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## IN FACTORY BLAST

Even Hundred Hurt When **Explosion Wrecks Plant.** 

### FLAMES ADD TO CATASTROPHE

Douglas Starch Works, Cedar Rapids, Is Obliterated.

#### PROPERTY LOSS \$3,000,000 this element.

Of 100 Men and Boys on Night Shift, Only 14 Escape as Walls

CEDAR RAPIDS, Ia., May 22 .- A score of persons were killed and 100 injured by an explosion at the Douglas the night shift only 14 escaped injury or death.

sultant fire, which was confined to the Douglas property. The loss is \$3,000,-

The cause of the explosion is unknown. Fifteen bodies were removed from the building within half an hour. the time of the explosion. Scores were buried beneath the wreckage and are

being removed to hospitals. works were injured by flying wreckage and broken glass. Windows in the business district were blown in and many people in the buildings were cut

by flying glass. The shock was felt all over Cedar Rapids and for miles around. Fire followed the blast and consumed the shattered plant, though the entire de-

#### partment was called out. Firemen Rescue Victims.

Firemen extricated dead and wounded from the debris hastily to avoid incineration. The injured were rushed hospitals and homes as rapidly as volunteers with automobiles could be mustered.

So severe was the explosion that persons a mile away were thrown from chairs. The cause of the accident is thought to have been due to either a defective boiler or spontaneous com

were in or near the factory buildings Mr. Pregge has 23 ewes, and his lambs when the blast covered the ground for for the season number 30. blocks with wreckage. Some were bur-Flames Block Rescue.

With the fire raging, cries were heard coming from the dryingroom of the plant, but firemen were unable to cut their way in, and it was believed that the death toll would grow. Several discharged overseas soldiers aided in the rescue work.

Additional explosions from the oilrooms scattered the burning wreckage, an dfiremen were hard pressed to prevent the spreading of the flames to nearby industries.

Men covered with starch were taken fro mthe rulns by their comrades, and Marriage Takes Place After Acmany thrilling rescues were made: Some of the victims were stark mad and did not know what had happened. Blast Brenks Mains.

firemen harder because of the lack of

An engineer who was blown out of had exploded. General Manager Lend- fixtures. ers would advance no theory as as to

the cause. were thrown from their chairs. The her statement. front of the city hall and the Y. M. A. building were shattered. Ticket sellers in moving-picture theaters were in-

jured by falling glass. Red Cross Gives Aid. The Red Cross established first-aid

stations near the wrecked plant for the injured as they were brought from it. I. D. Boorman of Chicago was blown through the window of a hotel and suffered cuts and bruises.

Frank Sodoman was taken out of the plant alive. His legs were blown off. He begged th ecrowd to kill him. C. C. Craft, member of the fire department, was seriously injured.

#### SCHOOL DIRECTOR TARGET Bend Citizens Start Move to Recall

Carl A. Johnson.

BEND, Or., May 22 .- (Special.) - As the result of the failure of the Bend echool board to re-elect a number of the present teachers for next year, petition was circulated here today seeking the recall of Carl A. Johnson, school director and prominent Bend lumberman. A. B. Hicks is mentioned as recall candidate.

Allegations of incompetency, inefficiency, allowing outside influences to E. J. ("Lucky") Baldwin, was a central dominate his actions as a member of figure, were related today in the board, and unwillingness to re- superior court here by Mrs. Clara Baldspond to the wishes of school patrons, win Stocker, first witness in the trial are the chief charges set forth in the of the suit of her son, Albert E.

today branded the entire list of charges \$10,000,000 estate. as false and declared that he would make a vigorous fight against the re- properties be placed in the hands of a

## ALIEN RADICALS KEY TO WINNIPEG STRIKE

FOREIGN FIREBRANDS GO, OR GENERAL CLEAN-UP BEGINS.

Dominion Authorities Will Take Hand in Situation, Is Ultimatum Sent Leaders.

WINNIPEG, Man., May 22 .- The ques ion of permanent industrial peace in Winnipeg, evolving from the present general strike of local labor unions, ested tonight on the future status of

radical enemy aliens.

Leading citizens of Winnipeg, in duding Mayor Charles F. Gray and members of the common council, today joined with provincial and federal authorities in informing union labor workers that either the alien extremists in the union ranks must be ousted or every force of law and order will be concentrated to rid the dominion of

Tomorrow morning, in the council chamber of the city hall, representatives of every phase of dominion, pro vincial and municipal activity affected by the general strike will discuss the The chief purpose of the meeting, Mayor Gray said, is to clear the air of the menace of radical propaganda and possible misunderstandings which with Winnipeg as their strategic breeding grounds were threatening to involve the whole dominion.

Morning and evening editions were issued by the Winnipeg Free Press, the starch works tonight. Of the 100 men first newspaper in the city to publish and boys who had just gone to work in since the general strike got under way Various officials who today participated in the movement to restore industrial tranquility, said they were hopeful that the meeting tomorrow would result in suspension of the gen-

eral strike. Since yesterday, when aggressive opposition to the isolation programme of the strike leaders was begun, constant improvement has been reported in various branches of commercial and public service. Nearly all the stores in the business district were open to Persons on the streets and about the phone service was partly restored by volunteer operators, restaurants and other places of business displayed placards announcing they would open tomorrow, and leading employers reported clerks who had been on strike had applied for reinstatement.

Word has been received here that 30,000 workers at Calgary, Alta., are voting on a general sympathy strike but should the Winnipeg trouble be adjusted, no strike order would be issued even should the vote favor it.

#### COW IS NURSE TO LAMBS Oak Grove Orchardist Utilizes Bossy

to Save Sheep Crop. HOOD RIVER, Or., May 22 .- (Special.)-Herman Pregge and W. R. Hoover. Oak Grove orchardists, find sheep-Many of the hundreds of employes mer, with ten ewes, has 16 fine lambs

"I am going to save all of my ewe led in the shattered buildings, while lambs, about half of my increase of the others were hit by flying remnants. season," says Mr. Pregge, "and increase my herd. Last year I sold my dressed of equity, be agreed to in favor of prislambs for an average of \$18 each.

One of the mothers of twin lambs in Mr. Progge's flock was unable to nurse them. The owner, however, had a fresh cow at the time, and he taught the little sheep to take nourishment from the low. The lambs are now regular boarders at the cow lot, and the fostermother seems as fond of them as

### GIRL, 15, TAKES HUSBAND

quaintance of Four Days.

TACOMA, Wash., May 22 .- (Special.) Robert E. McLin, age 31, and Vada Water mains were cut by the force of Poole, age 15, were married yesterday the explosion, making the work of the in Seattle, after evading the girl's parents in Tacoma. The couple have known each other but four days. They became acquainted when McLin came the building said he believed his boiler to the girl's home to repair electrical

When the girl left home she wrote a note to her mother. "I am going on Every window in the central part of my honeymeon trip," she said, and the city was broken. Chimneys caved signed it "Mrs. R. E. McLin." She gave in on families at the supper table and her age as 19 at the marriage license guests in the dining-rooms of hotels bureau and her appearance bore out

### FIRE LOSSES ON INCREASE

Underwriters Report Largent Payments Since San Francisco Fire. NEW YORK, May 22.-Fire losses aggregating \$290,000,000, the greatest in any year except 1906, when the San Francisco earthquake and conflagra-

to the national board of fire underwriters here today. The year also showed progress in bringing to bar persons responsible for incendiary fires, according to a committee report which announced 441 convictions had been obtained in 42 states. Of these cases, it was stated, 172 were attempts to defraud the insurer, while 156 were attributed to pyromania or other forms of insanity.

ion occurred, were reported for 1918

## RACING DAYS RECALLED

"Lucky" Baldwin's Girl Defends Her Competency in Court.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., May 22 .- Details of horseracing days in southern California, in which her father, the late Snyder of San Francisco, to have her Mr. Johnson in a statement issued declared incompetent to care for her

Mr. Snyder asks that his mother's trust company,

## FIRST, SAY ALLIES

Commissions, Until That Is Given, Impossible.

## RANTZAU PLEA TURNED DOWN

Prisoners of War to Get No th Special Consideration.

POWERS AIM AT JUSTIC &

Be Treated Fairly and All Property Rights Respected.

PARIS, May 22 .- The following cor espondence between the allied peace delegates and the German peace delegates is made public today:

"Prisoners of war. Letters from Count von Brockdorff-Rantzau to M. Clemenceau: May 10, 1919 .- Sir: 'The German dele- and kindred matters. gation has noted with satisfaction that

the draft treaty handed to it recog- members of the allied and enemy delenizes the principle that the repatriation of German prisoners of war and fected with the greatest possible German belief that the treaty was de-Special Commission Urged.

"It is in accordance with the opinion of the German peace delegation that execution of that repatriation should be entrusted to a special commission. Direct conversations between the commissioners of nearly all of the belligerent states in regard to prisoners have been shown to be the best means of solving the difficulties, and it ought to be all the easier at the present mocommission any divergencies of

"The German peace delegation, bearis indispensable for prisoners of war and interned civilians who have been disarranged detained for offenses other than those There was in Germany.

"Certain Alleviations" Sought. "In the view of the German peace oners of war and interned civilians for final departure.

## BAN ON ALL TALK WITH **GERMANS TO BE LIFTED**

GATES ARE NOT TO BE THROWN

Reasonable Discussion of Matters Really Essential Will Be Permitted Through Experts.

BY HERBERT BAYARD SWOPE. PARIS, May 22 .- (Special Cable.) -Oral interchanges are to be permitted t a g to make this statement upon if the authority. It must not be mean that the gaze. etween the Germans and the allies. wide open for the formal debate ry possible point by full delegabut there will be reasonable dison of matters really essential.

ae plan which has been definitely O proved by President Wilson and has en tacitly accepted by his associates series of meetings, ostensibly of experts of the various commissions, who will exchange ideas on certain phases Assurance Given That Teutons Will of the treaty. From this beginning there will be an expansion of subjects. until all the essential matters in dispute will be reviewed.

This may not seem to be much of a variation from the announced programme, but it really constitutes a there have been no meetings to discuss the actual treaty, the conferences that have been held having related to matment for food, relaxation of the block-"German Peace Delegation, Versailles, ade, financial measures, the armistice,

gations, at what will be termed meetings of experts, at which efforts will German interned civilians is to be ef- be made to change the real or fancied signed for the economic or political destruction of Germany.

In the beginning the meetings will be the task of settling the details of the the American, French and British experts. As the subjects develop and are extended, a plenipotentiary or so will be presented in person or by capable deputies.

I am informed that the first sugges tion for meetings came from the French, who do not relish the thought ment to clear up by early discussion treaty. The Americans thought well of it, and they put it up to the president. view or doubts in regard to certain who favored it as being a natural means of aiding the speeding-up process in bringing peace back to the ng in mind the difference of jurisdic- world. He has all along favored any tion in the various countries concerned, plan from which benefits might be is of the opinion, for instance, that it expected, even though the no oral discussion programme might thereby be

There was agreement on the plan for conditionally. Germany recognized this up the appearance of a distated peace. war and interned civilians of the is etremely unlikxely there will be any allied and associated powers detained changes of moment in the text of the situation and all doubts will be re. citizens. delegation certain alleviations should moved which otherwise the Germans as a matter of course and for reasons might utilize as an excuse for a course that might better be avoided.

the period which will elapse until their been granted for tresh notes will en- which would give him the best working "The German peace delegation has, due to final form their requirements in ership of merchant marine. He said however, been compelled to note that raw supplies and their suggestions as the federation had not directly inthe arrangements contemplated are fa- to the means of paying for them, a dorsed government ownership of ocean

## PLANS DISCUSSED

Operation of Ships to Be Many Persons Flee From City: Decided Upon.

## HURLEY OUTLINES 3 NEEDS

Maintenance of U. S. Ocean fled from Mannheim Mail Service One Essential.

WIRELESS CONTROL URGED

Government Versus Private Ownership Principal Topic at Conference in Washington.

WASHINGTON, May 22 .- Operation of the government-built merchant marine in peace was discussed from many angles today by representatives of ters that arose before the treaty was national labor, agricultural and insubmitted, such as the German pay- dustrial organizations called into conference by the shipping board.

"We have different points of view, Chairman Hurley told the gathering "The shipper wants reasonable freight The carrier wants reasonable rates. These two objectives are earnings. not inconsistent. Efficient operation can achieve them both.

"Arrangements must be made whereby each section of the country will have every opportunity to establish through steamship lines in connection attended only by persons assigned from with its railroads so that every community may receive first-class serv-

> Three great national needs of the erchant fleet were outlined by Mr.

Hurley as follows: Maintenance of an ocean mail service capable of covering the world. He said this would necessitute changing the law to permit compensating ocean carriers on a business basis, "bringing It down from the realm of impracticability and making it apply to the sea-going units which we actual-

trolled wireless telegraph service for promoting safety of life and property would be under control of the navy. Adequate provision for training terms. By the new plan, however, there officers so that American ships always will be clearer understanding of the would go to sea in charge of American about \$220,000. They are now in Chi-

Labor Yet Undeclded

James O'Connell, representing the American Federation of Labor, declared The extension of time which has the laboring man wanted to know able the Germans to tabulate and re- conditions, government or private ownvorable only to the allied and associ-(Concluded on Page 3, Column 3.) subject of importance to America and transportation lines, but that "some (Concluded on Page 3, Column 2.)

## MANNHEIM IN PANIC; INVASION IS FEARED

BELIEF GERMANY WILL NOT

Large Crowds Stage Protests and Berlin Expresses Regret.

MANNHEIM, May 22 .- (By the Asso clated Press.)-Alarmed by the belief that Germany will not sign the peace treaty and that the allies will occupy Mannheim, citizens became panic stricken today and stormed the munic ipal savings bank. Many persons have

Large crowds later held protest meetings and other demonstrations which added to the general confusion

An official expression of regret has peen issued in Berlin that the people PEACE CONGRESS YET GOAL of Mannheim "appear to have lost their

BERLIN, May 21. - (By the Assolated Press.) - The majority socialists held a demonstration of protest against the peace terms in the Wilhelmsplat today. The crowd, in contrast with earlies meetings, received the speeche of leaders in frigid silence.

Chancellor Scheidemann said he hoped in the interest of humanity to attain peace by understanding on the basis of the German counter proposals. While the German delegates at Versuilles were working for this understanding, he added, it was the task of the govern ment to raise its voice on behalf of the conciliation, not the alienation, of peoples. A peace of conciliation only was possible if Germany is included as an equal in the league of nations.

The league, he declared, was a neces sity, but the government was against the spirit of its present form which made the Germans the slaves of other nations. He concluded by calling for cheers for the league.

Herr Mueller, for the independent ocialists, said the socialists of all countries must regard peace as impossible inder the present treaty.

Frau Juchaez said that if the allied peace terms were carried out they would perpetuate a war of hunger. The independent socialists also held a demonstration,

#### OREGON GETS 88 TRUCKS Army Vehicles Alloted to State for

Road Construction. SALEM Or., May 22 - (Special.)-Notice was received by the state high-States department of agriculture that at sea and for giving American ship- 88 army trucks, used during the war, against discipline to be repatriated un- no oral discussions, in order to keep ping and shipping interests the ad- will be allotted to Oregon for use in vantage of constant commercial infor- road work, the only stipulation being same principle as regarding prisoners. The peace will still be dictated, for it mation. Mr. Hurley said this service that they be used in building stateaided roads, including forest and post-

The trucks have a total value of cago awaiting delivery to Oregon.

### FOREST FIRES ARE BURNING

Danger-Rain Expected.

ELY Min .... May 22 .- Forest fires are burning in remote sections, some 30 miles from here, mostly to the south, yet having met him, we were advised but immediate danger to settlers is not by Colonel House to repeat our original feared. The forest ranger forces are request in writing to Secretary Lansing, continually fighting the fires and seem | which we did on the 17th inst. At this to have the situation fairly well in moment we have been informed by the hand. The fires in the section 30 miles private secretary to Secretary Lansing distant have been exhausted. Rain was expected soon to extinguish

## The Weather.

YESTERDAY'S-Maximum tem degrees; minimum, 50 degree TODAY S-Probably rain; gentle westerly Foreign.

Foreign radical element holds key to Win-nipeg strike situation. Page 1. nnheim in panic, invasion by allies feared. Mannh es put bolshevikl to flight in northern Russia. Page 3.

treaty. Page 2 National. Regulations urged in wire operation. Page 1. Merchant marine plans discussed at con-ference called by shipping board. Page 1 Big, urgent appropriation bill speedily put through house. Page 6. Senator McNary secures important chair-manship. Page 6.

Domestic. Republicans discuss plans for presidential campaign. Page 3.
Baptista denounce low salaries paid; president criticised about Catholics. Page 4.
Score dead, 100 injured, in explosion at Cedar Rapids factory. Page 1.

Pacific Northwest.

Brigade post rumors are heard again at Vancouver barracks. Page 11. piscopalians favor addition to Good Samarian the daughter of a 20-year-old girl of Jefferson, Or., has been made by Sher-Page 10. Jersey breeders visit Polk county stock farms. Page 6. Commercial and Marine.

Lamb increase in northwest is above aver age. Page 27. Corn strong at Chicago on reports of back-wardness of crop. Page 27. Bond market is active and stronger. Page 27. Dock commission to build big oil tanks. Page 19. Engineer reports grain annex safe for fin-ishing work. Page 19,

Sports.

Pacific Coast results—At San Francisco.
Portland 9, San Francisco 9; at Salt
Lake, Salt Lake 11, Oakland 8; at Sacramento, Sacramento 4, Vernon 2; at Los
Angeles, Los Angeles 5, Seatile 2,
Page 16. School teams eager for annual classic Page 17. Entries in grammar school meet exceed 1500. Page 17.

Pertlage's record for pure milk high. Page 11.

## IRISH CONVOYS' AID

Report From London Says No Request to Be Made.

### SAFE CONDUCT NOW DOUBTFUL

Behavior of Delegates White in Erin Given as Cause.

Letter from Walsh, Dunne and Ryan Sent to Wilson Takes Issue With Word of Colonel House,

BY JAMES M. TUOHY Staff Correspondent of The World (Copyright by the New York World Pub-PARIS. May 22 .- (Special here is now no further doubt that the onduct for the Sino Fein leaders to the peace conference, owing to the

manner in which the Irlah-American delegates zered in training. Colonel House takes fasue with the count given by the Irish-American delegates of their dealings with him. He says the president turned them over o him; that he never had any interview with the president respecting their mission, but he simply took their word that the president had asked

them to see him Did Not Ask, Says House. The only request he made to the British delegation through the liaison officer, Sir William Wiseman, he says, was for an amendment of their passorts to enable them to go to Ireland. He says he never asked Premier Lloyd George to see them, but the premier xpressed a wish to do so

The text of the letter sent to President Wilson yesterday by the Irish-American delegation follows: "Dear Mr. President-Following the nterview courteously accorded by you to the chairman of our delegation on the 17th uit, Colonel House made the ollowing request of Lloyd George: That rafe conduct be given by the government of Great Britain from Dublin to Paris and return for Edmond de Valera, Arthur Griffith and Count Plunkett, the

representatives selected by the people of Ireland, to present its case to the

"Upon the day following Colonel House conveyed the information that Lloyd George was willing to comply with such request, but desired an interview with the American delegates before doing so, and it was the desire Minnesota Settlers in No Immediate of Lloyd George that arrangements for meeting him be made through Philip Kerr, his private secretary.

"After two tentative dates had been set by Kerr for meeting him and not that our request has been referred to

Appent to Wilson Made. "May we not therefore respectfully INDEX OF TODAY'S NEWS ask of you that the undersigned, out ity to present to you in person, in as brief manner as is consistent with the importance of the case, suggestions which Messrs. De Valera, Griffith and Plunkett have asked us to convey to you, together with certain facts of grave importance now in our posses-

"May we also take the liberty of sug-Kussia. Page 3.

Commissions impossible until Huns sign, say allies. Page 1.

President declines to ask for safe conduct for Irish delegates. Page 1.

Oral interchange between Hun sand allies to be presented. Page 1.

Northwestern men in 98st division died while fighting bravely. Page 5.

President's work at peace conference of high value. Page 2.

Germans continue obdurate regarding peace gesting, in view of existing conditions Germans continue obdurate regarding peace ples of democracy? "We would greatly appreciate a re-

> sponce at your convenience, and with assurance of our continued high regard, sincerely, "FRANK P. WALSH.

"EDWARD F. DUNNE. "MICHAEL P. RYAN."

#### FORSAKEN TOT IDENTIFIED Mother and Grandmother Said to Have Confessed.

SALEM, Or., May 22 .- (Special.)-Identification of the 2-year-old baby girl found on the porch of the B. C.

The girl. June Armstrong, and her mother, Mrs. J. W. Armstrong, have both confessed they abandoned the child. They said they did so in the hope that the baby would find a good

The baby is in the custody of the juvenile court, while the girl and her mother are held under bonds for circult court action.

#### EXCHANGE SEATS \$85,000 Highest Price Paid Since 1910 When \$94,000 Recorded.

NEW YORK, May 22.-Two New York stock exchange seats were sold for \$85,000 each, the highest price since Weather report, data and forecast. Page 27, 1910, when a seat brought \$94,000.



