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GAS BLAST RIPS BOSTON STREETS

Two Score Injured By Explosion; Buenos Aires Fire Caused by Blast

BOSTON, Feb. 15 (AP)—Terrible explosions of sewer gas in the heart of the downtown shopping district, which sent street paving, manhole covers, and shattered plate glass hurtling into the air, injured 20 persons late yesterday. Thousands of home-going commuters escaped in a wild dash for subway entrances.

More than a score were given emergency treatment at hospitals. Four explosions followed in succession in the vicinity of Chestnut and Summer streets. Fire raged along underground conduits. Firemen with gas masks attacked the flames roaring from the manholes.

One man, standing on a manhole cover, was hurled through a plate glass window, but escaped with a shaking up.

Police attributed the explosion to a short circuit of electric power conduits. Snow and ice had sealed the vents in the covers which ordinarily permitted gases to escape.

Another explosion in a manhole today added to the list of injured. Workmen were repairing damage to electric cables in the manhole when the explosion, apparently caused by a short circuit, burned three of them.

BUENOS AIRES, Feb. 15 (AP)—A series of explosions, occurring when fire reached a large quantity of alcohol in a dockhouse at the waterfront here, rocked Buenos Aires at 4:50 a. m. today.

There was one explosion followed by a score or more of minor blasts. Owing to the thick smoke and the fierceness of the blaze it

was impossible to tell if there were any victims.

A strong south breeze carried the flames from the blazing structure away from four buildings which contained immense deposits of explosives and which if fired would have endangered the entire dock district.

At 6:25, nearly two hours after the fire broke out it was apparently under control.

500 Automobiles Burned
Firemen managed to keep the flames from another warehouse which contained a million and a half gallons of alcohol. The fire spread to the beach and consumed about 500 English automobiles that had just been imported. Several score American machines also were destroyed but a big shipment of 500 cars that had just been landed from an American vessel escaped destruction.

Two men were injured in the explosion, but not seriously. President Yrigoyen and several cabinet officials visited the scene. The origin of the explosion is a mystery.

Woman to Plead The Unwritten Law

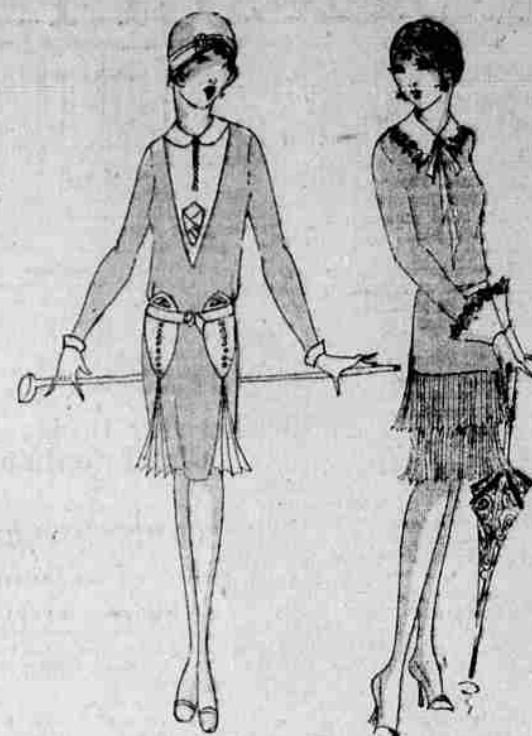
SOMERSET, Ky., Feb. 15 (AP)—Mrs. Ida Cross Perkins today stood ready to plead the "unwritten law" and defense of her home and babies at her trial in Palm Springs circuit court on a charge of murdering "the other woman," Mrs. Pearl Owens of Louisville. It is expected the case will reach the jury late today.

Mrs. Owens was shot to death last August on a train while in the company of Perkins, Metrosary county clerk.

CONGRATULATES POPE

VATICAN CITY, Feb. 15 (AP)—Among the many congratulations on settlement of the Roman question received by Pope Pius today was one from President Cosgrave of the Irish Free State.

You'd Say 'They're Different'



These Newly Arrived

Spring Frocks

FASHIONED of erepe jolly, flat crepe and wool crepe, in flattering pastel colorings by the famous Marion Prince designers. Distinctive and different in their styling and modes of trims. Mere words fail to express their smartness — you must see them.

Sizes 14 to 18.
Moderately Priced.

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"La Grande's Leading Store for Over 30 Years"

MAY STARVE TO DEATH
LEMA, Ohio, Feb. 15 (AP)—Fred Conrad, 27, today entered the last week of life allotted him if he continues a hunger strike, now in its twenty-third day, aimed at "driving the devil" from his father, George Conrad, who stands at his bedside for hours begging his son to take food in the hope of saving his life.

case be re-submitted to the grand jury, a circuit court order was signed here late yesterday dismissing the indictments against Newton C. Chaney, former district attorney here, alleging misuse of Jackson county prohibition funds. The grand jury will convene Feb. 20.

BUTTERFAT

TO RE-SUBMIT CASE
MEDFORD, Ore., Feb. 15 (AP)—Under the stipulation that the

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 15 (AP)—Butterfat f. o. b. San Francisco, 53c.



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Can you imagine anything new about such an old time staple food as baked beans? Yet here it is. In our Hatchet brand baked beans you will find that delicious flavor not usually found in the ordinary baked bean. You will also find the brown bread very tasty and goes well with the baked beans.

We offer you a can of each, at the special price of 33c

Beans
Choice California small white navys
5 pounds 55c

Candies
Black Walnut Flakes, Almond Crunch, Chicken Bones
1-16 oz. tin 50c

Pretzels
N. B. C. Pretzel sticks
2 packages 20c

Catsup
Preferred Stock—extra fine flavor
1 large bottle 22c

Bottle Caps
Packed one gross to package
1 package 23c

Coffee
Try our Special Blend—real value
3 lbs. \$1.00

A. & L. Brand
Solid pack gooseberries
No. 10 tin 63c

Grape Fruit
Preferred Stock—fancy pack Florida grape fruit
3-No. 2 cans 75c

Cake Flour
Your cakes will be lighter if you use Swansdown
Large package 37c



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Buy today at our special—
2 cans for \$1.35



Carnation
Wheat or Oats
Large pkg. 38c

Royal
Pure Cream of Tartar baking powder
12-oz. can 45c

Macaroni
Golden Age Products in the double package
3 large pkgs. 29c

Bluing
MRS. STEWART'S liquid the perfect blue
2 bottles 29c

Soap
Palmolive toilet soap improves the complexion
6 bars 45c

Chocolate
Ghirardelli's ground for cakes or candies
1 pound can 34c

Vanilla
Preferred Stock—pure vanilla extract
1-1 oz. bottle 45c

Nalley's
MAYONNAISE
Pints 33c
Quarts 60c

Margarine
Clippert brand pure and sweet
2 pounds 37c

PRODUCE FEATURES

Large White Cauliflower—2 pounds 25c
Juicy Sunkist Navel Oranges (150s)—dozen 60c
Extra Large Grape Fruit—2 for 25c
Imperial Head Lettuce—2 heads 25c

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Main 515
Thirty-Day Credit

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Many won't buy radios because they are still in the experimental stage, and yet they have telephones.

A Chicago citizen recently told some La Grande people that there was less crime per capita in his home town than in any metropolitan city in America. Statistics might prove such a statement but the public will never believe it until such atrocious killings such as the massacre of yesterday morning cease to be possible. Whatever the figures are, America knows that Chicago permits a gang war to progress almost at will. We know that criminal boldness and ruthlessness has reached a new pinnacle in the Illinois metropolis. We know that one of the greatest disgraces of this generation of American life is the crime record of our second city. Perhaps the crime commission, rejuvenated by indignant citizens a few months ago, is making progress—we earnestly hope as much. But yesterday's massacre news does not indicate it.

BRINGING POPULATION WESTWARD

The development of Oregon and the Pacific Northwest is the more or less personal concern of every citizen within its borders. Those whose business it is to know our resources and possibilities are always interested in new means of attracting population, capital, and the physical and mental energy necessary for more rapid progress and prosperity.

We all have certain pet schemes at various times that seem to lack general attention and to possess great potentialities. This or that should be done for agricultural development, or this or that factory is ideally suited for our industrial expansion. And while our ideas are legion we often neglect facts that make a great majority of them impractical under existing circumstances.

In his after-dinner address here Wednesday evening Frank Branch Riley touched one point that is significant in viewing the possibilities of community development. Through innumerable contacts with big business men and industrial leaders throughout the east, he knows all too well that factories are located in direct relation to potential market possibilities, that industrial investments must be governed by centers of population and their accessibility. Manufacturing plants, in other words, are established in Oregon in proportion to the territory's capacity for consumption of a specific product, or because raw material and attractive plant conditions overbalance, in some instances, the disadvantages of distant markets. Products and the population to consume them on a mutually profitable basis must come hand in hand.

One of the most effective means of accomplishing that dual goal, in our opinion, is through the experienced and highly diplomatic appeal of Frank Branch Riley on the occasions of his lectures to the wealthy and yet uninformed people of the eastern part of this country. With an entree to the most exclusive and most powerful clubs and audiences in the United States, Mr. Riley's subtle invitation to visit and see the scenic and playground wonders which he describes with such artistry is of inestimable value to the Northwest's development.

It has long been our opinion that this personal salesmanship and personal touch through Frank Branch Riley is an advantage of great importance to this section. Reaching as he does some hundred thousand of the most representative citizens of our eastern states each year, the influence of his tours is far reaching—indispensable if we are to attract the population and the industrial activities so necessary for the realization of our collective dreams of this great Northwest.

SATURDAY SPECIALS

Infants Knit Caps	25c
Childs' Knit Caps	25c
Infants Knit Mittens	25c
Sweaters, Age 2 to 6	\$1.00
Pleated Waist Skirts	\$2.98
Girls' Felt Hats	25c
Girls' Tams	25c
Stamped Aprons	25c
Rubber Pants, 2 for	25c
Panty Wash Dresses	98c
School Wash Dresses	98c
Stamped Vanity Sets	18c
Stamped Voile Pillows	25c

NORTON'S KIDDY SHOP



Betty Knows Her Lesson

And it's a lesson that means more, perhaps, to you than to her, because you know it's the secret of her entire future.

Surely it's worth your consideration, when you think how much depends on it, to be sure your children have a wholesome diet. That is, plenty of

Mother Hubbard Bread

It is the Butter in the Mother Hubbard.

At Your Grocer's — Ask Him Now.

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Chocolate Doughnuts, per dozen 20c

Gwilliam's Electric Bakery

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