

RESIDENCE OF OSCAR LAWLER IS BOMBED

Former U. S. Attorney Probably Fatally Burned.

WIFE SERIOUSLY INJURED

Attempt on Life of Los Angeles Man Attributed to Part Played in Prosecution of Dynamiters.

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explosion and the subsequent roaring fire. Mr. Hellman, assisted by two men who came running up, carried Mr. and Mrs. Lawler to the home of W. H. Kiger, adjoining the Lawler place. Thence they were removed to the emergency hospital in a city ambulance and after treatment both were taken to the Sisters' hospital.

On the way to the hospital Mrs. Lawler, although burned herself almost beyond endurance, noticed that her husband was shivering on his stretcher. "Please cover him up," she begged. "He is cold."

Mr. Hellman removed his overcoat and placed it gently over Mr. Lawler and his wife smiled her thanks.

Each Thinks of Other. Mr. Lawler's thoughts, on the other hand, were for his wife and children. He first inquired whether Mrs. Lawler had been saved alive and on being told that she had, cried: "Oh, thank God! I can die now."

At the hospital he asked about his little son, and when told that he was safe, he moved his burned lips under his bandages to say to Mr. Lacey, his neighbor and near friend: "Was Patsy saved? If you say he was I'll believe you."

The Lawlers have three children. Two of them, Charles, aged 17, and Lady Jane, aged 15, were visiting friends at Pebble beach.

A thorough investigation by city, county, state and federal authorities led to the belief that the bomb was placed between two 5-gallon cans filled with gasoline, naphtha or some other highly inflammable light liquid.

Fragments of Bomb Found. Experts working on the case found fragments of the bomb sufficient to reconstruct it. They said it had been made of a piece of iron pipe about 19 inches high and 6 inches in diameter. Two discs of metal had been placed at ends, apparently held in place by two bolts passing through both ends and the pipe itself. They also found the two 5-gallon cans that had contained the inflammable liquid. Both cans were wrecked and torn by the force of the explosion and showed signs of the flames.

The bomb and the cans had been placed on a steel doormat which lay on a concrete walk, almost directly below where the Lawlers lay sleeping. One of the discs which the explosion had blown away had an end of the bomb, was hurled through thick hedges and a box fence and was found embedded in the brick wall of a neighbor's home 142 feet 5 inches from the point of the explosion. Shreds of metal which fitted to the larger pieces of the bomb were found a thousand feet away.

Explosion Terrible One. The steel doormat that had been under the bomb was two-thirds destroyed and a depression was left in the concrete. It was of a roughly oval shape, about 18 inches across by 19 inches long.

The police and the explosives experts working with them were not able to say what the charge of the bomb had been. They did not believe it was nitroglycerine, because of the manner in which its force was expended. They said it was not dynamite, because it thrust upward. They were endeavoring late today to determine just what it had been. They said, however, that in many ways the explosion resembled one which occurred mysteriously in Temple street here in November, 1917. On that occasion a bomb exploded in the street before the crash had been without loss of life and a thorough investigation failed to reveal why it had been placed or who was responsible.

House Instantly Aflame. The Lawler home was badly damaged by the fire. The explosion itself apparently did not do great damage to the structure, but the flaming liquid that was thrown far up against the wall instantly ignited the dry boards and the shingles of the upper story and in a flash the whole side of the building was in flames. This was the cause of the inability of the parents to reach the rear of the house, where their son was. Some one turned in an alarm and the fire was subdued, but not until the house had been severely damaged and its expensive furnishings almost entirely destroyed. The rear sleeping porch was the only apartment not fire-swept.

The Lawler home was so situated that it gave excellent opportunity for those who placed the bomb. The house was screened from the street by trees and bushes and a heavy growth of vines hung to the brick and wood of the lower story. On the south side, where Mr. and Mrs. Lawler were sleeping, there were numerous trees and shrubs.

Several Thought Implicated. The stories of the various witnesses, while varying in detail, led the police to the conclusion that two or three men were implicated; one, they believe, placed the bomb, while his accomplices awaited him probably on the north side of the building. They were believed to have driven to the place in an automobile and from the mass of conflicting information it appeared that this was a roadster of a costly and plentiful type.

Several persons said they had seen a group of men apparently watching the place the night before the explosion. They had heard conversations in the driveway north of the house a few minutes before the crash and had seen persons in the vicinity at times that indicated their connection with the attack.

Descriptions of the various persons were taken from those witnesses and the detective departments of the city and county were engaged tonight in securing detailed statements from everyone who could throw any light on any phase of the affair.

Shock Felt by Neighbors. Mr. Lacey, who helped rescue the little Lawler boy and his nurse, said the shock was so great in his own house that he was thrown to the floor. He looked out of his window and saw the Lawler residence afire. The location of the flames was so general, he said, that he realized that everybody in the house was in danger. He rushed from his home and was joined by two men. The light of the fire showed the nurse tearing a wire screen which en-

FORMER UNITED STATES ATTORNEY WHOSE HOME IN LOS ANGELES WAS DESTROYED BY BOMB.



OSCAR LAWLER.

closed the sleeping porch where she and the child were imperiled. Mr. Lacey and the other men found a ladder and rescued them.

Mrs. W. H. Kiger, another nearby resident, to whose house Mr. and Mrs. Lawler were carried for first aid, was not sleeping, having remained awake for the return home of her brother. She had gone to a window to look for him, she said, when the explosion took place, throwing her off her feet.

She ran downstairs, calling for help from the already-aroused neighbors. Mrs. Willard Arnold, whose residence was separated from that of the Lawlers by a small alley, told of having heard footsteps in that passageway three or four minutes before the explosion. At first she thought they were those of the neighborhood watchman and was about to call out to him to make her noise. Then she grew fainter. Two minutes after they died away, she said, she heard the explosion. She gained the impression, she stated, that they were those of a man and that he turned into a gate leading into the Lawler grounds.

Mrs. Katherine Richard, who lives in the Arnold home, told the police of having seen three men at the entrance of the alley as she was returning home about 10 o'clock Friday night. They were speaking in low, excited tones, she said, and withdrew into the shadows of trees as she approached and soon after departed hurriedly.

Three Explosions Heard. Brandon Lee Jr., another neighborhood resident, stated that he heard three explosions, the first two being sharp and the third low and rumbling. His mother told of having seen an automobile speeding as if from the Lawler residence, but too rapidly for her to note the number of occupants.

LAWLER STARTS AS POOR BOY Admission to Bar Won at Age of 21; High Positions Held.

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 3.—Oscar Lawler, who was perhaps fatally injured here early today when his home was destroyed by a bomb, achieved prominence through his own endeavors, starting life as a poor boy and concluding his official public activities as assistant attorney-general during the Taft administration.

He was born at Marshalltown, Ia., April 2, 1875. He came to California as a youth. Becoming secretary to Judge Erskine M. Ross of the United States at San Francisco, he read law with him and was admitted to the bar in 1896, when 21 years old.

For a time he practiced as a member of a legal firm well known in California and in 1905-07 served as United States attorney for the southern district of California. He resigned that position and later became assistant United States attorney-general for the interior department, serving from May 1, 1909, to May 31, 1911. He resigned that post and returned to Los Angeles and the private practice of law.

He was a special prosecutor of the alleged dynamiters, whose trial at Indianapolis a few years ago was of international interest. He served also locally as an investigator and prosecutor of men accused of similar crimes. Politically he is a republican.

He is a director of one of the leading Los Angeles banks; was major and judge-advocate for a time of the first brigade, national guard of California; was master of the state and lodge of Masons of California, and is a member of the American Bar association, American Society of International Law and the Los Angeles Bar association.

On June 17, 1901, he married Miss Hilda Brode of Los Angeles.

MENACING LETTERS RECALLED Threatening Messages Sent to Mr. Lawler in 1909.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 3.—Oscar Lawler, severely injured in a fire following a bomb explosion at his Los Angeles residence today, received threatening letters in 1909 from sympathizers with Mexican revolutionists directed while he was United States district attorney for the southern district of California.

The three men who were convicted in Los Angeles, Mason, Villarejo and Rivers, were charged with violating neutrality laws.

ST. HELENS IS BOOMING Business Structures and Residences Are Being Erected.

ST. HELENS, Or., Aug. 3.—(Special.) Building activity continues in St. Helens. During the spring and summer many new residences have been built and at the present time plans are being made for the erection of two new business buildings.

E. G. Ditto purchased a lot on Columbia street for \$5000 and will immediately start construction on a two-story fireproof building which will cost \$18,000. The Columbia County bank is considering the erection of a business

BRITISH MINES AND RAILWAYS HARD HIT

Collieries and Transportation on Financial Sick List.

NATIONALIZATION PLAN UP

Lines Cost \$500,000,000 a Year More to Run, Says Sir Eric Geddes; Others Attack Figures.

LONDON, Aug. 3.—(By the Associated Press.)—British railways and coal mines are at present financial invalids. Both of these industries still are controlled by the government, under war legislation. Proposals that both should be nationalized are among the most important reconstruction plans now being agitated here.

The British railways are managed by the new ministry of transport with a guarantee of pre-war profits to the shareholders. The coal mines are operated by a controller who fixes the compensation of the mine owners.

"The transport systems of the country are financially in a semi-paralyzed state," the minister of transport, Sir Eric Geddes, recently told the house of commons. The balance sheet of the railways for the coming year, as he forecast it, will show a loss of from \$11,000,000 to \$12,000,000, against an annual profit of about \$43,000,000 for the five last years before the war.

The annual wage bill of the railways before the war was about \$30,000,000, and Sir Eric estimates the increased wages and other concessions at \$37,000,000, the eight-hour day and other new concessions to cost from \$20,000,000 to \$25,000,000 and the extra cost of materials and coal \$7,000,000, making the increased cost of running the railroads \$100,000,000 to \$107,000,000, without taking into account the great depreciation of plant during the war.

Some financiers contest these figures strongly and assert that the deficit is merely a paper one due to failure in bookkeeping to charge the immense government traffic at rates which private traffic would cost, and that the block on this same street, which, if built, will cost \$25,000.

Railroad Hands Walk Out. COUNCIL BLEFFS, Ia., Aug. 3.—Two hundred men, said to represent the entire force employed in the shops of the Northwestern and Wabash railroads in Council Bluffs, walked out this evening.

ANTI-JAP FEELING GROWS

Distrust of Nipponese in China Is Declared Universal.

CHICAGO, Aug. 3.—Japan is beginning to "awaken out of her medieval sleep" to realize that her "Prussian methods must be changed," declared William Fettes, formerly American minister to Italy and during the war federal fuel administrator for Pennsylvania, who stopped here today on his way east after three months' stay in Japan.

No fair-minded person can travel through Korea, Manchuria, Peking, Chianfu, Nanking, Shanghai and other parts of China and not realize the universal distrust, rapidly growing into hatred, which is felt by the peoples of these countries against the military arrogance and aggressiveness of Japan," Mr. Fettes said. "Unless Japan changes her present military policy she is doomed to isolation and today this means decadence."

MOLASSES SHIPS PLANNED

Tankers to Carry Sweet Mass From South America.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Aug. 3.—Plans for the operation of an ocean line of tanker steamships from tropical ports direct to Memphis via the Mississippi river were disclosed today through an announcement that the Sugar Products company of New York had acquired a long-time lease on property on the river front here for terminals.

The vessels will bring here molasses utilized in the manufacture of mixed feeds. The product will be unloaded, stored in tanks and transhipped in tank cars to manufacturing plants in the middle west.

SUSPECT KILLED IN RAID

Detective Wounded in Fray With Alleged Counterfeiters.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Aug. 3.—James Hogan, leader of an alleged gang of counterfeiters, is dead, and Paul Gottfried, St. Paul, detective, is in a hospital with four bullet wounds



Advertisement for Luxo beer. Text: "It's EVERYBODY'S treat when you put your foot on the brass rail like old times, plank your head down and order Weinhard's Luxo. —Out it comes foaming from a CLEAN bottle, pure and sparkling, ready for your eager thirst. —It's the Cheery, Beery drink." Includes image of a Luxo beer bottle.

in his body, as the result of a raid made on the Hogan home yesterday. For several weeks a large number of counterfeit dollars have been placed in circulation in St. Paul and Minneapolis.

Albany Realty Market Active. ALBANY, Or., Aug. 3.—(Special.)—Real estate moved at a greatly increased pace during June and July. Figures compiled from County Recorder of Davis' books show that 67 per cent of all transactions filed in Linn county

in the past two months have been deeds, covering the sale of real estate. On July 28, of 22 transactions filed 21 were for the transfer of real estate. On July 30 there were 12 deeds of a 17 total.

Lumber Yard Burns. WALLA WALLA, Wash., Aug. 3.—(Special.)—Attalia had a \$25,000 fire Wednesday, according to R. C. Julian, publisher of Attalia, who was here last night. The Tumalum lumber yard and the postoffice building were destroyed.

Large advertisement for Doan's Kidney Pills. Headline: "Too Young to Feel So Old!" Text: "DON'T let that bad back make you old! Get back your health and keep it. You can detect kidney weakness in its early stages, from the morning lameness, dull backache, dizzy spells, nervousness and kidney irregularities. Taken early, a short treatment with Doan's Kidney Pills will usually correct it. Kidney weakness is too often brought on by irregular habits. Practice moderation. Keep regular hours. Take regular exercise. Cut out useless worrying. Avoid over-eating, over-drinking, over-working and all other excesses. A perfect balance of brain, muscles and nerves makes work as sweet as play. You enjoy life, radiate good cheer and feel young at any age. Doan's have helped thousands. Here are some local cases: Some Portland Cases: East-Seventy-Fourth Street, Gideon Street, Lexington Avenue, Michigan Avenue, Alberta Street, Seventy-Eighth Street." Includes illustration of a man sitting at a desk.

Bottom section of the Doan's Kidney Pills advertisement. Headline: "Doan's Kidney Pills" in large font. Text: "Every Druggist has Doan's, 60c a box. Foster-Milburn Co., Manufacturing Chemists, Buffalo, N. Y." Includes a grid of local cases with names and addresses.