

WRECK OF GOLTZ HOME ON VANDEVENTER AVENUE.



Ruins of the building at No. 422 North Vandeventer, which was wrecked by an explosion of gas at midnight Thursday.

Robert Goltz, the victim of the explosion of Thursday night on Vandeventer avenue and Olive street, died last night at the City Hospital, making three lives lost as a result.

Robert Goltz and his infant daughter, Marguerite, were killed outright. Goltz suffered terribly all day, being swathed from head to foot in bandages. His whole body was covered with burns.

Bank belonging to Louis Kahn stood in a passage-way just back of Kahn's grocery store and north of Goltz's shop. No trace of the tank could be seen after the explosion.

MONKEY THE GUEST OF HONOR AT FEAST

Harry S. Lehr Surprises With a New and Offensive Exhibition.

NEWSPAPER SPECIAL. Newport, R. I., July 4.—Harry S. Lehr, the pet of some of the women of the new set of New York and Newport, has set a new pace for society and Twentieth Century civilization by giving a dinner with a monkey as the guest of honor.

Mr. Lehr borrowed the simian and sent out invitations to twenty women and men to meet a dinner at the other guests. Then at dinner at Ardhigh. When the guests were seated at table, Mr. Lehr appeared leading the monkey, which was immaculately arrayed in a dress suit made for the purpose.

FIFTEEN PERSONS KILLED; TWENTY-NINE INJURED.

Electric Cars Collide, Head-On, With Terrible Force Near Gloversville, N. Y.

Ulster, N. Y., July 4.—On an electric railroad near Gloversville last night, there was a collision between two cars crowded with passengers by which fifteen persons were killed and twenty-nine injured.

DEATH DUE TO FALL FROM CAR.

Charles Schmidt Dies at Home From Concussion of Brain.

Charles Schmidt, a saloonkeeper at No. 212 North Grand avenue, died at his home, No. 306 Hebert street, at 9 o'clock last night from the effects of injuries sustained early in the morning by falling from a Jefferson avenue car.

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INDIA RECEPTION COST \$250,000

Entertainment of the Princes in Behalf of the King a Dazzling Spectacle.

The flowers alone cost \$200,000. The great reception hall was transformed by palms, ferns and orchids into a semblance of an Indian garden. A feature of the decorations was an immense ceiling cover, painted to represent the Indian firmament, in which the stars and constellations were accurately depicted.

Such a picturesque spectacle had never been witnessed in London since the visit of the Sultan of Turkey, thirty years ago. So many people who applied for invitations were disappointed that the Indian office has been obliged to limit the number of those invited to the reception.

The Prince and Princess of Wales arrived at 11 o'clock and were received by a guard of honor from the Indian contingent. The procession formed at the Foreign Office. It was headed by members of the Indian Council, and marched through the corridors, which were lined with Indian troops, to the India Office.

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AMBASSADOR CHOATE TRIES TO PREVENT SPEECHES ON FOURTH

Tells Americans That Addresses Would Be Bad Form on Account of King's Illness.

THEY HE DEPARTS IN HASTE.

Goes to Attend a Reception Given by the Prince of Wales at the India Office.

BANQUETERS ARE DISPLEASED.

Openly Express Their Dissatisfaction in a Series of Bright and Witty Speeches—Only Toasts Are Drunk.

London, July 4.—The Fourth of July banquet of the American Society in London was given at the Hotel Cecil to-night.

There was a remarkable manifestation of sympathy for King Edward in his illness, and at the same time open expressions of displeasure with Joseph H. Choate, the United States Ambassador.

Between 400 and 500 Americans were present at the banquet, and the specially invited guests included Lieutenant General Sir Francis Grenfell, the Governor of Malta; Sir John Gordon Sprigg, Prime Minister of Cape Colony; Sir Robert Bond, the Premier of Newfoundland; General Joseph Wheeler and the United States Consul General in London, H. Clay Evans.

The dinner was expeditious in order to enable Mr. Choate, Henry White, secretary of the American Embassy, and the colonial officials to attend the reception at the India Office.

Having eloquently toasted King Edward, Mr. Choate announced that in consequence of his Majesty's grave condition the other usual toasts, with the exception of one to the President of the United States, would be omitted and that there would be no speaking.

Sir Francis Grenfell proposed the health of President Roosevelt. After this toast was drunk, Mr. Choate, Mr. White, Sir Francis and the other colonial officials hurried away to don their court dress to meet the Prince of Wales at the India Office.

The other guests of the society remained and in spite of Mr. Choate's announcement, they engaged an unusually bright series of speeches, which were punctuated by openly expressed dissatisfaction with the attitude of the American Ambassador and his action in discouraging the speeches.

This dissatisfaction was noted by ex-Governor Hastings of Pennsylvania, who said that he quite disagreed with Mr. Choate's attitude. He said he had only just arrived in London from the United States, but that before he departed all the country was rejoicing over the King's recovery and that, therefore, he thought it right should be one of rejoicing and of speeches to voice that feeling.

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"The ends of the world," said the Ambassador, "have been brought very close together these last few days. King Edward's health conditions under, sad but affectionate regard of the civilized world."

"Never has there been and never could there be a more pathetic historical occurrence than the King's illness."

"The peace which was so anxiously looked for had come at last; the capital had been transformed into a house in which millions of people might behold the most wonderful pageant of modern times, and all mankind was on tip-toe of expectation, when suddenly, like a bolt from a clear blue sky, the center of these festivities had to exchange the glory and brightness of the coronation for weeks of illness."

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GERALD JOEKERT, 12 YEARS OLD, No. 294 Elm street, was slightly burned in a powder explosion.

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LEO DENNISON, A MESSENGER BOY, LIVING at No. 261 Thomas street, shot himself in the left hand with a revolver loaded with a blank cartridge.

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JAMES REDELL, A MESSENGER, LIVING at No. 146 Washington avenue, shot himself in the right hand with a revolver.

JOHN CORCORAN, A SHOEMAKER, of No. 235 Cottage avenue, was burned about the face by a powder explosion.

WILLIAM JAHN OF No. 83 HIGH street, was burned and cut about the forehead by a cannon cracker.

LEOPOLD MIDDENDORF, 11 YEARS OLD, of No. 108 Market street, will lose his right eye if the result of a toy cannon explosion. The barrel burst and the flame shot into his face.

CLARK BLAND, 12 YEARS OLD, OF No. 311 North Eleventh street, exploded a blank cartridge between two bricks. His left hand was severely burned.

WILLIE KIRCHBAUM, 5 YEARS OLD, of No. 276 Manchester avenue, was struck in the left arm by a bullet from a toy rifle while at play in his yard.

WILLIAM MEYER, A SHOEMAKER, LIVING at No. 123 South Fourteenth street, was shot in the right eye by a stray bullet while walking in Fourteenth street near the home of Doctor Vogel extracted the bullet at the City Dispensary.

WILLIAM REEHERMYER, 14 YEARS OLD, of No. 191 Parrott street, was burned about the face and eyes by the explosion of a cannon cracker.

JAMES GRAY, A NEGRO BOY, LIVING at No. 227 La Salle street, while trying to capture a toy balloon in the yards of the Missouri Pacific Railroad shops, at Chouteau and Compton avenues, stumbled over a bar of iron and dislocated his ankle.

ARCHIE WATSON, A BELLBOY, 20 YEARS OLD, LIVING at No. 114 South 20th street, was shot in the face with a pistol loaded with a blank cartridge, by a strange man, at Twentieth and Pine streets. His face was burned severely. Doctor Voerster attended him at the City Dispensary.

FRANK BOOTHE, 11 YEARS OLD, who lives with his parents at Eighth street and Franklin avenue, accidentally shot himself through the left hand with a 22-caliber revolver. The wound was cauterized at the City Dispensary.

JOSEPH WHALEN, 15 YEARS OLD, OF No. 223 South Jefferson avenue, was burned on the neck and face by the explosion of a cannon cracker.

EDNA ECKERT, 9 YEARS OLD, OF No. 217 South Tenth street, held a cannon cracker in her hand while it exploded. Her hand was badly torn and burned. Doctor Reinge of No. 239 South Twelfth street attended the wound, pronouncing it not serious.

The sulphuric acid was purchased at a drug store in the neighborhood of the boys' home. They had "clubbed" in tickets and procured about 20 cents' worth. The parents of the boys stated that they did not know the name of the druggist from whom the explosive was purchased.

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