

SCORE SLAIN IN N. Y. BOMB PLOT

HUNDREDS INJURED MYSTERIOUS BLAST IN WALL STREET

NEW YORK, Sept. 16.—A mysterious explosion occurred at noon today in Wall street, killing more than a score of persons and injuring hundreds.

While the police toiled seeking for dead and injured in the ruins trained investigators tried vainly to determine whether the explosion occurred from a bomb dropped in front of the J. P. Morgan & Company office or whether an automobile dashing into a wagon loaded with explosives caused the disaster.

BURNS WARNED INTENDED OUTRAGE

Chief Police Inspector Lahey reported late this afternoon he had found evidence to justify the conclusion that the explosion was caused by a huge bomb loaded with trinitrotolou, reinforced with iron slugs fashioned from wire weight bars.

Warnings that radicals planned a renewal of bombing outrages were sent recently to all eastern clients of the William J. Burns detective agency. Burns said today he was convinced the explosion was a premeditated attack and not accidental.

DEAD MAY REACH 30

The unofficial estimate of dead is 30, and 200 injured. No prominent financiers are among the dead. The stock exchange will reopen tomorrow.

Frank Francisco, investigator for the department of justice declared his opinion that it was not a bomb but a collision that was responsible.

The DuPont Powder company reported they had no wagons in the vicinity.

U. S. INFANTRY IN CHARGE

Two hundred infantrymen will patrol the financial district with fixed bayonets day and night and allow no one to approach government property.

The damage to the Morgan building is estimated at \$500,000 and to hundreds of others it is more. The Morgan building appeared a shambles and part of the front of the sub-treasury building across the street was torn away. All the windows in the financial district were smashed.

STOCK EXCHANGE IS CLOSED

The stock exchange closed two minutes after the explosion.

Occupants of a sky-scraper looking down Wall street said they saw an automobile draw up in front of the Morgan offices and two men leave it. They advanced the theory that the bomb—if it was a bomb—had been timed.

This version differed from another that two passengers and a chauffeur were blown up when one man alighted from a car and accidentally or purposely dropped what appeared to be a bomb.

Street Is Shambles

Never in history has lower Manhattan witnessed such excitement. New York forgot all its business in attending to the injured.

Shattered glass and broken remains of men and horses littered the streets. Among the bodies were those of three girls, terribly mangled.

A police cordon was thrown around the entire district. The federal sub-treasury was placed under heavy guard.

17 Victims Found

Seventeen victims had been taken out of the side door of the Morgan office at 12:35. United States regulars arrived at 12:50 for guard duty. Members of the police bomb squad reported they had found fragments of the infernal machine.

Some bodies were almost beyond identification. At the Broad street hospital alone from 150 to 200 persons were admitted and one interne stated six of these died. So crowded were the hospitals that the injured were laid on floors and in halls.

Although it was impossible late this afternoon to estimate the damage accurately it was believed the figure would reach \$2,500,000. The new United States assay build-

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TELEPHONE SYSTEM OFFERED FOR SALE

The Tule Lake Telephone & Telegraph company, serving some 40 subscribers on a 35-mile system radiating from Merrill and Malin, will be sold under competitive bidding by W. F. Fruits, administrator of the J. S. Fruits estate, the bids to be opened September 30 at 2 o'clock.

The system was purchased by the late J. S. Fruits, about a year before his death, from the Merrill Telephone & Telegraph company. Mr. Fruits paid about \$800 and spent \$2,000 in improvements in the year he owned it.

As a revenue producer it is below par but as a utility in the district it serves it is valuable to the residents and its future disposition will be matter of concern to them. The system connects at Merrill with the long distance line of the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company.

"DOC" POWELL IS BENEDICT

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Sept. 16. (Special to the Herald).—Z. J. Powell was married here yesterday at noon to Miss Jessie Ford. The Rev. J. B. Ritchie of the Christian church performed the ceremony. The newlyweds plan an automobile tour of California, lasting for several months, as a honeymoon trip.

When "Doc" Powell left for California by auto some 10 days ago the Herald based a prediction upon the declarations of close friends that he would return a benedict, but so reticent was the well known bachelor that even his closest friends were guessing regarding his matrimonial plans, certain straws having shown which way the wind was setting.

Mr. Powell is owner of considerable city property and from long residence here well known to everybody. His home at the corner of Walnut and Fifth streets recently went through a renovating and refurnishing period, one of the straws before referred to.

The bride has a number of friends here, having taught last year in the Riverside school. She is described by those who know her a person of charming personality and the new-made benedict evidently was as discreet in his choice as he was in keeping his projected venture a secret.

FIRE REGULATIONS TO BE ENFORCED RIGIDLY

With a night session last night the state board of inquiry practically concluded its examination of witnesses in the Houston hotel fire investigation. Deputy Fire Marshals Allen and Pomeroy will remain until the week end for inspection and clerical work.

Fire Chief Ambrose under the new plan becomes a deputy state marshal with the support of the state behind his orders for remodeling and extensions to meet the fire requirements. The Salem officials state flatly that if any individual refuses to obey the law when instructed his insurance will be summarily cancelled.

Mayor Struble has appointed Roy Howard paid fireman. Another appointment will be made when a man is found.

H. H. Hart yesterday was fined \$5 in the police court for leaving a rubbish fire burning in the rear of the lot on Oak street to which Hart Bros. recently removed the old Sanderson building from Main street. This is the first fine imposed, but the law against rubbish fires without official permit may lead to others, officers said.

WEATHER REPORT

OREGON—Tonight and Friday, fair.

SLOAN NAMED RECEIVER FOR CRANE MILL

Allen C. Sloan today took charge of the property and assets of the Crane Lumber company at Swan lake, under appointment by Judge D. V. Kuykenhall yesterday in the foreclosure action filed by the Oregon Life Insurance company, which asserts that it holds a mortgage on the Rahn ranch, the site of the Crane mill, of which \$18,000 is unpaid. The timber, claims the mortgagee, was part of the premises that secured the loan and was cut contrary to its wishes and knowledge.

The appointment of the receiver is merely to protect and conserve the assets. Many claimants have set up demands for share in a division, but this is likely to follow involved litigation for the establishment of the priority of claims.

One set of claims that will probably be recognized at par value are the labor liens, which total \$2,800. The Crater Box company claims some \$1,600 and damages for non-delivery of lumber of contract. There is a second mortgage, held by San Francisco parties, on the land and Judge N. J. Chapman had a mortgage on the mill, which burned recently. The company that constructed the mill has also entered a claim.

Creditors who are likely to be badly squeezed are local merchants who advanced supplies. The total bills of this class will run to \$7,000, it is said.

Until the receiver has made an inventory the assets will not be fully known. Broadly speaking there is \$12,000 insurance, but some deduction will probably be made for salvage. Lumber, claimed by the Crater Lake Box company under its delivery contract, and about a quarter million feet of logs are other items.

WAR HEROES WILL BE LEGION'S GUESTS

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Sept. 16.—Outstanding American heroes of the world war whose bravery won for them the congressional medal of honor said to be the most difficult to obtain of all military decorations, will be the guests of honor at the second national convention of the American Legion to be held here September 27, 28 and 29. An organization of the men probably will be effected here.

The 54 Americans still living of the 78 who were awarded the medal for deeds in the world war have been invited to come to Cleveland at the convention's expense and be entertained by it while here. This is said to be the first attempt to get together the country's highest honor men.

"A few months ago they were hailed by a proud country as heroes of the highest type, but with the signing of the armistice and demobilization they seemed to drop into obscurity," said Colonel C. C. Chambers, chairman of the convention, recently.

COLLECTOR REPORTS TAX COMING SLOWLY

Unusual slowness is being manifested by tax-payers in paying the second instalment of 1919 taxes, according to Bert Hawkins, deputy tax collector. October 5, now barely three weeks away, is the final day and approximately \$251,000 of the entire levy is unpaid.

Payments become delinquent on October 5 and thereafter one per cent interest monthly is added. In addition a penalty for delinquency of five per cent of the amount unpaid is added November 5.

LOST MATERIAL DELAYS PHONE LINE

While telephone company officials are seeking a carload of poles and cross arms lost in transit, the construction crew that it putting in the new Class A circuit to connect with the main line at Yreka is marking time at Worden, waiting for the poles to bridge a gap of five or six miles that will complete the circuit.

The wire is up from Yreka to Worden and from Keno to Klamath Falls. The holes between Worden and Keno are dug and the wire on the ground. As soon as the missing material is located the gap will be closed in a jiffy and understandable long distance conversations between this city and any part of the continent will be a possibility.

WILL HAVE MORE VAULT SPACE

While the masonry for the new First State & Savings bank vault is practically completed, the cement floor remains to be placed and much remodeling by carpenters will have to be done before the bank and its patrons will be able to make use of the improvement.

A door is also delaying matters, peculiar as it may seem in a city that makes a specialty of door manufacture. However, this is not the common or garden variety of door, but a steel affair, with many bolts and tumblers to baffle burglars and guaranteed to resist attacks of the cracksmen's blow torch and fireproof to the nth degree. The door will cost \$3,000 in round figures.

This door will guard the old vault, which will be used for cash and safe deposits. The safe deposit boxes will be so arranged that the public can reach them conveniently.

The new vault is high and roomy with 18-inch brick walls. It also will have a fireproof entrance and will be used for storing bank records and stationery and to receive the books of the institution nightly.

The vault occupies part of the space recently vacated by the express company when they moved to Fourth street and is in the bank building. To utilize it is simply a question of remodeling and changing partitions. The remainder of the former express office will be used by the bank bookkeeping department.

It will be several weeks before the remodeling is complete but when it is done the bank will have increased convenience for its staff immeasurably, enhanced the safety features, and—the thing that is being striven for above all—be in a position to give the public the benefit of 100 per cent service.

YOUNG BUSINESS MAN AND LOCAL GIRL WEDDED

Carl Schubert, Jr., and Miss Arlena Hale were married Tuesday evening by the Rev. E. P. Lawrence. Mr. Schubert is a well known young business man of this city. He conducts an automobile repair shop. Klamath Falls has been the home of Mrs. Schubert for several years. The young couple left on their honeymoon journey, yesterday morning, for Portland and other northern cities.

TERRIFIC STORM ALONG COAST, LIFEBOAT ASHORE

PORTLAND, Sept. 16.—Without any evidence to indicate the ship it is from, a life boat was washed ashore at Neahkahnie by a gale which swept the Oregon coast for three days, declared to have been the most severe ever felt there by persons arriving here today.

Miles of roads were ruined and many bridges washed or blown away. A long section of beach near Manzanita was washed out.

JAIL BREAKER AND FORGER RUN TO EARTH

Trailing his quarry from Klamath Falls down the coast clear to Mexico City, back into the United States and across the continent, north along the Atlantic seaboard—never more than two jumps behind and steadily gaining—Detective J. F. Morley finally laid Fred Ford, forger, parole violator and jail breaker by the heels and he is safe in jail at Perth Amboy, New Jersey, according to word received by the local officer from New Jersey authorities.

Ford and a companion, Guy Christ, twice escaped from the county jail here. The first time they were recaptured near the California line. On the night of April 2, last, they sawed through the hinges of the cell door and made a clean getaway.

Ford's escape was spectacular, in that he laid low for several days in a local rooming house with police combing the city and the sheriff's office searching the surrounding county and broadcasting the coast with telegrams. Ford told the landlady he had a toothache and kept closely to his room. When the searchers relaxed their vigilance he passed a forged check on the rooming house keeper in "payment" of his lodging bill, received enough cash in change to buy a railway ticket, and disappeared.

Detective Morley spread the net of the American Bureau of Identification, a detective agency with nationwide affiliations. In June he received word that Ford had passed two checks in Oakland. A week later he was in Los Angeles. Then he turned up in San Diego and crossed the line into Mexico. He came back and New Orleans reported his presence.

The chase was like the schoolboy's game of hare and hounds, except that the paper trail scattered by Ford consisted of forged and worthless checks. Everywhere he appeared he scattered the worthless paper, until finally in the New Jersey factory town, under the name of George A. Wright, he was nabbed for passing a bad check.

Ford's alleged crime in Klamath county was the passage of a forged check for upwards of \$100, purporting to be a pay check of the Kesterson mill, signed by I. E. Kesterson. There were other checks here, some \$700 in all, and more in Ashland. Ford was arrested in San Francisco and other members of his gang were jailed in Los Angeles. Police of half a dozen California towns had charges against Ford but he was extradited. He was in jail here for several months before his escape. In the meantime the officers asserted they had evidence that under another name he had been paroled from the Nevada state penitentiary and was a parole violator as well as a forger.

Whether Ford will be brought back is a question. District Attorney Duncan today said that he was considering the question of extradition, but was not certain if he would request the New Jersey authorities to give up the criminal. He said that when Ford was brought here from California it was a sort of "passing the buck" on the part of the California officers, Ford being wanted in so many places in that state.

Sheriff Humphrey expressed the opinion that Ford would be delivered over to the Nevada authorities to answer for his parole violation. The officers, he said, had been hot on Ford's trail ever since his escape.

To enable the blind in Japan to earn a living, a law is in force prohibiting any but blind persons practicing massage. Consequently a great number of these unfortunates got as massours.

HART LEADS, WASHINGTON

SEATTLE, Sept. 16.—With 355 precincts in the state to hear from Governor Hart had a lead of 7,242 over Roland H. Hartley for the Republican nomination for governor in an unofficial compilation today. Coyle had the lead over Lieutenant Governor French for second place.

BULLETIN

RAMBOUILLET, FRANCE, SEPT. 16.—PAUL DESCHANEL RESIGNED TODAY AS PRESIDENT OF FRANCE.

SON OF MR. AND MRS. RAYMOND DEAD

Gordon LeRoy Raymond, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Raymond, 2 1/2 years old, died, September 13, in San Francisco. The body will be shipped here for burial and the funeral services will be held from the Whitlock chapel at two o'clock Friday afternoon. The child was the grandson of Robert L. Riddle of Shippington, and Chauncey Raymond of Klamath Falls, and was born in this city.