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31 EMPLOYEES KILLED WHEN 4 TONS OF POWDER EXPLODES

GET RID OF PHILIPPINES --M'CUMBER

NO NATION WILL EVER TRY TO
INVADE UNITED STATES, HE
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OTHER NATIONS -- DREAD-
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Washington, D. C., Nov. 30.—Get rid of the Philippines, provide an adequate number of high-power submarines and increase the coast defenses; encourage the militia. These are the three things advocated by Senator Porter J. McCumber of North Dakota, in a statement on national defense today.

"The invasion scare has always been worked to perfection in bringing about appropriations for coast defense," said McCumber. "It ought not to unsettle the calm judgment of that great interior of our country which is not looking for government expenditures to assist its prosperity.

No Invasion to Fear.
"To my mind there would be about as much fear of an invasion from Mars as from any other nation on earth. With from 3,000 to 6,000 miles of water to cross, with radio telegraphy, with under sea craft that can see without being seen, whose stroke is sure death to all on board an attacked vessel, what nation would be foolish enough to attempt an armed invasion of this country?"

Philippines Weakest.
"Our outlying possessions and our foreign commerce are at present the only occasion for naval or military prowess. The weakest and most vulnerable of these are the Philippine Islands. Following in their order are the Hawaiian Islands and Porto Rico. At the earliest possible moment we should relieve ourselves of the Philippine Islands. So long as we hold these islands, we must be prepared to defend them, and that means preparedness equal or superior to that of Japan.

Navy Good Enough.
"While at first thought our vast foreign commerce would seem to demand great naval preparedness, less than 10 per cent of all of our foreign commerce is carried in vessels flying the American flag. Our navy now being the second best in the world, I would believe it is eminently capable of taking care of our commerce.

Should Keep Abreast.
Nevertheless we should keep abreast of other nations and provide for a growing navy and possibly a better and more cohesive military establishment.

Of What use are Germany's dreadnaughts? Of what practical benefit have been the hundreds of millions expended on British dreadnaughts?

Against submarine and mine they have been almost worthless, and so these vast war monsters are housed and protected while the war is still raging.

Increase Submarines.
An increase in the number of submarines, with the capacity for long voyages, to gether with larger and more powerful land batteries for coast defense, and with steady, sane and conservative progress in our naval expenditures, would seem to me to meet all present demands. The stimulation of our state militia by providing for such salaries as would enable the

Wilmington Del., Nov. 30.—Thirty-one workmen were killed and seven fatally injured today in a terrible explosion of about four tons of black powder in a packing house at the Upper Hageley yard of the DuPont Powder Co. It was the worst accident that has occurred in any of the company's plants in a quarter of a century.

The cause of the blast is not known. According to a statement issued by the company, the "origin will probably always remain a mystery."

Nevertheless, a most severe investigation has been started by the officials of the company and every employe who was near the building, that was blown to pieces, will be put thru a thorough examination in the hope that some clue as to the cause might be learned.

OUTSIDE AGENCY RUMOR.
There was the usual rumor afloat that some outside agency may have caused the explosion, but DuPont officials said tonight that there was not a shred of evidence upon which to hang any theory.

Nearly all the victims of the blast were young men, between sixteen and twenty-one years old. The greater number of them lived in and about Wilmington.

The explosion occurred in a packing house where black powder pellets are prepared for shipment. These pellets are used for rifles and other purposes, much of the powder, if not all being shipped to the warring nations. The packing house was situated in a valley along the historic Brandywine creek, and was one of a large group of small buildings which make the Upper Hageley plant of the DuPont company, about three miles northwest of the city.

Three Explosions Heard.
It was 1:30 o'clock when a slight explosion was heard in the neighborhood, followed by another one a trifle heavier, which was quickly succeeded by a terrific blast that not only rocked the white valley, but shook and startled Wilmington.

Workmen ran from every building and shack in the wide area which the company's plant covers. A great column of smoke rose from the spot where the building had stood, and when the cloud had disappeared, there was only a big hole left in the ground.

Scene One of Horror.
Workmen who survived the tremendous blast said the scene was one of horror. From every tree left standing in the neighborhood there was hanging either pieces of flesh or parts of clothing worn by the unfortunate men.

Twenty-six men were in the packing house when the powder went off, and not enough of any of them was left for identification with the exception of Allan A. Thaxter, the foreman. A part of his body was found hanging on a tree across the creek. It was identified by shreds of clothing that still clung to it.

Four of the thirty men killed were blown to pieces while at work outside the packing house.

No Part is Found.
The pellet packing house was a one-story frame building, 18x20 feet and was divided into six rooms. Not a single part of it was to be found.

Nearby Buildings were badly damaged. The men injured were outside the plant. They were struck by debris and all were badly mutilated. One or two had eyes blown out and several lost an arm or leg.

One theory advanced by workmen at the yards is that the explosion may have originated in a spark from a horse's shoe or from a spark caused by a car running over some spilled powder, causing a flash to reach the powder in the car, exploding it in the house.

members to leave their work and take part in drills and maneuvers, and provision for bringing them militia under the direct supervision of the regular army, ought to meet the demands for increased military effectiveness."



WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
To Be Dedicated Sunday, Dec. 5th, 1915.

ONE CONVICTED; ONE ACQUITTED

ED. CARTER GOES FREE, WHILE
FRANK PLEADS GUILTY AND
GETS FIVE YEARS.

For several days the later part of last week and the first part of this week the trials of Frank and Ed. Carter, two young men of the Dry Lake country have been on trial for a statutory offense, their young sister being the complaining witness. The trial of Ed came up first, and after a hard legal battle he was acquitted of the charge. Monday morning the trial of Frank was taken up and after the trial lasted until Monday evening, and the evidence of the state being so conclusive, that before the evening session of court began, he decided to plead guilty and was sentenced to five

years in the penitentiary. Both of these trials were held behind closed doors and the evidence showed a most disgusting condition surrounding the Carter home.

NORTHERN PIANO CO. OPENS DOORS

The Northern Piano Company with Chas. Stotlar as manager, has opened up for business in the Locke Block and now has a nice stock of pianos on hand. Their first carload of pianos arrived Tuesday over the Soo and have been placed on their floors, and they also have another large consignment on the road. Mr. Stotlar reports that they have already sold several pianos and the prospects for a good business is very bright. Notice their ad in this issue of the World.

CAMPBELL WAS FOUND GUILTY

NEGRO TRUSTY WHO MURDERED
WARDEN'S WIFE MUST HANG,
SAYS JURY.

Joliet, Ill., Nov. 29.—Joseph Campbell, the negro convict, was found guilty of murdering Mrs. Odette Allen, wife of former Warden Allen, in the warden's apartments of the state penitentiary here. The verdict which fixed the punishment at hanging, was returned after forty-four hours' deliberation by the jury.

Mr. and Mrs. Ole Leet, of Webster, entertained a number of young people at their pleasant farm home Saturday evening. The feature of the evening was cards, after which a splendid lunch was served.

J. BULL: "MAYBE I'D BETTER THINK IT OVER A LITTLE LONGER."



—Donnell in St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

NINETEEN KNOWN DEAD AND ELEVEN MISSING IN A MINE EXPLOSION

BOOMER COAL AND COKE CO.,
HAVE TRAGEDY.

THREE HUNDRED MINERS AT
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Boomer, W. Va., Nov. 30.—Nineteen men are known to have been killed by an explosion in Mine No. 2 of the Boomer Coal and Coke Co., here today, according to rescue parties emerging from the workings tonight. One of the shacks of the company has been fitted up as a temporary morgue, but the bodies will not be taken out until tomorrow morning. Eleven others are known to be missing. Thirty miners were brought to the surface tonight and rescuers have hopes that others will be found alive.

Work Desperately.
Rescue parties worked desperately tonight to penetrate the workings of Mine No. 2 of the Boomer Coal and Coke company, where an explosion, caused by a blow-out shot, occurred today. Three hundred miners were at work at the time, but mine officials declared that all but forty had been accounted for. Other reports, however, said that more than twice that many had been buried.

Ten miners were rescued from a sub-entrance to the mine at 6 o'clock this evening in a semi-conscious condition. When revived they said they had seen many men apparently dead a short distance from the point where the explosion occurred.

FINDS MOTHER AND BROTHER

FOR NINE YEARS HAS LIVED
LESS THAN 100 MILES FROM
RELATIVES.

Alexander N. D., Nov. 30.—J. W. Buckley arrived here from Divide county to visit his mother, Mrs. Annie Gerard, northwest of town, and his brother Dan Buckley, near Elsworth. Mr. Buckley had not seen his mother for over twenty years, nor his brother for fifteen years.

As children he and his brother were placed in an orphan's home in Minnesota. They were afterwards transferred to a home at Jamestown in this state. The older brother, Dan, was away from the institution while J. W. was adopted by a rancher named DeWitt in what is now Divide county. This was fifteen years ago and since that time the younger brother has known nothing of the whereabouts of his mother or brother and they have known nothing of him until a short time ago, when the younger Buckley, or DeWitt as he was known, placed an ad inquiring for his relatives in a St. Paul paper. The ad was brought to the attention of Dan Buckley at Elsworth and the reunion is the result.

The separated relatives have for the past nine or ten years been living within less than 100 miles of each other.

HOME DESTROYED.
FAMILY ESCAPES.

Bottineau, N. D., Nov. 30.—Albert Ehke's farm home five miles east of Russell was destroyed by fire. The family barely escaped cremation, Mr. Ehke carrying his wife and child from the burning structure. The origin of the fire is unknown, but it is supposed to have started from an explosion in the coal stove.

Abe Stotts, of Derrick was attending to business matters in the city Tuesday.

NORTHWEST IS BEGINNING ERA OF PROSPERITY

BUSINESS IS GATHERING VELO-
CITY IS FELT BY BANKERS
OF THE WEST.

SPECIFIC INSTANCES
BEING POINTED TO.

AMERICA WILL HAVE MONEY TO
SPEND FOR XMAS IN LARGE
SUMS.

St. Paul, Minn., Nov. 30.—A considerable impetus to business which has been gathering velocity for several weeks and which is being felt in nearly all lines, has been noticed by leading bankers, wholesalers and railroad men throughout the central northwest. Men in a position to judge, declare that the northwest is on the eve of the greatest era of trade prosperity that the states have ever experienced.

Point to Instances.
The opening of the new steel plant at Duluth, establishment of new manufacturing plants in Minneapolis and St. Paul, the big wheat crop in the Dakotas and a resumption of activities in a score of lines that have been quiet for more than a year, are pointed to as specific instances upon which to base the trade outlook.

From all parts of the country reports came today of an era of prosperity almost unprecedented, and business men generally look for an unusually successful winter season. New York reports that America has more to spend this Christmas than any year since 1906.

Big Bank Clearings.
Minneapolis, Minn., Nov. 30.—Improved conditions on all lines of trade were reported today by local financiers, wholesalers and retailers. Bank clearings for the month just closing, top November, 1914, figures by \$8,195,000.

ANOTHER SMALL EXPLOSION AT DUPONT WORKS

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NO ONE HURT AND DAMAGE TO
PROPERTY IS SLIGHT SAY OF-
FICIALS.

Wilmington, Del., Dec. 1.—There was a small explosion today of smokeless powder at the DuPont powder plant at Carney Point, N. J., across the Delaware river from here. No one was hurt and property damage is slight, the company officials said.

Flash Seen.
The flash of the explosion was seen by persons in this city, as it occurred just at dawn. A sound was heard, but most people knew nothing about it until several hours later. Company officials said the explosion is what is called a "flareup" in the blending mill, but the few employes in the place were not touched by the flash.

Coming so close after the terrific explosion of yesterday, in which 31 men and boys lost their lives, it caused some anxiety among the residents of this vicinity.

No More Deaths.
There have been no more deaths among the five injured in the Hagley explosion yesterday. It is feared, however, that several of them will die.

Louis Booker, who died in a hospital last night, making the death list 31, left a widow and eight children.

No statement is forthcoming from company officials as to the cause of yesterday's explosion.