

5 DEAD IN OIL EXPLOSION AT ARDMORE, OKLA.; AWFUL DISASTER SWEEPS LITTLE CITY LATE MONDAY

TORE OF DYNAMITE IGNITED BY GASOLINE ADDS TO DAMAGE; RUINS YIELD OVER HALF HUNDRED VICTIMS

Ardmore, Okla., Sept. 28.—The discovery of additional bodies in the ruins here due to a gasoline explosion late yesterday, when a tank car exploded, increased the number of known deaths to 55. It is believed the death list probably will reach 60, if not more. The property damage is estimated at more than \$1,000,000. There are at least 200 injured, and some of these probably fatally. Of the 55 known dead 19 are negroes, and one an Italian.

CITY IS SHAKEN.

The explosion which shook Ardmore to its very foundations, occurred late Monday afternoon in a tank car containing 3,000 gallons of gasoline.

Six blocks in each direction from the Santa Fe freight and passenger depots were affected. Railroad men state that the car was shunted to a siding on account of it being in bad order, and leaking gasoline to such an extent that a pool of fluid formed on the ground.

INSPECTOR OPENS TAP.

When the switchmen refused to move the car further, an inspector was called. Ira Woods, car inspector, mounted the car and unscrewed the cap, and peered in. Just as he did this the gasoline ignited, and Woods, the car and every loose piece of material within 100 yards were hurled high in the air.

The first reports, that there were two explosions, are confirmed. A quantity of dynamite in a freight storehouse was set off by the concussion of gasoline explosion.

The greatest damage in the city was done by the shock. Nearly a score of buildings were demolished by the dynamite.

BIG BAND OF MEXICANS IS READY TO RAID Across From Progress—Fear Fight.

Lawtonville, Tex., Sept. 28.—Information that several hundred Mexicans are gathering on the Mexican side of the Rio Grande, near Progress, was received by army officers. Preparations are made by cavalry patrol to be ready for attack at any point along the river front.

Major Edmondson of the twelfth cavalry said that his officers are informed that the Mexicans opposite Progress are not only armed, but seem to be organized.

Attorneys will protest seizure Cannot Understand Why Meat Was Seized by England.

Chicago, Sept. 28.—Attorneys for Armour & Co., and Swift & Co., last night said they would protest to the state department against the seizure of England of the Norwegian steamer Vitalia, containing seventy carloads of Chicago packing house products.

Henry Vander of Swift & Co., and C. J. Faulkner, Jr., of Armour & Co., said that they would reach Washington on Wednesday to present a complaint to Secretary Lansing.

Can't Understand Seizure.

These attorneys added that they were at a loss to understand the seizure, as the products were shipped aboard a neutral ship to a neutral port and consigned to the Netherlands Overseas Trust, which was primarily established to assist American shippers in their commerce with neutral England having apparently been satisfied that the buyers in charge of the organization would see to it that none of the products was reshipped to Germany.

The attorneys' statement adds: "In the past, shipments were seized and held on the pretense that the products were eventually to reach Germany. In this seizure of the Vitalia, this excuse was not forthcoming as there is always a large demand for such products by the Holland margarine manufacturers and the supply of the American packers at Rotterdam is now almost exhausted.

No Sales Made.

"In this particular shipment, the consignors have given bonds that the products are consigned to and their disposal is subject to the decision of the Netherlands Overseas Trust; and no sales or deliveries can be made except on permission of the trust which names the buyers and furnishes whatever other particulars are specified. As we understand the Netherlands Overseas Trust is virtually dominated by England, it is impossible to understand the reason for the seizure."

CASTELLO KILLED WITH SHOT GUN

Chicago, Sept. 28.—Vito Castello, a prosperous wine merchant, well known in the Italian colony in the north side of the city, was shot dead with a saved off gun in Milton avenue yesterday by an assailant, who fled.

Castello lives only a few minutes. The police denominated the crime as another blackhand murder, arrested twelve suspects, but were unable to obtain a satisfactory statement from witnesses of the shooting.

SPEND MILLIONS PROTECTING MEN Twelve Thousand Workmen for Steel Company Alive and Well as Result.

San Francisco, Sept. 28.—Twelve thousand men working for the United States Steel corporation are alive and have the proper number of legs, arms and eyes, because the corporation has spent \$2,000,000 to safeguard them since 1905, it was announced here yesterday at a safety conference called in connection with the Panama Pacific exposition.

George N. Chamberlain, Jr., director of the corporation's welfare exhibit at the exposition, said that the number of casualties was reduced to this amount, which was 45 per cent of the former record.

"FARMER JONES" INSTANTLY KILLED Edward Jones Loses Life at Garske When two Cars Pass Over Body.

(Herald Special Service.) Devils Lake, N. D., Sept. 28.—Edward Jones, known to the traveling public as "Farmer Jones," a conductor on the Farmers railway and one of the best known railway men in northern North Dakota, while switching in the yards at Garske was instantly killed this morning when two cars passed over his body.

Jones came to Devils Lake from Lake Crystal, Minn., the old family home, where relatives now reside.

\$60,000 VERDICT AGAINST WOMAN Action Brought by Mrs. Anna N. Lauer to Recover Damages.

Rochester, N. Y., Sept. 28.—A verdict of \$60,000 against Mrs. Mary W. Harriman and the estate of her husband, the late Edward H. Harriman, railroad magnate, was rendered by a sheriff's jury yesterday. Mrs. Anna N. Lauer of Fenfield brought the action to recover damages, alleging that she had been defamed by the representations made to her regarding a tract of land which she purchased from agents of Mr. Harriman in 1904.

The defense was entered by Mrs. Harriman.

Cologne, Sept. 28.—The Prussian Catholic bishops attending a conference at Fulda have received the following message from Pope Benedict: "In the same measure in which the need grows worse through the continuation of the war, the desire for peace increases. We hope that this universal yearning may open up with everyone the royal road which in patient human love leads to peace."

The pope's message concludes with a plea for a peace which will combine the demands of justice with the dignity of people.

AUSTRALIAN NAVY BEING ENLARGED

Sydney, Australia, Sept. 28.—The cruiser Brisbane and two torpedo boat destroyers, which will be launched at the Cockatoo Island naval dockyard here during the next two months, will add considerably to the Australian navy. The Brisbane will be the first cruiser entirely constructed in an Australian yard by Australian workmen. She is named after the capital of Queensland, and is sister ship to the Sydney—the victor over the Emden—and the Melbourne. She is 5,000 tons displacement and is armed with 6-inch guns.

The two destroyers are the Torrens and the Swan.

COMMISSIONERS OF BIG LOAN AT CHICAGO TODAY

Chicago, Sept. 28.—The Anglo-French loan commissioners arrived from New York, and despite the statements that the visit is purely social as previously issued by local men, the commissioners made it plain that they are here primarily on business in connection with the loan.

Greeted by Committee.

The commissioners were greeted by a committee of prominent bankers and business men, among them J. Ogden Armour, the packer; James B. Forgan, president of the First National bank; George M. Reynolds, president of the Continental and Commercial National bank, and John W. Scott, president of the Commercial club, which is host to the visitors.

Baron Reading, in a talk with newspapermen, declared that the trip was taken with only social objects in view. "We came to Chicago to talk business," he said. "We are going to have a meeting with the bankers, perhaps today."

CHARGE OF BUCK SHOT IN BODIES Col. R. W. Mueller and Wife Shot with Shot Gun and Wilfully Murdered.

Milwaukee, Sept. 28.—X-ray photographs of bodies of Colonel Robert W. Mueller and wife, whose charred remains were found in the ruins of their summer cottage near Marquette, Wis., on Saturday last, and brought to Milwaukee yesterday, disclose heavy charges of buckshot, supposed to have been fired at a distance of about thirty feet, and the latest of about thirty feet, and the latest of circumstances surrounding the mysterious tragedy indicate a crime of wilful murder.

Excitement of the populace in the vicinity of the supposed murder is at fever heat and fear is expressed for the safety of any one who may be arrested on suspicion.

NO ARREST MADE IN AUTO KILLING Barnesville Murder Probably Will not be Avenged by Law.

Barnesville, Minn., Sept. 28.—After running down every tangible clue, Sheriff Dan McDonald of Clay county, Chief of Police Ebling of this city, and other Clay county officials last night stated that they were at bay in their search for the two robbers who at midnight Saturday held up an automobile party of three within a block of the business district of this city, shot Peter Nitzorski, farmer living one mile west of here, who died several hours later—Sunday morning—and made good their escape under cover of darkness.

Leap Onto Running Board.

The automobile, containing Louis Koelling, real estate man and farmer; James Fiala, farm hand for Koelling, and Nitzorski, had stopped for a northbound freight which was passing on the west tracks. The two robbers suddenly appeared from the roadside, jumping onto the running board of the car and at the point of their guns commanded the farmers to turn over their valuables.

THE WEATHER.

North Dakota: Probably showery tonight. Cooler in east portion. Wednesday partly cloudy.

UNIVERSITY READING.

7 a. m. 48; maximum 66; minimum 45; direction of wind, south-east; 13 miles; precipitation .11; barometer 30.02.

GREECE TELLS SERBIA SHE WILL RESIST

Berlin, Sept. 28.—According to the Overseas News agency, Greece has assured Serbia she will resist the passage of foreign troops through Greek territory.

REGAIN TERRITORY NOT NEAR LIMIT.

Berlin, Sept. 28.—Germany has not yet reached the limit of her military efforts, while her foes are drawing near the end of their resources, declares Major Morant, military critic of the Berlin Tageblatt, in a review of the present status of the belligerents, says the Overseas News agency.

ESTABLISH ZONE. BERLIN NEWS AGENCY SAYS THAT ACCORDING TO RELIABLE INFORMATION, BULGARIA AND GREECE HAVE AGREED UPON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEUTRAL ZONE BETWEEN THESE TWO COUNTRIES.

NELSON COUNTY HAS A CLEANUP

Several Arrested in War on Piggers—Raid Made on Livery Barn.

Lakota, N. D., Sept. 28.—State's Attorney R. J. Roberts and Sheriff A. H. Smart have opened war on the law violators of Nelson county.

Excitement is spreading. Fred Lambert and Henry Dilman were arrested by Sheriff Smart upon evidence secured by detectives. Bureland is charged with bootlegging. He was examined and put on \$500 bail. The same charge is booked against Fred Lambert and his bond was placed at \$100. Henry Dilman pleaded guilty to bootlegging and was given a fine of \$200 and sentenced to 90 days in the county jail.

In a raid on the livery barn at Marquette, Wis., on Saturday last, and brought to Milwaukee yesterday, disclose heavy charges of buckshot, supposed to have been fired at a distance of about thirty feet, and the latest of circumstances surrounding the mysterious tragedy indicate a crime of wilful murder.

ALLIES' OFFENSIVE BRINGS FRENCH TO GERMAN SECOND LINE; FIERCE BATTLE LOSES NONE OF INTENSITY

THOUSANDS THROWN AGAINST LINES OF JOFFRE BUT HOLD; CROWN PRINCE SACRIFICING ARMIES TO RECOVER

London, Sept. 28.—"If Bulgarian mobilization should result in Bulgaria assuming an aggressive attitude on the side of our enemies, we are prepared to give our friends in the Balkans all the support in our power, in a manner that would be most welcome to them, in concert with our allies, without reserve, without qualification," was the pregnant announcement made by Sir Edward Grey, British foreign secretary, in the house of commons this afternoon.

DR. DUMBA SENDS TO CAPITOL FOR SAFE CONDUCT

Says He has Been Ordered Home by His Government—Documents Received.

Washington, Sept. 28.—Dr. Dumba, the Austrian ambassador, telegraphed the state department from the summer embassy at Lenox, Mass., that he had been ordered home by his government and asked that safe conduct be arranged for him. In light of advice from American Ambassador Fenfield in Vienna, the Austrian foreign office gives the informal assurance that Dumba will be recalled and the state department will arrange for his safe conduct without waiting for formal notice from the Austrian foreign office.

Documents Arrive.

This action was considered by the American government as the closing incident. All papers and documents carried by Archibald reached the department by mail from Ambassador Page in London.

The state department officials would not say whether there will be any steps taken in the case of Archibald and Captain Von Pape, the German military attaché, or Consul General Von Nuber of Austria.

1,800,000 Men on West Line Held by Germans

London, Sept. 28.—The Times' military correspondent says: "The latest semi-official notice which the press received of the strength of the German army in the west placed their numbers at 1,800,000 men, or thereabouts. There is no serious reason to dispute these figures, although some British divisions have been drafted to the east during the last few months.

"The places of most of these units have been taken by new formations, from the interior, while certain numbers of men have been added to others whose strength early in the year had not been maintained. There are still some 94 German divisions in the western theater. Most of the German cavalry is in the east, but there is an ordinarily large proportion of heavy and machine guns in the west.

Expect Troops from East.

"We must admit a possibility of a fresh transfer of German troops from the east to the west, but with 700 miles for the Austro-Germans to hold in the east, and with the Russian armies still in positions to fight well, the chances that the Germans will be able to undertake an offensive in the west with success are not rosy.

"If not more than 11 divisions of the new army mentioned by Lord Kitchener are now in France, then we must hope that our power of reinforcing our armies with new divisions, as apart from the question of maintaining them for long in the field, is greater than the German power in the same sense.

Hard Nut to Crack.

"We have a hard nut to crack, now that we have passed to the offensive. The ground in front of us is honey-combed with trenches. The Germans have all the best of the ground."

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\$10,000 FIRE IN N. DAKOTA TOWN

Lucca Suffers Damage—Caused by Defective Chimney in Store.

Valley City, N. D., Sept. 28.—Fire at Lucca totally destroyed the general store of E. A. Roach and the meat market building adjoining. The pool hall on the east side of the store building, was also damaged to some extent, the loss being probably \$300 or \$400. The fire is supposed to have started from a defective chimney on the store building.

The loss on Roach's store will aggregate \$8,000; on the meat market building, owned by C. E. Shrawder, \$1,500; on the pool hall, owned by S. S. Shaw, \$400. The loss is fairly well protected by insurance.

TELLS POLICE HE TOOK \$15,000

Fund Shows Shortage of less Than \$300 Says Bishop.

Atlanta, Ga., Sept. 28.—The funds of the Episcopal diocese of Atlanta from which George C. Stowers told New York police he had stolen \$15,000, show a shortage of less than \$300. Bishop Charles E. Schaff announced yesterday. The bishop, who employs Stowers as private secretary, reported to the authorities here that some of the paychecks had been raised but that the total stolen by that means was comparatively small.

"A Lift or a Load"

Mr. Retailer, how many of the brands you carry on your shelves are a "lift" and how many are a "load?"

How many do you have to push by sheer weight in order to push?

How many actually serve to bring customers to your store and so lift your business?

Is it not a fact that goods advertised in the newspapers contribute a lift?

Is it not to your interest to favor newspaper advertised products?