

CAUSE OF NEW YORK BLAST, WITH ITS TOLL OF MILLIONS, SOUGHT; GERMAN PLOT SEEN

Allies' Munitions Wrecked in Terrific Explosion on Black Tom Island, Off Jersey City—Fire Started From Barge

Storage and Railroad Officials Arrested on Manslaughter Charge—Thousands Look on as Debris is Scattered on Broadway—Shock Felt for Miles

WASHINGTON, July 31.—A fire of unknown origin on one of the ammunition-bearing lighters caused the explosion yesterday at Black Tom Peninsula in New York harbor...

NEW YORK, July 31.—With four investigations under way, it is expected that by night marked progress will be made in placing responsibility for the explosion at Black Tom Island...

The Jersey City, the State and Federal authorities and the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company are conducting the investigations.

In many quarters there is suspicion of a German plot, since a great portion of the loss was war munitions consigned to the Allies...

The chief objective of all investigations was the tying up of this craft belonging to an independent company to a Lehigh Valley dock...

However, investigators have as yet found nothing which substantiates the suspicion of a plot.

Three Officials Charged With Manslaughter Already a charge of manslaughter has been lodged against three men.

THEODORE B. JOHNSON, president of the Johnson Lighterage Company and a resident of Brooklyn.

ALBERT M. DICKMAN, Jersey City, agent of the Lehigh Valley Railway at the Black Tom Island pier.

ALEXANDER DAVIDSON, Jersey City, superintendent of the National Storage Company's warehouses on the pier.

Commissioner of Public Safety Frank Hague, of Jersey City, declared that the blame for the explosions could be laid at the door of the Lehigh Valley Railway...

DEAD AND INJURED. The list of known dead, missing and injured is: CORNELIUS LEYDEN, chief of the Lehigh Valley police department.

ARTHUR JOHNSON, 23-month-old child of Mrs. Margaret Johnson, of Jersey City, thrown from his bed by the explosion and died from shock.

THE MISSING. Crews of barges that were destroyed and guards in the employ of the Dougherty Detective Agency.

FATALLY INJURED. JAMES DOUGHERTY, patrolman of the Jersey City police department.

THE WEATHER. FORECAST FOR PENNSYLVANIA. Based on a new discovery in solar physics by WILLIS L. ORR and W. F. GARDNER.

General Weather Movements Due. Cool movement is due to develop in northwest United States August 6. It will be a moderate movement, causing general showers in the northern tier of States...

GOVERNMENT FORECAST. For Philadelphia and vicinity—Generally cloudy unsettled, and warm tonight and Tuesday; gentle, westerly winds.

THE WEATHER. LENGTH OF DAY. Sun rises... 5:50 a.m. Moon sets... 1:15 a.m.

LOST AND FOUND. TRAVELING BAG, containing... 34, Newark, returned to 421 Baltimore Ave.

SHELLS HURLED BY BIG EXPLOSION



This girl picked up these missiles a mile and a half from the scene of the disaster in New York bay. Souvenir hunters quickly overran the Jersey meadows, on which fell hundreds of shrapnel shells.

TWO CAVALRYMEN, FIVE BANDITS DIE IN BORDER CLASH

Eighth U. S. Troops in Running Fight With Mexicans in Texas

ONE AMERICAN WOUNDED

EL PASO, Tex., July 31.—Two Americans were killed in a clash between a detachment of Troop F, Eighth United States Cavalry, and a party of Mexican bandits...

Five of the Mexicans, nearly half of the band, were killed in the running fight that followed the bandits' resistance to arrest.

Robert Wood, customs inspector with the cavalry patrol, was one of the first to be killed in the engagement.

Captain H. B. Cushing, of the Eighth Massachusetts Infantry, made an official report of the fight to General Bell at Fort Bliss.

Sergeant Lewis Thompson, also of Troop F, was wounded.

Legalists leaders, plotting the overthrow of the de facto Government of Mexico, declared today that Carranza was making efforts to buy them with bribes and offers of high positions.

Forty-two Cases Since January 1, Majority Occurring in July. Admit Adults Carry Germs

DANGER IN SAND PITS

Deaths and Cases From Child Paralysis Here and in N. Y.

Belief that germs of poliomyelitis may be transmitted through sand in the children's playgrounds, induced Director Krusen, of the Department of Health and Sanitation...

Director Krusen believes that children carrying the paralysis germs may leave them in the sand where other children playing may become infected.

Those who died today are: James Reilly, 2, 3229 North Darin street.

There was one death yesterday; Isadora Nierenvert, 39 months old, 404 South Fourth street.

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BRITISH TROOPS MAKE NEW GAINS ON SOMME LINE

English Advance at Several Points North of Bazentin-le-Petit

TEUTON ATTACKS HALTED

New gains for the British forces on the Somme front were reported by Sir Douglas Haig, British commander-in-chief, today.

The repulse of fierce German counter-attacks by the French north of the Somme, in the Peronne sector, was reported by the Paris War Office today.

Acting in concert, the British and French forces attacked together yesterday and as a result of their co-operation both made valuable gains.

General Haig reported that the enemy "must have suffered heavily," while the French night communique implied the same when it announced that the ground gained was held against powerful German counter-attacks.

The fighting was at the point where the British right rests against the French left, with the Somme between.

Heat and Humidity Back. Temperature Up Eight Degrees in an Hour—Wave May Not Last Long

Heat and humidity returned to the city today. The humidity that saturated the air this morning was 13 per cent above normal...

According to the Government weather experts, the new heat wave starting now is due to a high area which formed in the north and is moving southeast off the Atlantic seaboard.

His attitude has not changed. But the permission of the Juarez bull fight came from General Jacinto Trevino, commander of the de facto army of the north...

Took Employer's Jewels, Is Charge. Accused of the theft of jewelry valued at \$250, Max Oser, 37 years old, who says he lives in this city, was today held under \$500 bail for court by Recorder Stachnusz in Camden.

Hoodoo Motorcyclist Injured Seriously. READING, Pa., July 31.—While demonstrating a motorcycle which he was about to sell because of numerous accidents, Harold Kutz, of Bethlehem, Bucks County, collided with another machine and sustained a fractured skull.

Heat Stroke Fatal to Kehler Man. LANCASTER, Pa., July 31.—John Musselman, 44 years old, of Kehler, died last night from the effects of a recent heat stroke.

Asquith Tells Commons Guilty Ones Will Be Punished. LONDON, July 31.—Premier Asquith announced today that immediate action will be taken by the Government relative to the execution of Captain Charles Fryatt, of the British steamship Brussels, by the Germans.

ARMORIES BEGIN RECRUITING AGAIN. National Guard armories were reopened for recruiting today to fill up the gaps in the ranks and bring the organization to full war strength...

QUICK NEWS

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Table with 2 columns: City and Score. Rows include Cincinnati (0-3), Brooklyn (4-8), St. Louis (2-0), Boston (0-0), Pittsburgh (0-0), and New York (2-0).

BLISS COMPLETES EXAMINATION OF BORDER CAMPS

WASHINGTON, July 31.—General Bliss, who is inspecting militia camps on the border, wired the War Department today that he had completed examination of camps at Columbus, N. M.

PRESIDENT TO ATTEND OHIO DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION

WASHINGTON, July 31.—President Wilson this afternoon promised Senator Pomerene, of Ohio, that he would attend the Democratic State convention to be held in Columbus some time before August 30.

WOMAN HELD FOR DEATH OF MAN HURT IN FIGHT

Rebecca Elder, of 1910 North Tenth street, was committed to the county prison by Magistrate Meclary, at the Central Station, this morning to await the action of the Grand Jury in connection with the death of William Collins, 45 years old, at St. Joseph's Hospital last night.

AUSTRIAN RULER CRITICALLY ILL; HEIR CALLED

LONDON, July 31.—Emperor Francis Joseph's condition has become so critical that Archduke Karl, heir to the Austrian throne, has been called to the aged monarch's bedside, according to a Vienna dispatch issued by the Exchange Telegraph Company today.

SWIFT COMPANY TO GIVE MILLIONS IN PENSIONS

CHICAGO, July 31.—Announcement was made today by Swift & Co. of a plan to pension employes. A fund of \$2,000,000 has been accumulated and there will be added annually to this \$400,000. The employes contribute nothing.

BRITISH PRIZE COURT CONDEMNS NEUTRAL CARGOES

LONDON, July 31.—The British prize court today condemned 3000 bags of coffee and 14,665 barrels of oil shipped from America and intercepted by English naval forces.

LAFEAN QUITS TWO CONGRESS TICKETS

HARRISBURG, July 31.—Daniel F. Lafaean, York, today filed papers withdrawing his name as a candidate for Congress on the Roosevelt Progressive and Personal Liberty tickets.

FRANKLIN REFINERY CLOSES AFTER 4 MONTHS' WORK

The Franklin Sugar Refinery, Bainbridge street and Delaware avenue, has shut down again after four months' activity following a 20-year period of idleness.

SWARM OF MOSQUITOES BLOWS IN WITH LAND BREEZE

Mosquitoes, it seemed millions of them, were swept into the city last night by a stiff land breeze that blew westerly to southwesterly.

HEAT KILLS 267 IN CHICAGO; COOL WAVE PROMISED

CHICAGO, July 31.—Cooler weather was in sight for the Middle West today after another day of record-scorching heat. A cool wave, according to the Weather Bureau, will hit this section tonight.

200 DEAD AS FOREST FIRE SWEEPS ONTARIO TOWNS

ENGLEHART, Ont., July 31.—Forest fires which for several days have been threatening the northernmost towns and the outlying settlements of northern Ontario today and yesterday culminated in a holocaust which has wiped out entire communities, licked up the fringe of larger towns and levied a death toll which cannot at present be accurately computed.

THREE SHIPS, ONE NEUTRAL, SUNK, LLOYD'S ANNOUNCES

LONDON, July 31.—The destruction of another neutral vessel, as well as a belligerent steamship, was announced today by Lloyd's. The ships sunk were the Norwegian steamship Mars and the British steamship Claudia.

"MURDER LEAGUE" FORMED TO BRING KAISER TO TRIAL

LONDON, July 31.—The Murder League of Britons has been organized in Liverpool as one manifestation of the general indignation over the execution of Captain Fryatt.

ARMORIES BEGIN RECRUITING AGAIN

National Guard armories were reopened for recruiting today to fill up the gaps in the ranks and bring the organization to full war strength, as required by the new Hay-Chamberlain army reorganization act.

ACCUSED COP DID NOT SHIELD VICE, EX-CONVICT SAYS

"Chink" Schwartz's Testimony Discredited by Tenderloin Resident

PORTER SEES ROTAN

High Points in Grand Jury's Probe of Vice

SAMUEL FINGERS, a jewelry peddler, of 484 North Seventh street, said charges of graft against Policeman Kearse, of Buttonwood street station, by Sam Schwartz were false.

Lieutenant McBride, of the Fourth and Race streets station, said he saw poker games in the Twentieth Ward Republican Club.

Director Wilson expressed the hope that every policeman who knows anything about graft will tell all he knows.

Ex-Director Porter conferred with District Attorney Rotan on the vice situation.

Judge Rogers said the Grand Jury may have an extension of time for the investigation if such a request is made.

An attempt to discredit the testimony of Sam Schwartz, who branded Policeman Kearse, of the Tenth and Buttonwood streets station, as a grafter before the Grand Jury, was made this afternoon by Samuel Fingers, a Tenderloin jewelry peddler.

Fingers, who admitted that he recently got out of jail, said he wanted a chance to go before the jury and tell the truth about vice conditions.

Fingers said there was no truth in the testimony given before the Grand Jury by Schwartz. On Friday Schwartz said that Kearse collected money regularly from disorderly houses and also confiscated drugs which were taken in a dope raid on Fingers' home on June 2.

Fingers said that Schwartz met him in Franklin Square a few days ago and offered him money "to get square with the cops." He asked me to give perjured testimony and say that Kearse took dope when a house was raided," said Fingers, "and in regards to a so-called raid on June 2, in which he says I was caught, the police records will show that I was in jail at that time. The raid that Kearse probably refers to took place on September 13, 1913, and it was made by Policemen Hatfield and McIntyre.

Lieutenant William McBride, of the Fourth and Race streets station, was the first witness to testify today. Asked if he knew "Dick" Kelker and "Battle" Hughes and if they were gamblers, McBride said he didn't know them at all. When questioned concerning his relationship with "Moe" Weinbeck, a Republican division leader of the Twentieth Ward and an alleged gambler, McBride said he and Weinbeck had married sisters, but that he hadn't seen much of him of late.

As the lieutenant was formerly attached to the Eighth and Jefferson streets station, he was asked if he ever found any gambling in the Twentieth Ward Republican Club. McBride said he saw a few poker games there. When questioned concerning an alleged crap joint at Sixth and Vine streets, the witness said he discovered it and closed the place. He also said that he had heard of the handbook place for placing bets on horses, near Seventh and Market streets, and closed the place.

McBride was followed by Captain McFadden, who, on Saturday, told the juryman that he had sworn out warrants for gambling house proprietors in the northwestern part of the city and that they were not executed by Superintendent of Police Robinson. Today McFadden said that he really requested Robinson not to take action on the warrants right away, because he wanted to get additional evidence.

CONSTABLE TO TESTIFY. Among other witnesses expected to testify this afternoon are James Nixon, constable attached to Magistrate Rooney's office, who, it is believed will be questioned concerning gambling conditions in the Eighth Ward. William Jones, of the Thirteenth Ward, who was a candidate for the Legislature at the last primary, will also be quizzed at today's session.

Considerable comment was caused in City Hall this afternoon when former Director of Public Safety Porter arrived at the office of District Attorney Rotan, where he and Mr. Rotan held a lengthy conference.

PORTER RECEIVED COMPLAINTS. The ex-director was asked whether or not he had ever received any complaints about policemen in the Tenderloin districts receiving graft from the proprietors of disorderly and gambling houses. Mr. Porter said that such complaints were numerous and always investigated. He never found any direct evidence, however, of such a condition, but when there was any ground for suspecting certain policemen they would be removed to another district. It was because of the great temptations offered in the Tenderloin that the police in those districts were changed frequently, so that the officers would not become too familiar with the habitués and accept any graft that might be offered them.

When asked whether or not he had received any complaints about Captain Kenny and Lieutenants VanHorn and Stinger and Detective Lee, of the vice squad, relative to their receiving "bush money," the ex-director said that he had not. In fact, he said, he considered these men the best police officers for their particular duties he had under him. He said that he received monthly reports of the work done by Detective Lee. The latter, he said, reported