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TERRIBLE HAVOC.

The Dupont Powder Works Blown Up.

No Less Than Seven Distinct Explosions.

The Concussion Felt More Than Thirty Miles Away.

Huge Buildings Torn to Atoms and Many People Killed and Injured—Fearful Destruction.

Associated Press Dispatches.

WILMINGTON, Del., Oct. 7.—Several startling explosions in quick succession (some counted five, others seven) at 3:30 p. m., announced to Wilmington a disaster at the Dupont powder works on the Brandywine. A rush was made to the telephones, but nothing could be learned beyond vague reports of damage. An Associated Press representative hastened to the scene, and has wired that the whole section of the works known as the "upper yard" is a complete wreck, and at least six lives have been lost. One of the magazines went off first, and the rolling and drying mills near by were set off by the concussion, followed in rapid succession. There were at least seven distinct successive explosions. Every dwelling in the neighborhood is reported wrecked or unroofed or more or less damaged. Telephone messages from West Chester state that the explosions were distinctly heard in that section.

The Worst Not Learned.

Later—A messenger has just brought in the following dispatch which shows that the worst has not yet been learned:

"Powder mills exploded. Ten killed and twenty wounded. Rockland is a complete wreck, none of its houses are left standing."

Rockland is a village on the Brandywine fully a mile above the scene of the explosion. It comprises a large paper mill, owned by the Jessup & Moore company, and about fifty dwellings in which chiefly reside mill employees. Its population is about 200. Evidence of the destruction at that distance, leads to the belief here that the number of killed and wounded has not yet been fully ascertained.

Scene of the Disaster.

The Dupont Powder Mills extend along the Brandywine chiefly on the left bank, and close to the water, for about two miles. They are divided into the "Upper," "Hagley" and "Lower" yards. The former is three miles, and the latter five miles from Wilmington. The report of damage done at Rockland proves incorrect as to the locality, the name of Rockland being erroneously used for the buildings clustered around what is known locally as the "Upper yard." There are some fifty houses inhabited by employees of the powder mill, clustered, and these are all wrecked. The damage to property cannot be thoroughly estimated tonight. The force of the concussion even broke windows in some parts of Wilmington, four or five miles away.

Terrible Destruction.

When the Associated Press representative arrived at the scene, he found women and children, the wives and sons and daughters of the men employed in the powder manufactory, madly rushing here and there, seeking information about the safety of their loved ones. The yard in which the mills stood was littered with the debris of fallen buildings, and at some places, where buildings had been, the only trace left was the empty cellars and a few foundation stones. The little village of Dupont's Banks, immediately outside the powder yard, presented a most pitable appearance. A hundred dwellings were either demolished or badly damaged. Buildings were unroofed, and the fronts of houses blown out and wrecked. Inside the dwellings devastation was complete. Rooms on the ground floor were strewn with broken crockery, crushed stoves, remnants of tables, etc.

The Killed and Injured.

Following is a partial list of the killed: Martin Dolan, James Dolan, William McGarvey, John Martygon, William Dennison, John Dietz, Thomas Hurlike, John Hurlike, Patrick Dougherty, John Newall, William Green, and a woman named Rose Dougherty. Several others are missing.

The more seriously injured, so far as learned, are Daniel Harkins, William Logan, Annie and Maria Dolan, James Ward, Hugh Terry, John McDougall, Mrs. William S. McDowell, her two-year-old daughter, Lydia Anderson, Andrew Godfrey, Frank Hollis, John McCaffrey, Charles Godfrey, Thos. F. Dougherty. Several of the injured will die.

A Complete Wreck.

The office of the Dupont company is a complete wreck and six mills are in ruins. Several members of the Dupont firm were injured by falling walls and broken glass, but none of them seriously. The dead were all employees of the company, and were in and about the mills that exploded. Several workmen are missing, and are believed to have been blown into fragments.

The Fatal Spark.

The first explosion occurred in one of the packing mills where a workman named Gran, was receiving a can of hexagonal powder to be shipped for the use of the United States government. In some way a spark was communicated to the can, and it blew up. Instantly the packing mill exploded, and the other mills in the upper yards, seven or eight in number, followed at intervals of less than one second. All these except one, were "rolling" mills, in which the ingredients of gunpowder are pulverized by vertical rollers of stone, turning slowly around a centre post.

A Matter of Life and Death.

Immediately after the explosion the large building known as the "refinery", located near the center of the village, took fire. It was a matter of life and death to the whole population that the fire should be extinguished before it communicated with the powder the building contained. The Dupont fire brigade succeeded in extinguishing the flames. Had the roof fallen in, it is doubtful if any man, woman or child in the vicinity would have escaped death or serious injury.

About fifty families are rendered homeless by the disaster.

It is estimated that the loss cannot be less than $500,000.

Felt Miles Away.

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 7.—The shock of the explosion at Wilmington this afternoon, was plainly felt in many sections of this city. The shock was also felt at Millville, N. J., Chester, Pa., and other points, thirty to thirty-five miles distant.

STATE POLITICS.

Nominations Made by Both Parties at San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 7.—The county, municipal, judicial, senatorial and assembly conventions were held tonight by both Democrats and Republicans. Many of these adjourned after effecting organization, without nominating. The following nominations were made:

Democratic.

Mayor, Frank McCloppin; auditor, Fleet F. Strother; city and county attorney, Harry I. Cresswell; district attorney, Charles L. Weller.

Senatorial districts—Twentieth, James J. Donelly; twenty-fourth, P. J. Murphy (renominated); twenty-sixth, Thomas J. Clancy.

Assembly — Twenty-ninth district, John F. Brown; thirtieth, Lewis Leffman; thirty-first, J. P. Ward; thirty-second, Joseph Franklin; thirty-third, George B. Gillin; thirty-eighth, Frank P. Clark; thirty-fifth, William J. Dunn; thirty-ninth, Chas. S. Arms; fortieth, Daniel J. Leary; forty-seventh, Michael Lunstenberger; forty-eighth, H. B. Morey; forty-sixth, W. H. Harrison.

McCoppin was mayor of San Francisco in 1868, has served several terms in the legislature and was United States commissioner at the Australian exposition two years ago.

Republican Nominations.

Mayor—George A. Sanderson.

Senatorial—George H. Williams, John T. Broderick and Thomas C. Maher.

Assembly—Thirty-sixth district, John Glynn; thirty-seventh, M. J. Coffee; fortieth, T. N. Dennis; forty-sixth, Joseph Winrew.

The convention then adjourned till tomorrow.

Mr. Sanderson is a member of the firm of Root & Sanderson, wholesale grocers.

Markham at Nevada City.

NEVADA, Cal., Oct. 7.—Col. Markham arrived here this afternoon from Downieville and held a reception at the National Exchange hotel. This evening there was a large meeting in the theatre, Col. Markham and Geo. H. Knight speaking.

Byrnes Withdraws.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 7.—James D. Byrnes, the Republican nominee for congress from the Fifth district, has resigned his candidacy on account of ill-health.

SAN RAFAEL, Oct. 7.—A county ticket was nominated by the Republicans today. The candidate for assembly is T. H. Estey; superior judge, F. M. Angelloti: sheriff and tax collector, Thomas McLean.

FIELD FIRES.

A Large Tract Burned Over Near Vacaville.

VACAVILLE, Cal., Oct. 7—Late this afternoon a telephone message from the Coulter ranch, called out about one hundred people to fight fire in the hills north of town, and some three miles away. The property burned over was some of the best pasture land in this section of the valley. A party of fire fighters were surrounded in a high wild oat patch, and narrowly escaped. More than three hundred acres were burned over, and a large number of trees were destroyed.

At 7 p. m. a second call for help was received, and another large detachment of men have left. It is reported that some cattle running loose in the hills have perished.

AN ERRING WIFE.

Shame and Remorse Drive Her to Suicide.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 7.—Mrs. Lulu Rogers, a 19-year-old wife and mother of two children, committed suicide today by taking a dose of strychnine. Her husband, William J. Rogers, is a car conductor, and on returning home from work yesterday morning at 1 o'clock, found his wife out. A quarrel which ensued, and remorse for her conduct, are believed to have led to the deed. She left an affectionate note, begging her husband's forgiveness.

Rube Burrows Captured.

DEMOPOLIS, Ala., Oct. 7.—The notorious outlaw and express robber, Rube Burrows, was captured this afternoon at South Maringo, by John McDuffee and others sent out by the Southern Express company. He had been seen in the vicinity recently, and today took shelter in a house during a storm. Two colored men assisting McDuffee, went into the house and engaged Burrows in conversation. Suddenly they grasped him by the hands, preventing him from reaching his weapons. A terriffic struggle ensued, but McDuffee and others came in and overpowered him. The Southern Express people are greatly elated. McDuffee and others will receive a large reward.

The State Grange.

WATSONVILLE, Cal., Oct. 7.—The State Grange met here today in Masonic hall. At the morning session the usual committees were appointed, and a recess taken. In the afternoon the officers' reports were read. The attendance is unusually large for the first day. The evening session was a public meeting, and the grangers were welcomed to Watsonville. Speeches were made by County Superintendent Lenscot, senior, Postmaster L. C. Steele and Mrs. A. P. Roache.

The Orange County Fair.

SANTA ANA, Cal., Oct. 7—The first annual fair of Orange county was opened today under most promising auspices. The exhibits of fruit, vegetables, grain, fancy work and stock of every description, are better by far than was anticipated.

It is stated that there will be a reunion of the Sharon heirs next November in San Francisco, and that, litigation being ended, the estate will be partitioned.

GRANDFATHER'S HAT

The White House Potentate's Western Trip.

Popular Demonstrations Along the Route.

Hoosiers Howl Themselves Hoarse at the Sight of Ah Ben.

Seeing the President is a Diversion for the People, When He Wears Grandfather's Hat.

Associated Press Dispatches.

NORTH VERNON, Ind., Oct. 7—Today was one of ovations for the chief magistrate of the nation. Kentucky, Ohio and Indiana joined in doing him homage, and in the land of Dixie the greeting was no less warm than in his native state.

It was hardly more than daybreak when the presidential train passed through Newport and Covington, Ky., but the president was up and bowed his acknowledgements to the enthusiastic Kentuckians that crowded the depots.

Cincinnati was reached at 7:30 a. m. Despite the early hour, several thousand people had gathered at the Central station to greet the president. At 8 o'clock the train pulled out.

Near North Bend, Ohio, the old Harrison homestead was reached and the train came to a stop just abreast the house in which Ben Harrison first saw the light, and but a few yards from the white shaft that marks the tomb of his illustrious ancestor, ex-President William Henry Harrison. The occasion was not one for words, and as the president passed to the rear platform, he was unaccompanied. The rest of the party delicately left him to the solemn memories that the scenes of his childhood and youth called back. After a brief stop the train passed on, but the president was visibly affected by the sights that brought back so many tender memories to his mind, and when the little town of Lawrenceburg was reached, his voice was heavy with emotion as he addressed the crowd of old neighbors and friends that thronged to greet him.

Solemn Memories.

"My friends," said the president, "I want to thank you very cordially for this greeting. All the scenes about here are very familiar to me. This town of Lawrenceburg is the first village of my childish recollections, and as I approached it this morning, past the earliest home of my recollections—the home in which my childhood and early manhood were spent—memories crowded in upon me that are very full of interest, very full of pleasure, and yet very full of sadness. They bring back to me those who once made the old home very dear—the most precious spot on earth. I have passed with bowed head the place where they rest. We are here in our generation with the work of those who have gone before upon us. Let us see each of us, that in the family, in the neighborhood and in the state, we do at least with equal courage, grace and kindness, the work so gravely, kindly, graciously, done by those who filled our places fifty years ago. Now, for I must hurry on, to these old friends and to these new friends, who have come in since Lawrenceburg was familiar to me, I extend again my hearty thanks for this welcome, and beg in parting, to introduce the only member of my cabinet who accompanies me, General Tracy, secretary of the navy."

Secretary Tracy contented himself by merely bowing to the enthusiastic crowd, and he and the president had time to shake a few eager hands extended, as the train pulled out.

Familiar Greetings.

VINCENNES, Ind., Oct. 7.—It was quickly demonstrated that the village of Washington, which was reached at 1 p. m., had many old friends of the president. An old gray-haired man elbowed his way through the crowd to the president, and grasping his hand said: "How are you, Ben? I am glad to see you. I voted for your grandfather, then voted for you, and I hope, Ben, to have a chance to vote for you again. You don't mind if I call you Ben?"

The president assured his visitor that to his old friends he hoped he would always remain "Ben," as of yore, and the crowd loudly applauded the sentiment. This encouraged an old lady to exclaim, as she grasped the president's hand: "I feel as though I am related to you, Mr. President. Your grandfather and mine ate roast turkey and pig together, and that makes us related, doesn't it?"

The president bowed affirmation to this logic as the train moved rapidly out.

Making the Most of It.

DANVILLE, Ill., Oct. 7.—The president is certainly making his western trip a period of unalloyed pleasure. No official business of any character is allowed to intrude itself, and the program of the trip is being adhered to in every detail. That this brief period of relaxation is proving beneficial to the president, is evident by his cheerful demeanor and the general manner in which he bears up under what would be ordinarily deemed a tiresome trip. The generous welcome which the citizens of his native state tendered him at every stop in Indiana, was particularly pleasing to the president. It was a veritable surprise when, at the little town of Sullivan this afternoon, nearly half the population of the county was found assembled, and cheering for a sight of the chief executive. The president was forced to yield to the popular demand, and made a brief speech, thanking the people heartily for his reception.

Between Vincennes and Sullivan, thirty miles, the fastest run of the trip was made, the distance being covered in thirty-two minutes.

The Event of the Day.

The principal event of the day was the reception at Terre Haute. A stand had been erected and fully ten thousand people assembled to greet the party. The arrival of the train was heralded by the whistles of every engine and factory in the city, and the noise was deafening. When the speakers' stand was finally reached, it was fully ten minutes before the thousands of cheering people could be quieted. Mayor Daniels welcomed the president to the city and introduced him to the people. The president, in responding, said he heartily appreciated this large gathering, and the welcome which the kind and animated faces, as well as the words of the mayor had extended. Terre Haute had always been the home of some of his most cherished personal friends, and he was glad to know the city was in an increasing degree prosperous and the people contented and happy.

"I am glad to know," said he, "that the local industries which have been established in your midst are today producing their varied products, and that these find a ready market at remunerative prices. I was told as we approached your city that there was not an idle wheel in Terre Haute. It is very pleasant to know that this prosperity is generally shared by all our people."

The president then introduced Secretary Tracy who made a brief address, in which he said he had beeen delighted with his trip, but more especially with the enthusiasm with which the people of Indiana everywhere greeted the president, and the warm personal friendship they have manifested.

Congressman Grosvenor, of Ohio, in a brief speech congratulated the farmers upon their appearance of prosperity, saying that he had expected from representations made, to find them a pallid-cheeked, poverty-stricken, mortgage-ridden people, instead of a class upon whom the gods of agriculture seemed to be smiling.

It required considerable exertion for the party to again reach the train through the surging crowd. As soon as possible the journey was resumed. At Danville, Illinois, this evening the roar of cannon sounded a hearty welcome to the Prairie state.

In the Prairie State.

BLOOMINGTON, Ill., Oct. 7.—When the presidential train reached the Danville depot, thousands of people were found assembled. Congressman Cannon introduced the president, who expressed regret that lack of time precluded a longer stay. He was glad to notice, he said, that if the last year had not yielded an average return to the Illinois farms, that already the promise of the coming year is seen in well tilled fields.

At 7:30 the train reached Urbane, where another multitude clamored for a sight of the president. He declined to talk, however, and introduced Secretary Tracy, who was received with applause.

At Champaign, the citizens were attended by the students of the University of Illinois, who received the president with their college cheer. After a few minutes' talk by the president to the young men, the train pulled out and reached Bloomington at 9:15.

PEORIA, Ills., Oct. 7.—No speeches were made by the president or members of his party at Bloomington or Pekin, although immense crowds gathered at both places. Peoria was reached at 11:25, and Mayor Clark and members of the council escorted the party to the National hotel to spend the night.

EASTERN ECHOES.

Brief Mention of Events Transpiring Beyond the Mountains.

Prof. John H. Hewitt, poet, writer and musician, died at Baltimore at the age of 108.

The steamer Alamo, from Galveston, arrived at New York with a cargo of cotton on fire.

The thirty-second district Democratic congressional convention, at Buffalo, N. Y., nominated Hon. Daniel N. Lockwood.

The Comte de Paris and party have arrived at Washington. They were the guests at a dinner Tuesday evening, of General Schofield.

The Hotel Walnut, in Cincinnati, has made an assignment, with liabilities twice the assets. It is one of the oldest hotels in the city.

The appraisers of the estate of William Fuller, of the firm of Whittier, Fuller & Co., estimate the total value of the estate at $1,771,262.

At Middleton, Conn., a dwelling house occupied by Jehial Tryon and wife was burned. Mrs. Tryon was burned to a crisp, and Tryon was badly injured.

The constitutional convention at Jackson, Miss., has adopted a section providing that separate schools shall be maintained for white and colored children.

At Louisville, Ky., a mail transfer wagon on the way from the post office to the Louisville and Nashville depot, was robbed of a pouch containing 135 registered packages.

The steamer Cindad Condal, from Vera Cruz and Havana, with sugar, tobacco, hemp, etc., came into port at New York, with fire in her cargo. Firemen are working on it.

Treasurer Peak, of Kansas City, whom Mayor Holmes expelled from office last summer, charging him with the embezzlement of $22,000 of the city's funds, has been indicted by the grand jury.

In the Houston county, Ga., superior court Thomas Woolfolk was the second time sentenced to hang Oct. 29, for the murder of ten members of his father's family in Bibb county, in August, 1887.

At Ispheming, Mich., the miners, trammers, lumbermen and all the underground employees of the Lake Angeline mine walked out Monday noon. The miners at other cities are following suit.

All the horses comprising the Castle stables, including Diablo, have been sold at public auction. Diablo brought $9,000 the purchaser being J. F. Campbell. The colt Bermuda brought $5,000 and Thorndale $3,100.

The following named national banks have been authorized to commence business: American National Bank of Salt Lake City, at Salt Lake City, Utah, capital $250,000; Merchants National Bank of Great Falls, Great Falls, Mont., $100,000.

Census announcements: St. Paul, Minn., 133,156, an increase of 91,683, or 221.07 per cent.; state of Iowa, 1,906,729, an increase of 282,114, or 17.36 per cent.; West Virginia, 760,448, an increase of 141,991, or 22.96 per cent.; Ohio, 3,666,718, an increase of 468,657, or 14.65 per cent.

The recent prairie fires near Mandan, N. D., were most disastrous. The Riverside Ranch company lost 300 head of stock, worth $10,000. Many settlers suffered serious losses and some had narrow escapes from death. The fire was the most destructive ever known west of the Missouri river.

IN OTHER LANDS.

A Fresh Revolutionary Scare at Buenos Ayres.

Troops Ordered Out to Patrol the City.

The Fears of the Alarmists, However, Speedily Dispelled.

John Morley Defends His Irish Exposures Against the Attacks of Critics. Cable Flashes.

Associated Press Dispatches.

BUENOS AYRES, Oct. 7.—A panic was caused here last night by a rumor that a fresh revolution had broken out. The troops were called out and patrolled the street during the night. The police were rapidly armed with rifles and held in readiness at the central station. A special train was dispatched to Zarata for reinforcements of artillery, which arrived this morning.

The cause of the alarm was the report of a police agent that attempts had been made by sergeants to subdue two regiments.

The situation is believed to be graver than at first supposed. Many deputies and senators passed the night in President Pellegrinei's house, and it is stated the minister of war took the president and Minister of the Interior Boca to the barracks for safety. Admiral Bordero prepared the fleet for action.

Later—The president has ordered the troops to go to Santa Catalina and go into camp, leaving one regiment in the city. Fears of a revolution in La Plata have been dispelled.

AFFAIRS IN IRELAND.

Morley Replies to His Critics--Sir Michael Hicks-Beach Speaks.

LONDON, Oct. 7.—In an address at Swindon, tonight, Morley replied to the criticisms of his recent speech. He ridiculed the idea that because he had been a cabinet minister he should be blind to the state of affairs in Ireland. Every word he had told was true, and he was glad to have helped in the exposure of the magisterial authorities.

Sir Michael Hicks-Beach speaking at Gloucester tonight, characterized Morley's story as a "traveler's tale." A recurrence of the famine of 1846 was impossible. The government had taken measures to prevent any extended suffering on account of the failure of the potato crop.

Secretary of State Stanhope in a speech at Horncastle declared that the alleged famine in Ireland only existed in the imagination of the Parnellite leaders and American anglers for the Irish vote. Referring to the new United States tariff, he said it was directed largely against England and Canada and would do Canada serious injury. The greatest injury, however, would be done to the Americans themselves. It behooved the government, he said, to find fresh outlets for British capital.

FOREIGN FLASHES.

Cream of the Cable Dispatches Boiled Down.

Sir Henry Drummond Wolff, British envoy to Persia, is dying.

Mermeux is dying from the effects of wounds received in a recent duel.

Rev. Henry White, chaplain of the British house of commons, is dead.

Two persons at Lunel, France, recently arrived from Spain, are suffering from cholera.

The steamer Majestic arrived at Queenstown from New York, reports that two steerage passengers committed suicide on the voyage.

Advices from Rangoon, British Burmah, state that a mail train was thrown from the track near there, killing one person and injuring twenty. It was the work of train wreckers.

During a severe storm Monday, the schooner Mary Jane was wrecked off Cape Tormentino, Prince Edward Island. All efforts to save the crew proved futile. Five bodies have been recovered.

At Welland, Ontario, the jury in the case of Arthur Day, charged with murdering his wife by pushing her into the Niagara river, returned a verdict of guilty, and Day was sentenced to hang.

Six thousand miners in the collieries in the counties of Fife and Clackmannon, Scotland, have warned their employers that they will strike unless their wages are advanced fifteen per cent.

Although there is no prospect of the strike of the Scotch furnace men coming to an end, some Glasgow iron brokers are selling with a view to discounting settlement. Pig iron has declined to 51s 11d.

England has demanded an immediate settlement of its claim for the seizure of the British African Lakes company's steamer, James Stevenson, illegally captured by Lieutenant Continho, a few months ago.

Mrs. Maud Yates, wife of Frederick Yates, son of Edmund Yates, editor of the London World, who is separated from her husband, has been committed to trial on the charge of issuing a check with the object of defrauding her father-in-law.

Captain Bullis, acting Indian agent at San Carlos, in answer to an inquiry that Kid had killed a scout and wounded others, states. "There is not any news here on the subject. The whole story is a canard."

This delegation was on the road to the convention. They had made up their mind to break the slate; when Joker of Artesia observed the LONDON CLOTHING COMPANY was so far above all competitors, he said, "Boys, I want all you Pumpkin-Rollers to put in your vote straight." Mahone of the Seventh seconded the motion. The delegation "gaged "their vote accordingly, and the nomination of London Clothing Co. for office of LEADING CLOTHIERS, was made unanimous.