



EXPLOSION KILLS MANY ONLOOKERS

Fifteen Dead and Fifty Injured at Powder Plant Near Ottawa.

SCENE LIKE BATTLEFIELD

Parliament Houses and Earl Grey's Home Damaged—Country for Miles Around Laid Waste.

Ottawa, May 8.—This city and the city of Hull, across the Ottawa River, were rocked by an explosion which destroyed the plant of the General Explosive Company of Canada, near Hull, at 6 o'clock to-night. Fifteen persons were killed and more than fifty injured, some of whom will die. Two-score of houses in the northeastern section of Hull were wrecked, and in this city, four miles from the magazines, hundreds of plate glass windows were shattered. The country for miles around was laid waste.

Rideau Hall, the official home of the Governor General, Earl Grey, and the Parliament buildings, which are two miles nearer the scene of the explosion than the main section of the city, received the full force of the blast. Two large chimneys of Rideau Hall toppled over, and all the windows on the north side of the hall and the Parliament buildings were blown out.

Rideau Hall is still occupied by Earl Grey and his family. The whole vicarage establishment fled panic-stricken to the street. They were soon reassured that there was no further danger. As soon as Earl Grey learned the extent of the disaster he ordered a detachment of troops sent across the river to help the authorities. The building in which the main explosion occurred was built of solid stone, the walls being two feet thick. Fragments of stones weighing up to half a ton were shot through the air for a quarter of a mile, shattering the frame dwelling houses of workmen, which run to within an eighth of a mile of the factory.

Baseball Game in Progress. A baseball game in progress a short distance from the powder works about 6 o'clock this evening. The teams were playing the last innings, and when a fire was seen in one of the small buildings of the powder plant the crowd began to swarm up the hill to get a better view of the blaze.

Warning of the danger came to the onlookers in two minor explosions soon after the fire got well under way. A shower of sparks and fragments of the wrecked building fell among the spectators, and there was a scurrying out of what was considered the danger zone. Some men in the crowd, aware of the possibilities of the danger when the main magazines were reached by the flames, pleaded with the crowd to go still further back, and many of them heeded the warning. Others, apparently enjoying the element of danger in the spectacle, stood within a thousand yards of the burning buildings. They were kept on the alert by detonations which sent showers of burning brands in all directions. The baseball game broke up, and the remainder of the spectators and the players rushed up to join the crowd at the fire.

It was then that the main magazines exploded. There were two stunning detonations. Everything within a radius of a mile and a half was torn and shattered. Giant trees were snapped off close to the earth, barns and dwelling houses were converted into kindling wood, and even in Ottawa, four miles from the scene, hundreds of plate glass windows were shattered to fragments.

Scene Resembles Battlefield. The scene where the crowd from the hill stood resembled a battlefield. Headless, armless and legless bodies were lying about among scores of unconscious forms. To the few who retained a flicker of consciousness it appeared as though over a hundred had been killed. The strange silence which followed the final death dealing blast was more terrifying than were the cries and means which came with a return to consciousness of the badly injured.

The terrific shock brought thousands of terror-stricken people into the streets of Hull. Some thought it was an earthquake, while others cried out that the comet had struck the earth. Hundreds of chimneys were toppled over, and there is scarcely a whole light of glass left in the northeastern section of the city. The first call for aid from the hospitals and the police came from the section of the city nearest the magazines. There it was found that fully forty small frame dwellings had been shattered and many injured people were imprisoned in the wreckage. The police and fire departments were joined by scores of willing volunteers in the work of rescue.

It was fully an hour and a half after the explosion that word came into the city of the disaster near the powder works. Ambulances and automobiles were rushed to the scene, and the frightfully injured were carried to the local hospitals until there was room for no more, and the others were brought across the river to this city.

Great Cloud of Smoke Over Hull. In this city, four miles from the scene of the explosion, the terror inspired was scarcely less than that at Hull. The earth trembled, buildings shook and hundreds of windows were shattered. The great cloud of smoke which mounted in a column over Hull quickly indicated the true cause of the terrifying shock.

COMET CAUSES THIEF SCARE

Would-Be Gazers on Roof Routed by Police.

Shadowy forms, dimly seen through the mist, on the roof of the home of Dr. Walker James at No. 17 West 54th street, at midnight last night gave the neighborhood a burglar scare and a few minutes of real excitement. One of Dr. James's neighbors telephoned to Police Headquarters that there were two men on the roof walking about as if looking for an entrance to the house.

Two patrolmen were sent over from the East 51st street station. They rang Dr. James's bell and told him there were thieves on his roof.

"Thieves on my roof!" the doctor exclaimed. "Why, I've just come from there. Haven't been down three minutes. Went up to try and see the comet."

"Damn the comet!" said the patrolmen in chorus.

FOUR DROWN IN MIDOCEAN

Three of Oceana's Crew Die Trying to Rescue Suicide.

Steamship Oceana, May 8.—Four members of the ship's crew were drowned in midocean at 7:30 o'clock this morning, when an Italian stoker suddenly became insane and jumped overboard, and his act was followed by the capsizing of a boat which had been lowered to rescue him.

Few passengers were stirring when the stoker dived over the side of the ship, but the excitement attendant upon the events which succeeded brought all of them to the deck, and the rail was lined when the three survivors of the rescuing party were pulled out of the water. They were half the crew of a boat which was ordered into the water as soon as the Italian went overboard. Before the boat touched the water it turned over, and its occupants were thrown into the sea.

Another boat was lowered immediately and life preservers were thrown out to the men, but three of them went down before help could reach them. The Oceana stood by for more than two hours in an attempt to recover the bodies, but finally proceeded on her way to Bermuda after a fruitless search.

CHANG-SHA TURBULENT

Authorities Trying to Check Revolt on May 29.

Chang-Sha, China, May 8.—The general uneasiness has been greatly increased here in consequence of the appearance of a large number of posters, unsigned, demanding the death of foreigners and native Christians and setting May 29 as the date for a general anti-Manchu uprising. Government officials have destroyed the posters and the city is being strongly patrolled. The agitators are holding secret meetings, but it is believed that the presence of foreign gunboats here will act as a check to the movement.

BULL GOES AN AMERICAN

H. B. Lee, a Noted Expert in Ring, May Die.

Mexico City, May 8.—Harper B. Lee, an American bullfighter, was gored by a bull during a fight at Guadalajara this evening and is not expected to live through the night, according to a telegram received by "El Imparcial" tonight.

NEW GROUND FOR DIVORCE

Lack of Sporting Blood Cause for Separation, Says Rector.

Boston, May 8.—A new ground for divorce was suggested last week by the Rev. Robert B. Parker, rector of the exclusive St. James's Episcopal Church of Providence, who said that a lack of the sporting spirit on the part of either husband or wife should properly constitute a good reason for separation. Dr. Parker said:

"For a man to have a wife without true sporting blood in her veins or for a woman to have a husband without the true sporting nature, ought to be the grounds for a divorce. The true sport never plays for money or gambles in any way. It is only the mongrel or half-breed who will go out and play golf for a dollar a hole, for that is the kind that has more money than sporting blood."

CONSTABLE GOT 'EM BY GUM

Took Three Men and Six Horses, but \$500 Reward Went Glimmering.

Constable Rarson, of Westwood, N. J., for some hours yesterday morning thought he had earned \$500. Recently the Board of Freeholders offered that amount for the arrest of the gang of horse thieves which has been operating in this county. Rarson at daylight yesterday came upon three men escorting six horses through his village. Later the sheriff's men came upon an excited man who proved to be Joseph Glass, of No. 241 Division street, Manhattan. He had been up through this county buying horses and assembled them last night and engaged the three men to take them into New York this morning. It was 6 o'clock last night before the matter was cleared up.

MR. TAFT AND CENTRAL BANK

President Not in Favor of Institution at Present, Says MacVeagh.

Washington, May 8.—Although President Taft was quoted in his Boston address not long ago as being in favor of a central bank, it was learned to-day that he is opposed to a central bank of issue at the present time. To the scores of bankers who have been sending inquiries, Secretary MacVeagh has been authorized by the President to make the following statement: "Mr. Taft was misquoted in the reports of his Boston address. The President is not in favor of a central bank at the present time, and he has personally requested me to advise you that he is not advocating the establishment of such an institution."

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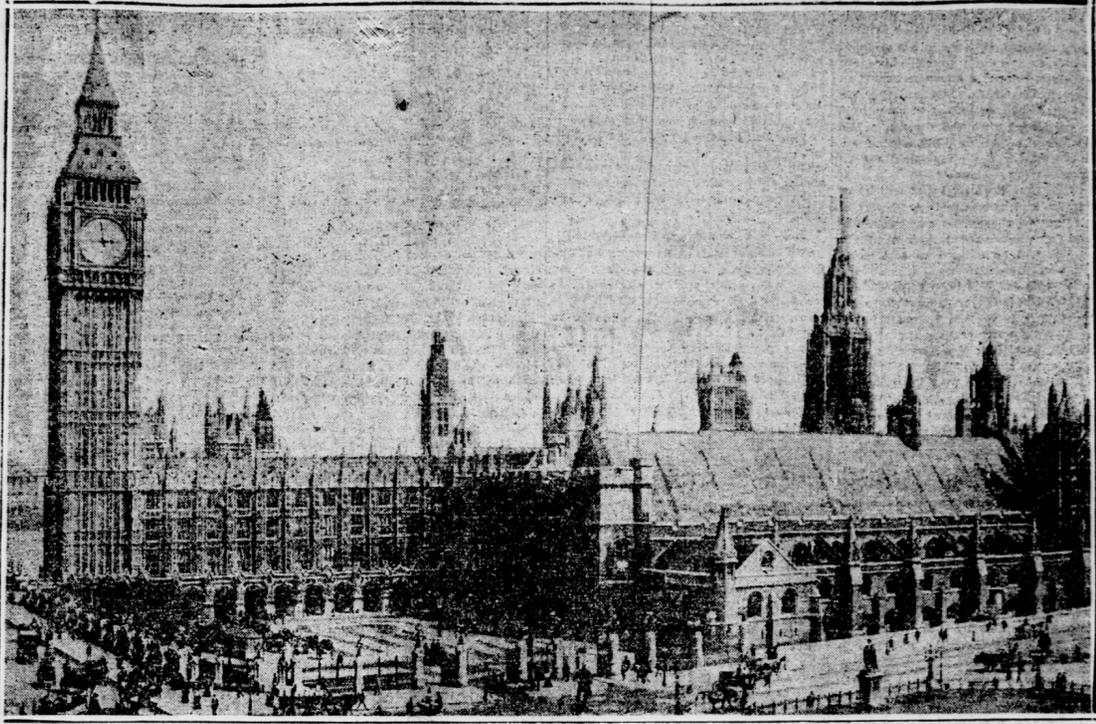
Christian Scientists Marvel at Possible Interests Back of Pending Amendment.

Through the medium of the necessarily swift work at Albany in the closing days of the legislative session some one came very near slipping through an innocent looking little amendment to the public health laws which would have greatly interfered with the practices of Christian Scientists.

Indeed, the measure also might have affected the thousands of people who annually make a pilgrimage to the little Church of St. Jean Baptiste, at No. 150 East 73rd street, at the novena of St. Ann, and even those who pray for healing instead of consulting a physician. It passed the Assembly and is now on general orders in the Senate to become a law.

Assemblyman Lafayette C. Wilkie, of Buffalo, introduced it in the Assembly, and defended it briefly when it was mildly opposed.

WHERE KING EDWARD'S BODY WILL LIE IN STATE.



THE HISTORIC NORMAN HALL OF WESTMINSTER, UNDER THE TOWERS OF THE HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT.

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OVER 800 BODIES FOUND

Cartago's Dead May Exceed 1,500—Paraiso Suffers.

San José, Costa Rica, May 8.—Eight hundred bodies had been taken at noon to-day from the ruins of the houses, which were overthrown in the earthquake last Wednesday evening at Cartago. The estimate of the dead last evening placed the number at fifteen hundred, but it is possible that this will be exceeded.

Large funerals, which have gone to Cartago from San José and other points, are now engaged in the work of rescue, and even to-day several living persons were taken from under the piles of stone and timbers where dwelling houses once stood.

The number of sick and injured cannot be counted, many of them having been removed to adjoining towns and villages, and since the disaster scores have died from their injuries.

YOUNG WOMEN START FAST

Betting Fever Aroused in Garden City by Novel Plan.

Garden City, Long Island, May 8 (Special).—A great deal of interest has been stirred up here by Miss Ann Townsend, Miss Marion McKellar and Mrs. Keith Trask, who propose to follow the advice of the writer of a magazine article and see if they cannot rid themselves by fasting of indigestion and a number of other complaints with which they think they are afflicted.

GRIEF CAUSED HER SUICIDE

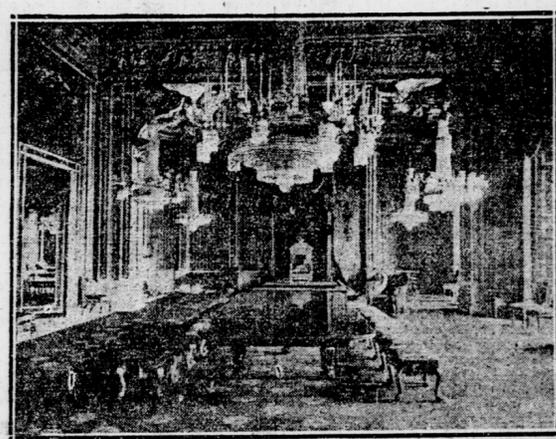
Vassar Graduate Had Brooded Over Death of Her Fiance.

Pittsburg, May 8.—Miss Nancy Bingham, twenty-six years old, a Vassar graduate and a member of an excellent Pittsburg family, killed herself to-day by firing a bullet through her brain. Sudden dementia, caused by grief over the death of her fiancé a year ago, is given by the family as the cause of her suicide. Miss Bingham was a niece of Dr. Bingham, the alienist who testified in the trial of Harry K. Thaw.

AFTER BALLOON RECORDS

Forbes to Ascend from Quincy, Ill., in Monster Gas Bag.

Bridgeport, Conn., May 8.—A. Holland Forbes, president of the Aero Club of America, whose home is in Fairfield, started last Thursday for Quincy, Ill., where to-morrow he will make an ascent in the largest and most costly balloon ever constructed. He is to attempt to break both the distance record of 1,133 miles and the endurance record of seventy-two hours. Upon making his ascent he expects to find a current which will carry him northward over Chicago, the Great Lakes and across the Canadian border and thence up to the Gulf of St. Lawrence, where he intends to land. He will carry enough provisions to last him four or more days, and his supply of bedding exceeds anything ever before carried by any balloonist. He will make the trip unaccompanied.



THE THRONE ROOM, BUCKINGHAM PALACE.

KEEPING BOY TIED TO POST

Jersey Lad Thus Fastened to Prevent Injury to Himself.

East Orange, N. J., May 8 (Special).—Tethered to a post like an animal is the plight of a feeble-minded eight-year-old boy, Martin Conners, an inmate of the Orange Almshouse. He is tied up for the greater part of the time because the superintendent, Mrs. Margaret Helmlinger, knows of no better way to restrain him. The Rev. Adolph Reeder, pastor of the New Church, Orange, suggested that a large, loose belt be made for him and that he be fastened to a post, care being taken not to injure him in any way. Mr. Reeder is an authority on the treatment of the feeble-minded.

OTHER MISHAPS OF THE DAY

Joy Ride Ends in Grocery Store Window and Two Women Are Hurt—Policeman's Dog Killed.

While Lloyd C. Griscom, president of the Republican County Committee; Mrs. Griscom and John Boyle, Jr., secretary of the committee, were on their way to the funeral of Ferdinand Eidman, at No. 51 7th street, yesterday morning, a westbound cross-town car in 50th street crashed into their automobile at Fifth avenue, driving it up against a hydrant on the sidewalk, crushing in the radiator, breaking off one of the wheels and causing other damage.

None of the party was thrown out of the machine, but Mr. Griscom's leg was cut and bruised. Although suffering great pain he refused to go home, summoned a taxicab and went on to the funeral. It was said that the motorist could not stop his car, because the rails were slippery, and that the automobile skidded on the damp asphalt, the emergency brake being powerless to hold back the car. No arrests were made.

Mrs. Ada Glade, who is seventy-one years old and lives at No. 26 Newark avenue, Jersey City, was knocked down and painfully injured by a motorcycle at St. Nicholas avenue and 125th street last night. She was removed to the J. Hood Wright Hospital and later was taken to the home of her daughter, at No. 35 Manhattan avenue. The police arrested the motorcyclist, who said that he was Herbert Sakke, of No. 410 Convent avenue.

A "joy ride" which began on Saturday night at a garage at Amsterdam avenue and 101st street and ended early yesterday morning in the show window of a grocery store at Columbus avenue and 101st street resulted in injury to two women and the arrest of the chauffeur, George Mura, of No. 166 West 96th street, on several charges.

His employer, Clarence Isaacs, who lives at the Hendrick Hudson apartments, at Riverside Drive and 110th street, said that Mura had taken the car out without his permission, and when the chauffeur was arraigned before Magistrate Barlow, in the West Side court, on a charge of grand larceny, he was held in \$2,000 bail for examination to-morrow. He was also held in \$200 bail for Special Sessions for operating an automobile without a license.

Mura had two women and a man in the car with him when the steering gear failed to work properly and the machine plunged into the window of the grocery store of Gristede Brothers. The car was overturned and all the occupants were thrown out. The women were attended by Dr. Wardner, of the J. Hood Wright Hospital, and went to their homes. After Mura had been locked up Sergeant Durran and four patrolmen worked two hours before they succeeded in removing the car out of the wrecked window. The front wheel was torn off and it was otherwise damaged.

A big Newfoundland dog, the constant companion, on post or off, during the last fourteen years of Patrolman George Burnell, of the Tremont police station, was struck by an automobile at Washington avenue and 143d street last night, and all the precinct is mourning. The dog started to cross the street, when a touring car flashed out of the fog and broke both its hind legs. A bullet from Burnell's revolver ended its life.

A VANDERBILT HORSE WINS

Paris, May 8.—W. K. Vanderbilt's Bat's Delight won the Prix de St. James at Longchamps to-day, for three-year-old fillies, at nine furlongs. His Sir Peter finished second in the Prix de St. James, another three-year-old event, for colts, at nine furlongs.

THE KING'S TOMB TO BE AT WINDSOR

Body to Lie in State in the Old Norman Hall of Westminster.

SALVATION ARMY TRIBUTE

Commons to Meet on Wednesday—A Political Truce Indicated—Many Messages from America.

London, May 8.—The tomb of Edward VII will be beneath the Albert Memorial Chapel at Windsor, where the body of his eldest son, the Duke of Clarence, has a sepulchre. The funeral probably will be held on May 20. It has practically been decided that the body of the King will lie in state in Westminster Hall, under the houses of Parliament, which was last the scene of a similar ceremony when for two days and nights a constant stream of citizens filed past the coffin of Mr. Gladstone.

Before being taken to Westminster the body will lie in state in the Throne Room at Buckingham Palace. King Edward's coffin will be made of oak grown in the royal forest at Windsor. It will first be lowered to the vault beneath the chapel floor of St. George's Chapel, Windsor Castle. Afterward, when the permanent tomb has been prepared, it will be removed to the Albert Memorial Chapel, in the castle.

Queen Alexandra and King George conferred with various officers of the state and the household concerning the funeral arrangements to-day after holding service in the Royal Chapel at Buckingham Palace, which the late King always attended when he made his residence there. The date of the burial was tentatively fixed for May 20, although it may be May 18, the date on which Theodore Roosevelt is scheduled to deliver the Romanesque lecture at Oxford University.

The members of the royal family, it is believed, would prefer that there should be no lying in state, but it was represented to them that the wishes of the people were so strongly for this that they were willing to waive their personal inclinations.

Plaster Cast of Dead King Taken.

Albert Bruce-Joy, the sculptor, took a plaster cast to-day of the late King's features, while Sir Luke Fildes, the illustrator, sketched the dead King.

According to "The Times," the King died from heart disease, following bronchitis, and the paper says that all rumors of other ailments may be dismissed as idle gossip. There never was danger from throat complications.

"The official bulletin," "The Times" will say, "concealed nothing, for there was nothing to conceal. On Friday morning the King arose, as usual, and moved about cautiously, for even slight movements were apt to cause a recurrence of the heart attacks. It was not until a late hour in the evening that he left his chair for the bed."

"The Morning Post" in a somewhat similar statement will say: "The King was a martyr to his strong sense of public duty. On Tuesday the doctors ordered complete rest, because he was suffering from bronchitis, but he continued to give daily audiences, and it is safe to say that none of the noblemen and gentlemen he received had the slightest suspicion of the real facts. The King admitted that he had a cold, but he was just his ordinary, courteous, genial self, and all this time his temperature was over 100."

Scenes in the Death Chamber.

King Edward still lies in the bed where he died, clothed only in night-clothes, with his hands crossed on his breast. Queen Alexandra visits the chamber frequently, appearing greatly worn and tired. King George and Queen Mary spent most of the day with her. After chapel the family again looked upon the body for a few minutes.

Alexandra will in the future be styled the Queen Mother, a title not used in England since the days of Henrietta, the consort of Charles I. Her dowry house will be Marlborough House, and she possibly also will continue to use Sandringham House, besides residing for a part of each year at her summer residence at Klampenborg Bay, Denmark, which she shares with the Empress Dowager of Russia.

King's Hair Gets Cornwall Estate.

Prince Edward, the heir to the throne, will for the present be styled the Duke of Cornwall and Rothesay. Later he will be created Prince of Wales. He succeeds forthwith to the duchy of Cornwall, with a clear income of \$400,000 yearly, which will accumulate until he becomes of age, giving him an independent fortune of \$2,300,000. It was the income from this source which enabled the late King to purchase his Sandringham estate.

The English papers again are filled with telegrams containing tributes from abroad. The Russian court will go in mourning for three months and the Prussian court for one month. The Turkish government will send the heir to the throne to attend the funeral.

The artist John S. Sargent was among the few "privileged" visitors admitted to the death chamber, which is a moderate sized room, quietly furnished. This room is quite draped with black, but the entrance to King reclines under an ordinary white coverlet and a few white flowers and violets placed by Queen Alexandra, on a low simple wooden bed in the middle of the room, which stands where the sunshine falls on it. The King liked the head of his bed near a window, so that he got the outlook over Constitution Hill. His hands lie in a perfectly natural position, and he still wears his rings. A large cigar case and matchbox are lying on the table, just as the King left them, giving a natural look to the apartment, as though the King were only sleeping.

Many reminiscences are being published of the late King. Once on being asked what he would do if he were de-