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# SALEM BANK BLOWN UP

## Boiler Explodes With Terrific Force, Blowing Off W. G. East's Arm and He Will Probably Die—Several Others Are Badly Injured

### Three Big Battles Expected

Allied Armies Crowd in on the Turks who must either Yield or Fight and It Is Certain They Will Not Yield

Paris, Oct. 29.—News of three terrific battles between the Balkan allies and the Turks is expected here at any hour.

Dispatches from the allied armies' fronts indicate that Bulgars, Serbs and Greeks are gradually finding stiffer opposition to their advance along their various lines, and that a clash in three sections is likely soon to come.

One of these battles—that between the Turks and Bulgars—has been in progress for some time about Adrianople, but so far as has been learned here, the reported heavy fighting there so far has not materialized as yet, although it is expected soon. To date the Turks seem to have been retreating to the southeast of Adrianople. It is now reported that their main army is hemmed in by raiding bands of Bulgar cavalry, and that the big, and probably decisive battle between the forces of Czar Ferdinand and the army of Abdullah Pasha is to come near Erkeno.

**Turks Waking Up.**  
The clash of second importance is expected between Veles, Macedonia and Salonika. In this region the Serbs are steadily advancing southward, apparently with the design of joining with the Greeks.

The Turks, it is expected, will try to encounter the allied armies separately, and will make a desperate endeavor to defeat each before a junction is possible. Only a few details have been obtained from the scene of the expected clash with the Serbs, but these indicate that the Turkish opposition is slowly stiffening, and that a hot fight is to be expected in the immediate future.

The third heavy battle is expected to occur between the Greek forces, which are approaching Salonika from the southwest through Monastir and a force of Turkish troops which is said to be moving from Salonika. Mystery so far surrounds the Turkish strength in the province of Salonika, but as there is known to be a great store of munitions of war at that port, it is believed that the force of the Moslems is strong.

**Must Win or Lose All.**  
Defeat of the Turks in either of the engagements expected with the Serbs

or Greeks, it is believed here, would prove fatal to the Turkish cause in the west.

The front of the Bulgars today extends from Mustapha Pasha across Adrianople to Eski Baba and Viza, which is on the main line of Turkish communication with Constantinople.

The front of the Serbian troops—their main army is in a sweeping curve from Novipazar through pristine, Istib and Badimli to the Struma river.

The Greek lines extend from Mount Olympus in a convex curve nearly to Janina. Along these three lines the big battles, or battle, of the war, will be fought, and there is every probability that victory for the allies will mark the final collapse of Turkey-in-Europe.

At last reports the Serbians were engaging the Turks at Veles, Macedonia. If the Serbians win they undoubtedly will take Monastir, one of the most important towns in Macedonia.

The main Greek force was last reported en route to Janina, where the big battle of the Turks is predicted.

### President Takes Slap at Wilson

Washington, Oct. 29.—Another slap was taken at Governor Woodrow Wilson, of New Jersey and the Democratic party by President Taft today in an open letter to Fred Goir, a Cincinnati publisher. The letter, in part, says: "The great reserve force for the plain practice of common sense by the American people is asserting itself, and that means a Republican victory November 5."

"Does it not strike you as ridiculous for Governor Wilson to vaguely intimate that if he is elected he will make such a gentle reduction of the tariff that business will not be injured when his party so recently attempted such reckless changes that, if I had not vetoed them, we would now be confronted by a panic? This compromise effected by the insurgent Republicans would seem mild compared with what the Democratic majorities would send to Wilson for his signature and which he could not refuse."

"None of the leaders of the third party believes it has the slightest chance, and they realize a vote for it means a vote for the Democrats. But most of them are so filled with hatred for the Republican party that they would willingly bring disaster to the country to gratify their vengeance."

See our sanitary baby cribs. The baby can be freed from danger while sleeping by securing our Taylor Nursery Bed. Sleeping alone in fresh air keeps little one healthy, and our cribs greatly aid mother. Imperial Furniture Co.

### I. B. Muchmore Is Badly Scalded and L. H. Roberts is Blown Through a Window

In a terrific boiler explosion which occurred in the basement of the Salem Bank & Trust building at 12:30 o'clock this afternoon W. G. East, cashier and one of the directors of the banking establishment of that institution, and I. B. Muchmore, whose printing shop is in the basement of the building, were probably fatally injured, while a third man, whose name is not ascertainable, received injuries which necessitated his being taken to the hospital. L. H. Roberts, another of the directors of the bank, received cuts about the face and other bruises how serious is not known.

So great was the concussion of the explosion that buildings in the entire block felt the force of the jar. The plate glass front of the building was broken out, and the sidewalk on Liberty street adjacent to the rear of the basement was entirely destroyed. The floor in the real estate office of Mr. Roberts in the rear of the building, was blown out entirely.

The fire alarm was sounded immediately after the explosion occurred, and the apparatus from stations Nos. 1 and 2 responded. Neither the use of the chemical nor of water was needed, but the firemen assisted the police and others in the rescue of the injured. The three injured men were taken to an awaiting ambulance and hurried to the Willamette Sanitarium, where they are now being cared for.

The cause of the explosion may only be conjectured. Under normal conditions it is said that there could not possibly have been any generation of steam in the boiler. The boiler was a simple hot water arrangement and no regular workmen were employed in the boiler room. It was said by some that the valves of the boiler were defective which may have resulted in steam generating. This was denied by others.

Miss Ethel Roberts, bookkeeper in the bank, was in the banking room. She says the first thing she saw the books rise, the tables and chairs go in a mad dance, the windows go crashing out, while the glass from the chandeliers came rattling down in a crystal shower. Her first thought was

of her father, who had just started for the basement, and she rushed to the door and saw her father, L. H. Roberts picking himself up from the sidewalk, he having been blown through the window along with a chair which he had grasped. The sidewalk had been blown or sucked down, but Roberts walked a stringer to safety. He was badly cut on the head and hurt otherwise by the fall and flying debris.

A doctor present rushed him away to his office, but at this time he has not been located or the extent of his injuries learned.

Miss Roberts kept her head and gathered the books and records in a pile, before the crowd surged in. The boiler was located in the basement about the center of the building, under an office occupied as a real estate office by Bolinger & Laflar, and just at the edge of the Muchmore print shop—and there the most effects were shown. The floor of the Bolinger office was lifted and scattered in all directions, and only a moment after Bolinger had stepped out of it. This room is a total wreck. The print shop partition to the south was blown in, and through this opening the hot steam poured in, scalding, probably fatally, I. B. Muchmore. The windows of the shop were blown out, and the machinery and type are a tangled mess.

Bolinger was on the sidewalk when the explosion occurred, and found himself, fortunately, uninjured, in the basement, when he found himself at all.

The bank is not much injured, outside of the broken windows, it not being directly over the boiler.

The boiler is said to be defective, it being a second-hand one, formerly in use in the asylum, and it is reported

### The Injured

W. G. East, right arm blown off, scalded and badly shocked, may die.  
I. B. Muchmore, cut, bruised and scalded.  
L. H. Roberts, badly cut and bruised.  
Mullen badly hurt.

that it had a small explosion two or three weeks ago. Only a few pieces of it so far have been located, though probably it is under the wreck.

The supposition is that the accident was caused by the water being low in the boiler, and it is supposed that Mr. East had gone down, and, finding the water low, turned it on. The flames were probably red hot, and when the water was turned in the explosion followed.

Mr. East was found in the basement, his body covered with debris.

W. G. East, the injured cashier, came to Salem three years ago from Le Compton, Kansas, with his brother, S. S. East, who is also connected with the Salem Bank & Trust Co. Mr. East has become prominent in local business circles, and is also prominently connected with the Progressive party organization in Marion county.

**Miss Putnam's Experience.**

Miss Bessie Putnam, residing on North Liberty street, was in the ill-fated bank at the time of the explosion, cashing a check. Miss Putnam was in the act of endorsing the check when she experienced what she claims to be the most thrilling sensation of her life. She said that the tile floor of the bank suddenly seemed to raise under her feet and the falling glass made the place almost deafening. At first an earthquake was in her mind when she heard the awful roar. "Things were very misty after that one big noise," said Miss Putnam.

**Latest From Hospital.**

"Cashier W. G. East's right arm was so badly shattered that amputation near the shoulder was necessary, and his left arm was fractured," stated Dr. B. L. Steeves, immediately after returning from the hospital this afternoon. "His condition is serious. Harry Ahlers, son of President Ahlers, of the trust company, is badly burned over the body, and his right ear is badly torn. His injuries will not prove serious unless complications result. I. B. Muchmore is not badly injured. L. H. Roberts was slightly bruised, but was not taken to the hospital."

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**A. L. Fraser Moves.**

A. L. Fraser has moved his sheet and metal works from 258 State street to larger and better quarters on Ferry street between High and Liberty. Mr. Fraser's business has steadily grown, owing to the fact that his work has at all times given the utmost satisfaction, and in taking his present step forward he wishes to thank the many who have patronized him from time to time. Being without a telephone with the likelihood of not being able to secure one for several days, Mr. Fraser wishes that his customers would kindly call on him personally or get word to him in some way, and assure them that with his present greater and better facilities all future work will be done with even more promptness and carefulness than in the past.

All the chairmen will claim everything up to about midnight November 5.

A student of languages should never patronize speak-easies.

Some people can look so far into the future they can't see the past.

### Phelan Is in Favor of Wilson

(UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.)

Riverside, Cal., Oct. 29.—Voters of Riverside are today discussing the speech of former Mayor Phelan of San Francisco last night in the interest of Governor Woodrow Wilson, democratic nominee for the presidency.

"Wilson was nominated to meet the hopes and aspirations of honest and independent men of all parties," said Phelan. "He stands on a platform of equal rights, which no patriotic man can oppose. He is free."

Phelan declared that the contest was between Wilson and Roosevelt, stating that the Bull Moose party had forced President Taft into the position of an insurgent and independent in this state.

**A Sensational Train Robbery.**

(UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.)

Denison, Tex., Oct. 29.—Forcing the engineer of a Missouri, Kansas & Texas limited train to cross a burning trestle near Wirth, Okla., three bandits blew open the express safe and escaped with \$3000, according to word received here today.

The outlaws stopped the train close to the trestle, which they had already set on fire, and at the point of guns compelled the engineer to uncouple the baggage and express cars and proceed across the burning bridge, which collapsed just as they reached the opposite side.

As usual it is only the big towns along the railroads that get the speakers; more votes might be gained in out of the way places.

### Another Railroad For Salem

Branch to Fir Connecting Us With Silverton and the Rich Waldo Hills Section to Be Opened in Two Weeks

Work on the Fir branch of the Southern Pacific is progressing so well that within a few days it will be possible to fix a date for a big celebration in honor of the opening of this line to train service. From the present outlook the opening will be within the next two weeks, but nothing definite can be stated at this time, as the officials of the Southern Pacific have not fixed a date for the first train. Secretary Hofer of the Board of Trade has been in communication with these officials and just as soon as anything definite is available a meeting of the board will be called to prepare for the celebration, which will be held in Salem either at the opera house in the shape of public speaking or at the Hotel Marion in the shape of a banquet and reception to the officials and the commercial organizations of the cities of Woodburn, Silverton and other places adjacent to the new road.

It is likely that some plan will be devised to have a large delegation go from Salem to make the first trip over the road and to welcome the people along the line of road. One plan suggested is to have a special excursion train run from Woodburn by way of Silverton, taking on the business men and prominent citizens of the different sections through which the road passes to bring them to Salem, where the exercises and celebration will be held.

**Johnson Case Postponed.**

Chicago, Oct. 29.—Judge Frye today postponed consideration of the abduction case against Jack Johnson until November 12. Until this case is disposed of, Lucille Cameron, the 19-year-old white girl, in connection with whose alleged abduction the negro prize fighter is accused, will be held under the court's orders, although directly in custody of her mother, Mrs. F. Cameron-Falconet, of Minneapolis.

**The Strike Is Ended.**

Ely, Nev., Oct. 29.—By the men voting to accept the increase of 25 cents a day offered October 1 by the company, the strike against the Consolidated company and other mines in this district is off today.

The miners, it was announced, will resume their former places at once.