

EXPLOSION KILLS SCORE

Workman Mixes Nitric Acid With Nitro-Glycerine.

SHOCK FELT FIFTY MILES AWAY

Two Magazines of United States Cartridge Company, Located Near Lowell, Mass., Explode With Frightful Results—Buildings Wrecked.

Lowell, Mass., July 30.—Two small gunpowder magazines, situated in the very midst of the humble residences of fifty mill operatives, exploded with a frightful concussion and the resultant wave of death cut off the lives of more than a score of human beings and injured nearly fifty others. Half a dozen men who were loading kegs of powder from one of the magazines were blown to pieces, four boys, 200 yards away, were killed by the force of the explosion and fourteen frame houses within a radius of 200 yards went down as if they had been built of cards. Seven of these houses immediately caught fire, probably from the kitchen stoves, and were completely consumed. At least three persons were caught in the ruins and burned to death, while seven or eight others, who were rescued, died subsequently of their injuries.

It is estimated that seventy separate pieces of property, including those already mentioned, were destroyed, while the force of the explosion wrecked windows for five or six miles around, and its thunder could be heard distinctly more than fifty miles away.

List of Killed and Fatally Injured. The following is the list of those known to have been killed in the explosion: George Finn, John McMaisters, Louis E. Richards, James L. Grady, all employed by the United States Cartridge company; James B. Sullivan, Charles Moore, Lean Roulau, all employed by the Stanley Forwarding company; Gilbert McDermott, Michael McDermott, Thomas Houlligan, Joseph Houlligan, William Galloway, Robert Galloway, Robert Galloway, Jr.; Alfred Lebrun, Mrs. Catherine Riggs, Eddie Rogers, George A. McDermott, Josephine Perusse, Mrs. Victoria Perusse, Zephraim Perusse, unknown man.

The nine last named were killed by the fall of their houses or burned to death.

Those fatally injured: Amadee Boulanger, Clarendon Goodwin, Mrs. Howard Burkett, Miss McDermott, Eliza Galloway, Clara Supernia. Four persons are missing.

Cause of the Explosion. The magazines were the property of the United States Cartridge company of this city, but fortunately were situated more than a mile away from the factory itself. Both magazines ordinarily contained two or three tons of gunpowder in tin kegs. The company for some time has been desirous of strengthening the floor of the magazines, and eight men, three of them employees of the company, three expressmen and two carpenters were sent there with three large express teams to take out the powder and mend the floor. Two of the teams had been loaded and the other was almost full when the explosion occurred. It was a long time before the effects of the explosion could be discovered. It was thought that every one within a radius of fifty feet of the magazines had been killed, but later it was found that Clarendon Goodwin, foreman of the men loading powder, had survived, together with one of his assistants, Amadee Boulanger. The latter said the men went down to the magazine nearest the street to fix the floor and after the teams had been loaded with the powder which was in the magazine, it was discovered that a can of nitro-glycerine, which was stored in the magazine, was leaking. Goodwin picked up what he thought was a jug of water and began pouring it onto the nitro-glycerine, with the idea of diluting it and washing it up. As soon as the fluid from the jug struck the floor he found that it was nitric acid. The floor at once began to smoke, and when the men saw it they rushed from the building, but had not gone ten feet when the explosion occurred. This magazine was therefore the first to go up, followed immediately by the gunpowder on the three wagons and several minutes later by the second magazine.

Buildings Are All Wrecked. To those who heard the crashes it seemed as if there were two distinct explosions, with a continuous roar between. There are five holes in the ground, which seem to clearly indicate five explosions. The entire catastrophe occupied the space of scarcely five seconds, but in that time the surrounding property was swept as if a small volcano had broken forth in its midst. Every house within 200 yards collapsed. Trees were blown down, while bricks were hurled far across the river and all over the neighborhood.

For several minutes afterward the air was completely filled with smoke and dust, illuminated by the glare from the already burning house. The work of rescue at once began, but in many cases the flames had already gained full sway over the crumbled ruins and several persons were burned to death before the debris which covered them could be removed.

G. A. R. Reunion at Fairbury. Fairbury, Neb., July 30.—The attendance at the G. A. R. reunion is larger than on any previous day. Captain H. E. Palmer of Omaha and Adjutant General Culver were the principal speakers.

INDORSE POPULIST AGREEMENT.

Executive Committee of People's Party Holds a Meeting in Denver. Denver, July 30.—The national executive committee of the United People's party met and endorsed all the proceedings of the conference of the reform parties which has been in session in this city for the past two days. A resolution was adopted calling a meeting of the national executive committee of the United People's party, to be held at St. Louis, Feb. 23, 1904. It was also resolved that it was the sense of the committee that the nominating convention should be held early in 1904, before the conventions of either the Republicans or Democrats. A permanent organization was effected, of which J. A. Edgerton is chairman, to organize the reform parties in every state in the union.

Furniture Men Elect Officers. New York, July 30.—The first annual convention of the Furniture Association of America closed with the election of these officers: President, W. H. Keech, Pittsburg; secretary, Robert Miller, Jr., New York; treasurer, Benjamin F. Burns, Harrisburg; directors, W. H. Keech, Pittsburg; W. A. Barker, Los Angeles; A. J. Conroy, Cincinnati; E. F. Goff, Hartford; John A. Cowell, Providence. The 1904 convention will probably be held at the St. Louis exposition.

College for Women. Geneva, N. Y., July 30.—William Smith, a millionaire nurseryman, will, it is announced, found and endow a college for women, to be known as the William Smith College for Women. The institution will be on a site of thirty acres in one of the most beautiful sections in the outskirts of the city. The plans call for one building to cost \$150,000. Mr. Smith has made large donations to public institutions and maintained the Smith observatory.

Microscopists Meet. Warsaw, Ind., July 30.—The American Microscopical society began a three days' session at Winona, Dr. V. A. Latham of Northwestern university medical college, Chicago, read a paper describing certain details in the structure of the teeth. Dr. J. S. Poots of Creighton medical college, Omaha, presented a novel method of teaching histology and Professor Eigelmann talked on the degenerate eyes of the blind fish of Cuba.

Dewey Ordered to Tear Down Fence. Topeka, July 30.—On orders from the department of justice at Washington, United States District Attorney Dean has directed C. P. Dewey, the ranchman of Cheyenne county war fame, to tear down eleven miles of fence, which partially incloses thirteen sections of government land. Dewey is one of fifteen or more ranchmen who are said to have government land enclosed.

DOUBLE MOURNING IN ROME. Masses Intoned for Pope Leo and Late King Humbert. Rome, July 30.—While at the vatican, in the Sistine chapel, a solemn requiem mass was being intoned, with all the solemnity the Catholic church could impose, for the repose of the soul of Pope Leo XIII, the spiritual monarch who claimed Rome as his capital, another and no less solemn requiem mass was being celebrated in the magnificent Pantheon for the repose of the soul of the late King Humbert, the temporal monarch, the capital of whose kingdom was Rome.

Union Goods to Be Higher. Chicago, July 30.—The price of overalls, jumpers and other cotton garments for workmen will be advanced sharply all over the United States, according to a statement made by T. A. White of Scranton, secretary of the United Made Garment Manufacturers' association in convention here. The association includes nearly all the makers using the union label. "The advance will be noted and must be considered due to the increase in the price of fabrics," said A. R. White. "The union men buy most of our goods and will obtain them even if the cost is greater."

Sugar Bill Passes Second Reading. London, July 30.—The house of commons passed the sugar convention bill to its second reading by a vote of 224 to 144. In the course of the debate upon the bill, Colonial Secretary Chamberlain, in defending it, said: "For twenty years we have tried to secure the voluntary abandonment of bounties. It was only when we changed our policy and suggested retaliation that we secured the object for which we struggled so long."

Pinckney Appointed Passenger Agent. Iowa Falls, Ia., July 30.—President E. S. Ellsworth of the Des Moines, Iowa Falls and Northern railway announced the appointment of W. R. Pinckney of Chicago as general passenger and ticket agent of this new line. Mr. Pinckney has been connected with the traffic department of the Chicago and Great Western for several years. He assumes his new duties Aug. 1, with headquarters at Des Moines.

Doctors Rather Skeptical. New York, July 29.—Regarding the recent experiments of an Anderson (Ind.) physician, who claims he succeeded in creating life in the form of animated substances resembling well developed germs of life and trilobites, doctors at the Pasteur institute declare, says the Paris correspondent of the Herald, that the atoms described could only have come from an outside source and were either attached to the walls of the tube or were present in substances used in the experiment.

UNION OFFICIALS EXILED

Strike Leaders Run Out of Colorado Town by Citizens.

DYNAMITE WRECKS BUILDING.

Business Men Hold Western Federation Officials Responsible for Explosion at Sun and Moon Mine and Drive Them Out of Idaho Springs.

Idaho Springs, Colo., July 30.—An explosion at the Sun and Moon mine, located three miles from this city, wrecked the transformer house, set fire to the oil in the transformers and threatened destruction of the main shaft house.

The watchman, aroused by the explosion, rushed out in time to observe two men running away from the transformer building. He fired at them several times, and later a wounded man was found nearby. He died shortly after of his injuries. He had been identified as Philip Fiero, a member of the Miners' union.

The Sun and Moon mine was the first mine affected by the strike, which was declared last February. After four months of idleness the mine resumed operations with nonunion men. Manager Sims of the Sun and Moon declares that no explosive of any kind was ever kept in or near the transformer building. The building was wrecked by a heavy charge of dynamite exploded; President, F. R. Holman's union were arrested, charged with conspiracy to blow up the mine.

Twenty nonunion men were working on the eighth level of the mine at the time of the explosion, but escaped injury. The damage caused by the explosion amounts to several thousand dollars.

After a meeting of business men, 500 citizens of Idaho Springs went to the city jail and took fourteen of the men arrested, charged with the blowing up of the Sun and Moon mine buildings, marched them to the city limits and told them to leave the place and never return. The men driven out include Howard Treadwell, president of the local union; A. D. Alcott, vice president; George Becker, secretary; Peter Bender, treasurer, and two or three members of the executive committee. All the others are prominent members of the union. Some of the men complained that they had no money and a purse was made up for them. Everything was done in an orderly manner, and not a rough word or act was indulged in toward the men. At the meeting at which the action was determined upon, it is said fully 80 per cent of the city's business was represented. It was presided over by F. W. Colton, city attorney, and addressed by President Hanchett of the First National bank and others equally prominent.

The other prisoners were taken to Georgetown, the county seat.

FARRIS TRIAL IS DELAYED. Special Judge Appointed and the Case Reset for Next Month.

Jefferson City, Mo., July 30.—The defense secured another delay in the trial of Senator Frank H. Farris, F. A. Smith and B. W. Matthews, indicted on charges of bribery. In the cases of Smith and Farris, Judge Graves of Butler was appointed special judge. On application of the defendants, who asked for further time, he reset the Farris case for Aug. 24 and the Smith case for Aug. 26. Then, at the request of the attorney general, Judge Hazell set the Matthews case for Aug. 31. The application of Senator Sullivan for a special judge was granted by Judge Hazell, who appointed Judge H. C. Timmonds of Lamar, of the Barton county circuit court, to try the case at once.

Mrs. Blanche Kelley, wife of D. J. Kelley, representative of the baking powder trust, who is here to identify the letters written to her husband by former Lieutenant Governor John A. Lee, was cited to appear as a witness before the Cole county grand jury, which convenes at Jefferson City next Monday.

Urges Farmers to Hold Wheat. Hutchinson, Kan., July 30.—The Farmers' Co-operative Union of America, having \$1 wheat in Chicago for its object, has just been organized. The entire wheat belt of the west is being covered with circulars urging the farmers to hold their grain for that price. The farmers are in better shape than ever before to carry out this plan, it is said.

Held for Killing Merritt. Nebra, Neb., July 30.—Isaac McCoub, charged with murder in the first degree for the killing of William Merritt, was held to answer at the September term of the district court. The evidence was circumstantial. Merritt's remains were sent to Whiting, Ia., for interment.

Petroleum Works Burned. Baku, Russian Transcaucasia, July 30.—The extensive petroleum works at Balakhany have been burned. The fire is believed to have been of incendiary origin. Large numbers of boring towers and reservoirs of naphtha were destroyed, including those belonging to the Nobel Bros. and to the Caspian company.

To Cross Arctic Circle in Auto. Copenhagen, July 30.—Mr. and Mrs. Charles J. Gilden of Lowell, Mass., left here in their automobile in an attempt to cross the Arctic circle. The United States consul here accompanied them to Elsinor. The automobilists received an enthusiastic send-off from a big crowd at the starting point.

DANVILLE RIOTERS ARRESTED.

Eleven Men Held for Taking Part in Recent Lynching.

Danville, Ill., July 30.—Eleven arrests were made for participation in the lawless outbreak of Saturday night, when the jail was attacked in an effort to lynch James Wilson, a negro, who, it is asserted, assaulted Mrs. Burgess at Alvin. The grand jury was ordered to reconvene Monday to conduct the case against the leaders of the mob. Of those arrested only one gave bond. A guard has been placed around the hospital where five men who were members of the mob are receiving treatment for their wounds.

Missing Attorney Returns Home. Belle Plais, Kan., July 30.—Emera E. Wilson, former county attorney, who disappeared from Topeka on July 3, after writing his wife that he intended to commit suicide, was found lying in an exhausted condition and almost unconscious in the yard of his home here. He has not been able to give any account of himself, but from his appearance he is believed to have tramped a long distance and undergone many hardships. Wilson's office has been declared vacant and a successor appointed.

NO INDICTMENTS YET FOUND. Federal Grand Jury at Work on Alleged Postal Frauds.

Washington, July 30.—The federal grand jury here resumed its consideration of postal cases, but did not reach the expected indictments. Assistant District Attorney Taggart was uncertain when the jury would report. It is known that there is at least one witness who is to be examined regarding matters concerning George W. Beavers, already under indictment in Brooklyn on account of his alleged connection with the government purchase of postal supplies.

The government will institute proceedings against W. H. Weighe, a postal contractor, and the Fidelity Trust and Deposit company of Baltimore for approximately \$200,000, which the postoffice department has been compelled to expend above the amount of a contract for carrying the mails in wagons in New York city. The District supreme court has fixed Aug. 5 for hearing on the demurrer of August W. Machen, formerly general superintendent of the free delivery division of the postoffice department, to the indictments against him.

RELIGIOUS RIOT IN PERSIA. Reformers Slain and Dead Bodies Dragged Through Streets.

London, July 30.—The Times this morning describes a serious religious riot in the city and province of Yazd, in central Persia, which lasted more than a fortnight. The outbreak was directed against religious reformers, called Babis. In the city for two days every Babi found was butchered by the rabble and the mutilated bodies were dragged through the streets, followed by exultant crowds. Houses were looted, women beaten and killed and finally the priestly leaders of the riot enjoined the populace to bring all the remaining Babis before them or the governor for judgment. The governor refused at first to act on the threats of the mob, but his palace was surrounded by menacing men and the following day he consented. One Babi taken before him was blown from the mouth of a cannon and another was killed and dragged through the town. Order has been restored, but the Babis who escaped are in hiding.

Names Shay as Successor. Meadville, Pa., July 30.—Grand Assistant Chief Engineer A. B. Youngson of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, who is lying at the point of death in Meadville city hospital, and who by the recent sudden death of Chief P. M. Arthur became the executive head of the brotherhood, named M. H. Shay of Youngstown, O., as his successor to act in case of his death. Shay is chairman of the committee on adjustment in the brotherhood on the Erie and one of the most capable men in the order.

Good Rain Where Needed. Lincoln, July 30.—Good rains visited those parts of Nebraska which most needed them. On the northern division of the Burlington, the fall was general. The precipitation in the southeast portion of the state was light. Corn is greatly helped by the rains.

Wrapper Makers to Strike. New York, July 30.—At a mass meeting under the auspices of the wrapper makers, 2,000 girls employed in that trade here have been ordered to strike for a nine hour day.

SPARKS FROM THE WIRES. Mrs. Emma Primrose, wife of George H. Primrose, the minstrel, died at Buffalo of heart paralysis.

Daniel H. Carpenter, the geologist and author, is dead at his home in Maplewood, N. J., aged seventy-five. Dr. Wilbur Clinton Knight, professor of geology and mining engineering at the University of Wyoming, is dead of peritonitis.

The British cruiser Melampus collided with and sank the British steamer Ruppera off the Lizard. The crew was saved.

Mrs. Catherine M. Northrup was shot and killed by James Sanford at the latter's home on a fruit ranch near Albira, Wash.

Mrs. William Davis of Warfield, Ky., enraged over the thought that her husband loved Sadie Evans, a neighbor girl, shot the Evans girl to death with a rifle. Mrs. Davis escaped and has not been captured.

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BANKERS OF TWO STATES

Iowa and Illinois Financiers Hold Joint Session.

GUFMINS TALKS OF CURRENCY. Governor Urges Necessity of Reform. Says Reason Congress Does Not Enact Legislation is Because Too Many Members Want to "Stand Pat."

Davenport, Ia., July 30.—The Iowa State Bankers' association closed its seventeenth annual convention. It was decided to offer a standing reward of \$1,000 for the arrest and conviction of any person who might rob a bank belonging to a member of the association. For information leading to the arrest of such a burglar the association will pay \$500. A uniform system of bank money orders was recommended. Steps will be taken to make this measure practicable. Over capitalization of corporations was condemned and legislation will be asked to correct the watering of stocks. Fifteen delegates to the American Bankers' association will meet at San Francisco, when appointed. These officers were elected: President, L. F. Potter, Harlan; vice president, Frank Y. Locke, Sibley; treasurer, David A. McKeek, Mediapolis; secretary, J. M. Dinkwiddle, Cedar Rapids.

The executive council of the Illinois Bankers' association met and organized by electing Thomas B. Cattin of Ottawa chairman. Members of the association had a joint meeting with the Iowa Bankers' association. Congressman Charles N. Fowler of New Jersey advocated asset currency in an address before the joint meeting and Governor A. B. Cummings delivered an address on conservatism and prosperity. Governor Cummings took occasion to repeatedly reiterate his protest against ultra-conservatism and in favor of reform, although he did not specifically mention the tariff. He said in part: "You know and I know that a reform in the laws touching currency is one of the things so necessary that the tortured body of business attests it in the agony of its movements. Why is a reform not effected? If you will examine profoundly your own hearts you will agree with me that the reason the Fowler bill or some other bill of like scope and having a like general purpose was not adopted by the last session of congress was because there were too many members who wanted to 'stand pat,' and were determined to let well enough alone. The real spirit that stands like a giant in the way of progress in this direction is the conservatism of prosperity."

Czar Starts for Saratoff. St. Petersburg, July 30.—The czar, czarina and their suite left here last evening to join the great orthodox pilgrimage to Saratoff, where the orthodox church is to celebrate the canonization of the Hermit Prokhor Mosnin, under the name of St. Seraphin. Some 6,000 bushes and clergy of European Russia will participate in the ceremonies, which will last four days.

Police Battle With Striking Drivers. New York, July 30.—The police reserves battled with a mob of striking drivers, who began their fight for shorter hours against the New York Transfer company. The trouble was precipitated when one of the drivers, who refused to join them, made his appearance on Seventh avenue. The mob cut the traces from the horses and rolled the wagon into the gutter, and attacked the driver with knives. The driver held his own for a time, beating off his assailants with the butt end of his whip. He was struck on the head with a brick and nearly knocked off the wagon and would have been roughly handled but for the timely arrival of the reserves.

Convicts Avoid a Battle. Folsom, Cal., July 30.—The posse under the direction of Sheriff Keena of Placer and Sheriff Bosquit of El Dorado had a brush with the fugitive Folsom convicts on Greenwood creek and a number of shots were exchanged, but so far as can be learned nobody was shot. The convicts avoided a decisive encounter and are supposed now to be working back in the general direction of Coloma.

Weavers Return to Work. Philadelphia, July 30.—Eight hundred weavers, employed in the Dobson mill, who have been on a strike for nine weeks, returned to work without their demands being granted. Six hundred of the weavers were sent home as the loom fixers are still out. In the Kensington district, where the greater number of mills are located, the strikers are holding firm and a compromise may be effected.

Mob Incited by a Woman. Chicago, July 30.—Miss Catherine Bentley was arrested, charged with inciting to violence the mob which attacked and seriously injured Joseph Sullivan, a nonunion employe of the Kellogg Switchboard and Supply company, some time ago. "Go on, kill him!" she is alleged to have cried repeatedly to the pickets when they seemed to fear the police.

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