

NEW YORK SHAKEN TO FOUNDATION

Terrific Explosion of Ammunition Consigned to Allies Does Damage of From Twenty to Fifty Millions

TWO DEAD AND 116 ARE INJURED

Real Cause of Explosion Will Probably Never Be Known; Wreckage Burning and Rescue Work Perilous

By J. H. Yder. (United Press Staff Correspondent.) New York, July 31.—Mystery still clouds the real cause of the explosion on Black Tom Island early Sunday morning, starting a destructive fire and causing damage estimated at between \$20,000,000 and \$50,000,000, two are known to be dead and twenty-five more were added this morning to the list of injured, raising the total to 116.

Whether the fire started on a barge which was loaded with nitro cellulose or on four freight cars loaded with high explosives is unknown. Perhaps the real cause of the holocaust will never be known.

The condition of the area which was devastated by the explosion made it impossible to examine the scene of the first explosion this morning. The wreckage of railroad cars and warehouses is still burning. Shrapnel shells which are buried in the ruins are igniting occasionally, keeping the firemen at a respectful distance.

The ammunition was a consignment which was awaiting shipment to the European allies.

Accidental Cause.

By United Press. Washington, July 31.—Federal agents have found nothing to indicate other than an accidental cause in the Black Tom Island explosion in New York.

The statute of liberty, located on Bedloe Island, which lies less than a mile from Black Tom Island peninsula, is inspiringly free from injury as a result of the explosion. Her dress, however, is slightly torn and her flesh penetrated by shrapnel bullets.

Warrants have been issued for the arrest of Albert Dickman, the Lehigh Valley railroad agent, who is stationed on Black Tom Island, Alexander Davidson, superintendent of the National Storage company's warehouses there, Johnson Lighterage company, charging them with criminal and gross negligence in connection with the explosion.

Charged With Manslaughter.

By United Press. Jersey City, July 31.—Albert Dickman and Alexander Davidson were arraigned today on the charge of manslaughter and released on \$5000 bond.

BOY DIES AT NORGE.

Charles M., the ten-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Isaacs of Norge, died yesterday morning. The remains were interred yesterday afternoon at the Norge cemetery.

NELLIE MEEKS DIED YOUNG.

"Reference to the murder of the Meeks family recalls the terrible tragedy in which a whole family was killed with the exception of one little girl, Nellie Meeks, who, cut across the head and left for dead, managed to crawl out of the burning haystack and was saved only to die at the age of fourteen years from her wound," said Judge Holding of the firm of Holding & Herr this morning.

"At that time Nellie Meeks was about six or seven years old, but she lived for about seven years after the tragedy," continued Judge Holding. "I had lived at Browning, Mo., about two miles from where the killing occurred, and had just resigned as deputy sheriff under Sheriff Barton, and was out of the county at the time. My brother, however, was the first man to identify Bob Meeks after his charred remains had been dug out. Meeks had been convicted of cattle stealing and was released from the penitentiary in order to testify against Bill Taylor on the charge of larceny in a cattle theft case."

RENEWING VIOLENT ATTACKS

Allied Armies Rush on Germans from Longueval to the Somme, But Berlin Claims Victory

RUSSIANS TAKE TEUTON POSITIONS

Fierce Fighting Around Brody and German Losses as Far as Seret and Graberki Rivers Reported

By United Press. Berlin, July 31.—Allied attacks throughout the morning from Longueval to the Somme, were repulsed with heavy losses.

Russians Push Forward.

By United Press. Petrograd, July 31.—The Russians again pushed forward this morning after fierce fighting around Brody. They took teuton positions today up to the Seret and the Graberki rivers.

By United Press.

The Hague, July 31.—Emperor Franz Josef caught a severe cold while inspecting troops at Schooubr Friday and is confined to his bed, according to a Vienna dispatch.

By United Press.

London, July 31.—A combat between a British aeroplane and a Zeppelin off the east coast of England was reported today by the admiralty. The aviator was temporarily incapacitated when a portion of his machine gun flew off and stunned him. When he recovered the Zeppelin had disappeared.

COLLEGE COMMENTED ON IN BIG EASTERN DAILY

Not only has the Oklahoma College for Women long since ceased to be looked upon in this state as a "sectional institution," but with its ideal education for women, strong faculty and lack of tuition in every department, it has begun to attract the attention of school men throughout the country.

The article given below appeared recently in the Christian Science Monitor, world daily, published in Boston and read wherever the English language is spoken. It appeared under the heading, "Oklahoma School for Women Proves Marked Success." The article in full follows:

A notable experiment in educational lines is the Oklahoma College for Women, a school exclusively for girls, as its name indicates, and kept up entirely by the state. Its success during the past few years indicates that the day of the separate school is not past.

Though the idea of the founders was to make the work all of collegiate rank, the great demand for secondary training, due to poor schools in the Indian Territory country in the early days, has made it impossible to reject young women who have not completed high school work. Courses are given

UP AGAINST REAL THING.

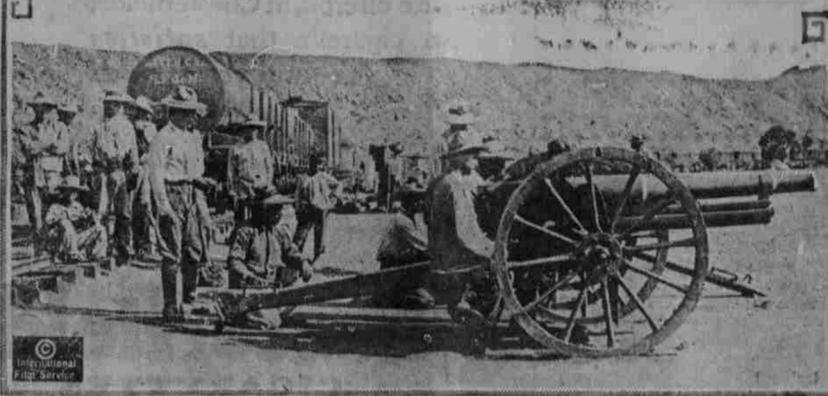
It was not with a light heart that most of the teachers wended their divers ways from the court house to their various homes on Saturday afternoon after undergoing what is known as "one of the most difficult examinations ever submitted to applicants for first grade certificates in this county." Two of the teachers threw up their hands and quit before the exam was over but the others plodded on, uncertain, however, of results.

The questions were prepared by the state board of education and will be examined by the local examining board.

TRIAL IN OCTOBER.

Mexican Frank, who is in jail on the charge of killing Blas Lopez last Wednesday afternoon, will probably be tried in the district court in October, according to the opinion of County Attorney Venable.

MEXICAN 75 MM. GUN READY FOR ACTION



The Mexican army has a number of these 75 mm. guns, which are of the same type as the famous French field gun.

HUNDREDS PERISH IN BIG FIRE

Forest Fires in Ontario Envelops Many Towns and Causes Damage to the Extent of \$1,000,000

By United Press. Montreal, July 31.—Reports received here at noon from North Bay, Ontario, say 184 bodies have been recovered from the forest fire in the districts of Cochrane and Hearst, where \$1,000,000 in timber has been destroyed. It is believed that over two hundred people perished in the dozen towns in the path of the fire. All were cut off from communication with the outside world. Cochrane and Matheson are reported razed to the ground. Heavy rains stopped the fire last night.

LOST LEG AT KNEE IN JUMP

Another Victim of Careless Boarding and Leaving Cars Brought to Hospital With Leg Crushed

Joe Mobley of near Alex was brought to the Chickasha hospital Saturday with one leg severed through the knee, the result of trying to board a passenger train while it was moving. Mobley is the second victim to be injured in the past few days by trying to leave or enter a car when in motion. His accident occurred at Rush Springs Saturday morning. He threw his suit case on the platform as the train was pulling out of that station, and caught hold of the coach. The down-grade movement of the train was too strong for him, however, and he fell with one leg under the wheels. The limb was completely amputated at the knee.

COMMISSIONERS HAVE NO JURISDICTION OVER TWP.

"I want to say that the county commissioners have no jurisdiction over township roads," said Commissioner J. A. Robinson today. "We have had many complaints concerning the road out of Chickasha for a long time. It is in bad shape and we have asked the township board to act but have been unable to get it repaired. The public should understand that the commissioners have nothing to do in a case of this kind, the entire responsibility resting with the township boards."

APPEAL FOR SUPPORT OF SUFFRAGE AMENDMENT

(By Senator Chas. B. Barrett.) Oklahoma City, July 31.—Through their party organ, the "Appeal to Reason," and through other channels, the Socialists urge voters to vote against every one of the nine constitutional amendments submitted at Tuesday's election.

In their mad opposition to the literacy test they urge people to vote against the other eight amendments as well. This, notwithstanding there are among these amendments some which all good citizens agree are vitally important and should be adopted.

For instance, the amendment to the Workmen's Compensation Law, which will make it possible for the state industrial commission to settle speedily the amount of damages due to the widow and children for the death of a workman, without the delay and uncertainty and expense of a law suit. Both labor and employers are practically unanimous for this amendment—all but the Socialists and some Republican politicians.

In their insane zeal to defeat the literacy test, the Socialists and their allies by their attitude say: "We care not how many laborers' orphaned children cry for bread—just so we can save the illiterate, criminal negro's right to vote!"

Will you listen to the appeal of such an unpatriotic, such an unholy alliance? All of these amendments were submitted in the patriotic effort to make a

RAIDS ON LIQUORS CONTINUE

Consignment to Chickasha Seized in Cotton County and Local Officers are Busy at Verden Station

The tangible assets in booze upon which certain clandestine vendors had reckoned on election day, will be materially decreased as a result of raids which are being made by both local and out of county officers.

County Attorney Venable, accompanied by Chief Deputy Castleman, made another raid on the station at Verden Saturday afternoon and left this morning on a similar mission. Saturday they seized two or three packages of whiskey and two barrels of beer.

Word was received here this morning that yesterday in Cotton county the sheriff of that county had held up an automobile containing five or six sacks of whiskey containing twenty-five or thirty gallons, and some beer. The liquor was on its way to Chickasha. The driver of the car, L. E. Howell, was arrested, but his companion was not caught. The liquor was confiscated.

Returning from Verden at noon Deputy Sheriff Castleman reported having seized two barrels of beer and five gallons of whiskey, making a total seized at Verden station six barrels of beer and fifteen gallons of whiskey during the past few days.

A large crowd took picnic dinners to the home of H. C. Ucker, near the north bridge, yesterday, spending the day most pleasantly.

WEATHER FORECAST.

For Oklahoma. Tonight and Tuesday, unsettled. Local Temperature. During 24 hours ending 8 a. m. today: Maximum, 85; minimum, 71.

APACHES SHUT OUT 6 TO 0

Double Plays and Good Batting Won Easy Victory for Chickasha Boys in Fast Game

Splendid field work and batting on the part of the Chickasha team won the game at Apache yesterday afternoon with a score of 6 to 0. Several double plays were scored and careful watch was kept on the second bag past which none of the Apaches were allowed to tread during the entire nine innings. Sensational double plays around this base won repeated applause for the Chickasha boys from the large crowd in attendance. Bliss and Dayton, for the Chickasha team, played a strong game.

BOOSTS OKLAHOMA

W. H. Livermore, who with his wife and children, returned Saturday night from a trip to Illinois and Wisconsin, spending a part of the time on Lake Michigan, is glad to be back where the Oklahoma breeze blows. "I didn't have a comfortable night's sleep from the time I left Chickasha until I came home," said he, "there was no breeze either off or on the lake while we were there. The thermometer may not have been as high some days as it was here, but we felt the heat much more." Dr. Livermore also said the crops looked better in Oklahoma than in any other state through which he passed.

BARBEE TO SPEAK.

L. N. Barbee, candidate for representative, will speak on the corner of Third and Chickasha avenue this evening at 8 o'clock. "I shall discuss the present usury law and expose the Socialist record in the last legislature," said he. Everybody is invited to hear Mr. Barbee.

SAYS HE STOLE SILVER.

Although Ollie Young, an illiterate fellow who has been a charge supported by the Charities board for some time has at time admitted and then denied guilt in the case of the burglary of the home of Leo Olive on Saturday night a week ago, city officers, owing to the mental capacity of the prisoner, do not place much credence in his stories. Ollie was arrested by the city officers and placed in the city jail but was ordered released by the mayor on the ground that the case was not within the jurisdiction of the city court. Ollie, who was at one time employed by Mrs. Olive, told the officers where the basket containing the stolen silver was hidden and a search in the weeds revealed the presence of some of the missing napery. A smaller boy, however, had previously found the basket a few feet from the spot indicated by the erstwhile prisoner.

FORD WITHERSPOON WINS FAME AS A GOLFER.

Having played his first game of golf only a little over a year ago, going on a strange course, Ford Witherspoon of this city, made his debut in the limelight Sunday when he made a score equal to par, or perfect, on the course of the Oklahoma City Country club. The Oklahoman reported it as an "unusual feat." Mr. Witherspoon will probably receive hearty congratulations from his friends in Chickasha on his return home and will be hailed as one of the coming heroes of the links.

2 KILLED IN RUNNING COMBAT

Two Americans and Five Mexicans Bandits Meet Death Near Fort Hancock Today

REINFORCEMENTS ARE RUSHED TO TROOPERS

Instructions Given to Eighth Cavalry to Follow Mexicans' Trail Into Mexico if Necessary

By United Press. El Paso, Tex., July 31.—Private John Twomey and Customs Inspector Robert Wod were killed and Sergeant Lewis Thompson wounded in a running fight between a detachment of Troop F, Eighth Cavalry, and a bandit gang near Fort Hancock this morning. The bodies of five Mexicans were found.

Three other troops of the Eighth were rushed on a special train from El Paso to Fort Hancock, instructed to follow the bandits' trail into Mexico if necessary.

Slocum Exonerated.

By United Press. Washington, July 31.—Colonel Slocum of the Thirteenth cavalry, who was commanding at Columbus at the time of the Villa raid, has been exonerated of all blame in a report which was made public at the war department today.

VIOLENT ATTACKS CHECKED.

By United Press. Paris, July 31.—The French today checked violent attacks along the Somme river around Moncuq and the Ham woods, thus consolidating their positions which were won yesterday north of the Somme along the German front for nearly four miles.

Mrs. M. F. Cheaney, who was called to Stamford, Texas, a week ago by the serious illness of her father, writes that his condition remains very low.

NEW YORK EXPLOSION

- THE STORY IN BRIEF.
- Ammunition stored on Black Tom Island, off Jersey City, in New York bay, exploded.
- Property loss estimated, \$25,000,000.
- Two persons known dead; two are missing.
- Cause supposed to be fire in barge which without authority was moored alongside of munitions dock.
- Fire may have been result of plot.
- Flames first observed at 7 o'clock Sunday morning.
- Five states were shaken as if by earthquakes by series of terrific blasts.
- Skyscrapers in New York rocked to foundations. Every window glass along miles of streets broken.
- Millions of people panic stricken by shocks rivaling San Francisco earthquake.
- Early reports were that 500 people had been killed.
- Thirteen warehouses on Black Tom Island destroyed by fire contained \$15,000,000 worth of merchandise.
- Eighty-five loaded freight cars destroyed in Lehigh Valley Island freight terminal.
- Forty thousand tons of raw sugar, worth \$2,000,000, converted into syrup by flames and is a complete loss.
- Loaded cars burned contained principally salt pork. Only two carloads of shrapnel destroyed.
- Destroyed warehouses were packed full of explosives of all kinds. The explosions showered New York bay for ten miles with a certain fire mine devastating than the Germans have used at Verdun; the allies have used in the battle of the Somme.