



14 KILLED, 30 HURT IN POWDER PLANT

Terrific Explosion of Mysterious Origin.

FLYING DEBRIS CARRIES DEATH

Occupants of Building Where Blast Occurred All Dead.

10 VICTIMS ARE IDENTIFIED

Du Pont Trinitrotoluol Plant Is First Wrecked and Force Causes Explosions in Nitro-Benzol and Huxite Buildings.

GIBBSTOWN, N. J., May 15.—At least 14 men were killed and about 30 injured today in a terrific explosion at the Du Pont powder company near here. The blast occurred in the building in which trinitrotoluol is manufactured, and wrecked that structure and three others. The identified dead:

- W. F. Lowley, Woodbury, N. J., assistant superintendent of the trinitrotoluol plant.
George Marsh, Paulsboro, N. J., foreman.
Frank Bamberg.
George W. Ryan, Paulsboro.
Andrew Eitinger, Paulsboro.
Luise Theuner, Paulsboro.
Frederick Ream, Gibbstown.
John J. Volk, Woodbury.
Charles Hoelzer, Woodbury.
Bernard Keller, Paulsboro.

Explosion Cause Is Mysterious. The cause of the explosion is not known, and, according to officials of the company, may never be ascertained, as all those believed to have been in the building where the first explosion occurred are dead.

Trinitrotoluol is not considered an explosive risk, and company officials believe it caught fire before exploding. This blast caused a nearby building, in which nitro-benzol was manufactured, to blow up. So great was the force that two buildings some distance away, in which huxite was manufactured, were wrecked, but the explosive did not go off.

Many of those killed and injured were outside the buildings involved, and were either killed or hurt by flying debris. Other workmen promptly went to the rescue, and ambulance calls were sent into various surrounding towns. The wildest rumors prevailed as to the number of dead, but the company was unable to give the number killed until all the employees had been checked up.

Identification Is Difficult. Some of the dead were so badly mangled that identification was difficult. Two of the dead remain unidentified, and two other workmen are missing and believed dead by the company officials.

Trinitrotoluol and nitro-benzol are used in filling shells and mines. The buildings in which they were produced were of frame construction. The Repauno plant of the Du Ponts consists of 3000 or 4000 acres on which there are 100 small buildings. About 2000 men are employed. Of many other recent explosions at the Du Pont plants, the most serious were those of November 29, 1915, and January 19, of this year. In the first of these, at Lower Hagley, near Wilmington, Del., 29 men and boys were killed and six seriously injured. On January 19 the explosion was at the Carneys Point plant. It cost the lives of three men. Investigations seeking to prove that the explosions were caused by spies were unsuccessful.

STUDENT TRIO EXPELLED

Associates First Duck Willamette Boys Who Used Intoxicants.

SALEM, Or., May 15.—(Special.)—D. Adams, of Boise, Idaho; Herman Edwards and A. Irvin, of Eugene, students at Willamette University, were dismissed from the institution today because they were discovered to have used intoxicating liquor Saturday night. The trio are prominent athletes at the university and members of the D. D. Club, a university organization.

When fellow students of the D. D. Club discovered the offenses of the three youths, they immersed them in Mill Creek as punishment and dropped them from membership in the club.

CHINA TO IMPROVE CANAL

Tolls Secure Amount Lent Government for Work.

PEKIN, China, May 15.—The International Banking Corporation has signed a contract with the Chinese government for the improvement of the Grand Canal for a distance of 200 miles between the Yang-tse-Kiang and the northern boundary of Kiang-su province. The corporation lends the government \$2,000,000 for the purpose, the amount to be secured by canal tolls.

CAPLAN JURY HUNG, BUT JUDGE INSISTS

MEN IN DYNAMITE CASE TOLD TO STAY UNTIL AGREEMENT.

Case Costs State of California \$40,000—Report Made That The Vote Is Seven to Five.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., May 15.—The jury trying David Caplan, in the Times dynamiting case, reported tonight for the second time in the day that they were unable to reach a verdict. Judge Frank R. Willis again ordered the jury to resume its deliberations, which began Saturday forenoon.

The foreman reported to Judge Willis the jurors stood "seven to five," as they did on the first ballot, and were unable to agree. Judge Willis called the attention of the jurors to the great amount of evidence presented in the case which would require much time to consider carefully. He ordered them to return to their rooms to continue their efforts. He announced he would not call them again until the usual hour of court tomorrow.

In reporting to the court there was no indication by the jurors as to the respective attitudes of the "seven" and the "five." Judge Willis did not state how long he would wait before accepting a report of disagreement and discharging the jury, but it was apparent he was prepared to give the men ample time to reconcile their differences of opinion. The case has cost the county about \$40,000, the prosecutor said.

PANAMA POLICE DISARMING

Rifles Being Sent to New York as Result of Fatal Rioting.

PANAMA, May 15.—The Panama police are packing their rifles for the purpose of shipping them to New York to be sold. Brigadier-General Clarence R. Edwards, commander in the Panama Canal zone, has ordered the American soldiers to refrain from visiting Colon or Panama for a week or until such time as conditions become better.

A dispatch from Panama last Saturday said William J. Price, the American Minister, had finally demanded of the Panama government the surrender of 1200 rifles used by the Panama police, on account of riots which had resulted in the deaths of Americans.

\$7,000,000 SUIT ON TRIAL

Relatives of Dr. F. Eno Seeking to Break Will.

NEW YORK, May 15.—Proceedings instituted by relatives of the late Amos F. Eno to set aside his will by which Columbus University would receive property valued at about \$7,000,000, went to trial before a jury and surrogate Cochran here today.

The contestants will try to show that the deceased was feeble and mentally unfit when he made the will and was unaware of the size of his great estate, and that improper influences were exercised. Mr. Eno, a bachelor, died October 22, 1915, in his 82d year, and left an estate valued at about \$15,000,000.

STRANDED SALMON SAVED

Wardens Rescue 108 Caught in the Holes in Rocks at Falls.

OREGON CITY, Or., May 15.—(Special.)—One hundred and eight steelhead salmon were rescued from holes below the falls today and placed in the upper river by Deputy Fish Wardens Jewell, Parker and Gray. The mills shut down Sunday, and the water, consequently, was turned over the falls, flooding the rocks below. Sunday the fish fought their way up the current and, when the mills resumed operations this morning, they were left stranded in holes in the rocks.

BANKS DEFEY GOVERNMENT

Shanghai and Hankow Institutions Redeeming Notes.

PEKIN, May 15.—The Shanghai and Hankow branches of the Bank of China and the Bank of Communications have ignored the recent government mandate forbidding the paying out of silver, and have stopped runs upon their institutions by redeeming bank notes. As a consequence the financial situation in those cities is quieting down. The Tien-Tsin and Pekin banks are obeying the mandate, order being preserved by the troops.

CONFEDERATES IN REUNION

Old Soldiers Gathering in Alabama for Annual Session Today.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., May 15.—The city was thronged with Confederate Veterans and visitors here to participate in the 26th annual Confederate reunion, which begins tomorrow. The vanguard of the old soldiers and visitors began to arrive yesterday and trains brought thousands of others.

2 PRISONERS ARE KILLED

Mutineer Shoots Fellow-Convicts and Is Slain.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., May 15.—Two prisoners are dead and another injured as a result of a one-man mutiny in the state prison here last night. Jody Harris, who caused the trouble, was shot and killed after he had wounded two other prisoners, one fatally, with a rifle snatched from a guard.

CAMPAIGN CENTER MOVED TO CHICAGO

Demand for Convention Seats Amazing.

40,000 SEND IN APPLICATIONS

All Candidates Not Known Even to Mr. Reynolds.

TICKETS MADE FOR 6 DAYS

Roosevelt League Opens Headquarters; Republicans Have Little Trouble With Contests; Senator Harding in Dark Horse Role.

CHICAGO, Ill., May 15.—(Special.)—Arrival today of James B. Reynolds, secretary of the Republican National Committee, who opened headquarters in the Coliseum, brought the center of the G. O. P. campaign to Chicago. Secretary Reynolds found awaiting him a sackful of mail, and incidentally made a discovery.

"I found," said Mr. Reynolds, "that there are about a dozen candidates for the Republican nomination for President of whom I never heard before. Candidates, you know, are entitled to convention tickets. Two hundred are usually set aside for them. It was the requests of these men for tickets to the convention that surprised me. I recall the name of one, Adams of Virginia. Did any of you gentlemen ever know that he was a candidate?"

William Grant Webster Gets Ticket. William Grant Webster, of Chicago, is one of those for whom Mr. Reynolds will have to supply tickets. Mr. Webster, without an organization or a bar, has been a candidate for some time. Official figures of the Ohio primary furnished politicians in that state showed him running second to Theodore Burton, the Buckeye state's favorite son. The figures follow: Burton, 122,145; Webster, 14,217; Theodor Roosevelt, 122; Henry Ford, 1483; Charles E. Hughes, 469; Warren G. Harding, 211.

One of the first things Mr. Reynolds had to take up was the dual delegate question. Seats for only 391 delegates have been provided. Of these, two each from Hawaii, Porto Rico and the Philippines have no votes unless by permission of the convention. In two Virginia districts they wanted to send two delegates with half a vote each instead of one. This would require two more seats. Tennessee and Kentucky decided to send eight delegates at large instead of four, but picked no alternates, which would not require any extra seats.

Demand Is Unprecedented. The demand for tickets is unprecedented. Seats have been provided for 12,400 persons in the convention hall and, although the convention is three weeks away, 43,000 applications have been received for tickets of admission. (Continued on Page 3, Column 2.)

BILL FOR MILITIA DRAFT IS SIGNED

GOVERNOR WHITMAN MAKES 5 DEFENSE MEASURES LAW.

New York Enactments Provide for Compulsory Training in Schools and in Summer Camps.

ALBANY, N. Y., May 15.—Five preparedness measures became law today by receiving the signature of Governor Whitman. He signed them after a public hearing at which men and women representatives of peace organizations strongly opposed much of the legislation.

The measures signed today were: The Walsh-Slater bill authorizing the board of regents to inaugurate a course of compulsory physical training for all public and private school pupils more than 8 years old. The Walsh-Slater bill, a companion measure, providing for the compulsory military training of all male youths of the state between 16 and 19 years of age, except those regularly employed as a means of livelihood. The course is to be given after school hours and provision is made for summer volunteer camps.

The Stivers bill authorizing the Governor to order the enrollment of all male citizens between 18 and 45. From this list he may order a draft at any time, whether the country be at peace or war, to bring the National Guard or any detachment of it up to full strength. The Stivers bill authorizing a reorganization of the Naval Militia and amending the military law generally with a view to increasing the number and efficiency of the active defense forces.

DR. ANNA SHAW LOSES SUIT

Railroad Not Liable for Injury on Icy Platform.

NEW YORK, May 15.—Dr. Anna H. Shaw, president of the National Woman's Suffrage Union, lost her suit for \$25,000 damages against the Lehigh Valley Railroad, the Central Railroad of New Jersey and the Pullman Company today. A Supreme Court jury found that the defendants could not be held responsible for an icy station platform that caused Dr. Shaw to break her ankle while alighting from a train in Jersey City two years ago.

IRRIGATION FUNDS SOUGHT

Senator Chamberlain Asks for \$200,000 for Oregon Wells.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, May 15.—Senator Chamberlain today offered an amendment to the agricultural appropriation bill appropriating \$200,000 for experimental well boring in the semi-arid regions of Central Oregon. The object is to develop, if possible, new sources of water for irrigation.

PRESS CLUB HEARS WILSON

President Gives Confidential Talk to Washington Organization.

WASHINGTON, May 15.—President Wilson spoke intimately for half an hour tonight to the members of the National Press Club here. He remained at the club throughout the evening, staying for a supper after his address. The speech was confidential. (Continued on Page 3, Column 2.)

AMERICANS IN PARIS FIGURE IN TRAGEDY

G. W. Lopp Shoots Wife and Step-Daughter.

WOMAN RUN INTO STREET

"My Lady Nicotine" Prominent in War Zone, Victim.

INFIDELITY IS CHARGED

Girl's Wedding to Prominent San Francisco Motion Picture Man Set for Near Future; Injuries Said to Be Serious.

PARIS, May 15.—(Special.)—Miss Clara Lopp and her daughter, Miss Sophia Machain, 20 years old, were shot and seriously wounded by George Washington Lopp, husband and step-father, respectively, of the two women, and wealthy New Yorker, at the fashionable Lopp home in the Champs Elysees quarter Thursday midnight.

After shooting the younger woman down, Lopp turned the pistol on his wife and chased her screaming into the street, partially disabled, with blood streaming from bullet wounds in her head. Gendarmes captured the man before he could complete his murderous attempt. Victim Is "Lady Nicotine." The husband had previously charged infidelity, and there was a hint of a divorce.

The tragedy has caused a profound sensation in the American colony. Madame Clara Lopp is known all over the world as "Lady Nicotine," because of her activity in gathering huge quantities of tobacco and cigarettes in America for French soldiers.

Her daughter is Miss Sophia Machain, whose father, Miss Lopp's first husband, was a Paraguayan Ambassador. The three principals in the tragedy visited the United States a few months ago. Girl to Wed Despite Wounds. Miss Machain is to be married this week, in spite of her wounds, which are said to be serious, to James Stevin, papal knight, vice-president and manager of the Sacred and Historical Film Company and formerly prominent in New York and San Francisco. He was decorated by Pope Pius and is the only man ever permitted to put two popes into the movies and to film Vatican ceremonies.

Gendarmes escorted Lopp to a jail, but he was later released on his own recognizance. The women were rushed to the Beaujon Hospital, where wounds said to be serious were dressed. At their own request they were then taken to the Machain mansion in the American colony, the home of Sophia's grandfather. Slender Is Charged. According to Mr. Stevin, who has been on a special diplomatic mission to the Vatican concerning the Mexican situation and who came to Paris last Monday to present him with a diploma. (Continued on Page 3, Column 2.)

BUILDING CRASHES; 10 OR MORE KILLED

RESTAURANT DINERS CAUGHT UNDER FALLING WALLS.

Blast Nearly Topples Weakened Structure; Two Missing and 20 Others Hurt at Akron, O.

AKRON, O., May 15.—At least 10 persons were killed, two are missing and a score were injured early tonight, when the old Beacon Journal building, occupied by the Crystal restaurant, collapsed as a result of a blast of dynamite in an adjoining excavation.

Seven identified and three unidentified bodies have been recovered and two persons now missing are thought to be in the ruins. A tremendous roar, echoing the screams of dying people, brought thousands to the scene of the disaster, in the heart of Akron's business district. A great pile of ruins, broken timbers, twisted steel and tons of brick and mortar buried the victims, who a moment before were dining in the restaurant.

Eight bodies were taken out of the wreckage after firemen, police and volunteer rescuers had worked frantically, digging and chopping through the debris. Twenty more, some slightly injured, were extricated and sent to hospitals. Only two of those known to have been in the restaurant succeeded in escaping before the crash. George Zeris, with his brother, Augustus Zeris, owned the restaurant, escaped from the kitchen with a cook and two dishwashers, but all were injured by falling bricks.

Blasts of dynamite, set off in an excavation for a new building directly north of the restaurant, unsettled the foundation. The restaurant was a one-story structure, with a two-story false front, and the latter toppling backward, added a weight of many tons to the falling roof. The crash came at 6:10 P. M., in the midst of the dinner hour, when the restaurant was crowded and when thousands were on the streets during the evening rush.

At a late hour tonight the body of Dorothy Kenyon, 21, Western Union telegraph operator, was identified. Miss Kenyon had gone into the restaurant to spend 10 minutes at lunch. She arrived just in time to be crushed to death. The body of a young man, identified as Edward J. Smith, 21, was also recovered. He was a student at the University of Akron. (Continued on Page 3, Column 2.)

LONE GRAD GETS ALL HONOR

Board of Education to Travel 75 Miles to Give Single Diploma.

MARYSVILLE, Cal., May 15.—(Special.)—Charles Phelps will be the only graduate of the Wheatland High School Friday. Mrs. Margaret M. Naught, State Commissioner of Elementary Schools, will make the commencement address to him. He will be the guest of honor at the alumni dinner and party, the hero in the annual class play, and the Board of Education will travel more than 75 miles to present him with a diploma. Clerk's Error Is Costly. Failure to Advertise Properly Voids Bond Election. WOODLAND, Cal., May 15.—(Special.)—Because H. R. Saunders, clerk of Yolo County, failed to advertise the notice of election the number of times required by law the \$200,000 Court-house bonds which were carried last May 9 cannot be sold. Another election must be held.

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KNIGHTED IRISHMAN TRIED AS TRAITOR

Sir Roger Casement Is Striking Prisoner.

ACCUSATION IS HEARD CALMLY

Prosecutor First Relates Former Service to King.

REVOLT STORY FOLLOWS

Private Soldier Is Titled Prisoner's Companion in Dock While Recruiting of Rebels in Prison Camps Is Told.

LONDON, May 15.—The writing of a new chapter of the history of the Sinn Fein rebellion was begun today when Sir Roger Casement, knighted in 1911 for services to the British government, and Daniel Julian Bailey, an Irish soldier, one of his companions on the ill-fated submarine trip from Germany to Ireland were placed in the dock of the Bow-street police court for preliminary examination on the charge of high treason.

While considerable testimony introduced by the crown tended to incriminate Bailey, the main attack of the prosecution was directed against Casement in an endeavor to enmesh him in a net of evidence which would establish without question the leading part he claimed he played in the conspiracy, whose ramifications extended as far as America.

Eyes Center on Casement.

Casement himself was the object of all eyes during the day. It was evident that no ordinary prisoner was before the bar, for despite the unkept condition of his clothing, he made a striking figure, with neatly trimmed beard and hair brushed well back from a high forehead, underneath which were the deep-set eyes of the dreamer. Casement busied himself taking notes, indicating that he intended to have a hand in the presentation of his defense. He was always self-possessed and as the case wore on began to assume considerable assurance.

The testimony developed few thrills, the prosecution devoting its attention to showing how Casement carried on the alleged recruiting for his Irish brigade in German prison camps. Service to King Hinted. The most dramatic part of the whole proceeding was the address of the Attorney-General, Sir Frederick E. Smith, who outlined Sir Roger Casement's former services to his country, told of the honor bestowed on the prisoner by his King, and alluded implicitly to the details of the conspiracy hatched in Germany.

It was during his address that the Attorney-General introduced a letter written by Casement, thanking Sir Edward Grey, the British Secretary for Foreign Affairs, for the high honor conferred upon him in recognition of his Putnamay services. In his letter Casement said: "I am deeply grateful to you for this singular assurance of your personal interest. I am very deeply sensible of the honor done me by His Majesty and would beg that my humble duty may be presented to His Majesty when you can do me the honor of conveying to him my deep appreciation of the honor that he has been so generously pleased to confer upon me."

Rebel Flag Displayed.

The Attorney-General introduced another striking feature when he passed in his speech to produce in court the flag which it is asserted Casement and his companions brought from Germany to Ireland. This was the emblem of revolt—a green flag with a yellow castle upon it and under the castle the motto: "Urbe Antiqua Puit Studisque Asperima Belli."

Casement's attorneys made little attempt at cross-examination today, but several times questioned the witnesses as to why Casement failed to join the Irish brigade. The point of the questions seemed to be to show that the freedom of Ireland was the only thing involved and that the brigade was not to attempt to assist Germany.

Daniel O'Brien, another prisoner, said that after Casement left Limberg recruiting for the Irish brigade was carried on by an American priest named Nicholson. Casement Hooded by Captives. While most of the testimony of the day concerned Casement, an occasional question was put by the prosecution for the purpose of linking Bailey with the revolutionary movement. Witnesses answered that they saw him at Limberg in the uniform of the Irish brigade.

Casement was busy taking notes, Bailey sat in the dock like a stone man, scarcely ever changing his rigid position. Michael O'Connor testified, in reference to an address by Casement to Irish prisoners at Limberg that the prisoner said to men who hooded him, "You are followers of the Englishman Sergeant for the British army, Johnny Redmond."

Louisiana Has New Governor.

BATON ROUGE, La., May 15.—Ruffin G. Pleasant, Democrat, was inaugurated Governor of Louisiana today, succeeding Luther E. Hall, in his inaugural address he advocated abolition of the fee system in public offices.

