

possible for a man to have entered the Capitol last night through some of the windows. There was only one policeman on guard last night in the Senate wing...

No Progress Made by Experts in Inquiry Regarding Cause of the Startling Explosion

Results of investigations made today by independent Elliott Woods and Prof. Munroe in the effort to learn the cause or source of the explosion were wholly negative. Similar investigations made by electrical experts of the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company were likewise negative...

Find No Evidence of Bomb

Absolutely no trace of the supposed bomb or other form of explosive was discovered after a thorough search of the debris in the room, so that Prof. Munroe had nothing except the visible effects of the explosion to serve as a basis for investigation.

That the effects of the explosion last night were not due to a bomb is a fact that is certain. The explosion apparently spent its force in a straight line across the room, as was shown by the chandelier nearest the north end of the room...

Peculiar Feature Noted

A peculiar feature of the explosion was the fact that the glass in the east window in the room was shattered to bits, though the sash was uninjured. The sash and frame of the west window was splintered.

Sixth Precinct Policemen Feel Effects of Explosion; Offer Aid in Investigation

It was not until some time after the explosion, officers on duty at police headquarters received definite information that such a thing had occurred. Shortly before midnight a rumor of the affair reached the officers...

Prior Explosion at Capitol Causes the Discontinuance of Use of Gas in the Building

The explosion in a reception room of the Senate last night brought up a reminiscence of the explosion a number of years ago that wrecked the crypt of the Supreme Court and which resulted in the immediate discontinuance of the use of gas anywhere around the Capitol building.

Vandal Damages Painting

The night of Tuesday, December 19, 1911, a vandal, whose identity has never been discovered, cut an opening in the wall about thirty inches long out of the famous painting, 'The Battle of Lake Erie,' in the Senate wing of the Capitol.

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Place for Intruder to Hide

Discussing the explosion this morning, Detective Pratt explained that the force of the explosion seemed to have been against the wall back of the telephone exchange, which is used only during the session of Congress. The exchange, he said, was covered with a piece of canvas and afforded an excellent place for an intruder to conceal himself.

Easy to Conceal One's Self

The police think it an easy matter for a person to have concealed himself in the building before the explosion, but the Capitol police, on the other hand, believe that there was any one there last night.

Maj. Pullman Out of Town

Maj. Raymond W. Pullman, superintendent of police, went to New York City last night to be a guest of Police Commissioner Woods today, and was not in a position to take an active part in the investigation.

Guard at Town House Plans Extra Precautions Because of the Explosion

Secret service and police officials are expected to take extra precautions at the White House in view of the explosion in the Senate wing of the Capitol, especially if it should be concluded that the explosion resulted from a bomb placed by a demented or criminally disposed person.

Numerous Cranks Arrested

Numerous cranks have been arrested around the White House in recent months. The arrest of one of these cranks, made last night, of not more than \$100,000, was the examination of this amount would repair all damages caused by the explosion.

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LETTER RECEIVED BY THE STAR THOUGHT TO HAVE BEARING ON EXPLOSION

A letter, thought to have a direct bearing on the explosion that wrecked the Senate reception room in the Capitol last night, was received by The Star in the first mail this morning. The letter was enclosed in an envelope addressed in hand printing, in pencil, the address reading: 'Personal, Editor, The Evening Star, Washington, D. C.' The postmark was July 2, 10 p.m., though the enclosed letter is dated June 1. The postscript appended to the letter is also in lead pencil, partly print and the remainder script.

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relieve the American people from complicity in the death of thousands of our European brothers. If Germany should be able to buy munitions here, we would positively refuse to sell to her. The reason that the American people have not as yet stopped the shipments seems to be that we are getting rich out of this traffic; but do we not get enough property out of non-contraband shipments, and would it not be better for us to make what money we can without causing the slaughter of thousands of Europeans?

Activity as Britain's Agent During Present War Arises When Mr. Morgan Is Shot

NEW YORK, July 3.—When the news of the shooting of Mr. Morgan reached financial circles in New York, the question was raised as to whether the financier's activities in connection with the European war had anything to do with the motive of the attack upon him. The house of J. P. Morgan & Co. is the purchasing agent of the British government for munitions and supplies bought in this country.

Debated in Parliament

The arrangement under which the Morgan firm was appointed commercial agent of the British government in the United States during the war was widely criticized. On the one hand, it was not met with satisfaction among a large number of American contractors for supplies. They complained that in some cases they were rivals of the Morgan firm in special lines of commerce.

ITALIANS CAPTURE TOWN OF TOLMINO

PARIS, July 3.—The Italians have occupied the village of Tolmino on the Isonzo north of Gorizia, according to a Rome dispatch to the Herald. The Austrians still hold neighboring fortifications and are bombarding the village. The capture of Tolmino has been regarded as a key to Isonzo valley—garrisoned by 30,000 Austrians.

Refugees Flock to Cities

Large numbers of refugees from the Isonzo district have flocked to Trieste and Gorizia according to reports received here. Training bearing Austrian wounded are said to pass through those places several times a day.

MRS. MARY J. ELLIOTT DIES AT HER HOME IN THIS CITY

Was a Descendant of Last Royal Governor of Maryland—Funeral Monday. Mrs. Mary John Elliott, eighty years old, widow of Dr. Johnson Elliott, died at her residence, 1417 N street north-west, yesterday. Funeral services are to be held at St. Paul's Episcopal Church Monday at 9 o'clock.

MENACED BY MAIL

German Charge Says Embassy Has Over 100 Threatening Letters. NEW YORK, July 3.—Prince von Hatzfeld-Trachenberg, German charge d'affaires, says that more than a hundred threatening letters have been received by the German embassy, now in its summer quarters at Cedarhurst, Long Island. This fact was made known in reply to inquiries regarding reports that Count von Bernstorff, German ambassador, had gone into seclusion.

Butler Escapes Uninjured

Henry Fiske, Mr. Morgan's butler, who killed the assailant with a coal hod and thereby doubtless saved Mr. Morgan from more serious injury, was not hurt, apparently, by his encounter with the would-be assassin.

Statement Prepared by Holt

The statement prepared by Holt was addressed to William E. Luyster, the justice of the peace who had questioned the man about the shooting. Holt signed the communication 'J. Holt, Dallas, Texas, and Ithaca.' The statement reads: 'My motive in coming here was to try to force Mr. Morgan to use his influence with the manufacturers of munitions in the United States and with the millionaires who are financing the war to have an embargo put on shipments of war munitions so as to

HALF MILLION MEN TAKEN BY GERMANS IN EAST, IS CLAIM

Incalculable War Material Also Seized From Russians May 2 to June 27.

TEUTONS DRAW NEAR TO CITY OF LUBLIN

Slavs Admit That Enemy Has Forced Way Across the Gnila Lipa. LONDON, July 3.—German military writers figure that the Russians from May 2 until June 27 left in the hands of the Germans 1,630 officers and 520,000 men prisoners and 300 field guns and 770 machine guns, besides incalculable war material.

ZAMOSC IS CAPTURED

Berlin Also Reports Progress in Many Sectors Which Are of Strategic Importance. The latest Russian official statement admits a continuation of the retreat before the armies of Field Marshal von Mackensen in southern Poland, whose forces are drawing daily nearer to Lublin. Heavy fighting, apparently of a rear guard character, for the most part, is continuing. Lublin might be termed one of the outlying defenses of Warsaw.

Advance Unchecked

The Austro-German advance in Poland is unchecked and the Teutons have shown no disposition to diminish the intensity of their eastern offensive. The Polish fortress of Zamosc has been captured and progress in other sectors of strategic importance in the east is claimed by Berlin. For weeks it has been the same story in this theater of war—an Austro-German rush, a Russian retreat—and the end is not in sight.

United Attack Planned

In preparation for an advance north supported by a German fleet, the Copenhagen Politiken's Petrograd correspondent states that eight German army corps were concentrated at Riga and in the Shavli region. The attack on Windau, the correspondent believes, has been captured and progress in other sectors of strategic importance in the east is claimed by Berlin. For weeks it has been the same story in this theater of war—an Austro-German rush, a Russian retreat—and the end is not in sight.

NO DECISION REACHED BY JURY IN HENRY CASE

Issue of Guilt or Innocence on Embellishment Charge Still Under Consideration. No decision had been reached at 2 o'clock this afternoon by the jury which has been deliberating since 1:15 o'clock yesterday afternoon on the issue of guilt or innocence of John William Sidons, head of the brokerage firm of Lewis Johnson & Co., charged with embellishing checks aggregating \$41,000 sent for investment by Mrs. Isabella A. Barkley of Wayne, Pa.

Announcement in Senator Oliver's Paper Taken to State His Position

PITTSBURGH, Pa., July 3.—The following editorial announcement in Senator Oliver's paper, the Gazette-Times, is taken to mean that the senator will not seek re-election to the United States Senate in November, 1916. 'It has always been Senator Oliver's expectation to relinquish active participation in politics at the earliest date of which he could consistently do so, regardless of incidental conditions, the particular campaign that might be on the time has now arrived. And the senator desires it to be made known that he will no longer accept or assume responsibility for the formation of a ticket, the conduct of administrative or the control and direction of party affairs.'

Will Try to Settle Plumbers' Strike

Patrick Gilday and Clifton Reeves have been appointed by Secretary Wilson of the Department of Labor conciliators in a plumbers' strike at Salem, Mass. They probably will leave for Salem Tuesday.