

DEATH LIST OF CAR EXPLOSION PLACED AT 55

Over 200 Injured and Million Dollars Property Loss When Gasoline Tanker at Ardmore, Okla., Blew Up—Caused by Spark From Hammer of Workman Repairing Car.

ARDMORE, Okla., Sept. 28.—The official number of dead in yesterday's gasoline explosion of a tank car containing 3000 gallons of gasoline, today was given as fifty-five, thirty-six whites and nineteen negroes. The property damage is estimated at more than \$1,000,000. There are at least 200 injured, some of these probably fatally.

Cause of Explosion

In addition to the bodies believed to be still in the ruins, it is feared that some of the 200 persons injured will succumb, making a probable death list of three score.

Investigation of the cause of the disaster was started by city officials. It is supposed that a spark from a hammer of one of the workmen repairing the car ignited the gasoline.

Eyewitnesses said flames shot into the air for a distance of 200 feet immediately preceding the explosion, which scattered the flaming liquid for blocks, thus starting scores of fires in the buildings wrecked by the concussion.

Most of the persons killed were crushed under falling walls, some of them more than a block away from the scene of the explosion.

Under Martial Law

Ardmore today virtually was under martial law, while business was suspended to permit the work of rescue to proceed with greater speed. One hundred special deputies had been sworn in to prevent disorder.

The downtown business section presented a picture of disaster, one block of Main street, from the railroad station to the Whittington hotel, having been razed by the explosion, many buildings on the opposite side of the street destroyed and the plate glass fronts of every store in town demolished.

The greater part of the city was in darkness last night.

Car in Bad Order

Railroad men who were in the yard state that the gasoline car was shunted to a siding on account of its being in "bad order." The car was leaking gasoline to such an extent that a pool of the fluid had formed on the ground under the car. When switchmen refused to move the car further an inspector was called.

Ira Woods, aged about 40, the car inspector, according to the story of those who saw him, mounted the car, unscrewed the cap and peered in. Just as he did this the gasoline became ignited and Woods, the car and every loose piece of material within a hundred yards was hurled through the air.

Second Explosion

First reports that there were two explosions were confirmed early today. A quantity of dynamite in the freight storehouse was set off by the concussion of the gasoline explosion. The second explosion came within a second after the first.

The greatest damage was done from the shock of the explosion. The fire damage will not equal that caused by the dynamite and gasoline. The dynamite demolished nearly a score of buildings. Near the siding on which the tank car was placed were a number of wooden structures, part of which were occupied by negroes. In this section a two story frame building collapsed, taking fifteen negroes in a pool hall to their death.

FALL OPENING AT THE MAY COMPANY

As a means of showing the public the correct styles for the fall and winter seasons the May company gave a style show last evening. In conjunction with the show the fall opening was held and all those present were presented with a handsome souvenir as compliments from the management. All garments were shown on living models.

The store was appropriately decorated in fall attire, with pumpkins, corn on the stalk, oak bows and other fall effects. The program, which included instrumental pieces by the Root orchestra, a concert solo by William Walte, songs by Miss Hazelrigg and a solo by George Andrews, was a pleasing feature of the evening. Over 500 people attended. It was one of the most successful openings ever given in the city. Both the management and assistants are to be complimented.

YOUNG ROCKEFELLER'S VISIT INTO COLORADO COAL MINE FIELDS A HUGE WHITEWASH

"GUESS THE BED IS A LITTLE HARD, PAL!"

A Carefully Press-Agented Stunt Designed as Sugar-Coat for Bitter Pill Standard Oil Is Making Labor Swallow.

(By C. H. Newell.)

DENVER, Colo., Sept. 28.—John D. Rockefeller, Jr., in his Colorado visit, is in Colorado trying to put a sugar-coating on the bitter open-shop pill he told a congressional investigating committee a year ago last April he stood ready to offer his employes as a substitute for unionism.

It is his first visit to the vast coal properties of the Colorado Fuel and Iron company in twelve years.

In making it he is employing every press agent trick in an effort to offset the famous report of Frank P. Walsh, chairman of the United States Commission on Industrial Relations.

Each day he visits his coal camps it is like a triumphant procession of a king among his vassals.

For the kingdom of Rockefeller has been set in order since nineteen women and children and strikers were killed at Ludlow, and his subjects have been taught to cheer.

An expert was first hired to press agent this visit of John D. Rockefeller, Jr., to Colorado.

Ivy Lee Publicity Agent.

Ivy Lee was hired as a publicity man.

"You must practice the art of getting believed in!" Lee wrote Rockefeller after the Ludlow massacre, according to the Walsh records.

So Rockefeller, coming to view the result of his social welfare substitute for unionism, didn't overlook the publicity end.

The night before he reached Trinidad three friendly newspapers in Denver and the Associated Press man were notified that he would begin the next morning a tour of his coal camps.

Reporters and photographers were on hand with King, President Welborn and other C. F. & I. officials to welcome the man who Walsh says owns Colorado and whose "will and conscience" King testified "is more powerful than all the people of Colorado."

Roosevelt, on a campaign tour, couldn't have greeted the newspaper men more cordially or democratically. He was surprised, of course, but quite willing to take them along on his trips about the coal camps of Las Animas county.

Sugar Coated Policy

He wanted to meet all the miners, compliment all the women and make friends with all the children in every camp. He succeeded in meeting many. Those he met were the STRIKEBREAKERS, imported to replace the 9000 union men who lost the great Colorado strike. He met only those whom his agents wanted him to meet.

Forty years he had shunned common people. The change made him as pleasant as his advisers tell him his sugar-coated open shop policy is. Plenty of EX-STRIKEBREAKERS told him they liked conditions and wages.

And he did find conditions better than ever they have been before in the history of the coal mining industry.

He found that the death of women and children at Ludlow had brought better conditions for the strikebreakers than ever their fathers and brothers had enjoyed.

Rockefeller had the battle of Ludlow explained to him by his agents while he stood on the little hill from which a deadly machine gun fire was poured into the miners' colony. He didn't visit the "death hole."

He talked to miners' wives about the price of food, the kind of food they had, whether they had enough, ate with miners, told the school kids to obey and respect their teachers, inspected the club houses built by his company as substitutes for union halls, which the strikers would have been glad to build and tried, in the



frankest sort of way, to make the miners feel that he was their friend.

Kept Away From Lawson

He dug coal ten whole minutes at Frederick, slept at the mine boss' house, borrowing a night shirt and a comb.

Frank Walsh himself, couldn't have given the miners he met there a more conventional and hearty assurance of his friendship than did Rockefeller.

He motored over the thirty-five-mile road built this summer with a \$100,000 donation from the Rockefeller foundation.

He posed for the movies and the press photographers as obligingly as an actor.

He rambled all over Trinidad. But he didn't go near the jail where John Lawson whose conviction the supreme court has stayed, is confined.

"The greatest publicity harvest ever reaped," said the correspondents with him. "And he's a bully fellow personally."

September 23 was the second anniversary of the strike. If there had been no strike Rockefeller wouldn't have been out here for twelve years more!

Wouldn't Work.

Mother—If you can't keep the children quiet, send them up to me for awhile and I'll sing to them.

Nurse—Oh, that won't do any good. I've threatened them with that already.—Philadelphia Ledger.

Loony Limericks

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RUSSIANS SILENCE GERMAN BATTERIES ON GULF OF RIGA

PETROGRAD, Sept. 28.—The Russians claim to have silenced German land batteries on the Gulf of Riga by the fire of their fleet in a recent bombardment. One Russian warship was hit by a shell.

German attacks on Dvinsk continue to be determinedly pressed, but the Russians are defending the city with equal determination and to be holding the Teutons in check.

The fighting in the east still favors the Russians on the southern end of the line, although there is no confirmation of the report that they have reached the important railway junction of Kovol.

The Russians are getting plenty of ammunition now. The authorities direct attention to indications that the Germans apparently lack the force to carry out their sweeping plans and that their efforts are becoming spasmodic.

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