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DEATH BY WHOLESALE IN CHICAGO EXPLOSION

Thirty-One Dead as Result of Ice Plant Disaster.

CHICAGO, Nov. 29.—Five boilers in Swift's ice plant No. 3 exploded simultaneously with terrific force at 10:40 o'clock this morning.

Twelve bodies have been recovered and 11 others are beneath the debris. A rough estimate places the fatally injured at 50.

The plant was completely wrecked and all the ambulances in the city are being hurried to the scene.

The work of rescue is very difficult, as nothing was left of the huge building but a heap of tangled wood and iron buried beneath brick and stone.

Steam envelopes everything. Tanks of boiling water added to the suffering of the injured, many being scalded while their comrades were trying to rescue them.

The firemen had a hard effort to restrain the crowd which surrounds the scene of the disaster.

The main boiler, according to the deductions of the firemen, first exploded and shot through the roof with a force equal to a 13-inch shell, ripping the iron girders like straws.

The brick and stone walls of the three-story structure collapsed immediately afterward and the four other boilers exploded simultaneously.

Adjoining the building was a storage house, which was partly demolished. Of the 50 men employed in this building a number were hurt, though none fatally.

Three men working in the yards were struck and killed by the flying fragments of the walls.

When the last four boilers exploded the force hurled tons of brick, stone and timber high in the air, falling in all directions, many persons in the streets and in distant portions of the stock yards being struck.

Four men were killed outside the buildings, all being identified. Of the eight bodies just taken from the ruins only four have been identified. The others were so horribly crushed, mangled and scalded that it will be impossible to identify them.

The hospitals are unable to give complete lists of the injured, as many of the victims were taken to their homes. Fifty is probably a correct estimate.

It is now almost certain that none of the 23 men yet in the house escaped.

The firemen are heroically working the debris.

COLLAPSED.

Swift Company's Disaster Shakes Building Down.

CHICAGO, Nov. 29.—At noon today the four-story building of the American Can company collapsed, one man being seriously injured.

Fifty girls were warned by the cracking walls and filed quickly out, escaping uninjured.

The building is one block from the Swift ice plant disaster.

OOM PAUL

Wants to Return to His Native Land.

LONDON, Nov. 29.—Former Acting President Scalkberger of the Transvaal and the Boer agents, Wessels and Wolmarens, sailed for South Africa today.

Scalkberger carries a letter from Kruger to Chamberlain, in which he prays to be allowed to return.

Messrs. Wessels and Wolmarens have been refused permission to jroceed to the Transvaal, but it is believed the authorities at Cape Town will relent.

SIXTH CONCERT.

The sixth Sunday evening concert will be given by the Inland Empire band at the Spokane theater tomorrow evening. Miss Genevieve Stevens, soprano; Miss Lena O. Reise, dramatic readings, and Pompeji and Faye, musical sketches, are announced in the program.

BEHRING SEA

Arbitration Favors United States.

THE HAGUE, Nov. 29.—The report of Dr. Asser of the international board of arbitration, who was appointed the sole arbitrator in the dispute between Russia and America regarding the fisheries in Bering sea, was made public today.

The dispute arose from the seizure of several American sealers by Russian cruisers.

Asser's judgment favors America, but the sums of indemnity claimed are considerably diminished.

The claims of the United States amounting to $200,000 and dating back five years, were made not so much for the loss of the vessels, which were seized seven miles from the Asiatic coast, as for the hardship worked on officers and men after their arrest.

Cotton Blankets at a Saving

This Sale comes at a time when cold weather makes it necessary for a good many housekeepers to provide themselves with additional bedding. These Blankets are all full size, both white and colored are included in this sale and the prices are less by a third. The kind you would pay $2 and $2.25 for and consider low will be sold Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday for

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TWO THOUSAND DEAD THROUGH IGNORANCE

Little Knowledge Proves Dangerous---Island of Furni Depopulated---Used Human Virus.

VIENNA, Nov. 29.—A dispatch received today says that 2000 out of a total population of 2500 on the island of Furni in the Aegan sea are dead with smallpox.

The islanders having heard vaguely of vaccination ignorantly extracted the virus from the sores of sick people and inoculated healthy persons.

Hundreds of corpses are lying unburied, the survivors being afraid to approach them.

HAS NOVEL SCHEME FOR VENEZUELA

Banker Seligman Proposes to Settle British and German Claims on Venezuela's Bond.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 29.—Isaac Seligman, the prominent New York banker, is in the city for the purpose of interviewing the president and the state department for a scheme for financing Venezuelan indebtedness.

It is understood that the firm proposes to take up Great Britain's and Germany's claims, accepting Venezuela's bond as security.

This action would be pleasing to the United States, but it is stated that if it is a part of Seligman's proposition to secure from the United States a guarantee for the bonds or even the moral influence of the government, he will be disappointed, as the state department is opposed to such arrangements and will make it clear to Seligman that he must operate entirely at his own risk.

Seligman will discuss the matter with the president this afternoon.

SLAYER OF PUTNAM MAY BE IN SPOKANE

Sheriff Dyer of Kootenai County in the City on Mysterious Mission.

The mystery surrounding the death of Engineer E. N. Putnam is the base of much excitement in police circles both in Spokane and Sandpoint.

So far the police are absolutely in the dark for a motive. There was at first supposed to be a woman in the case, but careful inquiry has, it is said, about dispelled this belief of the officers.

That some positive clue has been furnished is indicated by the presence in the city this morning of Sheriff Dyer of Kootenai county.

The doughty sheriff's visit is said to be through a suspicion directed to a citizen of Spokane, but he would not confirm the reported object of his trip here.

The sheriff looks as if he expected trouble, for his person is decorated with his two trust Colt 45s and it will man business for the man his attention is ultimately directed to.

ASSOCIATION IS BEHIND THE MOVE

To Increase Salaries of Post Office Clerks---Public Endorsement Solicited.

The United National Association of Postoffice Clerks is behind the local move for an increase in salary.

That there is an organization of this kind will appear as a sudden departure from the government employes' usual custom in making a move of this kind, but it is made known through several reliable channels that this organization has been standing for years.

The clerks have an organization separate from the Association of Carriers, which is also a conservative order. The railway mail service employes have two organizations; this practically combines the employes of the entire postal department.

The movement now in operation is directed at the public with a view of soliciting their aid in approaching the various representatives at Washington.

Frank T. Rogers, the president of the United National Association of Postoffice Clerks, who has headqusrters in Chicago, is taking considerable interest in this particular movement and it is probable that he will tour the country in behalf of the postoffice clerks.

For the past 15 years the postoffice clerks of the country employed in the first and second class offices have been asking congress to enact legislation that would properly classify their salaries, so as to afford a living wage and to grant them an approximate eight-hour work day.

The employes think the public in general is but poorly informed as to the exacting nature of the duties of a postoffice clerk. The impression seems to prevail that because of the mere fact that he is a government employe his position must be a sinecure. Previous to the enactment of the civil service laws no standard of efficiency was required of an applicant for the position of postoffice clerk. Political influence alone was all that was taken into account. Today each applicant must pass a rigid examination, both physical and mental, and must be of good moral character. But, unfortunately for the clerks, that is about as far as the civil service goes.

The employes ask a raise to $1000 for clerks receiving less than that at present and to $1400 for the present thousand dollar clerks.

INDICATIONS OF THE APPROACH OF CHRISTMAS.

Bayonne Mine Bonded.

The Bayonne mine at the head of Summit creek has been bonded by the original owners to Byron N. White. The bond is said to be for $50,000, the first payment being $5000 cash. The property was bonded some time ago by L. Davenport of this city for $40,000.

CONTINUED.

Judge Hinkle today continued the case against the offenders of the slot machine ordinance to Wednesday at 9:30 a. m. It is understood that two cases will be decided and the others will abide by the decision. One of these cases will be that of the arrests made before November 25 and the other after the 25th.

MAY FIGHT.

Kentucky Opens Its Doors to Boxers.

LOUISVILLE, Nov. 29.—Judge Toney today refused to make a permanent injunction against the Corbett-McGovern fight, thus again opening the doors to fights to Kentucky.

GENERALS AHEAD.

Philadelphir, Nov. 29---The annual gridiron struggle between the Army and the Navy, as represented by West Point and Annapolis, took place today on the Franklin field. The day was an ideal one. West Point used its tandem and empire express successfully. The future generals proved heavier men, but Annapolis put up remarkaflly game fight. First half ended West Point 10, Annopolis 8.

SLOT LAW

To be Enforced to the Letter, it is Claimed.

An idea prevails in certain quarters that the city authorities will grow lax in enforcing the ordinance against slot machines.

Mayor Byrne authorized the following statement in response to an inquiry on this point:

"So long as I remain in office the ordinance prohibiting money slot machines will be enforced to the letter. I will under no circumstances permit these machines to run."

NEARLY COMPLETE.

SELECTION OF ANDERSON JURY MAY BE FINISHED THIS AFTERNOON.

In the case of Gus Anderson, charged with the killing of Fagerstone, in the county criminal court today the entire morning was taken up questioning jurors, and they will probably complete the number this afternoon.

BRIEFS.

William Raugh, arrested for drunkenness, forfeited his bond of $7.

On account of the heavy snow last evening the street cars were held up on the North Monroe service for more than an hour and could not be moved until the plow was brought into action.

STOCKHOLM CASE IS DISMISSED BY HINKLE

Orders Defendent, Alma Green, Discharged and Her Cash Bond Refunded.

Judge Hinkle at 9:45 o'clock this morning discharged from custody Alma Green, a Stockholm employe, and ordered her cash bond refunded, saying he did not think there was sufficient evidence to warrant conviction.

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The case, in which the woman was charged with having robbed Charles Jamieson, a Ritzville farmer, took up the greater part of yesterday's police court session. Attorney Thayer appeared for the defense.

Several stories were told. Jamieson claims that the Green woman enticed him into a room and after he had indulged in two rounds of cocktails he knew no more until he picked himself up on Main st., where, he states, the bartender of the Stockholm had dragged him. Jamieson maintains he was drugged. Mr. Jamieson further stated that Gust Pearson and Attorney Thayer threatened him when he was in the judge's office, saying that if he testified in the case it would be worse for him and that he should have come to Pearson before reporting to the police and he would not have lost by it.

The trend of the testimony of the defense tried to show that Charles Jamieson was not robbed or drugged but was considerably under the influence of liquor and that he spent what money he had for whisky cocktails.

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