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DEADLY EXPLOSION OF CHEMICAL PLANT

TEN MEN KILLED AND FOUR FATALLY HURT IN DETROIT PLANT

SEVERAL MEXICANS Were Engaged in Manufacturing Imitation Leather Out of Crude Rubber By Secret Process

(By Associated Press.)

Detroit, Mich., May 15.—Ten men, most of them Mexicans, were killed by an explosion of a chemical plant in the making room of the Mexican Crude Rubber Company here today. Four other employees, taken to a hospital, may die. Two men were seriously hurt. The one story concrete building was almost obliterated. Other buildings within a radius of a mile were more or less damaged. The loss was estimated at \$50,000.

The dead are: Edward Christopher, William McCoy, C. Larsen, Al Hodgins, Victor E. Burns, William F. Niles, Joseph Casco, Gordon Latta, Emon Aron and George Olegoria.

The four last named were Mexicans. Just what caused the explosion probably will never be known. Every man in the mixing room at the moment of the explosion was killed.

Masses of concrete and concrete were found several blocks away. Nearby buildings were battered by the fall of flying stone and several pedestrians had narrow escapes. A short distance from the rubber factory the plant of the Commerce Motor Car Company was badly damaged.

It was some time before rescuers could penetrate the debris because of poisonous fumes and until then today it was thought there were more bodies in the ruins.

The company manufactured imitation leather and it is understood that explosives were used in large quantities.

Because of the secret process of preparing the crude rubber, employees were not allowed to leave their departments and other parts of the plant. Few of the employees know each other and it was thought that before the victims were identified, a coroner's investigation had been ordered.

ARGENTINE CORN Suffered a Loss of 124,000,000 Bushels by Recent Storm

(By Associated Press.) Chicago, May 15.—Estimates that the Argentine exportable surplus of corn had been cut down perhaps 15,000,000 bushels owing to incessant damage by storms today made the corn market here jump into chief interest.

There was a decided bulge in prices but heavy sales to realize profits left the close merely steady at a gain of 1-4 to 1-2 a 5-8 net. Wheat wound up a shade to 3-4 above last night; oats 1-8 off a 1-4 advance and provisions unchanged to a rise of 12 1-2.

HEROES WERE BOYS

Josephus Daniels Talks of Some of the Wars of the World.

Port Deposit, Md., May 15.—Secretary of the Navy, Josephus Daniels, made the principal address at the Founder's Day exercises at the Jacob Tombs Institute here, where his son, Josephus, Jr., is a student.

The Secretary said that all the great wars of the world have been fought by boys and he recalled the fact that that of the Civil War was fought by boys who died in Vera Cruz, 15 years under 25 years of age. Mr. Daniels predicted that the day would come when all of the wars would be fought in the air.

POURTRAIT BY TITAN FOUND IN AUSTRIA

Vienna, May 15.—What experts declare to be a beautiful specimen of Titian's work has been discovered in the Count Ossi's gallery at Lombard. It is a portrait of Don Giovanni Castro and it dates back to 1518.

Is An Act of Hostility Says Secretary Bryan

(By Associated Press.) Washington, May 15.—Secretary Bryan today told the Senate that the Mexican Government's action in withholding information concerning the whereabouts of General Huerta is a hostile act.

VILLA IS FLYING OVER THE TRAIL

TOWNS HELD BY FEDERALS HITHERTO ARE NOW SURRENDERING

THE END IN SIGHT He Will Get Huerta If the Mediators Do Not Hurry Up Their Work of Pacification

(By Associated Press.)

Torrion Mex., May 15.—Not even the telegraph is able to keep track of General Francisco Villa's movements, according to reports of his activities which have reached here. Up and down the railroad from Facion and Hipolito to Torrion he rushed, bringing forward the jolting trains, seeing that provisions are properly distributed and looking to the comfort of his forces.

The repairing of the railroad is going forward rapidly, but it is said here that General Villa will press his troops onward in advance of the construction crews.

Rebels Take a Town.

Juarez Mex., May 15.—Monclova, the last town held by the federals on the National Highway of Mexico between Piedras Negras, opposite Eagle Pass, Texas, and Saltillo, has been occupied by Constitutionalists under General Francisco Murguía, according to a message from General Murguía, received today. The message stated that the Federal garrison fled as soon as the advance guard of the Constitutionalists came in sight.

The capture of Monclova, it is said, will probably permit the opening of communication between the border and Monterrey.

A Bitter Victory.

Vera Cruz, May 15.—Tampico has been evacuated by the Federal garrison and organized by the Constitutionalists. The Federal 500,000 word yesterday of the approach of the Constitutionalists, went out to meet them. They were overwhelmed by 2,000 Constitutionalists and retreating from the town, immediately scattered to the winds.

Villa Wants Ammunition.

El Paso, Texas, May 15.—The attitude of the American administration with regard to the embargo on arms caused immediate activity along this section of the border.

When the announcement came by wire tonight that there was no prohibition against shipping arms and ammunition to Tampico from the United States or elsewhere, there was an immediate exodus eastward of Constitutionalists purchasing goods and arms and ammunition, hatermen, who hurried away to reach the point where they could come into closest touch with arms shipments.

President Wilson Pines.

New York, May 15.—William Jennings Bryan, in an address tonight said: "With the new era which is being ushered into the world, governments in power will resist more and more to reason and less and less to force. Mediation is just now being attempted in a question affecting the United States. I think God that we have a president who hopes that mediation will succeed. He is in sympathy with the mediation efforts and trusts that the show of honor will be maintained and the welfare of Mexico conserved."

IT IS NO NEW MOVE

Secretary Garrison Says Artillery Ordnance New.

Washington, May 15.—Activity which began yesterday in government arsenals and at coast artillery posts follows the precautionary arrangements of the war department in the Mexican situation. Secretary Garrison said today. The secretary declared that no new orders had been issued to any branch of the service.

The coast artillery has been under orders to be in readiness for some time, said the secretary. "It was part of our plan to create provisional military regiments from the coast artillery."

The secretary said that the work was in compliance with orders from officers directly in charge and that he had no knowledge of it.

WORK OF MEGGS WAS FRUITLESS

BROKE INTO EXPRESS OFFICE THURSDAY NIGHT—GOT NOTHING

NO CLUES AS YET

(By Associated Press.)

Seneca, May 15.—Some time Thursday night some one or more broke into the express office at this place and cracked the safe.

They broke the combination off with a hammer, and then drove a punch through the outer casing and pried the lock. They were evidently prepared for more drastic measures, however, if this had proven ineffectual.

They left a couple of dynamite caps and two pieces of fuse and a bottle that had something in it that looked to your correspondent like gunpowder, but he is not sure.

The opinion of the express authorities is that they made pretty much of a water haul. The safe got a couple of money order books, two packages containing cheap watches, and a few dollars in money. They were evidently just a little thirsty. It was said that if they had struck it a few nights ago they would have obtained several thousand dollars.

ELEVEN THOUSAND BALES LOST

Galveston, Tex., May 15.—A fire in the warehouses of the Merchants and Miners Company here this morning was not under control of the Galveston fire department and threatens to destroy the building which with its contents was valued at approximately \$1,000,000. Eleven thousand bales of cotton are stored in the structure.

MEXICAN GUNBOATS

Are Being Followed on Their Mysterious Trip South.

Vera Cruz, May 15.—The gunboats Zarragoza and Irujo, which disappeared this morning at Tampico, when the federal evacuated that city, passed Vera Cruz today. They had been followed south by the United States cruiser Tacoma and two torpedo boats. The torpedo boat put in here, but the scout cruiser Chester was detached from the fleet to keep the gunboats in sight.

DEATHS EN ROUTE

American Warships on the Solace

New York, May 15.—The naval hospital ship Solace, which reached yesterday, is carrying missing soldiers at the United States navy yard with 100 patients from Vera Cruz. The ship also brought the bodies of Henry Fullam and Eugene R. Harshbarger, the navy men, who died of wounds received in the occupation of Vera Cruz.

There were on board the vessel 31 wounded, the remainder were suffering from disease contracted in Vera Cruz. Of the latter, however, many were convalescing.

ARMY MEDICAL SUPPLIES

Supplemental Bill for \$50,000 Has Been Passed.

Washington, May 15.—A supplemental estimate of \$50,000 for army medical and hospital supplies to meet emergency conditions now existing, or likely to arise in the near future, was submitted to the house today by the War department.

CONSIDERING VANDERBILT

STATUS OF CASE WILL NOT BE SETTLED UNTIL NEXT WEEK

BY CONFERENCE

(By Associated Press.)

Oklahoma City, Okla., May 15.—Whether the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, will turn back to the original eight voting conferences whatever interest the church retains in Vanderbilt University, and establish another representative educational institution or continue its efforts to exercise control over Vanderbilt, will probably be determined next week by the general conference of the church, in session here.

Both suggestions were made to the conference today in reports submitted by the committee which investigated the status of Vanderbilt University in its relation to the church in view of a recent decision of the Tennessee supreme court. The majority of the committee held that the interest now is negligible and suggests that a new theological school and university be established.

A minority report urged that the church continue to exercise its rights and calls upon the board of trust to submit in efforts to bring about a more cordial relation between the school and church.

Proposed was made that the matter be made a special order for tomorrow and before action could be taken the conference adjourned for the day.

OUR BILL MEETINGS

Directors and Officers Are Re-elected For Year.

The stockholders of the Orr Cotton Mills in their annual meeting held in the office of the company at noon yesterday expressed themselves as being well pleased with what the mill has accomplished during the year.

The election of the board of directors resulted in the re-election of the old board, which was composed of the following: E. P. Frost, Charleston; who was present to day; Mr. E. P. Smith, of New York; Mr. John K. Branch of Richmond and Messrs. R. Vandiver, R. E. Ligon, N. B. Sullivan, J. P. Watson, M. P. Orr and Jas. D. Hammett.

The directors met immediately after the meeting of the stockholders and adjourned and elected the officers for the ensuing year as follows: Jas. D. Hammett, president and treasurer; R. E. Ligon vice president and John B. Humbert secretary and assistant treasurer.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The services at the First Presbyterian church will be held tomorrow as usual. The Sabbath school will convene at 10 o'clock with Mr. W. W. Brown as superintendent. The Rev. W. L. Robinson of the West will preach at 11:30 and 3 o'clock. A cordial invitation is extended to the public to worship here. The usual good music will be rendered by the choir at both services.

SPED FOR ALL

New York, May 15.—The steamer Lucania when she arrived today from Liverpool was held up at quarantine for a short time on account of the illness of one of the steerage passengers. The patient was removed to Swinburne Island hospital and fifty five of the passengers from the same compartment were removed to Hoffman Island.

TWO HUNDRED "SUFFS" THERE

AN ORGANIZATION FOR SOUTH CAROLINA HAS BEEN PERFECTED

MRS. M. T. COLEMAN

(By Associated Press.)

Spartanburg, May 15.—Women from all parts of the state met here today and organized the Equal Suffrage League of South Carolina, the purpose of which is to win votes for women. Miss Lavinia Engle, representing a national women's suffrage association, addressed the gathering. She said thorough organization of the suffrage forces must be accomplished throughout the nation before the suffragists' appeal for the ballot would be seriously considered by congress.

Officers were elected as follows: President, Mrs. M. T. Coleman, Abbeville; first vice president, Mrs. John Gary Evans, Spartanburg; second vice president, Mrs. J. L. Coker, Hartsville; recording secretary, Mrs. Henry Harlow, Charleston; corresponding secretary, Miss Virginia Coleman, Abbeville; treasurer, Mrs. F. M. Hicklin, Chester.

The league adopted resolutions advocating equal pay for women doing the same work as men, equal guardianship of children by father and mother, a single standard of morals for men and women, the raising of the age of consent from 14 to 21 years, compulsory and international arbitration. The league endorsed President Wilson's Mexican policy and went on record as approving the prohibition amendment.

About two hundred delegates attended the meeting.

FARMERS' BILL HANGING FIRE

Some Do Not Wish to Make Appropriation for a Study of Rural Credits

(By Associated Press.) Washington, May 15.—Final action on the agricultural appropriation bill was delayed in the senate again today by continued objections to various items in the measure. An appropriation of \$50,000 for the study of cooperation among farmers in matters of rural credits and sanitation was the chief object of attack.

Senator Martin, chairman of the appropriations committee, declared the expenditure would be useless, and that the department of agriculture was encroaching on the public and banking departments of the government. Senator Overman said if such appropriation continued the government would face a deficit.

"The money is coming out of the pockets of the farmers," replied Senator Gore, chairman of the committee on agriculture. "It is the farming class, that bear the brunt of the \$138,000,000 appropriations for a navy to send men to their death; of the \$95,000,000 for the army to butcher and kill. You will pass those bills in half an hour, yet you debate for two weeks the bill to appropriate \$50,000 to benefit the farmers."

CLINTON GETS FINE

Clinton, N.Y., May 15.—When Hamilton college defeated Clinton College team 7 to 0 here today, Pitcher Royce of Hamilton struck out twenty one batters, a feat not equalled in college baseball since 1911. Two weeks ago at Rochester Royce struck out twenty seven.

Maas Disobeyed Orders Of Huerta Not to Resist

(By Associated Press.) San Francisco, Calif., May 15.—That Provisional President Huerta had issued specific orders to General Gustav Maas, commanding the Mexican forces at Vera Cruz, to offer no opposition to the landing of the Americans there and that those orders were disobeyed by General Maas on his own responsibility, is a statement vouched for today by E. De Morelos, a Mexican arch-

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ABOUT THE CONSOLIDATING OF SOUTHERN BAPTIST FINANCIAL BOARDS

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Delegates disregarded the new section and burst into applause repeated during the debate. President Leasing Burrows rapped for order and called the convention's attention to its recent action, but little avail.

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Mrs. Hall was in court having been arrested yesterday on a bench warrant following a second attempt to burn her home and store. She was released on bail.