

# Explosions Since World War 1 Have Taken Heavy Toll

(By the Associated Press) Munitions explosions at military establishments, on ships and in factories have cost hundreds of lives in the United States since the first world war.

Prior to last night's explosion of a naval ammunition vessel at Port Chicago, Calif., the nation's most disastrous ship blast in recent years occurred January 3, 1944, when the destroyer Turner blew up at the entrance of lower New York bay.

The exact death toll has not been disclosed, but the third naval public relations office said "more than 100 lives were lost." A total of 154 were saved.

More than 25 persons were killed in an ammunition explosion at the Norfolk, Va., naval air station October 17, 1943.

Other major munitions explosions in the last 28 years include: July 31, 1916—Two killed in famous Black Tom blast which shook New York waterfront and caused damage estimated at \$22,000,000.

May 8, 1918—100 killed at TNS plant of Aetna Chemical company near Pittsburgh, Pa.

July 10, 1926—Twenty-one killed and \$50,000,000 worth of damage caused when lightning struck a naval ammunition depot at Lake Denmark, N. J.

One of the nation's most costly explosions was a gas blast in New London, Texas, schoolhouse March 18, 1937, in which 455 school children and teachers were killed.

On May 15, 1929, 100 persons were killed when an X-ray film exploded in a Cleveland hospital clinic, filling the building with gas.

In addition, hundreds of other lives have been lost in a long list of mine explosions.

## Byrnes, Barkley Cut Into Support of Wallace

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final decision. This expression of the president's viewpoint, in a letter made public yesterday by the convention's permanent chairman, Senator Samuel Jackson, was reported to have been accompanied by assurances that Mr. Roosevelt would have nothing further to say.

The almost impersonal tone of the communication led such delegates as Rep. Thomas D'Alessandro, Jr., of Maryland and David T. Wilentz of New Jersey to declare that "Wallace is out." Their statement was disputed, however, by Senator Joseph Guffey of Pennsylvania and Jake More, Iowa state chairman, who continued to predict Wallace's renomination on the second ballot.

**Letter Boosts Hopes** There was ample evidence that the letter had boosted the hopes of a dozen or more potential candidates.

These took encouragement from the fact that the president said only: "I like him and respect him and he is my personal friend. For these reasons, I personally would vote for his renomination if I were a delegate to the convention." Then he added:

"At the same time, I do not wish to appear in any way as dictating to the convention. Obviously the convention must do the deciding."

Supporters of Byrnes and Barkley swung immediately into action in an attempt to chip off some of the 250 votes Wallace's friends have predicted he would receive on the first ballot.

This balloting may start Thursday night, when President Roosevelt tentatively is scheduled to address the convention by radio to accept the fourth term nomination he is assured of getting despite a southern movement which carried Mississippi's 20 votes into the camp of Senator Harry F. Byrd of Virginia. Byrd already had four votes from Florida but Mr. Roosevelt has 548 pledged and 408 claimed, totaling 956 of the 1176 delegates. Only 589 are needed to nominate.

**Byrnes Support Strong** The Byrnes forces were reported to have received a go ahead signal from Mr. Roosevelt whom Byrnes has served as an "assistant president."

After extensive conferences they were claiming almost solid support from the south in the vice presidential race. They also said that Illinois and New Jersey would give them backing. The weighty 52-vote delegation from California, which had endorsed Wallace, may come their way, they said.

The Barkley camp took heart, meanwhile, from a statement by David L. Lawrence, Pennsylvania national committeeman, who told reporters he thought his state's delegation would prefer the Senate Majority Leader to Byrnes, if Wallace is eliminated.

**Majority Rule Holds** The much-heralded southern revolt ebbed and flowed, meanwhile, with the southerners winning a point on the listing of

## DAILY DEVOTIONS

DR. CHARLES A. EDWARDS

During World War II it has become the custom of many chaplains to mark on their helmets the sign of the cross.

They do this just before the troops go into combat so that soldiers who need their ministry may more easily recognize them. One chaplain, as he read from the New Testament to a soldier, noticed that the eyes of the dying lad were fixed not upon his face but upon the cross on his helmet. That is what we must do, fix our eyes and hearts upon the cross of Christ. Today there are many people who have a clearer understanding of the meaning of the cross than ever before. They see their own sufferings in the light of the sufferings of Jesus upon the cross. As one writer puts it: "A non-suffering God in a suffering world would be intolerable." Fathers and mothers who now suffer through agonies brought on by a global war are beginning to understand something of the sufferings of God in the agony of His only begotten son. The cross is central in the life of all individuals who would be truly Christian.

"O cross that liftest up my head, I dare not ask to fly from thee;

I lay in dust life's glory dead, And from the ground there blossoms red

Life that shall endless be." (Baxter) Amen.

"regular" Texas and South Carolina delegations on the temporary roll but losing a round in efforts to force restoration of the two-thirds nominating rule and to gain resportionment of delegates.

Platform hearings went ahead with little outward controversy and Chairman Tom Connally of the senate's foreign relations committee polished up a 200-word foreign policy plank for submission to the platform drafters.

The convention itself will get under way tomorrow with the usual preliminaries at a morning session. The keynote address is to be delivered tomorrow night by Gov. Robert S. Kerr of Oklahoma.

**Angling Without License Costs Woman \$25 Fine**

A fine of \$25 was paid in the Roseburg justice court today by Grace C. Gillispie, who pleaded guilty, Judge Thomas Hartfield reported, to angling without a license.

A fine of \$10 was reported paid by Lloyd S. Firman, charged with overlength load on a logging truck.

**Azalea**

AZALEA—Mrs. Stanley Jantzer and Mrs. Frank Young shopped in Grants Pass Tuesday.

Mrs. John Jantzer and Mrs. Stanley Jantzer and sons, Johnny and Glen, shopped in Roseburg Monday.

Mrs. Cora Chadwick and Mrs. Ruth Sanderson made a trip to Grants Pass Wednesday.

Mrs. Walter Kemp underwent an operation at a Portland hospital Wednesday.

Mrs. Paul Newman made a trip to Myrtle Creek Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Roach and children made a trip to Roseburg Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Coyle and daughters, Ellen and Carol Ann, from Orland, California, arrived here Wednesday evening where they will make their home. Mr. Coyle will be employed at the Starveout Lumber company.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Clark attended to business in Roseburg Tuesday.

Carl Jurgenson made a business trip to Medford Wednesday.

Guy Johnston was admitted to the Myrtle Creek hospital the first of the week for medical care.

Fred Horton transacted business in Roseburg Thursday.

Mrs. T. C. Johns left Wednesday for Eugene to be with Mr. Johns, who underwent an operation at the Sacred Heart hospital Thursday morning.

Mrs. Clyde Lunnen and daughter, Barbara Jean, made a trip to Eugene Tuesday.

Mrs. Bert Gilpatrick shopped in Roseburg Wednesday.

**Camas Valley**

Mr. and Mrs. Marsh Skaggs, Jr., are going to Seattle to work in a defense plant.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Lawson are going to Portland Monday to look for property to buy.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Pasco and two children have moved into the home they bought from Charlie Smith.

**Switchman Killed By Car**

SPOKANE, July 18—(AP)—Aaron W. Anderson, 54, railroad switchman, was killed last night when brushed off an express car by a freight car parked on a siding in yards here. He was thrown under the wheels of the express car.

His brother, Joseph W. Anderson, was in the switch tower and witnessed the accident.

## Hundreds Die in Blast of Two Ammunition Ships

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cuts and blood plasma. Port Chicago was ordered evacuated. The injured were rushed to lamed hospitals at Martinez, 10 miles distant, in army trucks, ambulances, taxicabs and civilian autos pressed into service.

Hospital attendants lost count of the injured, so fast were they brought in.

**Oil Slick Creates Hazard**

Live ammunition floating in the oil-slicked waters presented an additional hazard in the port area. Navy craft stood by as plect boats to keep water traffic away.

A navy guard was thrown around the disaster area shortly after the blast. Two regiments of soldiers were brought in from San Francisco to cordon off the area and serve as special police.

Many of the civilians evacuated were dispatched in army vehicles to Camp Stoneman, 10 miles away. Others went to Martinez.

Naval intelligence officers studying the cause of the explosion were joined early today by Federal Bureau of Investigation agents, but there was no indication that their probe was anything but routine for such a disaster.

Many of the killed and injured were believed to be sailors living in barracks near the shiploading area, and the 150 to 200 sailors loading the cargo of explosives at the time.

**Red Cross Giving Aid**

Most of port Chicago's homes were knocked askew on their foundations. The Red Cross said 150 to 200 houses were made uninhabitable, and plans were being made to feed 1,000 to 1,500 persons in Martinez because of a lack of cooking gas.

Glass and debris littered the port Chicago streets as the injured made their way in the dark to emergency Red Cross centers shortly after the explosion.

Men, women and children walked about the main section aimlessly, most of them wearing bloody bandages, until they were evacuated by the military.

John Miller, area coordinator for the office of civilian defense, said 200 civilian wounded had been counted so far. These included 50 seriously hurt.

**"Earthquake" Recorded**

Witnesses said the blast sent a huge bolt of flame far into the clear night sky, and then came a concussion so powerful it was felt at San Jose, 50 miles away at the other end of San Francisco bay.

Windows were smashed within a 20-mile radius. Many San Franciscans thought they had felt an earthquake. The University of California seismograph recorded the shock as of moderate intensity.

The peacetime population of port Chicago is 750, but has been swollen by war workers employed at the naval depot and at Naure island. The supply base was built two years ago.

Dr. Hardie Wallace at the Martinez community hospital said most of the injured sailors he was caring for were too dazed to give clear accounts of what had occurred.

"Most of them were in their bunks at the time and the only thing they know is that they were hurt," he said.

**Olalla**

OLALLA—Sergeant Floyd Larson, who has been spending a short furlough at the home of his mother, Mrs. A. F. Gilkison, has gone back to Seattle. He has been with the armed forces in Alaska for the past two years.

Morgan Stevens of California is visiting his son, Ray Stevens, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Boyer have gone to Steamboat for the summer, where they are both employed by the forest service. Mrs. Boyer as lookout and Mr. Boyer as packer.

Mrs. Ed Lubke and daughter, Beverly, of Spokane, Washington, are expected to arrive soon for an extended visit with Mrs. Lubke's mother, Mrs. Anna Ireland. She was formerly Miss Henrietta Ireland and is well known here.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith and two daughters have arrived from Arizona and are spending a few weeks at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hodges. The ladies are sisters.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Byron and children have returned to their home in Spokane, Washington, following a few days' visit at the home of Jim's mother, Mrs. Junia Byron.

Frank Adamek went to Portland Saturday to spend a few days visiting his wife and daughter, Miss Rosella Adamek, who is employed as a welder in the shipyards there.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Rackliff and daughter, Mary Ann, Mrs. Jay V. Carter and Mr. and Mrs. Doris Ireland of Coquille spent Sunday at the home of Henry and Anna Ireland. Mrs. Isabel Hicking of Portland, another daughter of Mrs. Ireland, has been spending the week there.

Mrs. Roy J. Carnall was shopping and attending to business matters in Roseburg Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Stallard have returned from a short visit

## Snell Plans Unit for Teen-Age 1st Offenders

SALEM, Ore., July 18—(AP)—Governor Snell said today he would confer here next month with Richard A. McGee, California superintendent of correctional institutions, on the governor's plan for construction of an intermediary penal institution for teen-age first offenders.

McGee recently was superintendent of all Washington state institutions. Oregon has only two penal institutions. They are the boys' training school at Woodburn, and the state penitentiary at Salem.

**Roy L. Starr, Resident of Sutherlin, Passes**

Roy Lester Starr, 49, died Monday night at his home in Sutherlin, following a short illness. Born at Bern, Iowa, May 25, 1895, he had been a resident of Oregon for the past 20 years and had lived at Sutherlin for two years, while employed at the Bonanza mine.

He was married at Walla Walla, July 6, 1927, to Hattie H. Williams, who survives. He also leaves two brothers, Jesse L. Starr, Baker, Ore., and Guy Starr, Terry, N. D.

Funeral services will be conducted by the Rev. Len B. Fishback of Roseburg at the Oakland Christian church at 2 p. m. Thursday. Arrangements are in charge of the Stearns mortuary.

**Sailor Killed in Auto Crash at Klamath Falls**

KLAMATH FALLS, July 18—(AP)—Joe Elvis Bowman, 18, a seaman second class from Coal Hill Arkansas, was fatally injured in an automobile accident early today when the car he was driving failed to make a turn on the Marine Barracks road. He died at a local hospital. Injured

## Gas Racketeers Steal Coupons From Trucks

PORTLAND, July 18—(AP)—Desperate black market operators are stealing gasoline ration coupons from oil company trucks here in daylight.

Sol Stern, district OPA mileage enforcement attorney, said coupons worth 3,000 gallons have been taken while the truck drivers were making gasoline deliveries. He believes tightened OPA controls responsible.

**Hams, Pork Loins Going Back On Ration List**

WASHINGTON, July 18—(AP)—War Food Administrator Marvin Jones has issued an order requiring OPA to put hams and pork loins back under ration points, and making cheaper cuts of beef roasts and steaks point free. The probable effective date is August 1.

**Hard Battle Places Americans in St. Lo**

(Continued from page 1) since the landings in Normandy was taking place in the Caen sector where the British Second army, striking out in several directions, shoved forward down the road to Villers-Bocage and by-passed Evreux, which the supreme command said had been

## U. S. Sea-Air Armada Batters Jap-Held Guam

(Continued from page 1) jammed with Jap soldiers and supplies, exploded and sank in 10 minutes off Halmahera; south of the Philippines, after Mitchells bombed it. A 7,000-ton ship was damaged. Near Flores island, just south of Celebes, Australian Beaufighters set fire to two 4,000-ton Japanese ships.

Yap in the western Carolines was further neutralized by MacArthur bombers which destroyed half of a force of 16 interceptors at a cost of two Liberators.

**Vital Statistics**

**BORN**  
KAPPEDAL—To Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Kappedal of 1036 E. 6th St., Roseburg, at Mercy hospital, July 17, a son, Richard Lee; weight eight pounds.

**MARRIAGE LICENSES**  
WILSON-GIBSON—Leon Franklin Wilson, Roseburg, and Esther Helen Gibson, Oakland.

**DIVORCE DECREES**  
SANDSTONE—Virgil Chester from Muriel Ruth Sandstone; married at San Bruno, Calif., Sept. 7, 1935.

## Area of Coast Range in Douglas Will Be Closed

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