

ILLINOIS EXPLOSION HELD DUE TO PLOT

Dynamite Blast Rocks Northern Part of State.

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Smashing of Glass and Shaking of Buildings Give Rise to Reports of Bombings in Chicago.

CHICAGO, Feb. 25.—The explosion of 30 tons of dynamite Friday night at McCook, Ill., which rocked the entire northern section of Illinois, was the result of a plot, R. M. Per-

sonner, assistant state fire marshal, announced today after an all night investigation of the blast, which occurred at the Consumers' company's stone crushing plant.

Officials of the plant, who were questioned, told of recent labor troubles resulting from the discharge of several employees.

The explosion was remarkable because of the fact that while it was felt 100 miles away, no one was killed. One man was injured.

Hundreds of thousands of alarmed residents went to bed not knowing just what had happened to give rise to rumors of concerted bombings, earthquakes, falling meteors and disasters to manufacturing plants.

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The magazine was in the prairie and complied with the state law, the assistant fire marshal said.

The powder and dynamite were of such a nature that they would not explode without some concussion or ignition.

P. W. Greer, resident manager of the McCook plant, and L. H. Stewart, master mechanic, told the marshal they believed that men blown from shovels who have been unable to find employment at the plant.

They said the company's agreement with union men expired in January and that since that time no new agreement had been drawn up.

For an hour after the blast the Chicago district was in a furor. The smashing of glass in thousands of windows, the shaking of buildings and the noise of the explosion gave rise to reports that more bombings were occurring simultaneously in many parts of the city.

Secrets Cut by Glass.

In spite of the large area of land affected by the blast, only one man was seriously injured, although scores were cut by glass and shaken and bruised—some of them living miles from the scene of the blast.

Kendle, the injured man, was operating a crane some distance from the explosion and sustained a broken arm.

The McCook quarry of the Consumers' company, about 11 miles from Chicago's downtown district, contained two powder magazines where dynamite was stored to thaw out and dry. In each magazine 600 cases of dynamite were stored, each case containing 50 pounds of the explosive.

The explosion resulted in many freaks. Part of a train standing on a siding at McCook was blown from the rails. A crowd in an Argo theater rushed from the building in a panic. Street lights in Summit, two miles from McCook, were extinguished. An automobile accessory dealer in Chicago summoned the police, asserting burglars were in his establishment when the explosion toppled a pile of tires on him.

ARBITRATOR IS PUT UP

Board Calls on Both Sides in Textile Fight to End Deadlock.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Feb. 25.—The state board of mediation and conciliation today called on mill owners and strikers to end the deadlock which has closed many Rhode Island textile mills for the last five weeks by placing the dispute in the hands of Judge J. Jerome Hahn as sole mediator.

Judge Hahn is chairman of the board. The board proposed that the strikers return to work at once under a tentative wage scale to be set by Judge Hahn, that the final wage decision was not retroactive, that both mill owners and strikers agree to abide by Judge Hahn's findings and that the hours of labor be left as before the opening of the strike. This appeal called for an answer from both sides not later than 4 o'clock Tuesday.

CHINA MAKES PROGRESS

President of Peking University Tells of Great Advance.

China has made more progress during the last 15 years than any other nation in the world in a like period, according to Dr. Henry W. Luce, president of Peking university, in an address at the luncheon of the Civic League at the Benson hotel yesterday noon.

During that time, Dr. Luce said, China has overturned the most ancient monarchy in the world, had established a modern republic, had established a modern school system and practically had won her fight against opium. He expressed the belief that the future of the world depends largely upon the relations between China and this country.

Dr. William H. Hunt, vice-president of Peking university, told of Confucianism, which he said is not a religion.

SECRETARIES TO MEET

Arrangements for Class at Eugene Are Nearly Completed.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Feb. 25.—(Special.)—The second annual short course for commercial club secretaries, to be held March 27 to April 1, inclusive, will include secretaries' problems, personal efficiency, community problems and club technique.

Nearly all arrangements for the course have been made. The most up-to-date methods and newest ideas in commercial organization and community development will be discussed. Friendly and Hendricks halls will be open to the visitors.

Morris J. Durnea, of the Oregon state chamber of commerce and Irving E. Vining, well-known psychologist, will give a series of talks.

SCHOOL SESSION MARCH 4

Delegates From 16 Districts to Discuss Union High Plan.

CANBY, Or., Feb. 25.—(Special.)—County School Superintendent Vedder of Oregon City has arranged his pro-

GRAMME FOR A BIG MEETING TO BE HELD AT CANBY, SATURDAY, MARCH 4, WHEN ESTABLISHMENT OF A UNION HIGH SCHOOL AT CANBY WILL BE DISCUSSED.

Mr. Vedder will preside at the meeting, and among the speakers to talk in favor of the proposed union high school will be Judge Grant B. Dimick of Oregon City, Assistant State Superintendent Smith of Salem, Mr. Leonard and Lewis E. Reese, Mr. Leonard is president of the Clackamas county division of the Oregon State Teachers' association, and Mr. Reese is secretary of the Clackamas county division of the Oregon State Teachers' association.

NEW CABINET IS FORMED

DEPUTY FACTA SUCCEEDS IN TASK IN ITALY.

Adherents of ex-Premier Nitti Are Repulsed by Amendola.

Catholics Keep Posts.

ROME, Feb. 25.—(By the Associated Press.)—Deputy Facta has formed a new cabinet, a task assigned to him Thursday afternoon. Emmanuel had been unsuccessful in his search for a leader willing to undertake the difficult assignment. As officially announced the ministry will be constituted as follows:

Premier and minister of interior ad interim, minister of liberated provinces, Facta; minister of foreign affairs, Signor Schanzer; minister of the navy, Roberto de Vito; minister of war, Signor Amendola; minister of justice, Luigi Rossi; minister of the treasury, Camillo Pano; minister of industry, Teofilo Rossi; minister of public works, Signor Ricci; minister of labor, Signor Dello Sbarba; minister of posts, Signor di Cenaro; minister of education, Antonio Aniasi; minister of agriculture, Giovanni Bertini; minister of finance, Signor Bertone; minister of the colonies, Signor di Scalo.

The new cabinet is a coalition of all the constitutional groups, except the nationalist and fascist.

The adherents of ex-Premier Nitti are represented by Amendola, Gio. Nitti's followers are proponderant, as in addition to Premier Facta, Gio. Nitti is represented by Pano, for many years chief of cabinet, and by Teofilo Rossi, one of his chief lieutenants.

The Catholics have the same number of portfolios as in Economy's ministry, but their portfolios are of more importance, as they include those of instruction, finance and agriculture.

Signor Schanzer received the foreign portfolio as a reward for his success at the Washington conference.

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IMMUNITY IS WANTED

Actual Hand in Killing Taylor Denied, but Prisoner Insists He Drove Death Car.

DETROIT, Mich., Feb. 25.—Harry M. Fields, here awaiting sentence for forgery, told authorities today he would furnish information that would clear up the murder of William Desmond Taylor, Los Angeles film director, if promised partial immunity by the California officials.

He asserted that previously he had given fictitious names in identifying the persons who, he declared, were implicated in the murder.

"I expect to do a prison stretch for my part in this mess, but I don't want to hang," Fields was quoted as saying.

Changes Made in Story. Fields, subjected today to another cross-examination by Lieutenants of Police Martin and Smith, and Sheriff Coffin, made two changes in his story of the shooting of Taylor, but still insisted he drove the car used by his part in the murder.

He said today, according to the investigators, that a prominent motion picture actress who was one of the quartet that planned the killing, preceded the three other participants to the Taylor home, with the understanding that she was to give the signal when the opportunity came for the shooting, and to escape.

When the car containing the Chinese, the white man and woman who he said were the others implicated, arrived at Taylor's bungalow, Fields was said to have declared the actress emerged from the house, and standing in the shadow of the porch, waved a bag of candy.

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wireless).—Figures on German trade, just issued by the statistisches reichstag, show that in January exports exceed imports by 1,700,000,000 marks. The export surplus is not due to increase of exports, but to decrease in imports, resulting from the discontinuance of the government practice of furnishing billions of paper marks for purchase of foreign foodstuffs.

If the figures are not misleading they indicate Chancellor Wirth is really making serious effort to carry out the policy of making the interior budget balance, as announced in his recent note to the reparations commission.

Since the foodstuff contribution was discontinued, prices have advanced from 50 to 80 per cent, a rise that raises the question as to how long the German masses can stand the skyward bound cost of living.

FLOOD DANGER IS OVER

HOMES ARE BEING CLEARED OF MUD AND DEBRIS.

Situation in Towns Along the Volga River in Clayton County, Iowa, Vastly Improved.

GARBER, Iowa, Feb. 25.—Residents of Elkport, Garber and Osterdock, along the Volga river in Clayton county, were busy today cleaning the mud and debris from their homes as a result of the flood of Wednesday and Thursday.

The situation in Garber and Elkport had improved vastly today. Food and clothing were rushed to the stricken towns by automobile from Edgewood and Strawberry Point, banishing the fear of a food shortage felt Friday.

Conservative estimates placed the damage to property between \$100,000 and \$125,000, with no loss of life reported.

Swelled by heavy rains, the Volga river began rising Wednesday morning, and all telegraph, telephone and power lines lost leaving both Garber and Elkport in darkness Wednesday night.

Every building in Elkport, a town of 400 inhabitants, was partly inundated, residents moving to the second floors of their homes. At 1 o'clock in the morning the main span of the bridge between Garber and Elkport was torn from its foundation and carried 2000 feet down stream by the swift current.

The main span of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railroad bridge was thrown out of alignment, while the east approach was washed out.

At the peak of the flood Thursday morning a warehouse in Elkport the property of the Span & Rose Lumber company and situated in the heart of that company's large lumber yard, was totally destroyed by fire. Half service to the towns was resumed early today.

Students Conduct Church Services.

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, Feb. 25.—(Special.)—Student teams are conducting church services in community churches near Corvallis as a result of the active interest in the Christian workers' group. One team under the captaincy of Eugene Tupper of Snohomish, Wash., will have complete charge of church services at Beulah next Sunday. Singers, musicians and speakers are included.

Perjury Suspect Is Moved.

CHESHAM, Wash., Feb. 25.—(Special.)—Richard Bakken, who last night was arrested in Centralia and jailed here, today was taken to Olympia by Sheriff Hoague of Thurston county. Bakken will answer a charge of perjury.

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