

EXPLOSIVE CARGO BLOWS 39 TO DEATH

SEVERAL BOATS WRECKED IN CURTISS BAY WHEN DYNAMITE LOAD EXPLODES.

HOUSES ROCK, PANIC STARTS

Baltimore Explosion Felt Two Hundred Miles Away—Number of Dead Will Probably Never Be Known and Situation Is Indescribable—Inmates of Skyscrapers Panicked.

Baltimore, March 7.—Thirty-nine persons are known to have met their death by an explosion of a dynamite boat in Curtiss Bay, which was being loaded with explosives for Panama. Most of the victims were on the British steamer Alumchline, which was anchored near the dynamite boat. At 1:30 39 bodies had been recovered. The tug Atlantic was blown up too. It is reported that 75 are missing.

Tugs have been rushed to the scene and it is reported they have rescued, among others, 25 injured negroes.

Skyscrapers Rocked.

The shock was terrific and drifted as far as Philadelphia. A number of plate glass windows in Baltimore were broken and skyscrapers rocked, sending inmates fleeing to the streets in terror. On account of the nature of the explosion it is impossible to give exact number of dead will ever be known.

Havre Feels Shock.

Windows in Havre, 16 miles away were shattered. The state house at Annapolis rocked violently and Governor Goldsborough, fearing the building would collapse, fled to the corridors.

At the Baltimore quarantine station Mrs. Richardson, the wife of a physician, was injured by flying glass.

The navy collier Jason, a new craft awaiting a trial trip, lies in mid-stream, badly wrecked. The cargo shifted and the boat is in danger. It is reported four of her crew are killed and 25 injured.

The nature of the cause is not known and as the captains of both the Alumchline and the dynamite boat are missing, it may never be known.

Felt at Philadelphia.

Philadelphia, March 7.—The shock of the explosion in Curtiss Bay was felt here, a distance of 200 miles.

SALOON ROW LEADS TO DEATH

Another Man Is Held in Connection With the Murder.

Pendleton, March 6.—(Special)—As a result of a saloon brawl at Weston last evening, John Van Slyke, a well known resident of that place, is dead and S. B. Couch is being held pending the outcome of the investigation which is now under way. According to the testimony introduced at the coroner's inquest, the dead man was struck and kicked several times by Couch who was provoked to the assault by insulting epithets applied by the other, who was partly intoxicated at the time.

According to telephonic information from Weston, the two men were in one of the Weston saloons at 9:30 when an altercation of sudden origin occurred. Van Slyke called Couch several hard names and the latter responded by striking the other, knocking him to his hands and knees and then kicking him several times. Van Slyke rolled over on the floor and

died in five minutes, before a physician could arrive.

It was thought at first that the man's neck had been broken but an examination this morning by a physician failed to reveal any broken bones or any indication of a blow sufficient to cause death. He had been bleeding at the nose and mouth and there were several other marks upon him. The cause of death has not yet been determined.

Sheriff Taylor, District Attorney Stetler and County Coroner Garfield went up to Weston on the morning train and have been conducting an investigation. A coroner's jury was impaneled but the verdict has not yet been learned. It appears from the testimony that Couch was not intoxicated, having drunk only two glasses of beer prior to the fight. Van Slyke according to the testimony, was partly under the influence of liquor.

Both men were well known residents of Weston, having lived there for many years. Recently, however, Couch has been employed in a Pendleton livery stable and only went to Weston last evening to visit his wife who is conducting the Weston hotel. Van Slyke was for many years employed in the brick yard at Weston but of late had been acting as district road supervisor. He was 46 years of age, a man of large physique, weighing probably 240, while his adversary was an older and lighter man.

Deceased leaves a widow and one married daughter.

Picking Watson Jury.

Chicago, March 7.—Seven tentative jurors are accepted in Judge Landis' court to try Albert C. Frost, Chicago Frank Watson, Spokane, and four others on charging of conspiring to defraud the government of ten million dollars' worth of Alaska coal lands. Hundreds of witnesses are here to testify.

Boy of One Year Burned.

Winnock, Wash., March 7.—A year-old child, who was burned to death in his home today. He was in the house with a small brother and sister while their parents were absent.

Rushlight Again Candidate

Portland, March 7.—Mayor Rushlight today announced his candidacy for re-election.

SPUD DEALERS MAKE ESCAPE

ATTRACTED BY PROMISED BULL FIGHT TO MEXICO.

Anticipating Trouble Men Beat Hasty Retreat to Laredo, Texas.

Successful at disposing of 21 carloads of Union county-grown potatoes in Texas markets, Pres Lewis, Grande Ronde Cash company manager, and G. C. Smith, also with that company dabbled with bullfights and gringos in Mexico, but only for a day, and they got back to God's country in the nick of time, according to these two men, who returned yesterday afternoon from an extended trip south. After selling their trainload of potatoes, they went over the boundary line from Laredo, Texas to Nueva Laredo, where a bullfight was to be promoted by an American. The troubles at Mexico City were becoming interesting, however, and a sect of the Mexicans were bitterly opposed to the fight being staged, and it was soon discovered that to start the bullfight would have touched off a real torch of insurrection in Nueva Laredo. After sizing up the situation carefully, the spud dealers decided on a campaign of retreat and left Mexican soil Sunday evening, only to find that the international pass had been barred and the Mexican village bottled up the following morning. The men would not be at their desks today if they had tarried until Monday.

DARROW JURY NOISY; VOICES ARE MINGLED

HAS BEEN OUT SINCE 9 O'CLOCK LAST NIGHT TO GET VERDICT.

ACQUITTAL SEEMS FAVORED

Believed That Jury Is Either Evenly Divided or Favors Acquittal by Big Margin—Darrow Sits in Court Room With Wife All Day to Hear the Outcome of the Deliberations.

Los Angeles, March 7.—Clarence Darrow, the labor attorney, accused of bribery in connection with recent labor trials here today sat with his wife in the court room, quiet and resigned, awaiting the news from the jury room where his fate was at stake. The Darrow jury returned at 10 this morning for instructions and again retired.

The exact charge is that of attempting to bribe Juror Bain in the McNamara cases.

At 1:30 the crowds in the corridor increased and it was momentarily expected that the jury would return. Varying reports come from the jury room. One was that the jurors were evenly divided and another that they stood ten to two for acquittal. The jurors apparently were all talking at once as their voices were audible from the outside.

The jury first retired at 9:08 last night.

Congress Must Act.

Spokane, Wash., March 7.—Congress will have to pass a special bill if Herbert M. Ostroski and C. A. W. Dawson, two Spokane young men, are granted Lieutenant's commissions in the army. Both have passed all requirements and were recommended for appointment by President Taft, but the delay in confirmation by the senate of a number of appointments has given the young men time enough to exceed the age limit of 27 years. As their cases are out of the ordinary, they have received assurance from a number of senators and representatives that a special bill admitting them to commissions will be passed.

DEPUTY ASSESSORS GIVEN THE FINAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR WORK

Changes in the manner of assessing Union county are about to be invoked whereby the assessed valuation will be slightly raised meaning a corresponding reduction in the levy. This campaign has been ordered in this county by County Assessor U. G. Couch, and yesterday he called his deputies together and gave them their final instructions as to how to proceed. It is anticipated that objections will be heard just as it was in Baker and Umatilla counties when the low valuation was increased to normal figures and the levies reduced. These counties are well pleased now found Mr. Couch after a visit to both.

Rearrangement of assessments are to follow, too, according to the instructions given the deputies yesterday afternoon. In North Powder, for instance, lots now sold for \$150 are assessed as low as \$20 and corre-

TARIFF SLATE STUDIED AND PROGRAM OUT

PROBABLE THAT SIXTEEN VARIOUS BILLS WILL BE ACTED ON BY CONGRESS

OMNIBUS BILL DISCARDED

Fourteen to Deal With Separate Schedules and One With Free List—Wilson and Representative Palmer Discuss Proposition—Ways and Means Committee Studies Tariff.

Washington, March 7.—Instead of an omnibus tariff bill, there will be considered at the special session of congress, sixteen bills, fourteen of which will deal with separate schedules, one with the free list and another on the administrative machinery. This was announced today by Representative Palmer of Pennsylvania who conferred with President Wilson and Majority Leader Underwood.

The house ways and means committee today also went over the tariff situation. They considered eight tentative bills and probably will fix a date for the tariff caucus of the house Democrats before April first.

The cabinet met with the president today but it is not known if the tariff question was discussed or not.

Charles Murphy the Tammany leader, and a half dozen henchmen, called on President Wilson this afternoon.

Attaches of the presidential office have awakened to the fact that Tumulty is an early bird and when he arrived at 8 o'clock this morning, the office doored was on hand. Many letters had been written while he arrived.

Norman Mack of Buffalo, former chairman of the Democratic national committee, is being spoken of as ambassador to Austria. Mack is friendly to Secretary Bryan.

Parade Scandal Aired.

Strong evidence against the Washington police force for failure to protect women marchers in the suffrage parade was given to Jones, the senate sub committee man, today, by Elizabeth Kent, daughter of Congressman Kent of California. She partici-

cipated in the parade and was also subjected to indignities.

"Three men caught hold of my riding habit and almost pulled it from my body," declared Miss Kent. "A policeman was standing near and although he watched the proceedings, he did absolutely nothing."

Major Sylvester, head of the Washington police force, is summoned to testify tomorrow before the probers. Poindexter doesn't expect Sylvester's testimony will be of value. "There is an understanding between members of the police force," said Poindexter, "that they were to be protected by higher authorities of the department. Jones is convinced the congressional resolution which ordered protection for the paraders was 'flagrantly disobeyed.'"

Prediction that the new congress will have sufficient members favorable to woman's suffrage to make possible the passage of an equal suffrage amendment at the regular session is made by Senator Poindexter. "The recent widespread change of sentiment and conversion of individual members of both houses to equal suffrage," said Poindexter, "makes it altogether possible that the committee on this question will report favorably."

POWDER VALLEY PROJECT HIT.

Salem, March 7.—The state desert land board has refused to grant the Powder Land and Improvement company extension of time for financing the Powder Valley irrigation project in Baker county. The company's contract expires March 20 and the board decided the cost of the project per acre was too high.

Wilson Announces Nominations

Washington, March 7.—Nomination of Charles P. Hall for reappointment to U. S. labor commissioner, was announced by Wilson today. He also announced J. C. Roper of South Carolina to be named first assistant postmaster general.

ELK ARRIVE IN FINE TRIM

HUNDREDS INSPECT A SPLENDID HERD OF SIXTEEN

Ultimate Destination Has Not Been Determined to Date.

Sixteen elk, two bulls among them fresh from Jackson Hole, Wyoming but already tamed so that their keeper can feed them from his hand, arrived in La Grande last night en route to Joseph where they will be fed until spring and then sent to either the Chesniminus range or pastured at the head of the lake. The ultimate disposal of the splendid herd is yet to be determined. Deputy Game Warden Averill of Pendleton received the shipment at Griggs, Idaho, on the Wyoming line and brought them safely this far and went on to Joseph with the regular freight this afternoon. Game Warden Leffel of Joseph accompanied him from here.

The bulls had been shorn of their antlers to facilitate shipment and for that reason the elk came through in fine shape. They seem well fed, and are docile, more so than the last shipment that went through here.

Mr. Leffel reported this morning that the band on the Chesniminus range is in the best of condition. The herd has suffered four deaths but the 12 remaining are in the best of conditions. The range is a natural feeding ground for elk. They come to the barn nights and have been domesticated generally.

Hundreds visited the car this forenoon to inspect the herd. Chas. B. Oral went out with the shipment.

WAGE QUESTION PROBE EXPOSES 'SLAVE' CAUSE

THOUSANDS OF GIRLS IN SEARS-ROEBUCK GET LESS THAN \$10.

HINKY DINK IS TO TALK

Chicago Probe Insults State of California to Action and Conditions Said to Be Deplorable There Will Be Uncarried and Studied—Figures on Wages Given to Probers.

Chicago, March 7.—Flat refusal of Rosenwald's testimony was given by a girl employee today who stated she worked over ten hours for \$4.50 a week. Another girl swore that "scolders" were employed by Sears-Roebuck and the girls were regularly threatened with dismissal.

Chicago, March 7.—Before a room filled to the doors with legislators, social workers and the Illinois senate probe committee, the investigation into white slave and starvation wage conditions was resumed today in the LaSalle hotel.

Nineteen persons prominent in the redlight district were summoned to testify and more are to come. Aldermen "Hinky Dink" Kenna and "Bath House John" Loughlin, will be asked to tell what they know of the operations of the segregated district.

Julius Rosenwald, head of a mail order house, Sears-Roebuck, testified his company employs 4,700 women at an average weekly wage of \$9.12. He stated 119 girls get \$5 and nearly 1500 get not less than \$8. He added, "We make it a point to ask women employees whether they live at home or not. We don't employ women and girls not living at home for less than \$8.00 per week."

"I was a member of the Chicago Vice commission and attended its meetings" continued Rosenwald. "The commission's report was not published as the detail obtained about immoral women was secured in confidence."

Crusade Coming West.

San Francisco, March 7.—Statewide investigation by the California legislature of wages paid to women and girls in department stores and other industries and as to whether the victims of low wages are forced into immorality to sustain life, will be proposed by Senator Grant.

Solons and social workers are aroused at the revelations made by the Illinois investigation. Grant declares thorough probe is imperative as conditions will be found here to equal, if not to exceed, those of Chicago.

CHURCH DIGNITARIES COMING.

Apostle and One of Seven Presidents From Salt Lake Due Here.

The quarterly stake conference of the L. D. S. church will be held here tomorrow and Sunday. Among the guests who will be in attendance will be Heber J. Grant, one of the 12 apostles, and Rolon S. Wells, one of the seven presidents of the seventies quorum.

Th L. D. S. church choir of nearly 100 voices is to be an important part in the services.