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Fontanet, Ind., Oct. 16.—Estimates of the dead following the great explosion in the Dupont powder works yesterday vary from 25 to 50, with more than 600 injured.

The mills went up with three distinct explosions, followed a few minutes later by a fourth, even more serious than the others, when the magazine went up.

The mills were situated one mile north of the town. With the first explosion, the employees ran for safety, but most of them were killed or wounded by the quick following explosions in the other mills.

The front and sides of many were blown away, the roofs of others were hurled into space, while some were reduced to a mass of collapsed wreckage.

A big four railroad freight train on the switch leading to the mills was partially destroyed by the explosion and the wreckage caught fire, Engineer Charles Wells was badly burned and received a fracture of the right leg.

Three school buildings were destroyed, two at Fontanet and one at Coal Bluff, two miles away.

All were filled with school children, and everyone of these was more or less injured by the collapse of the buildings.

A four-room schoolhouse was torn to pieces and not one of the 200 children escaped unhurt. None was fatally injured.

The force of the explosion destroyed all telephone communication with the town, and it was with great difficulty that aid was summoned.

TERRE HAUTE GAVE AID. Her Homes and Hospital Thrown Open to Injured.

Terre Haute, Ind., Oct. 16.—Hospitals and homes in Terre Haute were thrown open yesterday to care for the injured in the Fontanet powder explosion.

While hurrying to St. Anthony's hospital the city ambulance was struck by a street car and wrecked. It is feared the shock will be fatal to the explosion victims who were in the ambulance.

Sheriff Hovarty went to the scene at once and organized a force of deputies. A corps of city policemen also was sent to Fontanet, and Company B went there this evening with provisions for a week.

SUCCESSFUL TRIP THROUGH THE AIR

Ballooning Went 100 Miles in Three Hours and Ten Minutes in a Trial Yesterday Afternoon.

St. Louis, Oct. 15.—After travelling through the air a distance of almost one hundred miles in three hours and ten minutes, J. C. McCoy and Capt. C. DeF. Chandler brought the balloon Psyche down to earth, three miles north of Jacksonville, Ill., late yesterday afternoon, ending the first trial trip taken by the aeronauts, who are to contest in the international races to be held here October 21.

The route of the balloon was almost directly north of St. Louis and Mr. McCoy, who is to pilot the "America" in the coming races, expressed himself as well pleased according to Jacksonville dispatches, with the performance of the "Psyche" and with the prospects for a long trip in the "America" which is more than twice the size of the balloon used yesterday.

HARRIMAN WINGED. Deprived of Voting Powers of 286,731 Shares of Illinois Central Stock.

Chicago, Oct. 15.—E. H. Harriman was yesterday, by an order of court, deprived of the voting power of 286,731 shares of Illinois Central stock, which he owned through the railroad company which opens today.

The order of the court was practically identical with the modification asked by the attorneys for Mr. Harriman. Both sides claim a victory.

Mr. Fish Monday asked that the voting of these shares be enjoined. The court today after extensive argument by the attorneys of both sides, modified the injunction by permitting the shares to be voted under the condition that if any one of these shares should have a decisive effect on any vote taken, the entire vote is then to be null and void.

Excitement Caused BY AN EARTHQUAKE Shock Last Evening Was Felt in New Hampshire and Massachusetts Cities.

Derry, N. H., Oct. 16.—At 7:10 last evening a distinct earthquake shock was felt in this town, Londonderry and towns to the south and southeast. The disturbance lasted for eight or ten seconds, and was accompanied by a roaring sound, much like the rumbling of a heavy train at distant thunder.

AT LOWELL. Heavy Rumbling Ended in an Apparent Explosion.

Lowell, Mass., Oct. 16.—The heavy rumbling of an earthquake was experienced in this city and in all suburban towns at 7:10 o'clock last night. The shock did not last longer than two or three seconds, and was followed by what appeared to be a sharp explosion.

Thought Gas Tank Exploded. Haverhill, Mass., Oct. 16.—A flurry of excitement was caused in the Bradford district, across the river from this city, soon after 7 o'clock last night by a rumble and noise resembling an explosion.

Dishes Rattled at Lawrence. Lawrence, Mass., Oct. 16.—An earthquake shock was distinctly felt in this city last evening. Houses were jarred and dishes rattled, but no damage was done.

AN EARTHQUAKE TODAY. Was Observed by the Seismograph in Washington, D. C.

Washington, D. C., Oct. 16.—The seismograph at the weather bureau recorded an earthquake at 9:15 this morning.

CAR TURNED OVER ON A STEEP GRADE

Three Persons Were Killed and 20 Were Injured in Cincinnati This Morning in a Trolley Accident.

Cincinnati, Oct. 16.—Three persons were killed and 20 were injured this morning when an Elberon avenue trolley car turned over at a curve on a steep grade.

A PROMISE OF FREEDOM

Extended to Filipinos by Sec. Taft To-day

AT OPENING OF ASSEMBLY

Significant Statement from the Roosevelt Administration as to Giving Up the Philippine Islands.

Manila, Oct. 16.—With a significant speech, Secretary Taft opened the first Philippine assembly. "President Roosevelt has sent me to convey to all Filipinos," he said, "his congratulations upon this, another step in the enlargement of self-government."

"His message is intended for every assemblyman, irrespective of his views in the electoral campaign. It assumes loyalty and does not assume that he may not have the wish to peacefully bring about a transfer of sovereignty, but it assumes that while the present government endures he will uphold its authority."

"The national administration's avowed policy has been, and is, to safeguard the interests and welfare of the Filipinos, and by the spread generally of primary and industrial education and practice of partial political control to fit the people to maintain a stable government. As this policy of extending control continues, it must logically result in ending of the sovereignty of the United States unless both peoples agree to retain the bond owing to mutually beneficial trade relations."

"We are engaged in a great experiment that no other nation has attempted. Hence it would be unwise to fix a period when the experiment must succeed. There is a strong minority party in the United States denouncing our policy, expressing sympathy with the annexation and aspiring to take the islands independent. This prolonged war encouraged a selfishness and obstructed the development of government."

GREAT RACE ARRANGED. Major Delmar and Sweet Marie to Contest at Poughkeepsie, October 22.

Poughkeepsie, N. Y., Oct. 16.—A trotting match between Major Delmar and Sweet Marie has been arranged for October 22 at the Hunson River Driving park here. The conditions call for the best 3 in 5 heats and a purse of \$2,500 will be awarded the winner.

DESERTED SCHOONER AFTER HARD FIGHT

Crew Made Gallant 12-Hour Effort to Get Off Vessel Which Went Aground Last Night.

Sandy Hook, N. J., Oct. 16.—After making a gallant 12-hour fight the crew of the schooner Carrie C. Miles loaded with coal for Stonington, Conn., which went aground on Outer Shoals last night, were forced to desert the ship at low tide this morning.

CHELSEA. W. H. Sprague was in Brookfield and Tumbridge on official business Tuesday. Assistant Judges Lathrop of Williams-town and White of Topsham were in town Tuesday on county business.

ACCIDENT SAVED RECORD. Mainsheet Was Making Fastest Mile for Stallion When He Was Thrown.

Lexington, Ky., Oct. 16.—An accident prevented the world's stallion record from being beaten yesterday, when Mainsheet having trotted three-quarters of a mile in 1:22, caught his hoof in his quarter-loaf and went to his knees as he was trotting the last quarter of the mile.

KICKED UNCONSCIOUS. Charles Walters of Vergennes Went Out to Catch Horse in Pasture.

Vergennes, Oct. 16.—Charles Walters, who is employed by Fred Norton on the G. E. O. Kimball farm, went to the meadow yesterday morning to catch the horse. Not returning as usual, Mr. Norton went in search of him and found him unconscious caused by being kicked over the left eye by a horse. He was taken to the house and doctors summoned to dress the wound.

GIVEN A \$50 FINE FOR RECKLESSNESS

One Brigham Academy Student Found Guilty—He Pointed Loaded Weapon at Another Student and Weapon Discharged, Causing Death.

St. Albans, Oct. 16.—The case of State vs. Fay P. Leach of East Highgate, formerly of East Fairfield, charged with a breach of the peace, in shooting a revolver in the streets of the latter town last January and narrowly missing Miss Francis Pomeroy, who was passing at the time, is now on trial in Franklin county court. State's Attorney Tupper is prosecuting and the respondent is represented by Col. William Farrington.

DON'T SHOOT THE DOG IF YOU FIND HIM RUNNING IN WOODS WHERE DEER ARE HIS MASTER MAY BE THERE

Supreme Court Holds That Henry Bowles of Marshfield Had No Right to Shoot Canine Belonging to A. Zannotti of Barre.

The Vermont Supreme court today handed down several opinions, chief among which are two relative to hunting laws. In the first of these, that of A. Zannotti vs. Henry Bowles, the court holds that the person who shoots a dog running deer lays himself liable.

NOTED EXCEPTIONS TO THE DECISION Bartlett Lawyers Were Disappointed Over a Point Granted in Favor of Whitney Men in Massachusetts Contest.

Boston, Oct. 16.—The evidence which counsel for Henry M. Whitney of Boston hopes will sustain the claim that the ticket headed by their client, which was placed in nomination at one of the Democratic conventions at Springfield, should receive the approval of the ballot law, was today affirmed. Likewise, the judgment of the lower court in granting a writ of habeas corpus in favor of the defendant in the case of Francis Batchelder & Co. vs. Hiram B. Wedge, a replevin suit, was affirmed.

HAD GOOD LAUGH ON VERMONT WARDEN Sought Out After Great Difficulty, a Massachusetts Man Who Was Said to Be Hunting in Vermont Illegally.

Battleboro, Oct. 16.—To be sought as a criminal by officers in an automobile was a new experience for Homer L. Bosworth of Springfield, Mass. His arrest on a warrant issued by State's Attorney Robert C. Beason on complaint of the state commissioner of fish and game, H. G. Thomas of Stowe, was the object of an all-day trip by County Warden Roswell P. Frost and Deputy Sheriff Myron P. Davis, who returned to Battleboro late Monday night somewhat chagrined, but conscious of having done their duty.

DEAL WITH EMPLOYER. Advice to Laboring Men at Convention of United Textile Workers.

Providence, R. I., Oct. 16.—The fact that it is much more profitable for the laboring man to deal directly with his employer than by statute law was emphasized yesterday afternoon at the session of the seventh annual convention of the United Textile Workers of America, by president of the workers, John Golden of Fall River, and secretary-treasurer, Albert Hibbert also of that city, in their annual reports to the meeting.

START ON TEST RIDE. Thirty-Seven Army Officers From Several States Start Out.

Burlington, Oct. 16.—Thirty-seven army officers above the grade of captain from forts in New York, Vermont, Maine, Massachusetts, Rhode Island and New Hampshire started on a 15-mile test ride from Fort Ethan Allen this afternoon in accordance with orders of President Roosevelt.

RAILROADS PAY TAXES. Central Vermont and Rutland Are The Heaviest in Vermont.

Two Vermont railroads have just paid their semi-annual tax, that of the Central Vermont amounting to \$23,907.30 and that of the Rutland railroad to \$23,471.36. These are the two leading railroad corporations taxes in the state.

Went 250 Yards. Paris, Oct. 16.—The Farman aeroplane yesterday made a flight of about 250 yards at a height of twenty-five feet.

Postponed Until Oct. 25. Boise, Idaho, Oct. 16.—The trial of George A. Pettibone, charged with conspiracy in the assassination of former Governor Steunenberg, was postponed yesterday until Oct. 25.

NOT ENOUGH FOR BUSINESS

Aldermen's Meeting Has to Go by Default

HALF THE BOARD PRESENT

Three of the City Fathers Didn't Appear at Scheduled Meeting Last Evening, Two Being Out of Town and a Third Being Indisposed.

The regular meeting of the board of aldermen last evening had to be postponed, as there was not a quorum of the board present so that any business could be done. Aldermen H. C. Ladd, A. E. Campbell, F. J. McNulty, with Mayor Robins, were all of the members that were in their seats at seven o'clock.

TWO BROTHERS HURT IN GRANITE PLANTS

John Grant Gets Hand Crushed and James Grant Has Vein Severed, Causing Much Loss of Blood.

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MERCER-SMITH. Marriage of Barre Young People at South Village Today.

The marriage of Miss Ellen Blanche Smith and William Mercer, both of this city, took place this forenoon at 9:30 o'clock at the home of Guy C. Howard in South Barre. The room in which the wedding party stood during the ceremony was decorated with autumn leaves and evergreen. Rev. Alvin M. Smith, of Plainfield, who is an uncle of the bride, performed the ceremony.

NEW BUSINESS FOR MONTPELIER. Bayley Yokes to Be Manufactured by \$50,000 Company.

St. Johnsbury, Oct. 16.—The Bayley Yoke company is a new corporation with \$50,000 capital, formed to push the sale of a yoke for a carriage pole invented by Walter B. Bayley of Pascham. The incorporators include some 30 commercial travelers. The officers are: W. H. Bayley, president; P. W. Barrows of Burlington, vice-president; George A. Mummelt, of St. Johnsbury, treasurer; J. Rolf Searles, St. Johnsbury, secretary. The directors besides the first three officers are W. B. Merrill of Lisbon, N. H.; J. E. Wilson of Woodville, N. H. The yoke will be manufactured at Montpelier and put on the market early next year.

CABLE WAS CUT. E. W. Peck, Lineman for the Union Telephone Co., has been in the city to test the trouble with the line. He found that workmen employed by the gas company had accidentally chopped into it near Main street. This leaves the phones at Smith & Cummings, Venable & Knight, C. A. Heath connected with the main line to Calais central, while all of them across Main street are held up for a short time. Repairs have been ordered and a gang of men will be set to work on it in a few days.

REPORTED STOLEN FROM A HOUSE ON Elm Street Last Evening. Mrs. E. T. Thompson of Elm street reported to the police today that during the absence of her family from their home last evening someone entered and stole a new cloak and a clock. The cloak was a long black garment, trimmed with silk braid. When the Thompsons got back home they found their outside door wide open.

CHARGED WITH TAKING \$3,500. Charlottetown, P. E. I., Oct. 16.—Charged with the theft of a package containing \$3,500 in cash from the post-office at North Sydney, C. B. James S. McDonald was arrested here yesterday. He was found at the residence of his father-in-law. When searched the police found \$2,500 in cash upon his person and a new cloak and a clock. The package of money was delivered at the North Sydney post office by the bank of Nova Scotia, addressed to the bank's head office in Halifax, N. S., on Oct. 8, but failed to reach its destination.

READY FOR VT. TEACHERS.

Elaborate Preparation Has Been Made in Burlington.

Burlington, Oct. 16.—Elaborate preparations are in progress for the 58th annual-convention of the Vermont State Teachers' association, which will open at the Edmunds high school building here tomorrow afternoon, continuing through Saturday. The visiting teachers, of whom some 800 are expected from various parts of the state, will be entertained at the homes of Burlington people.

TWO BRANDS CONDEMNED. Sold By St. Albans Liquor Dealers and Found to Be Below Par.

St. Albans, Oct. 16.—The board of liquor commissioners were in session yesterday and granted a druggist's license to Avery J. Smith, who recently bought out the drug store of J. E. Welch & Co. The report of the state laboratory on the recent tests of 22 samples of liquor seized at the various liquor stores showed that all but two passed the test, one of brandy and one of whiskey. The owner of the goods was notified by the commissioners to discontinue the sale of the inferior brands and return the stuff to the parties from whom purchased. There were no complaints received against any of the saloons.

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