



BLAST KILLS 30; LOSS IS \$750,000

New York Buildings Rock by Explosion.

CASE IS DROPPED; INJURES

Panic Spreads Through Metropolis After Tragedy.

JERSEY CITY IS DAMAGED

Lighter on Which Explosion Occurs Vanishes, Another Sinks—Money Is Stripped of Rigging—Money Loss Is About \$750,000.

NEW YORK, Feb. 1.—Dynamite in transit from a freight car to the hold of a lighter moored at pier No. 1, Communipaw, N. J., exploded at one minute past noon today and in the widespread ruin that followed seven men are known to have been killed, seven fatally wounded and hundreds less seriously injured. Various reports place the number unaccounted for at from 15 to 20. Thirty seems to be a conservative estimate of the dead, and \$750,000 of property lost.

The explosion occurred 150 yards south of the Jersey City terminal of the Central Railroad of New Jersey, and is variously attributed to the dropping of a case of dynamite and the blowing up of a boiler of a boat.

Wreckage Extends for Miles. The Jersey Central terminal was wrecked; three ferriesboats in the slip were damaged; lower Manhattan, across the river, was shaken from street level to the top of the Singer tower; severe damage was done in Brooklyn and Staten Island and to the Immigration detention station on Ellis Island; the shock was felt at Amityville, N. J., 35 miles distant.

The damage is so widely scattered that it is impossible more than to estimate it, but in Manhattan alone it is placed at \$100,000; on Ellis Island from \$10,000 to \$20,000, and in all three quarters at \$1,000,000.

The lighter receiving the dynamite—the Katherine W., owned by James Healding, of Jersey City—vanished utterly with her crew of seven men, including the master, Edward Traver. Alongside was the lighter Whistler, which was so badly shattered that she sank with her crew of two, while the British steam barkentine Ineril was stripped of her rigging and two deck hands aboard were killed.

Severed Head Hangs on Rope. Fragments of one man's head were found swinging high on a tangled piece of rope.

The Katherine W. was tied to the outer end of the pier, and a crew of deckhands was unloading a consignment of 30-pound boxes from two freight cars to the lighter when the crash came.

One report was that the explosive was consigned to contractors up the river for blasting along the Palisades; another that it was bound for Havana.

Only the Whistler's flagstaff has been found. The freight car went up in a puff of dust. On the rear deck of the barkentine Ineril were found a pair of iron trucks. They may be the trucks of the dynamite car or of one of the other four cars standing near, which were also torn to bits.

Fifty yards back stood another car of dynamite. The explosion blew the doors in, but the dynamite itself did not explode.

On board the Ineril, the steel mizzenmast snapped off above the lower yards, and the tangled wreckage came tumbling about the decks. Everything aloft was leveled flat, but the steel plates of the hull held.

For 100 feet the pier end was demolished. The planking seemed to have been ground to powder. Over the broken edges twisted steel rails of tracks projected. A steel gondola car on the southernmost track looked like an old hat used for a football.

Freaks Wrought by Explosion. All about were strange freaks of the explosion. One freight car had the roof blown inward, as if it had been crushed by a falling boulder, but the sides were undamaged.

In the trainshed of the terminal, nearly the whole southern exposure of the glass roof collapsed, showering the passengers with broken glass. One man was struck by a 30-pound fragment and so severely cut that he died.

An engineer in a shunting locomotive was blown from his cab and died of a fractured skull. A tugboat captain was hurled from his wheelhouse and fished out of the water 15 minutes later.

Inside the passenger station damage was visible everywhere. The floors were littered with broken glass. Windows fronting on the inner court had been sucked from the frames, sashes and all. Sashes were torn from the roof. The hands of the Ferry House clock were torn off. The southern wall bulged like a pasteboard box left out in the rain. There were no sashes in most of the windows, and no glass in those that had sashes.

Two ferryboats of the Central Railroad. (Continued on Page 2.)

FRANCES SLOSSON MUST DON TIGHTS

JOB OF ACTRESS AND HER HUSBAND IN BALANCE.

Baker Leading Woman Walls and Storms, Then Gives In—Red Trappings Will Adorn.

SPOKANE, Wash., Feb. 1.—(Special.)—There is gloom in the heart of fair Frances Slosson, leading woman for the Baker Stock Company at the Spokane Theater.

Frances must wear scarlet tights. It all came about through the selection of "If I Were King," to be presented next week. In reading over the costume list Miss Slosson discovered that in the role of the Abbess she must adorn herself with the flimsy silk trappings of the age.

"I just won't! I won't!" wailed the leading lady in her dressing-room. "But your contract calls for wearing the costumes of the piece, its selection resting solely with the manager of the house," said Manager York.

"Then I will take my notice and quit," stormed the winsome little star. "I have never worn tights, and just think what my friends would say now."

Manager York said it would be necessary to bow to his will or cancel her contract, which would mean also the canceling of that of Franklyn Underwood, her husband. The matter was then left for the star's consideration.

After hours of tears, entreaties and indignation Miss Slosson capitulated. Miss Slosson moves in a polite social set and has been the recipient of many honors through her charming personality and higher conception of dramatic art. It has been known for some time that she harbored an especial aversion to tights.

CAYENNE FILLS PIANO

Trick on Talented Player Attributed to Jealous Rivals.

SPOKANE, Wash., Feb. 1.—(Special.)—Somebody must have given the managers of the Mendelssohn Club Quartet Club concert advance information Tuesday night, because they examined the piano before the first number and discovered that some one had sprinkled a pound of cayenne pepper over the strings and through the internal workings of the instrument.

One of the stars of the performance was Miss Taderowski, pianist. She is a new-comer, quite talented, and today the impression is given out that certain other musicians of longer residence here, jealous of the attainments of the young woman, attempted by means of the pepper to spoil her performance, which was before a large and ultra-fashionable audience.

Already detectives are on the trail of the conspirators, and summary vengeance is threatened.

NEBRASKA SENATOR WHO ACCUSES LORIMER OPENLY IN SENATE, AND TWO LEGISLATORS WHO ARE INVOLVED.



ABOVE, SENATOR NORRIS BROWN. BELOW, LEE O'NEIL BROWNE AND FORMER SPEAKER SHURTLEFF, OF ILLINOIS ASSEMBLY.

BUYING OF VOTES KNOWN TO LORIMER

Senator Brown Holds Him Not Innocent.

CIRCUMSTANCES SHOW GUILT

Conferences With Lee O'Neil Browne Are Evidence.

HOLD-UP IS THREATENED

Unless Vote Taken on Lorimer Case and Other Measures, Appropriations Shall Fail, Declares Nebraskan to Senate.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1.—Asserting that William Lorimer had full knowledge of the bribery practiced to procure his election as Senator, Senator Morris Brown of Nebraska declared in the Senate today that he had some of his colleagues were determined that unless a vote was taken upon the Lorimer case, the direct election of Senators, the permanent tariff board bill and the service pension bill at this session, some of the appropriation bills also would fail. This would mean an extra session.

Brown's assertion that Lorimer had full knowledge of the bribery was a step in advance of any that had been taken on the subject of the election of the Illinois Senator and, if accepted, would result in Lorimer's expulsion. Brown undertook to show that the relations between Lorimer and State Representative Lee O'Neil Browne had been such as to render it certain that Lorimer had been positively advised as to Browne's operations in Lorimer's behalf.

Briber Conferred With Lorimer. To this end the Senator undertook to show that the support of Browne and his 20 Democratic followers had been procured through Speaker Shurtleff, the roommate and warm friend of Lorimer, and that after Lorimer and Browne had been brought together they were in constant conference, meeting as often as a dozen times in one evening.

"What were those conferences about?" asked Brown. Making reply to his own inquiry, he said: "Every Senator here knows that they

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OREGON'S GREATEST ADVERTISEMENT.

The Fiftieth Anniversary Edition of The Oregonian, to be issued next Saturday, will do more to spread the fame of Portland and Oregon than any previous publication of any kind. This immense edition, of more than 120 pages, will give a bird's-eye view of the entire state—its resources, industries, shipping facilities, scenery, educational and social advantages. Every county will be described at length, and the stranger who is a prospective resident of Oregon will be able to tell just what opportunities are open in each part of the state.

The county write-ups will be accompanied by pictures, and, in addition, there will be general industrial articles, 16 pages of industrial illustrations, a complete review of Portland's progress and the historical section, which will be the distinctive feature of the edition.

This number will have a greater circulation than any publication ever issued in the Pacific Northwest. It is a newspaper you will want to send to your friends in the East and Middle West. The price will be FIVE CENTS a copy. Postage in the United States, Canada, Mexico and the Island possessions, EIGHT CENTS; postage to all other countries, 16 cents.

WOMEN JURIES SAID UNFIT

Walla Walla Judge Thinks Sex Is Lacking in Physical Stamina.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Feb. 1.—(Special.)—There is a doubt as to whether women will ever be required to serve on juries in Walla Walla County, at least as long as Judge Brent is on the bench of the Superior Court. His opinion in the matter was given in a decision following his order to the clerk of the court, E. L. Casey, to prepare the jury list for the March term. Asked if he would compel women to serve, Judge Brent said:

"I never have compelled anyone to serve on a jury where he could show he was physically unfit to do so. I do not believe that a woman is strong enough to stand the strain of jury service, where there is possibility of days and nights of disagreement. I do not think attorneys would care to risk women juries, and I do not believe there will be any in this county soon."

"There are two or three classes of men who stand the strain of jury duty," said the judge. "One class believes that when granted a verdict women obligated themselves to take up jury work and like duties; another class, against equal suffrage, want to see it out of sight, and a third class out of curiosity."

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TAINT IS WIPED FROM KING'S NAME

George Is Cleared of Morganatic Charge.

NEWSPAPER AGENT IS JAILED

Seditious Libel Causes Conviction of E. F. Mylius.

SEATTLE MAN INVOLVED

Edward H. James First Published in "Liberator," Paris, Story That England's Ruler Once Was Wed to Admiral's Daughter.

LONDON, Feb. 1.—The report, oft-repeated, that King George while a cadet in the royal navy, morganatically married a daughter of Sir Michael Culme-Seymour, was given complete refutation in the highest court of England today.

Edward F. Mylius, agent and distributor of the "Liberator," a republican paper published at Paris, which revived the tale last November, was tried on a charge of seditious libel, promptly convicted, and given a maximum penalty of 12 months' imprisonment.

The statute under which the conviction was made was passed 600 years ago, during the reign of King Edward the second.

In pronouncing sentence, Lord Chief Justice Alverstone said the punishment was inadequate for one who had chosen a weapon for a personal attack upon His Majesty from the use of which every honorable man would recoil.

Seattle Man Is Involved. The story had been current a long time, but it became especially irritating to British sensibilities upon King George's accession. As published by Edward H. James, editor of the "Liberator," a former resident of Seattle and son of William James, the novelist, it set forth that in the life-time of the Duke of Clarence, his eldest brother, and before George became heir to the throne, the future King visited Malta, where he fell in love with and married Mary Elizabeth Culme-Seymour, eldest daughter of the Admiral, then stationed at Malta as commander-in-chief of the Mediterranean squadron.

This was supposed to be in 1830; but (Continued on Page 2.)

GOULD WEDDING IS NEW YORK TOPIC

ENGLISHMEN WILL ACT AS LORD DECIES' USHERS.

Miss Hope Hamilton Will Be One of Bridesmaids; Elaborate Preparations Are Made.

NEW YORK, Feb. 1.—(Special.)—Lord Camoys and Colonel Edward Lumb have arrived in New York to act as ushers at the marriage on Tuesday, February 7, of Lord Decies and Miss Vivian Gould, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Jay Gould.

Miss Hope Hamilton, who is to be one of Miss Gould's bridesmaids, was bridesmaid at the wedding last April of Miss Marjorie Gould and Anthony Drexel, Jr.

Miss Gould's other bridesmaids will be Miss Hannah Randolph, daughter of Philip S. P. Randolph, of Philadelphia; Miss Allison Pierce, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Winslow S. Pierce; Miss Louise Cromwell, daughter of Mrs. Oliver Cromwell, of Washington, D. C.; Miss Emeline Holmes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Japhis Holmes, and Miss Beatrice Clafin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur B. Clafin.

Miss Gould's chief attendant will be her younger sister, Miss Edith Gould-Gloria Gould, the youngest of the family, and Diana Dalziel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Y. Dalziel, of this city, will be flower girls. Masters Marcus and Graham Beresford, nephews of the bridegroom, will act as pages.

Lord Decies has selected his attendants, part of whom are Englishmen. His best man will be Lord Alastair Graham, his cousin, and a son of the Duke of Montrose. Besides Camoys and Lumb, the ushers will be the Earl Percy, Robin Grey, of London; Messrs. Phoenix Ingraham, Moncure Robinson, Robert H. Russell, Anthony J. Drexel, Jr., and Francis W. Crownshield, of this city.

The wedding will take place at St. Bartholomew's Church, Dr. Leighton Parks, rector of the church, and Bishop David H. Greer will officiate. There will be an elaborate musical programme and in addition to the regular choir of St. Bartholomew's there will be the boy choir from the Cathedral of St. John the Divine. The soloist for the occasion will be Riccardo Martin, tenor, of the Metropolitan Opera.

Lord Decies will give his farewell bachelor dinner at the Ritz next Saturday. The reception will follow at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gould, 557 Fifth avenue.

Lord Decies and his bride will go to California for part of their honeymoon. They will be in London for the coronation ceremonies.

An emphatic denial was made tonight of the report in the World today that at the wedding reception on February 7 to Miss Vivian Gould and Lord Decies it is planned to announce the betrothal of Jay Gould, second son of George Gould, and Miss Anna Douglas Graham, of this city.

TIT FOR TAT MAY KILL ROAD BILLS

House Told to Back Senate or Beware.

ASSOCIATION PLANS WANTED

Lower Body's Committee Favors Different Highway Plan.

CLASH DISRUPTS MEETING

Secretary of Oregon Threshermen Sounds Warning That Representative Must Accept Acts Passed On or Lose Their Own.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Feb. 1.—(Special.)—"Enact the measures advocated by the Good Roads Association or get no good roads legislation at this session. If the House refuses to pass these bills, which have already passed the Senate, all good roads measures originating in the House will be defeated in the Senate."

That is the ultimatum issued today to members of the House committee on roads and highways by Philip S. Bates, secretary of the Oregon Threshermen's Association.

The announcement by Bates is resented by the good roads enthusiasts of the House, who say they will not be intimidated in any such manner.

Chairman Mann, of the committee on roads and highways in the House, and Representatives Mariner, Gill and Carter, who are particularly interested in the subject of permanent roads, declared today that they would continue to urge such legislation on good roads as they believed would best serve the interests of the state, whether their course met the approval of the officers of the Good Roads Association or of the Oregon Threshermen's Association or not.

The House members say they will pursue this course and allow the responsibility for any lack of legislation to rest with those to whom it belongs.

It has been known for several days that there was strong opposition in the House to the good roads bills urged by (Continued on Page 3.)

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700 KILLED IN ONE TOWN

Tale of Victims of Mount Taal Eruption Still Grows.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1.—The eruption of Taal volcano and the accompanying disturbances in the Philippines killed 700 people in the town of Talisay, according to the Governor of Batangas Province, cabled to the War Department today by Governor-General Forbes, of the Philippine Islands. The earthquake shocks continue, the Governor-General added.

Recent earthquake shocks have been slightly perceptible in Manila, Governor Forbes reports, but they have caused no damage.

Since the first disturbance, the seismographic apparatus of the Manila Observatory has recorded the unprecedented number of 714 shocks.

The Philippine authorities are adopting relief measures, as the falling mud and lava destroyed the crops. The Red Cross Society is taking steps toward that end.

MOUNTAIN SNOWS DEEP

Ridges Above Holley, Linn County, Covered More Than in Years.

ALBANY, Or., Feb. 1.—(Special.)—There is more snow in the mountains of Linn County now than at any time in many years. D. J. Dearmond, of Holley, who is in Albany today, says the snow is five feet deep on the mountain ridges above the Calapoosa River above Holley.

While this is by no means an unprecedented depth at that place, the snow is much deeper than in the average year, as the usual winter depth of snow is two and a half feet on the ridges where it is now twice that depth. Farther back in the mountains the snow is even deeper than five feet.

WOMAN ALIVE IN COFFIN

Supposed Corpse Talks After Funeral Sermon Has Been Given.

GLASGOW, Ky., Feb. 1.—Stretching out here hands toward those who had assembled about her coffin, Mrs. John Pitcock, an octogenarian, caused a panic at her funeral at Gamaliel, Monroe County, Kentucky, yesterday.

The funeral sermon had been preached and the lid of the coffin was removed to permit friends and relatives to take a last look at what they believed a corpse.

It was then that Mrs. Pitcock regained consciousness. She remained alive for several hours, her death following last night.

SOCIETY MAIDS WHO WILL ATTEND VIVIAN GOULD AT FORTHCOMING WEDDING TO LORD DECIES.



ABOVE, MISS HOPE HAMILTON, BRIDESMAID. BELOW, MISS EDITH GOULD, MAID OF HONOR.

