

# NEW YORK QUAKED

## Terrific Explosion of Dynamite at Homestead, N. J.

## SCORE OF MEN HURT

## Windows Broken All Over Manhattan Island.

## Woke Up the Gothamites

## Many Big Buildings Trembled and People Were Badly Frightened—Some Thrown to Ground.

Special Dispatch to The Star.

NEW YORK, March 3.—A terrific explosion, at Homestead, at 12:55 o'clock this (Sunday) morning rocked the entire island of Manhattan from the Battery to the Bronx, routed out nearly every one in Jersey City and blew out the windows of nearly all the houses in the town of Union. A score of workmen were more or less seriously injured.

The force of the explosion was so powerful in Manhattan that some one was turned out of bed in every house, and it was feared at first that the explosion had occurred here. The hospitals got ready to send out their ambulances, and police headquarters were ready for any emergency.

When no word came from any of the tunnels in Manhattan, attention was directed to Jersey City, and it was said at first that the explosion had been caused by dynamite stored at the tunnel end at Homestead. Later word came that the shock had been caused by the blowing-up of gas works in Union Hill.

At the Erie railroad offices in Jersey City it was said that the boilers in the workings of the Pennsylvania tunnel at Homestead had blown up. No report of the accident had reached them which gave any definite information.

## Windows Broken.

The Erie railroad offices in Jersey City felt at first that the trouble must have been some part of their tunnel system, and said so, although declaring that they did not know where it was.

Windows were broken all over the island of Manhattan, especially in buildings fronting on the Hudson and North rivers. Within an hour after the explosion there were telephone calls were received at police headquarters asking for news of the crash. Nearly every one spoke of having windows broken, or of being thrown out of bed by the concussion.

Just before the crash occurred a fire in a six-story building at Walker and Center streets had caused the sending in of two alarms. There were several small explosions at this fire, and it was believed that the fire had something to do with the crash.

The Erie railroad had many inquiries, as the company is digging a new tunnel through the Bergen Hill, and has a great amount of dynamite stored there. They declared that the trouble was at the tunnel, and that the explosion was caused by dynamite stored in the tunnel.

At 1:15 o'clock this morning it was learned definitely that the explosion was in the Pennsylvania tunnel and was caused by the casualties could not be learned.

## Tall Buildings Trembled.

The shock of the explosion broke probably every window in Homestead and at Union Hill, and was felt in this city, where many tall buildings trembled perceptibly. Thousands of persons were awakened from sleep.

Homestead is a hamlet within the town of North Bergen and about four miles west of Hoboken. It is the terminus of the Jersey end of the tunnel, which, after two years' work, is now nearing completion. The gang of men employed was within a few hundred feet of the proposed tunnel and nearby where the explosives were stored.

Those were confined in a magazine constructed of galvanized iron and built on the surface of the ground. The contractor at this point and owner of the explosives is one Bradley. The magazine was built against a hill, on the opposite side of which several men were working on the surface. These latter suffered most.

## Four Tons of Dynamite.

It is now learned that the far New York and its environs felt early this morning due to an explosion of a magazine of dynamite, which was held four tons, at the Jersey end of the Pennsylvania tunnel at Homestead, in the town of Union. It blew out all the windows in the town, rocked the Jersey coast from Jersey City to Weehawken, and shook the island of Manhattan as it has not been jarred for years.

## ALDRICH BILL PASSED.

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## AN APPEAL FROM LABOR.

Congress Asked to Investigate Arrest of Miners.

Organized labor has asked Congress to institute an investigation into all of the circumstances attending the arrest in Colorado of William H. Meyer, William D. Haywood and George F. Pettibone, officers of the Western Federation of Miners, and their deportation to Idaho to stand trial on charges of complicity in the murder of ex-Gov. Frank Steiengenberg. To that end Senator Carmack yesterday introduced a petition signed by hundreds of workmen and citizens, and also had printed in the Record the dissenting opinion of Associate Justice McKenna to the opinion of the Supreme Court of the United States, which held that the Supreme Court was not bound by the opinion of the majority of the court.

The petition asks for the enactment of such laws and measures as may be required to restore to the miners the rights committed against Meyer, Haywood and Pettibone, and to safeguard and protect the citizens of this country from the influence of such kidnapping and deportations by administrative order in the future.

The petition also asks that the men be released from prison, and that they be allowed to return to their homes, and that they be allowed to remain without trial for months or years, thus depriving citizens of this country of the right of life and liberty without process of law.

The petition emphasizes the claim that the Western Federation of Miners is a large and peaceful organization of labor.

## FIFTY MILLION DOLLARS

## Added to Supply Bills by the Senate, Said Mr. Tawney.

"Fifty-one million dollars have been added to the Senate to the House supply bills," said Mr. Tawney of Minnesota yesterday, when the House had under consideration the conference report on the agricultural bill. "A thing unprecedented in the history

# THE PANAMA CONDITIONS

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Mr. Stevens, who is president of the Commercial Club of Boston, has been very successful in his study of the canal. He has been very successful in his study of the canal, and he has been very successful in his study of the canal.

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# WAS PAREDES SHOT?

## His Friends Claim That He Was Executed.

## UNTRUE REPORTS MADE

## Venezuelan Government Said to Have Given Misleading Information.

## GEN. GARCIA TOOK A HAND

## Leader Said to Have Been Shot Along With Ten Others—Killed Quickly.

Special Dispatch to The Star.

NEW YORK, March 2.—The friends in this city of Gen. Antonio Paredes, the Venezuelan revolutionist, who was recently captured with his band of twenty-three men, say that the reports coming through the State Department at Washington from the Venezuelan government concerning the manner of Paredes' death are misleading in the extreme.

They say that instead of being shot while trying to escape from the fortress where he and his followers were confined he was deliberately executed on an order that was signed either by Castro himself or by Secretary General Torres Cardenas, the president's right-hand man.

The account of how Paredes came to his death was sent to the State Department at Washington by Jacob Sleeper, charge d'affaires of the American legation in Caracas. The account seems to be based entirely on information furnished by the Venezuelan government. One of the dispatches quoted by Mr. Sleeper in reference to the manner of Paredes' death, read as follows: "Paredes was shot by Castro, who was assisted by General Torres Cardenas, the president's right-hand man."

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# FOR YEARS SENATE'S CHIEF CLERK

## He Thinks Jerome May Allege Insanity.

## SOME VERY ODD LETTERS

## Defendant Has Written Many Curious Communications Recently.

## HIS WIFE AT THE TOMBS

## She Finds the Alleged Murderer in a Very Bad Humor—He Assigns the Cause.

Special Dispatch to The Star.

NEW YORK, March 2.—The fear of the appointment of a lunacy commission to decide whether or not Harry K. Thaw is now sane pervaded the entire defense yesterday, including Thaw himself. Everything within the last few days has pointed to just one thing—District Attorney Jerome is going to use every effort to have Thaw examined by a commission. It is not settled yet just how Mr. Jerome will proceed to have the commission appointed, but it may come to the point where he will lay before the court evidence in his possession on which to base the belief that Thaw is sane now.

Those who have talked with Mr. Jerome have got a firm impression that he believes, on what he knows now, without having had the chance of having his experts examine him, that Thaw is insane. Mr. Jerome fixes this belief on several things, some of which have not become public during the trial. The most interesting collection of papers which Mr. Jerome has received are twenty-one letters written by Thaw to J. Deniston Lyon, the Pittsburg banker, since the killing of Stanford White. Several of the letters were written during the trial. From what has been learned in this city and from Pittsburg about the letters it would seem that they were not written by a man in the possession of all his mental faculties.

## HIS SUFFRINGS INTENSE.

According to a statement made by his son last night, Mr. McDonald suffered intense agony almost every moment up to the time of his death. "Those last few hours," said Donald McDonald, "must have been pleasant ones to my father, as the expression of suffering and pain passed from his face as he lay unconscious, his life rapidly ebbing away. When he died there was a slight trace of a smile about his mouth."

## Shot in Cold Blood, Perhaps.

Many Venezuelans here who sympathize with Paredes denounced the dispatch today as being utterly false and misleading. They say that Paredes and his followers were shot in cold blood, but that Castro wanted to make it appear that he had lost his life in a fight, because nobody had been executed in Venezuela for thirty years prior to the death of Paredes, and there is a great prejudice against that form of punishment among the people.

## TO AID MR. CORTELYOU

WINTHROP TO BE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.

It was announced last night that the President had tendered to Beckman Winthrop of New York, at present governor of Puerto Rico, the position of assistant secretary of the treasury for which position he was recommended by Postmaster General Cortelyou, and that Mr. Winthrop had accepted the appointment. It is expected that he will assume his new duties at an early date.

## RECENT DEATHS

Funeral Services to Be Held This Afternoon and Tomorrow.

Services will be held this afternoon and tomorrow in tribute to residents whose deaths occurred recently, as follows:

The funeral of George F. Kozel, who died suddenly Tuesday last at Ithaca, N. Y., will be held at 2 o'clock this afternoon from his late residence, 2233 12th street northwest. Interment will be made in Rock Creek cemetery. A delegation from the Washington Lodge of Elks will attend the services in tribute to his memory. The lodge will meet this afternoon at 1 o'clock in memorial session to arrange for the last rites.

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# AT THE WHITE HOUSE

## The President Had a Long and Busy Day.

## SIX SUPPLY BILLS SIGNED

## Between Returning From Luncheon and Dinner Time.

## SENATOR BEVERIDGE WINS

## Secured Promise That Representative Cramer, Who Goes Out Monday, Should Not Be Postmaster.

Special Dispatch to The Star.

President Roosevelt's day's work yesterday was long one, the longest and hardest in many years. Beginning early in the morning, he saw and talked with scores of visitors, congressional and otherwise, until nearly 2 o'clock. His usual custom is to return to his office between 2:30 and 3 o'clock in the afternoon, after he has had luncheon, remain an hour or so attending to business and then go for a walk or take some form of outdoor exercise. When he got back to the executive office from his luncheon yesterday he found a pile of engrossed bills waiting his attention. These had gone through Congress, been referred to the departments, duly passed upon there and returned to the White House. The White House officials did not count the tremendous pile laid in front of the President. One official said he was sure there were a thousand. Others said the number ran into the hundreds. The President was compelled to stop glancing over and signing these to receive an occasional caller, and when he ceased work to go to his dinner at 7:30 o'clock his desk was clear.

During the time from 7:30 to 8 o'clock the President signed six of the big appropriation bills—rivers and harbors, District of Columbia, army, navy, Military Academy and fortifications.

With Root and Meyer.

After dinner the President received Secretary Root and George von L. Meyer, United States ambassador to St. Petersburg, who will on Monday be sworn in as Postmaster General to succeed George B. Colver.

This conference lasted until late in the evening. Mr. Meyer has brought back with him from abroad much information, as to political and other conditions in Europe. He is especially well posted as to the disturbed conditions in Russia and his knowledge was imparted to the President and Secretary of State.

Following that conference the President remained on duty until midnight, signing bills as they came in. He was particularly interested in the bill for the relief of the officers of the United States Army, and he was particularly interested in the bill for the relief of the officers of the United States Army.

## WON THE MILE RELAY

G. W. U. RUNNERS DEFEATED ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE.

BALTIMORE, Md., March 2.—The Fifth Regiment Army was well fitted tonight in the indoor track at the Johns Hopkins University, and the 5th Regiment broke the South Atlantic record for the half mile.

The summaries follow:

One-mile relay—George Washington University won from St. John's College. Time, 3:32.5.

One-mile relay—Western Maryland College won from Catholic University of Washington. Time, 3:48.

Half-mile run—Baker (scratch), Swarthmore College, first; Herring, Mount Washington Athletic Club, second; Griffith, Mount Washington A. C., third. Time, 2:01.5, breaking the South Atlantic record.

100-yard hurdles, handicap—Decker, attached (2 yards), first; McCullough, University of Pennsylvania (scratch), second; O'Connell, Maryland A. C., third. Time, 1:21.5.

100-yard handicap—Cartnell, University of Pennsylvania, first; Zeigler, Johns Hopkins, second; Royce, District of Columbia National Guard, third. Time, 0:10.5.

100-yard interscholastic—McKenzie, McKenzie School, Dobb's Ferry, first; Burke, Washington School for Boys, second; Stollenwerk, Boys Latin School, third. Time, 1:20.

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100-yard handicap—Cartnell, University of Pennsylvania, first; Zeigler, Johns Hopkins, second; Royce, District of Columbia National Guard, third. Time, 0:10.5.

100-yard interscholastic—McKenzie, McKenzie School, Dobb's Ferry, first; Burke, Washington School for Boys, second; Stollenwerk, Boys Latin School, third. Time, 1:20.

One-mile relay—Boys' Latin School won from McKenzie School, Dobb's