

LONDON ROCKED BY THE BIG EXPLOSION

Homes in Suburb Levelled for Blocks on All Sides of Munitions Plant.

40 BODIES ARE RECOVERED

Exact Location of Works Not Given, but Belief is Blasted Was at the Great Woolwich Arsenal, Employing 67,000 Workers.

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Rescue Work Goes On at Night

Crowds of relatives and friends swarmed into the East End district seeking word of those within the stricken section. At midnight while the work of rescue was still in progress, the area continued burning, reflecting a lurid glare over all London.

Flour Mill Engulfed in Flame

Terrible scenes were witnessed when the flour mill, which was seven stories high, burst into flames. To get such a blaze under control was an impossibility, so the firemen were obliged to devote their efforts to saving neighboring property.

Gas Siren Accompanies Blast

An American business man, who was a witness of the disaster, gave the following account of it to the Associated Press.

Scene Worse Than on Somme

A young boy of fifteen was home on leave, told the Associated Press correspondent that he had been through heavy fighting on the Somme front in France, but that nothing had ever occurred there came so near shaking his nerve as the explosion, which occurred at a point less than a mile from his home.

Molten Metal Scattered Far

The ruined buildings were blazing and confusion prevailed in that vicinity two hours after the explosion. The correspondent passed through the street near the scene of the disaster, the tottering houses were falling, and the fireman who witnessed the great blast from a point of vantage described it thus:

CAPTAIN AND 31 MEN LOST

Two Boats From Torpedoed Britisher Not Heard From.

NEWPORT NEWS, Va., Jan. 20.—Captain Mitchell and 31 men of the British steamer Cabotia, sent down by a German submarine, perished on the night the ship was torpedoed, according to T. W. Edgar, who was chief officer on the Cabotia.

CLARKE POTATOES AT \$2.20

Several Thousand Sacks Are Sold at Vancouver Market.

PURE RICH BLOOD PREVENTS DISEASE

Bad blood—that is, blood that is impure or impoverished, thin and pale—is responsible for more ailments than anything else.

ration, as though a vast reservoir of gas had been ignited and consumed in one burst of flame. A tremendous puff of fire flashed high into the air and then quickly subsided. Eye witnesses in suburban towns said the flames had disappeared a full minute before they heard the roar which accompanied it.

Works Quickly Demolished

Fire had broken out more than a quarter of an hour before the explosion, and firemen were on the spot fighting it. The day shift of workers in the neighborhood were with their families at their evening meals. As a result of the explosion the chemical works were virtually swept off their foundations and with them the flour mills adjoining and blocks of workmen's dwellings.

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Submarine is Decoyed. BRITISHER ACCUSED OF FIRING UNDER DANISH FLAG. Attack Made From Hidden Guns, and U-Boat Barely Escapes by Diving, Says Berlin.

French Steamer Torpedoed. MEMPHIS, Tenn., Jan. 20.—The Lamb-Fish Lumber Company received word today from Paris that the French steamer Omium, which left New Orleans December 4 for St. Nazaire, had been torpedoed.

Doctor Tells How to Strengthen Eyesight 50 Per Cent in One Week's Time in Many Instances.

Glass of Hot Water Before Breakfast a Splendid Habit. Open sluices of the system each morning and wash away the poisonous, stagnant matter. Those of us who are accustomed to feel dull and heavy when we arise, splitting headache, stuffy from a cold, foul tongue, nasty breath, acid stomach, lame back, can, instead, both look and feel as fresh as a daisy always by washing the poisons and toxins from the body with phosphated hot water each morning.