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LOS ANGELES TIMES PLANT WRECKED AND TWENTY KILLED

Explosion and Fire Causes Complete Destruction of Handsome Building. LOSS WILL REACH HALF A MILLION

Management of Paper Lays Blame of Disaster on Labor Union.

(By Associated Press.) LOS ANGELES, Cal., Oct. 1.—The building and plant of the Los Angeles Times, one of the best known newspapers in the southwest, of which General Harrison Gray Otis is editor and principal owner, was completely destroyed by an explosion and fire shortly after 1 o'clock today, resulting in the death of upwards of 20 employees. The financial loss is nearly half a million dollars. The management of the paper lays the blame of the explosion to labor unions with which organizations the paper has long been engaged in bitter warfare.

It is charged that unknown parties set off a heavy charge of dynamite in a blind alley which ran into the rear of the building, completely wrecking the interior and setting it on fire from roof to basement. The force of the explosion was terrific. It was heard for miles and all windows in the vicinity of the Times building at First and Broadway were shattered. Between 50 and 75 employees were in the building at the time of the explosion and until the whole list of employees of the paper can be checked over it will not be known how many lives are lost. The responsible heads of the paper, including Assistant General Manager Harry Chandler, narrowly escaped death, many of them having left the building a short time before the explosion. The fire spread throughout the building with amazing rapidity, and in the course of but a few seconds the flames burned every window and door in the building, shooting high above the roof.

The building was equipped with gas fittings and the force of the explosion tearing these pipes into bits released the gas, which was instantly ignited in every part of the building. No other cause but dynamite is advanced by the witnesses except in the case of Western Union Telegraph Operator William Firmin, who stated that he detected the odor of gas throughout the building earlier in the night and had called attention to it. A few minutes after the explosion the police arrested a man named Harry Pike, who was making his way through the Broadway tunnel four blocks distant. He was locked up on suspicion. Another man named William Irwin was arrested later and taken to the station. The police are without clues, however, as to the supposed perpetrators.

Assistant General Manager Chandler narrowly escaped with his life. His office was on the ground floor and he left a few minutes before the explosion. He is accustomed to remaining in the office until later in the morning but last night his wife came for him and he went home earlier than usual. His secretary, F. Westy Reaves, remained in the office and is among the missing. Speaking of the explosion, Mr. Chandler said: "You may say for me that there is no doubt that this terrible outrage can be laid at the doors of the labor unions. They have destroyed the building of this plant and have killed a number of our men we do not know how many—but they cannot kill the Times."

"There is no doubt but that the explosion was caused by a charge of dynamite. No other agency could have caused it. There was no oil in the building; we had no boilers to explode; there was no gasoline in the place, excepting a small can or two in the composing room. It is true the building was equipped with gas, but no explosion of gas could have caused it."

"It was evidently aimed to destroy the plant and kill as many as possible of the employees. For years we have been receiving threatening letters from people who said that the

LABOR PARADE IS CALLED OFF

City Officials Decide It Is Not Advisable to Hold Demonstration.

(By Associated Press.) LOS ANGELES, Oct. 1.—Mayor Alexander, the city council, chief of police and other principal officers met today with representatives of the labor unions and it was resolved to call off the proposed labor union parade Monday in protest against the anti-picketing ordinances and other illegal anti-union labor conditions existing in the city. It was agreed that such an assemblage in the midst of the present excitement was unwise.

ANOTHER ATTEMPT. Assistant Manager Chandler is authority for the statement that a similar attempt was made to blow up the Times auxiliary plant last night. One of Chandler's men saw two men trying to climb to the roof and fired two shots at them. The men fled. Chandler interprets this second attempt as further proof of a carefully planned effort made last night to destroy both the Times' main and branch offices.

NEW WORLD RECORD. MOURMELON, France, Oct. 1.—Wyumalen, the aviator, established a new world's record for altitude of 9121 feet. The previous best mark was 8409 feet, made by the late George Chavez.

PRINTERS ARE AMONG MISSING

Employes of the Composing Room Suffered More Than Other Departments.

(By Associated Press.) LOS ANGELES, Oct. 1.—The dead and missing come principally from the composing room which was directly above the spot where the explosion occurred. A number of printers and linotype operators are missing. It is believed they are buried in the still burning ruins and debris. All but three or four of the editorial staff had gone home, but the entire force of the telegraph editors and telegraph operators were at work with the exception of one man who had just left the building. Those in the building made their way to the windows wherever possible and some jumped to the roofs of adjoining buildings. Many jumped to the street, but some who had climbed into the windows fell back into the flames.

Owing to the wrecked condition of the building many, it is believed, were unable to reach the windows or other exits. The pressmen in the basement all escaped. It is estimated that 115 men were in the building at the time of the explosion. The Times employed two night watchmen but they saw no one enter the building to arouse their suspicions. One of the watchmen, V. B. Glazier, was not found and is believed to have perished.

paper ought to be blown up. I have not received any such letters lately, though I have had several telephone calls within the past few weeks threatening destruction."

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INFERNAL MACHINE DISCOVERED TWO VESSELS RUN AGROUND; BELIEVED NO LIVES ARE LOST

HAD BEEN PLACED UNDER RESISTANCE OF MERCHANTS AND MANUFACTURERS' ASSOCIATION SECRETARY.

(By Associated Press.) LOS ANGELES, Cal., Oct. 1.—Additional excitement was created by the discovery of an infernal machine under the residence of Secretary F. J. Zeehandelaar of the Merchants and Manufacturers' Association, who has

been active in conjunction with the Los Angeles Times in opposing the labor unions. The machine was discovered by Special Officer Hendrickson who, under instructions from the chief of police, placed the machine, which is of a clock-work pattern, in an isolated place. No arrests have been made. A deadly charged bomb is the character of the machine as established by the police and detectives. It consisted of fifteen sticks of dynamite attached to a fuse with clock-work attachment.

TOM CASTLE DIED RECENTLY

Word Received That Death Followed Operation for Appendicitis.

Word has been received here that Tom Castle, formerly of Marshfield, died recently in Portland. Grant Agers at Coquille received the news that his death was due to appendicitis. He was operated on but the operation had been postponed long and death followed. Castle lived here for several years. He was especially known as an automobile man. For a long time he operated a machine in this city and for a time had the only machine for hire in the city. He leaves a wife and also a father, and step-mother residing at Pendleton and a brother. Castle was about 26 years old.

BENNETT ANSWERS

(Replies to Comments of Port Commission Lawyer.

J. W. Bennett, when shown the comments of the port attorney on the Hale case, said: "Brother Peck was inspired by the Amsterdam Dutch, without the Amster, of the Port Commission, who always took me for the Almighty since I took a 'pot shot' at him when we lived together in Empire. When they heard the Hale case was commenced they thought of the old Irish woman in the compartment train when she told her little boy to 'scrouch' so as to look small and travel free. A passenger told her the only way she could get him through free was to hide him under the seat and cover him with her petticoats, and she answered: 'O, sir, I have three more under the seat, and they are all bigger than him.'"

"And that is the way the attorney and his inspiration of the Port Commission feel about the U. S. court injunction which is of the same character as the one issued by Judge John F. Hall in the state court case. But say, please ask 'em if they bonded the dear people when they bonded the district and mortgaged our homes for \$500,000, or if they had any plan to expend it after they got it. Did they ever take the dear people into their confidences until after Bennett's amendment but the fear of God in their appetites?"

MEETS IN OCTOBER

Board of Equalization Will Consider the Assessment.

The county board of equalization has published a notice that there will be a meeting at the office of the county clerk at Coquille, October 17. The board will examine the assessment roll and correct all errors in valuations and descriptions. The board will also hear any complaints of taxpayers who think that they are unjustly assessed. Any petitions or applications to the board must be made in writing and sworn to under oath by the applicant or his attorney and must be filed with the board during the first week of its session. Otherwise the petitions will not be considered.

The board of equalization is composed of the county judge, the county commissioners, the assessor and the county clerk.

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BREAKWATER SAILS TODAY

Word Received That Death Leaves This Morning for Portland With Passengers and Freight.

The Breakwater sailed this morning at 9 o'clock for Portland with passengers and freight. The following is the list of passengers who left on the vessel:

- L. W. Prestler, Mrs. A. Crawford, Theo. Crawford, Genevieve Reed, Alice Reed, Louis Choinett, Mrs. Louis Choinett, Miss Choinett, Master Choinett, John Lockhard, Mrs. J. Lockhard, Helen A. Clarke, C. O. Nelson, C. G. Smith, Margaret Webster, Benton Turner, Mrs. J. B. Estudello, F. R. Miller, Mrs. F. E. Miller, J. D. Goss, C. H. Jackson, N. A. Ely, C. E. Riggs, Charles Simpson, A. C. Abbott, Mrs. A. C. Abbott, F. J. Haner, Miss L. Bayes, Mrs. J. A. Bayes, Roy Holbrook, E. C. Chase, W. A. Wood, Albert Tucker, Albert George, Roy O'Hair, S. Jumper, Anna Cole, W. B. Fournier, Lillian Dean, J. W. Mulkey, F. F. McCready, Richard DeBoer, J. S. Cole, G. A. Taylor, F. Baird, Mrs. A. A. Baird, W. T. Toney, Mrs. Toney, Geneva Toney, E. A. Wills, G. L. Holden, H. C. Wright, S. Van Devoe, Karl Braward, Jake Mikulich, H. Bisbee, E. Wigline, Wm. Routh, N. P. Carlson, A. Hill, F. Kats H. Laer, E. Van Yorke, F. Casey.

NOT PUT OUT OF BUSINESS

The Times Printed on Auxiliary Plant in Spite of Accident.

(By Associated Press.) LOS ANGELES, Oct. 1.—Two years ago in anticipation of just such a thing as occurred this morning the Times established an auxiliary plant equipped with linotype and presses. The Times was issued today from the plant of the Morning Herald and the Times auxiliary plant. General Otis was absent from the city when the newspaper office was destroyed this morning. He is on his way back to Los Angeles from the City of Mexico, where he went some weeks ago as a representative of the United States government by appointment of President Taft to the celebration of the Mexican Centennial. General Otis is due to arrive in Los Angeles late this afternoon. The building in which the Times was housed is stone and brick. Part is four stories high and of stone and was built in 1887. Six stories of brick was added later.

TRAIN IS WRECKED

Accident in New York But No One Injured.

(By Associated Press.) CORNING, N. Y., Oct. 1.—A special train from Rochester to New York was wrecked near Coopers, six miles west of Corning. The train ran off the track and six of the eight cars turned over. It is said no one was injured.

Have your job printing done at The Times office.

START WORK FOR Y. M. C. A.

State Official Here and Committee Is Appointed To Take Charge.

That the Young Men's Christian Association, which was agitated some time ago in Marshfield is now assured is the belief of many leading business men of this city. One prominent business man has offered a splendid building site free for a Y. M. C. A. building. Last evening a meeting was held in the Marshfield Chamber of Commerce rooms and the whole subject was gone over. Assistant State Secretary F. E. A. Smith of Portland was present and outlined plans which were adopted.

An educational campaign will at once be started. The campaign for funds will be started later. At present all work will be concentrated toward the information of the public concerning the work of the Y. M. C. A. in the world. The fathers and mothers of Marshfield are being urged to become interested in this work.

Last evening a permanent committee of fifteen, composed of leading business and professional men, was appointed and will have full charge of the entire enterprise. They will direct both the educational and the financial campaigns. The campaign for funds will begin April 10 and extend till April 20, ten days. During this campaign the committee of fifteen will have to assist them the state workers who, with their expert knowledge, will assure success.

Tomorrow night Mr. Smith will give an illustrated lecture at the tabernacle. It is expected that the churches will all close their services and other attractions will be asked to do the same so that Mr. Smith can have as large a hearing as possible. He will show at least 100 pictures illustrating the work of the Y. M. C. A. throughout the world. The lecture will be free. An offering will be taken to defray local expenses.

MYRTLE POINT NOTES

News of That Locality Printed in the Enterprise.

Mr. and Mrs. George Stewart have returned from an extended visit at the home of their son at Gardiner.

A. J. Radabaugh of Norway has been appointed road viewer in place of John Yeakum, who resigned that position.

A. E. Dodge has been at Coquille several days assisting in the official D. B. Clark and sons, Bert and George; C. R. Endicott, Louis Folsom and Alvin Pierce left on the last Field for San Francisco and other points in California.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Ogden Endicott, Sept. 24, a son.

C. L. Bender returned last Saturday from Marshfield, where he has had charge of the Tower Jewelry store during the absence of the proprietor.

At the home of Rev. and Mrs. Taylor about fifty Endeavorers and friends met to bid Arthur and Fred Jones good bye, they leaving for Albany college last Friday morning.

Owing to the non-arrival of their large shipment of Gage hats, the White House millinery opening is delayed until September 25th at Coquille, and at Myrtle Point until October 1st.

Miss Mabel Adams has secured the position of teacher at the Riverton school for the school year that began Monday. Mrs. Adams drove down to Coquille with her Sunday on her way to her school.

Steamer Kulshan From Seattle to Bellingham With Passengers Total Loss.

PASSENGERS ARE PROBABLY UNINJURED

Steamer Princess Beatrice of Canadian Pacific Line Has Gone Ashore.

(By Associated Press.) SEATTLE, Wash., Oct. 1.—The new steel Kulshan, owned by the Sound Navigation Company, went aground this morning at Deception. The Kulshan was built at Seattle last summer for the Bellingham run. She is about 125 feet long and is valued at \$150,000. The place of the mishap is far from telegraphic communication and the vessel is not equipped with wireless. It is believed none of the passengers were injured. The Kulshan was bound from Seattle to Bellingham with passengers.

ANOTHER VESSEL ASHORE

(By Associated Press.) VANCOUVER, B. C., Oct. 1.—The Canadian Pacific steamer Princess Beatrice went ashore this morning in a fog at Vancouver Narrows. It is not believed she is in a dangerous position.

COAST LEAGUE BALL SCORES

Portland Wins and Gets Farther Ahead of Oakland Than Day Before.

Table with columns: Team, Won, Lost, P. C. Rows: Portland, Oakland, San Francisco, Vernon, Los Angeles, Sacramento.

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SHIPMENT OF LEATHER

O. O. Lund has just received a big shipment of leather from the east. It is a special oak tan from the best hides obtainable. He has had a standing order for nearly two years for some of it and many who saw it today marveled at the quality of it and the size of the pieces.

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