

INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATED NOISILY

MANY ARE HURT BY EXPLOSIVES

CELEBRATIONS END IN SEVERAL ACCIDENTS

ONE BOY CAUGHT WITH AN INFERNAL MACHINE

Several Narrow Escapes—Fingers and Hands Blown Off in Explosions of Crackers—None Fatally Injured

Several serious, peculiar and amusing accidents resulted yesterday in Los Angeles' glorious celebration of the Fourth; but, considered on the whole, they are expected to prove fatal, and although many of the victims had narrow escapes from something far more serious, nearly every one escaped with nothing more than a missing hand or finger.

"SUNFLOWERS" BLOSSOM OUT IN EASTLAKE PARK

Former Citizens of Kansas Celebrate the Fourth in Good Old-Fashioned Style, Merriment Abounding

"The Sunflowers" blossomed out yesterday in new colors. Whether or not they were of a Luther Burbank variety deponent states not, but instead of the old-fashioned yellow they burgeoned forth in red, white and blue; and were the most patriotic sunflowers that ever hailed from the good old state of Kansas.

There were two hundred of them turned loose at Eastlake park, properly labeled and segregated from the New England exhibit—most of them, if not all, products of Concordia.

Everybody knows Concordia; if they don't they ought to. At any rate everybody knows what jolly good sunflowers are gathered there, and above in bloom at Eastlake yesterday were about the jolliest ever. Suffice to record—the Concordia people had a good time, and they celebrated the glorious Fourth in a manner not to be sneered at.

Applejack—well, maybe. And "Kansas kake," Girard goodies; Topeka pie and Oberlin coffee—yum, yum. Those Kansasites certainly did have a bunch of palate-pleasers, and they ate 'em, too, just as though there were lots more.

Decorations? You ought to have taken a peep at the way they had the trees fixed up around the lunch tables. There must have been thousands of real sunflowers looking down from the verdant foliage of those trees, and every one of them seemed to be wishing it could be one of the human sunflowers to get a whack at the luncheon.

The coffee was all brewed in big pots on the outdoor stoves, and it certainly could be one of the human sunflowers to get a whack at the luncheon.

Edibles were not the only things they had. There were music, speech-making, readings, reminiscences and a general "reunion of the clan" all which added to the interest of the program.

Scott Allen delivered the principal address, choosing "Patriotism" as his subject. The Declaration of Independence was read, "America" was sung, and Mrs. O. J. Hill and Miss Edith Palmer gave the literary readings reminding of "other days in Kansas."

TEMPERANCE WORKERS MEET IN HOLLENBECK PARK

Among the many Fourth of July celebrations yesterday which are deserving of special mention was that of the Women's Christian Temperance union, held at Hollenbeck park under the auspices of the Los Angeles federation. It wasn't on the program that the celebration should begin until noon, but long before 12 o'clock there were scores of the W. C. T. U. members flocking into the beautiful little semitropic park and preparing for the big festivities.

Altogether there were several hundred of the members of this organization present and swarms of children, with whom Hollenbeck park always has a special popularity.

Many prominent temperance workers were present and delivered addresses, but the greater part of the program was made up of festivities specially planned for the children.

The most important talks of the day were made by Mrs. Julia D. Phelps, county president of the W. C. T. U.; Mrs. Catherine Pierce Wheat, president of the Los Angeles federation, and Mrs. Lou Young, corresponding secretary of the organization.

Included in the program were a number of delightful songs and recitations by members of the Loyal Temperance legion.

The affair was a decided success. The plans for the outing were formulated by Mrs. Celia Noll, state superintendent of the L. T. U., Mrs. J. D. Phelps and Mrs. L. Young.

NEW ENGLAND TURNS OUT IN FORCE TO CELEBRATE

Members of Society of Southern California Meet in Eastlake Park and Listen to Patriotic Addresses

Nearly 1500 happy-hearted New Englanders congregated at the Eastlake park celebration and picnic yesterday. Congregated just exactly the word, either. Fact is they were congregated only about long enough to hear the patriotic hurrah speeches and "Old Glory" music, after which the merry-makers scattered to every nook, glade, bower and byway of the big park, everyone carrying a fine luncheon.

By 10 o'clock the park was swarming; by 11 o'clock it was crowded and by 12 o'clock—well, there wasn't anything but people and fireworks.

Dr. Sherwin Gibbons, first vice president of the New England society of Southern California, presided at the exercises on the north bank of the lake, where every seat was filled and hundreds stood up during the addresses.

Direct descendants of the signers of the Declaration of Independence and of historic families of the east participated in the program and delivered stirring and patriotic speeches.

Rev. Lewis Gouverneur Morris opened the program with a prayer from the Episcopal prayer book and Hugh W. Adams read the Declaration of Independence.

Rev. Bert Estes Howard, brother of the famous playwright, Bronson Howard, was the orator of the day, and delivered a most impressive address on "Democracy and Education," which attracted great interest at the time it was delivered before the City club some time ago.

M. P. Snyder, president of the California Savings bank, presided as chairman of the afternoon session, and Edward A. Gerety read the Declaration of Independence in an impressive manner.

Frances Marlette, assisted by a chorus of twelve pretty girls, sang patriotic songs.

The Chutes park was handsomely decorated and presented a beautiful appearance. E. A. Gerety, J. E. Timmons and Charles Shaw, assisted by numerous sub-committees, were in charge of the work and certainly made a veritable paradise of flags, flowers and bunting out of the little "Cony Island" amusement resort.

The "Grand Old Army of the Republic" fire and drum corps, the Chutes military band and the Silver String orchestra provided music, and there certainly was enough of it—and of the best quality.

The program concluded with an immense after-dark pyrotechnical display which was one of the best ever attempted at the Chutes.

Much credit attaches to those who had charge of the affair, and it is to be hoped the council every year will be able to keep up the fine record established yesterday.

LARGE CROWD GATHERS AT SIERRA MADRE CELEBRATION

The largest crowd that ever assembled at a celebration in Sierra Madre gathered at that foothill city yesterday, and included several hundred persons from Los Angeles and other nearby points. Athletic events were features of the morning program, the main attraction being the foot races for boys and girls under 14 years of age. Many participated in these events.

In the afternoon there was a ball game between married and unmarried men in the public school grounds. Special music was provided by the Pasadena band, and at night the celebration was concluded with a big fireworks display.

GRAND ARMY MEN KEEP THE FOURTH AT PLAYA DEL REY

Members of the Grand Army of the Republic posted in Sawtelle and Santa Monica celebrated the Fourth with a big picnic at Playa del Rey. The women of the Apomattox circle of Sawtelle arranged the affair. A basket lunch was a feature of the celebration, and the veterans and their friends and families passed a pleasant day.

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FORT ON DEADMAN'S ISLAND FURIOUSLY ATTACKED

Premature Explosion Aboard San Pedro Fleet Causes Delay, but Pageant is Otherwise Brilliant Success

Undaunted by the cold ocean breezes, 50,000 spectators lined the bluffs at San Pedro last night to see the sham naval battle, but were delayed more than an hour by the premature burning of one of the battleships.

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heavens, and then came the rush for the electric cars to take the tired patriots homeward.

THROWN FROM WAGON, HORSE BEING ALARMED BY CRACKER

A giant cracker which exploded beneath the feet of a horse attached to a wagon in which were C. B. Wilson and wife, Mrs. W. J. Swoverland, was responsible for an accident which occurred at 6:45 o'clock.

The party had returned from a picnic in Elysian park, was on its way to the East First street, and had stopped at a watering trough at Main and Alameda streets, when some one threw a giant cracker beneath the horse.

The animal jumped and threw Mrs. Wilson and Mrs. Swoverland, who were seated in the back of the wagon, to the pavement. Both of the women were severely bruised and were treated at the receiving hospital.

BOY BADLY HURT, BEING HIT BY SPLINTER FROM BULLET

Charles Schmeinger, 3 years of age, of 321 Adair street, while visiting Santa Monica canyon with his parents, was struck and painfully injured by a splinter from a bullet which glanced from a target. The little fellow was quite a distance from the place where the shooting was going on.

The splinter lodged under the skin about the neck of the boy, and he was brought to the receiving hospital in Los Angeles, where the injury was opened and the splinter removed.

Tobinskey, who was with the Schmeinger family, was also struck by a splinter, but the injury was not serious.

BOYS CAPTURED OPERATING GENUINE INFERNAL MACHINE

One of the most dangerous instruments ever seen at the central station was taken from two boys on Hill street, near Temple, by Patrolman Pautz yesterday.

The instrument was the brass nozzle of a hose, and when examined at the station was found to contain three ounces of powder and a power of fifty grains. The boys had been driving the large end of the nozzle into the ground and then lighting a fuse attached to the small end.

According to the police the brass had been cracked, and had it been fired again, it is probable it would have split into many pieces and seriously wounded or perhaps killed the boys who were playing with it.

YOUTHS UNDER ARREST FOR HAVING CONCEALED WEAPONS

On a charge of carrying concealed weapons, E. Ross, E. J. Beaudry and William Eaton were arrested by Patrolman Pautz early yesterday and taken to the central station.

At the station the young men were unable to deposit bail, so their parents were notified and a little later they called at the station and secured their release by depositing \$5 bonds for each.

The boys are said to have been shooting revolvers. When approached by the patrolman they hid the weapons in their pockets.

LOSES HIS RIGHT HAND BY GUN SUDDENLY GOING OFF

Andrew B. Johnson, living in the Redondo Villa tract, lost his right hand as the result of a Fourth of July accident. Johnson had been using a shotgun. Thinking he had emptied the last charge he placed the gun behind the door of a closet while grasping it by the muzzle. The trigger was jerked back and the gun went off, the charge passing through Johnson's right hand.

The injured man was hurried to Los Angeles and taken to the county hospital. There it was found necessary to amputate the right arm at the elbow.

FINGER BLOWN OFF BY CAN OF POWDER BEING EXPLODED

Dallas Bradley, 14 years of age, living at 1434 East Adams street, was badly burned and the middle finger of his right hand was blown off when he carelessly placed a piece of lighted punk in a can of powder. The boy had just loaded a toy cannon and laid the punk down while he fixed the fuse. The end of the punk touched the powder in the can and an explo-



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AMPUTATION MADE NECESSARY BY TOY CANNON GOING OFF

Victor Stahler, 17 years of age, living at 330 South Figueroa street, sustained a seriously injured right hand, while his left was painfully burned when a cannon he was loading was accidentally discharged yesterday morning.

Stahler was taken to the emergency hospital, where it was found necessary to amputate the forefinger of his right hand, and it is probable his thumb and middle finger will also have to be amputated.

It will not be necessary to amputate any of the fingers of his left hand.

CANNON EXPLODES, CUTTING MACHINIST'S FACE BADLY

While shooting a home-made cannon at the west end of the Third street tunnel yesterday morning the instrument exploded and the second piece of brass cut a chunk of flesh from Leon Harris' face.

The young man is a machinist's helper and is employed by the Gline company. He was taken to the receiving hospital, where his injury was attended to, and he was then sent to his home, 329 South Hope street.

FIRST BOY VICTIM GOES TO THE RECEIVING HOSPITAL

John Brown, 14 years of age, a schoolboy living at 1242 Elden street, was the first victim of the Fourth taken to the receiving hospital.

While shooting cannon crackers on Magnolia avenue, between Twelfth and Fifteenth streets, a large cannon exploded in his right hand, severely cutting and burning the member.

At the hospital the surgeons cleaned and dressed the wound and the boy then left for his home.

CANNON CRACKER EXPLODES, BURNING THE HOLDER BADLY

R. Dougherty, a stationary engineer living at 1138 East Fifty-third street, sustained a severely burned palm and right wrist when a cannon cracker exploded in his hand yesterday morning.

Dougherty was firing crackers in front of his house. A large cannon cracker exploded in his hand just as he was about to throw it. The injured man was taken to the receiving hospital.

THOUGHT BOMB HAD EXPLODED; LEFT HAND IS BADLY HURT

C. D. Harding, living at 504 West Fourth street, was badly injured in the left hand by the explosion of a bomb yesterday afternoon. He was taken to the receiving hospital, where the surgeons attended to his injuries. Harding thought the firecracker had exploded and stooped to pick it up.

Boy's Face Severely Burned

Raymond Bailey, a schoolboy living at 1045 East Thirty-first street, was taken to the emergency hospital for treatment for a severely burned face and right hand yesterday. A large cannon cracker exploded just as he was about to throw it. His face was severely burned, but he will not be marked.

Hand Torn by Cracker

James Dishman, a 10-year-old boy living at 1052 East Twenty-first street, picked up a cannon cracker which had not exploded, at his home yesterday, and as a result sustained painful burns on his right hand. The cracker exploded just as young Dishman lifted it from the ground. His thumb and forefinger were torn and cut.

Right Hand Lacerated

Errol Mitchell of 1112 South Los Angeles street was treated at the receiving hospital last night for a lacerated wound of the right hand, caused by the premature explosion of a giant firecracker. His injury is not serious.

Treated for Shattered Finger

R. J. Martin, a salesman, living at 221 East Vernon avenue, held a cannon cracker in his hand too long last night and was treated at the receiving hospital for a shattered finger.

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