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THIRTY DEAD IS TOLL OF SUDDEN SHOPS EXPLOSION

Southern Pacific Employees at San Antonio Mangled Past Recognition

FIFTY OTHERS INJURED

FOUR BUILDINGS TOTALLY OR PARTIALLY DEMOLISHED AND MUCH COSTLY MACHINERY LOST.

ENGINE BOILER BURSTS

Houses Damaged Many Blocks Away By Pieces Flying Metal—Bodies of Many Victims Dismembered and Buried in Ruins.

Special to Daily News.

San Antonio, Tex., March 17.—Thirty men were killed and fifty injured by the explosion of an engine boiler at 8:50 o'clock this morning in the Southern Pacific shops, where eighty-five men were employed.

Four buildings were totally or partially demolished. Fortions of human bodies were found three blocks from the scene of the explosion. An investigation will be begun at once.

The identified dead:

- WALTER HOURDAN, Engineer.
- E. MANSKER, Sr., Foreman blacksmith shop.
- WILLIAM R. BRUMER, Machinist.
- JAMES VALENTINE, engine inspector.
- H. C. DURBIN, machinist.
- J. R. MILLER, Orange, Texas.
- ALBERT ROFFETS, helper.
- E. P. SHAW, Cleburne, Texas, machinist.
- MAY J. GORDAN, roundhouse employe.
- CARL ZYSKO, blacksmith.
- J. BRUDY, machinist, Pittsburg.
- RAYMOND F. BRADY, Allegheny, Pennsylvania.
- W. O. HOEBLER, machinist.
- Five negro helpers.

Except where indicated the former homes of those killed are unknown.

The amount of damage cannot be estimated as yet, much valuable machinery being buried and probably destroyed under the weight of a brick wall. Bodies have been recovered and more are being taken from the wreckage as it is cleared away. One man, Walter Houran, an engineer who was in the cab at the time has been identified as one of the dead.

Police, ambulances, physicians, army hospital corps men, and Y. M. C. A. workers took part in the work of rescue, the wounded and dying were taken to nearby drug stores and ministered to, while the dead were removed to the morgues to await identification.

Nearly buildings and houses were wrecked.

The locomotive was standing in the yards near the shops and the explosion came without warning. Parts of the round house were wrecked as were several small buildings in the shop inclosure, windows were broken for blocks around and the force of the explosion even made itself felt in down-town districts.

Confusion followed the explosion.

Fragments of bodies were found for blocks around the shop yards. Bodies and parts of bodies are being dragged out of the wreckage. The machine shops the copper shop and part of the round house in the yards were demolished, hardly a vestige of the destroyed engine remains. The jacket of the boiler was blown over a block and landed between two houses on Duval street. It weighs half a ton.

The tender was knocked several hundred feet away and wrecked.

Engines in the round house were smashed and the round house was set afire.

The men at work in the shops are mostly from out of the city, being brought here by the Southern Pacific when the strike in the shops was inaugurated last fall.

The engine stood in the center of a square formed by four buildings, and the force blasted at each with the efficacy of dynamite. The feed pipe through which engines take fuel oil was broken and a spout of flame added to the horror.

Inside the machine and blacksmith shop workmen never knew what happened. More than fourteen were dismembered, a portion of trunks and

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DATE FIXED FOR IRRIGATION MEET.

By Associated Press.
Salt Lake City, March 18.—The National Irrigation Congress will hold its annual meeting here on July 22-27, according to announcement made here today by the executive committee of the Association.

TAFT WELCOMED BY BOSTONIANS

Received in Massachusetts Metropolis With Notable Demonstration

By Associated Press.
Boston, Mass., March 18.—This is one of the most demonstrative days which President Taft has spent since he entered the White House.

From the time the train arrived here at seven o'clock this morning until he retired tonight, Bostonians vied with each other to express their friendly feeling for the chief executive.

The President was received by the General Court of Massachusetts this afternoon when he entered the hall he was cheered to the echo.

From the State House he motored to South Boston, and was greeted by thousands cheering and waving flags in his honor. He spoke on the subject of presidential primaries, pointing out that he favored such registration of popular will regarding presidential candidates where the law safeguarded the ballot.

Addressing the Charitable Irish Society tonight, the president said: "I wish to speak of the well-known fact that Socialism and anarchy have found no lodgment among Irishmen in this country, and are active to further prosperity. They are not reaching out for new gettin'atoin'ement; they are not seeking to invent a new society and turn the present one topsy-turvy. They are on the side of law and order."

Tomorrow the president goes to New Hampshire for several speaking dates.

Taft to Visit New Hampshire.

Concord, N. H., March 18.—In response to an urgent call from his friends in New Hampshire President Taft has agreed to visit the Granite State tomorrow and will deliver public speeches in Nashua, Manchester and Concord. His visit is designed to check the spread of the insurgent movement. Next to Massachusetts, no state in this section of the country has attracted so much attention in the anti-Taft campaign as New Hampshire, because of the prominence of Governor Bass and his activity in behalf of Roosevelt.

The Roosevelt men may be said to have the inside track thus far, because they already have an active organization within the Republican ranks. Following the meeting at which Governor Bass called together some forty leading Progressives of the State, and at which a certificate of endorsement of Roosevelt was made, there was a conference which called upon the Republican state committee to hold a presidential primary.

Governor Bass and his friends in the Roosevelt camp will be given a hard fight by Senator Gallinger and his old guard. General Frank S. Streeter, who was appointed by Mr. Taft on the Boundary Commission, is the active leader in the Taft campaign and he has with him a large number of the so-called "old-line" Republicans, who will stand by the President to the end. They believe that the President's visit tomorrow is certain to result in a solid Taft delegation from New Hampshire to the national convention.

MORE LAND IMPROVEMENT IN LOCKNEY COUNTRY.

Special to Daily News.
Lockney, Tex., March 18.—W. T. Harris of Amarillo is here this week, making arrangements to improve a quarter section of land he purchased last summer through Downs & Broyles from J. E. Watson west of town. This land is in a raw state and Mr. Harris will break out a nice farm this spring, and otherwise improve his property.

Quite a lot of new land is being put in cultivation in the Lockney country this spring, and the total will amount to several thousand acres. This means a great deal for our people, as well as will prove profitable to the owners.

CATTLE RAISERS IN PANTHER CITY

Seven Thousand Visitors Already on Ground for Convention

OPENING SESSION TODAY

NATIONAL FEEDERS AND BREEDERS SHOW IS OPENED WITH LARGE LIST OF ENTRIES.

Special to Daily News.
Fort Worth, Tex., March 17.—Seven thousand Texas cattlemen and convention visitors were in Fort Worth Monday ready for the opening session Tuesday at Byers opera house, according to the best estimates available of this number, however only about 1200 are delegates.

With El Paso and Oklahoma City delegations here early Monday and the Fort Worth boosters active, for rivalry was interesting in the three-cornered fight for the next convention place and the contest was the center of interest with Fort Worth leading in the race.

With a list of entries so large and of such high class as to assure a greater success than any previous year, the 1912 National Feeders and Breeders' Show opened Monday afternoon.

The opening ceremonies, scheduled for Monday morning at 10 o'clock, were deferred until 2 p. m. on account of the delayed arrival of Governor Colquitt.

Governor Colquitt had been selected to open the exhibition and his train did not reach the city until 11 o'clock. He went immediately to the Coliseum after luncheon and made the principal address of the afternoon. Mayor Davis was to have introduced the Governor, but was detained at the city hall on legal business. Louis J. Worsham made the introductory address in his stead.

SUPREME COURT BRED SOCIALISM

Underwood So Charges in Speech on Excise Tax Measure

By Associated Press.

Washington, D. C., March 18.—Oscar Underwood, the Democratic floor leader, supporting the proposed excise tax bill in the House today, charged that the Supreme Court by its annulment of the income tax in 1895 was responsible for the growth of Socialism in the United States.

The measure which probably will pass the House tomorrow, is expected to raise between fifty and sixty million dollars annually for the government.

Representative Littleton of New York said:

"I want to say that if we expect to tax wealth in this country as we ought to, we must not stand paralyzed before this impending influence of the court. We cannot forecast the judgment of the court, but we must not let that impede us."

FARMERS DEMAND A PARCELS POST.

Madison, Wis., March 18.—In pursuance of an organized movement started some time ago, thousands of Wisconsin farmers today observed "parcels post referendum day" by writing letters to their representatives in Congress asking for a genuine parcels post law. In support of their demand the leaders of the movement point out that there are about 42,000 rural mail carriers, who travel together nearly a million miles each day, dropping mail into about four million rural mail boxes. This service causes a loss to the government of about half a million dollars each week. The average outward load of the rural mail carrier is only about twenty-five pounds, and the return load less than five pounds. With the real parcels post, it is argued, this load would be increased several fold, the farmers would have an express service connecting them with the villages and cities, and the great deficit incident to the present imperfect rural mail service would be wiped out.

RAMIREZ FALLS BEFORE REBELS

Commander of Federal Troops Near Baca Surrenders Forces

OJINAGA NEXT POINT

MARCH WILL BEGIN SOON TOWARD TORREON WHERE BIG BATTLE IS EXPECTED

By Associated Press.

Chihuahua, March 18.—Major Ramirez, commanding the Federal force near Paca which twice has fought the rebels under Colonel Gomez, surrendered this morning. The prisoners included several officers and one hundred and fifty men. Report of the capture was made to Orozco by General Salazar from Jimenez.

Ojinaga will be the next important point for which the rebels will fight. General Rojas will be given the responsibility for attempting the capture of Ojinaga from Colonel Sanchez, and will head at least five hundred men.

Orozco regards Ramirez as being in little danger of recapture by government forces.

The campaign south of here, it is understood, will be pushed vigorously. Parral is the next town to be occupied, after which the march on Torreon will start. At the last named point a big battle is expected.

Make Government Depository.

Special to Daily News.
Lockney, Tex., March 18.—The First National Bank of Lockney has been selected by the Commissioner of Banking at Washington as government depository. It will be remembered that a short time ago the government established a postal savings bank at Lockney, which has been waiting for supplies to begin operation, and this new depository is to take charge of postal savings funds.

BRIBERY CASES IN NEW MEXICO

Arrests at Santa Fe in Connection With Senatorial Election

By Associated Press.

Albuquerque, N. M., March 18.—Four representatives of the New Mexico State Legislature were arrested tonight in a room of the Palace Hotel at Santa Fe, charged with accepting bribes of \$500 each to throw their support in tomorrow's election of two United States senators.

Learning, it is alleged, that the Representatives were to meet certain men in the hotel in a certain room to receive money, officers laid a trap to catch them red handed.

Secreting themselves in a bathroom the officers are alleged to have seen the transaction, as the money changed hands, sprang from their hiding place and made arrests. The representatives immediately sent their resignations to the legislature to be acted upon tomorrow morning. They are in jail tonight.

RYAN BANQUET IS TO BE BIG AFFAIR.

Lincoln, Neb., March 18.—Democratic leaders who share the opinion of William J. Bryan that only a "progressive" should be named to head the national ticket this year are gathering in Lincoln today to talk over the situation. The ostensible purpose of the round-up of the leaders at this time and place is to attend the banquet to be given here tomorrow night in celebration of Mr. Bryan's fifty-second birthday. The banquet has been an annual affair for some years past, but this year it is to take on more of a national aspect than ever before. Plans looking to that end have been going on quietly for some time and it is expected that several score of the leading progressive Democrats of the nation will be in attendance. The toast list of the banquet will contain only speakers from outside Nebraska. Among them will be Senator Gore of Oklahoma, George Fred Williams of Massachusetts and Frederick Townsend Martin of New York.

PRIMARY ELECTION BILL BY CUMMINS.

By Associated Press.
Washington, D. C., March 18.—Senator Cummins of Iowa introduced in the Senate today a primary elections bill which would make unlawful and prohibit both the national conventions in June.

OUTLAW GANG HELD AT BAY

Sidna Allen and Men Surrounded and Fight is Expected

By Associated Press.

Greensboro, N. C., March 18.—Messages from Mount Airy late tonight say that a messenger arrived there asking that every available man be sent to Squirrel Spur, just inside the Virginia border, where it is believed Sidna Allen and the gang who assassinated the court at Hillsville, is surrounded by a posse of forty men. Attack on the place is planned for daylight.

Officers came upon Wesley Edwards, a nephew of Sidna and Floyd Allen at the cabin eight miles east of Allen's home. Edwards escaped through the rear door, leaving munitons of war behind. A sister told the posse that Sidna Allen had been there early this morning, badly wounded and told Edwards to come to Squirrel Spur tonight, and the posse followed Edwards to what is thought to be the murderers' hiding place.

Squirrel Spur is in the mountain range extending past Hillsville. It is inaccessible except by foot and is a natural fortress. Officers believe the Allen's will not be taken alive and expect to fight to the death by daylight.

SHIPS CAR OF FAT HOGS TO FORT WORTH.

Special to Daily News.
Lockney, Tex., March 18.—Seven Brothers last week shipped a car of fat hogs to the Fort Worth markets. These hogs came from Briscoe county and were said to have been a fine specimen of pork sproats as were ever seen in this section of the country.

Seven Brothers are big shippers of live stock of this section, and through their operations they have put lots of money into the channels of trade in Lockney. They pay the highest market price for same, and our farmers can always depend on it that they will not all their hogs are worth when they bring them to Lockney.

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Duchess of Argyll's Birthday.

London, March 18.—The Duchess of Argyll, daughter of the late Queen Victoria and aunt of King George V, entered upon her sixty-fifth birthday today and received the congratulations of the royal family and many friends. Princess Louise, as she was before her marriage, was born in Buckingham palace March 18, 1848, and was married in 1871 to the Marquis of Lorne, who subsequently succeeded his father to the title of Duke of Argyll.

PLAINS FAITHFULS HOLD CONFERENCE.

Plainview, Tex., March 18.—The Baptist pastors of the Staked Plains Association met in conference at Plainview and many questions of general church interest were discussed. Among the things considered, the body of pastors adopted a resolution to express their sympathy and utmost confidence by wire to Dr. Frank Norris, pastor of the First Baptist church of Fort Worth, and pleading their prayers, influence and financial aid, if necessary to him in his trouble. The names of those in attendance were Revs. C. I. Gattain, G. W. Tubbs, Weathers, C. W. Hairfield, H. H. Street, J. E. Gares, C. Ross Payne, W. H. Forbes and J. W. Harder.

Imports Heavy at Lockney.

Lockney, Tex., March 18.—Lockney is perhaps receiving more merchandise at this time than any other town on the Plains. The size of the town considered. Car after car is received at the station and unloaded and placed in our warehouses. This is evidence of the material growth of the Lockney country, and that our merchants anticipate a big business this spring and summer. They deserve the splendid trade that is coming to Lockney, as they make prices that can't be duplicated on the plains.

POSSE BATTLES WITH CONVICTS

Two Escaped Prisoners From Nebraska Penitentiary Killed

THIRD MAN CAPTURED

YOUNG FARMER ENFORCED DRIVER OF WAGON, ALSO LOSTS LIFE IN DUEL OF BULLETS.

By Associated Press.

Omaha, Neb., March 18.—Two of the convicts, John Dowd and John Taylor, who escaped Thursday from the State penitentiary at Lincoln after murdering the warden, deputy warden and a cell keeper, and Harry Blunt, an innocent victim of their murderous attempt to secure liberty are dead as the result of an exciting battle between the convicts and officers this afternoon.

Charles Morley, the third convict, who escaped from the prison, surrendered after a running fight of over three miles across country with horses on the gallop.

Early today a telephone operator at Gretna gave the alarm of the presence of the convicts in the neighborhood, and the militia and sheriffs heading posses quickly pursued.

The convicts had robbed a store at Morlock, securing shot guns and revolvers, with which they fought until Harry Blunt, a young farmer whom they had compelled to drive them in a wagon, and two of the convicts were shot dead.

The sheriffs and posses rode in the rain of bullets until near the wagon in which rode the escaping convicts, and several members of the posse were slightly injured before Morley threw up his hands and surrendered.

The bodies of the two dead and one live convict were taken to Lincoln tonight.

Sheriff Briggs of Omaha, not knowing the young farmer and two convicts were dead, leaped from his wagon and approached the convicts' wagon demanding surrender of the men he thought alive in the wagon bed, Convict Morley said: "They are all dead."

Briggs then found the three lifeless bodies.

Blunt, who was 22 years old had been married about two months.

His body was taken home by his brother.

His young widow is prostrated.

ARIZONA HAS MANY NEW LAWS IN SIGHT.

Phoenix, Ariz., March 18.—Arizona's first legislature convened at noon today and proceeded to the work of organization. The election of two United States senators will be the first important matter taken up after the body gets into working. The election of the senators will not occupy much time, as the advisory primary already has named Henry F. Ashurst of Prescott and Marcus A. Smith of Tucson to wear the tozans. Both are Democrats.

A lengthy legislative programme awaits the lawmakers, it is expected the legislature will undertake the redemption of the pre-election pledge to submit to the voters the inclusion of the judiciary in the operation of the recall. It also is expected to submit the question of whether the present state officers shall remain in office until January 1, 1912, or two years later, the constitution being obscure on that point.

Among the most important mandates of the constitution are the enactment of an employers' liability law and a workmen's compulsory compensation act. A strong endeavor will be made to secure the submission of an equal suffrage amendment to the constitution. A statewide prohibition amendment also will be passed.

The WEATHER

Local Forecast.
Generally fair and colder Tuesday. Yesterday's Temperature.
At 7 a. m. . . . 48 At 7 p. m. . . . 70
Maximum . . . 89 Minimum . . . 40
1911 Max. . . 64 1911 Min. . . 46
Washington Forecast.
By Associated Press.
Washington, D. C., March 18.—For West Texas—Fair Tuesday except showers; cooler west Wednesday fair; colder north.