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There was belching forth through the broken windows clouds of dust and white vapor. In the street an overturned automobile was blazing fiercely and nearby, close to the body of a dead horse, was another fire, evidently arising from the wreckage.

"Almost in front of the steps leading up to the Morgan bank was the mutilated body of a man. Other bodies, most of them silent in death, lay nearby. As I gazed horror-stricken at the sight of the forms, half naked and seared with burns, started to rise. It struggled, then toppled and fell lifeless into the gutter.

"On the opposite side of the street were other forms. One of them was that of a young woman, her clothing torn and burned away. It was moving away in an effort to rise—but in the agony of death, I started toward her, but as I did it became still. In glancing down I saw that the pavement was discolored with blood. In plain sight, within a radius of thirty to fifty feet, were nine lifeless forms.

"The crowd of people, many of them in the middle of the street, were very plain evidence of having been in very near the center of the blast. It was literally torn to pieces.

Windows Blown Out. "The window of the Morgan building were blown out and through the openings could be seen the smoke-blackened interior of what but a few moments previous had been the office of the banking rooms in the city. Opposite the entrance to the newly completed Morgan building, the sub-treasury after the explosion took place, the smoke had partially cleared from the street, but from the Morgan building it remained in a dense, black, heavy smoke subjected to a bombardment of machine gun fire, the doorway, with its massive steel grill work, was shattered and the interior of the building cracked and battered away.

"By this time the crowd was pressing in, held in check by the hastily gathered police. At the doorway of the Morgan bank was an unformed, dark, apparently half dead, but still in his post and holding back those who sought to enter the building.

"Then came the ambulances. Nearby trucks and automobiles were nearly pressed into service. Volunteers heading north, carrying the bodies of the dead, were lifted into the vehicles the bodies of the dying and the dead. The dead remained in the streets for several days, were charitably hidden from view by covering them from awnings or by robes from arriving motor cars.

Five of Firm in Building. "Five members of the Morgan firm were in the building at the time of the explosion. Thomas W. Lamont, Dwight W. Morrow, Elliot C. Bacon and George Whitney were in a conference on the second floor of the Broad street side of the Morgan building. They were shaken up by the force of the explosion, but all escaped without injury.

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PREMIER MILLERAND WILL RECEIVE THE PRESIDENTS OF THE SENATE AND THE CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES TOMORROW TO DISCUSS THE CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTION.

SEARCH FOR REVENUE FOR GRIEVANCE. It was intimated in the letter that some people had grievances and wanted to take revenge. Lieutenant Armand read the letter to the committee and stated that it had been written by an alarmist and should not be taken seriously.

EXCHANGES WILL OPEN TODAY. The New York Stock and Curb exchanges will be open for business tomorrow morning at the usual time, it was officially announced.

ONE VALUED EMPLOYEE KILLED. "One of our valued employees, William Joyce, was killed tonight. The young Thomas W. Joyce, who has been in our employ for 20 years and who was himself badly hurt. All our large windows on the second floor were blown in. The office will be ready for business tomorrow morning."

400 TO 500 IN BUILDING. There were between 400 and 500 employees in the Morgan building at the time of the explosion. The young man sustained when he was struck by flying glass, James S. Morgan, aided many of his clerks, who were more seriously hurt than he was.

GUARDING THE MORGAN HOME. Thirty detectives from the West Third street station all picked up and were sent out tonight to maintain a strict surveillance over the Morgan home at 36th and 37th street on Madison avenue.

RED CROSS CALLED UPON. Thirty-five Red Cross workers of the Red Cross, trained in handling emergencies, were conferred upon when the explosion occurred. They were immediately notified of the scene and rendered great aid. Large quantities of surgical dressings, medicines and hospital supplies were sent to Wall street and Dr. Thomas J. Reily, general director of the district aid Red Cross station on the steps of the Morgan building.

BOSTON AND CHICAGO EXCHANGES UNDER GUARD

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BRIEF TELEGRAMS

Clocks in Italy will set to normal time September 13.

Age-Star parliament ratified the treaty of peace with Bulgaria.

Bar gold in London was 118s 9d an ounce, compared with 119s at previous close.

Charles Chaplin issued a warning to newspapers against printing his wife's statements.

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