

KILLS TWO, WOUNDS THREE.

**Boston Man Shoots His Fellow-Workers
—Said to be Mentally Deranged.**

PORTLAND, Me., April 24.—One man was shot and instantly killed, another so seriously wounded that he died to-night, two others fatally wounded, and Deputy Marshal Willard Frith slightly wounded by George H. Brainerd of Boston in the New England Telegraph and Telephone Company's Building here this afternoon. The dead men are I. H. Farnham of Boston, chief electrician, who died where he stood when shot, and Earle Buxton of Springfield, Mass.; the fatally wounded are James Wadsworth of Lewiston, electrician, and Elmer Lane of Mechanics' Falls. Brainerd is under arrest. He is supposed to have been taken suddenly insane.

All the men concerned in the affair were employed in making extensive changes in the new exchange of the New England Telephone Company. It was about 10 minutes to 2 o'clock, and the men had returned from dinner and resumed their duties, when Brainerd suddenly drew a .38-calibre revolver, which he pointed at Farnham, shooting him in the centre of the forehead and killing him on the spot. Then he turned, and in rapid succession shot Wadsworth, Buxton, and Lane, who were in separate corners of the room. The alarm was given and the police were on the scene within a few minutes.

As Deputy Marshal Frith rushed up the stairs, he was warned that the murderer was still on the spot with a revolver. But Frith continued on his way, and just as he reached the top of the flight of stairs he received a bullet in the right side. The Deputy continued on, downed the murderer before he could shoot again, and placed irons upon him.

The doctors who were summoned said that Wadsworth and Lane were mortally wounded. Buxton's condition appeared to be less serious at the time, but after he was taken to the hospital he grew rapidly worse and died to-night. Wadsworth has a wife in Lewiston. Lane and Brainerd are not married.

Brainerd apparently had carried the revolver with which he did the shooting for some time. Those who worked with him have been suspicious that he was not all right mentally. The police gave little credence to the theory of mental derangement.

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