

LOOKS DARK FOR WILCOX.

A Great Effort Will be Made to Convict Him

OF MURDER OF ELLA CROPSY.

Norfolk, Va., Jan. 7.—The search for clues which may lead to the discovery of the cause of Ella Cropsey's death and perhaps the conviction of the one who murdered her is being pursued diligently at Elizabeth City, N. C., by the members of the citizens' committee, who from the time she disappeared have had charge of the search for her.

Coroner Fearing and Dr. Wood, who performed the autopsy upon the body, have since then said that they have not told all they discovered and will not do so until Wilcox is tried at the March term of court. They told enough, though, to warrant the coroner's jury in incorporating into the verdict a recommendation under which the authorities could do nothing less than hold James Wilcox, and the use of his name by the jury seems to indicate that they believe he may be the murderer.

A prominent criminal lawyer here came to-day that he believed Wilcox guilty. "Innocent men who are accused of a crime tell," he said, "but guilty men are silent. I do not believe, though, that he can be convicted on the evidence so far obtained, unless the prosecution is keeping something from the public."

That Miss Cropsey committed suicide is generally discredited by friends. There are a few, however, who think that she may have done so, and in plunging into the river received the blow on her head which was not discovered when her body was found, but was revealed by the autopsy.

QUEER FAMILY LAWSUIT.

Father Declared Dead Raised Second Family.

SUIT OVER A BIG LEGACY

New York, Jan. 7.—After being thought dead for over a quarter of a century James Morrow, nephew of "Billy" McMahon, who owned the Times, during the days of the Tweed regime, has claimed a share of his uncle's estate, worth, it is said, \$400,000.

Last summer Samuel H. Morrow, his son by the woman whom he left in this city nearly thirty years ago, was given a share of the estate by Justice Villersleeve, of the Supreme Court, who decided that James Morrow was legally dead. Now father and son are opposed to each other in a legal fight. Neither has ever seen the other, the father leaving the city before the birth of the son.

Morrow is said to have commenced the suit in the interest of his five children by a second wife, whom he married after being thought dead by his first wife. The latter got a divorce from him on the ground of abandonment, believing at the time he was dead. She, too, married again. Some time after Morrow went west his first wife received a letter in his handwriting and signed with his name, saying that he was in a hospital at Orange, Texas, that he had been shot in a saloon and would probably never leave the hospital alive. He begged for forgiveness for his long silence. Soon after William Findlay, of Newark, received a letter from a friend, saying James Morrow had died in the Texas hospital. A couple of months ago James Morrow heard of his uncle's death and the fact that he had been declared legally dead. Friends had told him in the late seventies of the divorce obtained by his wife, and in 1880 he married a girl in Brazil. In testimony in the divorce Morrow has returned to Illinois. He did not visit his former wife or the son he has never seen.

WOMAN DRESSES DOWN

A Street Car Conductor Who Was Rude.

THEN HAS HIM FINED \$10.

St. Louis, Jan. 7.—Miss Kialto, the first dancer who appeared in the Commodore theatre, arose in her night dress and snatched a street car conductor on the nose. When he was found upon the pavement, she roared him, true woman fashion, of more or less choice in dark brown hair.

This morning both were in the Central Police Court, and the Recorder, after hearing the testimony and consulting many learned books, allowed the actress to go free and imposed a fine of \$10 upon the man of the ball punch. The outcome of the lawsuit was hailed with some joy by common folk as well as the theatrical element.

Kialto's pugacity was aroused because the conductor, after endeavoring to make her get out of the car, refused to let her on her own fare more than custom allows, endeavored to enforce his point by wordy insults and slight physical pressure. It was the contention of the actress that he had addressed her in picture language, but by no means delicate vocabulary, and then caught her rudely by the arm.

His eyes and knees. It is certain, Miss Kialto, that she was with sudden and practically irresistible fury, using her fists and knees with amazing rapidity, precision and force. The hour was midnight and she had just left the Commodore and was on her way to the club. There were a dozen passengers on the car, mostly men, and Kialto was nearest the rear door.

When the actress leaped on the astounded fare taker, he broke ground, retreating to the platform. She followed up the advantage, adding vocal exercise to the muscular. Her adversary also used tongue and lungs. The motor-man heard and put on brakes, and the passengers began to take a lively interest. As the car slowed down the dancer began a second onslaught, and the conductor tumbled to the pavement, giving vent to further exclamations of a sulphurous nature. The dancer was not slow to follow up her advantage.

Hands Full of Hair. Rialto tired of the sport when her hands were full of hair. She had no sooner arose when the conductor leaped to his feet and rushed at her savagely.

Musculine passengers here interested, and called a policeman. The conductor was locked up. On representations of reputable eye witnesses the pugilistic dancer was allowed to proceed to the hotel on promise that she would appear in court to-day.

The conductor, when arraigned, looked as if he had just come out of the prize ring.

GERMS COMMIT SUICIDE.

An Antipathy to Water Given as the Reason.

TRACING MARKINGS ON DOGS.

Chicago, Ill., Jan. 7.—According to bacteriologists of the American Society of Naturalists, some kinds of germs have an antipathy for water that they actually commit suicide to escape the fluid. At today's meeting of the society it was proclaimed as an established fact that water is in itself an agent deadly to many kinds of germs, and that milk also has destructive attributes within itself.

The information was brought out by Prof. H. L. Russell, of the University of Wisconsin, who read a paper on "The Toxicity of Water Toward Certain Pathogenic Bacteria."

Prof. Russell described the results of experiments which proved to his satisfaction that towards some forms of germ life water acts as a poison. He said also that the consequences of suicide of the bacteria in water is the purification of the water. The waste substances thrown off by the life processes of the germs form, when in solution, poisons which destroy the germs produced by them.

President Seligman, connected with Prof. Russell, but the latter was upheld by Dr. Jordan, of the University of Chicago. An interesting point of view was taken by the bacteriologists by E. B. Meek and F. W. Lutz in a paper on "The Inheritance of Color in Pointers." It proved that the markings of dogs could be traced to their ancestors with mathematical exactness—one-half inherited from the parents, one-fourth from the grandparents, and so on, in a geometric progression.

The next convention will be held at Washington, D. C.

U. S. AT THE CORONATION.

The President Will Send an Ambassador to London.

SIX WARSHIPS ALSO GOING.

Washington, Jan. 7.—The American Government intends to participate in a manner befitting the dignity and importance of a great nation. There is to be a naval display at Cowes, on the English coast, and the administration has determined that the American navy shall be appropriately represented. With that end in view more warships are to be sent to Europe than in any previous occasion. The cruiser San Francisco is in readiness to go, and the magnificent new battleship Illinois will be assigned to the European station as the flagship of Rear-Admiral A. S. Crownshield, who will be the commander of the United States naval forces. About Feb. 1st the protected cruiser Albany, now in Europe, will be the other representatives of the United States navy on that occasion.

There is a probability that the famous Brooklyn, Admiral Sampson's ship in the war with Spain, will again go to England, also to do honor to royalty. She is now in the Philippines. Should all the ships mentioned be chosen for this service, Admiral Crownshield will have six American war vessels in the grand parade at Cowes. The inclination of President Roosevelt is also to send special army and navy representatives, but no names have been suggested.

The President has determined to send a special ambassador to the coronation ceremonies, who will be accredited personally to King Edward.

So far as can be ascertained, the President has not expressed preference for any man for this office, although there is a feeling in official circles that he would be happy to offer it to Grover Cleveland or Andrew Carnegie. The man selected must not only have sufficient distinction to entitle him to the honor, but plenty of private means as well, for the personal expenses of a special ambassador are always very large.

A YOUTHFUL SUICIDE.

Boy Debarred From Going Out Takes His Own Life.

New York, Jan. 6.—Arthur Bartel, the fifteen-year-old son of John Bartel, a contractor of Long Island City, committed suicide to-day by hanging himself from a beam in his room, but owing to the heavy down-pour of rain Mr. Bartel forbade him to do so. The lad said nothing but "I am disappointed. A search discovered a hanging by a clothesline in the barn."

DOUBLE MURDER HID BY FIRE.

Wealthy Couple Cremated in Their House.

STORY OF FARM HAND.

Chicago Man Confesses Scheme to Swindle Insurance Companies—Interstate Commerce Commission to Enquire Into Great Railway Deal.

Litchfield, Minn., Jan. 7.—The authorities here are now firmly convinced that Mr. and Mrs. Milton Gordon, who were found burned to death in their home on Wednesday night, were murdered. There were but three persons in the house, which is situated on a farm a few miles north of here, when the fire occurred. A boy 18 years old, employed as a farm hand, made his escape from the burning building in his night clothes. He says that Mrs. Gordon succeeded in getting out of the building, but her husband, who was a wealthy man, was unable to do so. When the fire broke out the place was full of people, and the fire spread so rapidly that the house was consumed in a few minutes. The fire was caused by a gas stove, which had been left burning after the family had retired.

Chicago, Jan. 7.—John Rominski, a candy maker, has confessed that he had been identified with a conspiracy to defraud fire insurance companies. The burning of three buildings in Chicago within six months, damage amounting to thousands of dollars, his own disfigurement for life by an explosion of gasoline while starting a fire, and the collection of \$1,000 in insurance money, were part of the conspiracy, which was being carried out in his confession. Rominski implicates four others as accomplices.

Chicago, Jan. 7.—At his meeting here next Wednesday, the Interstate Commerce Commission will move against the Northern Securities Company and investigate the combine of the Great Northern, Northern Pacific, and Burlington Railways.

The commission will probe the entire matter of "community of interest" between great railway systems, but the specific investigation will be aimed at the Northwestern Railways. Hundreds of witnesses, among them many of the leading railway promoters, and owners in the country, have been summoned to appear in Chicago next Wednesday to testify before the commission. All the western railroad magnates have been summoned to appear, and the commission will hear testimony from them.

The commission will also hear testimony from the public.

SOME FORTY LIVES LOST.

Steamer Walla Walla Lost in a Collision.

SIXTY SURVIVORS AT EUREKA.

Eureka, Cal., Jan. 7.—The steamer Walla Walla was sunk early this morning, the result of collision with an unknown sailing vessel. News of the disaster was brought to Trinidad by a boat from the foundered vessel, and the steamer Dispatch arrived with sixty of the crew and passengers of the wrecked vessel.

The Walla Walla left San Francisco for Eureka Sunday night. It was thought here that forty lives were lost in the wreck of the Walla Walla. The collision occurred at 4 o'clock in the morning, when all the passengers were asleep. The sailing vessel, which was a small schooner, was seen by the steamer Walla Walla in the small hours of the night. They were unable to land, owing to the character of the coast, and drifted about all day yesterday, when they were picked up by the steamer Dispatch. One boat with seven people arrived at Trinidad, twenty miles north of here.

DOWN ON HER LUCK.

Hope Booth, Toronto Actress, is a Bankrupt, Owning \$40,000.

New York, Jan. 7.—Hope Booth, the actress, residing at 40 West 11th street, filed a petition in bankruptcy yesterday, under the name of Hope Booth Earl. Her scheduled liabilities of \$37,500 and her available assets, she has wearing apparel worth \$200, but that is except. There are thirty-three creditors, the chief according to the schedules, being Thomas DeWitt of 111 Broadway, \$10,000, for money loaned to her from 1898 to 1901 in backing the theatrical productions of "The Girl in the Red Velvet" and "The Girl in the Blue Velvet."

After she goes through bankruptcy she expects to fill an engagement in Berlin. Two weeks ago she got a divorce from her husband, Frank Earl. She formerly had two children in London, and some years ago said she was worth \$150,000.

EFFECTIVE QUARANTINE.

Illinois Man Shooked to the Floor to Keep Him In.

Paris, Ill., Jan. 7.—With chains padlocked to his ankles and the other ends being attached to staples in the floor of his room, William Donnelly, of the town of Kansas, this county, is observing a smallpox quarantine order he has persisted in ignoring.

This novel method was adopted by Mayor Steele, after Donnelly had left home, where his son was sick with smallpox, in defiance of the order of the authorities. Donnelly went through the town yesterday, although forbidden to leave the house, and the Mayor could find no other way to prevent him from exposing citizens to danger.

The chains, two in number, are riveted to the bedroom floor, and are long enough to permit Donnelly to walk around a little or to lie down on a cot, but he cannot rest himself. The Mayor's order is to keep the shackles on until the quarantine on the house is raised. The mayor's action has the indorsement of the entire community.

WHERE DIVORCE IS EASY.

Illinois Court Stands In With Suitor.

REVELATIONS IN WINDSOR CASE

Windsor, Jan. 7.—At a hearing in the Windsor circuit court yesterday, day Magistrate Bartlett was given some startling information relative to procedure in the Division Court in Springfield, Ill. J. N. Watts, owner of the Windsor laundry, a former resident of Springfield, was arrested in Windsor at the instance of his former wife, on a charge of abducting her 15-year-old daughter, Catharine. When the evidence for the prosecution was in the court announced that a case for extradition had been made out, but Watts claimed that the divorce decree, which gave the custody of the child to her mother, was obtained by fraud.

Attorney J. N. Sreig, of Springfield, who acted for Mrs. Watts when she secured her divorce, told how it was obtained. It was the intention, he said, to ask for the divorce on the ground of infidelity, but as this could reflect on the child it was decided to simply charge extreme cruelty. It was arranged between the parties, he said, that no defence was to be made, and there was also an understanding with the court. Mrs. Watts and her sister, the attorney said, swore to enough to secure the divorce when it was not contested, although he admitted it was a very improper thing to do.

"We often do that sort of thing in our courts," said Sreig. "We fix things up beforehand. Why, I even knew what fee the court was going to allow me." Joseph M. Groat, the attorney who acted for Watts, corroborated Sreig's statement. "Well, that certainly is the most remarkable condition of affairs I ever heard of," commented the Magistrate. The case was adjourned for a week to Friday, when J. H. Clark, who appeared for Mrs. Watts, an opportunity to produce rebuttal testimony.

UNLUCKY STAGE BLOW.

"Villain" With Indian War Club Injures Miss Overton's Spine.

Mount Vernon, N. Y., Jan. 7.—Miss Bessie Overton, a participant in the part of Paul in "The Octoroon" at the Opera House in this city, was badly hurt last night while on the stage. In the second act she was supposed to kill Paul by striking him on the head with an Indian war club. Eugene Orndway, who plays the part of the villain, struck a blow which caused her to fall just behind Miss Overton's head, but he miscalculated, and the club hit Miss Overton with a thud that was heard all over the theatre.

The girl fell, and the audience broke into applause at what they supposed was her realistic acting. For several minutes Miss Overton lay on the stage before anyone realized that she was hurt. Then the curtain was rung down. At the close of the performance Miss Overton was taken to the home of Dr. George H. Wells in a carriage, where it was found that the blow had injured her spine and that she might be permanently incapacitated. The actor who struck Miss Overton is overcome with grief.

IN DEATH UNITED.

Aged Wife "Slipped Away" to Join Her Mate.

New York, Jan. 7.—Through shock, brought on by the sudden death of his favorite niece, and exposure to severe cold, John P. Hilliard, of No. 222 West Twenty-second street, died Monday of pneumonia, and his wife, Margaret, who was informed of her husband's death, became semi-unconscious, lingered a few hours and died the next day.

"It was one of the most pitiful ever seen in my long medical experience," said Dr. W. H. Rogers, of No. 225 West Twenty-second street, when speaking of Mr. and Mrs. Hilliard's death. They were both 69 years of age, have always been very dependent upon each other. Never have I seen such a loving couple, ever thinking of each other's wants and comforts.

"When Mr. Hilliard died on Monday, Mrs. Hilliard, after the greatest grief, slipped into a semi-conscious state, from which, despite all our efforts, we could not rouse her. She simply slipped away. She wanted to die, for when she heard of her husband's death, she shook her head and I had to force her to lie down."

"As they lie side by side now in their coffins each face wears a contented smile."

Many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Hilliard said yesterday that their hearts were broken. They had heard him, but had not been told of his death.

Mr. Hilliard was a member of the Grand Lodge of the Odd Fellows, and was a very popular man in the community.

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OH, THOSE OLD GIRLS!

Dr. Vann Objects to Army of Wrinkled Dames

WHO SEEK TO MARRY HIM.

Goshen, N. Y., Jan. 7.—Dr. James Nicholas Vann, who is looking for his fourteenth wife, is so bothered by lonely women who want to marry him on the spot that he is becoming alarmed. He has issued a warning that undesirable women must keep away.

Any young, nice looking, plump blonde of sunny disposition may apply, but all old and wrinkled come at their peril. "A young and lovely woman," says Dr. Vann, "is the human heart's delight, but the old, desponding woman, who insists on marrying you whether you are willing or not, is a jacked and a beast, or prey. I shall greet them as such."

Dr. Vann was a famous hunter at one time and devoted years to the capture of wild animals for Dan Rice, this county man. Dr. Vann was attired as usual in a silk tie and frock coat to-day, as he stood in the midst of his preparations to repel invaders. He is a little man, wiry, and nervous, but very amiable despite his ninety-four years. His skin is tanned and darkened by the sun of many summers. His armament consists of many deadly weapons, which he used in his career as a hunter. The gun boots are for wading through the mud. The doctor thinks his determined attitude will scare away all the old girls.

"My first twelve wives were fair and lovely women, and are undoubtedly now with the angels," said Dr. Vann. "My thirteenth wife was not, but she was all right. She was a first twelve were Susan Westbrook, her sister, Nancy, and her aunt, Mrs. Kate Westbrook, all of Milford, Pa.; Miss Mary E. Perdon, of Birmingham; Addie Graham, of Williamsburg, Va.; Sarah E. Deerpomp, of Philadelphia; Mary Jane Conkling, of Philadelphia; Miss Susie Corwin, of Milford, Pa.; Miss Annie Harding, of Philadelphia; Margaret J. Case, of Denver; Miss Julia De Wet, of Indianapolis; Miss Gertrude Laymont, of Indianapolis; and the Belle of Orleans county, the thirteenth."

"Dr. Vann," he was asked, "have you thought of the reunion which will take place in the joyous hereafter?"

"Yes, indeed," replied the old man. "If I were to meet all my deceased wives in any other place I fear the green-eyed monster would enter their hearts, but as all is happiness over there, I shall depart this life when the final summons comes without trepidation. I know that each of my deceased wives would rather have me happy than plodding around the world alone. Therefore I intend to marry again, and I trust my fourteenth wife may be in form and feature a composite picture of all the rest and the embodiment of their many virtues."

BELGIUM IN CONGO.

Conditions in Congo State a Disgrace to Civilization.

London, Jan. 7.—Capt. Gay Burrows, who has just returned from the employ of the Congo Free State Government after six years' service, declared, in an interview to-day, that the conditions prevailing in the Congo Free State were a disgrace to civilization, and far worse than ever before. He pictured atrocities of the most horrible character perpetrated by the natives by officials and whites, who had concessions of rubber lands. As a typical case of the means employed by the Free State Government, Capt. Burrows described the statement of an American missionary, to the effect that the officials employed five hundred cannibals, to whom they issued rifles, to massacre and capture unarmed natives who had rebelled against their brutal methods.

"I have sworn testimony," said Burrows, "of the Belgians, handing over natives to cannibal tribes for the express purpose of being eaten. Forced labor prevails everywhere, and shot-gun rule is the truest description of the present administration. The companies deriving wealth from the collection of rubber are all more or less state enterprises, and third or half the shares in them are favorably held by the Government."

"Latterly King Leopold and the Government have made some show of action against the agents of some of the Upper Congo companies, but only the so-called reforms are merely intended to throw dust in the eyes of the public, whose indignation has been aroused by the stories of this reign of terror. While the present systems for the collection of rubber and the recruitment of natives continue the Congo Free State will remain a disgrace to the white man's work in Africa."

EGYPTIANS ARE OUTDONE.

New Embalming Fluid Discovered Which Petrifies Bodies.

Memphis, Jan. 7.—Chas. B. Lewis, of Memphis, believes he has discovered an embalming fluid of the possibilities of which will pale the lustre of that used by the ancient Egyptians. The fluid prepared by Mr. Lewis has been used in an experimental way at the Memphis College long enough to show that it exceeds any of the preserving essences now in use by undertakers.

Mr. Lewis asserts that his discovery is superior to the embalming preparations used by the Egyptians, for while his infusion will preserve the subject for all time, humanly speaking, he did that of the ancients, it prevents the shriveling up that was inseparable from Egyptian embalming, and it does not call for the swaths and bandages in which all Egyptian mummies were encased.

Mr. Lewis has assured the hundreds who have viewed the subject in the last few days that it will not undergo any material change in the long after the present generation has turned to dust. The body has retained its size, but has become much heavier. Mr. Lewis explains, to the great amusement of the petrified body, that the mummy's strychnine is preparation.

FOR CONSUMPTIVES.

At the King's Expense Request for Secrecy Will be Maintained.

London, Jan. 7.—The Advisory Committee which is to supervise the application of the gift of one million dollars for the better treatment of tuberculosis, refuses to confirm or deny any of the reports regarding the identity of the donor. This is in deference to the King's express wish for secrecy. A member of the committee states: "The scheme is intended to benefit chiefly the lower middle class and clerks and shop assistants, while there will be twelve beds for more wealthy people, who may prefer an institution under Royal patronage to a private sanatorium, and who at the same time would be benefiting the resources of the institution." This committee member said that the figure of a million dollars, which had been published, was unauthorized, and purely hypothetical. He refused to divulge the actual amount beyond stating that it was sufficient for the object sought to be obtained.

Sir Ernest Cassel, the millionaire financier, who has been lately mentioned as the donor, is now in Egypt, and will visit India before returning to England.

A NORTHWEST B.G. BLAZE.

Very Disastrous Fire Ravages Portage la Prairie.

LOSS WILL BE ABOUT \$60,000.

Portage la Prairie, Man., Jan. 7.—2:20 a. m.—The most terrible fire that Portage la Prairie has seen for many years is raging at this hour. The blaze originated in the cellar of the Grand Central Hotel, on Saskatchewan avenue east, at 1:30 a. m., and although the brigade responded quickly, the flames fanned by the high northwest wind, soon became uncontrollable, and in a few minutes the building adjoining the hotel to the east, occupied by A. W. Bailey, harness and shoemaker, was enveloped in the fiery furnace, and the confectionery store of J. Postigan was almost immediately afterwards consumed. The fire zone, the fourth store east, the brick block of C. Newman and Bros., wholesale liquor store, on the corner, was next attacked by the fire.

To the left of the Grand Central, in the opposite direction to which the wind was blowing, were several flame buildings, and a fire department to burn the building and destruction rooms of J. G. Alton, the first to take fire, and several smaller stores followed, including George Hart's tailor and repair shop, a vacant shop next it, Miller's barber shop, and the premises of J. S. Rowe, photographer. By 4 o'clock the fire was under control.

The buildings burned are as follows: Grand Central Hotel and contents, A. W. Bailey's shoe store, A. St. John, Jeweller; C. Newman and Brothers, wholesale liquors and grocers; H. G. Alton, auction rooms; George Hart, tailor; J. Miller, barber; J. S. Rowe, photographer.

The firemen put forth every effort, but were seriously handicapped by the water supply in the avenue tank ran out, and while the engine was being moved to the Town Hall tank, the flames made great headway.

Several of the firemen were severely scorched and sustained painful bruises. The origin of the fire is unknown, but it is believed to have been caused by defective heating apparatus in the Grand Central Hotel basement.

J. Ward, who is in charge of the Grand Central Hotel, in the absence of the proprietor, Mr. Fitzgerald, who is in the East, had his foot and hands burned. Mr. Ward fainted when being taken from the burning building. It was with difficulty Mr. Ward got out his personal effects.

The loss is estimated at about \$60,000.

MARRIAGE IS OFF.

All Because of a Mean Camera Friend's Work.

Middletown, N. Y., Jan. 6.—Jennie Goddard and Harry V. Hammond, who, after a year's engagement, were to have been married on February 14th, are now strangers. A snapshot photograph, sent to the young woman, has parted them. The photograph showed Hammond as sitting by the sea waves with his arm around the waist of a young woman whose head rested lovingly on his shoulder, and the young woman was not Jennie. Hammond spent several weeks at Ashby Park last summer and the photograph reproduces an incident of that visit.

Hammond tried to convince Jennie that the picture was an innocent one, taken before he knew she was there, but she pointed out that the suit of clothes, or rather the suit of clothes, and the young woman, were those he wore last summer, and scornfully ordered him to leave her presence. A camera friend, who attentions Miss Goddard had rejected for those of Hammond, is suspected of sending the troublesome picture.

THE BOILER EXPLODED.

Three Men Were Scalded to Death in the Boiler House.

Parkerson, W. V., Jan. 7.—The boiler of the South Penn. 291 Company pumping station at Harri Rhodeson's, Doddridge County, exploded, scalding to death Harry Rhodeson, a pumpman of the company; Merle Frick, who ran a string of wire cleaning tools, and Dell Ash, his assistant.

The men were all in the boiler house working themselves when the explosion occurred. They broke open the door which had become locked, and escaped to another house a mile away. All were scalded so badly that after lying in the boiler house they died and in a few hours all were dead.