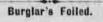
## Terrible Dynamite Explosion.

STRATFORD, Ont., May 5 .- A more careful examination shows the damage done by the dynamite explosion at the Grand Trunk depot to be much greater than was expected. The houses around the freight shed were nearly all wooden buildings and several were blown into minute fragments. Some fifty cars were blown into splinters and as many more damaged. The debris as now lying thickly scattered on and around the track. Mr. Flynn, the checker, who has an office near the entrance of the yard, is among the badly in jured. Two of the clerks, Messre. Drysdale and Porter, were in the office at the time and had a narrow escape. The building was shattered into a thousand fragments, and how they escaped unhart is a miracle. One man walking toward the freight house was blown over the fence and sustained only a few scratches. A fragment of iron weighing over a pound was driven through a window of the Crown hotel, half a mile from the scene of the explosion. The shock was felt in all the surrounding towns, and it was supposed to be an earthquake.

The car on which the explosion occurred was freighted at Montreal for Amburstbury and contained thirty packages, which were entered as blasting powder. They were shipped on account of Vanderbilt to be used in blasting at the Detroit tunnel. When the explosion occurred the cars were being shifted in the yard. The damage will exceed \$25,000. George Hawkins, a car dealer, had both his eyes put out by a splinter and is not expected to live. Joseph Humphrey is badly cut about the head and face, but may recover. Alfred Lamb was badly injured.

ATLANTA, Ga., May 7 .- The jury in the Cox case was out all night and came in at noon to-day to be recharged in full. At a quarter to 4 P. M. they came in and announced that they had agreed upon the following verdict : "We, the jury, find the prisoner guilty, and reccommend that he be punished by imprisonment for life in the penitentiary." Judge Hillyer sentenced Cox to be confined in the penitentiary, or such other place as the Governor may direct, at hard labor for and during his natural life.

General Gartnell gave notice that the defense would make a motion for a new trial, and praying a writ of sapersedeas. .Execution of the sentence was thereupon stayed twenty days. This penalty is virtually the extreme of the law in this State, as the law passed with Alston's aid at the last session of the Legislature, giving the jury the right to reccommend life imprisonment in all cases of murder as they see fit, in effect abolishes the death penalty. Cox is thus the first man convicted of murder who receives the benefit of that law. The verdict is received with general approval.



The burglars who attempted to rob Scroggins & Sawyer's bank at Mount Pulaski, Ill., first visited Mr. Sawyer's house, roused him up, and suddenly seized and securely tied and gagged him. They then tied and gagged Mrs. Sawyer and a hired girl, and then left them in charge of a confederate, while the others, with Mr. Sawyer, went to the bank. The outer vaults were opened, and Mr. Sawyer was ordered to open the safe on pain of being ocked in the vault. He could only convince the thieves of his inability by inducing them to put their ears to the safe and listen to the ticking of the chronometer. Mr. Sawyer was not locked up in the bank, but was taken back to his family, and there left, tied and gagged. The hired girl was the first to free herself, when she unbound the others. Capt. Matt. Canavan, Superintendent of a Nevada gold mine, recently gave a ball 1,000 feet below the surface of the earth. The section of the mine used was handsomely decorated and brilliantly illuminated. The Virginia City "Enterprise" says : "The ladies were dressed in calico and the men in corresponding inexpensive raiment. The furniture was in keeping with the place, and while there was everything necessary to comfort nothing extravagant was seen. Never before in the United States-if anywhere in the world-has there been given a ball at a depth of nearly a quarter of a mile beneath the surface of the earth. There was no trouble about persons slipping into the ball room without tickets. It was a queer way, too, of going to a ball, this stepping upon a cage instead of into a carriage and being -darted straight down towards the centre of the earth instead of rolling off horizontally in the usual way.



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