

# THIRTEEN MEN KILLED BY BOILER EXPLOSION

Shocking Accident Early this Morning at  
Pittsfield, Mass.--Employees of More-  
wood Lake Ice Company were the Vic-  
tims--Were Sitting Around the Boiler  
Warming Themselves when Explosion  
Occurred--Italians and Poles in Casualty  
List.

Twelve of the injured men were taken to the House of Mercy, where two were unconscious at 11.30 a. m. and the other ten were reported to be in a serious condition.

The property damage will probably not exceed \$500 as only the boiler house, a wooden structure 20 by 45 feet was wrecked.

Owing to the rainy weather of the past few days, harvesting of the crop was delayed until today.

Pittsfield, Mass., Dec. 29.—Until today in response to advertisement printed in the local papers a large number of men, most of whom were unknown to the firm, reported for work at the lake today although all of the company's regular employees were on the scene.

### A TERRIFIC EXPLOSION

Pittsfield, Mass., Dec. 29—While waiting for the summons to begin active operations on the ice and while most of the men were either inside the boiler house to keep warm or near the building the boiler burst, with a terrific noise and a shock which was felt for miles.

The boiler house was demolished in a fraction of a second and pieces of the boiler, timbers and human bodies were hurled through the air. One body was blown 200 feet and another 150 feet. The cylinder of the boiler was found in a tree on the edge of the lake more than a hundred feet away, while a large piece of iron was picked up 200 yards from the spot where the boiler house stood.

The ice house is about two miles outside of Pittsfield and the nearest telephone line was more than half a mile away. Consequently it was some time before word of the disaster reached the city. Doctors were rushed to the scene and all of the ambulances were dispatched to the lake. The ambulance service, however, was totally inadequate to take care of the dead and the injured and automobiles were used to aid in the work of assisting the injured to the hospitals. The boiler was used in furnishing the power to drag the cakes of ice up the inclines into the ice storage houses.

## PUGILIST JOHNSON ACCEPTS OFFER TO FIGHT

Paris, Dec. 29.—It is announced here that Jack Johnson, the heavy weight champion, has accepted definitely the offer made some time ago of \$25,000 to come to Paris in April and fight the winner of the approaching match between Joe Jeannette and Sam Langford.

MONTREAL MORNING SALES

Quebec Railway—10 @ 59½.  
Dom. Iron—10 @ 60½.  
Cement Com.—100 @ 23½.  
Cement, pf'd—1 @ 87, 50 @ 87½, 50 @ 87¾.  
Detroit—110 @ 69½, 75 @ 78½, 100 @ 79½, 69½.  
Porto Rico—25 @ 50.  
Northern Ohio—50 @ 39½.  
58½, 25 @ 68½, 100 @ 68½, 50 @ 69, 150 @ 69½.  
Montreal Power—10 @ 138.  
O'Gilvey's—60 @ 125, 60 @ 126, 100 @ 125½, 500 @ 127, 125 @ 128½.  
Illinois—25 @ 90.  
Woods—25 @ 139½, 80 @ 139½, 50 @ 140.  
Crown Reserve—60 @ 270, 250 @ 269½.  
Bell Telephone—76 @ 141.  
C. P. R.—75 @ 135.  
Peasman's—50 @ 60.  
Textile—15 @ 99, 1 @ 100.  
Toronto Ry.—10 @ 123½.  
Winnipeg Street—25 @ 190.

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Great Northern pfd	122 $\frac{1}{2}$	123
Smelters	73 $\frac{1}{2}$	73 $\frac{1}{2}$
Atchison	100 $\frac{1}{2}$	100 $\frac{1}{2}$
Amalgamated	62 $\frac{1}{2}$	62 $\frac{1}{2}$
Brooklyn		76 $\frac{1}{2}$
Canadian Pacific	195 $\frac{1}{2}$	194 $\frac{1}{2}$
Pennsylvania	128 $\frac{1}{2}$	128 $\frac{1}{2}$
Reading	149 $\frac{1}{2}$	149 $\frac{1}{2}$
Soo	130	130
Southern Pacific	114 $\frac{1}{2}$	115 $\frac{1}{2}$
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