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### ROCKED JERSEY SIDE

#### Fire and Explosion Near Passaic Rained Shells on Suburbs Three Hours, But Killed No One.

New York, Jan. 11.—The plant of the Canadian and Foundry Company, one-half mile east of Kingsland, N. J., a suburb of Passaic, in which were stored hundreds of thousands of 3-inch shells destined for the Russian government, was destroyed late today by fire and a series of explosions which continued three hours.

So far as could be learned tonight no one was killed or injured, although 17 workmen were missing.

No estimate of the loss is obtainable, but it was said it might reach 4 million dollars. Approximately 1400 men were employed in the plant, which comprised forty and fifty buildings and covered about eighty acres of ground. No munitions were manufactured at Kingsland, but the plant was used for the filling of shells, the chief constituent used being trinitrotoluol, one of the most powerful explosives known.

While it was estimated that nearly 1-2 million shells exploded, priming fuses or caps had not been attached to them, and consequently their detonation did not cause the havoc that follows their explosion when used on the European battle fronts. The roar of the shells, which sounded like a cannonade from heavy guns, was heard for miles, however, and the concussion shook buildings within a wide radius of the plant.

Two big magazines in which were stored trinitrotoluol, nitric acid, picric acid, and powder were not reached by the flames, and it was believed tonight it was not in danger.

The fire, which led to the disaster, started in what was known as building No. 40, where shells were being cleaned with denatured alcohol. The most generally accepted theory is that electric wires on the ceiling became crossed and a piece of blazing insulation fell in the alcohol.

There was a literal reign of terror throughout Union Township, in which the plant is situated. Sheriffs, deputies and police from Kingsland, Lyndhurst, Rutherford and east Rutherford and other places surrounded the plant and gradually spread out for a distance of two miles in all directions, warning the residents of their peril.

Within an hour after the fire the fire started the highways were filled with refugees, men, women and children. Many of the women carried babies in their arms,

while others pushed baby carriages.

New York had its first scare because of its proximity to big munitions plants July 30, 1916, when a series of explosions of ammunition awaiting shipment to the Entente Allies and stored on Black Tom's Island, in the upper bay, caused property loss of 20 million dollars, the death of seventy people and the severe injury of thirty five.

#### Federal Agents Into Butter and Egg Board Files.

Chicago, Jan. 13.—All the books, records and files of the Chicago butter and egg board were seized today by special agents of the department of justice and they are being investigated by a large number of clerks tonight in an effort to learn if there has been any violation of an injunction issued in 1914 by Judge Landis, preventing the fixing of prices.

The recent big increase in the price of eggs caused the records to be seized by Robert W. Childs, special assistant to the attorney general, who is conducting a food and coal investigation here.

#### Greece Gives in to Allies.

London, Jan. 11 (5:10 a. m.).—Greece's reply accepting the terms of the ultimatum of the Entente Allies was delivered Wednesday evening. Reuter's Athens correspondent says.

The allied demands on Greece included the removal of all the Greek royalist troops in Thessaly, Northeastern Greece, to the Peloponnese, the extreme southern part; the turning over to the Allies of part of the Greek supply of artillery ammunition and other war supplies; public apology for the attack by Greek troops on the marines and soldiers of the Entente in Piraeus and Athens, and full reparation for those acts.

#### Five Mentioned for Missouri Warden.

Jefferson City, Jan. 13.—Speculation over who will be the new warden at Missouri's Penitentiary is occupying much time here. Although Governor Gardner has not made a decision, many names are being talked. Among new names under consideration are J. Kelly Pool of Centralia and Omar D. Gray of Sturgeon. Former Lieutenant Governor Painter also has been proposed. Others who have been discussed are Judge James Cowgill and Lester Parker, the latter the present superintendent of industries in the prison.

### SHORT STORIES

#### Of Local Interest—Clipped from Our Exchanges.

The seven months old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Lanning died at the parents home, at Amoret, Sunday, Jan. 7, says the Leader.

The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Worthington, in east Merwin, died, and was buried in West Point Cemetery Tuesday.—Amsterdam Enterprise.

Dr. Edgar T. Kim, dentist, has located in Montrose, opening up an office in the rooms formerly occupied by Dr. Schowenbergt. over the Farmers and Merchants Bank—Montrose Recorder.

Mrs. Ben T. Haskins died at her home, three miles northwest of Adrian, Friday evening, January 5, 1917, after a lingering illness, aged 55 years, 9 months and 16 days.—Adrian Journal

On account of failing health J. R. Wyatt has retired from the cashiership of the Farmers Bank of Rockville says the Rockville Booster. E. C. Wilson formerly assistant cashier is his successor.

On Sunday, January 7th, Mrs. Elizabeth Hall was 69 years old. Mrs. Hall was born on the farm now owned by Emmet Hook and she was never out side the state except on a visit.—Rockville Booster.

The citizens of Amsterdam were awakened midnight Sunday night by some young fellows pulling off a wild west stunt on the street of the burg. For the "peace of all concerned" the Enterprise hopes it will not happen again.

E. S. Fuller, of Grand River township, has recently lost three of his best horses and another one is quite sick. It is not known just what caused the deaths, but presumably it is due to fodder poisoning.—Adrian Journal

Martha Ann O'Callahan departed this life at the home of her son, John O'Callahan, 4 miles west of Hume, January 3, 1917, at the advanced age of 87 years, 10 months and 22 days. Burial was made in the Prescott cemetery, Thursday.—Hume Telephone

At the meeting of the school board Tuesday night of this week, the last \$500 bond of the \$7000 issued twenty years ago, was called for payment. When this is paid the district will be free from debt. Arrangements will be made in the near future for some sort of a celebration and bond burning.—Montrose Recorder.

Twelve sacks of mail order house catalogues, all from one firm, was received at the Hume post office, Wednesday. The consignment weighed over a half a ton and the postage amounted to \$28. Yet we have men who are supposed to be in the business here who say it does not pay to advertise.—Hume Telephone

Mrs. Lewis Lozier, after a short illness with lobar pneumonia, departed this life at the family home, southwest of Hume, Jan. 3, 1917. The funeral was conducted from the M. E. church, Friday afternoon, by Rev. C. H. Oehlert and burial was made in the Hume cemetery.—Hume Telephone

At ten o'clock Sunday morning January 7, occurred the marriage of Miss Lyda M. Murray of Springfield and Mr. C. E. Heyle of Rockville. The ceremony was performed at the home of the bride's parents, Rev. John W. Bacon of Springfield Presbyterian church officiating. The ceremony was witnessed by Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Heyle and son Alvin, and Mr. and Mrs. Murray.—Rockville Booster.

#### ORA LEWIS TO HANG FEBRUARY 9

##### Brother, Who Helped Kill Officer Gets Life Sentence.

St. Louis, Jan. 10.—Ora Otis Lewis was sentenced in the criminal court this afternoon to be hanged February 9 for the murder of the motor cycle policeman, McKenna, last April. Roy Joe Lewis, a brother convicted as an accomplice in the same crime, was sentenced to life imprisonment.

Roy Joe Lewis was arrested in St. Louis soon after the murder of McKenna. Ora Lewis was arrested several months later in Kansas City. Dillon, a patrolman, went to a garage in search of the Lewis boys immediately after the murder of McKenna. Dillon was killed and two days later his body was found under a culvert several miles from town.

#### One Man in Butler, Mo., Made Over \$287.50 From 12 Hives of Bees in 1916.

At the present price of honey bees are one of the best side lines money makers that a farmer or a city man with room in his back lot can handle.

If you have proper hives bees are easy to care for. They increase very fast, one man in Butler started last spring with 12 hives of bees and now he has 25 hives and the increase all came from the original 12 hives in one season and besides the increase in bees some of the hives made 60 pounds of honey, besides sufficient honey to feed the bees during the winter. Just think, one hive of bees making 60 pounds of honey that is selling now from 17 to 20c per pound, making a profit for the owner of \$10.40 besides putting out one new swarm of bees that is worth \$2.50. This makes a total of \$12.50 from one hive of bees in one year. This Butler citizen's profit from his 12 hives of bees in 1916, was 1500 pounds of salable honey which netted him at 17c per pound \$255.00 and 13 hives of bees at \$2.50 per hive, making a total of \$287.50.

Bees require no feeding and but very little attention, just a little looking after during the swarming and honey flowing season, such as putting on extra suppers for the honey and putting them in a sheltered place during the winter months. Although loose snow over the hives will not do any harm, melting and freezing snow may fill up the entrance and the bees will suffer.

To make the best success with bees you should have an extra hive or two, and a convenient source of supplies close at hand, to supply the thrifty farmers and city men who are interested in bees. Logan-Moore Lbr. Co. has been keeping a complete supply of bee necessities at their yard in Butler, Rockville and Schell City, so it is not necessary any more for the bee man to invest in bee supplies months in advance of the time he is expecting to use them, for he knows that he can get whatever he may need by just telephoning the Logan-Moore people and the make a specialty of sending whatever their customers need in the bee supplies by rural parcel post. If you are a novice in the bee business Logan-Moore will be glad to loan you books telling you just how to start and make the greatest success with bees. They will be glad to take you to the man's place in Butler that made the \$287.50 on bees last year and you can see for yourself how they are taken care of.

A hive or two of bees is all you need to make a start in this most profitable business, the bees will do the rest.

#### Republican-Moose Split Wide as Ever—Perkins.

New York, Jan. 15.—George W. Perkins, chairman of the national progressive party, issued a statement here tonight in which he declared that "the several actions taken this afternoon," by the executive committee of the republican national committee over the protest of Chairman Wilcox and other members of the committee, had failed to heal the breach between the republican and progressive parties.

This, he added, left no doubt that the split between the republican and progressive parties was as wide open as ever.

Mr. Perkins and other progressive leaders failed to attend a dinner given tonight by Chairman Wilcox of the republican national committee to which had been invited the committeemen and such of the progressive party members who served on the recent republican campaign as could be located.

#### Gets Five Years on 28 Liquor Charges.

Fort Smith, Ark., January 13.—Louis Perretti of Bonanza was sentenced to five years in the Penitentiary at Greenwood Thursday on his plea of guilty entered in five of the twenty-eight indictments against him for selling liquor. This is the heaviest sentence imposed on a liquor seller in this state since the passage of the state-wide law, which made the selling of liquor a felony.

Perretti entered his plea on an agreement that his wife should not be prosecuted on the indictments pending against her for the same offense, but that they should be held in abeyance while she refrained from any connection with the sale of liquor.

### COMPANY B HOME AGAIN

#### Bates County's Soldiers Returned From a Seven Months Tour of Duty on the Mexican Border.

When the special train bringing Butler's returning soldiers pulled into the depot at six o'clock Saturday night it was a happy crowd of mothers, sisters, sweethearts and friends that greeted the boys as they jumped off the train. It was soon learned that only half of the boys were on the train, the balance having stopped off in Kansas City, to have a good time before returning home. It had been planned to have the boys march up town behind the band, but as there was so few of them and as it was too cold for the band the parade was abandoned.

At the Woodman hall a supper had been prepared and at 8 o'clock about 20 of the boys assembled there and showed what they could do to a real home made supper after going for about six months on army rations.

Addresses of welcome were made by James A. DeArmond and Rev. Talbert, which were responded to on behalf of the company by Capt. E. S. Clarke.

Sergeant Haynes and Linhart did not come with the rest of the company but arrived Sunday night about six o'clock with Lady Butler, the automobile that was presented to the company by the citizens of the county when they were called to the border last June.

While the boys of the regiment did not participate in any fighting, they should have full credit, for they volunteered for service in Mexico and had the exigencies of war called them into action there is no one doubts but that they would have given a good account of themselves and made Bates County proud of them. They have had some military experience and while many of the boys say that they have had enough of military glory, all of them are glad that they have had the experience, and it is a safe bet that if the country should need them they will volunteer to a man to again put on the O. D's, shoulder a rifle and go to the front.

The following is a roster of the company, many of them being from other towns and were attached to the company by recruiting last June.

Captain, Ed S. Clarke,  
First Lieutenant, Lloyd W. Brooks,

Second Lieutenant, Harry E. Ellis,  
First Sergeant, Thomas J. Turner,

Mess Sergeant, Richard E. Haynes,  
Supply Sergeant, William B. Linhart,

Sergeants, Harry C. Crow, Laverne Ward, Lee Bright, Alfred Ellis, Charles B. Yates,

Corporals, Clark Nicolay, Floyd Keiser, Lewis H. Barker, William T. Grout, John K. Mansfield, Harold W. Jenkins,

Mechanic, Pearl Wells,  
Bugler, Raymond W. Biser,

Cooks, Sam Lemasters and Elmer L. Scheurich,

Privates, First-class, William R. Abbott, Vernon Corum, William C. Henry, Orla Huddleson, Patrick Roach, James Gerby, Leland Crow, Lester C. Smith and Delbert R. Quails,

Privates, Howard R. Ainsworth, Clyde B. Butler, Leslie R. Choate, Emmet W. Hays, John Dubbs, Fred Newman, Earl Meyers, Clarence L. Weleh, John W. Walters, Alfred Walters, Orny Wiser, Claud Wiser, Walter Walton.

As the old Armory has been converted into a garage by the owners, the company had no home to go to, temporary quarters being secured on North Main in the building formerly occupied by the Culver Furniture and Undertaking Company.

#### Editors Must Finance Mills.

St. Paul, Minn., Jan. 15.—Minnesota editors may be forced partly to finance the project recently launched by the Minnesota Editorial Association for the establishment of paper mills on State property, according to an opinion announced today by Attorney General Lindon A. Smith.

According to Mr. Smith the State may acquire the needed water powers and lease them and the timber tracts to a co-operative organization of publishers, but, as far as he is able to ascertain, is without authority to use state funds in the erection of paper mills or to engage in paper making.

### Decision in Hume Consolidated School District Case.

Following is the text of the decision of Judge C. A. Calvird in the case of Eugene Franklin vs. Hume Consolidated School District which the court has had under advisement since the October term of the Bates county Circuit Court.

Eugene Franklin, Plaintiff, vs. Hume Consolidated School District et al, Defendants.

This action seeks to enjoin any further proceeding in relation to an issue of bonds voted at the annual school meeting of said district in April 1916. At such election there were cast for directors 210 votes, and upon the proposition to issue the bonds 204 votes. There were 136 votes in favor of the loan and 68 votes against the loan. The only serious question in this case is as to whether or not the issue of the bonds received the assent of two-thirds of the voters of the district voting at an election held for that purpose within the meaning of the Constitution of the state.

The Constitution provides as follows:

"No county, city, town, township, school district or other political subdivision of the state shall be allowed to become indebted in any manner or for any purpose to an amount exceeding in any year the income and revenue provided for such year without the assent of two-thirds of the voters thereof voting at an election to be held. Section 12."

The Supreme Courts of other States interpreting identical provisions in their constitutions have held that in order to validate the bonds in only requires the assent of two-thirds of the voters of the district voting on the proposition to issue the bonds, and not two-thirds of all the votes cast at the annual meeting. The Legislature of our own state has placed an interpretation upon this provision of the Constitution, and in 1911, provided as follows:

"The qualified voters at said election shall vote by ballot. Those voting in favor of the loan shall have written or printed on their tickets,

"For the Loan," those voting against the loan, the words, "Against the Loan;" and if two-thirds of the vote cast on the proposition shall be "for the loan" the district board shall be vested with the power to borrow money."

Session Acts 1911, page 395.

But I am asked to hold this Act of the Legislature invalid as in conflict with the provision of the Constitution above set out. Before a court, especially a lower court, should declare an Act of the Legislature invalid as in conflict with the Constitution such conflict ought to be so apparent as to leave no room for serious doubt. Then there is in the law a familiar rule of interpretation to the effect, that before a Statute of the State is held unconstitutional every intent must be indulged in favor of its validity. The court is of the opinion that in order to authorize the issue of the bonds it only required the assent of two-thirds of the voters of the district voting upon the proposition, and not two-thirds of all the votes cast at the annual meeting. Finding and judgment for defendants.

C. A. CALVIRD, Judge.

Smith & Chastain represented the plaintiff and Silvers & Dawson and J. H. Bryant the defense.

#### He Died to Save Others.

Iola, Kan., Jan. 12.—Richard in a grave covered over with flowers which is soon to be marked with a monument carrying the inscription, "Richard Moore, hero, who sacrificed his life January 10, 1917, to prevent the wrecking of a train."

Traveling men who read of the friendless section hand killed while attempting to remove timbers from in front of an on-coming train, telegraphed money to provide a final home for him outside the potters field and announced subscriptions had been started for a monument to the man who laid down his life to save others.

#### Christian Science Services.

Christian Science Services and Sunday school will be held each Sunday in the church, corner of Ft. Scott and Delaware streets. Subject, "Life." All are cordially invited to attend.