

## EXTRA HOUSE IS WRECKED BY EXPLODING GAS

### Family of Three Are Blown Out Doors.

## SIX PERSONS ARE INJURED

### Family in House Next Door Hurlled From Beds.

## WHOLE DISTRICT SHAKEN

### Explosion Results From Lighting of Match in Room Which Had Been Allowed to Fill Up With Escaping Gas.

By an explosion of gas at 2:45 this morning, the whole rear part of the apartment house at 73 Marshall street was blown away bodily, all the windows and doors in the front end were blown out, the interior was left a mass of wreckage and George A. Stockler, his wife and young son, Eldridge, were blown clear out of the house into the open.

In all six persons were hurt. Mr. Stockler, his wife and child, and Mrs. H. W. Hunt, living upstairs, her baby and a nurse.

Mr. Stockler was taken to Good Samaritan Hospital, where he was found to be terribly burned about the head, arms and body, besides suffering from contusions and bruises.

Blown Into Next House. His wife and boy were badly shocked and suffered slight burns.

When the explosion occurred, the rear of the house was blown into the house of M. W. Hunt, 26 North 23rd street, and he was awakened by debris falling across his bed. He and his wife were shocked and bruised slightly.

Upstairs in the ruined house were Mrs. W. B. Scott, her infant boy, only a few days old, and a nurse. They were thrown about, but were not badly hurt. Patrolman Maddux rescued them from the flames that had started, and they were taken to the house of Mrs. Scott's father, F. M. Bachelor, 21 North 24th street.

Lighted Match Ignites Gas. The explosion was caused by gas, ignited by a match struck by Stockler. He had come home late, and according to neighbors, had been quarreling for some time with his wife, so loudly that their talk was audible in adjoining houses.

After some time Mrs. Stockler smelled gas and ordered her husband to see about it. He got up and struck a match. The explosion followed. It is supposed Stockler had turned on the gas when he came home, and had forgotten to light it.

Flames quickly broke out and Patrolman Maddux turned in an alarm. Most of the damage, however, was from the concussion. The damage to the apartment occupied by Stockler is estimated at \$200. Mr. Hunt, next door, suffered a loss of possibly \$100. The upstairs apartment, occupied by the Scotts was hurt to the extent of \$300.

The force of the explosion was terrific. The house is a two-story apartment, and the entire rear of the first floor was forced away bodily from the rest of the building. The upper part was not badly damaged. People in the entire district were awakened by the concussion, and some were hurled out of their beds. Dishes and windows were broken and brick-works suffered great damage. R. M. Hill, living at 69 Northrup street, three blocks from the scene, was awakened with all his family by the noise. He dressed and went out to see what it was.

## CAPTAIN GOES OVERBOARD

### Master of Dutch Ship, With Four Sailors and Boy Washed Away.

VALPARAISO, Chili, May 23.—The Dutch ship *Nederland*, which sailed from Melbourne, Australia, for Falmouth on March 23, has arrived at Coquimbo in distress. Captain Sparud, four seamen and a boy were washed overboard off Cape Horn.

## BOAT UPSETS; TWO DROWN

### Man and Woman, Students in Kansas College, Lose Their Lives.

## \$10,000,000 LOPPED AWAY FROM NAVY

### Taft's Policy of Economy is Being Carried Out.

### All Cabinet Officials Will Try to Harmonize Estimates and Appropriations.

WASHINGTON, May 23.—(Special.)—Secretary Meyer has cut off \$10,000,000 in Navy Department estimates for the next fiscal year. This is a sample of what may be expected on the part of other Cabinet officials.

It may not be possible to reduce expenditures in all departments to a noticeable degree as in those pertaining to the Army and Navy branches of the military service, but the thing that will be accomplished in all directions is a more intelligent idea of the relations between or rather harmonizing of estimates and appropriations.

Secretary of the Treasury MacVeagh expects to have in hand by June 1 estimates of all heads of departments. Between then and the time for the meeting of Congress in regular session in December, painstaking study and investigation with a view to ascertaining the exact requirements of various bureaus embraced in different departments, or just what work each is performing and a detailed analysis of results as compared to expense involved, will be carried on.

## Taft to Work for Negro

### Has Been Made Trustee of Hampton Institute, Colored School.

HAMPTON, Va., May 23.—At the commencement exercises at the Hampton Normal and Agricultural Institute today, a letter was read from President Taft, in which he announced his acceptance of a place on the Board of Trustees of that great school for the education of the negro.

The letter said: "I have your note announcing my election as a member of the Board of Hampton Trustees. I consider it an honor to be one of them and shall be very glad to contribute what little I can to continue the success of the school."

## DICKINSON IS HOME AGAIN

### Pleased With Progress at Panama, but Saw Nothing in Cuba.

WASHINGTON, May 23.—Weak from the effects of his illness, which compelled him to cut short his trip, Secretary Dickinson stepped ashore from the Government yacht *Mayflower* at the Washington Navy-yard this afternoon, after a tour of inspection of the Panama Canal. Until yesterday Mr. Dickinson had not left his berth since the *Mayflower* sailed from Havana. The Secretary was first ashore, and while showing signs of his illness, appeared to be improved.

Mr. Dickinson expressed pleasure at the progress in the construction of the Panama Canal, but when asked regarding conditions in Cuba, he replied: "I only saw Cuba through a porthole."

## SISTER KILLS BROTHER

### Tragedy at Target Practice at Bonners Ferry, Idaho.

SPOKANE, Wash., May 23.—(Special.)—A Bonners Ferry, Idaho, special says: Mrs. Steven Shields accidentally shot and killed her little brother, Johnny Sullivan, this afternoon. She was shooting at a target and just as she pulled the trigger the boy ran past the target, the bullet lodging in the right breast, killing him instantly.

Mrs. Shields is prostrated over the accident. The boy was 12 years old and was visiting his sister, who lives on a ranch half a mile from here.

## WOMEN HURT IN RUNAWAY

### Mrs. Embree and Daughter Injured in Accident at Dallas.

DALLAS, Or., May 23.—(Special.)—Mrs. T. V. R. Embree and daughter, Mrs. Walter Sellers, were thrown from a buggy in a runaway this afternoon and seriously injured. Mrs. Embree's arm was broken and her face badly lacerated and Mrs. Sellers suffered severe bruises. While their injuries are serious, both will recover.

## PROSPERITY TIDE IS RISING FAST

### Captains of Industry All Optimistic.

## NO DISCORDANT NOTES HEARD

### New Era of Good Times Almost Upon Us.

## TARIFF IS ONLY DELAY

### Business Will Pick Up Rapidly Soon as Congress Completes Work. No Matter What is Accomplished as to Schedules.

NEW YORK, May 23.—(Special.)—In one grand chorus the captains of industry of America announce the glad tidings that prosperity is returning, that the tide of good times is rising rapidly. There is not a discordant voice in the chorus. Merchant, builder, banker, broker, manufacturer and savings bank presidents proclaim that the new era of prosperity, the business of good times, is right upon us.

But let them give their testimony themselves, and tell on what they base their assertions: Franklin MacVeagh, Secretary of the Treasury.—The business situation is a very hopeful one and there is nothing in sight but reasonable, rational prosperity. We are making a new study of our financial resources for Government maintenance and with it a systematic study of Government expenses, so that by applied intelligence we can make one balance the other and quiet any disturbance over Treasury deficits.

Hill Sees Bright Outlook. James J. Hill, chairman of the Great Northern Railroad.—The outlook is good in all directions. The Great Northern road runs through a district that supports one-sixth of the wheat of the United States. The wheat outlook is good. The West and South are to be the great sections of this country in the future. The West is now, for that matter, the South exhausted her soil because of the war by her improvident method of agriculture and is now struggling toward a restoration of it. When the right agitation is over in Washington things will begin to hum.

Cornelius N. Bliss, of Bliss, Fabian & Co., selling agents of the largest textile mills in America.—The National Committee of the Republican National Committee—Business is all right; not bad, not rushing just yet, but I expect to see a good average fall business. We are between the seasons now. Activity should begin about July, in preparation of orders for the fall trade, and the only thing that may hold us back is the tariff. Nothing much can be shaped up so long as they hang onto that in Washington. As soon as they pass the bill, no matter how they settle it, business will pick up.

Fall Business Will Be Good. Henry Clews, banker and stock broker.—Stocks are selling at prosperity prices. The stock market is always some months ahead of actual business conditions, because Wall street discounts the future. I do not see a shadow on the country's prospects, and though there has been suffering and a great many people—everybody, more or less—have been hurt financially, I believe it was all for the best. We are not likely to get hurt twice in the same way, and we shall now use more safety appliances in business. I look for a wide, healthy expansion of industry early this fall. Nothing but a great disappointment in the wheat and corn crops can prevent it, and we have no ground for apprehension on that score.

Elbert H. Gary, head of the United States Steel Corporation.—We will soon be on the high road to prosperity. The mists are clearing away and we shall soon see the sun of prosperity bright as it ever has been. William E. Corey, president of the

## SOCIALISTS MAKE SCUFFLE

### Police Busy Quelling Demonstration of French Strikers.

PARIS, May 23.—The revolutionary Socialist annual demonstration today before the monument erected in the Pere la Chaise to the Communists in which dismissed postal employees took part, was marked by violent scuffles with the police. A large number on both sides were injured and 10 were arrested.

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## OWNER CHASES HIS AUTO OVER FIELDS

### POWER ON WHEN CAR IS PRIED OUT OF MUDHOLE.

### Machine Dashes Through Fence at High Speed and Is Captured After Long Romp.

SPOKANE, Wash., May 23.—(Special.)—Farmers and hired hands gazed, then laughed at a spectacle south of Colfax—a man chasing his maverick automobile over fields and through fences, across ditches and down dales.

L. Schumack, chief of the Colfax fire department, was taking a cross-country spin, when the front wheels of his big touring car became stuck in the deep mud after a heavy rain. He grabbed a rail from a nearby fence, turned on the power and threw on the high-speed gear, then pried the wheels out of the puddle. The machine gave a lurch and broke away, dashed through a fence and across fields, with Schumack after it at top speed. The wheel brushed a tree and the bulky car began to run in a circle. Like a circus rider after a horse, he cut across the circle and captured it.

## GEORGIA ROAD TIED UP

### Management Will Not Move Trains Till Protection Is Assured.

AUGUSTA, Ga., May 23.—The Georgia Railroad is completely tied up by the firemen's strike. The management is not trying to move trains, simply announcing that it has the men, the means and the equipment to proceed and will do so when the state announces it is ready to protect the property and employes.

Governor Smith wired to the Sheriff at McDuffie to co-operate with the municipal authorities and to summon all deputies necessary to protect life and property. In this county is located Thomson, where the crowd issued its ultimatum last night that no trains should pass carrying either non-union or negro firemen.

## GIRL CHAMPION JUMPER

### Fourteen-Year-Old Sets World Record at Woodward Institute.

BOSTON, Mass., May 23.—(Special.)—By clearing a pole at 4 feet 2 inches in a high jump at Woodward Institute meet at Quincy yesterday, Miss Edith Katarad, a 14-year-old student at the institute, became champion girl high jumper of the world. Helen Dorothy Clark, of Brookline, senior at Vassar, was the former world's champion, with a record of 4 feet 24 inches.

## 60,000 WATCH AEROPLANES

### High Wind Spoils Contest—Man Flies 10 Minutes for \$1000 Prize.

JUVISKY, France, May 23.—Sixty thousand persons attended the aeroplane race meeting at the new aerodrome here today. A high wind prevailed and the contest was greatly marred thereby. Leon de la Grange made a flight of 10 minutes for the \$1000 prize, but as he did not use his own machine it has not been definitely decided to make the award to him. There were no other competitors in this event.

## POLICE BUSY QUENNING DEMONSTRATION OF FRENCH STRIKERS

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## EAST SIDE WILL FEEL PROBE NEXT

### Washington Board Removes to New Field.

## GO TO YAKIMA AND PULLMAN

### State Fair Deficit to Be Subject of Inquiry.

## GRAFT CHARGES FALL FLAT

### Eastern Washington Sensations, When Sifted, Fail to Yield Anything of Criminal Nature—Defects Found in Hospital.

## TOADSTOOLS POISON TWO

### Husband Recovers, but Doctors Give No Hope for His Wife.

TACOMA, Wash., May 23.—(Special.)—Mistaken toadstools for mushrooms, Mr. and Mrs. George Stover, aeronauts, are dangerously ill tonight at St. Joseph's Hospital. At midnight the man regained consciousness, but the attending physicians hold out no hope for the recovery of the woman.

Mr. and Mrs. Stover have a camp at Spanaway Lake, and expected to give a balloon ascension next Saturday at the picnic to the men from the Japanese Hospital. The moon for dinner, they ate the toadstools, and five hours afterward they were found in their tent in convulsions by visitors at the resort.

## JOHNSON'S AUTO SMASHED

### Car Hits Tree, and Negro Champion Leaps for His Life.

ELIZABETH, N. J., May 23.—(Special.)—Jack Johnson, the pugilist and heavyweight champion, had a narrow escape from serious injury when his automobile crashed into a tree on North Broad street, just off Westfield avenue, at a sharp angle in the road. Johnson and a party of friends had to jump to escape. The negro fighter's car was pretty badly smashed up, and it took four hours to repair it. The machine is a new one and will be shipped to Europe in a few days for Johnson's use. Before his departure he agreed to be responsible if damage to the tree caused its decay.

## BOYS FINISH LONG HIKE

### Two Saginaw Youngsters Travel 5000 Miles Without Cent.

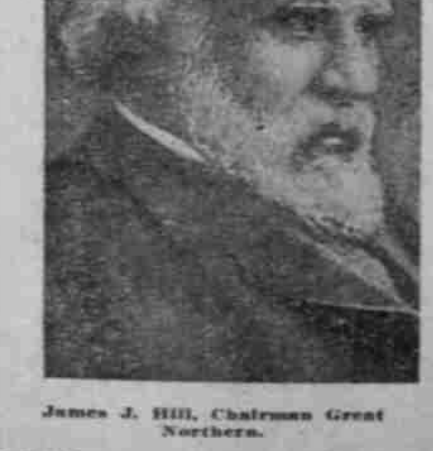
TOLEDO, O., May 23.—After a trip of more than 5000 miles without a cent in their pockets, Arthur Crane, aged 17, and Joe Crosby, aged 16, both of Saginaw, Mich., arrived here last night. Accompanying them were two boys left Saginaw last December, going from there to Los Angeles, San Francisco, Cincinnati and then here. They will return to Saginaw.

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E. H. Gary, United States Steel Corporation.



Cornelius N. Bliss, of T. A. Ryan & Co.

## REVOLUTION IS IN ACTIVE OPERATION

### SANTO DOMINGO REPUBLIC IS IN THROES.

### Towns on Haytian Frontier Seized While Government Troops Are Hastening by Sea.

CAPE HAYTIAN, Hayti, May 23.—(By courier from Monte Christi, Santo Domingo.)—The revolutionary movement is spreading. General Camacho, the ex-Governor of Monte Christi, who is working in union with General Quintero Flores for the overthrow of the government, has attacked and seized Guayabin and Dajabon, which are on the Haytian frontier, the Dajabon River being the northwest boundary between Hayti and the Dominican Republic.

There has been fighting between the revolutionists and the loyal forces at Monte Christi.

The fall of Jose Botias, Governor of Puerto Plata, is not known, but it is reported he is either dead or a prisoner. Communications are interrupted, and government troops are expected to reach the disaffected districts by sea.

## WIRELESS GIVES WARNING

### Approaching Storms to Be Flashed Around World.

WASHINGTON, May 23.—Flashing around the world by wireless telegraphy warnings of approaching storms and other disturbances of the elements is one of the latest international projects, according to an announcement made here today.

Still another of perhaps little less importance is the proposition to equip the vessels of all nations with uniform storm signals. These are the leading problems to be thrashed out at a conference of distinguished meteorologists of the principal nations to be held in London June 21.

A concerted movement will be inaugurated to induce the principal governments to adopt a uniform system of wireless marine weather reports.

## ALLEN MAKES NO MOVE

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## WAR TO FINISH IS EXHIBITORS' WORD

### Candy Booth Row Grows Apace.

## CRAWFORD BACKS UP WEHRUNG

### Club Is Formed and Campaign to Stand Firm Begun.

## OTHER STATES LEND AID

### Taking Tip From Oregon's Attorney-General, State Exhibitors Will Resist Efforts to Deface Grounds With Stumps.

SEATTLE, Wash., May 23.—(Special.)—War to a finish with an appeal to the courts, through injunction proceedings, if necessary, was decided upon today by the A.-T.-F. exhibitors who are resisting the efforts of the exposition company to erect booths on grounds already allotted to various states, Oregon being the first to precipitate the fight against the unseemly disfigurement of its beautiful grounds.

To carry this determination into effect, an organization to be known as the Exhibitors' Club was formed today at the Oregon building. Colonel J. A. Fletcher, Executive Commissioner for California, was elected treasurer-chairman, and W. H. Wehrung, president of the Oregon Commission, was elected secretary. A second meeting will be held at the Oregon building at 4 o'clock tomorrow afternoon, to complete the organization and select permanent officers.

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