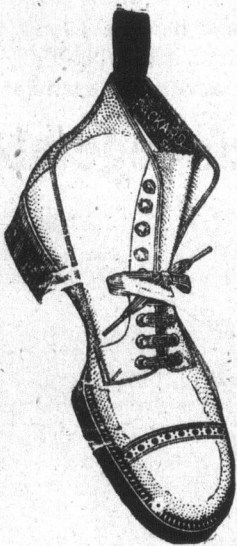


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EXPLOSION IN A MINE

Two Miners Killed And
Thirty-One Others Are
Seriously Injured

OTHER PARTY ENTOMBED

Scranton, Pa., March 4.—Fourteen men are near death in the Taylor Hospital and 12 others are suffering from slight burns through a terrific explosion of gas that swept through a portion of the Holden Mine of the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Co., at North Taylor, Saturday.

Whether or not thirty other miners escaped was in doubt up to 10 o'clock Saturday night when Mine Inspector Williams felt safe in saying they were all out of the mine and alive.

Searching parties, who toured the affected part of the mine, returned with the report that they could find no men in the workings.

Caused by Naked Lamp.
The force of the explosion was supposed to be caused by a naked lamp which was ignited by a naked lamp.

Two Miners Killed.
Two miners were killed and five badly burned by an explosion of gas in the Woodward Mine of the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Co. at Kingston Saturday evening.

The injured are foreigners. They were seriously burned, but it is believed they will recover.

The mine is very gaseous, and the men worked with safety lamps.

It was at first reported that a large number of men were entombed in the mine, but this arose from the accident at the Holden Mine near Scranton.

Oil Explosion Burns Twelve.
New York, March 4.—Mrs. Benjamin P. O'Connell, 42 years of age, was fatally injured, her husband, aged 43, seriously injured, and several of their ten small children painfully injured, by an explosion of a can of kerosene oil at their home in Brooklyn last night.

The mother, father and children received burns as they ran through the flames to the street.

Struck By Semaphores.
Toronto, March 4.—George Allan of Paris, Ont., is in Grace Hospital suffering from a fracture of the skull and severe scalp wounds and it not expected to recover, although he is still conscious.

Allan was found on Saturday afternoon in a car in the G.T.R. yards. He was in charge of a car of sheep being sent by Teller Bros. of Paris to the Ottawa Live Stock Show.

The injured man was looking out of the door of the car and was struck by a semaphores arm or some other object. He is not able to tell just what struck him.

Slip Brings Death.
Hamilton, March 4.—A fatal accident occurred on Saturday at Park and York streets, the victim being Steve Lambert, an employee of the Hamilton Brewing Association.

Lambert was carrying a keg of beer into a store, when he slipped. The keg crushed in his chest. He was taken to the City Hospital, where he died about an hour later.

Brakeman Falls to Death.
London, March 4.—H. P. Williams, 23 years of age, employed on the G. T. R. as a brakeman, was killed yesterday by falling from his train near Hyde Park.

SEVEN BUILDINGS BURN.
Damage to extent of \$25,000 Done Woodstock, N.B.

Woodstock, N.B., March 4.—A fire, which broke out about midnight, destroyed seven buildings, as follows: Sullivan Bros. pool and bowling alley, occupied upstairs by Misses Fisher's dwelling; Stevens and Hayden's grocery; occupied upstairs by Mrs. Baker's millinery store; the G. W. Gibson Co., building, occupied on the ground floor by the G. W. Gibson Co., tailoring and gent's furnishings store; and G. H. Harrison's insurance office, and upstairs by Mrs. Hayden's dressmaking and millinery establishment and the N. B. Telephone Exchange; the Dent building, occupied by Mrs. Camben and the Dent bakery downstairs, and the Dent dwelling upstairs.

The buildings are a total loss, but much of the stock was saved. The loss is estimated at \$25,000, of which \$15,000 is covered by insurance.

The town is now without telephones.

Gilbert to Hang.
Regina, Sask., March 4.—Gilbert, the aged murderer of Barrett Henderson, will hang on Friday next, 8th inst. Attorney-General Lamont having been notified by the Ottawa authorities that the appeal for a new trial had been dismissed.

Mail Bags Stolen In Street.
Chicago, March 4.—Three mail pouches, one filled with registered mail, said to contain \$5,000, was stolen from a wagon in front of the Stock Exchange building while the driver was making a collection in the building, last night.

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ONE SAILOR DROWNED

Eureka, Cal., March 4.—The steamer Corona (Captain Boyd), the best boat in the Pacific Coast Steamship Co.'s service between Eureka and San Francisco, lies straddling the north jetty on Humboldt Bay, a hopeless wreck.

With nearly 100 passengers aboard, the vessel struck on Saturday as Captain Boyd was attempting, in the teeth of a stinging wind and terrific bar flood, to drive her into port.

Women were hysterical and men were in panic, but reassuring words from the crew finally brought calm.

Assembled On Deck.
Then the passengers assembled on the hurricane deck, where they remained until the rescue work was undertaken a few hours later.

Soon after the ship struck a boat in charge of Quartermaster Gunn was lowered. It contained three of the crew and three steerage passengers. This boat capsized at once in the boiling surf, and Sailor Herriekson was drowned. Gunn and the others reached shore.

A second boat in charge of Second Officer N. V. Johann, was put off. Badly battered and leaking, this boat reached shore.

Tried to Carry a Line.
Then T. E. Sothorn, night saloon watchman, formerly a marine in the United States navy, stripped to the waist and attempted to carry a line ashore. The line parted before he had gone far, Sothorn was picked up by live savers.

Several attempts were made to shoot a line aboard, but each time the line fell short.

Finally Capt. Hennig of the life-savers reached the side of the Corona and picked up the line. Several unsuccessful attempts were made to work the life buoy, but it was not until near dark that Capt. Hennig and his men worked effectively. At that time the ship's boats had begun working, and at dusk Capt. Boyd, the last to leave the ship, stepped ashore.

The passengers were brought to Eureka. Nearly all had been drenched, and some were suffering greatly from the cold, exposure and nervous shock, but all will recover.

San Francisco, March 4.—The steamer Roanoke, the first boat to reach the steamer Corona when the latter was wrecked at the entrance to Eureka harbor, Saturday, arrived yesterday. Captain Dunham blames the United States Lighthouse board for the wreck. There have been four steamers wrecked on the Humboldt Reef during the year—The Newsboy, Corinthian, Sequoia and Corona—and Captain Dunham declared that all might have been prevented if the lighthouse board had been the channel properly buoyed.

Dakota Ashore at Tokio.
Yokohama, March 4.—The Great Northern steamer Dakota went ashore in the Bay of Tokio last night. All the passengers are safe, and the agents are hopeful of saving her.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.
FOR SALE—Hotel doing good business; reasons sickening. For further particulars apply Box 31, Windsor.

FOR SALE.—House on Foster street for sale at a bargain. Fifty acres of Lot 4, Con. 3, Chatham Township, must be sold at once to wind up estate. 62-1-2 acre farm, lot 1, River Road, Howard, also for sale at a low price. House and lots on Forest street; also other farm and city property for sale. Apply to S. B. Arnold, Barrister, etc., Fifth St., Chatham.

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Fine white lawn waist with fancy embroidery yoke, finished with valenciennes insertion, three quarter sleeve, pen back, collar, cuff and back tucked in clusters, \$1.25.

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Handsome embroidered muslin waist, clover design, low square yoke of lace pleats from shoulders, open back, short sleeves, \$2.75.

New white lawn waists, with yoke of handsome embroidery medallions linked with valenciennes lace, trimmed from yoke down with five rows of insertion and cluster tucking, \$3.50.

White lawn waists, elaborately trimmed with baby Irish insertion, pattern front of embroidery with baby Irish, \$3.75.

Waists of batiste or mull, with dainty trimmings of lace or embroidery with fine tucking, \$5.00.

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20 button Suede gloves in light and dark grey, light add dark tan, white and black, \$2.25 per pair.

24 button glove kid, in white and black, extra fine quality, \$3 per pair.

24 button suede gloves, in white or black, \$3 per pair.

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LOCAL

J. Walsh was a Wallaceburg visitor yesterday.

John Depencier, of Botany, while trucking logs on Saturday, had his hand severely jammed, several of the bones being broken. He was brought to the city and Dr. J. W. Rutherford dressed the wound.

Rev. Mr. Mulloney, of McMaster University, Toronto, preached two very able sermons at the William St. Baptist Church services yesterday.

Edward Gerber, the King St. grocer, claims to have seen the first real spring robin yesterday. The bird, Mr. Gerber says, was shaking the dust from his feathers and, to all appearances, was here to stay.

Mr. and Mrs. O. Hanson, who have been to California on their honeymoon, left for their new home in Grayling, Mich., this morning, after spending a few days with Mrs. Hanson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. Smith, Wellington St.

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SCARLE BLOCK

Boy wanted at once at Gray's China Hall.

Bert King, of Dresden, is in the city to-day.

Harry Anderson is renewing old acquaintances in the city this week.

Mr. Low, of Collier's Weekly, New York, is in the city on business this week.

Mr. Higley, manager of The Two T's branch at Wallaceburg, was a city visitor yesterday.

Miss Flossie Beaul is in Thamesville to-day attending the funeral of her cousin, Miss Christner.

Mrs. R. Allen and Mrs. Alex. McMain are guests of Mrs. A. R. Allen, King street, this week.

Walter Gray, recently employed at Gray's China Hall, has accepted a position on staff of local Sovereign Bank.

W. Richards, London, H. C. R., A. O. F., makes official visit to Court Pride, Dover, Tuesday evening, March 5th. Those wishing to go can take 7 o'clock car, returning at 11.30.

G. W. Sulman, the coming M. P. P. for West Kent, leaves for Brantford this afternoon to attend the K. O. T. M. provincial convention being held there.

One of the season's best attractions, playing only large cities is "My Wife's Family," a Musical Comedy at the Brisco to-morrow night.

A bowling league of five teams will be formed at Deane's bowling alley next Thursday night. The teams competing will be: Defiance Iron works, bankers, Gray's carriage works, hardware clerks, and Bob Stuart's team. Five silk umbrellas will be given to the winning team, and the person making the highest score throughout the contest will be given a fancy vest. The schedule will be drawn up on Thursday night.

THE RINK Good Skating To-night (weather permitting) Band Concert Tuesday Night

Miss Bessie Stone, Raleigh street, is confined to her home through illness.

"MY WIFE'S FAMILY"

The attraction billed for the Brisco to-morrow night is Stephens & Linton's musical farce comedy in three acts, entitled "My Wife's Family." Manager Brisco personally recommends this attraction. The cast is large and the singing is good. During the action of the play a number of vaudeville specialties will be introduced.

WON PRIZE

In an intensely keen competition, Walter Houghton, a pupil of S. S. No. 13, Howard, won the prize offered by "The Family Herald and Weekly Star," of Montreal, for the best essay on "How Best to Spend Christmas."

This reflects great credit on the schools of East Kent and shows conclusively, that under the earnest and careful supervision of the Rev. W. H. G. Colles, the schools of East Kent have become second to none in the Dominion.

Mr. Newkirk, the teacher of No. 13, Howard, is also to be congratulated for this success.

SKATING CONTESTS

The skating races held at the rink on Saturday night attracted quite a large crowd. In the boy's race of eight laps there were eight entries, and all started. Only two of the boys finished, however, the rest tiring, dropped out. C. Deloge won first money and E. Glassford second. In the sixteen lap men's race there were five starters and all finished.

The race for first was closely contested by Rayner and H. Morgan. Rayner led for the first eight laps but was finally distanced by Morgan, who won by a short margin. Dummy Wilson held third place, E. Cloutier fourth, and C. Bastie fifth. J. Glassford was the starter.

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