

Nine Firemen Perish As Crashing Wall Buries Aerial Truck

Explosion in Building Wrecks. Four
Stories of Structure and Firefighters
Are Carried to Death Among Fall-
ing Bricks—Policeman Also Killed.

TONS OF DEBRIS COVER VICTIMS.

Score of Men Are Injured When Sides
of Building Collapse—Work of
Rescue Is Hampered and Neighbor-
hood Is Plunged in Darkness.

CHICAGO, April 18.—Nine fire-
men and one policeman are known
to be dead, and sixteen firemen were
badly injured in a spectacular fire and
the crash of a four-story building to-
night. Others are missing, and the
total may exceed 20, as some of the
injured will not recover.

A huge brick wall, four stories
high, bulged outward by a terrific ex-
plosion, crashed down, burying men
and apparatus beneath tons of debris,
and apparatus beneath tons of debris,
ceiling Street.

The entire front of old Curran Hall,
a landmark on the Southwest Side
for many years, collapsed without
warning, and before any one of the
firemen fighting the flames was given
a chance to leap to safety.

More than twenty firemen were
mounted upon the city's new steel
water tower, erected in the centre
of the burning structure, when it
crumpled up like so much paper be-
neath the tons of brick that rained
down upon it.

Work of Rescue Hampered.
Work of rescue parties was ham-
pered when the entire neighborhood
was plunged into darkness, and by
the fear that two huge side walls
of the structure that tottered inward
might fall any moment, burying the
rescuers beneath them.

Patrol wagons and ambulances,
squad from the Detective Bureau,
and a whole corps of doctors and
nurses from the County Hospital,
were rushed to the scene to aid in
the work of administering to the
wounded and digging others still
alive from beneath the wreckage.

White-robed surgeons flitted about
in the smoke, administering opiates
to the wounded who could not be
extracted from the smouldering
ruins.

The fire was discovered shortly
after 7:30 o'clock as it was sweep-
ing through the paper factory of the
Allegiant Box Company, which occu-
pied the first floor of the structure.
Whole Front Blown Out.

A 4-11 alarm brought twenty com-
panies to the scene, and many of
them were lined up in front of the
building when a terrific explosion
came, flames leaping hundreds of
feet through the roof, and the en-
tire front of the building swung out-
ward into the street.

Nearly every fireman who was
working there at the time was either
injured or buried beneath the ava-
lanche of bricks. The side walls
crashed in, and this added to the dif-
ficulty of extricating bodies from the
debris.

Firemen were working on the third
and fourth floors when the building
collapsed. How many were plunged
into the midst of the burning cau-
dron is not known. The work of
digging dead and wounded from the
ruins occupied the entire attention
of both police and firemen, and there
was no time to check up on the
missing.

Doctors Hurried to Scene.
As soon as Fire Chief Buckley
reached the scene he sent a call for
assistance to Police Headquarters,
and every available policeman was
rushed to the scene to aid in the
rescue work and to keep back the
immense crowds attracted from all
parts of the city by the spectacular
blaze.

Drug stores in the vicinity were
converted into emergency hospitals,
and merchants generally in the
neighborhood volunteered the use of
their places in any way in which
they could be used.

Doctors hurried to the scene from
the West Side with their surgical kits
to administer hypodermic injections
to the wounded who could not be
pulled from the wreckage.

To Spend Millions For Development of Coal Fields

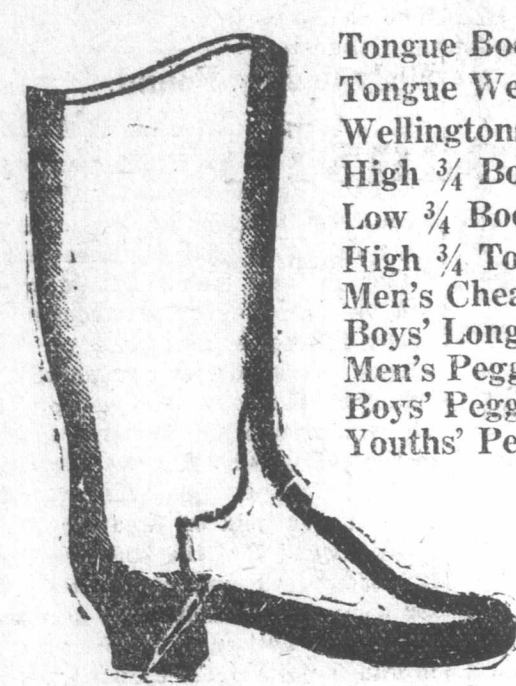
SYDNEY, C.B., April 18.—Seven
million dollars will be spent in the
development of the Inverness County
coal fields, North Cape Breton, by a
company which aims to control the
areas at Malou, Chimney Corner, and
Craigness. This development will in-
clude the building of a modern town
on the banks of the North East river
at Cape Mabou, the dredging of Ma-
bou Harbor, the building of a large
breakwater and the putting into com-
mission of a large fleet of steamers
in the St. Lawrence river trade.

The purpose is to land coal at
market twelve hours earlier than it
is being landed from any of the fields
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Steel Corporation. The new company
intends to compete with the British

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- Only
- Child's Brown Laced Boots. \$2.85
- Only
- Child's Pegged Boots. \$1.90
- Only

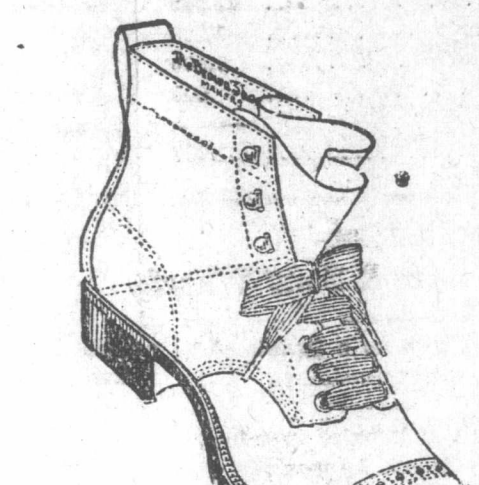
Youths' Boots

- Sizes 9 to 13.
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- Only
- Youths' Fine Kid Boots. \$3.30
- Price
- Youths' Tan Boots. Price \$3.75
- Youths' Pegged Boots. \$2.50
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Men's Work Boots--Sewn



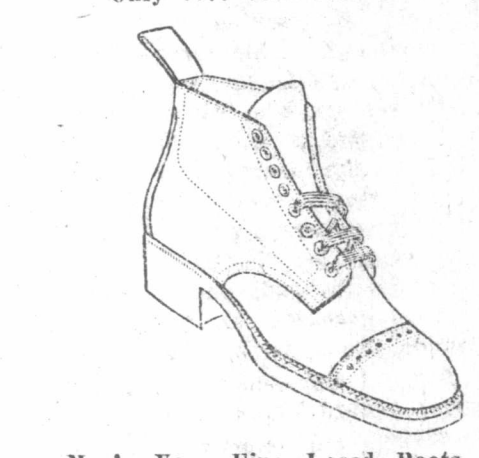
- Men's Fine Box Calf Boot. Price \$1.50
- Men's Soft Kid Boots. Price \$1.50
- Men's Elastic Side Boots. Price \$1.50
- Men's Gun Metal Boots. Price \$1.25



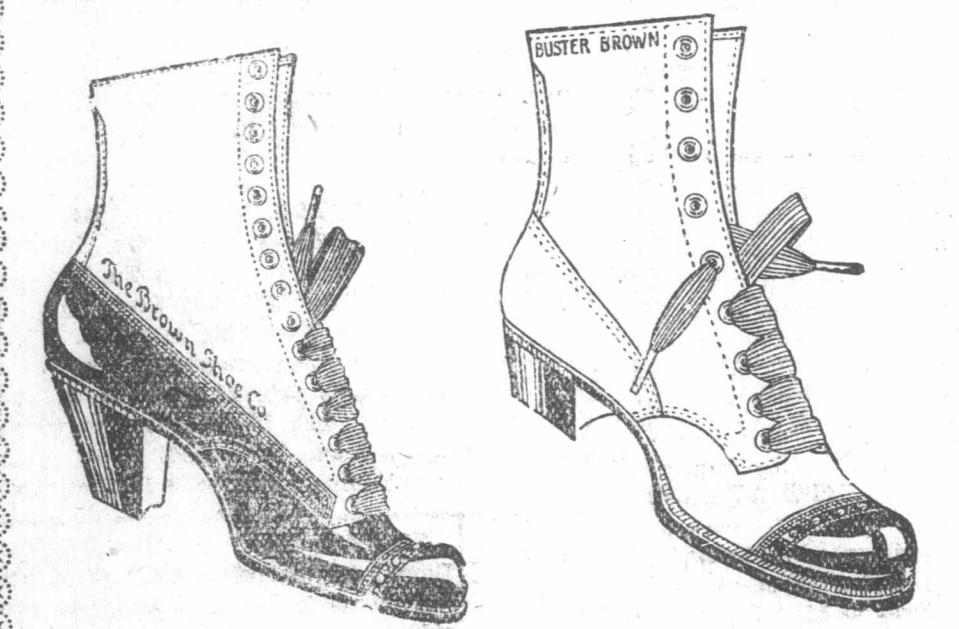
- Men's Heavy Tan Work Boots. \$2.75
- Only



- Men's Tan Laced Boots. Price \$1.50
- With Rubber Heel



- Men's Very Fine Laced Boots, \$2.50, \$2.70, \$2.80 and \$3.00.
- In all Leathers, for \$2.50, \$2.60, \$2.70, \$2.80 and \$3.00.



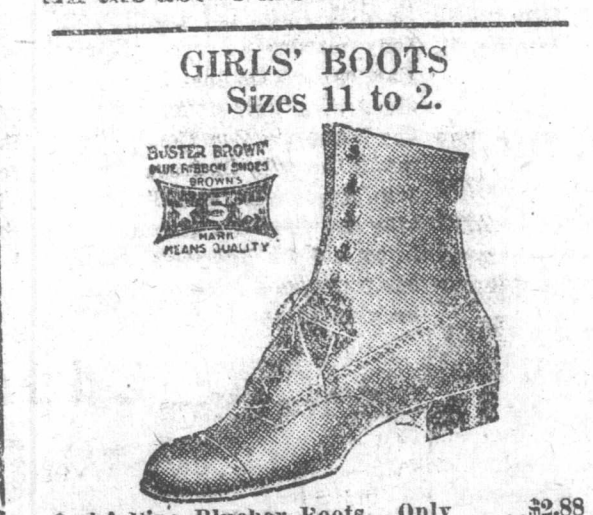
- Women's Fine Laced Boots. Price \$5.00
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- Women's Soft Kid Laced Boots for \$3.50
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- Women's Low Laced Shoes, for only \$2.75



- Boys' Fine All Leather Boots. \$3.50
- Price
- Boys' Box Calf Boots. Price \$3.70
- Boys' Tan Boots. Price \$4.50
- Boys' Pegged Boots only \$3.00
- All the above are from sizes 1 to 5



- Girls' Fine Blucher Boots. Only \$2.85
- Girls' Fine Kid Boots. Only \$2.90
- Girls' Black Button Boots. Only \$3.40
- Girls' Brown Laced Boots. Only \$3.50
- Girls' Pegged Solid Boots. Only \$2.25

Long Rubbers



- Men's Long Rubbers for \$5.50
- Men's Long Rubbers for \$4.75
- Men's Long Rubbers for \$3.75
- Boys' Long Rubbers for \$3.80
- Boys' Long Rubbers for \$3.00
- Youths' Long Rubbers for \$2.70
- Youths' Long Rubbers for \$2.50
- Women's Long Rubbers \$3.50
- Girls' Long Rubbers \$3.00
- Child's Long Rubbers \$2.80

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ships, which will enable the com-
pany to supply bunker at low rates.
It is expected that in a very short
time now the company, headed by A.
J. Touge, former general manager of
the Dominion Coal Company, will take
over and commence operating the
collieries.
J. W. Cummings, James Porter and
Mr. Stewart, New Glasgow, are among
the principal provincial shareholders.

Appaeciates Mr. Richards Good Work

(To the Editor)

Dear Mr. Editor:
Kindly allow me a little space in
your valuable paper to offer to Mr.
George Richards my sincere con-
gratulations in his promotion by the
Fishermen's Union Trading Co. from
manager of their branch store, Bona-
vista, to General Supt. of the Dry
Goods Dept. Both wholesale and re-
tail at headquarters, Port Union.

Mr. Richards occupied the position
of manager of store here for the
period of two years.

During that time it is quite ap-
parent that he demonstrated a special
ability from a commercial point of
view by the accomplishment of an
exceptionally successful business un-
der his management.

As a Unionist he was a live wire
and always on the alert to make that
organization a benefit to those con-
nected with it. And above all he
made a large number of friends
among the people of the community,
all of whom are delighted to know
that the Company for whom he
worked so willingly and enthu-
siastically has evidenced their appre-
ciation of his services by appointing
him to such an important position.

At present Mr. Richards is at his
home town, Barened, enjoying a
well earned holiday.

Bonavista people wish him an en-
joyable time with his parents and
friends, and hope that after he comes
back and takes up his new duties at
Port Union that he will pay them an
occasional visit.

ONE OF HIS MANY FRIENDS.

Bonavista, April 23rd, 1924.

Thrown or Jumped From Car To Death

Tragic Demise of Jean Ferguson in
Toronto Will Be Probed.

TORONTO, April 17.—Miss Jean
Ferguson, aged about 22, was almost
instantly killed late last night when
she jumped or was thrown from a
speeding motor car. There is no clue
to the identity of the car in which
Miss Ferguson was a passenger.

Miss Doris Slade was a witness of
the tragedy. She told the detectives
that she was walking along the street
when the motor car, travelling at a
high rate of speed, shot past her, and
Miss Ferguson was hurled into the
roadway. The young lady alighted
upon her head on the sidewalk, right
at Miss Slade's feet. Horrified at the
sight of the prone, bleeding form, Miss
Slade, almost at the point of collapse,
was able to call for assistance.

Miss Ferguson was carried to a
doctor's office nearby, but she was
found to be dead when examined. She
came from Scotland about a year
ago.

Surgeon Bares Human Heart

AND REMOVES THREAT OF DEATH.

BALTIMORE, April 18.—An opera-
tion on the human heart, apparently
successful in every way, and in which
the organ was actually bared by the
surgeon's knife, was described at the
meeting of the American Surgical
Association here today by Dr. Elliott
C. Cutler of Harvard Medical School,
who performed it. He told of having
inserted his finger in an orifice in
the heart to effect a cure.

The patient, a 14-year-old girl, is
living and much improved. One of
the orifices of her heart was so small
that it was impossible for the organ
to function. The child was threaten-
ed with death because of this situa-
tion.

The sac in which the heart is en-
closed was opened. The organ itself
was exposed. While at beat, the deli-
cate operation of opening the orifice
was performed. The sac was closed
and the patient slowly recovered.

The operation was one which would
be attempted only in the most des-
perate case.

Empire Steel for complete control of
the St. Lawrence coal business, with
the aim of eventually capturing the
entire coal trade of Quebec.
The deposits of the Inverness basin
are estimated at nine hundred million
tons of varying quality, and suited to
any purpose for which bituminous
coal can be used. Some of the de-
posits are claimed to be superior to
any other in Nova Scotia for domes-
tic, gas and coke purposes.
It is understood that tentative
plans have been completed for the
erection of a town site at the East
for large freight and passenger

Plans for the harbour include a
modern coal loading plant and espe-
cially equipped bunkering facilities
for large freight and passenger