

TELEGRAPH BRIEFS

Hopewell, Va.—Explosion in acid tank at Du Pont powder plant damaged plant to extent of \$100,000.

London. — Holland-American liner Ryndam, which went aground while approaching Gravesend harbor in a crippled condition, floated and escorted to anchorage by tugs.

Washington.—Existence of gigantic water power trust in U. S. charged in report to senate by Sec'y of Agriculture Houston.

New York.—Bethlehem Steel Co., whose stock has been most spectacular "war baby" on stock exchange, declared dividend of \$30 on common stock.

Washington.—Declaring England's real purpose in blockade of Germany is to depress price of American cotton for its own commercial benefit, Sen. Hoke Smith demanded in the senate vigorous action by U. S. in protection of international rights.

Trenton, Mo.—Engineer J. L. Collier killed and Fireman E. L. McReynolds badly injured when California Limited, Rock Island passenger train No. 2, eastbound, was derailed two miles west of Winston.

Quincy, Ill.—With finding of large quantity of dynamite concealed among grain sacks in camp of Mexican laborers of Sante Fe railroad, authorities of Hart, Mo., just across the river from here, believe they have unearthed plot to avenge eighteen Americans massacred in Mexico.

Phoenix, Ariz.—State troops aiding laborers to strengthen levees at Clifton, Ariz., and volunteers worked desperately to strengthen embankments along Salt river north of Phoenix, as this section is threatened with devastating flood.

Douglas, Ariz.—Official reports indicated stories brought by travelers of seven United States cavalymen taken prisoners by Mexican bandits were unfounded.

San Diego, Cal.—Skies cleared for first time in flood week, which cost

four lives in Tia Juana river bottoms, rendered hundreds homeless and destitute and did over \$1,000,000 damage in this vicinity.

Halifax, N. S. — British steamer Pollentia leaking. Sent out calls for aid early today. Is about 70 miles off Cape Race. Liner Giuseppe Verdi is steaming toward British boat.

Albany, N. Y. — Tabitha, capitol cat, gobbled down six state laboratory white rats containing several million pneumonia germs. Cat may die, but bacteriologists won't forgive her, at that.

New York. — When immigration men asked Mrs. Aspasia Diamesis, from Greece, whether she had any money, she managed unblushingly to find here and there about her person \$26,000 in gold.

Washington.—Cyclone Davis wants some one to write "Death March of the Republic." He confided this in letter to Miss Edith Adele Jacobs, Auburndale, Mass., acknowledging receipt of her "National Defense March."

New York.—For trying to kidnap his aunt, with whom he was in love, Arthur Cooper was sent to prison for three months by Magistrate Carsten. Cooper is married. So is his aunt.

—O—O—O— "MOTHER" JONES MAKES PEACE - AMONG COAL MINERS

Indianapolis, Jan. 20. — "Mother" Mary Jones today stamped the convention of the United Mine Workers of America.

Following an address in which her unpolished oratory raised the 1,500 miner delegates to a fury of enthusiasm, she forced Duncan McDonald of Illinois to come up to the platform and shake hands with Pres. John P. White. It ended one of the bitterest struggles that has threatened the miners' organization for years.

James Matthews of Shamokin, Pa., president of District 9, with his mind still on wage scales, gave out a statement predicting no strikes in the anthracite districts.