

HOUSE IS WRECKED BY AN EXPLOSION

Mysterious Fire at East Hollywood Leads to Shock—Neighbors Say Dynamite Cause

WATER HEATER IS SUSPECTED

Mother and Children Flee from House in Nightclothes.

Police Investigate

Fire of a mysterious origin followed by a heavy explosion that tore out several windows of the house, destroyed the home of Henry Honnigman at 589 Windemere street, East Hollywood, at 3 o'clock yesterday morning. Detectives are working on the case in an effort to learn the origin of the blaze and the cause of the explosion.

When the fire was first discovered Mrs. Honnigman, her two daughters, Annie, aged 13, and Fannie, aged 14, and an 18-year-old niece were asleep. Honnigman, who was fully dressed, awakened them, it is understood, and the family rushed out of the house. Mrs. Honnigman and the girls did not have time to get their street clothes and fled in their night clothes.

Detectives Roberts and Beaumont, who were detailed to investigate the matter, found a battered hot water heater in the ruins. This tank was ripped open, the bolts blown off, allowing the plates to be blown toward and the bottom of the receptacle was bent inward.

The officers are unable to determine whether the explosion which occurred ten minutes after the fire was discovered, was due to the bursting of the water heater or some other cause. The theory that the explosion was caused by dynamite was advanced by John B. Fletcher, a neighbor, who has had considerable experience in handling explosives.

According to Fletcher, who made a thorough examination of the ruins yesterday, the explosion was caused by dynamite or some other high explosive. As the explosion occurred in the early watchmen employed in guarding the hall of records building on North Broadway, more than three miles away, the officers believe it possible that dynamite might have been used to wreck the place.

CARTRIDGES IN HOUSE
Lieutenant Murray, Sergeant Adams, and Patrolman Gilpin hurried to the scene of the fire early yesterday morning. They questioned the neighbors and later he said there had been an explosion, but stated that it occurred about ten minutes after the fire was discovered. The investigation was corroborated by several neighbors who hurried to the burning house soon after the occupants had vacated it.

When asked as to the probable cause of the explosion, Honnigman said he had a quantity of .38-caliber cartridges in the house and they might have exploded. He also said that the hot water heater in the house, but it had not been used since early in the evening.

Mrs. Honnigman, her daughter and niece remained in the sidewalk near the burning building and refused to accompany neighbors to a place of shelter. They were attired in night robes and were reclining on bed clothes that had been saved from the ruined dwelling.

When Mrs. Honnigman was asked what she knew about the fire, she stated she knew nothing and referred her questioners to Honnigman, whom she said knew all about the matter.

According to persons living in the neighborhood two or three men were playing cards in the Honnigman home shortly before the fire. This was mentioned to Honnigman and he declared positively that there was no truth in the statement; that he was asleep at the time the fire started, and that he knew nothing about the cracking of the flames.

The police assert that Honnigman was fully attired at the time he ran from the burning dwelling. Several windows with diamond-shaped panes of glass were found practically intact a short distance from the ruins. The windows are thought to have been blown out by the force of the explosion.

The officers also learned that several neighbors saw two men carrying a lantern and a flashlight to the house of Honnigman home a short time before the fire started.

The dwelling, Honnigman said, was worth \$2500 and the contents were valued at \$3500. He said he carried insurance on the contents, but was unable to remember just how much. Mrs. Honnigman said that the fire started probably started outside, as there was no smoke in the place when she first was awakened. She scouted the idea that the fire was set off by the family, declaring positively that she knew nothing about it.

PAROLED CONVICT SHOTS JOCKEY, WHO MAY SUCCUMB

HANFORD, Cal., Oct. 16.—Thomas Chiswick, New York, a jockey connected with the Grove stables, was shot and probably fatally wounded early this morning by Richard Ward, a convict on parole from San Quentin. The shooting followed a quarrel in a saloon. Ward escaped and is being hunted through the hills by a sheriff's posse.

Musical

Miss Olga Steeb, the talented pianist of Los Angeles, has been selected as soloist for the great musical event of the year in San Francisco, the Schumann festival to be held in the northern city the latter part of November. Miss Steeb will play the Schumann A minor concerto with orchestra accompaniment. Early in the new year Miss Steeb will return to Germany, where she is engaged for a two years' course of concert. She received word last week that Xavier Scharwenka, the great director and composer, will direct a concert for her in Berlin in March, when she is to play his F minor concerto, the greatest and most difficult concerto written for the piano. This young pianist intends to astonish musical Berlin this winter with the prodigious undertaking of playing nine of the great concertos for piano at three successive concerts. The Scharwenka number is the only one by any living composer.

Miss Olga Steeb Will Play Concerto at Schumann Festival, San Francisco



Mothers' Congress

A meeting of the directors of the California Congress of Mothers will be held in the Chamber of Commerce building in Pasadena next Thursday. Representatives from the northern part of the state are expected to arrive Wednesday.

FIFTY-SECOND STREET
Several committees were appointed at the meeting of the Fifty-second Street Parent-Teacher association in the schoolhouse Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. J. C. Hampton was appointed chairman of the art committee for decorating and beautifying the schoolrooms. Her assistant is Mrs. C. K. Noble. Mrs. L. G. Kerr and Mrs. Katherine B. Hudson, program committee, and Mrs. J. F. Kilfoil and Mrs. C. E. White, playground. Two members, representing each room of the school, were appointed as a membership committee, with Mrs. P. T. Power as chairman. A beautiful banner has been purchased by this committee, and will be given each month to the room having the largest representation of mothers at the meeting.

Mrs. M. E. Joiner, the treasurer, resigned, and Mrs. J. H. Sturgin was appointed in her place.

Following the business meeting, a reception was held in honor of the teachers, and refreshments were served by the members of the reception committee, which includes Mrs. F. H. Dolan, Mrs. Floyd Taylor and Mrs. L. J. Kerr. The teachers entertained Mrs. Adelaide Baker, Miss E. M. Noble, Mrs. M. E. Sturgin, Mrs. Charles Meagher, Miss A. K. Noble, Miss Katherine E. Hudson, Miss Flossie M. Weisbard, Miss Nellie Collier, Miss B. Beckett, Mrs. M. E. Joiner, Mrs. E. E. Barrett, and C. E. White.

A delightful musical program is being planned for the next meeting, which will be held in the schoolhouse the second Thursday in November.

FIFTY-FOURTH AVENUE
The resignations of Mrs. H. W. Swadell, president, and Mrs. R. W. Nell, second vice president of the Fifty-fourth Avenue Parent-Teacher association, were accepted at a meeting of the association in the schoolhouse Monday afternoon.

It was decided that the association would become a part of the Los Angeles federation of the California Congress of Mothers, and Mrs. William Porter explained the work of the federation and the requirements of membership.

After the business meeting Mrs. Will gave a little farewell talk and enjoined them not to become discouraged, as the circle is more prosperous now than it has ever been before.

The membership dues were changed from 65 cents to 25 cents and as a result twenty-five new members joined at the meeting.

The next meeting of the association will be held in the schoolhouse the second Monday in November, and Mrs. Jane Beatty, president of the Highland Park Ebell club, who has become an active member of the association, will be the subject of the talk. Her subject will be "What Our Children Will Remember Us By."

GRAHAM ASSOCIATION
Mrs. Parry Brown will speak at a meeting of the Graham Parent-Teacher association in the schoolhouse on Thursday afternoon. Her subject will be "Kindergarten Work in Los Angeles." The membership committee has purchased a picture to be given each month to the room having the largest representation of mothers at the meeting.

GRAND AVENUE SCHOOL
Member of the Grand Avenue Parent-Teacher association held a short business meeting in the schoolhouse Thursday afternoon. Work for the month was discussed and it was decided to give an entertainment in the near future in order to raise funds with which to buy instruments for the school orchestra.

The next regular meeting of the association will be held in the schoolhouse Wednesday afternoon. M. C. Bettinger of the board of education will speak and there will be a delightful musical program. Boys and girls of the eighth grade will also add a special little feature.

GRANT SCHOOL, HOLLYWOOD
Prof. J. H. Francis, superintendent of city schools, spoke at a reception with which the members of the Grant School Parent-Teacher association of Hollywood entertained in honor of the fathers and mothers of the neighborhood Friday evening. After the address a delightful musical and literary program was given. Those who took part were Miss Lucile Lander, Miss Mary Ingham, Miss Rosa Gerkins, Miss Hampton, Professor Barber and Miss Gretchen Barber.

NINTH STREET SCHOOL
Mrs. H. S. Bertram, chairman of the committee of the Ninth Street Parent-Teacher association will preside at

a meeting of the committee in the kindergarten room of the schoolhouse on Wednesday afternoon at 8 o'clock. The meeting will be in the nature of a shower for the benefit of the Children's hospital.

SEVENTEENTH STREET
Mrs. D. K. Trank, parliamentarian of the Los Angeles Federation of Parent-Teacher associations, addressed a meeting of the Seventeenth Street association in the schoolhouse recently. Her subject was "The New Era of Motherhood." Music was furnished by the children of the eighth grade.

Because of the illness and resignation of the president, Mrs. George L. Borer, Mrs. R. P. Deniger was appointed president and Mrs. E. E. Tucker treasurer.

EUCALID AVENUE
Melville Dozier, assistant superintendent of schools, was the speaker at the first meeting of the Euclid Avenue Parent-Teacher association in the schoolhouse recently.

Mrs. A. Van Kerckhoff was appointed chairman of the children's hospital committee and she, with an able corps of assistants, is planning especially interesting work for the winter season.

The first Wednesday of each month will be dedicated to the regular meeting day of the association.

CAHUENGA SCHOOL
Mrs. C. C. Noble, chairman of the membership committee of the Los Angeles Federation of Parent-Teacher associations, spoke at a meeting of the Cahuenga School Parent-Teacher association Friday afternoon. His subject was "Work and Object of Parent-Teacher Associations."

Members of the kindergarten committee reported that there were a sufficient number of small children in the neighborhood to warrant their having a kindergarten in the near future. It is the desire of the members of the association to have it ready for the next term.

Several new members joined the association at this meeting.

SIXTH STREET, GLENDALE
Forty-five new members joined the Sixth Street Parent-Teacher association of Glendale at the meeting in the schoolhouse Thursday afternoon. The meeting was the largest that this association has ever had.

Plans were made to care for the small children of the mothers attending the meetings. It was decided to give an entertainment Thursday afternoon, October 27, in order to raise money for the work of the year. Mrs. Edith Hunchberger was appointed chairman of the committee in charge of the entertainment.

Mrs. H. H. Gridley, president of the Glendale Woman's club, who has recently joined the association, gave an interesting talk, and Mrs. W. H. Talbot of Washington park, chairman of the membership committee of the Glendale Federation of Parent-Teacher associations, told of her plans for the coming year.

A committee was appointed to assist at a meeting of the federation to be held in the Glendale high school October 22.

An enjoyable social hour followed, and light refreshments were served by the committee in charge of entertainment.

LOGAN STREET SCHOOL
Members of the Emergency committee of the Logan Street Parent-Teacher association met at the home of Mrs. J. R. Moore Thursday afternoon. Several musical garments were made and plans for the work of the year discussed.

GATES STREET SCHOOL
Mrs. John McClure, president of the Gates Street Parent-Teacher association, conducted an interesting question box at the meeting in the schoolhouse Thursday afternoon. There were interesting discussions of "Child Discipline" and "The Relation of the School and the Home."

A musical program followed, and those who took part were Miss Hazel White, little Zangwell Isenstein and his sister, Dora Isenstein, and Christine Wolf. Children of the second grade also gave several pretty songs and recitations from Hiawatha.

BERENDO STREET SCHOOL
The regular meeting of the Berendo Parent-Teacher association which was planned for October 12 was postponed on account of Discovery day to Thursday, October 13, and was held as usual in the school building.

There was an interesting round table discussion of the "Ideal Parent-Teacher Association," participated in by the mothers and teachers of the society, and made especially interesting by the animated discussion which followed each question. The subject proved so absorbing that it was not dropped during the social hour that followed, but was the topic of conversation on the refreshing cup of tea that was served later.

NORMANDIE AVENUE
It has been the custom of the Parent-Teacher association of the Normandie Avenue school to award a pretty banner to the room having the

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THE AMERICAN WOMAN'S LEAGUE

A meeting of the Los Angeles chapter of the American Woman's League will be held Wednesday night, November 2, in Symphony hall, Blanchard building, at 8 o'clock. Arrangements will be made for the evening meetings during the winter, and plans discussed for the social and educational features of the chapter. Classes have been organized and meetings arranged as follows:

Mrs. Clara Shortbridge Foltz, law class, in her office, Merchants' Trust building, Saturdays at 2 p. m.

Parliamentary law, office of Dr. Susan Balfe, Mason building, Tuesday nights at 8 o'clock.

Drawing at the studio of Mrs. Emily Lockwood Hubbert, 191 West Twenty-first street, Friday afternoons from 2 to 5.

Ornamental lettering, Miss Emile S. Perry, Los Angeles chapter house, Saturday afternoons, 2:30 to 4:30.

Classes in physical culture, which include body building, curative and remedial physical culture, will be formed when the enrollment warrants busy professional women in giving their valuable time.

The class in music is awaiting the return of the teacher, Miss Constance Lister.

Many classes are delayed owing to the members not enrolling at the People's university, University City, St. Louis, Mo., and securing their courses. Members are urged to write at once and qualify for the class opportunities in which Los Angeles excels any other chapter in the United States.

LOYAL SPIRIT OF TEACHERS
The prophecy has been made repeatedly that women qualified to serve as teachers in the correspondence courses of a great university could not be induced to give their services gratuitously. But the loyal spirit of the membership committee of the Glendale Federation of Parent-Teacher associations, told of her plans for the coming year.

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bers of the Los Angeles chapter have as possible a brilliant array of notable women who generously give an evening or afternoon to members needing criticism on lessons to be sent to the university for marks.

Los Angeles chapter is to be especially congratulated upon securing the able co-operation of Ida M. Coates, who will conduct the evening class in art as member quality. Both Mrs. H. Hubbert and Miss Coates will begin with the fundamental work of drawing, and lead to oils, water color and china painting. Miss Coates is a distinguished artist, having, when a young girl, attracted the attention of the famous Toletti of the Italian academy at Rome, who trained her as his assistant, where she taught frehand drawing in his studio.

Miss Coates' first important exhibition was at the great world's fair exposition in Chicago in 1893, where the most celebrated artists in the world were represented. She has recently copyrighted a picture of her own, entitled, "Destiny," and ranked among those of noted artists in the past, which will be known as "His Early Manhood." Miss Coates will meet her class at her studio, 2157 West Washington street. The generosity of Mrs. Hubbert and Miss Coates enables members to take advantage of the afternoon and evening classes.

CLASS IN MOTHERS CLUBS
Another important class is a course in Kindergarten Mothers' clubs every Saturday night at the chapter house, 1832 West Forty-ninth street, Mrs. Prudence Stokes Brown.

Mrs. Brown is the first lecturer or extension worker to be sent out at the expense of the league, and the university faculty fortunate in sending her first of all, to Los Angeles chapter, which is the largest in the league and has the class work organized to a greater extent than elsewhere.

When Mrs. Brown was in University City some time ago several plans for extension work were talked over, and she was given entire freedom to work out her own program in harmony with the officers of the local chapters. The organizer of the university desires that Mrs. Brown be kept in Los Angeles as long as possible, and she will also most determine what general plan will be of most service to other chapters. In other words, Mr. Morse wishes to get out of her stay in Los Angeles as long as possible.

NEW KINDERGARTEN METHODS
The general plan of her work is to deliver one or two talks daily each day during five days in the week, as a maximum, meeting classes, perhaps, after school and evening from Monday until Friday, or at such other hours as may be arranged. The subject matter will be the kindergarten philosophy in its relation to the home, the kindergarten, the primary and the Sunday school and the work will include the organization of child study classes. She will make these talks either before the members of the league or before other bodies, where it is desirable to have the work of the league presented. She will also meet members individually after the class work.

When not thus engaged Mrs. Brown will be available by arrangement to call on prospective members of the league and influential persons in the community with a view to interesting them in the league's work for which the league stands.

SLOW TRAINS
"I see they allow people to walk on the sidewalk here," said the northern man on a visit to the south. "Oh, yes," replied the train conductor. "I don't see any one ever run them down." "Oh, no; we very seldom catch up to them!"—Yonkers Statesman.

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