

MUNITIONS DISASTER LOSS 15 MILLIONS

Casualties Not Yet Definitely Known; Dead Estimated at 50; Injured 150.

NEW YORK FEELS BLAST

Windows in Lower Part of City Are Smashed; Fearing Further Explosions, Mayor Hyland Closes East-North River Subways.

PERTH AMBOY, N. J., Oct. 5.—Army officers investigating the explosions that wrecked the great shell-loading plant of the T. A. Gillespie Company, at Morgan, estimated tonight that the dead would number not more than 50 and the injured 150. The property loss will probably approximate between \$1,500,000 and \$2,000,000.

Late today it was believed that danger of greater devastation by the blowing up of stores of trinitrotoluol was virtually over. All that substance left unexploded in barges and in underground caissons along the bank of Chesapeake Creek, along which the plant is located, or in loaded on the barges tied up at the company docks along that stream.

Army officers reported after a reconnaissance by airplane that the location of the boats and storehouses is such that they believed there was slight probability that the trinitrotoluol would be exploded either by fire or concussion.

Many Made Homeless.

With the passing of the menace of an explosion around the plant, the problem of caring for the homeless became a serious one tonight.

South Amboy, a town of about 10,000 population, four miles north of Morgan, was virtually wrecked by the series of blasts. Scarcely a building in it remains habitable. Many houses were unroofed and the walls of others were blown in, and every pane of glass was broken. More than 400 citizens decided to spend the night there, however.

The Atlantic division of the Red Cross established headquarters at Perth Amboy this afternoon. Fifty ambulances from New York and Newark with corps of doctors and nurses arrived to take charge of the wounded. The Red Cross depots were opened in schools and other public buildings.

Commandeered automobiles and cars driven by members of the Women's Motor Corps from New York and New Jersey were sent out to pick up fleeing refugees and take them to the depots for shelter. The Red Cross brought in from New York five motor trucks loaded with six tons of supplies.

Military Takes Charge.

The city and all the territory around Morgan was under military control, with the state guard in charge under the personal direction of Governor Edge.

NEW YORK, Oct. 5.—On receiving information shortly before 3:30 o'clock this afternoon that further explosions at the Morgan, N. J. munitions plant were imminent, Mayor Hylan and the Public Service Commission, after a conference with the fire department authorities, ordered the closing of the subways under the East and North rivers. The order went into effect immediately.

The East River bridges, carrying subway, elevated, trolley and vehicle traffic, were closed temporarily, isolating Brooklyn from connection with Manhattan, except by ferry.

Explosions in the Gillespie plant were distinctly felt in New York, 20 miles distant. It was even reported to have been felt as far away as Islip, L. I., 50 miles from the scene.

Windows Broken in New York.

The explosions broke windows in the lower part of the city. Fifty of them crashed in on the Broadway side of the Produce Exchange building. Police reported a great number of windows broken on Staten Island.

It was stated tonight that a report had been received to the effect that 80,000 tons of T. N. T. was likely to explode at any moment. This was later reduced to 80,000 pounds, and then to 8000.

Finally information was received that the wind had changed, enabling the fire fighters to begin removal of the explosives.

It was also stated that Mayor Hylan had acted on advice from authorities at Washington. The Washington officials, however, denied issuing any such warning. Then it was said that a fire guard in Brooklyn had notified the police that New Jersey officials had told him of the impending disaster.

After more than 18 hours of terror, a dozen towns in Northern New Jersey were in a shattered condition this afternoon as a consequence of the munition disaster which visited Morgan last night with a trail of tremendous explosions and raging fires which continued throughout today.

With the situation at Morgan such that firemen, soldiers, sailors and civilian workers found it impossible to penetrate to a zone within two miles of the Gillespie plant, no definite estimate could be made of the number of persons who perished. The flames burning unopposed threatened two great munition plants in the vicinity.

The night shift at the Gillespie plant was known to number 2000 persons and the ones accounted for this afternoon were numbered only in scores.

Fourteen Bodies Identified.

Fourteen bodies were reported to have been identified. That others are in the ruins is believed likely. It is feared some men were destroyed and that no trace of them will ever be found.

Communities surrounding Morgan, with populations totalling more than 60,000, were evacuated almost as completely as if they were in European war zones.

Mr. Gillespie placed the damage to his property at \$12,000,000, and said that the explosives, owned by the Government, were worth \$4,000,000. He estimated the damage in the vicinity to be another \$10,000,000.

Out of the confusion came this story of heroism: A trainload of explosives lay on a siding near the Gillespie plant. A railroad fireman, his identity not yet known, jumped to the engineer's post on a locomotive, coupled it to the train and took the cars out of the danger zone. As he was completing a shell struck him and he was killed. Some refugees said that before the first explosion occurred last night they saw an airplane hovering over the Gillespie plant.

PERTH AMBOY, N. J., Oct. 5.—Major-General C. C. Williams, chief of ordnance of the United States Army, arrived here tonight to conduct a rigid investigation into the explosions and fire which demolished the shell loading

plant of T. A. Gillespie & Co., at Morgan, with the probable loss of 50 lives and injury to 150 more workmen. General Williams was accompanied by Captain Wilson, also of the Ordnance Department, and Lieutenant De Nuffize, a French ordnance expert.

Late tonight the army officers which have been sweeping the buildings of the Gillespie plant appeared to be under control and there seems no danger they will reach the trinitrotoluol stores remaining untouched.

J. W. Faust, assistant director of civil relief of the Red Cross, estimated that more than 7000 persons had been made homeless by the hail of shells and the force of explosions. He believed between 40,000 and 50,000 more had fled from their homes fearing disaster and would not return until all danger is over.

Officers and enlisted men had risked their lives for hours trying to determine whether the stores of explosives in the warehouse or on the barges were in danger from the flames which had swept through the hundreds of buildings of the plant, which covers 2700 acres, but they had failed.

UNFAIR METHODS CLAIM

KEY MEN CHARGE WESTERN UNION WITH DISCRIMINATION.

Operators Adopt Resolution Denouncing Employers for Violation of Recent Federal Ruling.

Charges that the Western Union Telegraph Company maintains its old blacklist and discriminates against union employees, locked out three months ago, were made at a meeting of telegraphers last night in W. O. W. Hall.

F. C. Lemaire told of being dismissed yesterday by the Western Union, seemingly because he had been discharged and blacklisted three years ago. He came from Canada to Portland two months ago and went to work under the name of W. C. Blair. He alleged that when his identity was made known his discharge resulted, though the reason advanced was that he was not wanted because he would not work extra hours.

Two young women employees who joined the Commercial Telegraphers' Union of America, and were locked out, told how they have been "re-employed" but not "reinstated." The difference is one of \$15 to \$20 a month in salary, they said.

The meeting adopted resolutions denouncing the Western Union for discrimination in defiance of Postmaster-General Burleson's order and calling for cessation of activities of the Western Union Employees' Association.

The resolution and numerous affidavits are being forwarded to President S. J. Konecny, of the Commercial Telegraphers' Union.

Students in Training Cared For.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Or., Oct. 5.—(Special.)—Two members of the Student Army Training Corps, R. E. Porter, of Copperfield, Or., and Carl Hamilton, of Itasca, Ohio, have been sent to the Eugene Hospital suffering from slight attacks of grip. Neither of the cases is considered serious by the hospital authorities and it is thought that they will be able to be out early next week. Provision has been made to take care of any who answer sick call and every precaution is being made to ward off any contagious disease.

LITTLE HOME FIRST

Shipyard Workers May Build Temporary Dwellings.

PERMITS ARE AUTHORIZED

Announcement Made by Building Commissioner Currey of Receipt of Favorable Report From Washington, D. C.

Workers in Portland's shipyards are to be permitted to erect temporary dwellings for the protection of themselves and their families during the winter months.

Upon receipt of a favorable report from Washington, D. C. yesterday, Building Permit Commissioner Currey, of the State Council of Defense, made the announcement that materials would be supplied those persons desiring to erect temporary homes, and City Building Inspector Plummer will issue the necessary permit.

As a result of the action taken in Washington, scores of families will be spared the discomfort of spending the winter in garages, sheds, stables or tenements, and the erection of temporary houses already are under way. Permits having been issued yesterday by Commissioner Currey, in order that the men might employ their Sunday to good advantage.

"Ever since the non-war construction order was promulgated," said Commissioner Currey yesterday, "providing for the curtailment of all building operations, and the conservation of material, a bad condition has existed in Portland, on account of the shortage of homes. Workers have lived in garages, sheds, tents and stables—and most any old place they could get—while some purchased lots with the expectation of building. They found they were unable to secure the necessary permission, and could get no material. They faced the prospect of spending the winter in these places.

The action taken in Washington will admit of the erection of temporary homes and I estimate between 20 and 500 workers will follow that plan, doing their own work during spare hours. I had been conferring with Secretary Kollock, of the State Council of Defense, and together we had been working the situation in Washington from every possible angle, including the Spanish influenza, which would become a menace here if people were compelled to live under such conditions during the cold weather."

More than 100 names are on the list of workers who want to build temporary homes, and arrangements were made yesterday, whereby a certificate issued by the State Council will give to the applicant a permit from the city building inspection department. The erection of temporary homes is not to be encouraged, according to Commissioner Currey, but every applicant for a permit will be encouraged to build a permanent home under the programme outlined by the general hous-

ing committee. Materials will be furnished for the temporary homes upon presentation of the certificate from the State Council, and everything possible will be done to assist in getting Portland's workers comfortably located before cold weather sets in.

ALL COMERS ARE LISTED

Marine Corps Accepting Boys Who Became 18 Since Registration.

The Marine Corps has already passed its quota in number of October recruits, but is listing and examining all who appear with the view to having them inducted as a part of the November quota. For this month the quota was 184.

Young men who have become 18 years old since the September registration day are accepted without reference to the quota and may be inducted at once, the recruiting officers announced yesterday. Six boys have already been accepted, and in providing these will be sent forward this week and the other inductees will be sent out about October 20.

MONUMENT TO BE UNVEILED

Honor to Be Paid to A. J. Bolon, Murdered by Indians.

A monument in honor of Andrew J. Bolon, Indian agent for Washington Territory when Isaac I. Stevens was governor, will be unveiled at 11 A. M. today on the spot where he was murdered by Indians, 15 miles from Goldendale, Wash., September 23 was the 63d anniversary of the murder.

Mr. Bolon was born in Pennsylvania. Four Indians assassinated him while he was traveling along the Yakima Indian Reservation to The Dalles, Or.

Business Men to Aid Linen Call.

K. C. Eldridge, Jr., chairman of the Progressive Business Men's Club committee named to gather linen for the hospitals in France, which must be turned in to Mrs. Ferdinand E. Reed, 400 Oregonian building, has called upon every member of the club, some 450 men, to take to the meeting of the club next Thursday all the bath towels, hand towels, handkerchiefs, napkins and sheets that can be spared from their homes or which they may purchase at the stores. Other members of the committee working with Mr. Eldridge are Miles Standish and F. W. Bronn.

Women Hold Patriotic Parade.

CHEHALIS, Wash., Oct. 5.—(Special.)—Chehalis women held a fine patriotic parade here tonight, closing their fourth Liberty loan drive. The Minute Women were in charge and school children, the Boy Scouts, Women's Relief Corps, Minute Women and other organizations were in line in the parade, which was headed by the splendid Chehalis Concert Band. Miss Bertha Mellett, of Tacoma, well-known newspaper woman, made an interesting talk.

Liberty Apparel Co. Opens Store.

The Liberty Apparel Company, 144 Third street, opened its doors to the public yesterday morning with a complete line of ladies' ready-to-wear garments. With modern facilities for the display of up-to-date showings in ladies' wear, installed in a building that

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Bond Strike Succeeds.

EVERETT, Wash., Oct. 5.—Employees of the C. B. Lumber & Shingle Company went on a "bond strike" this afternoon.

They blew the mill whistle, quit work and, with flags and banners, marched to the mill office, where every man, although all had bought one or more Liberty bonds, purchased an additional one.

Boys Accused of Larceny.

John Haak and Argyie Ashla, each 15 years of age, were arrested last

night by Lieutenant Zantcher at Fourth, an automobile owned by Hugo C. and Pine streets and locked up in the Gearin, of 431 East Twenty-fourth city jail charged with the larceny of street North.

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