

A FRIGHTFUL EXPLOSION OF POWDER MAGAZINE

Twenty-One People Killed and Two Score Are Badly Injured

MANY HOUSES WRECKED

Leaking Can of Nitro-Glycerine Exploded With Nitric Acid

Workman Poured Latex on Floor Mistaking It for Water

LOWELL, Mass., July 29.—Two small powder magazines belonging to the United States Cartridge Co. situated in the very midst of the humble residences of fifty mill operatives, exploded today with a frightful concussion, and the resultant wave of death cut off the lives of more than a score of human beings and injured nearly fifty others.

FARM HOUSE BURNED DOWN

The Home of W. O. Cooper Near Zena, Polk County, Destroyed by Fire

ALMOST ENTIRE CONTENTS OF THE BUILDING WERE SAVED BY PASSING PARTY OF COASTERS—NO INSURANCE WAS CARRIED ON HOUSE OR CONTENTS.

Yesterday afternoon the residence occupied by W. O. Cooper on the J. N. Skaffe farm, about one mile west of Zena, was burned to the ground.

The fire was discovered by Mrs. Cooper about 1:30 o'clock, shortly after the men had left the house for the hay field, where they were operating a hay press about a mile away. The fire is thought to have started from a defective fuse, although it is not known definitely. When discovered by Mrs. Cooper the flames were burning brightly on the roof, and she was powerless to stop them, as she was alone with her baby. However, she rushed to the telephone, and informed Mrs. J. R. Shepard, who lived over a half mile distant, and was also alone. As she left the house Mrs. Shepard noticed a wagon with eight men bound for the coast, going by, and she prevailed on them to turn back, and whipping their horses into a run, they were soon at the scene of the conflagration, and lent valuable assistance in saving the household goods.

By the time they arrived the roof was a mass of flame, but by great exertion they succeeded in saving everything on the first floor of the house, even the carpets being torn up and carried out. Upholstery in two bedrooms, and everything in them was burned, and the flames had gained too much headway by the time help arrived, to go up.

The loss of the furniture and household goods sustained by Mr. Cooper, was about \$100, and the loss of the house was about \$1000. No insurance was carried on either the house or the contents. The house and farm are owned by Jasper N. Skaffe, who resides on 11th street in this city. Mr. Cooper owns a small farm near by, but for several years rented the Skaffe farm, and lived on the rented place. Last night he moved his household effects to his own house.

While the house was burning, firebrands lit the hayfield across the road.

THREE LABORERS INSTANTLY KILLED

Were Caught by Falling Earth in Great Northern Railway Tunnel Under Seattle—Foreman Gave Warning but It Came Too Late—Their Heads Were Crushed

SEATTLE, Wash., July 29.—Three men were instantly killed tonight by a slide of earth in the southern end of the Great Northern tunnel, which is under construction beneath the city of Seattle. As Frank Smith, an American laborer, Joe Cairo and Francesco

seven or eight others who were rescued died of their injuries. Seventy separate pieces of property were destroyed. The force of the explosion wrecked windows five or six miles around and its thunder could be distinctly heard more than fifty miles away.

The dead are: George Finn, John McMaster, Louis E. Richards, James L. Grady, James L. Sullivan, Charles Moore, Jean Roleau, Gilbert McDermott, Michael McDermott, Thomas Houlagan, James Houlagan, William Galloway, Robert Galloway, Robert Galloway Jr., Alfred Lebrun, Mrs. Catharine Riggs, Eddie Rogers, George McDermott, Josephine Berusse, Mrs. Victoria Berusse and Zephriam Berusse. Four persons are missing; two carpenters, names unknown, and John Riggs and Patrick Spencer.

Fatally injured: Amadeo Boulanger, Clemond Goodwin, Mrs. Howard Burkett, Miss McDermott, Eliza Galloway and Clara Superna.

How It Happened.

A number of men went to the magazine to fix the floor and it was discovered that a can of nitro-glycerine, stored in the magazine, was leaking. Goodwin picked up what he thought was a jug of water and began pouring it on to the nitro-glycerine with the idea of diluting it and washing it up. As soon as the fluid from the jug struck the floor, he found that it was nitric acid. The floor began to smoke and when the men saw it they rushed from the building but had not gone ten feet when the explosion occurred.

and started to burn but the flames were immediately stamped out before they had gained any headway.

DIDN'T LIKE HER HOME

MISS VERA RIDENOUR COMMITTED SUICIDE BECAUSE SHE WAS LONESOME.

CORVALLIS, Or., July 29.—Miss Vera Ridenour, aged 17 years, who committed suicide at her home in Big Elk, in Benton county, by swallowing a large quantity of carbolic acid, left a note explaining that she was tired of living and wanted to die. Miss Ridenour was a resident of Corvallis last year and graduated in April from the eighth grade of the city public school. She had many friends in this city and was a universal favorite among her classmates. It is supposed that the rash deed was committed during a fit of despondency.

After graduating from the public schools, Miss Ridenour accepted a position in the City Restaurant and was popular with both her employers and the public. She was called home on June 15, and although she wished to remain in town, and her employers were anxious to retain her, she obeyed the request of her parents and returned home the day after she was summoned. When the word was received that she should come home she wept bitterly, and told her friends that it was lonely for her in the mountains, and that she did not wish to go back. The father of the deceased was at one time a candidate for sheriff of Benton county, lacking one vote of election. The funeral is to occur at the family home in Big Elk today.

BROUGHT GOOD PRICES

LANDS ON UMATILLA RESERVATION SOLD FOR CULTIVATION OF WHEAT.

PENDLETON, Ore., July 29.—The annual sale of Indian lands on the reservation here has just been held by Indian Agent Wilkins. The sale called forth good bids. T. G. Halley bid \$3800 for 162 acres, located near Athena. This land will raise about fifty bushels per acre, it being the best wheat producing section in this county. J. E. Henry bid \$7200 for another tract consisting of 249 acres. This land is located near Pendleton. The prices are considered good.

The land which was sold had been left by Indians who have died and have not left any relatives. It is the policy of the department in such cases to sell the land to white men. This is done so white men will conduct farming on

ASSURED OF SUCCESS.

NORTH YAKIMA, Wash., July 29.—The directors of the Yakima Development Company have decided to put a corps of engineers in the field at once and continue the preliminary survey for the big canal scheme. The company has decided to expend \$20,000 in an effort to ascertain what can be done.

The only thing asked of Yakima and Kittitas counties is their several support. No money whatever is asked for. The support of the Northern Pacific Railway Company has already been assured, and the State Land Commissioner has withdrawn from the market all the state lands in the valley.

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MYSTERY EXPLAINED

ANNIE HIGGINSON, WHO DISAPPEARED THREE MONTHS AGO, RETURNS WITH BABY.

CHICAGO, July 29.—Drenched by the heavy rain and carrying a 3-weeks-old baby in her arms, Miss Annie Higginson staggered into her aunt's home at 3929 Drexel boulevard last night, and a mystery that has been baffling the police was cleared. The young woman had been missing for three months, having disappeared in April from the residence of E. A. Helm, 529 Washington boulevard, with whose family she had been living. Miss Higginson said that she had been in a hospital, and that her expenses were paid by Jesse L. Helm, son of E. A. Helm, general solicitor for a life insurance company. The police say that Miss Higginson was kept in seclusion by young Helm, who would not allow her to correspond with her relatives.

RANCHER'S FIRST RIDE

SURPRISED TO FIND THAT TRAINS RUN SMOOTHER THAN BRONCOS.

PENDLETON, Ore., July 29.—For the first time in his life, and he has lived for nearly three-quarters of a century, Isaac Knotts, of Pilot Rock, rode on a railroad train Monday evening, when he left here for Oregon City, in company with his son Oliver. Mr. Knott has passed his 70th birthday, and he says that was his first ride on the "cars." Mr. Knott crossed the plains in 1852 and for over fifty years has resided on a ranch on East Birch creek, about five miles above Pilot Rock. His principal business has been stockraising and now he is the owner of several bands of sheep. He is the head of a large family. Although he is an old man, his health is good, as he has been well preserved. During this trip he will visit a brother at Gold Hill, Southern Oregon.

THE OFFENSE WAS ONLY POLITICAL

President Roosevelt Granted Pardon to Emilio Vallamor Who Captured and Shot Marcelo Gadung, Corporal of Filipino Police and American Spy—First Sentenced to Hang

WASHINGTON, July 29.—President Roosevelt has pardoned Emilio Vallamor, a prominent Filipino, who, in December, 1900, was sentenced to be hanged for murder. Afterwards committed to ten years' imprisonment. Vallamor was a member of an insurgent band which captured Marcelo Gadung, a native corporal of police, who acted as a spy for the American navy, and shot him. The pardon was granted on the ground that

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HAIRBREADTH ESCAPE

PLEASURE PARTY COMES NEAR BEING GROUND TO DEATH BY A CAR.

OLYMPIA, Wash., July 29.—A party of prominent residents of the capital city narrowly escaped serious injury in a collision between a bus and a street car here yesterday. The party was starting out for the day on a pleasure trip, and collided with the car, which was dashing down Main street hill without signal, just as the bus emerged from a deep cut on Eleventh street. The driver of the bus whipped up his horses and the motorman jerked the brake just in time to avert anything more serious than damage to the back of the vehicle, the occupants of which were white with fright over their narrow escape. Major J. Howard Watson, private secretary to the Governor, his wife, the Misses Grayson, Peck, Harriet Allen, Alice and Jessie Nichols, and Messrs. R. R. Streets, Charles and Arthur Moore and James Mitchell were in the bus.

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THE CONVICTS SURROUNDED

Sheriff's Poses and Militia Locate Them in Canon

EVERY AVENUE OF ESCAPE

Is Closely Guarded by Armed Men and Escape Seems Impossible

PROVISIONS FOR TWO DAYS FORWARDED TO MILITIA, WHICH HAS ORDERS TO CLOSE IN AND PATROL THE CANON—THEIR EARLY CAPTURE EXPECTED.

PLACERVILLE, Cal., July 29.—The pursuit of the escaped convicts from Folsom has centered on Greenwood Canon and especially to that part known as Black Rock Canon, which lies between Cool, Pilot Hill and Greenwood.

Sheriff Bosquit's posse has located three of the convicts in that vicinity and the militia have located the remaining eight, close by. Company H has received orders to close in and patrol the canon.

Ex-Sheriff Conroy is with Sheriff Bosquit, and Sheriff Keena, of Placer county, is now at the other end of the canon in the Forest Hill country. Provisions for two days were forwarded tonight to Company H. The convicts have been acting very advisedly in their movements.

If tonight's report is correct, there should be a decisive wind-up of the pursuit within the next twelve hours. With several hundred armed men

LOCATING OIL CLAIMS

FLATHEAD COUNTRY, IN EAST KOOTENAY, OVERRUN WITH PROSPECTORS.

VANCOUVER, B. C., July 29.—D. N. Dally, of this city, returned home yesterday after an extended visit to the oil fields of the upper Flathead country in East Kootenay. He states that on the Canadian side the only people on the fields are prospectors, of whom there are quite a few still staking new claims. Over 600 claims have been located, but many of these overlap each other, and some claims have been located over half a dozen times. In some instances this has been done through ignorance, but there have also been men sent into the country with instructions to stake any good claim without regard to their being occupied or not. All who were in there were much concerned as to what the action of the Government would be.

STORM IN NEBRASKA

FOUR INCHES OF RAIN FELL IN PERIOD OF FORTY MINUTES.

LOUP CITY, Neb., July 29.—Four inches of rain fell here last night between 11:30 and 12 o'clock. The rain was accompanied by a heavy wind, which did a great deal of damage. A mill which was being constructed was completely destroyed. The building, which was three stories high, was shifted off its foundation and thrown on its side, breaking almost into kindling. All cellars in the city were flooded.

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The Bi-Johnny mine is valuable property. Zwank was offered, not long ago, \$50,000 for it, but refused the offer.

WERE DRIVEN OUT OF TOWN

Business Men Banish Number of Union Miners

FOR BLOWING UP MINES

Marched Them to City Limits and Told Them Not to Return

MONIE FURNISHED TO SOME OF THE MEN AND EVERYTHING IS DONE IN ORDERLY MANNER—ELEVEN MEMBERS OF MOB AT DANVILLE UNDER ARREST.

IDAHO SPRINGS, Colo., July 29.—After a business men's meeting tonight 500 citizens of Idaho Springs went to the city jail and took fourteen of the men arrested in connection with the blowing up of the Sun and Moon mine buildings last night, marched them to the city limits and told them to leave the place and never return. The men driven out include Howard Tressidel, president of the local union; A. D. Alcott, vice president; George Becker, secretary; Peter Bender, treasurer, and two or three other members of the executive committee. All the others are prominent members of the union. Some men complained that they had no money and a purse was made up for them. Everything was done in an orderly manner.

Will Indict Leader.

Danville, Ills., July 29.—Eleven arrests were made today for participation in the lawless outbreak of Saturday night when the jail was attacked in an effort to lynch James Wilson, the negro. The grand jury has been ordered to indict the leaders of the mob.

TO BUILD COUNTY ROAD

SURVEY INTO NEHALEM COUNTRY COMPLETE—LEAVE TO CONSTRUCT GRANTED.

ST. HELENS, Ore., July 29.—The residents of Clatskanie have completed the survey of a new road on this side of the mountain in the direction of the Nehalem country. The old road between Clatskanie and Mist, which has been worked for many years, is so steep on this side of the mountain that it is dangerous at times to drive over. Large quantities of lumber, hay and shingles are haul over this route to reach railroad transportation at Clatskanie, and the new improvement is much needed. The recent survey shows that the proposed change in the road can be easily made a 6 per cent grade, and when prominent citizens of Clatskanie appeared before the county court yesterday they were assured that the road would be put through at the proposed new location. All that the court asked was to have jurisdiction of the roadway in a legal manner, and instructed the petitioners to ask for the road location according to the provisions laid down in the statutes, and the petition would be granted. The court will see that the road is put through when these conditions are complied with, and outside parties will be given the privilege of contributing toward the road improvement, if they so desire.

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