

## **Big Blast Destroys Armour** Grain Elevator.

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Structure, One of Largest of Kind in World, Was Erected at Cost of Ten Millions.

Chicago .- An explosion of grain dust rocked the southern section of Chlcago early Saturday night, wrecked one of the world's largest grain elevators and broke every window within a mile.

Of the nine watchmen trapped in the structure by the blast, one is known to be dead and four are missing.

The elevator, which consisted of steel and concrete towers, was located in the southern outskirts of the city on the banks of the Calumet river. It was built at a cost of more than \$10,- by the war exigency. 000,000 and was operated by the Armour Grain company.

The explosion was due, it was said by officials, to a fire that started in a chute. The blaze set fire to the dust-filled air and the resulting blast rent asunder the big tower, releasing States has decreased 12.4 per cent in thousands of bushels of grain.

So great was the force of the exblocks hundreds of feet and derailed a freight train standing on a near-by track.

thought to have been trapped by the comparative figures was for the most flood of blazing grain.

Up to a late hour only one body had been removed. Four others are known to have escaped.

Heavy damage was caused in nearby towns by the explosion. Windows and South Dakota in 1914. were shattered in Hammond, Whiting and East Chicago. The property loss at Whiting, according to merchants, will reach \$100,000.

Normally about 2,000,000 bushels of grain are stored in the elevator, but The decrease came from nine states. at the time of the blast there was only about 500,000 bushels. This was destroyed by the fire that followed the explosion.

150 employes had quit for the day. were three separate explosions, the last being the most severe. The ex-

loss at \$6,000,000.

# Nation In 30 Months

Pittsburg, Pa .- Something like \$17. 000,000,000 must be provided by the federal government within 30 months to meet its running expenses and re-



Washington, D. C .-- Encouragement by the government of permanent, intimate combinations or associations in ndustry, under federal supervision, was recommended in the final report of the war industries board, just completed by B. M. Baruch, chairman.

benefit in the way of prices and economies in production and distribudone during the war, and that the govthrough the mutual co-operation of

members of industrial groups, as was don during the war, and that the government policy of enforced isolation and costly competition is not condu-

cive to the general welfare, Pointing out that the same power

born of association that makes for potential benefit also may make for potential injustices, the report recommends that there be created a government agency, which shall supervise such associations.

The report recommends that purely as a civic measure legislation be adopt ed permitting the continued function-

ing of the industrial group represent ed by the war service committees and the related associations of manufacturers whose establishment was forced

### Loss Is Shown in Census of Middle-West Prisons

Chicago.-Prison population of the middle and southwestern United the past six years, according to reports collected by the Associated Press plosion that it hurled great concrete from state penitentiaries in 16 states. The decrease amounted to 2729 prisoners. The total penitentiary popu-

lation of the 16 states in 1914 was The few men in the elevator are 21,947, in 1920 19,218. Date of the part December 1 of each year.

> Falling off in the prison popula tion of the section is equivalent to more than the combined prisoners of Iowa, Kansas, Wisconsin and North

> Decrease, however, was shown not to be uniform throughout the territory. Six states had the reverse to show, reporting an increase, while one

presented exactly the same figures.

Lumber Rate to Pittsburg Cut.

operating west of Chicago have vol-The explosion occurred just after untarily reduced the rates on lumber are plenty of space and food, also that from the Pacific coast as far east as According to one eye witness, there Pittsburg. The reduction amounts to young turks warm during the cold about \$2 a thousand feet and it is spring days. thought will aid materially to broaden plosions tore the top off the elevator. the buying markets of the consumers Early estimates put the property affected. This reduction does not apply to the seaboard territory east of Pittsburg because the eastern lines

have refused to concur in any reduc-Needs \$17,000,000,000 tions on the long-haul rates.

#### 15 Slain in Ambush.

Cork .- Seven soldiers and one po-

STATE NEWS IN BRIEF. \* Prineville, - John L. Karnopp of

Portland has been in the city the past week making arrangements for the new bank which under the articles of incorporation will be known as the Bank of Prineville.

The report holds that great public Eugene .- The entire \$11,000 estate of Mrs. Delia J. Garlinger, who died abundance of goods, resulting from here March 13, was bequeathed to the permanent endowment fund of Willamette university at Salem. The will was admitted to probate Friday.

> Klamath Falls .- Seaforth Queen III, whed by S. A. Hempe of Union, Or., brought the top price for cows, \$675, at the second annual farm bureau Shorthorn sale Friday afternoon. Oliver Martin of Merrill was the purchaser.

Newport .- A neglected industry offering unlimited possibilities in Lincoln county is the growing of goats for mohair. The burned area covering hundreds of square miles, being well watered and covered with ferns, grass and salal, is just waiting for a man with a flock of goats.

Salem .-- Night police officers late Sunday discovered 25 transients huddled in a box car attached to a southbound Southern Pacific train. To prevent the men alighting here the officers closed and locked the door of the car and ordered the trainmen to carry the travelers out of the city.

Baker .- Baker will place exhibits of its various minerals at the third International Mining convention to be held in Portland, April 5-9. It is planned to distribute at the convention a pamphlet, listing all mines and minerals of the county, as well as giving a complete history of the geographical development.

Salem .--- The Pacific Spruce corporation, organized under the laws of Delaware, has made application to operate in Oregon. The capital stock is \$150,-000. F. S. Scritsmier of Portland has been named attorney in fact. Oregon headquarters of the corporation will be in Portland. The purpose of the corporation is to operate a lumber mill in Lincoln county.

Prineville .-- W. T. Smith, who last fall sold \$1600 worth of turkeys to the Portland markets, is planning on doubling that amount this year. Mr. Smith lives on one of the tracts under Washington, D. C .- The railroads the Ochoco project and asserts that the essential things in raising turkeys great care must be used in keeping

> Klamath Falls. -- Klamath county's tax muddle is causing bond buyers to shy at purchasing county or city bonds. said Carl S. Kelty, vice-president of the Lumbermens Trust company of Portland, here recently. If the situation is not straightened out soon there will be no money to' meet 'maturing interest on outstanding bonds. The

liceman were killed and several woundfirst installment becomes delinquent April 5. So far no collections have



"ALLAN."

Synopsis .- Dissatisfied because of Bynopsis.-Dissatisfied because of the seemingly barren outlook of his position as a school teacher in Casadian town, John Harris deter-mines to leave it, take up land in Manitoba and become a "home-steader." Mary, the girl whom he loves, declares she will accompany him. They are married and set out for the unknown country. Alec McCras, pioneer settler and adviser of newcomers, proves an invalu-able friend. Leaving his wife with the family of a fellow settler, Fred the family of a fellow settler, Fred Arthurs, Harris and McCrae jour-ney over the prairie and select a homestead. Mary insists on accompanying him when he takes pos-session. They build a shack and put in a crop.

## CHAPTER III-Continued.

It was not dreadfully cold, but the sky seemed only a vast turmoll of snow. Darkness came down very early, but at last Harris began to recognize familiar landmarks close by the trail, and just as night was settling in he drew into the partial shelter of the bench on the bank of the coulee. The horses pulled on their reins persistently for the stable, but Harris forced them up to the house. His loud shout was whipped away by the wind and strangled in a moment, so he climbed stiffly from the wagon and pulled with numbed hands at the double thickness of carpet that did service for a door. He fancied he heard a sound, but could be sure of nothing; he called her name again and again, but could distinguish no answer. But at last the fastenings which help the carpet gave way, and he half walked, half fell, into the house.

The lantern burned dimly, but it was not at the lantern he looked. In the farthest corner, scarcely visible fn the feeble light, stood his wife, and at her shoulder was the gun, trained steadily upon him.

"Mary Mary, don't you know me?" he cried.

She dropped her weapon to the floor, where it went off, harmlessly burying its charge in the sod wall.

"Thank God, oh, thank God !" she exclaimed.

He threw off his wet overcoat and rushed to her side. But she sat slient on the bed, staring absently at the light flickering uncertainly in the wind from the open door.

He hastily rearranged the carpet, then, returning to her, he took her hands in his and rubbed them briskly. But she still stared vaguely at the light

Suddenly a thought came to him. He rushed outside, to find that the horses, of their own accord, had taken shelter beside the stable. Here from the wagon he drew a little bundle and hurried back to the house.

She was sitting where he left her, livering slightly and watching

of man and team on the way devoured all the proceeds of the wheat; indeed, there were instances on record in the settlement where men who attempted such trips during the winter actually came back poorer than they left, while those who could show a gain of a bag of sugar, a sack of flour, or a box of groceries were considered fortunate indeed.

"What shall we eat?" said Harris to his wife, when, after a full discussion, it was decided that no more grain could be marketed until spring.

"Oh, we shall not suffer," was her calm reply. "We have over 500 bushels of wheat."

"But we can't eat wheat!" "I'm not so sure of that. I heard Mr. McCrae say that lots of families had wintered on wheat. Indeed, boiled wheat is something of a delicacy, Even the best city familles rarely have it. although it is more nutritious than

flour and much easier to prepare." Harris thrilled with joy over his wife's vivacity. The strange gloom that oppressed her so much of late had cost him many anxious hours.

So, in high spirits, they planned for their winter. There were long hours, and little diversion, and the desolation of bleak, snow-bound prairies on every side, but through it all they kept up their courage and their hopefulness. Mary spent much time with her needle, from which John, when he felt she was applying herself too closely, begulled her to a game of checkers or an hour with one of their few but valued books. And there were frequent visits and long evenings spent about cozy fire, when the Morrisons, or the Grants, or the Rileses, dropped in to while away the time. The little sod house was warm and snug, and as the men played checkers while the women sewed, what cared the ploneers for the snow and the cold and the wind whistling across the plains? . . . . . .

At last came the crisis. At 4 in the afternoon Harris kissed his wife an affectionate farewell, hitched his horses to th sleigh, and started out post-haste for Plainville. He drove by way of the Morrisons, where a few low words sent Tom to the stable at a trot to hitch his own team, while the good wife bustled about in the "room," almost overwhelmed with the importance of her mission.

"I will go for the doctor, Jack, and you go back and take the wife with was Morrison's kindly offer, but Harris would not agree. It was dark by this time, and he felt that he could trust no one else to make the journey o Plainville. Besides, there was more than a chance that Dr. Blain might be incapable, and in that case it meant a drive of 30 miles farther.

"It's good of you, Morrison," he said, but you are more used to your wife's bldding than I am, and you can be of good service there, if you will." And without waiting to argue he sprang

But the doctor only mumbled "S no to Emerson. The cost of subsistence se," and fell heavily to sleep.

Throwing open his coat to get free motion for his arms, Harris in a moment wrapped the sleeping man in a couple of blankets from the bed, threw him over his shoulder, carried him down the rickety ladder, and deposited him, none too gently, in the sleigh. There was a mild cheer from the men about the stove over these heroic measures, and one of them thoughtfully threw the doctor's satchel into the sleigh. The next moment all were lost in the darkness.

Harris drove for an hour, watching the trail keenly in the whitish mist of the winter's night, and urging the horses to the limit of their exertions. He had almost forgotten his passenger when he felt a stir in the bottom



"Watche Doing, Harris?"

of the sleigh. Looking down closely he found the doctor trying to extricate a flask from one of his pockets. With a guick wrench he took it from him. and would have thrown it into the snow, but the thought struck him that it might be needed, and he put it into his own pocket.

The doctor struggled to his feet. "Say, Harris, you're friend o' mine, but don't take too many liberties, see? 'S no use tryin' without it. Jush give me that bottle now, or I'll get out an' go home."

Harris was so pleased at the signs of returning coherence that he could have hugged the doctor, but he only said, "You've had enough for tonight. And you won't get out, because if you try to I'll knock you senseless in the bottom of the sleigh.

funding operations, Secretary Weeks declared here Saturday night in an address before the Pittsburg chamber of military and police near Kinsale of commerce.

"This," he said, "is a greater task than was ever undertaken by any nation in time of peace and there is no one who does not view the prospect with more or less alarm. It is the height of folly to undertake new commitments if they can be avoided."

The secretary discussed economy in government operations, recognition of federal activities in Washington, tax ation and the tariff. He urged repeal of the excess profits tax, declaring that with falling prices it was not an effective tax. He said there were innumerable instances where concerns which made large profits in 1919, pay ing a tax on these profits, lost so much during 1920 that on January 1 1921, their resources were less than January 1, 1919.

Many Are Hurt in Fire. Emporia, Kan,-Three persons were unaccounted for following a fire which destroyed the Hotel Whitely Sunday

Several persons were burned severe ly and others suffered injuries when they fell from upper stories.

Jack Fisher, a wrestler fell three stories when a rope burned in two, before his entrance into politics, passbut was uninjured. Ed Warner, Fish- ed the senate Thursday and now goes before actual proposal for recall of er's manager, jumped three stories to the governor. The picture of this and landed uninjured on the wrestler's dilapidated little building has adorned the ballot. Under the existing laws back.

The damage was estimated at \$100. 000.

Rotary Probes Relief.

Indianapolis, Ind .- A survey of conditions surrounding the care of dis- Hamon, acquitted of a charge of mur-Rotary Clubs' association.

prove whether American Logion re- tended the morning service, after tions that had rejected the law and ports are based on hysteria or upon which she approached the pastor and one was from a public utility not subfacts."

ed and seven members of the attacking party were killed in the ambush Saturday, according to the latest re-

blowing up of a bridge when three lorries were crossing it. Twenty Sinn were wounded, and the military took a large quantity of ammunition.

#### Gas Caused Stampede.

The Pas, Man .- The reported discovery of a flow of gas in the foothills near the Pasqua river, Saskatchewan, 100 miles west of The Pas, has redistrict. A dozen small syndicates have been formed and large blocks of in Salem April 9, according to anland taken up. The district is not easy of access, and is little known. Indians visit it with superstitious discretion, although for many years they Money derived from the sale of these

cementing their birch bark canoes.

#### State to Buy Old Shop.

Nashville, Tenn.-A bill appropriating \$15,000 for the purchase and preservation of the little building in Greenville, Tenn., which Andrew Johnson,

steps to preserve it.

Clara Hamon Baptized.

asked for the haptismal service.

been made.

Marshfield .- In line with the general trend in this county for better ports received here. The fatalities to farm stock, C. C. Farr, county agent. the crown forces were caused by the has arranged with Oregon Agricultural college for a public sale of pure-bred beef cattle at Coquille on March 25. Feiners were captured, of whom seven Professor Oliver of Oregon Agricultural college will accompany the carload, which is all from the college farm. The stock includes Herefords and Shorthorns, 12 bulls and six heifers, coming 2 years.

Salem .- Bids for \$1,000,000 of state highway bonds, the issuance of which sulted in a miniature stampede to that was approved by the state board of control here recently, will be opened nouncement. These bonds will mature in four years after issuance and sale and will draw 51% per cent interest. have gathered tar there for use in bonds will be matched by the federal government for the construction of post roads in Oregon.

Salem .- The so-called public service commission recall committee, through W. E. Richardson, secretary, has submitted to the secretary of state a sam-17th president, used as a tailor shop ple petition, which it will be necessary to circulate throughout the state the commissioners can be placed on Tennessee histories for years but the it will require 20,000 signatures of commonwealth has been slow to take qualified voters before the question of recalling the public service body can be referred.

Salem .- There was one fatality due Ardmore, Okla. -- Clara Smith to industrial accidents in Oregon during the week ending March 17, accordabled world war veterans has been der in connection with the death of ing to a report prepared by the state started by 800 Rotary clubs, accord- Jake L. Hamon, Sunday was baptized industrial accident commission. The ing to a letter received at the Amer- in the First Christian church by Dr. victim was Steven Baker, faller, of ican Legion's national hendquarters C. S. Brooks, its pastor. Mr. G. J. Hoskiss. Of the total of 397 accidents from C. H. Perry, secretary of the James of Los Angeles, a sister of Mrs. reported, 372 were subject to benefits Hamon, also was baptized. Accom- under the workmen's compensation The purpose, says the letter, is "to panied by her family, Mrs. Hamon at- act, 24 were from firms and corporaject to the provisions of the act.

play of the light as it flickered up and down the wall. He tore the package open and spread its contents before her.

At first she took no notice, but gradually her eyes found the outline of soft cloth and dainty feminine de vices. With a great joy he watched the color returning as her set face re-



"Mary, Mary, Don't You Know Me?" He Cried.

laxed in a smile of inaffable tenderness. She raised her face to his and slipped her arms about his neck, and he knew that for the moment he had snatched her out of the valley of the shadow.

Harris made no more attempts to market his wheat that winter. His wife's health now became his first consideration, but, even had there been no such problem, experience had shown that nothing was to be gained by making the long and expensive trip | or I'll take you. Which is it?"

into his sleigh again and was whip ping his team into the darkness,

"Night Harris," said the landlord who had a speaking acquaintance with every settler within 20 miles. "Ye're drivin' late. Ye'll have a bite of supper an' stable the team?"

"No, Hank, not tonight, thanking you the same. But I'm after Dr. Blain, and I'm in a hurry. Is he here, andis he fit?" There was an anxiety in the last words that did not escape the host.

"Nothin' ser'ous, I hope? Frost, or comethin'?" Then, without waiting for reply, he continued: "Yes, doctor's here. Upstairs, bed to the right as ye Just got in a little back. As go up. for fit-dig 'im out an' judge for yourself.

Harris lost no time scaling the ladder which led to the upper half-story of the building. It was a garretnothing better-where the cold stars looked through knot holes in the poplar shingles, and the ends of the shingle nails were tipped with frost. Another wall lamp burned uncertainly here, flickering in the wind that whistled through the cracks in the gables. and by its light Harris found "the bed to the right." The form of a man lay diagonally across it, face downward, with arms extended above the head, and so still that Harris paused for a moment in a strange alarm. Then he slipped his hand on the doctor's neck and found it warm.

"Come, Doctor," he said, "I want you with me." But the sleeping man answered with not so much as a groan. "Come, Dr. Blain," Harris repeated, shaking him soundly. "I want you to go home with me." He might have been speaking to the dead. In sudden exasperation he seized the

doctor by the shoulders, and with one heave of his mighty arms set him upright on the floor and shook him vigorously.

Dr. Blain opened his eyes and blinked uncertainly at the light. "Whatche doing, Harris?" he said at length, and the recognition brought a thrill of hope. "'S no use \* \* Got-ta sleep it off. 'S no use, Harris. 'S no use." And he crumpled up in the bed.

But Harris was desperate. "Now I'm not going to fool with you," he sald. "You get up and come with me

After that the doctor remained silent for some time. Then suddenly he demanded : "Shny, Harris, where you takin' me to, anyway?"

"I'm taking you to my home." "Wha' for? You're all right, I guess • • " Suddenly the doctor stood erect.

"Harris, is your wife sick?"

"That's why I came for you."

"Well, why the devil didn't you say so? Here, give me that whip. Harris, Harris, what did you waste time arguing for?"

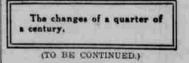
"I didn't waste much. The argument was mostly on your side."

"Harris," said the doctor, after a long silence, "you think I'm a fool. You're right. It isn't as though I didn't know. I know the rond I'm go-ing, and the end thereof. \* \* \* And yet, in a pinch, I can pull myself together. I'm all right now. But it'll get me again as soon as this is over. \*\*\* Any good I am, any good I do, is just a bit of salvage out of the wreck. The wreck-yes, it's a good word that -wreck."

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Just as the dawn was breaking he knelt beside her. Her eyes were very large and quiet, and her face was white and still. But she raised one pale hand, and the thin fingers fondled In his hair. She drew his face very gently down, and big silent tears stood in his eyes.

"We will call him Allan," he said.



#### Ornamental Thimbles.

At one time, apart from the shape, which is imperative, thimbles were decorated with all kinds of precious stones at the tip-and these were, of course, designated more for ornament than use, when it was the fashion, as Sheridan remarks, for fine ladies to play "at fine work," according to the Irish World, Ladles in our grandmothers' days, besides seeing to the household and personal linen. generally worked in delicate material in silks and satins, when a smaller thimble was brought into play and used with some of the witchery of the fan.