

30 KILLED IN WAR
PLANT EXPLOSION

Many Fatally Hurt in Du Pont Works—Officials Say No Clew Is Found.

OUTSIDE CAUSE RUMORED

Most of Dead Are Youths—Scene of Horror Follows Disaster—Investigation to Determine Responsibility Is Begun.

WILMINGTON, Del., Nov. 30.—Thirty workmen were killed and seven fatally injured today in a terrific explosion about four tons of black powder at the Upper Hagley yard of the Du Pont Powder Company. It was the worst accident that has occurred in any of the company's plants in a quarter of a century.

The cause of the blast has not been determined. According to a statement issued by the company the origin "will probably always remain a mystery." Nevertheless, a most severe investigation has been instituted by the company and every employee who was near the building will be put through a thorough examination in the hope that some clew to the cause might be learned.

A rumor was circulated that some outside agency was responsible, but the Du Pont officials said there was not a shred of evidence upon which to hang any theory. Nearly all the victims were between 16 and 21 years of age.

Powder Intended for Europe. The explosion occurred in a packing-house where black powder pellets are prepared for shipment. These pellets are used for rifles and other purposes, much of it being powder, if not being shipped to the warring nations.

The packing-house was situated in a valley along the historic Brandywine Creek, and was the largest group of small buildings which make up the Upper Hagley branch of the Du Pont plant about three miles northwest of the city.

It was 1:30 o'clock when a slight explosion was heard in the neighborhood, followed by another one a trifle heavier. This was succeeded by a terrific blast that not only rocked the whole valley, but shook and started Wilmington.

Workers ran from every building and shook in the wide area which the company's plant covers. A great column of smoke rose from the spot where the explosion stood, and when the cloud disappeared there was only a big hole in the ground.

Scene Is Horrible. Workers who survived the tremendous blast said the scene was one of horror. Twenty-six men were in the packing-house when the powder exploded, and not enough of any of them was left for identification with the exception of Allan A. Thaxter, the foreman, whose body was identified by shreds of clothing.

RECENT PHOTO OF GERMAN EMPEROR AT THE FRONT.



Kaiser in conversation with General Conrad von Hotzendorff.

PASTOR RAPS PEACE

Dr. Loveland Says Europe Must First Settle Affairs.

SCOTCH SOCIETY MEETS

Speakers at St. Andrews Gathering Show Love for America—Governor Pays Tribute to Pioneer Scots of Pacific Northwest.

To the shriek of the bagpipes, the St. Andrews Society of Oregon gathered for the annual dinner at the crystal dining-room of the Benson Hotel last night.

James Cormack, president of the society, presided and introduced the speakers. There was love for Scotland in the loyalist for America in the toasts. The war abroad was reflected somewhat in the speeches, but above all was expressed unswerving devotion to the United States.

"It is my profound conviction, gentlemen," said Dr. Frank L. Loveland, pastor of the First Methodist Church, "that the two flags you see here tonight are the two flags that are never going to be pulled down out of God's blue sky. There is the destination of peace these days, and it may seem odd to hear a minister say this, but I hope peace shall not come until some things are settled forever in Europe."

"I am hoping Europe will not pay too much attention to a hysterical American milliner, a college sophomore, a maker of bells to see how sometimes, when Europe acts the rascal, America acts the fool."

D. A. Patullo spoke on the work of the society and A. C. Has responded to the toast. He spoke of the loyalty of the Scotch people resident here to the United States. A warm toast was given by the members of the society to the Scotch people, the toast, "The King," to which British Consul, Harry L. Sherwood, responded in witty vein, which "God save the King" was sung.

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CALLING OF YOUTHS
DEBATED IN FRANCE

Opposition Develops in Chamber While Shirkers Still Avoid War Duty.

PREMIER DEMANDS LAW

General Gallieni Declares Measure Is Only One of Prudence and That "Decisive Effort" to End War Will Come in 1916.

PARIS, Nov. 30.—The bill providing for the calling to the colors of the young conscripts of the class of 1917, a measure recently sanctioned by the army committee of the Chamber of Deputies, provoked a stormy debate in the Chamber today, with Premier Briand participating.

The bill provides for bringing into the service approximately 500,000 young men, who, in times of peace, would begin military service in 1917, its members being 18 and 19 years old. The proposal is to call them on December 15, when they would be sent to garrisons and then trained and incorporated in various regiments and services.

Services of Shirkers Demanded. Deputy Turmal, the first speaker, demanded that the shirkers of military duty, of whom he said there was no fewer than 45,000 in Paris, be taken from their hiding places and sent to the front before these men were called. His words were applauded by Socialists and "boomed" by others.

Deputy Briand, who called the Chamber to defeat the motion of M. Turmal, saying that the government could be counted on to do its duty, that the Minister of War, he was appointed, took all necessary measures to assure the complete utilization of all forces.

Socialists Interrupt Speaker. This declaration was applauded. The Premier, continuing, said the Chamber was called upon only to fix the conditions under which the class should be called to the colors. The Premier insisted on maintaining his motion. Colonel Driant urged the Chamber to vote against the motion, and the anti-shirker law, voted some 400 to 100.

Decisive Effort Due in 1916. "The Chamber," said the Premier, "must unanimously vote the bill which we ask, as it has done since the beginning of the war."

Money Used in Large Amounts. "We make no secret of the fact that this money originally came from the German government. When it did come it came in large amounts. Within a few days we received three remittances of \$500,000 each from Germany and these were deposited in New York banks to the credit of the line. Now we make secret of the fact that the Hamburg-American line acted as bankers for Captain K. A. Heide, the German Naval Attaché at Washington, and he had to spend large sums of money."

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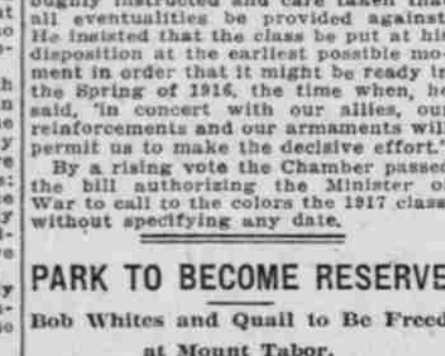
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FORD DENIES TALE

No Telegram About Peace Is Sent to Pope.

TRENCHES ARE HIS GOAL

Excursion Not Designed to Deal With Any Ruler—Bryan Not to Be on Ship, but May Join Party in Europe.

MIAMI, Fla., Nov. 30.—William J. Bryan today said he had been forced to decline to sail on the Ford peace ship on December 4. He said, however, that he approved of the plan and expected to join the party later in Europe.

STANFORD UNIVERSITY, Cal., Nov. 30.—Albert J. Heitinger, a 25-year-old senior, was named as student representative of Stanford University in the Ford peace party today and left two hours later for New York to embark.

Bartholdt Changes His Mind. ST. LOUIS, Nov. 30.—Richard Bartholdt, ex-representative in Congress from Missouri, and ex-president of the International Parliamentary Union for the Promotion of International Arbitration, today telegraphed to Henry Ford that, for personal reasons, he was compelled to withdraw his acceptance of the invitation to accompany the Ford peace delegation to Europe.

Villa St. Clara Has Fire. A broken oil pipe in the asphalt of the Villa St. Clara started a small fire in the basement of the apartment-house last night. Fireman conquered the blaze by pouring sand on it. The damage was small.

PARK TO BECOME RESERVE

Bob Whites and Quail to Be Freed at Mount Tabor.

WESTERN WITNESS, MISSING

Marshals Unable to Find North-German Lloyd Agent.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 30.—United States Deputy Marshals who had been searching for Robert Capelle, agent here for the North German-Lloyd Steamship Company, as a witness in the Sacramento neutrality cases, reported today that they were unable to find him. A subpoena issued against the company which he represents was placed in the deputies' hands more than a week ago.

ITALY PUSHING BIG DRIVE (Continued From First Page.) going down the Danube to meet the Russian menace. The public is expecting every day to hear of the movement of the Russian army, which the Emperor recently viewed in Besarabia, but apparently the negotiations with Roumania for the use of the Danube have not been concluded.

PARCEL POST RUSH BEGINS "Do Not Open Until Christmas" Is Plan Postal Officials Advise.

BERLIN AIDS OFFICIALLY (Continued From First Page.) would undertake to send coal and supplies to any German warships needing them in the Atlantic Ocean, should Germany engage in war and should there be such warships in the Atlantic at that time.

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Host Day Advocate Back. Dr. G. L. Tufts, superintendent of the Weekly Rest Day League of Oregon, returned to Portland last night after a tour of California and Southern Oregon in the interest of a weekly rest day. Dr. Tufts will meet with members of the committee of 10 at noon today to discuss the proposed bill to be presented to the voters authorizing a weekly rest day. The bill met with considerable interest. Dr. Tufts said, at Ashland, Eugene, Salem and Roseburg. At Eugene a number of professors of the University showed interest in the proposed legislation.

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