

# SODA TANK BURSTS, DISTRICT SHAKEN

## Explosion Shatters Windows, Tosses Pedestrians and Hurls Iron Scraps.

### NONE KILLED, IS MIRACLE

#### Fourth and Washington Scene of Panic Following Crash—Jewelry-Store Gems Are Hurl'd to the Street—Damage Is \$2000.

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The tanks are filled by the Pacific Carbonic Gas Company, of East Oakland, Cal., and are sold in this city by the Columbia Supply Company, of 22 First street. The steel tanks are made in the East and the gas is forced into them at a pressure of 500 pounds to the square inch.

Rust was on his way from the office of the Columbia Supply Company to make these deliveries when the explosion occurred. He had arrived at the corner of Fourth and Washington streets, when the wheels of his wagon skidded on the slippery street. The rear end of the wagon swung first one way and then quickly swung around the other way, joggling one of the tanks and causing it to roll out, the tall gate having been left down.

The terrific detonation which resulted was closer to Rust and his horse than to any other object, but strangely the force of the explosion seemed to expend itself in every direction save his. Neither he, the animal, nor the wagon with its load of compressed gas suffered.

**Shock Spreads in Zigzag Course.**

The shock spread itself in a zigzag course, it struck the Washington building, smashing most of the plate glass windows in the stores on the street. Traveling up the front of the building the force left a path of wreckage, every window in the sweep of its course being smashed into thousands of pieces. Windows in the Washington building on both the Washington street and Fourth street were demolished. Six windows in the Winfield rooming-house on the second floor of the structure on the north-east corner of Fourth and Washington streets were broken and fragments of the burst tank smashed in windows of Woodard, Clarke & Company's store, and of the office of Dr. J. J. Patton, on the third floor of the Macley building.

Two people on the street were blown off their feet. One of these a man, escaped without a scratch, jumping clear and, seeing his hat which he had lost in his fall, ran down the street like a scared deer and was seen after a few moments. The other victim was E. Pederson, a householder, of 350 East Tenth street, North. It is thought a very small fragment of the burst tank struck him on the cheek, as he sustained a bruise there, the skin being lacerated in several places. He was knocked off his feet completely and when he regained consciousness he was assisted to the office of Dr. J. J. Patton, who dressed his wounds. Pederson's injuries are considered slight. He was taken home in an automobile.

**Hurling Metal Grazes Head.**

Dr. Patton himself was recovering from shock when Pederson was brought into his office for treatment. At the time of the explosion he was seated at the telephone. A fragment of the tank, as large as the palm of his hand, crashed through the window, grazing his head, striking the wall and rebounding, fell behind the chair where he was sitting. In the Washington building, W. A. Hathaway, who occupies room 10, was seated at his desk close to the window. He received an ugly cut on the back of his head. E. Leffert, of Leffert Bros., was slightly cut about the forehead by a piece of glass, and an unknown woman, who went home immediately and refused to give her name, received a slight cut upon her cheek.

One of the Leffert brothers was watching the wagon as it passed with the tanks, and the tank that exploded fell to the street. A section of the gas tank, fully seven inches long and five inches wide, was found at the rear of the jewelry store. It had crashed through the window and traveled among a store full of Christmas shoppers without injury to anyone.

Dr. J. Harris, a dentist in the north-west corner of the Washington building, was, at the moment of the explosion, performing dental work for Peter Bruno, a business man at Second and Everett streets. Bruno was blown out of the dental chair and through the door leading to an adjoining room. Dr. Harris was thrown back against the wall, his instruments and fell to the floor. Both dentist and patient were slightly cut by flying glass. All of the windows in the dental parlors were broken.

**Narrow Escape For Two.**

As A. E. Ewing and Ed Delaney were walking along Alder street, near Third, a section of the tank, iron weighing fully one and one-half pounds fell between them. It had whirled entirely over the track intervening between the place of the explosion and the spot where the men were passing. It was an ugly-looking piece of metal fully 15 inches long. Immediately following the explosion an immense crowd, numbering fully 3000 people, gathered and blocked the streets, interfering with the streetcar traffic and causing a jam in front of

## RED CROSS STAMP BOOTH AT WOODARD & CLARKE'S DRUGSTORE.



SALE OF CHRISTMAS STAMPS FOR AID OF TUBERCULAR WORK IN PORTLAND HAS BEEN LARGE AT THIS POPULAR STAMP STATION.

the stores the windows of which had been wrecked. The mass of people almost prevented the storekeepers from rescuing their stock on display from the sidewalk. Police Captain Bailey rushed a dozen men to the scene immediately and roped off the area of wreckage, incidental to the excitement someone telephoned to all of the ambulances in the city and four different ambulances were rushed to the scene, but went away without being compelled to carry a single victim.

Mr. Rountree, of Diamond & Rountree, agent for the Washington building, where nearly all of the damage was done, said last night, as near as he could estimate, the damage in broken glass would reach \$200, all of which was covered by insurance. Within a few minutes after the accident he had communicated with the insurance agent and an order to replace the glass was given.

**Damage to Jewelry Stock.**

Part of the damages wrought affected the contents of the store windows. In Leffert Bros.' jewelry store there were 53 small diamonds loose. The heavy plate glass window fell with a crash, scattering rings, pendants, watches and diamonds on the sidewalk. Whether thieves in the crowd stole them or whether they were trampled under feet or kicked out of the store is a mystery. They could not be found, and although all of the employees of the place entered into the search afterwards, they were not located. They are valued at least \$500.

Across the street, at the jewelry store of A. & M. Delovage, at 229 Washington street, a diamond brooch and a watch, valued at \$200, were damaged. Diamond rings and other jewelry, valued in all at thousands of dollars, were scattered over the sidewalk by the breaking of the window. After an inventory, members of the firm said they believed none of their gems was missing. Damages to the extent of \$400 were sustained by the United Cigar Stores Company, at 274 Washington street. The entire window display of cigars and cigarettes was blown out onto the sidewalk.

Nearly every tenant in the Washington building whose rooms faced Washington street or Fourth street suffered slight damages to his office furniture and other possessions by broken glass.

**KREISLER PLAYS RETURN**

Violinist Will Perform Again at Bungalow Theater.

It is difficult to avoid using exaggerated figures of speech and superlatives in commenting on the pleasure with which the second recital of Fritz Kreisler, Friday afternoon of this week, has been greeted. He will give the Mendelssohn concerto.

The aria on the G string of Bach will also form an interesting part of the programme and there will be two old Vienna waltzes, which will be sure to captivate his audience. Kreisler is now in British Columbia and again reaches Portland on Thursday in time to rest for the Friday matinee at the Bungalow.

## SLED VICTIM DYING

### Frank Smith Loses Part of Brain by Gash.

### RIGHT SIDE PARALYZED

### Mother Not Aware of Accident Until Next Day—Miss Webber Remained in Home—Others Injured Slightly.

Frank Smith is lying unconscious at the Good Samaritan Hospital, his right side paralyzed, and death expected at any moment, as a result of the coasting smash on Hall street Sunday night, when Miss Onetta Serra was killed instantly.

Miss Magdalena Webber, whose hip was crushed, head cut and left arm fractured, was removed from the Good Samaritan Hospital yesterday, and while in some pain, it is not believed her condition is critical.

The other injured young people are in their homes, as their injuries are not serious.

The charge that Fred Stewart cowardly jumped from the sled when he saw an accident was imminent, was denied by several of the ill-fated party.

"I was just in front of Miss Serra," said Miss Webber, "and I believe the sled must have struck just where she was seated, for I was thrown right into the middle of the road. The boy steering was thrown clear, too. The sled had swung around and struck at the side, then everyone piled up on the pole."

Fred I. Webber, who escaped with severe bruises, said Stewart remained at his post. Frank Dan, who saw the occurrence, said the sled was overloaded and the rear runners spread. He attached no blame to Stewart.

Mrs. Smith and friends are at the bedside of Frank Smith. When placed on the table at the hospital Sunday night the left rotary area of the brain fell out a gash in his head. Even in the unlikely event of recovery, the right side of the boy's body will be paralyzed.

Smith was in his third year at Lincoln High School. It was his intention to enter Oregon Agricultural College. He was president of the graduating class at Shattuck school three years ago.

Mrs. Smith did not hear of her son's injury until she called up the Police Station early Monday morning to announce that he was missing.

Mayor Simon yesterday requested Chief

of Police Cox to stop coasting on sidewalks. The Chief issued the following order:

To Captains of Police—At the accident at Hall and Fourteenth streets yesterday indicates the great danger to life and limb attendant upon coasting, you will instruct the patrolmen of your respective districts to prohibit coasting of any nature on sidewalks and not allow the sport on any street intersected by street railway tracks, or by highways used by automobiles. Patrolmen must strictly enforce this order to prevent a duplication of the lamentable tragedy of yesterday.

A. M. COX.

**CONDUCT SHOWN ERRATIC**

Albert Ryan on Trial for Murder of Two Men.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 6.—When the trial of Albert Ryan, ex-organizer for the Western Federation of Miners, charged with the murder of Otto Miller and Harry E. Snyder in a local hotel last July, was called in Superior Court today, counsel for the prisoner asked that a separate jury be sworn to examine into the prisoner's sanity. This was granted by Judge Davis.

A number of witnesses examined during the trial testified to the erratic conduct of Ryan previous to his arrival in Los Angeles.

Ryan killed Otto Miller as the result of an old grudge.

**VANDERVOORT IS CAUGHT**

Alleged Embezzler Under Arrest in Pasadena.

Two fugitives against whom charges have been preferred in Portland have been apprehended in out-of-state cities, according to telegraphic advices received by Chief of Police Cox last night.

G. L. Vandervoort, until recently a collector for an East Side publishing house, was arrested in Pasadena, Cal., yesterday at the instigation of the local police. Vandervoort is alleged to have embezzled \$300 of moneys collected and fled from the city. Detectives Coleman and Snow, of the police detectives, effected his capture by means of a decoy letter sent to the California City. Detective Snow will leave tonight and return with Vandervoort to face the preferred charges.

H. A. Tuttle, who has been sought for by the police since his disappearance from the city two months ago, was arrested yesterday at Wausau, Wis., upon

# If a Thousand People

Told you that a certain thing had done them world's of good, mentally and physically, wouldn't you feel it worth while to investigate the matter thoroughly, to find out how it might affect you?

We have received thousands of testimonials from people who have voluntarily written us of the benefit derived from quitting coffee and using

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**DIDN'T KNOW**

That Coffee was Causing Her Trouble.

So common is the use of coffee as a beverage, many do not know that it is the cause of many obscure ails which are often attributed to other things.

The easiest way to find out for oneself is to quit the coffee for a while, at least, and note results. A Virginia lady found out in this way.

"I am 40 years old and all my life, up to a year and a half ago, I had been a coffee drinker. About ten years ago I had dyspepsia so bad that often the coffee I drank would sour on my stomach and I could not retain it.

"Severe headaches and heart weakness made me feel sometimes as though I were about to die. After drinking a cup or two of hot coffee, not knowing it was harmful, my heart would go like a clock work and pendulum. At other times it would almost stop and I was so nervous I did not like to be alone, and the pity of it all was, I did not know that coffee was causing the trouble.

"Reading in the papers that many persons were relieved of such ailments by leaving off coffee and drinking Postum I got my husband to bring home a package. We made it according to directions and I liked the first cup. Its rich snappy flavor was delicious.

"I have been using Postum about eight months and, to my great joy, my nervous system and heart are all right, in fact, I am a well woman once more, thanks to Postum."

Read "The Road to Wellville" in pkgs.

The majority of these people had no idea that coffee caused their headaches, stomach troubles, bad nerves, etc., etc., until after the change—often at the suggestion of a friend who knew about Postum—then they understood.

Ask a friend if coffee agrees, and if the aches and ails come from coffee—investigate!

## "There's a Reason"

Postum Cereal Company, Ltd.,  
Battle Creek, Mich.

## STAMP SALE LARGE

### Red Cross "Stickers" Prove in Demand This Year.

### RETURNS YET INCOMPLETE

**Christmas Season Business Large and Tuberculosis Fighters Show Activity in Purchases of Quantities of Stamps for Cause.**

The report from the different committees for the first week's sale of the Red Cross Christmas stamp is not yet complete, but will shortly be ready for publication. Incomplete returns indicate that the number sold thus far is largely in excess of the same period last year.

"A tremendous amount of work remains to be done," said one of the workers yesterday, "and the public must buy and buy generously, if the large amount required for next year's anti-tubercular work is to be raised. Each person must realize that it is his or her individual contribution to the fund that will help win the fight."

Professor Victor C. Vaughan, of Ann Arbor, told at the recent Tuberculosis Congress at Washington that from 200,000 to 250,000 citizens of this country die annually of tuberculosis. Two-thirds to three-fourths of these, our fellow countrymen, die between the ages of 15 and 45. When we now, Professor Vaughan, estimate the value of a single individual to be only \$1500, the money loss to the United States would be no less than \$150,000,000 annually. Add to this the anguish and sorrow, the tears of mothers, orphans and widows, and then you will readily see that tuberculosis is the most murderous, costly affliction of the human race."

The stamp booths in the various stores and public buildings are reporting splendid sales.

Yesterday morning the Misses Helen Doble and Hazel Tichenor will be in charge of the booth at Woodard & Clarke's, while Miss Mildred Fuller and Miss May Heuser will report for afternoon duty. The Meier & Frank booth is striving hard for banner sales, will have the Misses Lisa Wood and Margaret Walter in charge for the morning hours, and Mrs. Harry Litt, assisted by Miss Margaret Root in the afternoon.

Ane booth at Lipman, Wolfe & Co. reported its best day's sale on Monday, in spite of the storm, while the energetic workers at Olds, Wortman & King bid fair to make the struggle for highest receipts a hard one for whoever wins out.

The Red Cross stamps are being sold in the postoffice by the graduate nurses of Portland under the direction of Mrs. E. J. Labbe. All nurses who are willing to devote a few hours to this good work will please telephone Miss Doyle, Main 3235.

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