



POWDER FIRE KILLS 8 CHEHALIS GIRLS

Penned Behind Counter Young Women Burn.

RESCUERS ARE DRIVEN BACK

Twelve Men Escape Unharmed by Scorching Heat.

FLASH START OF BLAZE

Flames Make Bodies Unrecognizable to Nearest Relatives—Explosion Absent and Mystery Veils Origin.

CHEHALIS, Wash., Nov. 1.—(Special.)—Perishing as they stood at their workbench which penned them in behind a long counter with not a chance for escape, seven young women were burned to death today and an eighth, still breathing when she was removed by rescuers, died late tonight in agony as the result of a sudden flash of uncovered powder in the mixing rooms of the Imperial Powder Company.

As the death shrieks of the girls rang through the building, 13 men who had been working in other parts of the plant escaped with hardly a scorch. Several of them were blown through the exits to safety.

The dead:

- Names of the Dead. Miss Vera Milford. Miss Sadie Westfall, only daughter of Samuel Westfall. Miss Eva Gilmore. Miss Bertha Hagie, whose mother, Mrs. Mary White, is a widow. Miss Ethel Sharp. Miss Thillie Rashback. Mrs. Ethel Henry. Miss Bertha Crowe, who was so terribly burned that she died in the hospital.

Only One Is Identified.

Chabille tonight is a city in mourning. At the morgue, where the bodies of the dead girls are lying, their charred corpses mercifully hidden under sheets, hundreds of persons waited outside all evening, as relatives strove to identify their dead. But even this sad comfort was denied most of them.

Only one of the bodies, that of Miss Ethel Sharp, has been identified.

Her father, B. F. Sharp, identified it by means of a ring discolored and half melted by the terrible heat, which she wore on her finger.

Of the others, none will probably ever be identified for certain.

Fire Cause in Doubt.

The disaster befell with appalling suddenness. An early report tonight, which has since been denied, was to the effect that a careless workman in the mixing-room laid a pot of paraffine oil over, and that part of it ran into some powder material near by, igniting it. There is no evidence to support this theory, and the real origin of the fire may never be known.

The feeling is, however, that the accident was due to carelessness.

The employees had been cautioned repeatedly to use the utmost care in their work at the plant, and especially that part where the fire started.

Whatever the cause, there was a sudden flash, and in an instant the whole interior of the factory was in a blaze.

There was no explosion, one of the properties of the Imperial Powder product being that it will not explode unless confined. The powder simply went up in a flash, and those who were not near exits had no chance to escape death.

Bodies Huddled Together.

The young women, who were all employed as packers, were working at a long counter next to a wall. When found, their bodies were huddled together, as if they had been blown there by the force of the igniting powder, or had died trying to escape. Their workbench was in their way and completely cut off their road to safety, even had there been time.

Some of the men who escaped were thrown several feet by the blast of air created by the sudden ignition of the powder.

Rescue Saves Girl.

Just before the fire, Victor L. Badler, superintendent of the plant, the chemist who invented the process for making the Imperial powder, called Miss Beattie Cochran from her work at the bench into another part of the building. To this fact she owes her life.

Miss Eva Zavalesek, the only other girl employe who escaped, was in another part of the building and was blown out the window and how.

When she escaped from the building Miss Cochran ran toward the company's track, while the Zavalesek girl rushed madly up the Coal Creek Valley, where it was necessary to overtake her with an automobile later, so badly was she frightened. Her hair had been badly singed.

Rescuers Driven Back.

Word of the disaster first came to Chabille from the power plant of the traction company nearby, and the news spread fast. Scores of persons hastened to the scene to lend aid to the injured and if possible to help save the property in danger. Rescue work was interrupted.

NABOBS SMILE AT SUBPENA SERVER

ANDREW CARNEGIE PRESENTS HIM WITH PHOTOGRAPH.

United States Marshal Finds J. P. Morgan and John D. Rockefeller Equally Gracious.

NEW YORK, Nov. 1.—United States Marshal Henkel was in a cheerful mood tonight after a round of subpoena-serving today upon prominent financiers and men of affairs named as defendants in the Government's suit against the United States Steel Corporation. The marshal seemed especially pleased as he exhibited a trophy in the shape of an autographed photograph. It bore the words: "Compliments of Andrew Carnegie."

"Yes, sir," said the marshal, "Mr. Carnegie gave me that today. I went to his house to serve him with the subpoena. When my card was sent in Mr. Carnegie sent word right back for me to sit down. He showed me this picture and asked me if I would like one. I told him I would if he would sign it, and he did."

The marshal had communicated with J. P. Morgan and had informed him in a day or so with the subpoena. "And what do you think he said?" asked the marshal. "He said, 'I will be glad to see you,' and that's a fact."

Subpenas have been served also upon Charles Steele, James Gayley, Edmund C. Converse, Daniel G. Batis, Norman E. Ream, John D. Rockefeller, Jr., J. N. Hill, E. H. Gary, the United States Steel Corporation, the Federal Steel Company, the Lake Superior Consolidated Iron Mines and the Union Steel Company.

12 PEARLS IN ONE OYSTER

Spokane Miller Runs on Treasure During Sunday Dinner.

SPOKANE, Wash., Nov. 1.—(Special.)—Twelve pearls, beautifully colored, in a rough condition were found in an oyster by L. G. Radley, head miller at the Spokane Flour Mills. Mr. Radley was preparing to eat one of the big Eastern varieties at a Sunday dinner at his residence when his fork struck a hard substance that proved to be a whole nestful of jewels.

"I haven't the slightest idea where the oysters came from," said Radley this morning. "The cook bought them and I just happened to run onto the pearls. If I knew where that specimen came from I would be tempted to look for more."

The pearls range in size from the thickness of a garden pea to small birdshot.

WOLVES PROWL IN CITY

Anacosta Night Watchman Rescues Deer From Band of Marauders.

ANACOSTA, Nov. 1.—Driven from the hills by the deep snows and desperate with hunger, bands of timber wolves are prowling on the outskirts of the city.

A band of five wolves pursued a deer into the heart of the city early this morning, but were put to flight by a night watchman. The deer escaped. The wolves apparently have taken shelter in the abandoned stables of the racetrack on the outskirts of the town.

BIGGER FLEET IN PACIFIC FORECAST

Review Off Los Angeles Is Success.

EVERY SHIP READY FOR WAR

Guests Observe Submarines From Deck of Oregon.

NAVY LEARNING LESSON

Senator of Committee on Naval Affairs Hopes Western Coast Is Soon to Be Recognized With Better Protection.

LOS ANGELES HARBOR, Cal., Nov. 1.—In perfect fighting trim, the Pacific fleet underwent, off this port today, the first naval review in Southern California waters and passed it to the satisfaction of Rear-Admiral Thomas, who was in command, and the pleasure of National lawmakers, who intimated that the mobilization might result in increasing the number of American men-of-war on the Pacific Ocean.

After arriving here early today, the vessels immediately assumed the formation charted out for them—a solid rectangle with four columns and six rows, making 24 vessels, while the other two in the fleet served as reviewing ship and tender, respectively.

The review was conducted in the afternoon, Admiral Thomas receiving Federal and city officials on board the Vicksburg, to which he temporarily transferred his flag from the California. Then the Vicksburg passed down the columns of vessels, which fired the Rear-Admiral's salute of 13 guns.

Admiral Thomas served luncheon aboard the California and later escorted his guests to the battleship Oregon, over which they were conducted and from the deck of which they witnessed a diving exhibition by submarines.

"Happy Thought," Says Senator.

United States Senator Smith of Michigan, a member of the Senate committee on naval affairs, described the naval review as a "happy thought."

"Such an event," said Senator Smith, "is of special interest to the Pacific Coast, which is favored with visits from naval ships altogether too seldom. It should prove a valuable lesson to the Navy Department. I hope the time is not remote when the Government will conclude it is to its advantage to maintain a formidable fleet on this coast."

FLEET'S READINESS PROVED

President to Review Armada Today as It Passes to Sea.

NEW YORK, Nov. 1.—The fleet has (Continued on Page Five.)

HUNGRY CHILDREN PLEAD FOR FATHER

6 RAGGED TOTS BEG MAYOR TO FREE JOHN DICK FROM JAIL.

Man's Rockpile Sentence Drives Family to Starvation, Hunger-Gaunt Girl of 11 Explains.

Dressed in rag and tatters, their shoes worn out and their faces pale and pinched from starvation, six small children filed into the office of Mayor Rushlight yesterday to appeal for the release of their father, John Dick, a cement worker who is serving a \$200 fine and a 90-day sentence at the Linn-ton rockpile for drunkenness.

At the head of the party of youngsters was their mother, a German, unable to speak any English and completely exhausted in her attempts to keep the family in food since her husband was sent to the first of last Summer. They live in East Fourteenth street between Shaver and Falling.

The elder of the children, a girl 11 years old, acted as spokesman for the family. She said that since her father has been taken away from them they have had but little to eat, have worn clothes made out of their father's old ones, and have worn out their shoes and have been cold. She said they now have no wood or food left in their little home.

"Won't you please let papa go home with us tonight?" pleaded the child at the end of her story of suffering, told to George K. McCord, secretary to the Mayor. "The baby is sick and wants to see him, and we are all hungry and cold."

McCord has prepared an ordinance to be presented to the Council, which will not meet until next week.

OREGON CHOSEN AS HOME

Miss Kruttschnitt to Live on Ranch After Becoming Mrs. Woodhouse.

NEW ORLEANS, Nov. 1.—Miss Rebecca Kruttschnitt, daughter of Julius Kruttschnitt, vice-president of the Southern Pacific lines, will become the bride tomorrow night of Clifford Woodhouse, an English traveler and soldier.

The ceremony will take place in this city, at the home of the bride's uncle, J. P. Blair. They will go to the Orient to remain until Spring and will make their permanent residence on a ranch in Klamath and Lake counties, in Oregon.

SLIPPER SPANKS SPOUSE

Husband Late to Wife's Birthday Party, Alleged Cause of Tiff.

Because J. A. Webb, a real estate man, did not arrive at his rooms in the Camar Apartments, 704 Hoyt street, last night, in time for his wife's birthday dinner, Mrs. Webb is alleged to have set upon him with a slipper, severely beating him.

Patrolmen Gouldstone and Welch were called to quiet the disturbance.

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PEKIN HEARS OF HANKOW MASSACRE

City Reported Taken by Imperialists.

NEWS REACHES WAR OFFICE

Early Indications Were That Peace Had Been Made.

YUAN SHI KAI IS PREMIER

Appointment Believed to Be Fore-runner of Order—Negotiations for War Loan Had Been Suspended Temporarily.

PEKIN, Nov. 1.—The War Office has received a report that the imperialists have captured Hankow and massacred the population.

News officially promulgated today indicated that the appointment of Yuan Shi Kai as Premier would be followed by a cessation of hostilities on the part of the imperialists and the opening of negotiations with General Li Yuan Heng, leader of the revolutionists at Hankow.

The imperial edict providing for important administrative changes also accepts the resignations of the Ministers, but until Yuan Shi Kai returns to Pekin, Prince Ching will continue to perform the duties of Premier, and the present Cabinet will remain in office.

All the Ministers attended a secret session of the National Assembly today, which, it is understood, virtually agreed to the demands of the Hanchow troops. A member of the war board was appointed to confer with the troops and express the Assembly's views.

Loan Once Thought Unnecessary.

The Assembly also discussed the recent loan, for which arrangements had been made with a Belgian and French syndicate. The Ministers explained that there was a good prospect of the termination of hostilities, and in that case the loan would not be necessary. It was finally decided to refer the subject by telegraph to Yuan Shi Kai.

A member brought up the question of the Shanghai Taotai's failure to pay the installment of the boxer indemnity, and a Minister explained that two months' grace with 4 per cent interest had been allowed.

The panic among the people of Pekin, which ensued after the issuance of the first imperial edict, had been largely dispelled until tonight's report caused a revival of fear, and the newspapers began to sum up the results of the 17 days' rebellion.

Press Predicts New Era.

The Daily News considers that the appointment of Yuan Shi Kai will change the entire political complexion, restore peace, inspire the people with confidence, command the respect of foreign countries and place the empire on a sound basis. Reports received here say that Yuan (Continued on Page 2.)

QUEUES JUST TIED ON MAY SAVE JOBS

HOTEL MAN REBELS AT EDICT OF CHINESE REBELS.

Walters, Willing to Furnish Picturesque Atmosphere, Offer to Compromise by Symbol.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 21.—Chinese patriotism was tempered with economic determination here today, when the Chinese members of a "pink pajama" brigade, employed as servants at a hotel, were told they would be dismissed if they cut off their queues. The Chinese boys in their flowered pajamas and long queues glistening with coconut oil have been regarded by the manager of the fashionable hostelry as one of his chief attractions. When a committee waited on him yesterday and informed him of the revolutionary edict ordering the sacrifice of the queues, he refused.

"If you cut them off, all lose your job," he said. "Pajamas don't make a Chinese any more than a Peruvian prayer rug makes a Turk."

The boys informed their countrymen in Chinatown of their predicament and an indignation meeting was held, in which the hotel manager was denounced. It was decided to propose that the queues be cut and attached to the caps in such a way as to conceal the severing process. This plan will be suggested to the hotel management.

THREE MEN SHOT FOR DEER

Hunter Kills Two, Wounds Third, in Gloom of Early Dawn.

MAYS LANDING, N. J., Nov. 1.—Eager to have a shot at a deer which he supposed was coming down an unused road in the gloom of the early dawn today, Charles Norcross, of Ionia, N. J., fired into a party of four other hunters, killing two and seriously wounding a third.

The dead are Conrad Steelman, 28 years old, of Pleasantville, N. J., and John Yost, 32, of Pleasantville. William Jarvis, of Pleasantville, is the wounded man. Norcross is in jail here, awaiting the action of the coroner.

According to Norcross' statement, he was standing behind some underbrush by the side of the road, when he heard a noise. Believing the sound came from a deer walking down the road, he fired one barrel of buckshot. Before he could lower his gun there was a shriek, and jumping out of the underbrush, he was horrified to see three men lying in the road.

MIDDLE WEST IS FREEZING

Cold Wave Promises to Extend to Nearly All Gulf Coast.

CHICAGO, Nov. 1.—(Special.)—Medicine Hat, where fierce blizzards originate, got back on the map with a vengeance today, when a blizzard began to envelop all of the Northwest and many of the Western and Middle Western states. Zero weather prevailed in the Dakotas, Montana and portions of Minnesota and Wisconsin, and the temperature fell below the freezing point in several other states.

In Chicago the temperature dropped to 23 above, with indications that it would fall to 20 before morning. The cold wave hit the Missouri Valley early in the day, bringing snow and freezing temperatures. It is estimated that freezing weather will extend throughout all the southeastern Gulf Coast country, with the exception of the extreme lower portion of Florida.

INDIVIDUALISM BECOMES CO-OPERATIVE.

This is no longer an age of independent and competitive individualism; it is an age of co-operative individualism; and by the latter I mean the concentration of individualistic efforts. Time has passed the field of human endeavor where every man fought for himself and cared not a whit as to the effect of his operations upon or the ultimate fate of his neighbor. The acts of the modern man influence the four corners of our Nation, as the ripples from a thrown stone wash the shores of a quiet lake.

What has brought about this changed condition? It is the great agents of modern life—steam and electricity. They have created intercommunication—enabled minds to exchange instantaneous thought. They have displaced the ox team, with its small radius of operation, with the fast railroad and steamship, which whirl the world, the slow mail by the lightning-like wireless or telephone. They have annihilated distance. A mighty aid in this great transformation has been education.

In this wonderful metamorphosis, inventions, the handmaids of business, have played their part. The opportunities of invention have expanded, and a wise and far-seeing governmental policy has increased them. New Powers Made Useful. How different has been the attitude observed with respect to business. Its operations have been hindered by our lawmakers instead of facilitated. What it has accomplished has been in spite of rather than because of their actions. It has grown and developed in consequence of the conditions which the harnessing of steam and electricity and myriad inventions have produced. It is the evolution of the natural law.

From these conditions have sprung the modern corporation. It is truly the child of steam and electricity. We know the power, the dangers of these great agents. But have their power and the danger inseparable from their use deterred us in employing them? Have we not utilized them and thereby brought to humanity greater blessings and greater happiness than it has ever enjoyed?

We have enjoyed these results through their regulation and control. In doing so we have probed the secrets of nature, though with respect to electricity we are still ignorant of what it is. The corporation, on the other hand, is not mysterious. It is a creature fashioned by man, every part of which is visible to the eye. It has been a tremendous factor for good, though there have been glaring abuses which properly have been condemned.

Magnitude Is No Offense. It has been claimed that these abuses were the direct consequence of the gluttony of some of these enterprises. Nothing could be more fallacious. Size is nothing to the American, with his native eagerness to increase his responsibilities and his ability to handle them. Moreover, the Supreme Court has held that because a company is large it is not necessarily illegal. What the thinking man objects to is not size, it is (Continued on Page 3.)

CHINA'S NEW PREMIER, WHOSE APPOINTMENT INDICATES RETURN OF PEACE TO EMPIRE.



YUAN SHI KAI.

FINANCIER WHO DECLARES ERA OF INDIVIDUALISTIC CO-OPERATION HAS DAWNED ON NATION.



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