

FOUR KILLED, FOUR INJURED IN EXPLOSION AT JACKSONVILLE

CIGARETTE IS BLAMED AS CAUSE OF BLOW-UP BY OTHER WORKMEN

Men Literally Blown to Pieces and Hurling Hundreds of Feet in Air, Limbs Being Scattered Broadcast—Powder Charge Was Being Placed in a Cliff Above Where Crew of Men Were Hauling Rock.

Powdermen in Habit of Smoking While Placing Powder Charges—Some Survivors Contend That Powder Was Tamped With Sun-Heated Iron.

Three men were literally blown to pieces, another fatally injured, dying at the Sacred Heart Hospital in this city, and four badly hurt by a premature explosion in the quarry above Jacksonville at 11:10 o'clock this morning.

The explosion is believed by men working in the quarry to have been caused by a carelessly dropped cigarette on powder heated by being exposed to the sun, although it may have been caused by the powder man who was placing a charge before cooling the hole in which he was tamping the powder.

The dead: JOHN SIMMONS, aged about 45, a resident of Jacksonville. LOUIS LAZOVICH, Greek employed as a water boy. LOUIS BOGDON, Greek, the powder man. JAMES RYAN, aged about 26, resident of Jacksonville.

The injured: E. Visino, severe cuts, leg broken, possible internal injuries. Resident of Jacksonville. John Sutton, leg and arm broken. Severely injured otherwise. Resident of Jacksonville for a number of years.

Carl Burns, gash in head and other bruises. Resident of Applegate. John Zucello, arm broken. Badly bruised. Greek laborer.

Three Killed Outright The three men who were killed outright were horribly mangled. The body of young Lazovich, water boy, who was standing above the place the explosion occurred, presented the most horrible appearance. He was hurled nearly 200 feet. An arm was picked up in one place, a leg in another. His body struck a chaparral bush and was torn to bits. The powder man, Bogdon, was hurled clear of the huge pit of the quarry, landing on a ledge 150 feet from the place the explosion occurred. He was horribly mangled. John Simmons was hurled directly into the air and was instantly killed. James Ryan, though fatally injured did not succumb until he had reached the Sacred Heart hospital.

The powder charge was being placed in a cliff about 25 feet directly above where a crew of men were hauling rock. The explosion hurled rock down upon them and this accounts for the broken legs and arms. One man came through the shower of rock unhurt.

As Bogdon was killed outright the manner in which the explosion occurred will never be known. A large number of the laborers say that he was in the habit of smoking while placing powder charges and that they believe that this fired the charge. On the other hand some of the men claim that the heat of the sun beating down on the cliff where he was working made the tamping of powder a very dangerous matter. Black powder and dynamite is being used for blasting.

Wild Excitement Follows Immediately following the explosion the wildest excitement prevailed at the quarry. Finally one of the

MORE WARSHIPS SENT KEY WEST FOR CUBAN USE

WASHINGTON, June 6.—The navy department is preparing today to send the battleships Florida, Utah, Delaware and the North Dakota now at Annapolis, to Key West on Saturday next. The fourth division of the Atlantic fleet, consisting of the four battleships which left Key West yesterday, arrived at Guantanamo at noon today, according to despatches received here. The warships landed 1,100 marines at Guantanamo this afternoon.

START WORK AT ONCE SECURING NAMES FOR BILL

The matter of raising the necessary \$750 for the securing of 12,000 names to insure the appearance of Medford's Home Rule road bill on the ballot in November, the Medford Commercial club discussed the matter at some length at a regular meeting held Wednesday evening at the City Hall and decided to call upon the progressives of this city and county to contribute to a fund for this purpose. As there remains but four weeks in which to secure the necessary signatures, the matter is urgent.

SMALLPOX IN SAN DIEGO'S JAIL

SAN DIEGO, Cal., June 6.—Two cases of smallpox in the county jail resulted today in the city health authorities assuming custody of 17 men who were held in the jail on charges of vagrancy in connection with the recent L. W. W. disturbances. On motion by District Attorney Utley, George W. Paterbaugh, police judge, ordered the release of the 17 prisoners on their own recognizance. Dr. Francis Mead, city health officer announced to the court that the released prisoners would be removed to tents at Sorrento, where they would be cared for by the city for at least fourteen days, the time that it must elapse for disease to develop if it has been contracted.

COBALT, CANADA, IS DESTROYED BY FIRE

COBALT, Ont., June 6.—Most of the business section of this town was destroyed by fire early today. The fire started from the explosion of an oilstove in the Lyric theater. The audience left the building quietly and no one was injured.

The fire raged for several hours and was not gotten under control until early today. Loss \$50,000.

Scene of Today's Fatal Explosion



REFRIGERATOR SERVICE FOR EGGS AND BERRIES

Owing to the recent increase in egg and berry shipments from the Rogue River Valley to Portland and Seattle, the Southern Pacific will in the future operate a refrigerator car on Saturdays through the valley, picking up all local shipments of eggs, butter, and other perishable products. The car will be carried on the local freight between Ashland and Grants Pass where it will be attached to a fast through freight and given a 24 hour service to Portland.

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SITUATION SEEN BY NEBRASKAN

Three Times Presidential Candidate Sizes Up Republican Contest Between President and Former President and Predicts a Bolt Probable.

Depends Upon Nerve of Candidate's Supporters and Whether Taft Dare Use Party Machine for Himself.

(By Williams Jennings Bryan.)
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In a street duel a stray bullet sometimes strikes a passerby, but in this case, several hundred thousand officeholders—not to speak of an army of aspirants—have had their hopes riddled and their bread and butter filled with fragments of exploded shells.

TWO CONVENTIONS PREDICTED

In speculating as to the outcome of the convention one must have considerable latitude. At the present it looks like two conventions, if Mr. Taft's supporters have the courage to do all that is in their power.

The refusal of the committee to honor Roosevelt's request for 250 tickets indicates they have the animus to fight, but have they the courage to carry the fight to the last ditch?

Mr. Taft has control of the national committee. The committee can seat enough of the Taft delegates to give him a majority of the convention—and there will be as much to be said in favor of Taft delegates from the South as can be said for Mr. Roosevelt's delegates from that section, for Republican delegations from the South, whether they support Taft or Roosevelt, represents, as a rule, only what patronage and corruption or money can buy.

TWO QUESTIONS ONLY

First—Will President Taft dare to use the machinery which he controls? If he does—and the machine doesn't break down—he can take his Southern delegations, and with a minority of the delegates from the north, nominate himself. Does he want that kind of a nomination, and will he risk what Mr. Roosevelt may then do? (If the ex-president would announce in advance that he would abide by the decision of the convention he would not have much chance to secure a nomination. He might as well go to Africa.)

The second question is, what will Mr. Roosevelt, if his contesting delegates are denied seats, do? Will he take a minority of the delegates from the north, repair to another hall, seat his contesting delegates from the south and then proceed to nominate himself?

Bolt Seems Likely That would seem to be his purpose. (Continued on Page 6.)



TAFT'S STEAM ROLLER BEGINS TO WORK IN REPUBLICAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE ROOSEVELT CONTESTANTS TO BE OUSTED

CHICAGO, June 6.—With both Roosevelt and Taft leaders claiming a majority of delegates, while both sides privately admit that the result will be very close, the Republican national committee met here this afternoon to consider a temporary roll call of the delegates to the national convention.

Victor Rosewater of Nebraska, was elected chairman and the rules governing the Taft-Roosevelt delegate contests were adopted. These largely duplicated the old rules.

The first debate came up over the question as to whether press associations only should be admitted to the contest hearings, or as to whether the hearings should be open to all accredited newspaper reporters.

Today's session was devoted mostly to organization and rules of contest. The Taft delegates control the committee and a large number of delegates in favor of Taft will be seated. The first contests are Arkansas and Alabama and will probably not be settled before Saturday. President Taft is expected to win practically all these contests.

RULING FAVORS TAFT

The Roosevelt leaders are urging seats in the convention, each delegate, contested, to be allowed half a vote. The Taft men decline to consider such a proposition. The national committee made it plain at its first session that where a contesting delegation seriously assails the legal-

ity of the election of regular delegates they will have a chance but that in cases where fraud, intimidation or juggling of roll calls is claimed, the committee will take the stand that it is without authority to review the acts of any convention. Such a ruling strongly favors President Taft and means the ousting of nearly all the Roosevelt contestants from the South.

HOLD BALANCE OF POWER

President Taft is being kept in immediate touch with all developments by means of a private telephone line extending from the office of Charles D. Hilles, secretary to the president, at the Blackstone hotel here, to the White House.

Irrespective of what the national committee may do with the contests here, the uninstrusted delegates really hold the balance of power. Both sides claim them, but where they really stand will not be determined until the first roll call is taken in the national convention on the make-up of the temporary organization.

If the national committee pushes through the Taft program, it is generally expected that Roosevelt will come here in person next week. If he does the colonel will hold a proxy and will sit in the sessions of the national committee.

ROOT TO BE CHAIRMAN

Senator Elihu Root of New York undoubtedly will be elected temporary chairman of the national convention. (Continued on Page 6.)

Square-Faced Bulldog Roosevelt Anthem

CHICAGO, June 6.—The Roosevelt campaign song has made its appearance. It is a parody of the famous war chant of the Champ Clark boosters, "You Gotta Quit Kickin' My Dawg Around." It is sung to the tune of "Casey Jones."

hound;
Short-legged bull, close to the ground,
And you bet they ain't kickin' Teddy's bull around.

CHORUS.
Square-jawed bull, and his face is round;
Square-jawed bull, and he ain't no

The Democratic dawg, the unlucky hound
That the boys have all been kickin' around,
Is the same old dawg that's been stickin' 'round,
Since old Abe Lincoln came to Washington town.
Chorus.
And now he comes back, the measly houn',
With his face and his tail still hangin' down;
The hungry, sly, old, lob-eared hound,
No wonder the boys have been kickin' him around.
Chorus.