

DUPONT MILL BLOWS UP; 3 MEN KILLED

Plant Near Tacoma Is Scene of Explosion Which Obliterates One Unit Only.

MYSTERY SHROUDS CAUSE

Shock Like Earthquake Felt 16 Miles, but Nearby Dynamite Withstands Detonation—3 Widows and 2 Children Are Left.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Feb. 7.—(Special.)—At a late hour tonight an cause could be assigned for an explosion of 1000 pounds of gelatine in a mixing house of the Dupont Powder Works, near Dupont Station, 15 miles north of Olympia. Three employees, all married, N. J. Jones, 27; John Bell, 31; Gus Wolff, 28, comprising the mixing-house crew, were blown to shreds, and all possibility of determining the cause was obliterated with them, as Dupont officials view the situation tonight.

A wild scene followed at Dupont Station, a mile from the plant, where families of the employees reside, on the instant assumption that the entire institution had been destroyed. This apprehension did not subside until it became definitely known that only three women were widows, one of them with two small children.

The mixing-house, a frame building, 29 by 48 feet, was blown to splinters. No suspicion of the plant being blown up because of war munition manufacture are hinted, although the three victims had been here for some time and experienced and reliable and no abnormal conditions are known to have prevailed about the mixing house.

The explosion was accompanied by a detonation that shook widows 12 miles from the plant. Damage to buildings within a radius of eight miles is reported, but two other mixing houses where dynamite is made, and the other buildings comprising the huge powder mill, safely withstood the shock.

So heavy and distinct was the shock that South Tacoma, 16 miles distant, reported an earthquake. The Dupont property loss is estimated at \$10,000, but for the isolated unit systems upon which the plant is laid out, it is considered certain that every department and all the men in them would have been wiped out. As it is the explosion in the building the company has suffered at Dupont.

DEMURRER IN M'KAY CASE

Defense Wants Trial Without Requiring Principal to Appear.

OREGON CITY, Or., Feb. 7.—(Special.)—District Attorney Gilbert L. Hedges today filed a demurrer to the indictment returned Saturday in the Stanley McKay case. Attorney for McKay, who is charged with failure to give half the profit to a passing vagabond, are attempting to obtain a trial for him without the defendant's presence in court, and procured a writ of mandamus from Circuit Judge Campbell to serve Justice Stever to grant a trial.

McKay is in California, and since the complaint was issued last October has married. He is alleged to have hit a buggy containing Miss Marie Harvey and H. L. Harvey, on a road near Oregon City, with his automobile and seriously injuring both of them.

SUED WIFE SHOTS RIVAL

Husband's Petition for Divorce Precedes Attack.

LEWISTOWN, Mont., Feb. 7.—Following the filing of a divorce suit by G. F. Christensen, an electrician, against Lenora Christensen here today, Mrs. Christensen at Lewistown, a coal mining town near Missoula, shot Mrs. Alice Kirkpatrick four times, one bullet striking her in the wrist and the others in the body. The injured woman was rushed to Great Falls in a critical condition. Mrs. Christensen was arrested and will be brought to Lewistown.

The shooting, which occurred on the steps of a hotel, is said to have been due to jealousy.

Colleges Get \$335,250.

NEW YORK, Feb. 7.—The general education board of the Rockefeller foundation announced today appropriations of \$335,250 to various colleges throughout the United States. These appropriations bring the total amount distributed by the board since its organization 15 years ago to \$11,232,460.

Germany to Ban Luxuries.

BERLIN, via London, Feb. 7.—The Tagessblatt announces that it is informed from a secret source that a ban on the importation of articles of luxury of every description is impending.

Four fruit crops are reported by Scotland where the weather during the last three months had been very rainy, with frequent thunders storms.

PAIN GONE! RUB SORE, RHEUMATIC ACHING JOINTS

Rub Pain Away With a Small Trial Bottle of Old "St. Jacob's Oil"

Stop "losing" Rheumatism. It's pain only; not one case in fifty reaches internal treatment. Rub soothing, penetrating "St. Jacob's Oil" right on the "tender spot," and by the time you say Jack Robinson—out comes the rheumatic pain and distress. "St. Jacob's Oil" is a harmless rheumatic oil which never disappoints and doesn't burn the skin. It takes pain, stiffness and stiffness from aching joints, muscles and bones; stops sciatica, lumbago, backache and neuralgia.

RUIN WROUGHT BY SILVER THAW IN PRUNE ORCHARDS OF CLARKE COUNTY.



(1) Prune Tree on A. A. Quarnerberg's Place. (2) Row of Cal Shaw's Famous Prune Trees in Fruit Valley. (3) Twenty-Five-Year-Old Tree in Rutus.

PRUNE DAMAGE HIGH

Many Trees 25 Years Old Broken Beyond Repair.

CLARKE COUNTY HIT HARD

In Nine Miles Only 23 Telephone Poles Are Left Standing by 'Silver Thaw'—Some English Walnut Trees Withstand Elements.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Feb. 7.—(Special.)—Two degrees in temperature during the recent destructive "silver thaw" and storm caused thousands of dollars of damage to the fine prune orchards of Clarke County, where the prune crop annually brings \$1,000,000 to Clarke County.

The semi-official Overseas News Agency, of Berlin, says there are now 1,221,111 prisoners of war in Germany. This number, it is declared, does not include prisoners the Germans left in Austria-Hungary.

For the second time during the war, Prince Oscar of Prussia, fifth son of Emperor William, has been wounded.

25 STUDENTS "FLUNK"

NOTIFICATIONS OF FAILURE DELIVERED AT OREGON.

Some Will Appeal to Advisory Board of University of Oregon—Number Smaller Than Last Year.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Feb. 7.—(Special.)—Twenty-five students of the university today received notice that they had not earned the eight required number of hours' study and were declared "flunkers." About a dozen will appeal to the advisory board for reinstatement. The rest will leave town for their homes.

Under the old standard of the university, last year 25 students "flunked." The raise in the standard of 10 per cent this year is shown responsible for a less number, as more frequent "quizzes," larger assignments and the shortening of the time of recitation made the students better prepared for the final examinations.

Sixty-two new students enrolled today. The larger number were from Portland. Commercial and economic courses were the choices of the majority. By the end of the week 29 more are expected to enroll.

President Campbell and Registrar Tiffany were employed this afternoon in hearing the appeals of the "flunkers," and the work of reinstatement will not take place until tomorrow.

MILITARY LECTURE FRIDAY

Army Officer Will Speak at Vancouver High School.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Feb. 7.—(Special.)—Lieutenant-Colonel David J. Baker, Jr., of the Twenty-first Infantry, is to deliver a lecture at the Franklin School building Friday evening at 7 o'clock. The Twenty-first Infantry Band will give a concert. Colonel Baker will speak on "Preparedness," this being the first of a series of lectures to be given leading up to the establishment of a citizens' training camp in Vancouver Barracks some time during the summer.

LIMIT PUT ON GRANT RESERVES

Tentative Agreement Reached That No More Than 300,000 Acres Be Included.

READY MARKET IS SOUGHT

Land Commissioner Tallman Would Require Total Acreage of Grant to Be Open to Settlers With Reserve Lands Substituted.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Feb. 7.—The Interior Department and the Forestry Service, guided by the recent opinion of the Attorney-General regarding reports on all pending Oregon & California land-grant bills.

It has been tentatively agreed that no more than 300,000 acres of the grant land should be added to forest reserves, the additional to be limited to lands lying within the exterior limits of existing reserves. Land Commissioner Tallman, an active participant in the conference, takes the position that Congress should not diminish the total area of land to be disposed of the reserve areas added to the forest reserves he maintains that another acre should be eliminated from the reserves and be treated as though it were a part of the reserved lands.

Settlement of Lands Is Idea. He would, in all, eliminate about 300,000 acres in compact bodies, the lands eliminated to be of the same character as lands added to the reserve. The policy was brought from the Commissioner thinks the state will profit rather than lose, as he believes lands not within the limits of reserves will find a ready market, that will alternate sections that are now within the reserve boundaries.

The Departments of Interior and Agriculture have not yet completed their reports, but the indications are they will endorse the general principles of the Chamberlain bill, with the above change incorporated, and that they like the Attorney-General will report against the Hawley, Wilson, Baker and McCumber bills. The Attorney-General in a letter to the House public lands committee yesterday, discussed briefly his comments previously made on the Chamberlain bill.

Settlers' Claims Not Legal. "It would be wise," he says, "to dispose of the entire situation by a law which would carry upon its face a guarantee of the satisfaction in due time of all the railway company's dual claim."

He also reiterated his belief that the claim of settlers or applicants for the railroad lands "are without legal or equitable foundation, as conclusively held by the Supreme Court, and that many of the applications and alleged settlements were the result of mere speculative schemes to acquire and hold very valuable timber land at nominal expense."

W. I. WALTER IS BURIED

MEDFORD AND JACKSON COUNTY JOIN IN LAST TRIBUTE.

Japanese Association Adopts Resolutions of Regret in Recognition of Aid to Its People.

MEDFORD, Or., Feb. 7.—(Special.)—A Japanese Association joined this afternoon in paying tribute to the memory of W. I. Walter. The funeral was held from the family residence and was so largely attended that many people could not gain admittance and the grounds were thronged throughout the services.

As a token of respect, all business houses in the city closed their doors during the afternoon while the banks, City Hall and County Courthouse were closed throughout the day. The public library closed during the afternoon, Mr. Walter having been a prominent member of the board and influential in its operation.

The most singular evidences of the widespread respect in which Mr. Walter was held was furnished by the Rogue River Valley Japanese Association, which adopted resolutions of regret and sympathy especially because Mr. Walter was the "first citizen" in Medford to employ a Japanese.

The Masons and Knights of Pythias assisted in the funeral services, which were conducted by Dr. J. Lawrence Hill, and the lodges formed an escort when the body was taken to the city to be buried at Portland for cremation.

The honorary pallbearers included Circuit Judge F. M. Calkins, former Mayor Judge M. Purdin, State Senator H. C. Sellen, J. H. Miles, Gus Newbury and J. H. Newman. The active pallbearers were: H. U. Lumsden, C. I. Hutchinson, George R. Lindley, C. W. McDonald, T. V. Emerick and A. Knight.

MARE ISLAND FAVORED

HOUSE WOULD PROVIDE FOR IMMEDIATE ENLARGEMENT.

Resolution Adopted Authorizing Expenditure of \$500,000 so Dread-nought May Be Built.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—The House today authorized immediate use of \$500,000 to equip Mare Island Navy-yard to begin building a dreadnought or battle cruiser, the first to be constructed on the Pacific Coast in a Government yard, and authorized expenditure of \$100,000 to enlarge the facilities at the New York Navy-yard. The Senate has not yet acted.

Adoption of the resolution was especially aided by Secretary Daniels, who pointed out the limited capacity of American shipbuilding yards for constructing dreadnoughts, and that if the naval program contemplated in the Administration's preparedness programme were to be carried out it would be necessary to enlarge the yards.

The Navy Department plans soon to add the Puget Sound, Norfolk and Philadelphia yards to the list of major yards.

The construction of battleship No. 44 at Mare Island will be the first work done there on a big ship since the old monitor Monadnock was built there. It has been proposed that the name California now assigned to the dreadnought under construction at the New York yard be transferred to No. 44.

At the New York yard next September and No. 44 will be laid down at Mare Island probably about the same time.

Advertisement for Woodward-Clarke Co. featuring a coupon for 50 stamps and a frame. The coupon includes a picture of a house and text about rearranging gift and picture floor items. It also mentions 'HOTPOINT' demonstration and 'Japalac' coupon.

Advertisement for Resinol Soap. It features a picture of the soap box and text describing its benefits for clearing skin, including its use for various skin conditions and its gentle nature.

Advertisement for Pape's Diapepsin for Indigestion. It features a picture of the product and text explaining its effectiveness in treating stomach issues, heartburn, and general indigestion.

Advertisement for King Receives Ministers. It reports on a conference in London regarding the King's health and the appointment of new ministers.

Advertisement for Painless Parker-Outlaw. It features a picture of a man and text sharing 'His Confessions' about dental pain and the relief provided by the product.