

\$45,000,000 LOSS FROM EXPLOSION IN WIDE RADIUS

New York, Jersey City, Suburbs and Harbor Islands Suffer Damage.

WINDOW BREAKAGE GREATEST ON RECORD

Warehouse Goods Valued at \$35,000,000 Destroyed—Munitions Worth \$7,000,000 Gone.

The total financial loss caused by the Black Tom explosions and fire was estimated last night at approximately \$45,000,000.

The terrific concussion caused by the two heavy explosions and the intermittent artillery-like rattle lasting for more than six hours resulted in window damage in New York City greater than ever before experienced in the memory of glass insurance men.

Damage on Harbor Islands.

The harbor islands—Staten Island, Bedloe's Island, Ellis Island and Governor's Island—shaken to their foundations by the two main blasts, suffered almost \$500,000 in damage to windows, building walls and foundations.

The heaviest loser was the National Storage Company. Thirteen of its eighteen warehouses on Black Tom and four piers are in ruins.

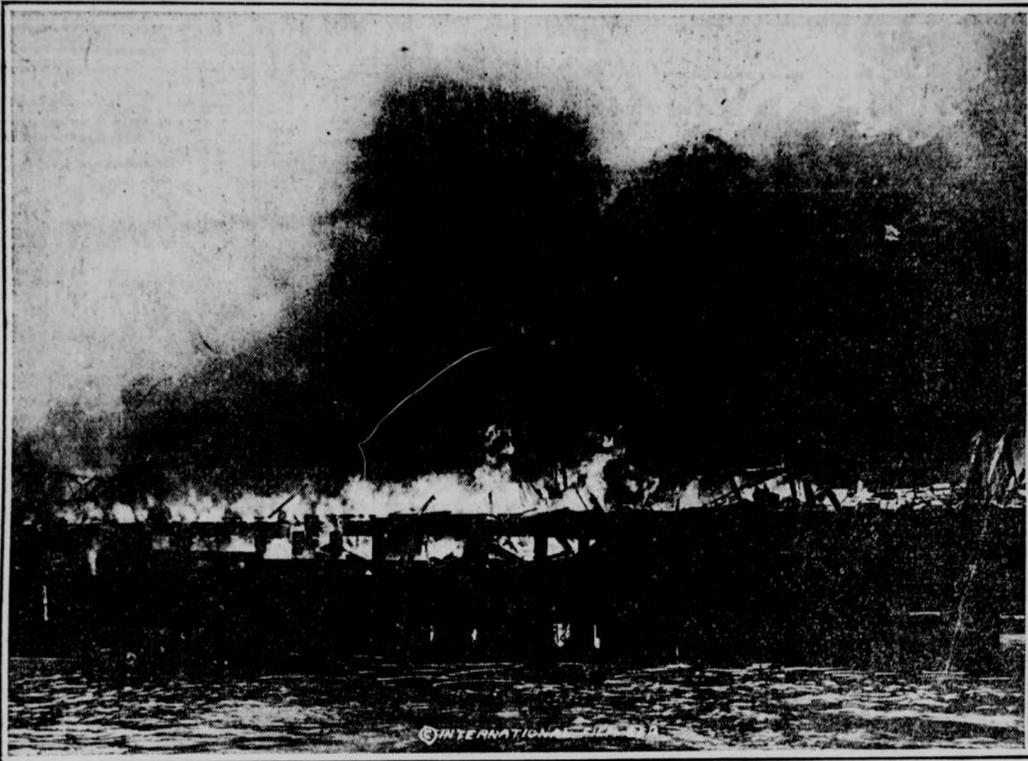
Raw sugar valued at about \$4,000,000 was lost in the fire that followed the explosions.

It was impossible last night to get an estimate of the loss in railroad stock and merchandise stored in about eighty cars that occupied the tracks on Black Tom.

The cars themselves are valued at almost \$50,000. The railroad company also operated a grain elevator in connection with the terminal facilities.

The plate glass insurance is divided about equally among the Lloyds Plate

BLAZING PIER AT THE HEIGHT OF MUNITIONS FIRE.



Burning lighters, barges and wharves made yesterday's conflagration one of the most picturesque in years.

Glass Insurance Company, the Metropolitan Casualty Insurance Company and the New York Plate Glass Insurance Company.

Record in Window Damage.

"It is impossible to give even a rough estimate of the insurance loss," said Mr. Woods, "but, from what I have seen of the damage in lower Manhattan and in the Thirty-fourth Street shopping section, I think the damage is the greatest in my experience."

Neither the old subways nor the new construction work was affected by the explosions.

Maiden Lane's jewelry and silverware were especially guarded.

All over the city timber windows were at a premium, and in some cases the police themselves had to board up the open windows.

The section of New York City which suffered the heaviest loss through window breakage was the office building district below Fourteenth Street, and especially in the vicinity of Bowling Green.

Damage to Public Buildings.

Captain A. B. Fry, engineering chief of the United States Public Buildings, estimated the damage to public buildings at between \$50,000 and \$75,000.

Jersey City suffered as severely as Manhattan and Brooklyn. The damage to windows, etc., was estimated at about \$350,000.

The biggest damage on Ellis Island was to the administration and hospital buildings. It was feared at first the loss would be about \$100,000, but later estimates said \$100,000.



WHERE THE EXPLOSION OCCURRED. Black Tom (shown by arrow) and its relation to New York Harbor.

150 Heroines on Ellis Island Face Peril of Blast Unmoved

Many Narrow Escapes from Death as Brave Women Carry Children to Safety—Shell Bursts Beside Sleeping Child, But She Is Unhurt.

"Out of 150 women on Ellis Island when the explosion came there were 150 brave ones," the officials there said yesterday afternoon.

The number included doctors' wives, nurses, matrons, cooks, immigrant women and immigrant children. Not one of them exhibited any sign of panic; not one of them so much as cried.

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Thirteen "St. Anthony's" and thirteen "Our Fathers" saved the island from destruction, according to Mrs. Mary Angui and Mrs. Sophia Vigorita, matrons.

would be all right. And, glory be to God, St. Anthony saw us through."

Mrs. C. Ramus, wife of Dr. Ramus, of Ellis Island, was probably the only woman there who actually saw the explosion.

"We worked all night, taking the children from one point to another, the women became thickly dusted with black powder.

"It was an awful crash," they said. "The women waked and were scared. We told them in Italian they were to pray to St. Anthony, who is the god of fire."

"That's nothing," said the crew of the Immigrant, which lay next the Hudson. "Captain John J. Gorman's pipe was knocked out of his mouth by a ten-pound shell."

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ELLIS ISLAND RAKED BY SHELLS BombarDED on Two Sides by Explosives from Drifting Barges. IMMIGRANTS TAKEN ON BOAT TO BATTERY Doctor Overcome When Fighting Fire—Window Frames Ripped from Buildings.

Ellis Island was bombarDED from both sides yesterday morning after the first explosion, when barges loaded with explosives drifted by to east and west.

Island Forces in Peril. No lives were lost, although forces from the hospitals and the big administration building were exposed at various times to the flying shrapnel and shattering glass.

Immigrants Got Warning. As the immigrant women, mostly Italians and Greeks, were becoming restless he gave the order, "Women and babies first, and I'll break the neck of anybody that gets out of line."

Burning Boats Drift Past. Two burning boats, with ammunition exploding at intervals, drifted past the power house on the west side.

Island No. 3 contains the contagious disease hospital. At the first alarm of fire Chief Surgeon Wilson, Dr. Carl Ramus and nurses and internists got all of the immigrants off to Island No. 2.

BARGE COLONY LONG IN SHRAPNEL FIRE Hatches Battered In by Force of Explosion—No One Hurt. Residents of the large colony of grain barges anchored back of the National Storage Company's warehouses were under fire for hours after the first explosion.

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