

TWO ARE DEAD; DOZEN INJURED BY EXPLOSION

Standard Oil Still Blows Up, Casting Burning Fluid on Employes Vast Plant Saved From Destruction by Squad of 600 Laborers

RICHMOND, April 9.—Still No. 29, of the Standard oil company's plant in the northern part of this city, exploded shortly after 10 o'clock this morning, blotting out the lives of two workmen, who were burned to a crisp, injuring a dozen more, one of whom may die, and causing damage to the plant which may amount to more than \$150,000.

Clarence H. Lawrence, aged 26 years, foreman of the marine department, and a resident of Santa Rosa. Joseph Granger, gate keeper, aged 43 years, a resident of this city, and married.

Clarence Perrault, boat inspector, a resident of this city, 40 years of age, may die as a result of the terrible burns he received. He has a wife and two daughters.

Chris Schmidt, motorman of the company's workcar, who was hurled from his car and covered with burning oil, is badly burned about the face, chest and hands.

L. M. Moore, superintendent of labor, who badly burned while performing acts of heroism in rescuing his men. James Montgomery, teamster, was burned about the hands and shoulders.

Miss Ethel Dundan, employe at the plant, was slightly injured while aiding the sufferers.

A dozen other workmen were injured slightly fighting the flames.

SLIGHT WARNING Only the small click of the inner works of still No. 29 of the 11 in a row at the works told of the impending explosion. C. R. Lawrence was working with a number of men when suddenly the big tank containing 800 barrels of oil exploded, due to overheating, and cast burning oil in all directions. Lawrence was struck by a steel plate, his skull crushed and buried with cement and steel some distance away.

Great quantities of oil shot out in all directions and covered his body and formed a burning lake in the vicinity of the wrecked still.

Granger and Perrault were near by and also received the full force of the explosion. Both were hurled high in the air and fell to the ground in the burning oil. All three men were removed to Abbott's sanitarium, where Lawrence, burned to a crisp, expired almost immediately. Granger lingered until 2 o'clock this afternoon.

Chris Schmidt, a motorman in charge of the company's car, was driving past the still at the time of the explosion. His car was hurled off the track and Schmidt covered with burning oil. The force of the shock had lifted the car completely off the tracks.

HAS NARROW ESCAPE E. J. Carroll, a teamster employed at the works, had a narrow escape from death. He was working near the still, when his train car heard the machinery stop and he fled to an empty tank near by. He had just reached his point of safety when the still exploded. Carroll escaped injury.

H. Montgomery had been working near the still when the explosion occurred, but he fearlessly attempted the rescue of his companions, and when this failed turned in the fire alarm which brought Superintendent Moore of the labor department to the scene with 600 employes.

BIG PLANT SAVED They formed a fire brigade and worked for three hours with might and main trying to prevent the burning oil from spreading to the remaining 10 tanks in the same row with the damaged still.

Under the leadership of Moore and L. D. Dimm, superintendent in charge of the works, the men were formed into squads. Fire whistles were used in calling for help and soon the workmen of the oil company were augmented by townspeople of Richmond, who joined in the fight. It was not until this afternoon at 2 o'clock that all danger of further conflagration was passed.

The immediate cause of the explosion was the blowing off of the manhead in the top of the still, which permitted the blazing oil to escape and communicate with the other tanks. The still which exploded was in the northern end of the works and contained about 12,000 gallons of oil. There were 11 of these stills in a row, as well as 60 tanks containing in all about 15,000,000 gallons of oil.

Workmen cleared the ground this afternoon and work will be started at once on a new still.

NEWSPAPER EDITOR SUES TRUSTEES OF PALO ALTO

Action Brought to Collect Pay for Municipal Advertising

SAN JOSE, April 9.—The city of Palo Alto was made defendant in a suit for \$244.17 filed here yesterday by J. H. Henry, former editor of the Palo Alto Daily Tribune. Henry alleges the money is due him for official advertising authorized by the trustees of the municipality.

The suit may be said to have been caused by H. W. Simpkins, editor of the Daily Palo Alto Times. Simpkins' election to the board of town trustees made it impossible for his paper to bid for the city printing, and with J. F. Parkinson, proprietor of the Palo Alto Citizen, also a member of the board, the Tribune was the only paper left in which the municipal advertising could be placed.

The Tribune was given a contract for the city advertising July 1, 1908, and the contract was to run until June 30, 1909. At that time the Tribune was a weekly paper. But Editor Henry changed the Tribune to a daily. The trustees discovered a law which stated that a daily paper to contain the municipal advertising should have been established a year. The Tribune as a daily had been established only a few months, though as a weekly it had run for three years. Simpkins advertised the charter in his paper, the Tribune, and now comes the suit, for the trustees refused to pay Henry.

GEORGE ARRAIGNED FOR ASSAULT—Hyman Rosenthal, grocer, 3507 Mission street, was arraigned yesterday on a charge of striking Mrs. Anna Headin, 512 Prospect avenue, with a scale weight, breaking her spectacles, a piece of the broken glass piercing her eye. The case was continued till Monday.

San Francisco Girl May Win the Prize



Miss Grace Gunn of this city, who is candidate for Portola festival honors.

BEAUTY CONTEST WILL CLOSE SOON

Big Task for Judges Who are to Award the Apple of Paris

One week from today the Portola beauty contest will be decided. From the hundreds of photographs that have arrived the committee has undertaken the huge task of selecting the woman who shall be called "most beautiful woman in California," "queen of the Portola carnival" and "the Portola poster girl."

Her charms will be made known to the whole world and from every land men will come next October to the big carnival to see the woman declared by competent judges to be the most beautiful of her sex in a state that is renowned for the beauty of its women.

Southern California has often boasted that the most beautiful women in this state were in that section, but from present indications it seems certain that a San Francisco girl will be close to the top at the finish.

Miss Grace Gunn of 1717 Green street has been entered in the contest by her many friends, thus increasing this city's chances, which are already great. A cash prize of \$100 goes to the winner with the other honors.

FAMOUS TROWEL WILL BE TAKEN TO MEXICO

Prominent Members of Masonic Order to Accompany It

LOS ANGELES, April 9.—The Masonic order will convey the famous traveling trowel from Los Angeles to the city of Mexico and back by special train, leaving here May 5. Thirteen days will be occupied with the trip. Many prominent members of the order, including Grand Master Oscar Lawler of California, Past Grand Master M. H. Flint and others will accompany it. Stops will be made at Tucson and El Paso on the trip to the city of Mexico, which will be reached May 19. The return trip will be begun two days later and will be made at Guadalupe, El Paso, Albuquerque and the grand canyon, reaching Los Angeles May 18. The trowel was started on its trip to all of the Masonic lodges of the world by Justice lodge of New York city.

WILL NOT TOUR UNITED STATES—City of Mexico, April 9.—Opposition to the proposed tour of the famous Banda Mexicana of this city, Director Roche made efforts to book the band in New York city and elsewhere, but found the strength of the unions arrayed against him.

SICK DOCTOR Proper Food Put Him Right

The food experience of a physician in his own case when worn and weak from sickness and when needing nourishment the worst way is valuable.

"An attack of grip, so severe it came near making an end of me, left my stomach in such condition I could not retain any ordinary food. I knew of course that I must have food nourishment or I could never recover.

"I began to take four teaspoonfuls of Grape-Nuts an hour of three times a day and for 2 weeks this was almost my only food; it tasted so delicious that I enjoyed it immensely and my stomach handled it perfectly from the first mouthful. It was so nourishing I was quickly built back to normal health and strength.

"Grape-Nuts is of great value as food to sustain life during serious attacks in which the stomach is so deranged it can not digest and assimilate other foods.

"I am convinced that were Grape-Nuts more widely used by physicians, it would save many lives that are otherwise lost through lack of nourishment.

"Absolutely the most perfect food in the world. Trial of Grape-Nuts 10 days proves 'There's a Reason.' Look in pkg. for the little book, 'The Road to Wellville.' Ever read the above letter? A new one appears from time to time. They are genuine, true, and full of human interest.

MARION CRAWFORD, NOVELIST, IS DEAD

Writer Passed Away in His Italian Villa After Encouraging Weeping Family

Fishermen and Peasants Express Sorrow in Silence and Shops Are Closed

SORRENTO, Italy, April 9.—F. Marion Crawford, the novelist, died here at 7:30 tonight. He knew the end was near and calmly encouraged his family to bear up and cease weeping. "I enter serenely into eternity," he said.

Crawford collapsed last night, but the night was without fever. Sadly he expressed the presentiment that he was soon to die. But almost immediately afterward, when referring to the approaching Good Friday, he said: "I die with Christ."

Crawford's daughter, at his request, then read to him Plato's "Dialogues," the novelist declaring that they taught him serenity in death.

Everywhere tonight in the village of Sant' Angelo, where the Villa Crawford stands next the old Capuchin monastery and amid orange groves, 200 feet above the sea, there was profound mourning over Crawford's death.

The fishermen and peasants, among whom the author was most popular, went to the villa to express in silence their sorrow. All the shops in the village were closed.

The municipality desires to give Crawford a public funeral, but it is believed that it was his wish to have no pomp, and the matter will be held in abeyance until tomorrow, when the author's will will be opened.

The news of Crawford's death has been cabled to former President Roosevelt at Port Said. Roosevelt and Crawford were intimate friends, and when the former was in Naples he made an inquiry as to the condition of the author.

Crawford was 64 years of age.

STANDARD OIL LAWYERS OPPOSE DISSOLUTION

Arguments Against Government's Suit Ended in East

ST. LOUIS, April 9.—The Standard oil lawyers completed their arguments today in the government's suit to dissolve the corporation as a violator of the Sherman law.

Attorney Kellogg will sum up for the government tomorrow and the court then will take the case under advisement.

In view of the great mass of evidence and arguments to consider, it is not expected that a decision will be handed down before fall.

BAKERSFIELD, April 9.—The annual statement of the Standard oil company to County Assessor Jameson shows a decrease of oil in storage on March 1 of nearly 150,000 barrels, compared with the figures for the preceding year, 10,028,823 as against 10,171,862 on March 1, 1908.

YOUNG GATES HAS THE SPECIAL TRAIN MANIA

Son of "Bet You a Million" Travels de Luxe

SAN DIEGO, April 9.—With two Los Angeles reporters to keep him company, Charlie Gates, son of "Bet You a Million" Gates, the stock plunger, arrived here this morning at 10:05 o'clock, completing a round trip to Los Angeles in a special which cost him an even \$1,500.

Young Gates left here last night at 9:25 o'clock and arrived in Los Angeles at 12:45 a. m. Then he chartered the special over again and left Los Angeles at 8 a. m., arriving here four hours later.

This is the third special Gates has chartered for himself since this city and Los Angeles in the last few days.

Constipation the Cause of Disease

Nature's Own Remedy

Constipation is not only disagreeable, it is dangerous. If allowed to become chronic it will prove the forerunner of disease. Nature intended the bowels to move regularly once a day. The delicate stomach and bowels are the keystone of the physical organization, and should be kept in normal working order to preserve health.

When the bowels become sluggish they require a natural and harmless laxative. Too often they are permanently damaged by powerful drugs taken to force action. In the famous Natural HUNYADI JANOS Water, Nature herself has provided her own harmless laxative, which can be relied on for quick and sure results. 1/2 a tumblerful on arising will, within an hour, move the bowels gently and copiously. A bottle costs but a trifle and contains many doses.

Look out for unscrupulous druggists, who will sell you unless you ask for HUNYADI JANOS.

Easter Hat Specials

Sixty Imported Models 1/4 off

Beautiful Paris Picture Hats imported for models and show pieces—1/4 off their regular prices.

Trimmed Hats \$5, \$7.50 and \$10

Three great specials—an extensive variety at each price—values that all women who shop around acknowledge the best in the city.

S. N. Wood & Co. Market at 4th St. and Oakland at Washington and 11th Weekly Call, \$1 per Year

ARCTIC EXPLORER BUILDS HIS BOAT

Leffingwell Reaches Seattle to Prepare for Three Years' Alaskan Trip

Will Sail into North on Mapping Expedition in Fifty Foot Yawl

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

SEATTLE, Wash., April 9.—Ernest de Koven Leffingwell, geologist and arctic explorer, who will spend the next three years mapping and surveying northern Alaska, reached Seattle today. He will remain in the city for the next three weeks superintending the construction of his yawl, the Argo, which will carry him and his little party into the northern waters.

The expedition will leave Seattle about May 1 and will reach Flaxman Island, where winter quarters will be established, about 10 weeks later. There will be no attempt to find an arctic continent, as Leffingwell demonstrated on a previous trip that there was no large body of land within several hundred miles of the North American coast. The work he has set himself upon is a geological survey of northern Alaska, to explore every river he has been informed of by natives and to establish a longitude in the northern country.

The Argo will sail under the colors of the Chicago yacht club, as private funds only finance the expedition and the work is not under the auspices of any society. The Argo is being built here and is 50 feet over all, with 1 1/2 feet beam. She displaces 22 tons and registers 13 tons, has a three foot draft, which will allow her to work close in shore, and is 40 feet on the water line. She is yawl rigged and carries only 1,000 feet of sail area. She has a two cylinder 12 horsepower Buffalo gas engine, adapted for burning kerosene, and will give a speed of six miles an hour.

SWEETHEARTS WOO DEATH WITH ARMS ENTWINED

Bodies Found on Banks of River With Bullet Wounds

ALEXANDRIA, Mo., April 9.—Their arms entwined, the bodies of Herman Bartlett and Belva Pugh, sweethearts, were found lying on the bank of the Mississippi three miles below here last night after a search of many hours, following the finding of a note telling of their intended suicide together.

Through the forehead of each was a powder burned wound. A revolver lay beneath them.

The young couple left their homes at 1 o'clock Monday morning. They wrote a note saying they would drown themselves together at a stated place in the river.

DENIES BUT RESIGNS—Washington, Ind., April 9.—Rev. E. E. Davidson of the First Christian church of this city, who is charged with having contracted a common law marriage with Miss Laura Dunn Clark, daughter of a former mayor of this city, at the Metropolitan hotel, St. Louis, last December, has resigned his pastorate. Davidson denies he entered into any sort of marriage contract with Miss Clark.

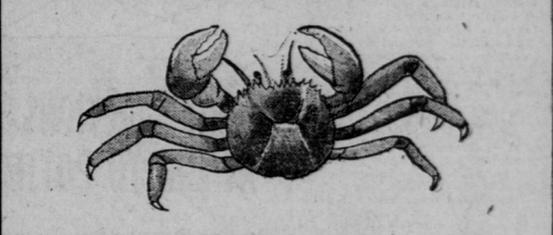
McCullough, 2023 Market street, has the third floor joists on the McCartney apartments, Second avenue and Lake street.

LOVERA

The Coast Representative of the Jose Lovera Co., who has watched the progress of Lovera on this coast from the time this brand was introduced here, was naturally proud to read the following item in New York Tobaccoes: "Flor de Loveras, the well known brand of the Jose Lovera Co., seems to be a popular smoke at the season's dinners. At a banquet given recently by the Bradford County Society to Mr. Davison, new partner of J. P. Morgan & Co., at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, Flor de Loveras were the only brand of cigars upon the bill of fare. The Republican Club of New York will have a dinner March 26, at which 600 covers are to be laid at ten dollars a cover. At this dinner also Flor de Loveras will be the cigar passed around."

The Above Shows How Loveras Stand With Critical Smokers DOES IT SHOW YOU WHAT YOU ARE MISSING? All Independent Stores in San Francisco Handle Loveras WELLMAN, PECK & CO., Distributors Jackson and East Streets, San Francisco

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A BONUS OF \$250 TO FIRST BUYERS

THE LAST AND BEST Of the Berkeley hill properties will be opened to purchasers on Saturday, April 17. Every other hillside tract within the city limits of Berkeley has been sold long ago, and today commands prices of from \$40 to \$80 per foot. The finest of them all—with easiest approach, best transportation facilities and widest view—held unimproved for years by absentee owners—is no wto be sold at

ONE-HALF PREVAILING PRICES The low prices will not, however, affect the character of the improvements to be made absolutely free of cost to the buyers. Contracts have already been let and work actually commenced on complete sewer and water systems, paved streets, concrete gutters, curbs and sidewalks and elaborate parking. In all there will be spent

\$105,000 ON STREET WORK THIS YEAR Nature has already made these gently rolling and sunny hill slopes opposite the Golden Gate the most beautiful sites for homes in Berkeley. Nothing that money and engineering and architectural skill can do will be spared in creating in

BERKELEY HEIGHTS

the loveliest residence section around San Francisco Bay. Within a month a car line will give ten minute service between BERKELEY HEIGHTS and all parts of Berkeley and Oakland. Already

TWO ELECTRIC SUBURBAN LINES ARE BUILDING Into the property. Buyers in BERKELEY HEIGHTS will be guaranteed a 5 cent commutation fare to San Francisco. The terms of sale will be the easiest ever offered on high class residence property. A deposit of \$25 secures a lot. The first payment will be \$100, and you'll have FIVE YEARS FOR THE BALANCE

No interest or taxes till 1911, either. The sale of BERKELEY HEIGHTS does not begin till Saturday, April 17. We have already been besieged with inquiries regarding prices and terms. We want to start the sale with a swing. We've decided, therefore, to give a BONUS OF \$250 PER LOT

To the first twenty-five bona fide purchasers on the opening day. If you want to be one of the lucky twenty-five to secure this bonus, if you want to clean up a \$250 profit on a \$100 investment, come to Berkeley this afternoon or tomorrow and select your lot, and remember the bonus is good on any lot. The choice is yours. But you had better

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Office open Sunday from 10 to 4. If you can't come today write for maps and prices. BERKELEY Take Southern Pacific or Key Route trains to Berkeley station. Automobiles will take you to BERKELEY HEIGHTS from our office opp. station.