LEFT HOLES IN THE GROUND

Terrific Explosion at Power Mills at Pleasant Prairie...

One Man Killed, 200 Hurt and Million. and a Haif Loss.

Was Rushing Orders for U. S. Army on Texas Frontier.

Chicago, March 13.—The big plant of Dupont Powder Co., located near the little town of Pleasant Prairie, just across the line from Wisconsin, near Kenosha, and sixty miles from Chicago, "blew up" to-night with terrific force. The shock was felt for many miles around. In Chicago many large buildings in the loop were shaken. The Boston store, one of the largest buildings in the loop, was so severely shaken that large plate glass windows were broken and fell on passing redestrians in the

restreet below.

Pleasant Prairie was entirely wiped out, and not a building remains of a once prosperous little town. One life is known to be lost, but up to the president how. ent time it is impossible to say just how many more. Wire communication has been cut off, and nothing beyond the meagre report that the town had been wiped off the map can be ascertained. The property loss is estimated at \$1,5.00-

PARTICULARS OF THE EXPLOSION. Pleasant Prairire, Wis., March 13.-Fire was still burning this morning in the powder magazines of the Dupont de Nemours Powder Co., which blew up last night, killing at 'east one person, injuring nearly 200 others and causing damage of perhaps \$1.500,000 within radius of one hundred miles.

While the officers of the company

assert that all the employees except E. S. Thompson, a foreman, were accounted for, three of the men could not be found after the explosion.

Pleasant Prairie is ten miles west Kenosha, Wis. The powder mill is a mile north of the village, which has a population of about 700

The force of the explosion completely demolished the houses on the Geneva, which were the nearest the mill, and every house in the village was wrecked. Almost equal damage was done in Bris tel, four miles west.

The force of the explosion was felt more than a hundred miles in every direction and that only one man was killed and one dangerously injured is said by officials of the powder company to be little short of miraculous

The fire makes it impossible to search the ruins. Several attempts were made my Sheriff Andrew Stahl, but on each occasion he and his deputies were driven hack by explosions as the fire which the back by explosions as the fire reached packages of powder.

The last attempt, just before day-break, was stopped by the heaviest of the following explosions, and the sheriff said then that the fire must die out before the ruins could be approached. At that time Sheriff Stahl asserted that he was far from satisfied but one

was in the ruins.

"There are eight carloads of loose black powder in a building still standing." said Sheriff Stahl. "It may let go

at any moment."

There is a hole one hundred feet deep in the ground where the dynamite house

I'his morning a few of the residen of Pleasant Prairie were attempting to rescue their household goods from their shattered homes. A number of the men had stood guard in their door yards over night. Almost immediately after the crash, the village was invaded by curiosity seekers and asserting that loot-ing and vandalism was beginning. Sheriff

ing and vandalism was beginning. Sheriff Stahl immediately impressed a hundred deputies and cleared the village. The first work of the deputies was to get every one out of town and away from the danger zone as following explosions were feared.

The escape of Superintendent Clarence Brady was remarkable. He was in the soda house with Engineer Flynn at the time of the explosion. The men were blown through the building and landed on the roof of the adjoining magazine. This excloded instantly and Brady and Flynn, the sator hadly injured, were thrown a hundred feet from the building. Flynn suffered internal injuries and inhaled poisonous fumes. His condition is precarious. Brady escaped practically unscratched.

The others of the injured are:

Night Foreman Frank Bowe, left hand cut, badly burned.

Jack Summerton, packer, blown 200 feet, burns and bruised.

Mattie Jensen, maid of the workmen's boarding house, bruised by falling debris.

CONVICTED OF RECEIVING WAGERS.

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Three foreign workmen wefe not ac-

That the powder in the plant was being rushed through on a hurry from the government for use in the Texas frontier was denied last night by Supt.

ali 33,000 kegs of giant powder and 280 tons of dynamite exploded When daylight gave a clear view of he ruins to day three holes were seen marking the site of three of the magazines. Each exeavation is more than fifty feet across and fully as deep. One and broken into a spring and was half ull of water.

trees for a half a mile around were stripped of branches and shorn off even with the ground. Part of the plant still stands

EXCITEMENT AT CHICAGO. the houses had been rocked and windows broken in some of the places, the Italans rushed into the streets, believing empted.

that another "Black Hand" bomb had been exploded.

It was some time before the Italians would enter their homes. Some thought that an earthquake had occurred and

HYDRO LIGHT.

Seven Hundred Lamps in Operation for First Time in Toronto.

was turned on in Toronto last evening and for the first time was given a thorough test.

At a o'clock the machinery at the transformer station was set in motion and from that time until midnight poured out electrical energy into the net-work of wires through the city in the section bounded by Bloor, Yonge and Queen streets and the River Don. All the streets in this district were filled with light, and as one gazed up or down some of the thoroughfares it seemed as though the skies were bril-liantly lighted, too.

The turning on of the Hydro-Electric The turning on of the Hydro-Licetric power excited something highly delightful in the minds of the people who were ful in the minds of the people who were privileged to be out on or live on the streets where Toronto's lighting system was first put to a practical test and proved more than satisfactory.

PRISON TRADES.

Masons and Stonecutters of Guelph Object to Provincial Farm System.

Guelph, March 13.—The masons and stonecutters of the city are up in arms against the action of the Provincial against the action of the Provincial Government with respect to labor conditions at the prison farm. The Government has for some time past been instructing the long-term prisoners in stone-cutting and mason work. No objection has been made by the local masons to this, but they have learned that the officials have secured two stonecutters, one from Beansville and one from Hamilton, to instruct the short-term prisoners. They claim that they do not object to long-term prisoners being instructed in the trades, as they have sufficient time to thoroughly learn them. They are against having short-term prisoners instructed as these are afterwards turned out as fully qualified men, when, in reality, they are but fied men, when, in reality, they are but

SEVEN YEARS.

John Cowie Made His Will Before Pleading Guilty to Serious Charge.

Oakville despatch: Seven years in the Kingston Penitentiary was the sentence imposed this afternoon by Magistrate Shields upon John Cowie, a Trafalgar Township farmer, for a serious offence against his fifteen-year-old daughter. The girl gave birth to a child on September 11 last in St. Mich-

ael's Hospital.

The father pleaded guilty this afternoon, and his counsel, E. H. Cleaver, noon, and his counsel, E. H. Cleaver, made an appeal for as light a sentence as possible. Crown Attorney Dicks, of Milton, and Provincial Inspector John Miller, of Toronto, were present for the

ceive a long term of imprisonment, Cowle made his will at the jail in the morning. To his daughter, whom he had wronged, he bequeathed his life insurance, \$2,000, and to his wife and superintendent of education, but finally

TO COUNT US

Census Commissioner Blue Tells of Arrangements for Coming Census.

CONVICTED OF RECEIVING WAGERS.

Montreal, March 13. Eddie Suilivan. charged with being the proprietor of a betting house at 47 St. John street, was found guilty this morning in the Court of King's Bench of having received money wagers in violation of the Miller act. The jury was out fifteen minutes.

teen minutes. Sullivan's conviction is the first in the Province under the terms of the Miller act, and serves as a test of the validity of the act, which was question ed by the defence

Sullivan is liable to a fine not ex-ceeding \$1,000, or one year's imprison

AFTER GERMAN QUACKS. Berlin, March 13.—The Reichstag Com-mittee which has been preparing a ma-to suppress medical quackery has decided to recommend one forbidding the Chicago, March 13.—The powder exesidents of the Italian district. After sick for pay, or when the efficacy desick for pay, or when the efficacy depends on a claim of the physician of miraculous powers. Magnetism was ex-

North Toronto Scarlet Fever Epidemic Traced to Milk.

Toronto despatch: Niagara power First Train of Settlers Arrives in the West.

> Toronto Carpenters Want an Increase of Wages.

The Canadian Bank of Commerce bas made arrangements to open a branch at Vernon, B. C. The Toronto Board of Trade has de-

cided to give \$2,000 towards the establishment of a publicity bureau. The Thomson Line has just received word that a new boat, the Gerona, has

been launched for it at Waldsend-on-The condition of Dr. A. N. Worthington, M. P., who was stricken with apoplexy, at Sherbrooke, remains about the

Jack Ostern was caught in the belting of Henningson's will, Minnedosa, Man., and suffered injuries from which

The famous old Evergreen House i Prince Edward county was sold by auction for \$160. The encroaching sandbanks are rapidly destroying the property.

The joint conference of operators and nine workers which has been held at Calgary, came to an abrupt close, on the miners' request for an adjournment, until March 20. Rev. E. N. Baker, pastor of the Euclid Avenue Methodist Church, Tor-

onto, has received a call to Sault. Ste Marie, to take effect at the close of the present conference year. Proceedings have been instituted at Windsor to declare invalid the recent election for Water Commissioners,

the ground that the voters' list used vas not the last revised list. In the Toronto Jury County Court, Mrs. Ida Cook secured a verdict for \$125 darrages against Joseph Zosylki for in-juries suffered through his attack on her with a hot poker. The suit was for

The first special train of settlers and settlers' effects arrived in Winnipeg. The train carried sixteen cars of effects and a large party of eastern people, who expect to make their homes on the

Collins, of North Toronto, that he had traced all but two of the cases in the recent scarlet fever epidemic to the supply of milk. The two other cases w om infection.

William Logan, of Corinth, was sen-enced by Police Magistrate Hunt, at St. Thomas, to two years in the Central Prison for theft of a horse from Chas. S. idgeman, district agent of the Imperial Life, of Aylmer, at Springfield. The Amalgamated Carpenters of

Toronto, representing about sixty-five per cent, of the local carpenter labor, in a full meeting at the Labor Temple placed themselves unanimously on record for 40 cents an hour, an increase of figurents on their present wage.

five other children his farm and other property, worth several thousands of the solicitor "to take the necessary dollars." steps to obtain special legislation."

The enactment of by-laws abolishin the public drinking cup in parks, public schools and on the streets, prohibiting the exposure of foodstuffs to dust and flies in the warm weather by merchants and compelling ventilation of publibuildings and small theatres, will 1 considered by a committee of the Tor onto Board of Health.

KILLED FOUR.

Mass of Concrete Fell From Eighth Floor in Building.

New York, March 13. An all night search of the wreckage of an eight storey building under construction on East 87th street, the upper part of which collapsed late yesterday, resulted in the recovery of four bodies of work-men who were buried beneath a mass of concrete, steel and timber that crashed into the cellar. With the removal of the fourth body, shortly after daylight work was suspended, and it is believed this completes the list of victims.

The accident was due to the falling

from some unknown cause of a section of concrete flooring on the eighth floor. identified.

SENT TO CENTRAL

Twenty-Three Months' Imprisonment

for Hanlon Wright. Windsor despatch: Hanlan Wright, the boy bandit, who terrified the vil-lagers of Farrow two months ago by lagers of Parrow two months ago by arming himself and defying the constables to arrest him, after he had attempted to extort \$500 from his wealthy uncle. Wm. Wright, will spend the next twenty-three months in the Toronto Coneral Prison. Before Judge McHugh today Wright was convicted on three separate charges. For the attempt to extort money he was sentenced to twenty-three months, for carrying dangerous weapons he was sentenced to on year, and for assaulting Nicholas Ballard, an hotel-keeper at McGregor, to six months —all the sentences to run concurrently. Two other charges of threatening were dismissed.

Naval Estimates Show Increase of \$63,000,0.0 Over Previous Year.

London, March 13.-The naval estimates issued to-night provide for the expenditure of \$221,962,500, an increase of \$53,000,000 over the previous year. The cost of new construction is fixed at \$15,318,585. The programme includes five Dreadnoughts, three protected ernis-ers, one unarmored cruiser, twenty de-stroyers, six submarines, and an increase in the personnel of the navy of 3,000

The Right Hon. Reginald McKenna, First Lord of the Admiralty; favored five, but the radical section of the Cabinet and Liberal party insisted that

four would suffice.

Mr. McKenna's statement shows that a compromise has been reached be-tween the insistent radical demands tween the insistent radical demands for naval economy and the Admiralty authorities. According to this, by April 1 the battleship Neptune, the armored cruiser Indefatigable, and five protected cruisers will be available for service, while the vessels un-der construction will include ten bat-tleships, three armored cruisars armored tleships, three armored cruisers, seven protected and three unarmored cruis-ers, thirty two destroyers, and twelve submarines.

The Conservatives criticise the amount devoted to new equipment, as being insufficient to do much within the present year on new vessels laid down.
It is said that a heavy new construction programme, which will include eight Dreadnoughts, is projected for mext year.

DID KILL AND SLAY

Toronto Jury Returns , Verdict and Makes Recommendation

Toronto despatch: The inquest intothe death of Edward Jacobs, who died from injuries received by being struck by an automobile at Bloor and Clinton streets on Friday last, was concluded last night before Chief Coroner A. J. Johnson, when the following verdict was rendered, "That Edward Jacobs came to his death through injuries received to his death through injuries received by being knocked down by an automo-bile driven recklessly by persons un-known, and that the said persons did kill and slay him."

The foreman of the jury upon ren-dering the verdict stated that the jurors were of the opinion that the number on automobiles should be placed higher up automobiles should be placed higher up on the back of the benneau in order to keep the dust from settling on it and thus obscuring it from view. The Chief Coroner strongly approved of the recom-mendation, which he believed, would be heartily endorsed by the owners of automobiles.

The Ontario Motor League has offer ed a reward of \$100 for information lead ing to the arrest and conviction of the

FOR CORONATION.

Names of Members of Parliament Selected to Represent Canada.

Ottawa, March 13.-The members of the Commons, who will go with the Parliamentary delegation to the Coro nation as the guests of the British Parliament, have been agreed upon. The But the Combings of Well-to-Do ing British Columbia; George E. Mc Craney, Saskatoon, representing Saskat-chewan; Dr. Clark, Red. Deer, repre-senting Alberta; Hugh Guthrie, South

panied by their wives.

The members selected to represent the Opposition side of the House are: Hon. John Haggart, Hon. G. E. Foster, Mr. H. B. Ames, Dr. Daniel and Mr. C.

A. Magrath. Mr. Borden will not join the delega-tion, as he intends to devote the summer to a series of political meetings various parts of the Dominion.

LAND MORTGAGE.

Toronto despatch: The Land Mort gage Companies' Association of Ontario. which is composed of twenty-six of the leading loan companies of the Province, with assets aggregating \$111.392 864

W. Cartwright, Hamilton; Second Vice President, Mr. Edward Saunders; Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. George H. Smith: and Messrs. V. B. Wadsworth, Walter Gillespie, C. A. Morrow, C. Ferrie, Hamilton; William Buckingham, Stratford; J. H. Helm, Port Hope; J. W. Stewart, St. Thomas; A. M. Smart and Hume ronyn, London.

TROUBLE IN LISBON.

Lisbon, March 13.—Two priests who vere ordered prosecuted for reading the astoral letter which had been forbidden by the Minister of Justice, presented themselves to day before the local auththemselves to day before the local authorities. They were accompanied by a mob armed with clubs. A troop of cavalry dispersed the mob, and one of the priests was arrested.

5 DREADNOUGHTS. HOW TO RAISE AND CARE FOR THE PROFITABLE HEN.

LESSON I--A START IN HEN BUSINESS.





For long it was the generally accepted theory that a hen needed about 160 acres in which to roam and scratch, and that a big barnlike house was needed for just a medium sized flock to roost.

Wrong. One well tested system gets excellent results both in eggs and meat by confining chickens in very close quar-

cost of living Also it will make you free of the cold storage product, and what is almost as good to the city man, the larger the production of eggs and poultry the less the demand for pork, beef and mutton, and correspondingly lower prices for all meats.

Any one who has tried it will tell you that it's mighty nice to go out to the nests in your own backyard and get some fine fresh eggs, eggs that are eggs! Maybe the kiddles won't like those fresh eggs! Maybe the won't take to

Maybe the kitdies won't like those fresh eggs! Maybe they won't take to those chickens! And maybe the wife won't enjoy the baby chicks and the fluffy grown up brood!

In succeeding articles a study of chicken raising business will be made from the standpoint of the individual who wants to vice them in the lightness.

the standpoint of the individual who wants to raise them in the limited space most city people have.

Now, before you decide upon any plan or anything in connection with chicken raising, let this sink deep into your cranium: Don't have scrub chicken a property of the people which was constituted in the property of the people which was constituted in the property of the people which was constituted in the property of the people which was constituted in the people was a second with the people was a people with the people was a people with the people was a people which was a people with the people was a people was a people which was a people which was a people with the people was a people was a people with the people was a people with the people was a people was a people was a people with the people was a people your cranium: Por't have serub chickens around the place. Get good chickens, good breeds. Of course, that will cost a little rore to begin with, but they will pay and pay well, while with scrubs you will make a failure nine times out of ten.

There are many good breeds of chickens Many poultar fanciers like the Levens fanciers like the Levens fanciers like the Levens fanc

There are many good breeds of chickens, Many poultry fanciers like the Legiborn best, and both white and brown Leghorns have their advocates. They say that the Leghorn is the best layer and that being small they require less room, less food, and produce more eggs in a year than any other breed. But in a year than any other breed. But there isn't much flesh on the Leghorn

It pays to raise chickens in the ner ence in a while, a larger fowl ity. There's no doubt about it. good. For good, all-round layers and meat producers, Orpingtons, Plymouth Rocks, Wyandottes and Rhode Island Reds each have their admirers. Personal-ly, I like the Orpington best. It's a big chicken, lays well during the cold wea-ther, can accommodate itself to limited

Anyway, whatever breed you select, the big part of chicken raising comes af-terwards. For the novice it would be

by confining chickens in very close quarters. In little backyards of city lots a flock of hens will grow and lay and fatten for the market or your table just as if they were on the farm.

If the largest plot you can give to chickens is only eight feet by four, that will do for a half dozen hens and a rooster, and with right care you ought to get 50 dozen egs. a year.

Multiply that by more space and more hens and ase how it will cut down your cost of living. Also it will make you free of the cold storage product, and what is almost as good to the city man, the larger the production of eggs and the larger that to you day and night. And there's a reason. You must get practical experience, must have your failures and successes before you eat think of making money on a lawy and night. And there's a reason. You must get practical experience, must have your failures and successes before you eat think of making money on a large product, and there's a reason. You must get practical experience, must have your failures and successes before you can think of making money on a large product, and there's a reason. You must get practical experience, must have your failures and successes before you can think of making money on a large product and the starts will be starts small. Every expert the starts that the you day and night. And there's a reason. You must get practical experience, must ha

said about layers in later articles.

Before you get the chickens get the house for them to live in. The size of that depends altogether upon the size of the flock you will want to keep, and upon the space at your disposar.

The main things to be remembered in building chicken houses are these: It y must be dry, well-wentilated, both winter and summer, and room enough for each fowl: roosts need not be more than

each fowl; roosts need not be more than 18 inches from the floor; plenty of light is also necessary.

Every effort must be made to prevent drafts, therfore place the roosts near the back of the house, and except on real cold nights burlap coverings for doors and windows are enough. Fresh air can get through while drafts can-not.

The house need not be expensive: A

The house need not be expensive. A boy handy with hammer and saw ought to be able to put up a good one. Rough wire netting can be used to enclose a runway where the chickens can have their needed exercise.

Now having built the house and decided upon the breed, the next thing is to begin. This you can do with eggs. young chicks, or with hens.

If you decide to buy young chicks the problem of incubation is removed, but if you intend to keep the chicken house in active operation for years you will find it to your interests to learn how to hatch your own chicks.

to hatch your own chicks.

Next week's talks will be on fromEggs to Chicks, and will be found very
interesting and profitable.

and as many people like a chicken din-(Continued Next Week.)

Hair Not Taken from the Heads of Dead Chinese People,

People, Mostly

Washington, March 13.--Wowen senting Alberta; Hugh Guthrie, South, France, South, South Beland. Beauce, representing Quebec; F. that they are wearing hair taken from the dead, according to the United States Brunswick; J. H. Sinclair, Guyshoro, representing Nova Scotia, and A. B. Warburton, Queen's, representing Prince Edward Island. Manitobs will be represented by either Senator Waten Warburton, Queen and Manitoba will be represented by either Senator Watson or Senator Findlay Young.

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Selected to represent during the past few months, the hair hard been sold.

The hair shipped from the Chinese Empire is the combings from well-to-do people, mostly women, wars the Consul-General. Combings that formerly were thrown away, he adds, now are and sold to barbers by Chinese maids. Barbers also obtain considerable hair

while plying their trade.

Much of the Chinese product, is sent Paris and is exported from there to anada and the United States as French

THE FARMER'S BOY. Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph, with assets aggregating \$111.392,864, held its annual meeting yesterday. The President, Mr. R. S. Hudson, occupied the chair, and there was a very representative gathering of the delegates from the various companies of which the association is composed.

All the present officers and numbers of the school surroundings by planting trees, shrubs or vines, is called to the work of the school division of the Every. from the various companies of the association is composed.

All the present officers and members of the Executive Committee were replaced in annels: President, Mr. R. S. branches of the Ontario Farmers' Technological College viz. the Ontario Agriculture. nical College, viz.: the Ontario Agricul-

tural College.

This organization was started two years ago for the purpose of bringing the schools of the Province into clover connection with the college. The work is now past the experimental stage. In 1909 there were 117 schools co-operating in the work and last year 237 schools. It is expected that this year there there taking up the work.

trial or vocational education is growing, and with our Government taking legislative steps to support this line of work. it should not be long before practically every school in Ontario has modified its work in the direction of giving the boys and girls some practical instruction in those things that concern every-day life.

The introduction of agriculture into the introduction of agriculture into the pay the heapital and doctor hills.

by the schools' division may be found to help in the solution of this problem. For this year the schools' division is arranging to send out seed packets for children's gardening, seed grain for small experimental plots, shrubs, vines and tulip bulbs for school ground improvement; tree seeds and agricultural seeds are also included in its distribution. To ols undertaking to frame it and give it a place on the walls, a picture Agricultural College is sent free also. For some of these things no charge is strictly for educational purposes; for nost of the material, however, a charge is made as it is not possible, nor con-sidered advisable, to undertake a free

distribution of valuable material. In all phases of the work, teachers and pupils are provided with instruction sheets, booklets or charts; they are not left alone in the work, but have the experience and co-operation of others who are doing the same kind of work Any teachers or trustees interested in

the work may secure information re-garding it by addressing as below: S. B. McCREADY, Director, Schools' Division, Exptl. Union, O. A. College, Guelph, Canasia. FELL INTO PIT

Benjamin Gomm Met Death on Way Home From Massey Hall.

Toronto despatol says: Falling into an asinot, in the rear of the Merchants' Bank at the southeast corner of Roncesvalles avenue and Dundas street shortly before avenue, and the state of the skull, which proved fatal about fifteen minutes after receiving medical attention. The remains were removed to the morgue, and the Chief Coroner notified.

Gomm, in company with Claude Wasdell, who also boards at the above addell, who also boards at the above address, attended the reciprocity meeting in Massey Hall. Wasdell, the police say states that on the way home. Gomm complained of feeling unwell, and that wher the Dundas car reached Roncesvalles avenue and Dundas, they alighted from the car. To the east of the bank building there is a vacant lot, and about ten feet from the street there is an assibil, with a brick foundation, while is used by the bank.

At the place where the accident happened it was quite dark. Upon reaching the sidewalk Gomm walked alongside the building, while Wasdell remained on the sidewalk. It was while groping his way back that Gomm fell into the side. Home From Massey Hall.

pened it was quite dark. Upon reaching the sidewalk Gomm waiked alongside the building, while Wasdell remained on the sidewalk. It was while groping his way back that Gomm fell into the pit. Deceased is survived by a wife and four children.

BRANTFORD ITALIANS.

After Stabbing Affray Local Italians Agree to Disarm.

Brantford despatch: Four months in It is expected that this year there there will be much larger number of schools taking up the work. Interest in industrial or vocational education is growing.

Geostini di Rada, a local Italian, for trial or vocational education is growing. jail and a fine of \$75 in default with