



LONDON IS ROCKED BY MIGHTY BLAST

Death and Ruin Spread All Over City.

McNITTIONS PLANT WIPED OUT

Homes in Suburbs Leveled for Blocks on All Sides of Great Explosion.

60 BODIES ARE RECOVERED

Belief Is Scene of Disaster Is Woolwich Arsenal, Where 67,000 Are Employed.

ARSENAL EMPLOYING 67,000 MAY BE ONE DESTROYED. The most important munitions factory in London is that of the Woolwich Government Arsenal, located about seven miles east of the English capital.

LONDON, Jan. 20.—A portion of the area of London was shaken severely last night when a chemical plant in which munitions were manufactured was the center of a series of explosions, scattering death and destruction over a considerable section of the district in which the works were located.

There is no evidence that the explosion was other than the result of a fire, such as that to which any factory is subject. Between 50 and 60 bodies have been recovered.

In 10 hospitals on Saturday 21 persons died, and there were 112 patients receiving treatment, Lloyd's Weekly says. In addition, 295 persons suffering from injuries were treated.

Works Becomes Great Furnace.

The central point of the volcano-like upheaval was in the heart of the working district of a suburban town. At 6:45 P. M. a series of explosions suddenly transformed the works into a fiery furnace and great masses of burning liquid and timbers and red-hot iron were hurled high in the air. Mingled with the deafening crash of beams and girders were cries from the working people. An adjoining flour mill, in which a number of women and girls were employed, was engulfed.

The explosions were only the centers of a succession of widespread series of fires, as the masses of fire-brands from the affected quarter

NEAR-RIOT ENLIVEN HIGH SCHOOL DANCE

SUSPENDED STUDENT STRIKES PENDLETON PRINCIPAL.

Tom Murphy Becomes Offended at Professor Drill When He Is Requested to Leave.

PENDLETON, Or., Jan. 20.—(Special.)—The Pendleton High School gymnasium was the scene of a near-riot last night while a dance was in progress.

Tom Murphy, who was recently suspended from high school, struck Principal Drill after Mr. Drill had requested him to leave the dance. It is said that young Murphy had been asked by the faculty not to attend the party. The young man says that Mr. Drill spoke to him while he was dancing with a young lady and that the principal made no objection when he saw him purchasing a ticket.

Had Mr. Drill returned the blow, it is said a free-for-all fight would have ensued, as young Murphy had a number of backers with him. Instead Mr. Drill called a policeman, but the suspended student was persuaded to leave the building before the officer's arrival. No arrests were made.

MRS. J. DAVENPORT INJURED

Williams Avenue Car Strikes Woman, Causing Severe Cut.

Mrs. Joseph Davenport, 1045 Cleveland avenue, was struck by a Williams avenue streetcar early last night at Williams avenue and Albert street, painful injury resulting.

She was cut on the back of the head, across the eyes and the nose was severely bruised. Emergency relief was given by Dr. C. E. Mason until Dr. C. D. Bodine, a nephew of Mrs. Davenport, could be called. She later was taken to her home.

TIPS TOTAL \$300,000 DAY

Amount Is Cost to Salesmen Alone, Says Advocate of Legal Curb.

DENVER, Jan. 20.—Traveling salesmen throughout the country pay \$300,000 a day in tips, said Representative Robert Harrison, of Denver, today in introducing an anti-tipping bill in the House.

The measure would make it a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of \$100 or one year in jail, or both, either to give or receive a tip.

FREIGHTER ELUDES U-BOAT

British Ship in Port Damaged by Battle With Submarine.

NEW YORK, Jan. 20.—A battle which lasted an hour and 40 minutes between the British freighter Lindenhal and a Teutonic submarine in the Mediterranean, with nearly 300 ships exchanged between the two craft, was described by officers of the Lindenhal upon her arrival here today from Naples.

WOMEN WORKERS WANTED

British Government Asks for 8000 for Munitions Factories.

LONDON, Jan. 20.—The Ministry of Munitions today issued an appeal for 8000 more women to work in munition factories.

The need of them is declared to be urgent, "for the output of munitions must not be delayed for a day by any lack of labor."

ROBBERS LOOT CONSULATE

American Quarters at Algiers Entered and Papers Are Taken.

PARIS, Jan. 20.—The American Consulate at Algiers was entered by burglars on Tuesday night, according to the Matin.

The safe was broken open and all papers in it were stolen.

MANY GUARDSMEN TO BE WITHDRAWN

15,000 or 20,000 to Be Sent Home at Once.

55,000 TO STAY AT BORDER

Pershing's Troops Likely to Relieve State Militia.

GUARD TO BE KEPT INTACT

General Funston Will Designate Units to Be Returned—Washington to Put Dealings With Carranza on Formal Basis.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20.—Immediate withdrawal of "a substantial number" of National Guardsmen from the border has been ordered by the War Department and General Funston now is selecting the units to be sent home. In announcing the order late today Secretary Baker said the number to be withdrawn at this time probably would be 15,000 or 20,000.

The Secretary refused to comment on the order or say what relation it might have to the withdrawal of General Pershing's expedition from Mexico. He said that the organizations to be withdrawn would be announced as soon as General Funston reported those he had designated. This withdrawal will reduce the force of state troops on the border to between 55,000 and 60,000 men.

Regulars to Occupy Stations.

The announcement generally was accepted, however, as an indication that the withdrawal of Pershing's force would not be long delayed. It had been understood that as quickly as border stations are evacuated by state troops regulars will move up to occupy them, but tonight it was said authoritatively that no order to bring the regulars north has yet been issued.

It is the policy of the department not to permit disintegration of the National Guard organizations and the intention is to hold every man in service, though not under arms, regardless of the fact that his duty as a soldier has ended. All applications for discharge except for cause will be refused, and resignations of officers will be carefully examined and accepted only when the department is satisfied with the reasons given. It was pointed out that acceptance of many of the resignations already offered was more or less in the nature of a wedding-out process.

Aitritism to Be Discarded.

This policy of maintaining intact the strength of the National Guard is taken as a further indication of what will be the Administration's future policy in dealing with Mexico. This policy, it has been indicated, contemplates dealing with the de facto government on a strictly formal basis rather than on an aitritistic one. Thus it is understood that the activities of Villa and the question of who occupies the territory Pershing is about to leave will be regarded here as problems for Carranza, and the United States will look to him for their solution.

Army officers here do not believe it probable that withdrawal of General Pershing's force can be accomplished in much less than three weeks after the order is issued. Previous troop movements of the magnitude of that of the Guardsmen ordered today have required two weeks.

The Mexico Northwestern Railway south from Juarez would facilitate the withdrawal, but it has been indicated that no request for its use will be made

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FRIEND PLEADS, BUT ARTIST KILLS SELF

Betty De Jong of San Francisco Victim.

POLICE QUESTION DOCTOR

Physician Asserts Love Was Not Cause of Act.

PAST LIFE BELIEVED SAD

Intimate Friends Say Artist Had Been Unhappily Married in France—Recognition of Ability Won at Recent Exposition.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 20.—Miss Betty De Jong, prominent member of the San Francisco art colony and one of the exhibitors at the Panama-Pacific International Exposition, toyed with a loaded revolver in her studio here tonight for nearly three hours while Dr. William S. Porter, prominent physician of Oakland sat with her in an attempt to persuade her that suicide was useless.

As he rose to leave for his Oakland home, Dr. Porter told the police, Miss De Jong jumped from her chair, placed the revolver to her temple and fired. She was fatally wounded and died an hour later in the emergency hospital.

Police Question Physician. Dr. Porter was taken to the police station and questioned regarding his relations with the artist.

According to the police, who responded when Dr. Porter summoned an ambulance, Dr. Porter said Miss De Jong had been talking of suicide for several weeks. She had been painting a portrait of him, Dr. Porter said, and during the last few appointments he has had for sittings Miss De Jong endeavored to postpone the engagement, declaring, according to Dr. Porter, that she was not in the mood for painting.

Dr. Porter was to have had a sitting today, he told the police, but could not keep the appointment. He says he called at Miss De Jong's studio early this afternoon when he came here from Oakland and explained to Miss De Jong he could not keep the appointment. She asked him to call before he returned to his home, he said, which he did 10 minutes after 6 o'clock tonight.

Girl Talks of Suicide. "When I entered Miss De Jong's studio this evening," Dr. Porter said, "she was sitting in a corner toying with a revolver. She talked of suicide, and I tried to persuade her that it was useless."

From 10 minutes after 6 until 10 minutes to 9, Dr. Porter told the police, he talked with Miss De Jong. He tried to cheer her up, he said, but seemed to have little success. Finally, according to his story, he decided he must go to his home. As he arose and started for the door of the studio, he said, Miss De Jong placed the revolver to her temple and fired.

Just before the doctor arose, according to his story, Miss De Jong reached for an envelope lying on the table in the studio and wrote "Mother" upon it. The envelope had contained a letter recently received from her mother, Madame R. De Jong, 28 Avenue Carnot, Paris.

Dr. Porter was afraid to seize the gun, he told the police, fearing that such action would cause the girl to shoot herself, even if she did not really intend to.

Miss De Jong is about 25 years old and a native of Paris.

Dr. Porter told the police he understood

LAND GRAB BY RICH STOCKMEN CHARGED

FRAUDS IN 640-ACRE HOMESTEAD ACT SUSPECTED.

Secretary of Interior Decides to Designate No Lands for Entry Until Inquiry Is Made.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Jan. 20.—Swamped with letters and telegrams, charging that the 640-acre homestead law, recently enacted, is being utilized by the wealthy stockmen of the West to gobble up the large areas of the public range in direct violation of the terms of the law, Secretary of the Interior Lane has decided to designate no land for entry under this law until he can make a thorough investigation and determine whether or not fraud is being attempted.

The charges pouring in upon the Secretary say that in all the Western states big stockmen have been sending their herders and other employees to make applications for land under this law, thus obtaining a prior right to entry. In this way, it is alleged, frauds are being attempted similar to the dummy entries made under the old timber and stone act. No land can be actually entered under the 640-acre law until departmental regulations have been issued, and then only such land can be entered as is designated for stockraising homesteading by the Secretary of the Interior.

As yet, Secretary Lane has made no designations, and the regulations are held back. By refusing to make designations, the Secretary can prevent the perpetration of frauds, if upon investigation he becomes convinced that extensive fraud in the interest of big stockmen is being attempted.

KISS REWARDS GOVERNOR

Wife Pays in Public When Executive Signs Dry Bill.

CHEYENNE, Wyo., Jan. 20.—A resounding kiss implanted on the executive lips in full view of a number of persons assembled to witness the Governor's action was the reward Mrs. John B. Kendrick gave Governor Kendrick today for signing the bill submitting prohibition to the people of Wyoming.

The bill provides for a vote to be taken in 1918 on the adoption of prohibition amendments to the state constitution.

DUKE OF ATHOLL IS DEAD

Marquis of Tullibardine Succeeds to Title and 200,000-Acre Estate.

LONDON, Jan. 20.—The Duke of Atholl died this morning at Blair Castle, Scotland. Born in 1840, he succeeded to the title in 1864. He was one of the principal titled Scottish landowners, owning more than 200,000 acres.

The successor to the title is the Marquis of Tullibardine.

SPANISH PAPERS CURBED

Action Started Against Publications Friendly to Germany.

MADRID, via Paris, Jan. 20.—The judicial authorities have begun proceedings against Germanophile papers under instructions from the Ministry. Actions have been begun against the Espana Nueva, the Correo Espanol, the Comentario and El Diario, of Madrid. El Socialista was seized by the police on Thursday.

MUNITIONS BLAST KILLS 10

Laboratory at Spandau, Prussia, Scene of Explosion.

LONDON, Jan. 20.—Ten persons have been killed and 20 injured by an explosion in a munitions laboratory at Spandau, Prussia, according to a Berlin dispatch forwarded to Reuters via Amsterdam.

The material damage was slight, according to the dispatch.

PLEAS FOR STATE MONEY PILING UP

Excess Over 6 Per Cent Limit \$1,194,830.

CUTS SO FAR ONLY \$41,527

Requests for Grants Aggregating \$881,430 Canvassed.

NECESSITIES CARED FOR

Appropriations Where Real Savings Can Be Effected Put Off Until Last and Committee Expects to Keep Within Bounds.

WHAT THE OREGON LEGISLATURE HAS ACCOMPLISHED TO DATE WITH EXACTLY ONE-THIRD OF THE FORTY-DAY SESSION COMPLETED.

Four measures have been passed both houses and been enacted into law, subject to approval by the Governor.

Two of these measures already have been signed by the Governor. Sixteen other bills have been passed by the Senate and are awaiting action by the House.

Twenty-two more bills have been passed by the House and are awaiting action by the Senate.

Twelve bills in the two houses have been introduced by the parliamentary procedure of indefinite postponement.

A total of 294 bills has been introduced so far in the two houses of the Legislature. Of these bills, 178 have been introduced in the House and 119 in the Senate.

This is just ten bills fewer than had been introduced in both houses at the end of the second week of the 1915 session.

In one important respect, however, the situation differs materially from that at the same time in 1915, viz: Only two or three of the bills so far introduced in the present Legislature can be classed as important constructive measures.

SALEM, Or., Jan. 20.—(Special.)—The State Legislature, which at its opening day had \$715,382.99 staring it in the face to cut out of the budget if it keeps within the 6 per cent limitation amendment, finds itself at the close of the second week facing the sum of \$1,194,830.15 which it must lop off if it keeps barely even with the requirements of that act.

During the two weeks bills containing appropriations aggregating \$424,787.50 have been introduced. In addition the budget of the State Fish and Game Commission came in, asking \$39,600 more, and miscellaneous claims amounting to \$5588.96 have been filed, making a grand total of \$520,975.56 which has been asked of the Legislature in various ways since it convened. But in going over the budget the joint ways and means committee has lopped off \$41,527.50 from the requests which so far have been examined.

See my Not Apparent. This amount, \$41,527.50, was cut from a total estimate of \$881,430.50. If that percentage of reduction were to be kept up by the ways and means committee, with the additional appropriations that are coming in, the committee when it ends its labors would be \$800,000 or \$900,000 above the amount

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CARTOONIST REYNOLDS SEES THINGS IN THE NEWS EVENTS OF THE DAY THAT OFFER IDEAS FOR PICTURES.

