Esther Powell (a sister of Ruth), 22; Charlotte Humphries, 17; Jane

plosions occurred, and he next found himself in the cellar. He managed to crawl out into the open air, but is so terribly burned that he can live but a short time.

The cause of the explosion is not known. Mr. Powell says there was but a small quantin of powder in the building, a magazine near by being used as a storage house. One theory is that a box of squibs became ignited from spontaneous combustion, and exploded.

#### Fatal Boarding House Fire.

SCRANTON, Pa., Feb. 26 -- A terrible conflagration, by which two lives were lost, occurred at the little village of Simpson, a few miles above Caroondale. The alarm of fire was sounded and it was found that a large double dwelling, occupied by John Craig, engineer of the Northwest colliery, was on fire. In less than five minutes after the fire was discovered the whole structure was a mass of flames. A large number of boarders were in the house and most of them escaped by jumping from the windows. After everybody was supposed to have escaped the forms of a man and woman were suddenly seen at different windows in the upper stories. Their appeals for help were heartrending but un-availing, as there were no ladders near the They did not seem to have strength enough to cast themselves from the windows, and soon fell back into the seething mass below. After the fire had cooled they were taken out burned to a crisp. They were Sarah Ford, of Jackson street, this city, a domestic, and Patrick Sweeney, of Kingston, a minor

## Suicide on the Church Steps.

CARLISLE, Pa., Feb. 26.—Curtis Crom-leigh, aged 18 years, residing near Anderson-town, committed suicide by shooting himself with a pistol. He attended church and seemed in his usual good spirits, but immediately after the service, and while yet on the church steps, he pulled out a revolver and fired three shots into his breast. When picked up he was dead. It is supposed he was jilted by a girl, and that he took this method of ending his rouble.

his trouble. Free well Entertainment to Mr. Morton. NEW Yonx, Feb. 26.—John F. Plummer en-tertained Hon. Levi P. Morton at dinner last svening, on the eve of the departure of the vice president-elect for Washington. A num-ber of Republican leaders were guests, and the occasion was a highly enjoyable one. No political speeches were made.

First to Honor the New Flag. HARRISBURG, Pa., Feb. 26.—The first flag with the four additional stars was raised on the dome of the Capitol building here yester-

females (whites) this remedy is a specific. A pamphlet explaining this new treatment is sent on receipt of ten cents by A. H. Dixon & Sox, 304 West King St., Toronto, Consider Scientific American Canada.-Scientific American.

Sufferers from catarrhal troubles should read the above carefully.

CHARTER APPLICATION .- NO. Let of Assembly of April 28th, 1874 and its sup-Ruth), 22; Charlotte Humphries, 17; Jane Ann Humas, 17. The only person who was in the building at the time of the explosion who remains to tell the story is Foreman Reese, and he is fatally burned. He says he was standing by a stove when the first explosion was heard. He rushal te the door to notify the girls, when several ar-plosions occurred, and he next found nimself

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