

THREE DIE, SCORES HURT WHEN DU PONT BLAST ROCKS TOWN

Man Killed in Powder Plant and Two Children Lose Lives When Explosions Wreck Many Homes

NEMOURS NOW ISOLATED

BLUEFIELD, W. Va., April 12.—Three persons—two men and two children—were killed, and many houses at Nemours, eight miles from here, are in ruins following the destruction of the du Pont Powder Company plant there by four terrific explosions this morning.

The children were killed when their home collapsed, and the man met death in the powder plant. The flash and the shock of the explosions were seen and felt in this city. Details of the disaster are lacking, as communication with Nemours has been cut off.

Couriers coming to Bluefield over the rough country separating this city from Nemours say the first explosion was of great violence, and that the explosions that followed probably were caused by sparks from the first. The house in which the children met death was overturned and crushed. Most of the homes of the 250 workmen at the du Pont plant—virtually the entire population of the town—were frame structures, erected when the company started its Nemours factory 15 years ago. Many of them were toppled over by the force of the first blast, and scores are reported to have been injured in the wrecking of their homes.

WOMAN'S WILL AIDS CHURCH

Leaves \$400 to St. Patrick's and \$200 for Masses

Requests of \$400 to St. Patrick's Church and \$200 for Masses are a part of the will of Rose A. Kelly, 523 South 27th street, which leaves the greater portion of a \$100,000 estate to St. Vincent de Paul's Society, connected with St. Patrick's parish.

Other wills probated today were those of George W. Garrett, 4668 Aspen street, which, in private bequests, disposes of property valued at \$60,000; John L. Waxler, who died in the Philadelphia Home for Incurables; \$12,000; William H. Pilemyr, St. Joseph's Hospital, \$50,885; Mary F. Pettit, 3310 Mantua avenue, \$7500; Frederick K. Brooksbank, River-ton, N. J., \$7400; Joseph Nell, 4020 Park-side avenue, \$7200; Sarah A. Waterman, 4829 Old York road, \$3921; Annie M. Appel, 1318 Redford street, \$3000; Kath-erine Kollock, 1926 Spring Garden street, \$4900; and Henry C. Buzby, 9216 Bustle-ton avenue, \$2550.

SHIP'S OFFICER RUSHED HERE AFTER AN ACCIDENT AT SEA

British Steamship Aids Man Injured on American Schooner

Chief Officer Gibb, of the American schooner Harwood Palmer, was brought to port late yesterday on the British steamship Ethelstan and landed at the Marcus Hook Quarantine Station.

Gibb was injured aboard his schooner, while at sea, on Monday. His right eye was knocked out, his nose broken and a part of his face torn away as a result of being caught in a windlass.

The British steamship sighted the schooner flying a signal indicating there had been an accident aboard, while about 160 miles off the Delaware Capes. The captain of the schooner asked that his injured mate be taken to port, as he was in need of immediate medical attention. Placed aboard, full steam ahead was ordered and he was brought here as quickly as possible. The schooner was bound from Norfolk for Buenos Aires with coal. The steamship hailed from Marseilles for this port.

"TERROR" OF EVILDOERS DIES

Harry E. Hess, Salisbury Township Constable, Succumbs

LANCASTER, Pa., April 12.—Harry E. Hess, for many years constable of Salisbury township, died today in Lancaster, to which city he removed recently.

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PRESIDENT'S NEW GRANDCHILD



Miss Eleanor Axson Sayre, who was born two weeks ago in Jefferson Hospital, is shown here with her father, Francis B. Sayre. Her mother was Miss Jessie Wilson. This is the second baby born to the Sayres.

BAKER EXCORIATED BY BORDER SENATORS

War Secretary Assailed for Not Arming Citizens on Mexican Line

WASHINGTON, April 12.—Senators Ashurst and Smith, Democrats of Arizona, delivered a broadside of denunciation against Secretary of War Baker on the Senate floor this afternoon for refusing to furnish arms to citizens to protect their lives and property along the border.

Senator Ashurst charged Baker with openly defying the law providing for the sale of magazine rifles by the War Department to rifle clubs. He said Secretary Baker told him if rifles were supplied to border citizens they might "get hot-headed and do damage."

"I resent the statement of the Secretary of War," said Ashurst. "The citizens are no more likely to do damage than a Secretary of War who says he is above the law. They at least obey the law,

which is more than the Secretary of War is willing to do."

Casey Gets Wilkes-Barre Postoffice
WASHINGTON, April 12.—Following a conference between President Wilson and Postmaster General Burleson it was learned Lawrence J. Casey will be named postmaster at Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

Lieutenant Savage Dinner Guest
Eighty-two policemen from the 39th street and Lancaster avenue station gave a testimonial dinner last night to Lieutenant Ben S. Savage in Mosebach's Casino, 13th street and Girard avenue.

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Thomas Shalleross, chairman of the Committee on Supplies for the Board of Education, as many as six educators attached to the office of the Superintendent of Schools in the Stock Exchange Building, two encyclopedias and three dictionaries have failed to answer the question. The only clue thus far as to the purpose, shape and usefulness of a delineascope is that it costs \$265. Aside from that, no one knows if it is a machine for taking stains out of linen, a camera for taking moving pictures, the name of a perfume or a member of the periscope family.

Mr. Shalleross received a requisition today from the Frankford High School for a delineascope, with the added information that it would cost \$265. "That's all. And since Mr. Shalleross does not sign any requisitions without knowing what they are for, he made inquiry with the result told in this story.

"I don't think," said Mr. Shalleross, "that the board should be called upon to furnish things that are as extravagant as delineascopes. I suppose I could call up the Frankford High School and find out just what the thing is, but since educators, dictionaries and encyclopedias can't tell me, I don't think I will. I can't just do without it in Frankford. I certainly don't think we ought to have one of 'em, at \$265."



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