

EXPLOSIONS KILL 100; HURT SCORES; WRECK BARACKS

Three Thousand Pounds of Dynamite Let Go While Being Loaded in Wagons

OFFICERS' FAMILIES PERISH Pinar Del Rio, Near Havana, Is Scene of Disaster—Capital Rushes Help

HAVANA, May 18.—Two almost simultaneous explosions of dynamite, supposed to consist of 3000 pounds, completely demolished the rural guard barracks in the city of Pinar del Rio this morning. Fully 100 persons were killed and nearly as many wounded.

Most of the dead are rural guards, but the entire families of several officers of the guards are said to have been killed, as well as several employees of the public works department and residents of the city, on which fell a deluge of masonry and debris.

It is not known whether the explosion was an accident or was due to an act of conspirators, but the former hypothesis is considered the more probable.

Several relief trains carrying surgeons, officers and rural guards and government officials started this afternoon from Havana to the scene of the catastrophe, 108 miles away.

Captain Alfredo Ravera and Captain Gaspar Betancourt of the garrison and their families are reported to be buried in the ruins.

The barracks was a massive building of Spanish construction and occupied an eminence in the outskirts of the city. During the late intervention it was the headquarters of the eleventh United States cavalry.

In consequence of the alarm over race disturbances, the government ordered all dynamite in the possession of contractors for road construction and other public work to be removed to the barracks for safe keeping.

This afternoon the work of removing the dynamite from the barracks for shipment to Havana was begun by employees of the public works department, assisted by the military police.

They were loading cases of the dynamite on wagons when the explosions occurred. The central court in which the work was going on was strewn with dead and wounded.

The work of exhuming the dead and searching for those who still may be alive is going on tonight, but it is greatly retarded by the destruction of the electric light wires and the fear that a quantity of unexploded dynamite may remain in the ruins.

FAMOUS BRITISH POLO PLAYER ENDS HIS LIFE

Captain De Crespiigny, Guest of Lord Brassey, Shoots Self

LONDON, May 18.—Capt. Claude Champion de Crespiigny, 27, was 27 years old. He served with the British army in South Africa in 1899-1900, and with the West African frontier force in 1903. He was twice wounded and was twice recommended by his commanding officers for the Victoria cross.

The captain was found, revolver in hand, seated at the roadside near Kingscliffe, in Northamptonshire, where he has been the guest of Lord Brassey.

The suicide is a son of Sir Claude Champion de Crespiigny and was 27 years old. He served with the British army in South Africa in 1899-1900, and with the West African frontier force in 1903. He was twice wounded and was twice recommended by his commanding officers for the Victoria cross.

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Child Has Narrow Escape from Death When Father Experiments with Gun

While examining a new automatic pistol at his home, 1412 Rich street, last evening R. Q. Hughes, superintendent of an irrigation gang at Whittier, forgot there was a bullet left in the chamber, pulled the trigger and shot his 3-year-old son Howard in the right side of the abdomen.

Fortunately the shot was a glancing one, and although it was first thought the bullet had penetrated the body, examination at the receiving hospital showed that a four-inch penetration of the abdominal wall resulted. The police surgeons state the child will recover.

Hughes purchased the pistol yesterday and last night was studying its mechanism. He had removed the bullets from the magazine, not realizing another remained in the chamber. As he was pulling the trigger the child, attracted by the click of the gun, playfully toddled toward his father. The baby was almost opposite when the bullet in the chamber was discharged, penetrating the abdominal wall, but not the cavity.

Before leaving for the hospital the father tossed his recently purchased gun out of the window, vowing "never again."

TO BE ROUGH RIDERS' GUEST NEW YORK, May 18.—Col. Theodore Roosevelt has accepted the invitation of the National Rough Riders association to be the guest of honor at a luncheon to be given in New York June 2.

Principals in Naval Scandal Which Led to Love Match



MISS DOROTHY HESLER AT LEFT OF MISS MADELINE SWIFT, AND PAYMASTER GEORGE P. AULDS

WEDDING TO END ROMANCE OF NAVY COMMANDER OF GUNBOAT PADUCAH STOPS SHELLING OF BLUEFIELDS

Miss Swift to Wed Paymaster Auld, Who Acted in Defense of Her Friend

(Special to The Herald) BOSTON, May 18.—The announcement from Washington that Miss Madeline Swift, daughter of Rear Admiral Swift, is to wed George Percival Auld, paymaster in the marine corps, has caused little surprise among Miss Swift's friends here. Since Paymaster Auld and Surgeon Robnett were court-martialed for knocking down Dr. E. S. Cowles, a cousin of Rear Admiral Cowles, because, as the accused men charged, Dr. Cowles had spoken insultingly of Miss Dorothy Hessler, a Chicago friend of Miss Swift, who was visiting in Malden, it has been known that Miss Swift had turned her attention to Auld.

When Storer arrived in Boston to make arrangements for the wedding he was informed that the ceremony would be indefinitely postponed, and at the court martial Miss Swift's testimony that Dr. Cowles had placed Miss Hessler in an embarrassing position aided materially in the defense of Auld and Robnett. Since the trial of the two officers Miss Hessler has become the bride of Robnett and the announcement of the approaching marriage of Miss Swift and Auld will complete the romance which started when the prospective groom championed the friend of the bride-to-be.

BROTHERS TAKE SISTERS AS BRIDES AT BURBANK

Phoenix Home Scene of Interesting Double Wedding

John A. Marxmiller, aged 26, and his brother, Frederick Marxmiller, aged 21 years, were the bridegrooms at a double wedding at Burbank last evening. Elizabeth and Hattie Phoenix, sisters, aged 16 and 18 years, respectively, were the brides.

John, the eldest brother, and Elizabeth the youngest sister, promised to go through life together while Frederick, the youngest brother, was married to Hattie, the elder of the sisters.

The Marxmiller brothers have been courted the sisters for several months and it was no secret to residents of Burbank that the couples would wed. The brothers are carpenters and are now planning to erect residences for their brides.

The double ceremony was performed at the Phoenix residence, which was prettily decorated with plants and flowers.

After a short honeymoon journey to northern cities the happy young couples will take up their residence in Burbank.

Girl Looking for Comet is Slain by Street Fighters

400 Italians Kneel in Prayer When Fire Ballon Appears in the Sky

NEW YORK, May 18.—A child of 3, looking for the comet through a broken bottle, the best telescope she had—was shot during a street battle tonight in Little Italy. Her spine was shattered and she will die. No arrests were made.

In another street in the same quarter 400 Italians fell to their prayers when they saw bearing down on them from the heavens a bright ball of flame. There was a panic in which many were trampled when the supposed aerolite exploded into small fragments. Somebody had been unkind enough on this, of all nights, to send up a fire balloon.

KINGS ARRIVE FOR EDWARD'S FUNERAL

Thousands See Dead Monarch, but Doors Close on Levee Miles Long

LONDON, May 18.—Thousands of persons marched in double file on either side of the catafalque on which rests the coffin of Edward VII, passed through Westminster hall today, and when the doors were closed at 10 p. m., there were miles of them still in line.

Throughout the afternoon, Victoria station was the scene of a constant stream of foreign representatives arriving for the funeral, King Albert of Belgium and King Manuel of Portugal, were met by King George and his eldest son, the duke of Cornwall.

Other arrivals included the duke of Aosta, representing King Victor Emmanuel of Italy; M. Pichon, the French minister of foreign affairs; the French president, Poincaré, and King Ferdinand of the Netherlands, Prince Charles of Sweden, two Chinese missions, headed by Prince Tsao Tao, brother of the prince regent, and representatives of various German principalities.

Most of these visitors went to Westminster hall after 10 o'clock at night, when the hall was closed to the public, to witness the lying-in-state, Queen Mary accompanying the guests.

The German imperial yacht Hohenzollern arrived at Sheerness this evening, but at the emperor's request no salutes were fired. The emperor will land tomorrow morning and proceed to London.

The official program of Friday's ceremonial, which was issued tonight, is a lengthy document, occupying five or six columns in the newspapers.

Mr. Roosevelt, as special envoy of the United States, with M. Pichon, will ride in the eighth carriage in the procession.

ROOSEVELT WILL ATTEND KING EDWARD'S FUNERAL

Is Now Guest at House of Ambassador Reid

LONDON, May 18.—Mr. Roosevelt is seeing many personal friends at Dorchester house, the home of Ambassador Reid, but is going out very little and is accepting no dinner invitations. On Friday he will be present at the funeral of King Edward in his capacity as a special ambassador of the United States. The appointment of Henry White, former American ambassador to France, as the diplomatic delegate from the United States to the royal obsequies, is regarded in court as a thoughtful act by President Taft, because Mr. White had long known King Edward.

Mr. Roosevelt began the day with a long talk with his old friend, Seth Bullock, county United States marshal in South Dakota. Mr. Bullock had lunch with Secretary Phillips of the American embassy. During the forenoon Mr. Roosevelt was received in audience by King Frederick of Denmark. Mr. White was received at the same time by his majesty.

Colonel Roosevelt had an audience with King Haakon of Norway, and met King George of Greece. With all the members of the American special embassy he wrote his name in the visitors' books of the king of Spain, Prince Henry of Prussia, Grand Duke Michael and other royals.

YEAR ON ROCK PILE IS PRIEST'S PENANCE

OGDEN, Utah, May 18.—"Twelve months on the rock pile" is the way James Ambrose Ryan, unrocked Catholic priest, who renounced his vow of celibacy to espouse an Ogden telephone girl at Denver more than a year ago, describes the penance he intends to suffer in order to regain his standing in the church.

COMET'S TAIL SPLIT

ASTRONOMER SAYS SUN SPOTS, COMET, QUAKE, UNALLIED

Director Hale of Carnegie Observatory Makes Observations of Ethereal Phenomena

OLD SOL MAY LIGHT UP COMET

Declares Recent Seismic Disturbances Are Not Traceable to Sky Vagrant

PASADENA, May 18.—While waiting for any manifestations of the comet's proximity, Director George E. Hale of the Carnegie observatory trained the big telescopes and solar photographing apparatus today on the spots that now mark the sun's face. He and his assistants found one large group of spots located approximately in the center of the sun, a smaller group which Dr. Hale says appears to be associated with the larger and a single small spot standing on the edge of the sun.

The total length of the large group is estimated to be about 100,000 miles. The penumbra or shadowy rims of the spots were found to contain three umbrae or black areas, one of which was larger than the other two. The smaller group consists of one spot with two umbrae and several smaller spots.

Previous photographs were taken of the spots May 14 and these show the groups of spots near the eastern edge of the sun. Since then the larger spot has greatly increased in size.

"Eruptions associated with the large spots like those we now have on the sun," he said, "are supposed to send out electrons. If they pass through the collector they might increase its brilliance perceptibly."

COMET AFFECTS WEATHER DECIDES PROF. RICKARD

Santa Clara Astronomer Says the Sunspots and Long-Tailed Flyer Are Co-operative

SAN JOSE, May 18.—Prof. Jerome S. Rickard of the observatory Santa Clara, tonight issued the following statement: After two months of rest, the solar surface is showing a recrudescence of activity, worthy of a maximum period. May 18, at 1 p. m., there could be seen a large, intensely blue-colored spot, convex to the westward, concave to the eastward, in shape nearly like a half-moon.

As a master spot, it had a retinue of fourteen little ones, or pores, following in the rear of the eastern side, led by a vanguard of one taller and bigger than the rest. It was about twelve hours east of the solar axis. West of the north and south line through the center of the sun, at a distance of a few degrees, stood another group of three spots, a big one and two small ones.

The first and larger group is, say, eight degrees south latitude, and the second about ten degrees same latitude.

The largest black spot measures 236-318 by 78.773 miles. The smaller group appeared May 12 and was single, then became triple. The larger group was first seen May 15 on eastern limb as a family of seven, then of nine, May 16, of eight, May 17, finally of fifteen, May 18.

Why this sudden change on the star of day? It may be held, it has been held, it is well nigh demonstrated, that the rise and the wane of sun spots and faculae is due to planetary influence. The greatest of the world's long-range forecasters is going by the planets' positions. I go by the sunspots and faculae. Our dates always agree.

Therefore, planets and sunspots are indissolubly connected. Halley's comet may be viewed and ranks as a formative planet. Therefore, it must have a reactive influence on the sun and consequently with the weather.

Two slight and short seismic manifestations at 8:25 p. m., on the two instruments.

SAYS DIAMETER OF SUN SPOTS IS 150,000 MILES

ST. LOUIS, May 18.—Thirty sun spots, one of which was estimated to be 150,000 miles in diameter, were seen here today, according to an astronomer at Kenrick seminary, this afternoon. The spots, according to Father Brennan, indicate violent solar eruptions.

DIDN'T SEE IT, EH? WELL, WE WENT THROUGH ALL RIGHT

Auroral Lights and Dim Glow the Only Unusual Features Observers Noted

TRIP REQUIRED FIVE HOURS

Nebulous Wanderer to Become Visible Again Friday on Its Way into Space

WASHINGTON, May 19.—At 4 o'clock this morning Asaph Hall of the Naval observatory here said the earth would not pass through the comet's tail until some time today.

PRINCETON, N. J., May 19.—At 3 a. m. Dr. Henry N. Russell, professor of astronomy at Princeton university, declares that contrary to general predictions, the earth has not yet passed through the tail of Halley's comet. He said that towards the east a distinct streak of light was visible, very much similar to the milky way. He declared the reason why the earth had not yet reached the comet's tail is that the tail is curved away from the earth and although the head of the comet has crossed the sun's disk by four hours the tail will probably not reach the earth until later in the morning.

THE comet came, the comet went, and this old earth is no worse and no better, and thus far very little wiser.

There was no collision, as the superstitious and the ignorant feared, and now that the earth has not yet reached the comet's tail is that the tail is curved away from the earth and although the head of the comet has crossed the sun's disk by four hours the tail will probably not reach the earth until later in the morning.

None of the eastern observatories had anything of note to report either during the day or the night. At Chicago and at Williams Bay, Wis., where is the great Yerkes telescope, the conditions for observations seemed the best, and the astronomers there were confident the negative as well as the positive results of their examination would be of lasting scientific value.

The whole performance took little more than five hours. Observers were ordered as to the exact time, at which the earth began to pass through the comet's tail, but the opinion averaged a moment between 10 and 11 o'clock at night, eastern time.

The combined speed of the tail and the earth was estimated at slightly more than 46 miles a second, and the breadth of the tail at about 1,600,000 miles.

Friday the comet will become visible again, headed away from us with the tail sticking straight up out of the western sky, a little above the spot where the sun sinks. There will then be no light from the rising sun to dim the glory of the spectacle, and it is likely to be far more majestic than in the stages of the approach.

At the end of a month good by for another 75 years.

DISTURBANCE ON SUN MAY EXTEND TO EARTH

VALLEJO, May 18.—Prof. T. J. J. See of the United States naval observatory at Mare Island tonight reported the following observations on sun spots: Great sun spots were noted at 4 p. m. here today. The largest spot was slightly northeast of the sun center, and was made up of three parts roughly joined together by bridging, such as characterizes complicated spots. This seemed to be a little above the spot where the sun is destined to last several days. It appears to be increasing in magnitude, and to be of the vortex, or whirlpool type, which often gives rise to disturbances to the earth's magnetism.

"The sun spots will reach the sun's central meridian in another day or two, and if any disturbance of the earth's magnetism is to occur from this cause, it is likely to come about Friday. The spots now seen are not believed to have any connection with the comet, and if any aurora or electric effects occur tonight we should probably ascribe them to the comet rather than to the spots on the sun."

"The largest spot observed at Mare Island was estimated to be 60,000 miles long and 20,000 miles wide."

AURORAL LIGHTS DISPLAY GREAT AT WILLIAMS BAY

WILLIAMS BAY, Wis., Yerkes Observatory, May 18.—As the world passed through the tail of Halley's comet, astronomers at the Yerkes observatory tonight secured photographs and accurate records of meteoric phenomena and varying heavenly illumination under atmospheric conditions nearly perfect for work with camera and telescope.

Although a spectacular display of light from east to west was observed here, Prof. Frost, in charge of the observatory, and Prof. Mitchell of New York, do not connect the phenomena directly with the comet.