

TWO HUNDRED KILLED  
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that it would reach 200. Many of the injured, some of whom were brought to

hospitals by special trains and in ambulances, all of them so badly hurt that in only a comparatively few instances were persons able to hold out any hope for their recovery. The property loss was estimated at \$1,500,000.

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Table with 2 columns: Activity and Time. Includes 'DO YOU WALK?', 'WHICH IS YOUR TIME TABLE?', and 'WHY WALK?'.

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Immediately after the second explosion the mass of broken beams and twisted timbers broke out in a great blaze, while the highly inflammable chemicals used in the manufacture of T. N. T. and T. N. A. added ample fuel. Blast after blast followed as the heat reached the tanks, each one scattering the burning embers and endangering property in the entire community. Noxious gases spread over the valley and surrounding hills, making perilous the work of rescue.

Railroads Blocked. Telephone and telegraph wires were wrecked by the explosion and the tracks of the Pittsburg, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis railroad (The Panhandle route) were blocked by the falling buildings. An engine hastened to Carnegie, four miles distant, where wreck and relief trains were made up and hurried to Oakdale, where every hospital in Pittsburg sent ambulances with nurses and doctors. Company guards, under the direction of state constabulary, surrounded the burning ruins, and were later reinforced by deputy sheriffs and deputy coroners.

For a time it seemed as though it would be impossible to reach the wounded because of the heat, the constantly widening zone of gases and the danger from explosion. But the nurses and doctors, aided by the officers, made their way as best they could. One young nurse, Miss Meryl Aschelmann, of New Philadelphia, Ohio, a member of the staff of St. John's hospital, Pittsburg, who was among the first to answer the call for help, was perhaps fatally injured. Other rescuers were caught near a little stream into which acid and oil had poured. It exploded as they crossed and a number were thought to have perished. Each succeeding explosion reduced the blazing pile as embers and chemicals were widely scattered. Soon after six o'clock an explosion, louder and more powerful than any since noon, swept away the remnants of the fire and practically cleared the blackened space. Many bodies were consumed in the flames, the author writes so tossed about it would be impossible to identify such portions as might eventually be found.

Among the dead Coroner Samuel C. Jamieson found, was Samuel Diehl, assistant superintendent of the Heidelberg plant of the Aetna company, John B. Johnston, superintendent of the Oakdale plant, was among the badly injured.

Red Cross Women Aid. At the stations of various communities for 15 miles on either side of Oakdale were assembled women, Red Cross workers, on their way to Pittsburg to participate in a monster parade.

The thought was inspired that the Red Cross workers needed at Oakdale more than at Pittsburg. Abandoning all thoughts of parade the women flocked to the afflicted area by automobile and by trolley, ready for any sacrifice or service.

And these women lent valuable aid in bringing order and system out of the chaotic condition among the panic stricken families of workmen.

Stories Not Coherent. Answering the first call for hospital aid and ambulance went a corps of nurses and physicians from St. John's hospital. One of the nurses, Meryl Aschelmann, whose home is in New Philadelphia, Ohio, was acting as a stretcher bearer, carrying a wounded man to the ambulance when in one of the explosions she was thrown to the ground and the patient on the stretcher was killed. One of her legs was blown off.

Scarcely one who lived through the explosion is able to tell a coherent story of the happening. S. H. Canan, starter at the plant, was eating his lunch with others when the first explosion occurred, and escaped with slight bruises.

"I was setting with two friends about 100 feet from the T. N. T. stock room when the blast came," he said. "Without warning I started up and up until I lost consciousness. When I hit the ground I came to and my two friends landed about a hundred feet from me. I got to my feet and was hurrying away when I passed an injured man. I put him on my back and started from the plant when the second explosion occurred."

Second Explosion Follows. The explosion hurled burning embers in every direction for almost a mile and all derails were set afire, adding further danger of explosions and conflagration. Pumping on oil operations were stopped and sand was thrown on the burning derricks to extinguish the flames.

Tonight portions of human bodies are being picked up a mile and more from the plant. Residents about Reservoir reported seeing the bodies of men flying through the air and early tonight arms and legs were being reported along the railroad tracks three-fourth of a mile from the Aetna plant.

Coroner Orders Census. Coroner Samuel C. Jamieson tonight ordered a census of the town in an effort to ascertain the number of persons killed. The company opened an office, and through circulars distributed throughout the valley called upon all survivors to register without delay. It also asked persons whose relatives are missing to report the fact to the company.

A detail of mine rescuers from the arsenal station of the United States bureau of mines, arrived in Oakdale tonight, and equipped with oxygen helmets were prepared to penetrate the dense mass of gas which still overhung the site of the plant in the search of bodies.

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