



EXPLOSION CLAIMS 15 LIVES

Fire in Canadian Powder Mill Exacts Death Toll and Injures 50, Many Fatally

WINDOWS SHATTERED IN OTTAWA, 4 MILES AWAY

Headless, Legless and Armless Bodies Recovered After Fearful Accident

SITE OF BASEBALL GAME RESEMBLES BATTLEFIELD

OTTAWA, Ont., May 8.—An explosion today wrecked the plant of the General Explosives company of Canada near Hull, Que., killing 15 persons and injuring 50 others.

A baseball game was in progress a short distance from the powder works, about 6 o'clock this evening. The teams were playing the last inning, and when a fire was seen in one of the small buildings of the powder plant the crowd began to swarm up the hill to get a better view of the blaze.

Death Follows Explosion

The baseball game broke up and the rest of the spectators and the players rushed up to join the crowd at the fire. It was then that the magazine exploded. There were two stunning detonations. Everything within a radius of a mile and a half was torn and shattered.

The scene where the crowd from the ball game stood resembled a battlefield. Headless, armless and legless bodies were lying about among scores of unconscious forms.

Many Injured in Wreckage

The terrific shock brought thousands of terror-stricken people into the streets of Hull. Some thought it was an earthquake, while others cried out that the comet had struck the earth.

Hundreds of chimneys were toppled over and there is scarcely a whole window left in the northeastern section of the city. The first call for aid from the hospitals and the police came from the section of the city nearest the magazines.

It was fully an hour and a half after the explosion that word came into the city of the disaster. Ambulances and automobiles were rushed to the scene and the seriously injured were carried to the Hull hospitals until there was room for no more and then they were brought to Ottawa.

Parliament Buildings Damaged

Rideau hall, the official home of Earl Grey, and the buildings on Parliament hill caught the full force of the explosion, being two miles nearer the powder plant than is the main section of the city.

Every window on one side of Rideau hall was blown out and two great stone chimneys toppled over on the roof of the building. The parliament buildings were also badly damaged.

Rideau hall is still occupied by Earl Grey and his family. The whole viceregal establishment fled panic-stricken to the street. They were soon assured that there was no further danger.

Miss T. le Conte, Who Teaches Ballet To Women Students



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TERPSICHOREAN WAVE SWAMPS COLLEGE TOWN

On With the Dance, Let Joy Be Refined, Cry Berkeley Maids and Matrons

"Rythmical Calisthenic Exercise" Follows Vision and Visit of Maud Allan

There's mother in the attic and behaving plumb erratic, As she dances out the "Spring Song" by the mille; And sister in her nightie thinks she looks like Aphrodite, When she's twirling in a mighty funny style; Poor Cousin Jane is dippy o'er a two-step, rather skippy, Which she races through the hallway up and down; But Pa, he says: "Oh blow me! Life is one long dashed Salome Ever since that Maudie Allan came to town."

The artistic in dance, long dormant in the academic soul of Berkeley, snapped the fetters of the eminently conventional with the coming of Maud Allan, and now from end to end Berkeley revels in the gyrations of the dance classique. School teachers, professors' wives, college girls, society girls, all have hurled themselves upon the crest of a terpsichorean wave. Girl students, forsaking the charms of the gilding two-step, seek the thrill of the pirouette. The French ballet has become a part of their university career and daily finds more favor, those going to the classes to scoff remaining to kick. Matrons, wives and spinsters of interesting age swing themselves out in a perfect abandon of art, and the artistic in Berkeley cries out: "On with the dance."

By Another Name

Three or four nights a week a class of more than a score of college girls under the instruction of Miss le Conte gyrate in the rhapsodical fancies of the French ballet, stamp out the Russian folk lore steps and glide in Spanish fandango. Necessarily in Berkeley it is not termed a French ballet. Academically it is known as the modifications of Mr. Gilbert of Boston; but, according to Miss le Conte, there is but little modified from the regular ballet twirl such as may be seen performed by any bevy of Broadway beauties. The Berkeley maidens pirouette, twirl, fluff their skirts and—kick out and high.

Such was the enthusiasm of the dance craze, however, that the class at the university was insufficient to meet the demands, and Miss le Conte was called upon to begin another, one where the more matronly could follow their recent bent. This is attended by school teachers of Oakland and Berkeley, and it also includes Mrs. Wells, wife of Professor Wells. When Maud Allan danced in Oakland she was invited to Berkeley and, it is said, there explained to a select audience her tense moods and elastic emotions as made evident in the "Spring Song." Furthermore, in October Miss le Conte will go to Europe there to study the native dances on their native heath and to obtain a clearer understanding of the classical in terpsichorean art.

Muses Halt a Moment

The demand for the classical dancing schools is producing new institutions to fulfill the wants of the artistic temperament. Among these is an academy at College avenue and Stuart street, which bears the following inscription painted on an artistic board in fancy style:

This is Athens— When the muses pass this way They bide a while within. Thalia, Erato, Terpsichore, Calliope, Clio, Melpomene, Euterpe, Urania, Polyhymnia.

And to Athens travel the muses of Berkeley. The entrance is under a bower of roses which has forgotten to bloom; but art is there—in bucketfuls, Greek dances, dances of spring, summer, winter, autumn; dances of death, life, love and laughter there abound. Athens has them all, and the school-ma'ms of Berkeley, recollecting that Dora Duncan was an Oakland girl, learn in Athens the art in which she and Maud Allan and a few others hold first place.

In Athens there are no such things as ballet dancing and high kicking—far from it. It is known as the "health dance," warranted to make the fat thin, the thin fat, the young younger and the old happy.

Everybody Dances

"It is an earnest endeavor," said Miss le Conte, who is running a rival "Athens," "on the part of the dancers to improve themselves physically. Never have I seen such a universal desire in Berkeley to dance. Every one

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EDWARD VII TO BE BURIED AT WINDSOR BODY TO LIE IN STATE IN WESTMINSTER

King George V and Queen May, the new rulers of England. Queen Alexandra hereafter will be known as the Queen Mother, a title used many years ago in Britain.



SENATOR WARREN TO BE GRILLED

Sensational Charges Say That Public Lands Were Misappropriated

[Special Dispatch to The Call] WASHINGTON, May 8.—Sensational charges have been filed against United States Senator Francis E. Warren of Wyoming by A. S. Connolly of Cheyenne with the joint congressional committee now investigating the interior department and the forestry service. In the bill of particulars filed Connolly, who is credited with being in the employ of several western railroads, stated that the Warren livestock company, of which Senator Warren is president, fenced in, in Colorado, 54,000 acres of public lands, which, under the act of congress of 1875, were to be awarded to Colorado upon the application of that state for school purposes.

He states that Senator Warren fenced in these lands prior to 1906, and in 1906 complaints were made to Secretary Hitchcock, who ordered an investigation and a report was made by Special Land Agent Forbes. The facts were submitted to President Roosevelt, later Forbes was transferred to another division and the prosecution of Warren was dropped.

At that time President Roosevelt was warring with Senator Foraker over the Brownsville case and Senator Warren held several conferences with President Roosevelt. It was observed that Warren voted against Senator Foraker in the committee investigating the Brownsville case.

When James R. Garfield became secretary of the interior he employed William J. Burns, the detective of San Francisco, who then made an investigation and reported exactly as did Special Agent Forbes.

Secretary Garfield started a movement to prosecute. Then, Connolly charges, Senator Warren went to the then chairman of the republican state committee of Colorado and, upon the promise that Senator Warren would procure for Denver a United States mint and other public buildings, got him to work a request through the Colorado legislature to the federal government for the lands held by the Warren livestock company for school purposes and then to turn them over to the Warren livestock company.

Burns, according to the evidence, intimated in his report that this would be done, and Secretary Garfield directed Assistant Attorney General Woodruff to "clean the matter up." Thereupon the Warren livestock company, through Warren, leased the lands from the government, thus relinquishing the title in them turned over by the state of Colorado. Upon the leasing of the lands Secretary Garfield called off the "cleaning up."

The charges also state that in 1908 the Warren livestock company in violation of the law fenced in 12 miles of public lands in Wyoming near the border. Connolly asks the Ballinger-Pinchot committee to take up the investigation of these charges.

Connolly also alleges that when Taft was secretary of war he and army officers of high rank were deceived by Warren in order that he might secure large appropriations for Fort Russell water reservoirs. They were built and are now dry.

JOHN A. BENSON DIES SUDDENLY

Defendant in Notorious Land Fraud Cases Victim of Heart Failure

John A. Benson, who achieved notoriety in connection with the land fraud cases, died suddenly yesterday afternoon at Harland's ranch in the Walnut creek district of Contra Costa county. The end came without the slightest warning and following a trip on which he had seemingly enjoyed himself heartily. In company with his wife and her sister Benson left San Francisco in an automobile yesterday for a trip to his ranch near Alamo in Contra Costa county, where he intended spending a couple of months in rest, being run down from his confinement in the Alameda county jail, which ended only a short time ago.

Pleasure Becomes Grief

Arriving at Harland's ranch the party stopped to get a drink of water. Benson left the automobile and walked to the house, where he chatted with the rancher for a few minutes and took some spring water. He was walking back to the automobile, when he was suddenly seen to totter and before any one could reach him had fallen to the ground.

Mrs. Benson rushed to the side of her husband and called to him, but he showed no sign of life.

Dr. E. G. Simon of Oakland, who was passing, was summoned and made an examination. He declared that life was extinct, and the body was carried into the house to await the arrival of the coroner. Doctor Simon gave the cause of death as heart failure.

Defrauded Uncle Sam

For the last 10 years the United States government had waged an unceasing war on Benson and his land operations, the government land office insisting that most of his titles were based on fraud. During his career he had made millions through the employment of "dummy" agents in securing poor forest reserve land in Oregon, Washington and California. On perfecting his titles to the forest lands he would exchange with the government for good agricultural land and then dispose of it at figures greatly in advance of his original investment.

Benson's second marriage was to the divorced wife of "Swiftwater Bill" of Klondyke fame. He took up his residence with her in this city and built a magnificent home for her in the Sunset district.

In recent years Benson's fortune had been greatly depleted through expensive litigation. He was finally convicted of conspiracy to defraud the government in connection with his operations with E. B. Perrin.

Indicted With Perrin

Benson's extensive land operations in the west became the subject of renewed

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CARMEL TO RIVAL OBERAMMERGAU

Michael Williams and Poet Sterling Head Movement for Great Open Air Theater

Among the Carmel pines, and within the sound of the murmuring surf along the shores of Carmel bay, a number of literati of the colony there are having a great open air theater constructed, where dramatic productions that never could progress to a performance in the usual commercialized playhouse will be given in festivals once or twice each year. A play by Constance Skinner, never presented on any stage, will open the theater in July.

Though the plan had a small beginning, having first occurred to Michael Williams, the author; George Sterling, the poet, and Herbert Heron as a project that the little colony might take up for its own amusement, it promises to grow into a movement that will attract many artists who wish to write or interpret the drama. It is the plan to make the festivals under the summer sky of Carmel for America what the Oberammergau is to Europe.

Williams, Sterling and Heron, with a score of their friends, have organized the Forest theater society, and work on the theater is actively under way. When the plan became known at Carmel the colony insisted that the project be enlarged and that all of the residents be taken in to help.

It is felt that the new theater will make history in dramatic art. Already famous men and women interested in the presentation of the best plays are in communication with the originators of the enterprise, and offers of good plays are many. A festival of perhaps a week's duration, in which plays will be given daily, probably will result.

Local artists will supply the greater part of the material for the opening performance, but it is felt that the desire of famous writers all over the world to present their plays at Carmel will soon make the productions varied in the point of authorship.

LIFE A PROMISSORY NOTE, ACCORDING TO SUICIDE

A. R. Arnet of Tucson, Ariz., Shoots Himself

"Life is a promissory note, due one day after demand and which we must pay." Thus epitomizing his philosophy of life, A. R. Arnet of Tucson, Ariz., ended his unhappy fortunes some time Saturday at the Central hotel, 574 Third street, by sending a bullet through his brain. His body was discovered yesterday afternoon by a bed maker of the place and was removed to the morgue.

Arnet registered at the hotel Wednesday. Nothing was known of him, nor was anything found about his person or effects to further fix his identity. Trademarks in his clothing show them to have been purchased in Tucson. There were no letters or papers and he was without funds.

The text of the note found beside the body is as follows: "Life is a promissory note, due one day after demand and which we must pay. I have been a failure. God forgive all fools."

Arnet was of medium height and weight and about 32 years of age.

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KING TO BE INTERRED BY SON

Churches All Over United Kingdom Hold Services in Honor of Departed Monarch

GEORGE V AND QUEENS WORSHIP TOGETHER

Date of Royal Funeral Is Set for May 20, but May Be Held Two Days Earlier

COURT MOURNING TO LAST UNTIL MAY, 1911

LONDON, May 8.—The tomb of Edward VII will be beneath the Albert memorial chapel at Windsor, where the body of his eldest son, the duke of Clarence, has a sepulchre.

The obsequies probably will be held May 20. Before the funeral, it has practically been decided, the body of the king will lie in state in Westminster abbey.

Before being taken to Westminster the body will lie in state in the throne room at Buckingham palace. King Edward's casket will be fashioned out of oak grown in the royal forest at Windsor. It will first be lowered to the vault beneath the chapel floor of St. George's chapel, Windsor castle. Afterward, when the permanent tomb has been prepared, it will be removed to Albert chapel.

Funeral Discussed

Queen Alexandra and King George conferred with various officers of the state and household concerning the funeral arrangements today, after holding service in the royal chapel at Buckingham palace, which the late king always attended when in residence there. The date of the burial was tentatively fixed for May 20, although it may be May 18, the date on which Theodore Roosevelt is scheduled to deliver the Romanes lecture at Oxford university.

The members of the royal family, it is believed, would prefer that there be no lying in state, but it was represented to them that the wishes of the people were strongly for this, so they decided to waive their personal inclinations.

King Edward still lies in the bed where he died, clothed only in night clothes, with his hands crossed on his breast. Alexandra visits the chamber frequently, appearing greatly worn and tired. King George and Queen Mary spent most of the day with her. After the chapel, the family again looked upon the body for a few minutes.

An impressive incident this afternoon illustrated Queen Alexandra's desire to show consideration for British subjects of every class. General Booth sent a message that the Salvation Army wished to show honor to Edward by holding a service before the palace, and Alexandra gave permission. At 4 o'clock a large band, wearing red jerseys and carrying silver instruments and banners with scarfs of crepe, pushed their way through the crowd to the palace enclosure. The big iron gates were opened and the band formed a circle under the windows.

Sing and Pray

First they knelt, while the leader prayed, and then they sang "Nearer, My God, to Thee," "Abide With Me" and "Angels Ever Bright and Fair." Finally they marched out, singing "Onward, Christian Soldiers." The blinds were closely drawn, but the attendants say that Queen Alexandra left her apartments, with Princess Victoria and her ladies in waiting, and listened to the singing.

The crowds around the palace and Marlborough house were undiminished today. The streets tonight are filled with people. Few London buildings have mourning decorations. The

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