

LOCOMOTIVE PLANT BLOWN UP; 100 KILLED

PROPERTY VALUED AT MILLIONS DESTROYED, BALDWIN FACTORY IS COMPLETELY WRECKED

Victims of Disaster are Mostly Women and Young Girls; Explosion Rocks Philadelphia Like an Earthquake; Origin of Catastrophe Unknown But Suspicion Points Strongly to German Plotters.

PHILADELPHIA, April 10.—More than a thousand persons, many girls, are missing late this afternoon. Bits of charred bodies are scattered over a large enclosure, resembling a European battlefield. Great chateaus are torn in the earth. Coroner White states this afternoon that a hundred and one are known dead. All bodies are badly charred. It is impossible in many cases to tell whether they are men or women.

PHILADELPHIA, April 10.—The Evening Ledger this afternoon estimated that one hundred, mostly girls and women were killed in the Eddy-stone explosion.

PHILADELPHIA, April 10.—The Eddy-stone police this afternoon estimated that fifty, many of whom were girls and women were killed and probably two hundred injured in the Baldwin Locomotive factory explosion. Nine buildings and a section of the Baldwin works were shattered. Machinery valued at millions was destroyed. Every building in the entire plant was damaged.

The explosions rocked Philadelphia like an earthquake. Detachments of expert agents from the local branch of the department of justice are investigating the origin of the explosions. Government agents were proceeding on the theory the explosions were not accidental.

PHILADELPHIA, April 10.—Three terrific explosions wrecked the Baldwin locomotive plant at Eddy Stone, killing many and wounding between a hundred and two hundred.

TWO KILLED IN IOWA, DUBUQUE, Iowa, April 10.—Two were killed in a mysterious explosion which destroyed the Frey and Leetscher Manufacturing company's plant. The damage is ten thousand dollars. The plant was closed down.

PLAY TO BLOW UP CAPITOL, WASHINGTON, April 10.—He reported plots to dynamite the capitol caused an increase in the guard on the capitol grounds. Fifty officers are on duty at night. None are allowed to enter the grounds after sunset. Secret service operators at New York uncovered the plot.

Fire in Shell Plant, TAUNTON, Mass., April 10.—Fire was discovered in the plant of the Miehle Press company. The company is making shells for the Russians.

WILL GIVE UP CONSTANTINOYE, PETROGRAD, April 10.—The provisional government announced the relinquishment of the claim of Russia to Constantinople, as a part of the price of peace.

U. S. LINER HITS MINE IN LIVERPOOL HARBOR

All Passengers on New York Safe; Extraordinary Daring Shows by German Mine Layers.
WASHINGTON, April 10.—The American liner New York hit a mine last night outside of Liverpool. All the passengers are safe. The liner returned to port, according to the state department cablegram. The damage was confined to one bulkhead compartment. The other 11 compartments floated the craft. The Germans were extraordinarily daring in sowing mines in the entrance of Liverpool harbor.

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WASHINGTON, April 10.—There is strong official intimation that the government is planning to take certain railroads for mobilization. It is understood the president of the leading railroads will meet the government officials tomorrow to discuss the mobilization plans. The proposition of the government taking control of certain roads would expedite general mobilization plans as the roads would be used for military purposes only.

ALFRED FRANZ IS FOUND NOT GUILTY

ATHENS, Man charged with using "no fudy" checks exonerated.
Alfred Franz, tried yesterday on a charge of obtaining money under false pretenses, was yesterday afternoon acquitted by the jury after less than an hour's deliberation. There is still another similar indictment against him and District Attorney Keator may try him on that. Franz was accused of passing between 25 and 30 no-fund checks here and in Athens drawn upon the First National Bank of Athens. That he passed the checks was proved and defendant admitted this much but in his defense claimed that he was under the impression that he had credit at the bank and believed that the checks would be cashed when presented. He was trying to make arrangements to care for them when arrested, he testified. Franz was represented by John W. Huff, local attorney. The civil case of Mellanee vs. Harlan, set to follow, was dismissed this morning as soon as the jury was drawn, the parties having stipulated the terms of settlement. This being the last case on the docket, the jury was dismissed for a few weeks until other cases are ready.

U. S. MAY STOP COAL GOING TO ARGENTINE

Will Do So Unless Argentine Takes Off Wheat Embargo To Allies.
WASHINGTON, April 10.—The United States may prevent shipments of coal to Argentina if Argentine keeps up her embargo on wheat to the allies.

NUNN SELECTED AS HIGHWAY ENGINEER

SALEM, April 10.—Herbert Nunn, Multnomah highway engineer was appointed state highway engineer at a salary of thirty six hundred annually. He was the unanimous choice of the highway commission.

WILSON FIGHTS TO STEM ANTI-DRAFT SPIRIT

Opposition to Selective Conscription Regarded as Most Serious Problem Before the Cabinet.

FINANCIAL PLAN POPULAR

Congress Expected to Approve and Everyone Else When Plan is Introduced; All Will Have Opportunity to Buy "Old Glory" Bonds.

WASHINGTON, April 10.—Strong opposition to the conscription bill developed in both branches of congress. The house was the scene of a spirited attack on the administration draft plan.

WASHINGTON, April 10.—The cabinet meeting today had to consider the Austrian break; congressional opposition to the administration war measures and financial plans.

Opposition to selective conscription is regarded as the most serious. The president attempted, probably successfully, to stem the anti-draft spirit within the military committee itself.

Congress is expected to approve the financial plan when it is introduced. Everybody is expected to approve the financial plan when it is introduced. Everybody will be given an opportunity to buy "Old Glory" war bonds.

HOUSE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE IS ORGANIZED

WASHINGTON, April 10.—Representative Sterling of Illinois and Martin of Louisiana, were named as the republican members of the house ways and means committee. Martin, a progressive voted with the democrats during the house organization.

The rest of the committee is unchanged. The holdover republicans are Fordney of Michigan; Gardner of Massachusetts; Moore of Pennsylvania; Greene of Iowa; Sloan of Nebraska; Hill of Connecticut; Longworth of Ohio, and George Fairchild of New York.

DOES RECORD BUSINESS

NEW YORK, April 10.—The record business of the United States steel corporation scored another high mark in the monthly report of unfilled orders listed. The unfilled tonnage is eleven million seven hundred and eleven thousand, an increase of a hundred and thirty four thousand.

MEMBERSHIP IN GIRLS NATIONAL HONOR GUARD CLOSES 15TH OF APRIL

All girls wishing to join the National Honor Guard must do so before the fifteenth of this month. Orders have been received by the president, Miss Evelyn Somerville, to this effect. This is done so that the girls may start their studies and get down to work before the summer months. All Honor Guard Girls are expected to take part in the grand march at the Jitney dance Wednesday evening.

HAPPY CANYON TO LOOK PATRIOTIC TOMORROW NIGHT

Preparations Underway for Big Jitney Dance for Red Cross Fund.

Work of decorating the Happy Canyon dance pavilion for the Red Cross Jitney dance tomorrow night is underway today, the decoration work being handled by Mrs. Nesmith Ankeny, assisted by decorators from the Peoples Warehouse, Alexanders and Sayros. The refreshment committee for the dance is composed of Mrs. F. E. Judd, Mrs. Wesley Matlock, Mrs. W. L. Thompson, Mrs. Willard Bond, Miss Evelyn Kinman, Miss Miriam Embury and the Red Cross nurses. The floor managers and ticket sellers are Marshall Spill, James Sturgis, William Mitchell, Carol Wilson, Mr. Wiekland, H. Harper and Carl Cooley. Mrs. Hamilton and Mrs. Vert will handle the admissions at the door. Lee D. Drake is committee man on publicity.

The public is invited to participate in the Jitney dance and thus help the Red Cross chapter in its patriotic efforts.

PLANS ARE MADE FOR CONVENTION

Sunday School Workers of City Prepare for Meeting May 17, 18 and 19.

Active planning for the annual state and county Sunday school conventions, which are to be held in Pendleton on May 17, 18 and 19, has been commenced by the local Sunday school workers. S. G. Reetz has been named chairman of all committees and the following other chairmen have been named: Mrs. S. A. Lowell, entertainment; Mrs. Virgil Pendall, music; Mrs. Sam Jenkins, registration; Geary Gimbrel, reception; and Judge J. W. Maloney, publicity.

The Umatilla county convention is to be held on the first day, the state convention on the second day and on the third day, which will be Sunday, a big union service is to be held. Between 200 and 300 delegates from over the county and state are expected to be in attendance.

15,000 Prisoners In One Days Fighting On New British Line

CONFUSED BY TRAIN GREEK SECTION HANG KILLED ABOVE TOWN

Jim Lapes Meets Death Under Work Train This Morning; Passing of N. P. Train on Parallel Track Seemingly Make Worker Unaware of Danger.

Jim Lapes, a Greek section hand employed by the O-W. R. & N., was instantly killed this morning a few minutes before 9 o'clock about two miles east of Pendleton on the Washington division of the O-W. by Extra Work train No. 248, Engineer Smith and Conductor Brown.

Lapes belonged to the crew which has been ballasting the track. The crew was working near the bridge over the river but Lapes had been sent to a point three quarters of a mile beyond to finish up a small job there. At this point the N. P. tracks parallel the O-W. tracks and as the work train approached from the north the morning N. P. train out of Pendleton passed the point at which the man was working, according to the best report obtainable. It is presumed the noise of the one train prevented him from hearing the approach of the other. The engine of the work train was backing and this prevented the engineer from seeing the man on the track until too late.

He was dragged about 150 feet and his body terribly mangled. Coroner Brown was at once notified and brought the remains to Pendleton. The witnesses were such that he secured a jury to conduct an inquest this afternoon.

Deceased was about 45 years old and had a son in this city. Two other sons and two daughters are living in his native country.

MAY BIDS STAY ABOVE \$2 MARK

CHICAGO, April 10.—(Special to the East Oregonian)—Range of prices today:
Open High Low Close
May \$2.06 1/2 \$2.07 1/4 \$2.02 \$2.07 1/4
July \$1.83 \$1.85 1/4 \$1.80 \$1.82 1/2

Portland, Ore., April 10.—(Special)—Club \$1.78 1/4; bluestem \$1.87.

BISHOP ASKED TO MAKE PENDLETON HEADQUARTERS

By action of the vestry of the Church of the Redeemer, taken last evening, the Rt. Rev. R. L. Paddock, bishop of eastern Oregon, was invited to make his headquarters in Pendleton in the future. He expressed appreciation of the invitation. His headquarters are now at Hood River.

W. E. Brock, A. T. Park, Charles Bond, Willard Bond, C. M. Stype, George Hartman, M. Berkeley, B. M. Sawtelle and C. C. Whitman, were last evening elected as vestrymen for the coming year at the annual meeting of the parish. J. T. Lambirth, for many years a vestryman, was at his own request excused from service on the board. Delegates chosen to the annual convention are Messrs. Stype, Lambirth and Berkeley, with Messrs. Park, Robinson and Sawtelle as alternates.

The reports of the church clerk and treasurer show the organization to be entirely free from debt, excepting for the paving bonds. A rector to succeed the late Rev. Charles Quinney has not yet been chosen and in the interim Bishop Paddock will supply the pulpit as often as possible. A spirited talk was made to the members of the parish by the bishop last evening.

OPERATED ON SO HE CAN JOIN THE NAVY

Ray Finnell Will Enlist as Soon as he Recovers From Minor Ailment Which Might Have Prevented His Acceptance.

To make himself fit to pass the physical examination required for entrance to the U. S. navy, Ray Finnell, well known plaster contractor of Pendleton, yesterday went to St. Anthony's hospital to submit to a minor operation which he believes will correct an ailment that might prove a barrier to his acceptance in the naval service. As soon as he recovers he intends enlisting. His brother, Paul Finnell, has already enlisted and will leave the latter part of the week.

Three more recruits have been added to the list leaving Pendleton steadily. Randolph Meek, who has been working at the Tallman drug store, left last night for Portland, having made application to join the navy as an apprentice seaman. Ray Henry Gault of Weston and James Davidson Todd of this city, who served with the Kentucky regiment on the Mexican border, enlisted this morning in the same branch.

Recruiting Officer Swartz this morning received a message stating that the age limit for the navy has been fixed at 16 to 35 and also that men formerly in the service who wish to re-enlist can receive their old standing provided they have not been out more than three years. Leslie Gibbs, assistant in the business office of the East Oregonian, left on No. 12 for Portland and many of his friends were at the depot to bid him goodbye. He has enlisted in the yeoman branch of the service. Clement McCoy, who enlisted in the medical service of the navy, was among those leaving last night.

RED CROSS TO HAVE HEADQUARTERS IN FEDERAL BUILDING

Government Offers Use of Room; Kitchen Table and Cupboard Needed.

The government has offered the use of a room in the Pendleton Federal building to the Umatilla County Red Cross chapter for headquarters purposes. All supplies will be made and stored there until instructions are received from national headquarters. The chapter has already been given a sewing machine to use. It is now in need of a kitchen table, cupboard and shelves. A gift of such furniture is not requested but a loan would be appreciated. Auxiliary chapters are being started all over the county. The committee on auxiliary organizations being on a trip today to Athens, Weston, Milton and Presawyer. Various social clubs in the city are also desiring to devote their regular meeting hours to sewing for the Red Cross. The auction bridge club formerly known as the Hudson bridge club being the first one to offer its services.

TWO THIRDS OF THE WORLD'S POPULATION AT WAR



Two-thirds of the world's population is at war. The estimated population of the world is 1,491,751,000. The populations of the belligerent countries and their colonies total 1,144,400,000. The entire allies after the entry of the United States, will consist of:

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| Belgium | 22,600,000 | United States | 112,000,000 |
| British Empire | 448,000,000 | Total | 448,100,000 |
| France | 42,000,000 | Central Empire | |
| Italy | 37,000,000 | Austria-Hungary | 50,000,000 |
| Japan | 74,000,000 | Bulgaria | 8,000,000 |
| Montenegro | 500,000 | German Empire | 81,000,000 |
| Portugal | 15,000,000 | Turkey | 24,500,000 |
| Rumania | 7,400,000 | Total | 160,100,000 |
| Russia | 173,000,000 | | |
| Sergia | 4,000,000 | | |

\$3,000,000 FIRE IN MINNEAPOLIS

MINNEAPOLIS, April 10.—Two large grain elevators were destroyed and the Mississippi river bridge threatened by fire. The damage is three million dollars. A fire in two other elevators was extinguished. The authorities are puzzled.