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## The Eighth Juror was Chosen This Morning In Famous Thaw Case

### After Large Number of Talesmen Were Examined One More Juror was Chosen. Another 100 Talesmen to Pick.

### Demeanor of Thaw when a Talesman was Being Questioned. Thaw Family Greet Prisoner With Smiles and Bows.

By Associated Press.  
New York City, January 28.—The trial of Harry K. Thaw will be resumed this morning.  
Justice Fitzgerald has decided that spectators, particularly women who appear at the trials with particularly sensational features, shall be barred from the court room.  
Apparently the desire of the defense is to hasten the trial or at least to complete the jury. This is thought to be a sign that some move, not yet hinted at, will be made.  
After a conference with Thaw's lawyers yesterday Lawyer Delwar said: "It would hardly be professional to disclose our case. You may say, however, that it will come strictly within the statutes of the state of New York. There is no higher law in the state and all this talk about 'unwritten law' is hush. Nor can I see the efficiency of a plea of emotional insanity. There is really no such thing."  
Denies the Report.  
The trial was resumed this morning. Mrs. Evelyn Nesbitt Thaw came into the court room early, accompanied by May McKenzie, who remains her constant companion.  
Miss McKenzie declared it emphatically untrue that any dissension had arisen over her presence.  
Young Mrs. Thaw wore again a dark blue dress and white veil.  
One More Juror.  
Within the first hour of the morning session 15 talesmen were examined and not one had gone through the questions propounded by the district attorney further than the one dealing with the matter of what opinion they might have formed.  
Samuel Newman, one of the 15 however, said he had known Stanford White for 20 years. When Newman first took the stand Thaw gazed at him intently. At the mention of White's name the prisoner quickly glanced away and for a long time looked out of one of the windows of the court room.  
The rapid manner in which the remaining talesmen were disposed of caused the district attorney's office to summon an additional panel of 100 men.  
Charles D. Newton, a retired business man, about 65 years old, was selected as juror No. 8.  
At 12:05 o'clock ordered a recess till 2 p. m., on account of the break in the heating apparatus which made the court room too cold for comfort.  
Greeted With Smiles.  
Mrs. Evelyn Thaw was followed closely by the other members of the family. Countess of Yarmouth has recovered from her cold. She wore a long dark gray English travelling coat and a small green turban.  
It being chilly in the court room none of the ladies of the Thaw party removed their wraps for a moment.  
Mrs. William Thaw and daughters greeted the prisoner's wife with the usual bows. As Thaw passed the family group he was greeted with smiles by every member of it.

LOSS BY FIRE \$1,000,000.  
Large Publishing Plant Destroyed by Flames—Loss is Great.  
By Associated Press.  
Springfield, Mass., Jan. 28.—The plant of the Phelps Publishing Co. was destroyed by fire.  
The loss is estimated at nearly \$1,000,000.

ELOPED WITH JANITOR.  
Mother Had Driven Daughter's Sultor From House With Poker.  
New York, Jan. 28.—Johanna Prout, 17, of No. 49 Grand street, Newark, N. J., eloped yesterday with Harry Zeliger, who boarded with a family in the same house that the Prout's live in.  
Mrs. Prout, the mother of the girl, is nearly crazed over the affair, and her friends are watching her closely for fear she may attempt to do herself injury.

Mill End Sale a Success.  
Mr. Lockhart's mill end sale at the Little-Long Company's department stores has been one of unusual success. Both ladies and gentlemen have been in attendance daily and so great is the crowd at times that the management has found it necessary to close the doors. In the early morning the sidewalks are lined up with people waiting for the sale to begin.

A Gigantic Appropriation.  
Washington, Jan. 28.—The diplomatic and consular appropriation bill, carrying \$3,085,478, was reported to the Senate.

## HOUSE FOR 2-1-2 CENT MILEAGE.

South Carolina Senate, However, May Not Let Bill Become Law.  
Special to The News.  
Columbia, S. C., January 28.—The House today without discussion or division passed Representative Gyle's bill to reduce passenger fares on railroads in South Carolina from 3 cents per mile to 2-1-2 per mile. There will probably be a fight on the bill in the Senate.

## CORPSE ATTACHED FOR BILL.

Then it is Spirited Away While Its Custodian Sleeps.  
Can Bernardino, Cal., January 28.—Leon Cohn, of Pittsfield, Mass., came here in December for his health, bringing Dr. Newton B. Heath to attend him. Cohn died and the doctor, claiming \$1,000 due him for services, had the corpse attached.

The doctor was on guard over his security at an undertaking shop yesterday when he fell asleep. Constable D. F. Allen, who had procured papers lifting the attachment, took the opportunity to spirit the corpse away, and it was started by express for Pittsfield.  
Cohn is said to have been a wealthy merchant.

## BOONVILLE GETS A SHOCK.

Expected Most of Comstock's Estate, But He Had Married Again.  
Utica, January 28.—William Comstock, a public-spirited Boonville resident died Wednesday, and the townspeople began to talk about the magnificent bequest likely to fall to the village. Mr. Comstock, whose love of his country's flag caused him to paint all of his buildings, red, white and blue, had made a will in which many of his choicest pieces of property were to go to the village for park and playground purposes. It was after the death of his first wife, in whose memory he opened Ann street, naming it after her.  
But the Boonville public suffered a shock to-day when a later will was found. He had remarried since making the first, and the paper found today which will not be contested leaves all to his wife.

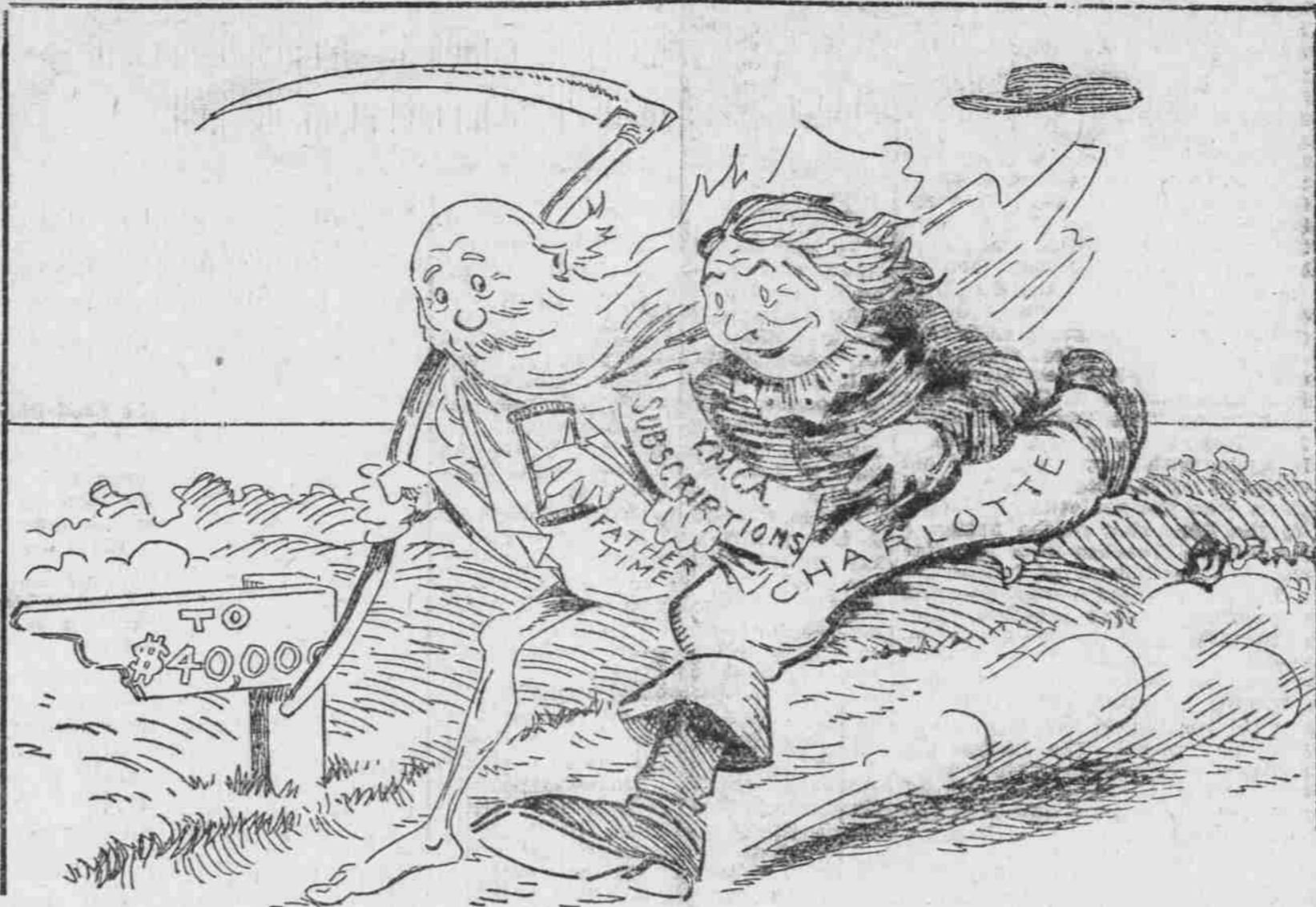
## Fire Caused Loss \$400,000

### Fire Broke out To-day in Eight Story Building. Loss was Great. Number of Firemen Buried by Falling Walls.

By Associated Press.  
Buffalo, N. Y., Jan. 28.—Fire broke out this morning in the Columbia Building, eight story, causing a loss estimated at between \$400,000 and \$500,000.  
Two walls of the building have fallen burying all but one man of fire company No. 8.  
Six of the firemen have been rescued. None were seriously hurt.  
All but four of the firemen have been rescued.  
The rescuers are within speaking distance of two more.  
The two bodies are believed to be dead.  
A third fireman is also believed to be dead.  
Fireman Elliott has been rescued. He was not badly injured. Three men are now missing, Hinkley, Norton and Megan, and it is feared they are dead.  
Dead, 18 Injured.

As Result of Explosion of Ice Machine, Number are Killed.  
By Associated Press.  
Chicago, Jan. 28.—Four persons were killed and 17 injured as the result of the explosion of an ice machine at Armour & Co's plant.  
Schooner Ashore.  
Norfolk, Va., January 28.—The schooner Laurence F. Corbett of Christfield Maryland, was driven ashore in Hampton Roads last night.  
Town Inundated.  
By Associated Press.  
Memphis, Tenn., Jan. 28.—At Luxora, Ark., the town levee broke Sunday and the place is flooded.

U. S. Minister.  
By Associated Press.  
Stockholm, Jan. 28.—H. L. F. Lagerantz was appointed minister from Sweden to the United States.  
Deputy Organizer of Heptasophia.  
Mr. Thomas N. Kendrick, lately of the Swan-Stater Company at Gastonia, has been appointed deputy organizer of the Improved Order of Heptasophia and will begin his work in Charlotte and Mecklenburg at an early date. He expects to increase the membership of the lodge here from 50 to 500.



THE Y. M. C. A. RACE AGAINST TIME.

## Many Chinese Were Drowned

### Another Bill Relative to Railroad Question Introduced. Bill to Prohibit Sale of Adulterated Paints, Etc.

By Bell Telephone.  
Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 28.—Representative Gordon introduced a bill in the House this morning, prescribing that railroads earning as much as \$1,400 per mile should charge two and one-half cents passenger rates; those earning less than this amount should charge three cents per mile.  
Among other bills was one by Koonce, to relieve people from unreasonable restrictions, etc., on fire insurance.  
By Blount, requiring banks having money belonging to the state on deposit, to pay interest on the same.  
By Harris, to create a firemen's relief fund. This bill was prepared by the legislative committee of the state firemen's association and provides a two per cent tax on state fire insurance premiums, the money to be used for the benefit of the firemen, etc.  
By Morton to separate the races in jails, penitentiaries, convict camps, etc., and to provide proper food for prisoners.  
By Cowles, to amend the Revisal, increasing the property limit of applicants for pensions from \$500 to \$750.  
The House also passed the Laughlin house bill this morning, after a few hours discussion.  
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## DESTROYED BY RAT POISON.

Ate Stuff in Mrs. Otis' Yard, Where They Had No Business, and Died.  
Poughkeepsie, N. Y., January 28.—The town of Red Hook, in Dutchess county, dormant since it gave Lieut. Governor Lewis Stuyvesant Chanler to Albany and Robert Winthrop Chanler to the Shrivervy of Dutchess county, has leaped into fame again. The sensation is in the chickens.  
Mrs. Lillian McCarrick has sued Mrs. William Otis for a \$50 chicken loss, which she claims was occasioned by poison that Mrs. Otis threw to rats, which the chickens (the poison not the rats) ate and then laid eggs which her family ate hard boiled (the eggs, not the chickens) and then died (the chickens, not the family).  
Mrs. Otis admits endeavoring to poison rats that were endeavoring to make away with her pigeons, which were in her yard, where Mrs. McCarrick's chickens hadn't any business.  
Squire Burnett will draw a jury to sit on the facts at Madalin on February 6th.

## ENTER BOSTON'S SCHOOLS.

Empress Sending a Score to The American Athens to Have Them Educated.  
Boston, Mass., January 28.—Boston within short time will have in its public schools twenty or more Chinese maidens who are being sent here to be educated as Bostonians are.  
The Empress, in sending the daughters of the Flowery Kingdom to this city for an education, is satisfied that they will some day be able to take part in the great educational movement which is transforming China. It is simply an extension of the plan launched a year ago when nineteen young Chinese were placed in Harvard University.

## Work of The Legislature

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## Funds for Fortifications.

Washington, Jan. 28.—In the fortifications appropriation bill reported to the Senate, the principal items of increase include \$112,800 for Fort Moultrie, S. C., \$453,550 at Fort Pickens and McRee, Fla., \$54,678 for Pensacola harbor, Florida, \$544,750 for Mobile, Ala., and \$139,800 at St. Philips, Louisiana. These are to restore fortifications injured by the storm of September last.

## Two Bluecoats Arraigned

Police, Fire and Health Committee Investigating Charges of Drunkenness Preferred Against Two Members of Force  
A called meeting of the police committee of the Police, Fire and Health Commission is being held this afternoon for the purpose of making an investigation of charges which have been preferred against Patrolman Asbury and Sergeant J. T. Farrington. The allegation against each is drunkenness.  
It is alleged that Mr. Asbury became intoxicated while in Salisbury Saturday and was locked up. The charges against Sergeant Farrington are that he was drunk yesterday.  
Mayor McNinch after learning of these allegations immediately called a meeting of the police committee to look into the matter, and it convened at 3 o'clock.

## W. P. Fife Dies Suddenly

### Capitalist and Former Evangelist Stricken in St. Louis Hotel Lobby. Notable Career as an Evangelist.

Former Evangelist W. P. Fife died suddenly in the St. James Hotel in St. Louis yesterday morning at 11 o'clock. Mr. Fife was making his headquarters temporarily in St. Louis as he prosecuted his work of placing stock in gold mines and oil wells at various places in the West. He was standing in the lobby of the hotel chatting with several friends when he suddenly became very ill and in a few moments lost consciousness. A physician was quickly summoned from across the street but could do nothing and Mr. Fife died shortly after his arrival. The doctor thought the cause of death was probably due to heart failure but the coroner is to hold an inquest today which will decide the question.  
Mr. W. P. Fife, Jr., son of the deceased, who was in Denver, Colorado, at the time was at once notified and the body sent to the morgue until he should arrive. The remains, it is understood will be brought to this state for interment.  
Mr. Fife was a man of unusual force of character. He was the son of Mr. W. W. Fife of New Bern, where he was born, and where he married, his wife being Miss Whitford, daughter of Col. John D. Whitford, of Newbern. Toward the latter part of the war Mr. Fife's father fled to Thomasville, and after the war resided there until his death.  
Mr. Fife became a travelling salesman for a tobacco house in Fife's early life and was most successful in his work. He often referred during his evangelistic career to his godless life and his habit of drinking at that time.  
About 20 years ago Evangelist R. G. Pearson was going up and down the state like a flame of fire and souls were being swept into the Kingdom under the power of his preaching. Mr. Fife heard him and was converted. He finally gave up his position on the road and entered heart and soul into evangelistic work himself. His work was barely second to that of the Gamaliel of whose feet he sat. From Maryland to Texas, all through the length and breadth of the Southern States, he went, uplifting the cross and preaching the old time religion. His converts reached up into thousands, and, it can not be denied that he did great good.  
Mr. Fife was the soul of congeniality and sociability, and his pleasant manners and magnetic personality were great levers in enabling him to reach men. He was at the same time a courageous man in the utterance of his convictions, and suffered some for righteousness' sake because of his courage. It is possible that his impetuosity may have occasionally over-riden his tact, but upon the whole he was a well rounded and well balanced man in the pulp.

It was a matter of intense regret to him that his voice finally gave way. A permanent and serious throat trouble closed the door to his further preaching. In casting about for something to do, he turned to the exploiting of gold and oil stocks. He advertised on a tremendous scale, and widely. He was severely criticised at times for endorsing these stocks, many of which were bought by people of small means, who had implicit confidence in Mr. Fife, but he always declared his own conviction that they were a good thing and that they would enable the purchaser to lay up against a rainy day and that sometimes the stocks would pay handsome dividends.  
Several weeks ago Mr. Fife was in The News office on his way to Thomasville, and at this time he declared he hoped to be able ere long to return permanently to North Carolina.  
On this occasion Mr. Fife referred to his regret over the fact that his delicate throat forbade his preaching. "If I had my old voice back today I

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## Near 500 Miners were Entombed as Result of Disastrous Explosion

### PRODUCTS OF CHILD LABOR.

#### Bill to Prohibit Interstate Commerce of Such Products.

By Associated Press.  
Washington, Jan. 28.—Senator Beveridge resumed his speech in behalf of the measure prohibiting interstate commerce in articles which are the production of child labor. Mr. Beveridge stated that three-fourths of the cotton factories of the South were opposing the bill, that railroads of the South were opposing it and that the coal mine operators of the South were opposing it.

### THE GEORGIA CHILD LABOR LAW.

#### Senator Beveridge Says It Is A Dead Letter and Senator Bacon Takes.

By Associated Press.  
Washington, D. C., January 28.—Senator Beveridge made the statement that the recently enacted child labor law of Georgia, was a "dead letter."  
Senator Bacon took issue with him. Mr. Beveridge asserted that there had been filed 3,000 applications for permit of child labor under the law.  
"How many of them have been granted?" asked Mr. Bacon.  
"All," replied Senator Beveridge.  
Bacon explained that the law prohibited children under 12 years old from working after January 1, 1908.

### LEPROSY CURE FOUND.

#### Cuban Doctor Announces It After Apparently Thorough Test.

Havana, Jan. 28.—A commission appointed by the Government has turned in a report to the effect that Dr. Matias Duque, who is in charge of the Hospital for Contagious Diseases, probably has discovered a cure for leprosy.  
Two lepers were turned over to the doctor several years ago for experimental purposes, and to-day these persons have no exterior cases of the disease, and are gaining notably in weight. Several other cases treated by Dr. Duque are in various stages of improvement.  
Dr. Duque's experiments have been along the line of what he terms the "red mangrove tree" treatment. He claims to have discovered this treatment as a result of his study to find a cure for his sister, who suffered from leprosy, and whom he has succeeded in curing.

## Noted Trial Post-poned

### Case of Alleged Anson County Lynchers, Post-poned To-day. The Reasons for Putting off the Trial.

By Bell Telephone.  
Monroe, N. C., Jan. 28.—The Superior Court convened here this morning. By far the most important case on the criminal docket is that against the Anson county alleged lynchers. Great interest has been taken in this case but there was no surprise here this morning when it was announced by the solicitor that the case would not be called at this term of court.  
Among the reasons for postponing the case is that it is a one-week term of court only, and there are a number of jail cases and it would probably require all the week to dispose of them. Also the inability of some of the lawyers connected with the case to be present.  
Mr. R. B. Redwine, of this place, who appears with Solicitor Robinson, in the prosecution, is a member of the state Senate from this county and is Mr. A. M. Stack, also of Monroe, and one of the attorneys for the defense, of course in Raleigh at this time.

## Death of Mrs. M. G. Clark.

Mrs. Martha Glenn Clark, wife of Mr. Thomas Clark, died yesterday afternoon at four o'clock at the County Home where she had been in a coma for about a month. The funeral was conducted at Paw Creek today at two o'clock. The deceased was 70 years old and besides a husband is survived by one brother, Mr. Frank Glenn, of Cole City, Ala., and Mrs. Gibson, of this county.

## Catch Escaped Convict.

Henry Holcomb, an escaped negro convict from Rowan county, was arrested last night in this city by Officers Orr and Barnhardt. The negro is also wanted in Salisbury for stealing several articles from another negro. Holcomb recently finished serving a three-year sentence on the roads of this county for breaking into a negro woman's house.

## Sunday Morning Fire.

The firemen had an early morning run yesterday to the corner of Davidson and Eighth streets, the alarm being sent in from box No. 17. A small blaze in the home of a negro which caught from the stove, caused the alarm.  
—The finance committee has completed its ten days' work of auditing the books of the various county officers.

## The 2-Cent Rate.

By Associated Press.  
Richmond, Va., Jan. 28.—Before the corporation commission the Norfolk & Western claimed they would lose money on a flat 2-cent rate in Virginia.  
Cotton Jumps Up.  
The cotton market, revived to-day, the price jumping to 11 cents at which figure 93 bales were sold. On the same date last year the price was 11 1/4 and the number of bales marketed 52.

## As Result of Explosion of Fire Damp in Reden Mine this Morning Several Hundred Miners were Entombed.

## Near Two Hundred Bodies and Injured Miners Have been Taken From Mine. Another Disastrous Explosion Today.

By Associated Press.  
Saarbruck, Rhonish, Prussia, Jan. 28.—Two hundred and fifty coal miners were entombed this morning at Reden Shaft by the explosion of fire damp.  
Corpses and many of the injured miners have been taken out.  
Number Are Rescued.  
At 1:30 p. m. one hundred and sixty-four bodies and a little injured miners had been taken from the Reden mine, and 300 miners are toiling, showing there were more in the mine explosion than was first reported.  
Four p. m.—An outbreak of fire in the Reden mine rooms has driven out the rescuers. It is considered probable that 30 or 40 men are still in the pit. The number of dead is now estimated at 200.  
Another Fatal Explosion.  
Lens, France, Jan. 28.—A terrible disaster, involving the loss of many lives, occurred in a coal mine at Lievin, due to the explosion of fire damp.  
Hundreds Rescued.  
Of 860 miners 812 had been brought out of the pit at 2 o'clock. The bodies of the chief engineer and two assistants were recovered. The loss of life is not yet known.

## OLIVER'S REMARKABLE CAREER.

### In Ten Years Jumps From Small Contractor to Panama Canal Builder.

The acceptance of the bid of Mr. William J. Oliver, of Knoxville to build the Panama canal is of no little interest to contractors in this section of the country and the official announcement that his bid had been accepted over those of 20 or more of the most experienced contractors in the United States carried with it a still greater interest. Mr. Oliver is not unknown in Charlotte. Some of his first undertakings were successfully accomplished in North and South Carolina, one of his more recent undertakings being a revision of the Asheville division of the Southern Railway, in 1902.  
His career as a contractor dates back ten years or more, when he made his start in South Carolina. At the time he was connected with a phosphate mine, which business necessitated a large amount of grading. Grasping the opportunity to extend operations he sought a broader field and it was only a few years before he undertook big contracts. Only recently it was published that he had been awarded the \$20,000,000 contract of constructing the Southern double track from Charlotte to Atlanta, Ga.

## Mr. Whittam Injured in Auto Accident.

While automobile riding with a party of friends last Wednesday near Manchester, England, Mr. William Whittam, of this city, met with an accident in which he sustained serious injuries. Mr. Whittam sailed for Europe last fall to make a report of the cotton situation there for the government, he having been appointed by the department of commerce and labor.

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