

# Explosion of Ammonia in Brooklyn Kills Five

WEATHER—Partly Cloudy To-night and Friday

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# TWO GREAT GERMAN DREADNOUGHTS SUNK IN JUTLAND BATTLE, NEW BRITISH CLAIM

## SHARK RETURNS TO JERSEY CREEK AFTER KILLING TWO BATHERS; SIX SEEN IN BAY

Third Victim of Yesterday's Attack by Man-Eater Believed to Be Dying.

HUNDREDS JOIN HUNT.

Part of Human Body Reported Found in Big Fish Caught at Keyport.

The presence of half a dozen or more sharks in Raritan Bay and in Matawan Creek, where two persons were killed and one dangerously mangled by a shark yesterday, was reported to the bands of hunters and fishermen who dotted the water with motorboats and lined the beaches in the campaign to-day to destroy the man-eater.

Several persons saw the fin of a big shark rise above the surface of the creek within a few rods of the spot where Lester Stillwell and Stanley Fisher were killed yesterday. There was no one with a gun at hand. Word was flashed to Keyport and Matawan and immediately parties set out to explode dynamite in the creek from end to end of its two miles and a half.

In the meantime Capt. Al Walling of Keyport, coming in from blue fishing, told of passing a school of six big sharks heading into Raritan Bay from the sea. George Jenkins, a net fisherman, added to the excitement with a story of his effort to kill with an oar a seven-foot shark which was tangled in his nets off Keansburg. He said the shark tried to strike his boat to overturn it.

### YACHT CLUB BATH HOUSES ARE CLOSED.

Commodore Weimen of the Keyport Yacht Club at once ordered the club bath houses closed and organized a systematic motor boat patrol to keep bathers away from the water all along the shores of the bay.

It was reported part of a human body was found in the stomach of a large shark killed at Keyport. The report could not be verified.

A shark was clearly seen yesterday at Matawan drawbridge before it went up the stream and killed the two bathers and wounded another perhaps mortally.

Thomas B. Cottrell, who saw it under the bridge, describes it as not more than ten feet long; the Captain sent Ralph Gail up the stream in a motorboat to warn all bathers. Most of them ignored the warning as a joke, and even after the first victim, twelve-year-old Lester Stillwell, was dragged under, refused to believe that a shark was in the water. They insisted the boy, whose body has not yet been recovered, was the victim of cramps.

Fisher, who ran to the stream when he heard the Stillwell boy had gone under, laughed sneeringly when told to look out for sharks as he prepared to dive for the boy's body. In three minutes he was seized by the leg and drawn under three times.

Apparently he had no sensation of pain. When he wrenched himself loose the flesh had been stripped from the bone of his leg, but he lay on a bank of the creek looking at the mangled limb in a daze and growled: "Some leg, isn't it?" to those who ran to his assistance. He died in the Long Branch Hospital a few hours later.

Even then the nature of the unusual peril was not understood along

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## 5 ARMY COLONELS ON BORDER TO GO ON RETIRED LIST

O'Gorman Urges Wilson to Reinstate Conley and Phelan of the Sixty-ninth.

WASHINGTON, July 13.—Five regular army colonels with regiments on the border or in Mexico have been ordered, upon recommendation of medical examiners, before retirement boards on account of physical disability.

The officers are Col. George H. Sands, attached to the Eleventh Cavalry; Col. James Lockett, commanding the Eleventh Cavalry; Col. Jacob G. Gallbraith, attached to the Third Cavalry; Col. William C. Brown, commanding the Tenth Cavalry; Col. Charles W. Penrose, commanding the Twenty-Fourth Infantry.

Rigors of camp life in the southern climate and the strenuous work of chasing bandits are said to be responsible for the condition of the colonels. President Wilson was urged by Senator O'Gorman to-day to order the reinstatement of Col. Louis D. Conley and Lieut. Col. John J. Phelan of the Sixty-ninth New York Infantry, ordered mustered out by Major Gen. Wood for physical disability.

Senator O'Gorman told the President the doctors who examined Col. Conley differed on his condition and that because of the doubt he believed the President would be justified in ordering Col. Conley's reinstatement. The Senator said apparently there was more justification for the mustering out of Lieut. Col. Phelan, but he also urged his reinstatement.

Later Senator O'Gorman expressed confidence that Col. Conley and possibly Lieut. Col. Phelan would be reinstated. An investigation of the cases already has been ordered by Secretary Baker.

ALBANY, N. Y., July 13.—Gov. Whitman and Adj. Gen. Stotesbury conferred concerning National Guard matters for more than an hour to-day. At the conclusion of the conference both said the possibility of the naming of Rhineclander Waldo, former Police Commissioner of New York, as Colonel of the Sixty-ninth Infantry had not been discussed.

## ATLANTIC CITY HOTEL ON FIRE AT MIDDAY

Hundreds of Luncheon Guests Flee From Hotel Raleigh When Woman Clerk Announces It.

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., July 13.—The Hotel Raleigh was damaged to the extent of about \$10,000 by fire this afternoon. Delay in getting water on the blaze by a dozen engine companies permitted the flames to spread over the entire roof of the northwest wing and part of the main wing.

At the time hundreds of guests were at luncheon. A young woman clerk announced that there was no danger, but many rose from tables and fled excitedly.

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## PARALYSIS CASES SHOW APPRECIABLE FALLING OFF TO-DAY

Health Board's Tables Record 45 Fewer Than the Day Before.

### INCREASE IN DEATHS.

Commissioner Emerson Gratiified by Outlook—30 New Doctors in Brooklyn.

There was a gratifying falling off in the number of new cases of infantile paralysis shown by the figures compiled in the office of the Board of Health to-day for the twenty-four hour period ending at 9 o'clock this morning. In Brooklyn, particularly, where the proportion of cases is highest, the number of new and verified cases fell away almost half. The deaths for all boroughs show an increase of seven over those of the previous day, a ratio not considered alarming.

Health Commissioner Emerson expressed himself as satisfied with the situation and convinced that the mobilization of physicians which was planned yesterday at the meeting called by Mayor Mitchell will improve conditions.

Here are the figures showing the status reached by the epidemic in the last twenty-four hours:

DEATHS.		
To-day.	Yesterday.	
Manhattan .....	2	4
Brooklyn .....	0	0
Brooklyn .....	18	12
Queens .....	3	1
Richmond .....	1	0

This makes a total of twenty-four deaths to-day as against seventeen yesterday. The total of deaths up to date is 311.

### NEW CASES.

To-day	Yesterday.	
Manhattan .....	16	12
Brooklyn .....	3	1
Brooklyn .....	76	131
Queens .....	12	13
Richmond .....	10	5

Total .....

These figures bring the total of true cases up to 1,557 reported since the beginning of the epidemic.

The Willard Parker Hospital is caring for 355 of these, the Kingston Avenue Hospital has 307 and the Riverside Hospital 20, a total of 682.

At the request of Health Commissioner Emerson the following order was issued to-day by Acting Police Commissioner Godley and transmitted by telephone to all Police Inspectors: "You will direct members of your command to report all removals of families from their present address, giving names, location and floor of the apartment from and to which they move. This information will be compiled in your office and sent to the Chief Inspector's office daily, except Sundays and holidays."

By enforcing this system of reports, the police will be able to trace any family which moves away leaving infection behind. In case the disease develops among the new tenants, the old ones can be located and prevented from carrying the contagion any further.

The Federal health officers are co-operating in this work by the development of a system by which they are to be notified of the departure from New York of all children under fifteen years of age.

The Federal public health service also has sent notices to the heads of all railroads and steamship companies running out of this city, bringing to their attention the laws prohibiting the transportation of persons infected with contagious diseases.

Dr. Emerson, the Health Commis-

## WIFE TRAILS MAN HELD FOR MURDER OF HER HUSBAND

Gang Leader Arrested When Woman Takes Police to Hiding Place.

### BETRAYED BY HIS GIRL.

Plot Runs Through Dance Halls and Inner Circles of Gangdom.

### CHAPTER I.

On the night of May 20, Harry Laznicky, a chauffeur, twenty-seven years old, was shot to death at seven-thirty-fourth Street and Second Avenue. The chauffeur had been dining in the home of his mother-in-law, Mrs. Mary McNally, No. 1414 Second Avenue. With him were his wife, Jennie, their three-months-old baby, and Frank McNally, Eddie McNally, aged fifteen, ran into the house and told Laznicky that several boys were trying to start his machine.

Jimmy O'Brien, seventeen years old, was the biggest boy in the gang and the chauffeur ran and caught him. He was about to trounce the lad when a shot came from a nearby group of young men. Mrs. Laznicky came out of the house and saw him stagger. Three shots followed and Laznicky fell dead to the sidewalk.

The police arrested O'Brien, but the "third degree" failed to get any information from him as to the identity of the murderer and he was discharged. The case seemed to have been placed among unsolved murder mysteries in the archives of the police.

That night Jennie Laznicky knelt beside the body of her husband and made an oath never to rest until she had brought his murderer to justice.

### CHAPTER II.

As Jennie McNally, a young wife had grown up in the neighborhood. She said nothing of her oath, but mingled with men and women of the Pansy gang, thinking that her husband's slayer was one of their number.

Strange glances were sent in her direction when she was seen at the dance halls, but she bravely held her own. Many young men were more than willing to have her for their sweetheart. Mrs. Laznicky was on the trail a month before she learned that the man she sought was not a member of the Pansy gang, but the leader of an enemy gang. Her clue led to "Happy Jack" Dougherty.

The young woman kept constantly in touch with the police. Her information was that "Happy Jack" had completely disappeared. She learned that he was not a product of the east side but had gone there from the west side.

### CHAPTER III.

Without a thought of the danger she courted, Mrs. Laznicky went over to the west side. She made friends of girls who might know "Happy Jack" and became a favorite in the dance halls.

One morning it was made clear to her that she was getting close to the trail. She found a note under her door. It was from the gang and warned her that if she didn't "play off Happy Jack" that she and her mother would meet the fate of her husband.

The note did not frighten the girl, but she feared for her mother's life and insisted upon the family moving to Long Island. Then she returned. By chance she discovered that Josie Cumanski was the sweetheart of "Happy Jack" Dougherty and succeeded in making a chum of her. The girls became inseparable. Josie told Jennie that her sweetheart was away,

## GIRL WHO LED POLICE TO MAN SHE ACCUSES OF SLAYING HUSBAND.



## POP GEERS INJURED DRIVING ON TRACK

Horse Steps on His Head and Sulky Goes Over Body in Collision at Cleveland.

CLEVELAND, O., July 13.—Ed. F. ("Pop") Geers of Memphis, grand old man of the light harness racing world, was thrown from his sulky and injured, of the North Randall track to-day when his pacer, Sir Anthony Carter, ran into a barrow which was being used to fix the track. Lissie Brown, Charles Valentine's horse, stepped on Geer's head and the sulky passed over his body.

He was conscious when picked up and hurried to a hospital.

Four horses were trying to score when Geers hit the barrow.

## AIR BATTLES IN STORM ON THE WESTERN FRONT

Gen. Haig Reports That One British Machine Failed to Return to Base.

LONDON, July 13.—Gen. Haig reported to-day that despite unfavorable weather aeroplanes on both sides were very active.

Several hostile aviators were driven off. A British machine failed to return after one of these combats.

## MRS. ANNIE BESANT UNDER BAN IN INDIA

Action Taken Against Writer and Theosophist Under Defense of India Law.

LONDON, July 13.—Mrs. Annie Besant, one of the leaders of the movement for Home Rule for India, has been prohibited under the Defense of India Act from entering the Bombay Presidency, says a Bombay despatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company.

Mrs. Annie Besant was elected President of the Theosophical Society at London in 1907. She has made several lecture tours in America. Her activities in the Indian Home Rule movement have not been generally reported in this country.

## ENGLAND'S BANK RATE UP.

Stationary Since 1914. It is Raised From Five to Six Per Cent.

LONDON, July 13.—The rate of discount of the Bank of England was raised from 5 to 6 per cent. to-day.

The advance in the bank rate came as no surprise to the money market, which realized the necessity of watching New York carefully and to raise here is purely a precautionary measure to protect exchange and retain business which would otherwise seek employment in New York if the rates are not made sufficiently attractive. The bank rate had been undisturbed since it was reduced to 5 per cent. in August, 1914 and huge financial operations for this country as well as for the allies have been transacted on that basis.

## FIVE KNOWN DEAD IN TANK EXPLOSION; THREE MISSING

Refrigerating Plant Destroys a Shop in Brooklyn, Burying Victims in Ruins.

### PROPRIETOR IS KILLED.

Shock Knocks Down Passengers on Trolley Car and Persons on Street.

Five persons are known to have been killed and two are missing as the result of the explosion of an ammonia refrigerating machine in a butcher shop at No. 423 Sumner Avenue, Brooklyn, to-day.

A man who was across the street when the explosion happened says that the roof flew at least twenty feet in the air, while the walls away outward, then fell in and collapsed under the falling roof. The mass of debris is piled thirty feet high and extends fifty feet along Sumner Avenue and twenty feet along Macos Street, covering the sidewalks clear out to the curb. Fire Chief Kenyon, who accompanied Commissioner Adkinson, says the wreckage is so compactly pressed together that it will need several hours of digging before the firemen expect to find the bodies.

### LIST OF DEAD AND INJURED IN THE EXPLOSION.

Those killed were on the ground floor, and their bodies are in the cellar under many tons of brick and beams. They are as follows: SCHMIDT, MARTIN, proprietor. THOMPSON, BRODER, salesman, twenty-five years old. STALB, LILLY, twenty-three years old, of No. 47 Eldert street. CARNEY, ANDREW, twenty-four years, butcher.

The following have been reported missing:

CHARLES THOMPSON of No. 475 Hancock Street.

CARLIE THOMPSON of No. 144 Patchen Street.

MISS ANNIE BYRNES of No. 361 Halsey Street.

The injured are: Seebert, Miss Juanita E., No. 274 Macdonough Street, was passing the shop; suffered shock and cuts; was attended and went home.

Tame, O. H., No. 42 Rivington Street, New York; on Sumner Avenue car; knocked down and right leg hurt; went home.

Bauman, Miss Irene, twenty-four years old; was in car; choked with ammonia gas; attended and went home.

Unger, Miss Ida, twenty-two years old, No. 22 Ellery Street; choked with gas; attended and went home.

Pernice, Joseph, twenty-five years old, No. 722 Flushing Avenue; gas fumes; went home.

Gillen, Peter J., fireman Engine Company No. 117, thirty-two years old, of No. 1487 Putnam Avenue; bruised right leg in ruins; dressed and stayed on duty.

### RESCUE SQUAD FINDS FOUR BODIES IN RUINS.

A rescue squad of six firemen wearing helmets to protect them from suffocation found four bodies in a sort of pocket on the north side of the wrecked building, the space where the stairs used to be. In this place they found the bodies of two men and a woman. They also found the body of what seemed to be a little girl with red hair.

This means that five are surely dead; that Miss Byrnes is probably dead, and that the fifth person known to be dead is the little child whom no one had heard of as being in the shop. The rescue squad men can work for only a few minutes at a time, in spite of the protection of their helmets.

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## KAISER AND THE KRONPRINZ, EACH OF ABOUT 25,000 TONS, NOW SAID TO HAVE BEEN LOST

British Admiralty Sends Official Announcement to Washington—Six Great Russian Armies Sweeping On—80,000 German Troops Hold Road Against British.

## STRUGGLE FOR VERDUN RAGES FOR 146TH DAY.

WASHINGTON, July 13.—An Admiralty cablegram to the British Embassy here says positive proof has been found that the two great German dreadnoughts Kaiser and Kronprinz were sunk by torpedoes during the battle off Jutland, and that they have been added to the official British list of German ships destroyed.

The Kaiser was of 24,700 tons displacement and carried ten 18-inch 50-calibre guns. The Kronprinz carried ten 12-inch 45-calibre guns. She displaced 25,575 tons.

LONDON, July 13.—At least six great Russian armies are engaged against the Austrians and Germans on Russia's western front. All of them are using great quantities of ammunition, even those not definitely on the offensive.

The forces under Duke Nicholas in Armenia and Persia have been fighting vigorously against the Turks for months. A few weeks ago parts of these forces, particularly those west of Erzerum, were compelled to fall back in the face of a stronger Turkish army. This week the Grand Duke resumed the offensive in this region and recaptured Mamakhatum, fifty miles west of Erzerum, so that the Turks have fallen back some twenty-five miles from the fourth east point reached in their counter-offensive.

The armies directly south of the Pinsk marshes are fighting a pitched battle with the Austro-German forces of Gen. von Linsingen along the line of the Stokhod River. It probably will be some days before the decision is reached, as the Teutons have brought up very strong reinforcements in the hope of retaining possession of Kovel, loss of which would necessitate a regrouping over a long stretch of the front.

North of the Pinsk marshes the fighting at present is largely with artillery. In Galicia the Russian armies are reforming for continuation of the offensive.

BERLIN, July 13 (via London)—German troops under command of Gen. Count von Bothmer, by an encircling counter attack, have driven back the Russian forces which had pushed forward in the region northwest of Bucsecs, in Galicia, says the German official statement issued to-day. The Germans took 400 Russian prisoners.

## BERLIN OFFICIALLY ADMITS THE LOSS OF CONTALMAISON

Struggle With the British Troops Goes Desperately On Between the Somme and the Ancre.

BERLIN, July 13.—"British troops succeeded in establishing themselves in the village of Contalmaison," it was officially announced here to-day. Following is the text of the official statement:

"Artillery fire continued with great intensity yesterday. South of the Somme the French met with no success in attacks which they several times began on both sides of Bailleux and near and west of Estrees. They were compelled to turn back under our effective curtain fire, suffering the most severe sanguinary losses.

"The British have established themselves in Contalmaison.

"East of the Meuse artillery fighting continues active. Infantry positions won have been consolidated. The number of prisoners has increased by 17

officers and 243 men and now stands at 56 officers and 2,348 men.

"Near Freilingsheim, on La Bassée Canal, on La Fille Meert Height, east of Badonvillers, and near Heimbach German patrol engagements were successful.

"North of Soissons a French biplane was compelled to land within our lines."

LONDON, July 13.—The Germans have thrown two entire army corps of 80,000 men into action on both sides of the Albert-Bapaume road to defend the approaches to Bapaume. They are making determined counter-attacks, particularly southeast of Contalmaison, where a German success would hold up the whole British advance.

German correspondents, admitting the great power of the British off-