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TWENTY PEOPLE KILLED

FRIGHTFUL WRECK AND EXPLOSION

(By Scripps News Association)
Harrisburg Penn May 11—The bursting of an air hose on a freight train on the Pennsylvania road south of Harrisburg at one o'clock this morning caused the loss of about twenty lives and injury to a hundred people on the second section of the Cleveland and Cincinnati express. The passenger train was destroyed by fire as was also part of the freight.

DYNAMITE EXPLODES
The bursting of a hose in the middle of the freight train at Cedar street caused several cars of freight to fall onto the main track. The passenger, west bound, crashed into these cars on the main track, causing the explosion of two cars of dynamite and strewing the ground with dead and mangled bodies.

TRAINS CATCH FIRE
The explosion set fire to the wreck of both trains. The terrific explosion of dynamite destroyed windows all over the city, and then there was an explosion of the engine boiler, which left the locomotive a mass of tangled iron.

RESCUERS HELPLESS
The alarm of fire was turned in, the fire department responded, together with hundreds of hands from the steel mills in the vicinity, but all were practically helpless in the work of rescue, as the intense heat kept the rescuers from approaching the burning mass of wreckage. The physicians from all parts of the city were called. The railroad company made up a special and carried all the wounded to union station. Engineer H K Thomas,

of the passenger train, was instantly killed. His fireman, R R Dickey, was thrown down an embankment and received but few scratches.

SOME NARROW ESCAPES
Several passengers were thrown into the river by the force of the collision or explosion, some of whom managed to reach the bank without assistance while others were dragged ashore. Mrs Hilmlra Erickson, of New York, escaped almost naked. She was thrown from her berth by the collision and crawled through a window. A Miss Gordon, of New York, escaped to a shanty near the wreck with nothing left of her clothing but a shroud of her night gown. A G Cope, of Pittsburgh, says that he was caught between two seats and held fast until the second explosion which freed him. He says that the passengers in his car were killed outright, or thrown through the windows.

WITNESS HORRIBLE SCENES
John B Reynolds, the manager of Blanche Walsh, the actress, was thrown from his berth at the first explosion and fell into the aisle. He helped a woman and a child through the window, and when the second explosion occurred, he was knocked unconscious. Afterwards he recovered consciousness and crawled from the wreck. He said: I never want to witness such a scene again. Women were screaming, children were crying and strong men were wandering about dazed and helpless. The tracks were strewn in all directions with half naked men and women, some of them dead and others seriously injured.

BURNED BEFORE PASSENGERS
12 M.—The dead so far identified are Mrs Robert Daugherty of Philadelphia and Jacob Silverman of Bridgeport, N J. The list of dead may reach twenty-five. Many of the dead are burned beyond recognition, making identification impossible. It is reported that at least ten bodies are still under the wreck. Many of the dead were roasted alive in sight of the other passengers who were powerless to help them. The Harrisburg hospital is crowded with the most seriously wounded. The list of the injured may reach one hundred and twenty-five.

EIGHTEEN BODIES RECOVERED
2 p m The officials report that eighteen bodies have been recovered

from the wreck. A thousand workmen are now busy clearing the track, and there are eight miles of freight trains stalled along in line.

Million Dollar Fire
By Scripps News Association
Downs W Va. May 11—The carelessness of an operator dropping a match caused a fire which destroyed the Standard Oil tank at this place. The tank contained 12,000 gallons of oil. Several houses in the neighborhood were destroyed, and the fire cost the Standard Oil Company nearly a million dollars.

Passenger Agent Here

Mr A L Craig, General Passenger Agent of the O R & N, arrived in the city last night on business. He left this forenoon for Elgin in the interest of the passenger department, and will return tonight. Mr Craig states that the prospects for an immense attendance at the Lewis and Clark Fair are bright, and will excel any event in the history of the Pacific coast. The O R & N is making preparations for the transportation of passengers to and from the fair, and is doing everything possible to give them the best service and accommodation that can be obtained.

Lecture

J V Coombs, the Hoosier lecturer, will give his descriptive and humorous lecture on "A Flight across the Continent," in Central Church of Christ, Tuesday evening, May 16. Many who heard Mr. Coombs in the meetings last winter will be glad to hear him again. Admission 25c. Children under 15, 15c. Tickets may be bought now of E D Selder, O L Thorne, J E Coffey or W N Monroe. Seats may be reserved by applying to O H King.

Illinois Tornado

(By Scripps News Association)
Streator Ill May 11—A tornado struck Streator from the southwest shortly after eleven o'clock today, unroofing trees. The damage done will amount to several thousand dollars. Several people were slightly injured but none fatally.

DEATH DEALING WINDS

TORNADO SWEEPS AWAY WHOLE CITY

(By Scripps News Association)
Oklahoma City, O T May 11—Five hundred are reported killed or injured as a result of a tornado which swept the town of Snyder, forty miles west of here, at eleven o'clock last night. All telegraph and telephonic communications in the town are gone, and only meagre information is obtainable. A train, loaded with doctors and nurses, left Hobart at midnight for the scene. Another train has gone from Quanah, Texas. Relief trains have also been made up at Frisco City and Chickasha.

EVERY HOUSE DESTROYED

It is said that practically every house in the town, which has a population of two thousand five hundred was wrecked. Shortly after two o'clock this morning communication between Chickasha and Hobart was established and the earlier reports were confirmed. Later reports say that every house in town, with the exception of Way's hardware house and the Frisco Round house, have been destroyed. An estimate of the dead is two hundred. A relief train reached Snyder at eleven o'clock this morning from Hobart.

A CAR LOAD OF CASKETS

Oklahoma City, May 11—Ten undertakers, who were attending a convention of funeral directors, left at nine o'clock this morning for Snyder with a car load of caskets.

HORRIBLY MUTILATED

The property loss is estimated at three hundred thousand dollars. Five relief crews are at work. The entire northwest section of the town is wiped out, and only eight buildings in that section left standing. The dead are horribly mutilated, and many of the injured have frightful wounds which will result fatally. Some of the dead had their heads and legs crushed off, and in some instances timbers were blown through the bodies.

ONE HUNDRED DEAD

1 p m—At one o'clock this afternoon it is reported that over a hundred were killed outright or have succumbed to their wounds. Fully three hundred persons are injured, according to the operator at Snyder, and many of these will die. The cotton compress and all the hotels were blown down, and fifty freight cars were reduced to kindling, while the railroad is torn up for blocks. Much suffering is reported among the injured.

SIXTY KILLED

Hobart O T May 11 2 p m— Sixty killed and sixty injured by the cyclone is the latest report that has been received from Snyder.

The Contest On

A N Mayville has adopted a unique plan to advertise the products of his factory by allowing every purchaser of his cigars one vote on the following list of nominees. The one receiving the greatest number will be sent to the Portland Fair. Nominations closed Wednesday night and the vote now stands as follows:

Genevieve Christofferson 290, Katy Klein 160, Sybil Eldridge 70, Tilly Henning 46, Mable Stacey 44, May Lilly 42, Queenie Schilling 27, Blanche Coffman 18, Mary Warnick 14, Ella Goeck 12 and Margurite Noble 10. The vote will be counted and published every Thursday evening.

Hon George Webb, arrived in this city last evening from Pendleton and will remain sometime the guest of his daughter, Mrs Jasper H Stevens. Mr Webb states that he feels that La Grande is his home and that he may decide to remain here permanently.

EMPLOYERS WILL YIELD NO POINT

(By Scripps News Association)
Chicago May 11—The visit of President Roosevelt, his strong expression of sentiment on the subject of maintaining order, accompanied by the inferential remark that mayor Dunne would receive the Federal support if necessary, has apparently strengthened the determination of the employers to yield no point to the teamsters' strike. One of the prominent members of the employers' association stated that the merchants would close their stores if necessary, before conceding anything to the strikers. Aside from getting their position before the public, the presentation of their petition to the president seems to have accomplished little if anything for the labor leaders. The Illinois Manufacturers Association meets tonight in order to take steps for arranging for the delivery of goods to all houses; whether boycotted or not. Such a move will be a severe blow to the strikers. The employers stated this morning that they would send out twenty two hundred wagons today.

Convicts Fire Prison

(By Scripps News Association)
San Rafael Cal May 11—The jail of the San Quentin prison was set on fire three times by the convicts yesterday. The last fire was discovered at 8 o'clock last night. Loss estimated at \$5,000. Convict Davis confessed to warden Reason that they thought it would give them an opportunity for a general break. The warden, while looking for firearms this morning, found his own revolver on a convict. The convict had picked his pocket the day before.

Martial Law Declared

(By Scripps News Association)
St Petersburg, May 11—A private telegram received today estimates the number of Jews killed and injured in the riots at Jitomir at one hundred and twenty. Martial law has been declared, but the rioting still continues. Reports from Koryno, Smolenaky, say that fighting continues in the Jewish quarters.

Successful Trial

(By Scripps News Association)
Los Angeles, May 11—The air ship, "Bullet" made a successful ascent this morning at Playa Del Rey, and started on a flight to Los Angeles Mr L E Trombly is making a trip alone.

Cossack Captain Killed

(By Scripps News Association)
Nijni Novgorod May 11—Captain Gronhour, commander of the Cossack patrol, was assassinated last night and the assassin has been arrested.

Two Hundred Dead

By Scripps News Association
St Petersburg May 11—Later reports from Jitomir, where the massacre of the Jews has taken place, estimate the dead at two hundred.



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Our Car Has Arrived

And we are able to say that better or more up-to date furniture was never seen in La Grande. We are proud of our present assortment and will consider it a real pleasure to show you all our new arrivals. The car came through without a single break or scratch. This furniture was bought right and we are able to sell it at an extra low price and still make a legitimate. Call and see the beautiful display of fine furniture. You will not be urged to buy.

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That is the sort of groceries we sell. Our aim is to please all of our customers. We realize that in order to do this we must sell only

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North Fir Street

BARGAIN BOX SALE

Saturday afternoon from 1:30 to 3:30

These boxes contain merchandise which is in actual use in every home, every day in the week. There are TEN GRANDE PRIZES as follows:

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| 1 pair \$3.50 shoes | 1 pair \$1.00 silk hose | 1 75c Ladies Purse |
| 1 \$2.50 Ladies' Shirt Waist | 1 pair 50c Fancy Hose | 1 50c Ladies Purse |
| 1 \$2.50 Ladies' Hat | 1 75c Ladies Hand Bag | 1 50c Ladies Purse |
| 1 \$1.50 Dressed Doll | | |

Saturday afternoon between the hours of 1:30 and 3:30 you may take your choice of these boxes at

25^c

We guarantee to refund the money for any box that does not contain 25 cents worth of merchandise.

A LUCKY BUY

of a lot of dressmakers' samples of ladies' manish Covert Jackets, enables us to offer you, while they last, regular \$15 and \$16 Jackets for

\$10

NEW CRAVENETTE COATS

for ladies, just received, regular \$15.00 \$18 values

Ladies' Suits at a Saving

Silk suits, Lustre suits, Worsted suits, in stripes to suit every taste and suitable for traveling, outing and street wear. WE GUARANTEE TO SAVE YOU MONEY

\$9 to \$22.50

NEW LADIES' SHIRTS

In Sicilian, Pongee and many other fabrics just received.

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FOR YOUR PROTECTION

The prescription department is the important part of any drug store. Our's is modern in every respect. In the character of the drugs used, in the methods of compounding, in the skill of our pharmacists, it is thoroughly up-to-date. We believe that the service rendered has a value for you beyond any money value, and it costs you nothing extra whatever. Our prices are as low as good prescription work can be done anywhere. Lower than the usual cost in most places.

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