

# Scranton



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## AN EXPLOSION KILLS SEVEN

**Shocking Disaster at the Winchester Arms Factory.**

**FOUR WOMEN ON THE LIST**

**Many of the Employees Are Seriously Wounded.**

**The Explosion Occurred in the Loading Room in Which One Hundred and Fifty Hands Were Employed. Cause of the Accident Is Not Explained--The Building Wrecked by Force of the Explosion and Some of the Victims Are Terribly Mutilated.**

**New Haven, July 21.—The worst explosion since the establishment of the Winchester Repeating Arms company, in this city, took place at the armory of the company this morning. Six persons were instantly killed; two fatally injured, and at least a dozen, more or less seriously hurt.**

**The dead are:**

BERMAN, JULIUS, single, aged 17 years; powder boy.

BRENNAN, JOSEPHINE, orphan, aged 18 years; machine operator.

BAUMEISTER, MRS. NELLIE, married, aged 36 years; powder boy.

BROWN, IDA, married, aged 30 years; parents reside in Detroit, Mich.; machine operator.

CONNELLY, THERESA, single, aged 16 years; powder operator.

HILL, WALTER, single, aged 18 years; powder boy.

BARDOF, EDWARD, machine operator.

He died in the hospital this afternoon.

**The explosion occurred in the department known as the loading room. Employed there were 150 hands, about 100 of whom were girls and women. Nearly all of the female hands are employed on what are known as the loading machines. These machines are so constructed as to require three operators. The receptacle holding the powder has a capacity of one pound of the explosive, and as fast as the powder is exhausted a powder boy replenishes the supply. It was about 9:30 this morning when the explosion occurred. The full compliment of hands was at work in the room. The explosion took place without warning and in an instant the air was filled with shrieks and agonizing cries. Forty feet of the side of the building was blown out and hurled to pieces many feet. The air was filled with flying debris and fragments of human bodies were scattered in a shattering manner.**

**RUSH TO THE SCENE.**

Every employee in the mammoth plant, as well as the residents in that section, was only too familiar with this sort of alarm, and operations were instantly suspended. Crowds flocked to the scene. A hurry call was sent for all available physicians. The fire department, the ambulances and hospital corps were speedily summoned and the work of carrying out the dead and injured was begun. Affecting scenes followed, as terror-stricken persons were seen flying about, calling frantically for news of their friends. The arrival of ambulances, police and details of the fire department, and as many of the city's physicians as could be reached, added to the confusion. After the police had adopted strict measures to hold the crowd in check, a systematic investigation was begun.

**The immediate scene of the explosion presented a sickening sight. Machinery, wood, bricks and other debris were mingled, and in it all were found pieces of human flesh. As rapidly as possible the injured were cared for. As rapidly as a victim was seen to be alive the mutilated being was dispatched with all possible speed to his home if he could give his address or was recognized by friends, or to the hospital. Slowly the firemen and the medical examiners gathered the remains of six persons.**

**TERRIBLE MUTILATIONS.**

Two of the bodies had been decapitated. Others had been partially torn asunder, and still others had lost arms, legs and other portions of their bodies.

The excitement finally subsided. Some of the fellow workmen and work-women of the victims were burnt by the blinding dust and some were stunned by flying wreckage.

Perhaps the saddest incident was when John Baumeister learned that his wife was among the dead. He lived in Hamden and had been recently married. At the time of the explosion he was at work but a few feet distant from his wife. The bodies of the dead were temporarily removed to the morgue of Lewis & Maycock, where Dr. White will complete his investigation.

The officials of the company expended every effort to assist in the work of relief.

An examination of the building showed that the damage was not great. The interior was somewhat badly wrecked, and, as stated, forty feet of one side were carried away.

The explosion did not cause a fire, and the fire department confined its efforts to caring for the victims.

**THE CAUSE IN DOUBT.**

The cause of the explosion has not been determined, and, perhaps, its cause may never be known. Some of those at work in the room at the time say it was due to the fact that a cartridge in process of loading had been improperly placed in the machine. It is not even definitely known in which machine the explosion occurred. An explosion in any of the main departments at the Winchester plant is an unusual thing. Explosions have occurred in the little mound houses where one man prepares the powder for use.

SADIE HEDGES FOUND.

**Ran Away from Her Father, Whom She Dislikes, to Her Girl Club.**

Newburg, N. Y., July 21.—The disappearance of Miss Sadie Hedges, 16 years old, from her home here on Saturday afternoon was explained today. She was found at the Van Tassel farm at East Phillipsburg, some ten miles distant from Hedges' club in Sadie Titus, who told a reporter that the girl ran away because her father was overbearing to her. Two years ago Miss Hedges' sister Kate ran away under similar circumstances. She died at Yonkers about a week after her departure.

Miss Hedges left town with 13 cents. She said she would ride as far as that would carry her and walk the rest of the distance, some three miles. She says if her father comes for her she will appeal to the police for assistance. The two Sadies recently decided to run away together, intending to go to Troy to work in a shirt factory.

**SHOT HIM IN A TREE.**

**An Alabama Lynching Party Finds Man and Shoots Him Dead.**

Birmingham, Ala., July 21.—One week ago last night Jim Daniels, colored, a farm laborer, entered the room of Mrs. John Baker, wife of his employer, and attempted to kill her. The two women's brooks brought him a handgun from an adjoining room and the negro fled. Baker organized a posse, who with dogs searched a week for Daniels, chasing him forty miles. Last night the negro was pursued closely by the dogs that he was forced to climb a tree.

When the posse arrived he prayed from the top of the tree for mercy, but in response got twenty bullets and fell to the ground a corpse.

**LIBERAL OUTBREAK.**

**Free Fight at a Banquet in Honor of Senator Prendergast--Riots at Barcelona.**

Madrid, July 21.—At a banquet given last evening at Saragossa in honor of Senator Prendergast, the Liberal leader and former minister, Count Romanones made a violent attack upon "Spanish ministers beyond the seas," referring evidently to Senator Dupuy De Lome, the Spanish minister to the United States. A representative of the government who was present resented the count's remarks and a free fight ensued. The government's representative drew a revolver. Finally the entire company was ejected from the hall where the banquet was served, after which they formed in groups and paraded the streets, shouting "Long live liberty!"

**Senor Prendergast's speech on the Cuban question and in denunciation of the policy of the government has made a great sensation. The Epoca says: "The rebellion of the miners against the Liberal leader at Saragossa can only be compared to the inflammatory utterances of the worst enemies of Spain. We believe that his insinuations against the throne must permanently keep the Liberal out of power, while to the industrial classes which such attacks make the Monarchs in the eyes of the public."**

Senor Canovas del Castillo, the premier, states that the report of alliance between Spain and Japan is incorrect. The Spanish press also claims that the two powers are in agreement which would not extend further. He adds: "It was never more necessary than now for the government to consider what reforms ought to be introduced in Cuba."

It is reported that the government is engaged in the construction of four large warships.

Serious outbreaks and riots have occurred at Barcelona, and the gendarmes have been stoned by the mob. The government has sent large reinforcements to restore order.

**SCOTT FOR AUDITOR-GENERAL.**

**Major McCauley to Be Dropped and Col. Scott Substituted.**

Philadelphia, July 21.—It is rumored here today that Major McCauley is out of the race for the auditor-generalship of the state, and the Colonel W. J. Scott of Luzerne, is to be substituted. The explanation is said to be that Senators Flynn and Magee, of Allegheny, would not agree to support Scott whom Senator Quay will also favor as a compromise candidate. Senator Boyce, of Scranton, Andrew met Senator Hardberger by appointment at Scranton yesterday, and a delegation composed of Senator Thomas, Senator Vare and Senator Quay also called on Major McCauley at about the same time with the same object in view, their withdrawal in favor of a compromise candidate, Colonel Scott being proposed.

**PICKED GOLD OUT OF WATER.**

**PECuliar Experience of Frank Phis- cator in the Klondike.**

New Carlisle, Ind., July 21.—Frank Phisator, of this city, who went to the Klondike, Alaska, last winter, has just returned with \$50,000 in gold. Phisator returned to the U. S. in the depth of winter. He dug a hole in the ground large enough to hold himself and provisions.

After many weeks of searching, he found down the side of a mountain and entered a tunnel. The water was clear and in pouring down the ground, large enough to hold himself and provisions.

It was the intention of the strikers to begin their march to Canonsburg tonight, but a telegram from Bridgeville announces that to the heavy rain of this evening, it was probably wise to postpone the tramp until tomorrow. The men are fully determined to carry out their threat of making the march. They expect to start with six hundred men and be reinforced with about the same number of miners from the surrounding mines. The miners will start with several days' rations, and expect to be in shape to watch the offending miners for several days. This morning a number of men going to the Frog Island, were in the rear yesterday and struck for strike. They were met by a large body. They attempted to cut out the honey, and the bees swarmed over them. The youngest boy, John, fell exhausted when in sight of home and he died before succor arrived.

**CARL FOUL HANGED HIMSELF.**

Jamaica, L. I., July 21.—Carl Foal, a carpenter, of this city, who was working from the limb of an apple tree in an orchard on South street. He had been dead some time. He had worked for the past year for a master. The building cost \$35,000, without the contents. Insurance amount was about \$20,000.

**Twenty Years for a Stranger.**

Raleigh, N. C., July 21.—John Cook is in the second degree for killing his mistress, Ross Morgan, by choking her to death on the night of July 3. Jealousy was the cause of the crime. Cook was sent to the penitentiary for twenty years.

**China to Reorganize Army.**

London, July 21.—The Daily Mail's Berlin correspondent says that China is about to reorganize her army on the lines of the German military and that orders for rifles have been placed in Germany. The Armstrongs will supply the guns for the new fleet.

**Shot Himself After Disappointment.**

Binghamton, N. Y., July 21.—Charles Murphy, 21 years old, shot himself in the head in his home in Chemung street. He had said he was a son of Conductor Murphy, of the Erie road.

## COAL STRIKE IS RAPIDLY GROWING

**Seventy-five Thousand Organized Laborers Ready to Quit Work.**

**FIFTEEN NEW MINES WILL JOIN**

**Delegations of Marching Miners Visit the Mines at Belleville--Only Six Mines Found to Be in Operation. An Encounter Between General Bradley and William Patterson.**

Columbus, O., July 21.—President Rutherford this afternoon received a telegram from Organizers Dilcher and Weber, Montgomery, W. Va., stating that the miners at fifteen mines in that district at a mass meeting had decided to join the strikers and would quit work at once.

St. Louis, July 21.—Secretary M. B. Daubert, of the carpenters' district council, says the 55,000 organized workmen of St. Louis are ready to respond to any call of aid that may come from the striking miners.

The officers of all the local unions say they are willing to pledge their organizations for any reasonable amount and talks among the men indicate that they are equally eager.

**MARCHING MINERS.**

St. Louis, July 21.—The delegations of marching striking miners who visited the mines about Belleville, Ill., early today, returned at noon. They found the men out at Gartside No. 2, Rosine, Scheumann's Crown No. 2, Crown No. 1, the Oak Brook and Hartman's No. 1. The first three belong to the St. Louis Consolidated Coal company. A few of the other mines are not working today but the men have not struck yet. Only six mines are in operation and it is thought that the Consolidated opposition is broken. The strike leaders do not believe that a man will be at work on Thursday. There was an encounter today between General Bradley who is leading the marching miners and William Patterson, a local leader. They charged each other with treachery. The Belleville men are split in two factions, one of which is led by Patterson, who is a friend of President Carson, the state president. There seems to be some prospect of a conflict at the meeting tonight which will be largely attended, delegations having come in during last night and today from Troy, Alma, O'Fallon, Benton and Merton to join those already here.

Peoria, Ill., July 21.—Fifty striking miners at Farmington settled a long-fried train at 11 o'clock this morning demanding that it carry them to cut out the 250 miners at work, their wages having been increased 3 per cent. They refused to pay or get off and held the train till 3 o'clock when the conductor cut off the engine and ran to Canton, returning with the sheriff and the station attorney. They argued with the men and the latter finally abandoned the train, after holding it five hours. The Peoria county miners are threatening to march across the country to Dunfermline tomorrow to force the men out. The managers of the mines there say the men want to keep at work and are preparing for trouble.

**MURDER FOLLOWED WORSHIP.**

**The Victim Had Resented an Insult to His Girl in His Company.**

Williamsburg, Ky., July 21.—Walter Byrd, a young farmer, was shot and killed near the church here last night by James Dunfermline, where they intended to cut out the 250 miners at work.

Byrd was at church with a young woman, and Reedy sat behind him. After church Byrd charged Reedy with using his feet to the discomfort of the young woman by kicking and otherwise abusing her.

Reedy denied it, and in the quarrel which followed he drew his pistol and fired twice, one ball entering Byrd's abdomen. Wounded as he was, Byrd grabbed with Reedy, both rolling down a soft embankment, and held on to Reedy until he was seized by others.

**BEHRING SEA CONFERENCE.**

**To Be Held in Washington in October to Discuss Facts Concerning Seals.**

London, July 21.—It is now semi-officially reported that an international conference will be held in Washington on the basis of John W. Foster's suggestion on behalf of the United States government that the experts representing Great Britain and the United States should meet and compare the results of their investigations with a view of arriving at an agreed state of facts.

Pending such an agreement there is no question of extending the scope of the conference to include a revision of the present regulations. The primary object will be not legal but scientific.

**TSAIL TO BE PUNISHED.**

**Will Suffer for Refusing to Worship at the Shrine of His Ancestor.**

Yankee City, N. C., July 21.—The Prince of China, a son of the Emperor, was arrested as accessories with Eugene Standing Elk for life in a dungeon for not being present to congratulate her on her birthday and in refusing to worship at the shrine of his ancestors.

His title is to be taken away from him and he is to be publicly whipped for his conduct. He is to be shut up between four walls and fed on sparse diet until he repents. This decree has been published in the Court Gazette.

**PIKE'S PEAK Glistening with Snow.**

Colorado Springs, Colo., July 21.—The region above the timber line was covered with snow storm last night, and a gale blew a heavy fall of snow for this time of the year occurred. There was half a foot of snow on the east side of Pike's Peak, facing Colorado Springs, this morning. In this city thin ice formed on the surface of the water.

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**BEES STING A BOY TO DEATH.**

Henderson, Ky., July 21.—While John and Theodore Richards, aged respectively 7 and 9 years, sons of a farmer near Frog Island, were in the rear yesterday and struck for strike. They were met by a large body. They attempted to cut out the honey, and the bees swarmed over them. The youngest boy, John, fell exhausted when in sight of home and he died before succor arrived.

**Medal for a Gettysburg Hero.**

Washington, July 21.—Captain William F. Miller, of Carlisle, Pa., has received a medal of honor for leading a daring attack of four troops of his regiment, the Third Pennsylvania Cavalry, at Gettysburg, on the Confederate flank, checking the enemy and cutting off and dispersing the rear of the Confederate column.

**FOREIGN NOTES.**

The British punitive expedition burned several villages at Borone. G. G. Lee, president of New South Wales, is booked to sail for New York from England.

The French chamber has authorized the establishment of a lottery with \$1,000,000 in prizes, the proceeds to be devoted to the relief of the sufferers.

Dr. Cornelius Herz, the Panama lobbyist, asserts American citizenship and declares that his claim for \$100,000 against France will be supported by the United States.

Jean Ingelow, the distinguished poet and novelist, died Monday night. Of late years he had lived in an old-fashioned house in Kensington, set in the midst of extensive grounds.

**A GAME OF PEAK-A-BOO.**

At the peak-a-boo game, the Allison mine had forty men at work but none to help him. The miners wanted to work as long as there are no strikers in sight.