

Partly cloudy and warmer to-day; to-morrow, probably showers. Highest temperature yesterday, 80; lowest, 69. Detailed weather, mail and marine reports on page 16.

HAIL OF SHRAPNEL AS EXPLOSION ROCKS NEW YORK CITY; TRAIN BLOWS UP; SHELL LADEN BARGES BURN IN THE HARBOR; ONLY 2 KNOWN DEAD, BUT SCORES ARE HURT; \$30,000,000 LOSS

SUBWAY AND 'L' JOINT DRIVE ON MEN MAY QUIT; 3RD AV. TIED UP

General Manager Admits 356 3-4 Miles of Line Inactive.

COMPANY THREATENS "FIGHT TO A FINISH"

Will Attempt to Run Cars To-day—Employees on Other Roads Restive.

Interborough Rapid Transit employees are ready to strike when the call comes and add to the rolling stock now standing idle in the barns of the Third Avenue system the cars of the subway and elevated lines in Manhattan, thus completely tying up the transportation facilities of the city.

SOMME PUSHES UPTO MAUREPAS

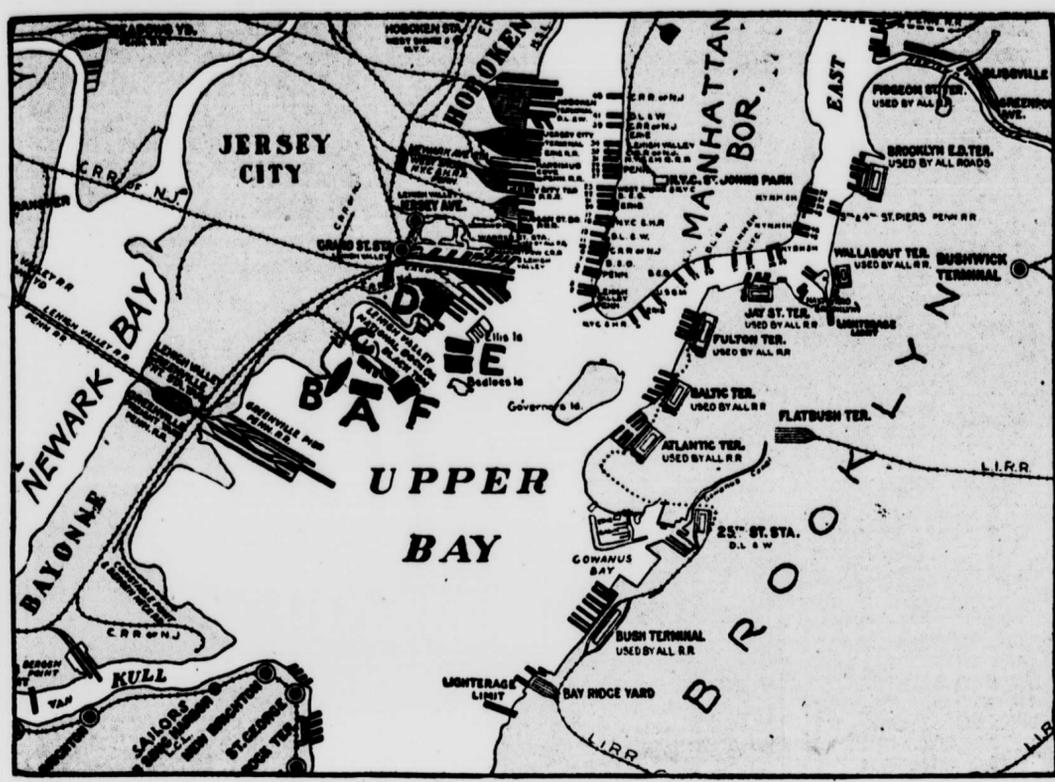
Concerted Advance of British and French Gains on a Six Mile Front.

GERMANS RUSH GUNS TO WESTERN SECTOR

700 Batteries Sent to Picardy to Offset Allies' Superiority.

LONDON, July 30.—Acting in concert, the British and French forces attacked together to-day and as a result of their cooperation both made valuable gains. Gen. Douglas Haig reports that the enemy "must have suffered heavily."

MAP showing where fire started at the Lehigh Valley Black Tom dock and spread to Jersey Central Dock No. 7; also indicating positions of barges which were loaded with ammunition: A. Barge loaded with dynamite standing off from Pier 19, where fire started and first explosion followed, known as Black Tom dock. B. Schooner Wilcott waiting to be loaded. C. Black Tom at point where fireboat Willett of New York department stayed spread of warehouse blaze. D. Jersey Central dock No. 7, where cars loaded with ammunition were burned. E. Position occupied by burning barges after they had drifted out into the bay. F. Forbidden position of Lighter No. 24 at the end of Black Tom dock. She was loaded with 3,125 cases of ammunition.



Shock Felt for 100 Miles and Thousands of Windows in Manhattan Broken

13 WAREHOUSES DESTROYED

Fire Said to Have Started on Lighter Near Black Tom Pier Was Fought Before Calling City Aid

FIREMEN FELLED BY EXPLOSION

Sugar Worth \$3,400,000, Cotton and Tobacco Valued at \$15,000,000 and Unreckoned Amount of Munitions Lost

At 12:45 o'clock yesterday morning a "still alarm" reached Fire Headquarters in Jersey City by way of the American District Telegraph Company. The report said "some rubbish burning," but as the rubbish was said to be on Black Tom pier, which juts into New York harbor south of Communipaw and for more than a year has been the principal shipping centre for war munitions going to the Entente Allies, Fire Chief Boyle said:

"I guess we'd better send five companies down there even if it don't amount to much."

While the firemen were on their way Police Headquarters also heard about the rubbish heap and dispatched some patrolmen down to keep the firemen company.

All Thrown Flat by Explosion.

They were about to connect their hose to hydrants and do their best at wetting down the reachable parts of the pier and buildings and the 150 barges and canal boats that are crowded into a basin along the pier not far from the shore when every man was thrown flat on his face by the concussion of the biggest explosion that they ever hope to hear.

It was followed twenty-five minutes later by a still bigger one. Thousands of tons of dynamite, nitroglycerine, nitrocellulose, lyddite and trinitrotoluene—whether on barges or in freight cars the blowup investigation will have to determine; the railroad company says only two cars loaded with explosives were on the pier—joined in two monstrous upheavals.

Between the two mighty explosions came the manifestation of an American Verdun. Bombs soared into the air and burst a thousand feet above the harbor into terrible yellow blossoms. Shrapnel peppered the brick walls of the warehouses, ploughed the planks of the pier and rained down upon the hissing waters. Shells shot hither and thither, exploding under the touch of the terrific heat and shooting their missiles at random. Some of the shrapnel shells fell even in Manhattan. On the pier arose a white glare as of a million mercury vapor lights.

Ellis Island Is Bombaraded.

The hawser of a three masted schooner moored near the end of the pier burned away and the schooner, on fire, drifted off over the bay, a sight for mariners and a menace to Ellis Island, against the shore of which, a mile from Black Tom, it drifted. Five of the barges followed it. They were burning, too, and had plenty of ammunition aboard, as was evidenced by the bombardment that they presently directed against the terrified wards of Uncle Sam on Ellis Island.

It was heaven's mercy that none of these was killed. In reassuring and protecting them the attendants and nurses, especially those in charge of thirty-five insane patients, passed two hours that they will always remember.

Meanwhile the firemen. Between explosions they found that the water mains on which they relied had been wrecked. Chief Boyle set every engine to sucking salt water from beside the pier and pouring it over the landward side of the two warehouse buildings. Then the fireboat Thomas Willett came screaming over from Manhattan, and with her help this building was saved.

So started the phantasmagoria of sound and fire, the most dazzling fireworks ever seen against a New York sky. The burning powder on Black Tom pier and at a pier of the Jersey Central Railroad a mile away to the north, which was fired by sparks or some of the flying bombs, made a light so brilliant that a needle could be picked up in the street in many parts of the metropolitan district.

Shock Is Felt for Twenty Miles.

All of Jersey City's population and many of Manhattan's were shaken from their beds. At Pocantico Hills, twenty miles up the Hudson, John D. Rockefeller got up from bed to see what kind of an earthquake was rocking his house. In the Oranges doors that were shut flew open and doors that were open banged shut and the owners of the doors were commensurately shaken and alarmed.

In the nearer provinces—Jersey City, Bayonne, Hoboken, lower Manhattan—it meant the end of the world to many a man and woman who ran shrieking from their rocking homes and then knelt in the street to pray. The tall buildings of lower Manhattan are pockmarked with broken windows.

The only item that shrank as the facts were gathered together yesterday was happily that of loss of life. The known dead are now set down as two. One is an unidentified young man who was found in the water beside Black Tom pier. The other is a child—Arthur Tarson, two and a half years old. The boy and his mother were thrown from bed at their home, 87 Central avenue, Jersey City, and the boy died of shock.

Thirty Others Were Injured.

Ten persons are reported missing, including Cornelius Leyden, chief of the Lehigh Valley Railroad's police, who was last seen in the fire zone on the pier. This number may be greatly increased when a full accounting is made of the men who were on the pier and the barges.

The total of the injured—most of them cut by glass—which required attention in the hospitals of Jersey City is thirty. One of whom is likely to die. He is James Doherty, a Jersey City policeman, who was felled

U. S. CUTTER ASKED TO CONVOY U BOAT

Captain of Apache Replies He Has No Official Interest in Deutschland.

BALTIMORE, July 30.—Although the German submarine Deutschland still was at her pier to-night, developments during the last twenty-four hours indicated the intention of Capt. Koenig, her commander, to leave in a short time.

It was learned to-day that when the revenue cutter Apache anchored a short distance from the Deutschland's slip late yesterday afternoon the Apache's commander was asked by officials who are looking after the submarine's interests if he could convoy the Deutschland to the three mile limit off the capes.

The officials were referred to the Navy Department. To-day the Apache's commander said he had received no orders to convoy the submarine and had no official interest in her.

Allied Patrol Ships Identified.

Nonotux, Va., July 30.—Both the United States neutrality squad and the allied patrol outside Cape Henry made this a day of rest. With the cruiser North Carolina lying in Hampton Roads the allied warships were not seen to-day.

Drowned at Rockaway Beach.

Carl Schloss, 23 years old, of 903 Prospect avenue, The Bronx, a Prudential insurance agent, was drowned late yesterday afternoon while bathing in the ocean at the foot of East Forty-ninth street, Rockaway Beach.

MANSLAUGHTER CHARGED IN THREE EXPLOSION WARRANTS

Blame Placed on Johnson Company Lighter Loaded With Explosives and Moored at Pier in Violation of Law

Manslaughter is the charge named in three warrants issued last night in Jersey City by Judge Mark A. Sullivan of the Hudson County Court of Common Pleas for the arrest of Albert M. Dickman, agent at the Black Tom dock for the Lehigh Valley Railroad; Theodore B. Johnson, head of the Johnson Lighterage and Towing Company, and Alexander Davidson, superintendent of the National Docks and Storage Company. It is averred in the complaint made against them by James Connelly, Jersey City's inspector of combustibles, that the three mentioned are responsible for the loss of life in yesterday morning's explosion because they permitted Lighter No. 24 to make a mooring for the night at the Lehigh's dock.

Davidson and Dickman were arrested in their homes by Detective Lieutenant Peter Green. They were taken to the county jail, where they were released in \$5,000 bail, fixed by Judge Sullivan.

"Justice" scarcely ever before moved so swiftly and so unexpectedly as in putting the blame on the three officials. This first consequence came after the day's investigation of the earth shaking explosions had established—so far as possible in the time—these facts:

The blaze was not of incendiary origin. Nothing adduced in the hunt for causes showed the least presence of a plot against the Allies, to whom the immense store of ammunition was consigned. None of the numerous guards employed by the Lehigh line had occasion for this kind of alarm for months.

Blaze Starts on Lighter.

The blaze started on lighter No. 24, owned by the Johnson Lighterage Company. With the exception of one tug-boat captain, those who have been questioned about the disaster placed the blame on the boat. The Lehigh Valley makes the lighter crew culpable. If A. Campbell, inspector for the Interstate Commerce Commission, which began an

POLICE HUNT BOMB AT HEADQUARTERS

Detectives, Fearing Another Blowup, Rush Around to Find "Plotter."

Police Headquarters was a scene of feverish activity and confusion yesterday morning due to the fact that no one knew where the explosion had occurred. One of the largest telephone switchboards in the city, outside of the local exchanges, is located in the building, and the six operators on duty under Lieut. Helwig had a busy time for many hours.

The first conclusion of the entire neighborhood was that a repetition of the bomb plot that nearly wrecked headquarters last year had been attempted. This was strengthened by the crashing of glass from broken windows near by, so that within a few minutes hundreds of the Italian residents of the neighborhood were clustered about the building in a panic.

Many of the men were in bed or preparing to retire. To a man they rushed out, some in flapping night robes and some half dressed, all with their revolvers drawn, looking for the suspected bomb plotter. Detective Tom Donahue, it was said, ran as far as the corner of Baxter and Walker streets in his search and gave it up there because he found a thief looting the broken window of a jeweller's shop.

CHILD LABOR BILL IN PERIL.

Opponents Say They Will Do Everything Possible to Kill It.

WASHINGTON, July 30.—President Wilson having won his fight for action before adjournment of Congress on the bill to prevent interstate commerce in the products of child labor, the Senate will take up the measure this week.

Passage of the bill is a foregone conclusion, but it will be opposed stubbornly by a group of Southern Democratic Senators and an attempt will be made by Senator Borah, aided by Southern Democrats, to couple with it the literacy test immigration bill, which the Democratic caucus determined to put over until next session.

Democratic opponents of the child labor bill have frankly told the Senate that they will do "everything honorable to defeat the bill," and for that reason will vote in favor of coupling the immigration measure with it.

SUN FIRST TO TELL NEWS OF EXPLOSION

NEW YORK got its first accurate news of the Black Tom explosion from THE SUN. An edition of the Sunday morning issue giving an accurate account of the whereabouts and cause of the disaster and telling the extent of the damage, as known at that time, was on the street half an hour before any other morning newspaper appeared with the news.

THE EVENING SUN issued an extra giving a comprehensive account of the explosion, and this extra was on sale an hour before the earliest edition of any other evening newspaper. THE EVENING SUN'S story of the explosion was the most accurate given by any paper of the day.

The newsgathering machinery of every paper in New York was tested, and THE SUN proved its worth.

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