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## ST. JOHN SEMI-WEEKLY SUN

ST. JOHN, N. B., WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22, 1905.

## HORROR AND DEATH ATTEND EXPLOSION AT BROCKTON, MASS.

Frightful Story of Torture at Which the Peaceful Massachusetts Town Stands Aghast--More Than Fifty Bodies LAURIER'S AMENDMENTS Have Been Taken from the Ruins, but the Number of Victims Gannot be Ascertained---Mothers and Children in Terror Endeavour to Find Some Trace of Their Loved Ones---Parts of Flying Debris Crashed Through House Some Distance Away.

city of Brockton is in mourning for at pierced another dwelling farther along, least three score of her citizens, whose demolishing that structure. Here its lives were blotted out early today by course was stopped. the explosion of a boiler in a large shoe manufacturing establishment in the Campello district, conducted by the the rear the three upper floors, weight-R. B. Grover Company. The explosion ed as they were with heavy machintory, a long four story structure, as women operatives, working in departing it were a house of cards, and inments in this section who were busy at cinerated the men and women unable their machines, had time but to turn of tangled wreckage formed by the roar, when the floorings sank beneath terrific upheaval in the boiler room. them and they were hurled to the ployes in the building were maimed, the suffocating mass of debris. bruised or burned by the time they Many fell into a veritable flery fur-

The fire extended from the factory to seven other buildings in the vicinity and also reduced these to ashes. were panic stricken as they sought their escape. The total financial loss is estimated 000 of which falls on R. B. Grover dows for the fire escapes, but in many Company. The losses are all offset cases it was found that these had been

nearly in full by insurance.

he doubted that there were so many. Two hundred and fifty survivors have those enumerated, have also been rushing easterly. Soon the entire facfound. Few of the remains have been tory was engulfed and a great pillar case is missing and except in rare in- burning structure. stances it was even impossible to dis-

that he perished at his post.

further investigated by the state au-The explosion, which was followed

by such a great sacrifice of life and entailed appalling instances of human suffering, occurred shortly after the operatives had settled down to the work of the day. No warning of the impending disaster came to the emploves. Suddenly the air was vibrated the same moment the larger wooden frame of the factory, a four story imprisoned and pinioned down. In of scores of the operatives. When the boiler exploded it passed upward almost perpendicularly, tearing a pass
A woman who was entangled in a most perpendicularly, tearing a pass- A woman who was entangled in a age as it went, killing many on the shoe machine cried out that she was

BROCKTON, Mass., March 20 .- The ing house, fifty feet away, and then

Scenes of horror followed this wrenchwas immediately followed by a flash ery, collapsed with a crash that was of flames which obliterated the fac- heard two blocks distant. Men and o extricate themselves from a mass in an attempt to flee after the first dull More than half a hundred of the em- ground floor, crushed and bruised by

nace, from the sections of the factory which did not collapse, the operatives

Many fled down the stairways and torn away by the explosion. Crazed few shrieked from pain and fright. It will probably never be known just and in desperation several jumped from how many persons perished in the big the second and third story windows to the ground and were severely injured. and some turned away sick and faint-Finding a safe exit by way of the

Charles O. Emerson said tonight that reached the sidewalks, but sustained bruises in the rush. Scarcely had the rear portion of the been accounted for and at 11 p, m. the structure collapsed when a tongue of remains of fifty bodies had been recovered from the ruins, the search among and reaching out as it ascended, comwhich was continued all night. Frag-ments of human frames which possib-age. In a moment the entire mass ly might belong to bodies other than was enveloped in fire and flames were

Instant death was the fate of many e is no trace of the body of David | collapsed. A large number of men | tenement house on Denton street, own- | ned beneath heavy pieces of machin-W. Rockwell, engineer of the plant, and women who were working nearer who was first reported as having died the windows than the others in the the way to the cottage of John W. at noon from injuries. It is supposed wrecked section, were alive after the Taft, a jeweler. At this point the fire floors and walls fell. From these un-An inspection of the wrecked boiler fortunates a thrilling cry of agony and ings succeeded in saving much furnithat there was a sufficient supply of caught between broken timbers, lighter wooden wreckage and heavy pieces of The cause of the explosion is a mys-machinery, and upon these people tery at present. The disaster will be crept the flames, devouring all in their path. 'A few persons succeeded in extricating themselves from the wreckage and these took up the work of

rescuing their fellow employes. By this time nearby citizens had arrived to assist the employes who es caped first in the rescue of their fellows. This task became momentarily more difficult and perilous, for the heat with the roar of an explosion, and at By the use of long pieces of timber the from the fire was almost unbearable. rescuers were able to raise parts of the wreckage and thereby release some strucsture, quivered, and then the rear of the imprisoned men and women, and portion of it collapsed. In a fraction then by rushing into the smoke, pull of a second this section of the great them from the ruins. Then it was building had been transformed into a that acts of sacrifice and heroism demass of iron and wood wreckage, in veloped. One man whose legs were the midst of which human beings were caught under an iron beam, cried to the rescuers that they could not exanother moment fire had broken out in tricate him and to help the girls bethis vast heap of debris, and death hind him. He reached over, lifted the by being burned alive became the fate girls one by one in his arms and passed

way. After rising in the air it de- dying and suffering and commanded scended half the distance, and then the rescuers to attend to others. She

curate at St. Margaret's Roman Cahis life he removed seven men from to a temporary morgue. the ruins before the fire had reached of the smoke and the shock. Father O'Rourke went to the fire prepared to administer the sacrament of extrem unction and he gave the last rites of the church to many Catholics, both to

Father O'Rourke's heroism was the most notable, but others like him dashlosing their own lives. Imprisoned opwho knew that their lives would last but a few moments, spoke words of

later perished.

Others pleaded with the rescuers to say "good-bye" to relatives and not a This dreadful spectacle unnerved many who were trying vainly to get to them | ing. Members of the fire department persons were in the factory. It has been estimated at 400, but Treasurer turned to the crowded stairway and of rescue, but their time for work was short, for within a brief interval fire closed over the wreckage and the cries of all were hushed.

All this time the fire was spreading from the Grover factory. The injured were conveyed to the hospitals in ambulances or to the houses beyond the Fear of a conflagration led Fire Chief Marston to direct the efforts of his department to check the spread of the fire rather than to try to exidentified. The head in nearly every of dense black smoke rose from the tinguish it in the Grover factory. This at the cornor of Calmar and Denton was no easy task, for a strong wind was blowing. From the blacksmith who went down with the floors that shop the fire spread to a three story puty Chief Moore were directed. Pin ed by Sylvester Rice and then across was stopped. Occupants of the dwell-

> engineer in charge of the boiler. The house was practically demolished, the roof being ripped off and the walls torn down. Mrs. Rockwell, who, was sitting by the kitchen stove, had a niraculous escape from death, receiving many cuts and bruises from flying bits of timber which descended upon ner when the boiler speeded like a mortar projectile through the upper portion of her house. Crawling from the mass, Mrs. Rockwell snatched up her two children, who were uninjured, from another room and started for the

> nome of the nearest neighbor, Mrs. Etta Hood. She found this cottage had been practically rent asunder by the boiler, the head of which was buried in the middle of the structure. Miss Ella Pratt, 78 years of age, a relative of the Hoods, was alone in the house. The cottage was thrown several feet off its foundations by the crash of the boiler and Miss Pratt was knocked down and stunned. soon recovered and after securing the deed, insurance policy and other pap-

ers, ran from the house. Not until after noon was it possible ing, said: to begin a search of the Grover facheadless bodies were recovered toge- suffered most. The explosion shook sufferers.

Among the first to arrive on the ther at the end of the factory ruins every part of the building and immescene was Rev. James A. O'Rourke, nearest the boiler pit, and the bones diately everyone thought of escape. A of others were quickly found. They tholic church, near by. At the risk of were placed in pine boxes and removed up, and then the rear of the factory

> Mayor Edward H. Keith personally Treasurer C. O. Emerson of the Gro-

the factory at \$200,000 and the aggregate of loss on the other burned structures was placed at \$50,000. The Grover factory, machinery and stock were insured for \$200,000. One of the first to reach the ruins

was Rev. James A. O'Rourke, curate and women at the imminent danger of of St. Margaret's Roman Catholic church. From the dining room of his residence near by he saw the building tremble and then burst into flames. He rushed to the factory, and with Policeman E. A. Garfield and Deputy failed to return home. at a quarter of a million dollars, \$200,- reached the street; others ran to win- nearer escape. Others prayed aloud. Fire Chief Frederick Moore began the employes, and later, when driven back a man who was slowly roasting to friends. death, he fell fainting to the street, At the parish house, with his dislocated shoulder bandaged and his face priest, in a voice which at times broke his life.

with emotion, described his experi-Father O'Rourke said: of myself, Policeman Garfield and De-

ery, timbers and twisted coils of pipe,

were many, oh so many poor men and women, suffering terrible agonies. "In order to reach these imprisoned by the state boiler inspector showed terror went up. Almost all had been ture. The house to the north of the debris and with the aid of a large time. sufferers we had to crawl through the Gover factory through which the ex- ber we raised the wreckage which held ploded boiler crashed, was owned and fast the men and women. In this manoccupied by David W. Rockwell, the ner and by brute strength we pulled out seven employes. By this time the were about to flee for safety, when one poor fellow begged that at least an efgrasped the man by the shoulders and tuged and pulled until suddenly he cried 'my God my leg is pulled off.'

"It was terrible, especially so because a moment later, with our clothing scorched, we were ordered away by the the chief of the fire department and we were reluctantly compelled to leave the poor fellow to his fate.

"Just before leaving I saw at least fifteen of the imprisoned sufferers, from the flames which were actually cooking their flesh and others watchsimilar suffering and then death." The priest shuddered as he recalled in the ruins. the scenes of suffering he had witness-She ed and which he had been unable to ing citizen, said that he was not pre-

W. S. Weston, a survivor, who was "Those poor men and women in the

crumbled and fell as though it was made of paper. Shriek upon shriek of them and was returning for the eighth superintended the search, and Medi- the injured and dying filled the air. time when he fainted from the effects cal Examiner A. E. Paine viewed each and the women ran panic-stricken to the street, while a number of the men hurried to the rescue of their fellow very company estimated the loss on workmen. But from our room we could render little or no assistance. The flames soon swept over that place of destruction and burned to death those men and women who but a short

> With tear-stained and haggard faces vomen and children besieged the rectory during the day, pleading with the priests for information about husbeen employed in the factory and who

Little comfort could be given to these people, and they returned once located his shoulder while trying to more to the scene of the wrecked extricate from the ruins one of the building, hoping against hope that loved ones had escaped the death by the flames and compelled to desert | which claimed so many neighbors and

Perhaps the most pathetic incident of the explosion was Mrs. Lena F. Baker's escape from what looked like and hair giving silent evidence of his certain death, with the assistance of close contact with the flames, the an unknown man who afterwards lost

ment or two after the explosion she "When I arrived at the factory I realized in a moment how terrible the results must inevitably be. The largest number immured appeared to be est number immured appeared to be stairs, her feet became wedged be- which any class of persons have at the six o'clock for dinner. in that portion of the building situated tween two timbers. Near by was a date of the passing of this act under man with his legs so heavily pinned the terms of chapters 29 and 30 of the of Charlotte resterday, announcing streets, and to that section the efforts down that escape for him was an impossibility. Saying, "Thank God, if I passed in the year 1901. clothing was ablaze. Three men gathered on the sidewalk below and caught the woman as she jumped.

The explosion and fire was attended fort be made to save him. Three of us not cleared up at a late hour. This and 30, and where the expression 'at was caused by the inexplicable disap- the union is employed in said subpearance of David W. Rockwell, the engineer in charge of the Grover plant date at which this act comes into boiler which exploded. During the day force. Rockwell was reported as badly injured and as having been taken to the fire station near by. Shortly afterwards a report reached police headquarters that the man had died. Later on, however, the police could not locate his body and it was believed that his insome already suffering untold agonies jury and death had been confused with that of another person. It was reported tonight that Rockwell had left the ing with terror-stricken eyes the fate of their companions, knowing that a pressed the opinion that the man had of their companions, knowing that a pressed the opinion that the man had the Dominion parliament has the right department and contending his with

Governor Douglas, Brockton's leadpared tonight to make any statement on the subject of the disaster which at work in the front part of the build- had befallen the people of his city. The Elks Society of Brockton, at a special meeting tonight voted to hold tory ruins. Several charred and rear of the factory were the ones who a sacred concert to raise money for the

# NO MATERIAL CHANGE.

And the Autonomy Bill Remains About the Same---Amendments Meant to Pacify Party Supporters---Haultain Firm.

(Special to the Sun.)

OTTAWA, March 20.-Laurier's amndments of the autonomy act, to be placed in the hands of the clerk of the house tonight, are, beneath the surface. no abandonment of the premier's original attitude that separate schools shall be imposed on the new provinces by federal legislation. They are cleverly drafted, but do not touch the core of the issue, and are intended to impose on the credulity of the general Haultain has accepted the wording of the amendment is indignantly denied stands where he has always stood. Sifton was not accessible tonight but his absence shows he is not in touch with the skin-deep compromise. The government supporters are not as happy over the situation as they were

Before the house adjourned at 11.25, Fielding in Laurier's behalf tabled a copy of the amendment to the autonomy bill, as follows:

"Section 93 of the British North America Act, 1867, shall apply to the said Mrs. Baker worked in the stitching provinces with the substitution for room on the fourth floor and a mo- sub-section 1 of said section 93 of the following substitution:

can't escape myself, I can help some "2. In the appropriation by the legisone else to do so," this unknown hero, lature or distribution by the govern-

to whom the slightest motion of his ment of the province of any money for body caused excruciating agony, leaned the support of schools organized and forward, tore apart the timbers which carried on in accordance with said imprisoned Mrs. Baker's feet and then chapter 29 of the act passed in amendfell back fainting. Even at this time ment thereof, or in substance, therethe flames had reached Mrs. Baker fore there shall be no discrimination and as she sprang out on the roof her against schools of any class described in the said chapter 29. "3. Where the expression by law is

employed in sub-section 8 of the said section 93, it shall be held to mean the by one mystery which the police had law as set out in the said chapters 29 section 3, it shall be held to mean the The opinion in the corridors tonight

was unanimous that the amendments to the autonomy bill, while not touching the vital principle of the original act, are so worded as to give western members a hook on which to hang their party coats. They are amendwith an easy conscience. The bill repressed the opinion that the man had undoubtedly been killed at the time of the explosion and that his body was in the ruins. The special committee appointed to

enquire into the telephone question met this morning and elected Sir Wm.

requested Pownall of the justice department to supply an abstract of of laws relating to telephone companies in Canada and would personally give the committee a report of one of his officers re telephone business in the western states. What the comme tee want to get at is how to make the telephone available to rural districts on the cheapest and best basis. Anoth meeting will be held on Wedn

Intense interest is certified on the proceedings, of parliament this afternoon re the autonomy bill and the budget. Every werking member of the cabinet save Prefencaine was in his place with Laurier at their head. Fielding, in reply to the opposition, said it might be some days before the budget would be introduced, remarking with his usual smile that the house terim with a question more interesting to the general public. Fielding's renouncement that the amendments to the autonomy bills school clauses would be taken up on Wednesday.

Private bills followed for some time,

but the bulk of the afternoon was devoted to Mr. Defurgey's presentation of Prince Edward Island claims for regular mail and passenger service inghes or P. E. I., had the floor after Lefurgey, when the house rose at Foster received a letter from Ganong

After recess Hughes (liberal) of P. E. Island, in a lengthy speech supported Lefurgey's argument in favor of a tunnel between the island and the mainland, quoting Laurier, Tupper and Sir John MacDonald as advocates of this solution of the communicati problem years ago. The tunnel would not be nine miles in length.

The Prince Edward Island debate was continued by McLean of Queens, after which Boyce of West Algoma, in a well digested speech, moved his resolution for a copy of the plans de-posited by the Grand Trunk Pacific Co. with the railway department, showing the terminal points on the Pacific coast, and for a copy of the plans for the terminals at Port Arthur, Fort William and Winnipeg. Boyce made it clear that these plans have been given out through some source which he de-licately avoided naming and that there was no point in Emmesson's response of a few days ago that the ple ments which a Quebec liberal can vote could not be diviliged until acted unside by side with an Ontario liberal on by an order-in-council. ing sealed up when the came to holding information was justified by Lancaster, Barker, Foster and others sharply criticized the his stubborn attitude in holding back Mulock chairman. Mulock said he had information for over eight-mor

CAMPOBELLO NEWS.

CAMPOBELLO, March 19. - The death occurred of Robert Calder, aged 71 years, leaving a wife and three daughters and one son to mourn. He was esteemed and highly respected in the community. Rev. O. N. Mott and Capt. Daniel Mitchell are visiting St. John.

The death of Miss Hattie Tinker occurred last week after a few hours' illness. Deceased was about thirty Miss Mattie Malloch, who has been

home to St. Andrews. The weather continues fine throughout the month. The fumbermen are busy hauling Clarence Lank, who has been in Philadelphia this winter, has returned

JAMES H. STATER

SYDNEY, N. S. March 18 James H. later, proprietor of the Royal Hetel this city, died this morning. He retired last night in his usual health, but was stricken with paralysis shortly after, and died at five o'clock. Deceased came here from St. John, N. B., visiting friends here, has returned five years ago, and was 45 years of age. He leaves a wife, fermerly Miss Lena Robertson, no children.

St. John, N. B., March 22, 1905

### 4th ANNIVERSARY SALE and OPENING OF SPRING CLOTHING.

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Men's and Boys' Clothier

#### Fear of Strike at Springhill BADLY WOUNDED BY TERRORIST.

VIBORG, European Russia, March 20. - Governor Miasoredoff was shot ed. The lad, who is about 15 years old, obtained an entrance to the governor's office and fired three times at him, one bullet inflicting a serious wound and the others slightly wounding the governor's legs. The governor's clerks and secretary were unable to stop the would-be assassin, who reached the street, where, however, he was arrested without a struggle. The governor's

The youth who shot the governor has been identified as Matti Hjalmar Reinikke. He hails from Kurikke parish, in the northwestern part of Finland. but recently has lived in Stockholm to woid arrest on account of his known revolutionary ideas.

Governor Miasoredoff has been most nergetic in the Russification of Finland, and memorials have been sent to the estates petitioning for his removal.

At 3 o'clock in the afternoon Reinikke gained access to the governor's threshold. Then advancing he fired automatic pistol of the same type ar | vill be found admirable for this purtwice more, after which, jumping be- the one with which Hohenthal assar

#### (Amherst Telegram.) which has been occasioned by storms The people of Cumberland will re- and scarcity of cars. If this is the gret to observe that there is an immi- case, it is surely more reasonable to

nent possibility of a strike being degives out as a justification for its proposed more that of late it has found ous reasons and must thus make cur- Truro. It must be remembered that tailment of expense in some direction.

We presume that any loss which with a high rate of living expense and ing the past few months has been the news of reduced wages be reduce to difficulty in making shipments, ceived. hind and under the governor's writ-

ing table, with his pistol, he held up the clerks who were rushing in and 6th. managed to reach the street. Secretary Markoff, who followed him, summoned assistance and the would-be

quent losses than to ask the men to clared at Springhill. The management suffer for the acts of Providence in and seriously wounded today by a lad of the Cumberland Railway and Coal sending storms or the neglect of the whose identity has not been ascertain- Co. have issued a notice, stating that railway department in not being in a they propose submitting the pay of the position to supply sufficient cars to men to a reduction of 12% per cent. Of transport the coal from the bankheads. course there is nothing so calculated to precipitate a labor difficulty as a reduction in pay, no matter what the way it is an unreasonable one. Word exigencies of the occasion may be. The comes from Springhill that the at-Cumberland Railway and Coal Co. tempt of the company to reque wages will be resisted and the matter will be considered at a meeting of the Grand operations unprofitable owing to vari- Council of the P. W. A. to be held in

expect the company to bear the conse-

singted Soisalon Soniinen, the procur ator general of Finland on February

the employes have had a dull winter,

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