

EXPLOSION FELT IN CITIES WIVES FROM ACCIDENT

Rumor Spreads That Great Earthquake Has Visited Baltimore and Destroyed Metropolis

SURVIVORS TELL GRAPHIC STORIES

Rain of Shrapnel Rakes Shore and Sea Near the Lost Steamer

have perished before the Britannia could get to them.

The Britannia ran a line to the burning tug and started up the river with her, but the vessel sank before the Lazaretto lighthouse was reached.

For a time it was feared that the revenue cutter Guthrie had shared the fate of the Alum Chine, but later it was ascertained the cutter and crew were safe.

EYEWITNESS TELLS STORY Inspector Curran of the Guthrie was an eyewitness to the explosion, the cutter being only three-quarters of a mile distant when it occurred.

"We had left the place of loading about an hour before," he said, "and stopped only long enough to get the number of the cars, of which three still were to be unloaded. The work then was in progress. Seven carloads already had been discharged, and it was thought the cargo would be complete by evening.

"The Guthrie steamed away, going about a mile to wait for an incoming vessel, and it was while we were moving around that the captain and others noticed fire on the steamer. This appeared to be coming from the forecastle. Knowing the danger, Captain Dunn of the cutter ordered every window opened, so the expected explosion would not break the glass.

"The then steamed toward the burning vessel, but when within three-quarters of a mile the ship exploded. The Guthrie got a severe shaking, trembling like a reed in a storm.

"Following the explosion we saw a huge, inky cloud, which ascended fully 200 feet and almost covered the harbor. When this cleared we saw only wreckage."

Joseph M. Martin, superintendent of construction at Sparrows Point, who was on the explosion occurred and standing on the United States collier Jason, is authority for the statement that two white men and two negroes were killed aboard the collier.

Besides the 60 or 70 laborers who are known to have been on the Jason, there were some stevedores, the exact number Mr. Martin does not know.

FIRE IN COAL BUNKERS P. J. Anstey, captain of the Alum Chine, was in this city on business when his ship was blown up. He could assign no cause for the disaster. The general theory of the cause is that there was fire in the ship's coal bunkers, which spread to the dynamite in the hold.

Most of the Alum Chine's crew were from Cardiff.

For a radius of scores of miles the shock of the explosion was felt. Reports came from the coast and the town, where windows were shattered and it was at first rumored that a disastrous earthquake had done much damage at Baltimore, and it was said that the entire state of Delaware had felt the shock.

The district near the scene of the explosion felt the shock the most severely and for a time it was feared that Sparrows Point had been totally destroyed, but the extent of the damage was confined to a severe shaking up and the shattering of practically all the windows of the village.

At Curtis bay and Brooklyn the shattering force of the concussion was much more severe. In the way of shattered windows resulted. In Canton and Highlandtown citizens rushed into the streets fearing the villages were about to be destroyed. In several instances persons were thrown to the street.

GREAT COLUMNS OF FIRE J. G. Reese of Cardiff, Wales, chief engineer of the Alum Chine, gave a graphic description of the struggle for safety from the ship and the explosion that followed.

"I was in the engine room when I heard a man on deck cry: 'The ship is afloat.' I looked around and saw a column coming from the hole in the bow and made a dash for the stern, realizing that a dynamite explosion would follow. I didn't jump. I fell into the launch Jerome, and sailor after sailor followed me.

"When we had all we could carry aboard, and no one seemed to be coming, we put on full speed. About five minutes later when we were about 200 feet away the explosion came.

"It seemed like a great column of fire 50 feet high and 20 across, topped by another column of black smoke 200 feet higher, came up from the sea, completely enveloping the ship. It was several minutes before the smoke cleared away and the sea became calm, but when it did there was no sign of either the ship or the barge that was alongside of it. Both seemed to have disappeared completely."

LIKE RAIN OF SHRAPNEL Death in dreadful form had descended from the sky. The Alum Chine had been torn into fragments and boxes of dynamite mingled with the flying fragments of steel and timber filled the air. These fell on the packed decks of the Atlantic, the dynamite exploding as it fell and sweeping them like a rain of shrapnel from field guns.

Men's heads and limbs were torn from their bodies. Blood was everywhere. Ships and launches nearby watched dismembered bodies flung and tumbled about the Atlantic's decks.

Captain Van Dyke gave his life for his gallantry. His body, with one arm severed, was among those recovered by the rescuers and was one of the first identified.

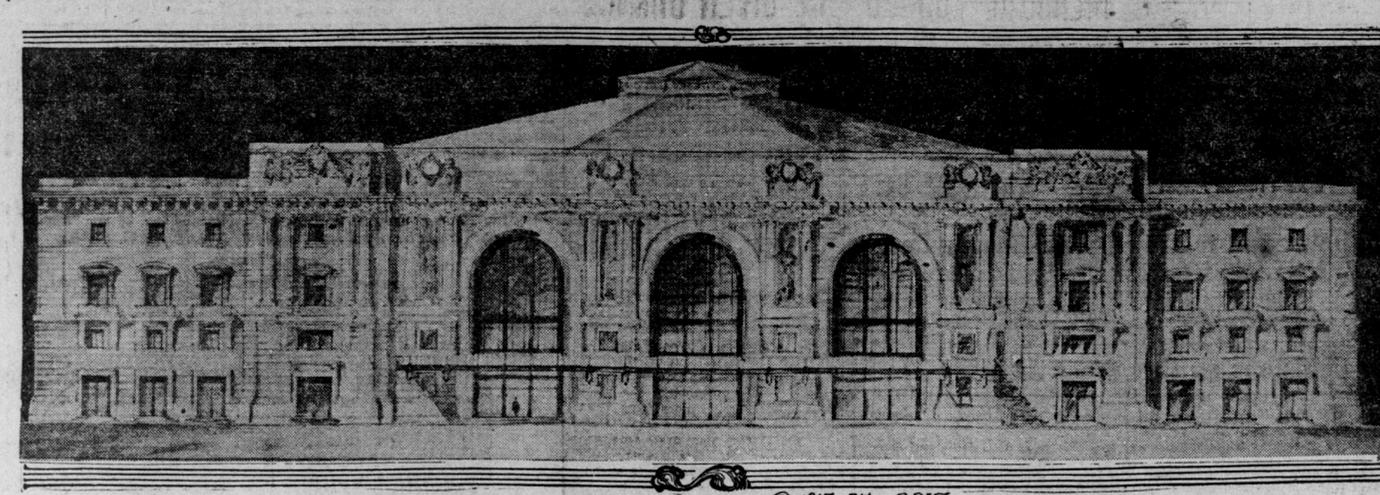
Machinery for ascertaining the cause of the explosion was set in motion at the city hall within five minutes from the time the report was received.

Fatal Explosion at Wenatchee WENATCHEE, Wash., March 7.—The workmen employed on the steamer Yakima, engaged in government work above Bridgeport, on the Columbia river, were killed Wednesday by an explosion of dynamite. The dead men were George Hirst, Harry Langland and Hugh McCaren. The men were on a raft and were charging a rock with dynamite preparatory to blasting.

YESTERDAY'S FIRE RECORD Box 878, 3:28 p. m.—One story and basement frame building, 73 Pond street, owned by J. Webber and occupied as a dwelling by C. Hutchinson; damage to building slight, to contents none; cause, sparks from chimney falling on shingle roof.

IMMENSE BUILDING FOR NEW CIVIC CENTER

Auditorium to be erected by exposition company: From drawings by architects.



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BOURBONS AGREE ON INCOME TAX AND FREE SUGAR

Tariff Revision Taken Up Where It Was Dropped at Close of the Last Session

SENATE DECIDES ON ELECTIVE OFFICES

James P. Clarke of Arkansas to Succeed Gallinger as President Pro Tem.

WASHINGTON, March 7.—A federal income tax, probably of 1 per cent, and a free sugar tariff schedule practically were agreed upon today by the democrats, who are to compose the majority of the house ways and means committee in the sixty-third congress.

Tariff revision was taken up today where it was dropped at the close of the last session, and the democrats went to work every day from now on to perfect their bill before the extra session begins April 1.

After spending the greater part of today in caucus, the democratic senators succeeded in agreeing upon candidates to fill only three of the elective offices of that body.

Senator James P. Clarke of Arkansas, to succeed Senator Gallinger of New Hampshire, republican, as president pro tempore of the senate; Rev. E. J. Frettingham of the district of Columbia to succeed Rev. U. G. B. Pierce as chaplain, and Charles P. Higgins, a real estate dealer of St. Louis, to succeed E. Livingston Cornelius as sergeant at arms.

Senator Clarke was elected by a vote of 27 to 14 over Senator Augustus O. Bacon of Georgia, who alternated with Senator Gallinger in the office of president pro tempore throughout the last session and whose election had been considered practically a certainty since the democrats gained control.

Senator Clarke was placed in nomination by Senator O'Gorman of New York, and Senator Bacon by his colleague, Senator Hoke Smith of Georgia. Both were endorsed by their champions. Other senators seconded the nominations. Mentioning the fact that Mr. Clarke's term would expire within the next two years, his supporters made an appeal for his election on the ground that it would be of assistance to him in his race for re-election. They also urged the fact that Senator Bacon was in line for the chairmanship of the committee on foreign relations as a reason why he should not be elected to preside over the senate.

The result of the election caused considerable stir, the friends of Senator Bacon feeling that he had not been fairly treated.

At the afternoon session Senator Smith tendered his resignation as a member of the steering committee to which he had been appointed only yesterday.

OPERATIC SOPRANO TO SING AT KOHLER & CHASE

Miss Helen Petre, Who Has Achieved Success in Europe and Eastern Cities, will be Solist

The regular weekly musicale at Kohler & Chase hall this afternoon will be unusually attractive to music lovers. Miss Helen Petre, the operatic and concert soprano, who has achieved success in Europe and eastern cities, will be the solist.

Recently Miss Petre returned to San Francisco after several years' absence, but since her return she has had opportunities to impress several discriminating audiences with the quality of her vocal powers. Miss Petre will sing an aria from Wagner's "Lohengrin," entitled "Elsa's Dream," and a group of three songs, including a composition of Schubert and two of Gounod.

Besides the solos by Miss Petre, there will be several instrumental selections for the Pianola piano and the Aeolian pipe organ.

FEDERAL ROAD EXPERT TO AID IN SAN MATEO

Senior Engineer Will Help Prepare \$1,250,000 Bond Issue

SAN MATEO, March 7.—B. F. Burrell, senior engineer of the United States department of public roads, has been assigned to San Mateo county to assist officials here in preparing the \$1,250,000 good roads bond issue, according to word received by Secretary Fuller of the development board from Washington. Burrell will arrive March 20. He is being sent to this county at the expense of the government, and while here will collect data and statistics for the department of agriculture to show what percentage of efficiency is produced for the sections of the country by the present roads.

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Capacity of Structure 11,000 With Banquet Hall for 3,900; Magnificent Pipe Organ Planned

Plans for the \$1,000,000 auditorium to be erected in the civic center have been approved by the executive committee of the Panama-Pacific international exposition. The money to build the great meeting house has been set aside by the exposition company, which aims to have the building completed by 1915 so that the numerous conventions gathering in San Francisco that year can properly be housed.

Architects of the building are John Galen Howard, Frederick H. Meyer and John Reid Jr., who have been entrusted with the entire civic center scheme.

The auditorium will be of stone, and with the city hall, it will form the keynote of the stupendous scheme. It will flank the southern end of the great plaza.

GREAT DOME A FEATURE The great feature of the interior of the main auditorium will be the octagonal dome, 190 feet in diameter. The steel structure of this dome will be exposed, and will present a noteworthy architectural effect.

The seating capacity is approximately 11,000. A place has been set aside in the architects' sketch indicating accommodations for 3,900 banquets. The easterly and westerly or minor auditoriums, easily will take care of from 150 to 300 persons each. A kitchen with all necessary appliances is provided for in the basement of the east wing.

On the third and fourth floor there will be committee rooms and exhibition spaces at the easterly and westerly sides.

The stage or platform will be large enough to meet the average requirements for large concerts. A portable stage made in sections will be provided and stored under the permanent stage when not in use. The structure will be equipped with a magnificent pipe organ.

Plans are being formulated under the direction of D. O. Lively for bringing to this city in 1915 thousands of youths of the world to attend the single session of the exposition's school of agriculture. This work is now in the hands of the National Education association.

"Interest in the livestock department is increasing daily," said Mr. Lively, who is head of the department. "There is every reason to believe that the 1915 fair will present the most notable exhibition of livestock that has ever been seen.

More than 30 acres of ground have been reserved for the livestock department. Ten acres of this will be devoted to buildings for the exhibition of agricultural appliances.

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EVIDENCE OF OPIUM RING IN SAN FRANCISCO FOUND

Search of Home of Seattle Chinese Under Arrest Reveals Correspondence

SEATTLE, March 7.—Customs officers today found in the home of Charlie Looey, a Seattle Chinese merchant under arrest in Portland charged with opium smuggling, correspondence which they think will enable them to arrest members of a wide spreading opium ring in San Francisco, Portland and Vancouver, B. C.

With Looey when he was arrested in Portland last Wednesday were J. A. Ralston, a septuagenarian who had lately visited Looey frequently and had also traveled much between Seattle and Portland, and a 30 year old married woman of Seattle, who gave the false name of Marian Bergman. Customs officers say that there will be no more arrests in Seattle, and that Ralston and Mrs. "Bergman" were only carriers of opium between Seattle and Portland.

The strength of the syndicate, which is believed to have handled most of the great quantities of opium imported into the United States, lay in its fine

organization, with the managing office in Hongkong and each branch in charge of a single man.

Opium Den in Mansion LOS ANGELES, March 7.—The home of Captain Alfred Larsen, millionaire oil operator, was the scene of a sensational raid by the police as a result of which Chung Moy, a Chinese cook, and Miss Pinnie Earl, a young American woman, were in the custody today of the city authorities, who also confiscated a large quantity of opium.

Captain Larsen, accompanied by his family, is now on a tour of Europe. He had left his residence in a fashionable district, in charge of servants, one of whom was Moy. It was alleged that Moy utilized the house as an opium den. Quantities of opium were found in the quarters occupied by Moy and in the apartments of the young woman in a downtown hotel.

Alleged confessions by the prisoners implicated several other persons and revealed the cache of hundreds of tins of opium, it was said.

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THIRTEEN INJURED IN EXPLOSION OF NATURAL GAS AT HOT SPRINGS

Property Damage Estimated at \$200,000—Two Buildings Wrecked

HOT SPRINGS, Ark., March 7.—Thirteen persons were injured, several seriously, and property damage of \$200,000 was done here today by an explosion of natural gas in the basement of a store building and by fire which followed. Two buildings were destroyed.

Reports that four people had perished were unfounded.

Of the seriously injured Miss Leota Willoughby, Hot Springs, may not recover. Miss Alberta Berg, Spooner, Minn., suffered a broken leg when a heavy timber plucked her down. Among the less seriously injured was a Mr. Snyder of Lake City, Colo.

FATALITY ATTENDS FALL OF AN 80 FOOT TOWER

William Aldinger Killed and Frank Marshall Probably Fatally Injured on State Arsenal Job

(Special Dispatch to The Call) SACRAMENTO, March 7.—William Aldinger was killed and Frank Marshall was probably fatally injured this afternoon when an 80 foot tower used in the construction of the new state arsenal fell.

Both of Marshall's legs were broken. Aldinger's left leg and arm were shattered and he died from the shock.

The collapse of the tower, which was used in distributing the concrete to the walls, was caused by the snapping of a guy wire. Marshall was at work high in the tower and Aldinger was on the boom when the wire parted. They were hurled many feet to the ground. Aldinger leaves a widow.

FIGHT IS STARTED ON GOLD DREDGING CURB

Oroville Organizations Begin Statewide Campaign to Kill Legislative Measure

(Special Dispatch to The Call) OROVILLE, March 7.—A statewide campaign against the passage of the legislative measure directed against the gold dredging industry was started today by resolutions adopted by the Oroville Chamber of Commerce and the board of supervisors of Butte county.

It is pointed out that a great rock crushing industry is following the dredgers and that the adaptability of the land and horticultural purposes is a proved fact.

The charge that there is 200,000 acres of land in California adapted to dredging is shown to be untrue. It all now that there is now only 12,000 acres of dredging land in the state and that the total amount of dredging land suitable for agriculture is but a little more than 3,000 acres. It is also pointed out that the gold obtained from the dredgers of the Natomas Consolidated is being used in the reclamation of lands that were comparatively worthless.

Violated Poison Law—Edward Brennan was given 90 days in the county jail by Police Judge Sule for violating the state poison law.

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