

11 SHIPYARD WORKERS INJURED IN EXPLOSION

Gas Ignited at Columbia River
Shipbuilding Plant.

LABORER MAKES MISTAKE

Gas Turned Into Hull of Vessel In-
stead of Air and Hot Rivets Cause
Gas to Catch Fire.

Explosion of gas in the double bot-
tom of a partially completed hull in the
yards of the Columbia River Shipbuilding
corporation, at the foot of Porter
street, yesterday resulted in the serious
burning of four workmen and the
scorching of seven others. Mistake
by a laborer, who flooded the bottom
with illuminating gas instead of com-
pressed air, was the cause of the ex-
plosion. Hot rivets ignited the gas.
The explosion occurred at 2:30 P. M.
in hull No. 22, which has been on the
ways about three weeks. One of the
first reports was that someone had set
off a charge of powder in the hull. A
workman later admitted that he turned
on the gas.

Gas Jet Used by Mistake.

The double bottom of the hull con-
sists of dozens of compartments about
three feet each way, and communicating
with each other by means of man-
holes in their sides. The workmen
had been reaming out steel plates so
that the heads of the rivets would set
down into the steel. When they had
finished, the foreman ordered another
man to take a hose leading from a
compressed air tank and turn it into
the double bottom to blow away small
particles of steel which otherwise
would prevent the bolts from setting
tight.

The man, whose name was withheld
by the authorities on account of his
confession and clearing up the mystery,
picked up a gas jet by mistake. The
gas, which is piped to the hulls for
use in forges, permeated throughout
the compartments of the double bottom
before anyone noticed the mistake.

Eight of Crew Burned.

When the workmen turned off the
hose a crew of men hastily descended
into the hold. Men on the top threw
in red-hot rivets, which were to be
used in bolting up the plates.
"Whoof!" the gas exploded, not loudly
but with a sort of sighing growl.
Flames shot through the double bot-
tom, turning it into a miniature inferno.
The whole crew of eight were burned
more or less seriously. The others in-
jured were standing around the man-
hole leading from the upper floor of the
hull. Their burns were the result of
fire which shot up through the manhole.
With the assistance of uninjured men
who rushed to their aid, the men
climbed out of the manhole. The res-
cuers half led, half carried them to
the emergency hospital in the yards,
where nurses and physicians gave them
first aid.

Men Sent to Hospital.

All the burns were on the men's faces
and hands and arms. The plant offi-
cials sent four of them, James For-
sith, 270 East Seventeenth street; F.
D. Green, 144 Alberta street; Frank
Farmer, 7249 Highway street; and
Southeast, and Solomon Parker, 136
First street, to Sellwood hospital. Mr.
Forsith has the most dangerous in-
juries. He may die, but his condition
showed a slight improvement last
night. The others are in a serious con-
dition, but they probably will recover.
The other men had only slight burns.
Most of them finished out their shift
in the yards after their burns had been
tied up. They were: Raymond Hayes,
626 East Burrage street; Walter M.
Bayless of the Harrison hotel; A. Jen-
sen, 528 East Twentieth street; L. O.
Ashley, 1215 East Eleventh street; J.
Rebeck, W. Bailey and A. E. Brown.

Ambulance in Collision.

An ambulance on the way to the
shipyard upset at Fourth and Stark
streets. No one was injured. The am-
bulance driver, F. Halmer, reported to
the police that two automobiles were
coming on Stark street as he ap-
proached the intersection. One of them,
bearing a license number issued to
the Mountain Stage Power company and
driven by an elderly woman, slowed
down and then, according to the
driver, started up again in an effort
to be struck by the speeding ambulance.
The ambulance lost its right front
wheel. It overturned in the street and
a crowd gathered in a moment.

SIGMA NU MEETS TODAY

FRATERNITY TO WELCOME DIS-
CHARGED SERVICE MEN.

Active and Alumni Members to
Attend District Convention
in Portland.

Members of the national college frater-
nity, Sigma Nu, from the chapters at
the University of Washington, Univer-
sity of Oregon and Oregon Agricultural
college will gather in Portland today
for a district convention to be held in
the Tyrol room of the Benson hotel.
About 100 members, active and alumni,
are expected. The convention will
open at 10 o'clock. The afternoon ses-
sion will commence at 2 o'clock and
the banquet will conclude the meetings.
The district conventions that are be-
ing held throughout the United States,
similar to the one in session in Port-
land today, are to welcome the members
who are returned from overseas and
from the camps of this country and to
discuss plans in keeping with the transi-
tional stage that is being passed through.

Among the members of the fraternity
who lost their lives during the war was
Cy Noble, former captain of the Univer-
sity of Washington football team,
who was killed in the Argonne while
serving as first lieutenant of infantry.
The Sigma Nu fraternity was the
first to establish chapters at the Univer-
sity of Washington and at the Univer-
sity of Oregon and one of the first
at the Oregon Agricultural college.
Many prominent young business and
professional men of the northwest are
members and are to be in attendance
today.

Reservists May Be Discharged.

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE,
Corvallis, March 28.—(Special.)—Naval
reservists who are students in colleges
may be discharged from the naval re-
serve, provided they agree to enroll
immediately in the reserve officers'
training corps, says a war department
notification to the college. It is believed
all naval reservists at this college will
apply for discharge.

NEW TODAY

—The Show You Have Been Waiting For—

PLAYING NOW

DUSTIN FARNUM

DUSTIN FARNUM is
unsurpassed for his
convincing portrayals
of big manly characters
of the Great Outdoors

BIG STAR
STORY
AUTHOR

"A Man in the Open"

From the Famous Novel by
ROGER POCKOCK

He falls in love with her—marries her—loses her—fights for
her—loses her again—and then?

BIG FROM EVERY ANGLE

It Literally Rivets the Eye on the Screen

OTHER
FEATURES

STARTS
TODAY

REGULAR
PRICES

PEOPLES

REGULAR PRICES

—The Outdoor--Production--Tremendous—

COME EARLY

GRIDIRON OUTLOOK BRIGHT

SHY HUNTINGTON IS ELATED
WITH OREGON PROSPECTS.

1919 Baseball in Doubt, but Coach
Feels Certain University Foot-
ball Will Lead.

"Prospects for baseball are not so
bright, but football's good roads will
see old Oregon well fixed." This from
Shy Huntington, football and baseball
coach at the University of Oregon, who
is a Portland visitor. Coach Hunting-
ton will depart for Eugene this after-
noon.

Huntington has Pitcher Francis
Jacobberger and believes that Dwight
Wilson, last year's star, may return.
Jacobberger chucked for the fresh last
season. Lind, the big basketball star,
will play first base, while Little Durno,
the Silverton high school boy who
starred at forward with the hoopers,
will catch.

Second Lieutenant Hollis Hunting-
ton, United States marines, brother to
the coach and famous fullback of the
varsity, is expected back in time to
don football togs next fall, as is Mon-
teli, Bartlett, Baz Williams, Spike
Leslie, Bob Malarkey, Billy Rinehart
and Bill Steers.

"We'll have all of last season's play-
ers and with the old men who will
return from the service we'll put out a
team that will surely cop the bacon,"
said Coach Huntington.

ROAD PLANS ARE OUTLINED

Marion County to Build 130 Miles
of Market Highways.

SALEM, Or., March 28.—(Special.)—
At a meeting here today of good roads
enthusiasts from all parts of the coun-
ty, Marion county's good roads pro-
gram for the next six years was
mapped out and tentative plans made
for starting work on some of the most
important projects during the present
year.

The plans as outlined by the commit-
tee call for 130 miles of market roads
in this county. When constructed these
highways will tap every portion of the
county and will solve the transporta-
tion problem for hundreds of farmers
in the Willamette valley.

Mr. T. B. Kay, former state treas-
urer, presided as chairman of the meet-
ing.

Obituary.

CANYON CITY, Or., March 28.—(Spe-
cial.)—Mrs. Annie Barnard, wife of Ben
P. Barnard of this city, passed away at
Baker Friday following an operation.
Rev. Henry Young, pastor of the Meth-
odist church, conducted funeral ser-
vices in this city Sunday afternoon.
Mrs. Barnard has been a resident of
Grant County for many years. Her hus-
band, three sons, Earl, Ira and Fred
Barnard; Mrs. George D. Brierley, a
daughter, and one brother, Ed Hanna,
her aged father, Dixon Hanna, are the
immediate relatives surviving. She was
60 years of age and a member of the
local chapter of Eastern Star, which
conducted the services at the grave.

REFUGEE AGITATOR ARRESTED.—
Albert Tisdale, a carpenter, 49, was ar-
rested yesterday by Patrolmen Calavan
and Henson and held for the federal
authorities as an I. W. W. Police say
the prisoner is reputed to be an or-
ganizer and agitator for the radicals.

VANCOUVER, Wash., March 28.—
(Special.)—Charles Kenneth Stager, 13,

a student of the Franklin public
schools, died at the home of his par-
ents, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Stager, last
night. Two brothers, Albert and Ray
Stager, and two sisters, Myrtle and
Lorena Stager, survive.

VANCOUVER, Wash., March 28.—
(Special.)—William Thom, 73, died at
his home here today. He was a native
of Germany and came to the United
States when a young man. He fought
in the Civil war and was a member of
Ellsworth Post, No. 2, Grand Army of
the Republic, of this city.

His widow, Mrs. Sophia Thom, and
five daughters, Mrs. Lizzie Klemm, Mrs.
Edith Boardman, Mrs. Esther Steele, of
Vancouver, Mrs. Bertha Stassat, of Ta-
coma, and Mrs. Martha Allen, of Min-
nesota, and two sons, Charles Thom, of
Aurora, Ill., and Herman Thom, of Min-
nesota, survive.

OREGON CITY, Or., March 28.—(Spe-
cial.)—Mary Jane Sildow, only child
of Mr. and Mrs. William Sildow of
Gladstone, died Thursday of spinal
meningitis. She was 16 months of
age.

WORK HELD GERMAN'S HOPE

NATION NOT BANKRUPT, SAYS
FINANCE MINISTER.

Delay in Making Peace Declared to
Increase Danger of Bolshe-
vism in Country.

BERLIN, March 27.—(By the Asso-
ciated Press.)—Germany is not bank-
rupt, because she has the possibility
of work, Dr. Schiffer, German minister
of finance, told the correspondent to-
day, in discussing the financial situa-
tion.

"But," he continued, "she will become
bankrupt whenever the possibility of
work is taken away."
The financial outlook simply dis-
appears in case of an unfavorable peace
that does not give us an opportunity
to recover our equilibrium."

Dr. Schiffer repeated the German
plaint that delay in making peace in-
creases the danger of bolshevism, but
expressed optimism for the future if
Germany is able to obtain food and
raw materials. The minister said that
special inducements in the form of
lighter taxation or immunity from cer-
tain taxes would be extended to foreign
capital.

"In any event," he said, "no Ameri-
can or other foreigner, not a resident
of Germany, will be subject to property
taxes." The finance minister pointed
out that American investment was
especially favorable under the present
rate of exchange.
Dr. Schiffer insisted upon the neces-
sity of paying old obligations, owing
to the urgent need of credit with
which to rehabilitate the country. He
declared that every known means of
raising money would be resorted to,
especially through direct and indirect
taxes.

DRAFT BOARD ENDS WORK

Clackamas County Records Shipped
to Washington, D. C.

OREGON CITY, March 28.—(Special.)
—Questionnaires, classification cards
and all other records of the local draft
board were shipped to Washington, D.
C. Thursday and the business of the
office is completed.

Chief Clerk Iva Harrington received
orders some time ago to wind up the

work of the office and all records were
classified for shipment.
During the existence of the local of-
fice there were 7102 men handled
through the office from Clackamas
county and over 200 were transferred
from outside to this office.

"DRY" AMENDMENT PASSED

Measure Approved by California
Lower House, 47 to 28.

SACRAMENTO, March 28.—The
lower house of the California legisla-
ture today passed to make effective
by state agencies the national prohibi-
tion amendment by a vote of 47 to 28.
The bill defines intoxicating beverages
as those containing more than one-half
of 1 per cent of alcohol.

The senate passed the measure last
week, but it must be returned for con-
currence in amendments inserted in
the lower house.

STATE MAY BUY RAILWAY

Colorado House Passes Bill Refer-
ring Question to People.

DENVER, Colo., March 28.—The Colo-
rado house of representatives today
passed the bill providing for submis-
sion to a popular vote of the ques-
tion of the state purchase of the Denver
& Salt Lake railroad (Moffat road)
and the completion of the Moffat tun-
nel through James Peak, which would
give the line a low grade and elimi-
nate trouble from frequent winter snow
blockades.

Supporters of the bill assert that its
passage by the senate is assured.

Sculptor Weeps While Testifying.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 28.—Robert
Paine, sculptor, and designer of statu-
ary of the Panama-Pacific exposition,



If too thin, your dress-
maker or tailor can sup-
ply the deficiency, but
the overfat carry a burden
they can not conceal.

There is but one alternative—
reduce! To do so it is no longer
necessary to go in for starvation,
dieting and exhaustive exercising.
There is now a safe, sure, easy,
pleasant way. Just take one little
harmless Marmola Prescription
Tablet after each meal and at
bed time and you'll literally see
your fat vanish. Each tablet con-
tains an exact dose of the same
harmless ingredients that made
the original Marmola prescription
capable of reducing the overfat
body at the rate of two, three, or
four pounds a week without the
slightest ill effects. Ask your
druggist for Marmola Prescription
Tablets, or send to the Marmola
Co., 25 Garfield Building, Detroit
Mich., and you will receive free
a full case—enough to start
you well on your way to happi-
ness. Try it.

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wept in the witness chair at his pre-
liminary hearing here today on a
charge of uttering seditious statements.

He said he was a great-grandson of
General Edward Palmer of the American
revolution and declared that he was

"only echoing the views of Senator
Johnson when arrested." The hearing
was continued.



BEGINS TODAY

A story of the honor
of a Japanese royal
family—of a Russian
adventress—and of
the hara-kiri.

Hayakawa's marvelous
acting in a double in
this picture is the sen-
sation of the season.

Programme of Concert
Tomorrow at 12:30
On Our Super-Wurlitzer
March, "Over the Top"
.....O'Hara
"Gloria's Dream," Waltz
.....Gottschalk
Selection, "Madame
Butterfly,".....Puccini
Popular Medley, introduc-
ing "After All."
Ernest H. Hunt
Organist.

MAJESTIC PRESENTS SESSUE HAYAKAWA

"IN
BONDS
OF
HONOR"

