

VIVID PHOTOGRAPH TAKEN DURING EXPLOSION OF MUNITIONS PLANT IN JERSEY



The picture shows flaming brands and bursting shells, which were being made for the Russian Government, as they were hurled into the air above the burning warehouses of the Canadian Car and Foundry Company at Kingsland, N. J. Two lives were lost. The damage is estimated at \$12,000,000.

QUICK NEWS

STANDARD OIL TANKS IN STONEHAM MASS. AFIRE

STONEHAM, Mass., Jan. 12.—Fire that started in a stable this afternoon spread to the Standard Oil Company's plant and the oil tanks took fire. Several big factories are close by. A general alarm was sounded and help called from surrounding cities. All telephones in the town were put out of commission by the fire.

BALTIMORE AND OHIO TO PUT EMBARGO ON FREIGHT

BALTIMORE, Jan. 12.—An embargo on all export freight through the port of Baltimore will be put into effect this midnight by the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad. It was explained by the traffic department of the company that the embargo became necessary as a matter of protection and in order to prevent a serious congestion which would interfere materially with the operation of the road.

DELAWARE NATIONAL, NOT LOCAL, IN TRADE AND INDUSTRIAL SCOPE

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THE EVENING LEDGER is doing a great public service in presenting this series of articles about our port. Few people outside of Philadelphia and not many who are doing business in the city have any real notion of the importance and extent of our maritime influence.

The Delaware is the greatest commercial river in the United States, and it is now also probably the greatest shipbuilding center of the world. Even so, it has not been developed to its highest state of efficiency, and will not be until the people themselves have been better informed as to its tremendous possibilities.

The series of articles now appearing in the EVENING LEDGER will help everybody to a better understanding of the relationship of the port of Philadelphia to the nation at large and to the entire world.

When we all realize that the Delaware River is not local, but national in its scope, the value of our great river asset will be better appreciated.

Washington, January 12.



J. HAMPTON MOORE

PORT EXCELS IN MACHINERY FOR COMMERCE

Terminals, Elevators and Other Maritime Apparatus Modern

CITY SENDS OUT BIG GRAIN CROP

\$42,000,000 Is Surprising Value of Cereal Exportation From Philadelphia

MAMMOTH COAL CARGOES

Coastwise Trade Takes Vast Amount—Ores Also Dispatched in Quantity

ARTICLE V

On one of the piers of the Delaware River stands a huge steam derrick or crane with a legend painted on it in bold letters announcing that it has a lifting capacity of fifty tons.

Between that and the little light electric elevators or cranes which are a part of the equipment of the new city piers and are used to carry small parcels between the first and second floors can be found the whole gamut of loading and unloading machinery along the wharves of the Delaware and Schuylkill Rivers.

Most of these appliances are the latest models in efficiency.

The leading articles of export from this port are coal, both bituminous and anthracite, petroleum, iron and steel and their products, machinery, cotton, raw and manufactured, leather, grain, provisions, livestock, lumber, fertilizer and tobacco, and the principal imports are hides, sugar, iron ore and other ores, chemicals and wool. It takes a variety of apparatus to handle these as well as the numerous varieties of miscellaneous cargoes which arrive at and depart from this port.

COLOSSAL GRAIN ELEVATOR The new grain elevator of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company at Girard Point on the Schuylkill River, with a capacity of 1,100,000 bushels, is the latest trade monument on the river front.

It is the most rapid grain-handling plant of its kind in America, and was erected at a cost of \$1,200,000. It was built to handle the export grain trade of Philadelphia. It has an unloading capacity of 240 carloads per day and trackage for 400 cars. It has a discharging capacity of 60,000 bushels per hour delivered into the holds of vessels moored alongside. It has dockage accommodations of 1850 feet and can load three ocean-going steamships at one time.

Many may say, "Why such a stupendous plant for a city which has never been noted as a grain-exporting center?" There are few, indeed, who know that the value of all the grain exported from the port of Philadelphia during 1915 was \$42,240,701 and if valued at present prices would easily double that sum.

This elevator is built on the unit system and sufficient space has been provided to double or even quadruple its capacity if necessary.

At Port Richmond the Philadelphia and

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COLD WAVE BRINGS DEATH IN FRIGID WAKE

Three Men Succumb to Exposure and Another Is in Serious Condition

The extremely cold weather caused the death of three men within the last twenty-four hours. An unidentified Italian was found apparently asphyxiated in a doorway on the northeast corner of Tenth and Christian streets. The man was sent to the Pennsylvania Hospital, where it was found that he was dead. Physicians said that while death was due to natural causes it was brought on more quickly by exposure.

Edward Lewis, forty-eight years old, address not known by the police, died in the Hahnemann Hospital this morning from the effects of the cold. He was found standing outside a lodging house at 822 Ridge avenue last night, apparently in a stupor. John A. White, the proprietor of the lodging house, noticed the man's condition and, taking him inside, gave him some coffee and allowed him to sit by the fire. During the night the man collapsed and was taken to the Hahnemann Hospital, where he died.

Thomas Brennan, sixty years old, no home, was found unconscious from exposure in a vacant house at 4023 Cresson street, Manayunk, and died shortly afterward at St. Timothy's Hospital.

Edward McGroarty, fifty years old, Butler and Sepviva streets, was found unconscious in the yards of the Pennsylvania Railroad, Trenton avenue and Ontario street, this morning by William Cawthray, a watchman. He was taken to the Episcopal Hospital, suffering from exposure, and physicians there say he will recover.

There is skating today on Concourse and Gustine lakes in Fairmount with the ice run three to five inches thick. The ice of the other lakes has reached two inches in thickness. The continuance of the present cold snap will bring skating on all the lakes by tomorrow, it is predicted.

LANCASTER CLUB WOMAN DIES

Susan Ida Slaymaker Was Identified With Many Activities

LANCASTER, Pa., Jan. 12.—Miss Susan Ida Slaymaker, socially prominent here, died in St. Joseph's Hospital this morning. She was fifty years old. She was president of the Iris Club, a former regent of Episcopal Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, and an active member of the Pennsylvania Federation of Women's Clubs.

Miss Slaymaker was identified with nearly every local movement supported by women and with many through the State.

PRESIDENT NAMES ASSISTANT SECRETARIES OF STATE

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—President Wilson today nominated William Phillips, Massachusetts, Third Assistant Secretary of State, to be Assistant Secretary of State, succeeding John E. Osborne, resigned. He also nominated Breckenridge Long, St. Louis, to be Third Assistant Secretary of State, succeeding Phillips.

POSTAL INCREASES EMPLOYEES' WAGES 6 PER CENT

NEW YORK, Jan. 12.—An increase of six per cent in wages of all employees throughout the country who were in its employ January 1, 1916, was announced by the Postal Telegraph-Cable Company today.

JERSEY WATER FOWL PROTECTED AFTER JANUARY 15

TRENTON, Jan. 12.—The taking of water fowl in New Jersey after January 15 is unlawful under the Federal statutes, according to a communication sent today by the Board of Fish and Game Commissioners to its warden. The notification was received by President Ernest Napier, of the State board, from the United States Department of Agriculture, Bureau of Biological Survey.

CUBAN MILLIONAIRE SLAIN; WOMAN ACCUSED

HAVANA, Jan. 12.—Andros Gomez Mena, millionaire owner of Havana's famous Gomez Block and a number of lumber mills, was shot five times and killed last night in a cafe. A jeweler, a former tenant of Mena, and his wife have been arrested. The wife says she did the shooting.

FIRE DESTROYS HOUSE IN NEW OPERATION

Fire destroyed one of a row of houses in course of construction on Hadfield street between Fifty-Third and Fifty-fourth streets early today. So much headway had the flames gained before the firemen arrived that their efforts were bent on saving the other houses in the row. The houses, which are being built on the south side of Hadfield street by Ferguson and Collins, builders, were nearly completed. It is believed by the police that some one went into the burned house to escape the cold and started a fire. The loss will amount to about \$1000.

HEARING IN BURKE SALOON SUIT TODAY

The hearing in the equity suit brought by four adjoining property owners and five thousand residents of West Philadelphia to obtain an injunction against the establishment of Michael J. Burke's saloon at the northeast corner of Sixtieth street and Lansdowne avenue will be heard by Judge Shoemaker in Common Pleas Court No. 1 late this afternoon.

WILL GIVE PUBLIC HEARING ON P. R. R. REQUEST

HARRISBURG, Jan. 12.—The Public Service Commission has announced a public hearing January 18 at 3:30 o'clock at the Capital on the request of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company to amend its tariffs as applying to bituminous coal by a clause to the effect that "coal cars will only be furnished for the loading of coal directly from apples."

U. S. ORDERS AIR STATIONS IN HAWAII AND PANAMA

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—Two more flying stations for the army—one in Hawaii and the other in the Canal Zone—are to be established. The War Department issued orders today for Captain Henry H. Arnold to go at once to organize the Panama station. Captain John P. Curry was ordered to Kamehameha, Hawaii, to organize the station there. Captain John R. Brooks will accompany him as supply officer.

CAR SHORTAGE AGAIN CRITICAL; MAY AFFECT COAL

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—Utter failure of all measures to alleviate the freight-car shortage in the Middle West is indicated today in a renewal of complaints to the Interstate Commerce Commission from shippers in that territory. The view was openly expressed by transportation experts that an intensified shortage might seriously affect the midwinter coal market.

RENEWED WARNING OF RAIDER IN ATLANTIC

BOSTON, Jan. 12.—Renewed radio warnings against a German raider were sent out at frequent intervals by allied patrol cruisers, notwithstanding reports in shipping circles that a raider had been sunk by a British cruiser. The warning, transmitted in French and English, said: "Enemy raider may be met anywhere in Atlantic. Keep sharp lookout and take all necessary precautions."

CARRANZA MAY REORGANIZE MEXICAN CABINET

MEXICO City, Jan. 12.—Although unofficially confirmed, it is authoritatively learned that General Carranza is planning reorganization of his Cabinet within the next few days. It is reported that Arredondo will be named Minister of the Interior in place of Jesus Aguayo. Luis Cabrera and Ignacio Bonillas are mentioned for the Washington embassy.

DEMANDS FOR "DRY" CANADA REACH GOVERNMENT

OTTAWA, Ont., Jan. 12.—Two demands for complete suppression of the liquor traffic in Canada during the war have been made upon the Government, the first by men representing temperance associations throughout the country, the second by "the women of Canada."

PENROSE HOLDS WHIPHAND IN 'WAR COUNCIL'

With Aid of Sproul and Snyder He Restrains Extremists

IMPEACHMENT CLUB STILL IN ABEYANCE

Kept in Reserve, Pending Inquiry Into Administration Methods

HOT CAMPAIGN PLANNED

By a Staff Correspondent ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Jan. 12.—The Penrose "war board" today, in the most important of the conferences it has held here, determined upon the principal features of the anti-Brimmough program for the session of the Legislature.

The war council mapped out its program after a prolonged contest between the "progressives," who are insisting upon a thorough investigation and are threatening impeachment proceedings against Governor Brimmough, and the "conservatives," who want the Penrose forces to keep as far away from any investigation proceedings as possible. The "progressives," headed by Senator Penrose, State Senator William C. Sproul, who is expected to be the Penrose candidate for Governor, and Auditor General-elect Charles A. Snyder, won.

INQUIRIES PLANNED

The plans formulated by the "war board" during the conference held today and yesterday have been outlined as follows:

An investigation of the charges made during the speakership fight and of the state administration will be started when the assembly bill comes up for consideration during the first or second week after the Legislature convenes on January 22.

The attack upon the State Administration will be directed principally against Attorney General Brown, the Department of Labor and Industry and the Workmen's Compensation Bureau.

Special committees will be appointed to investigate the charges of bribery, malfeasance and perjury; the charges of maladministration; and to probe the Public Service Commission.

Legislation will be drafted calling for emergency in the State administration and the limitation of unnecessary offices.

Reform-law reforms will be pushed, principally the elimination of the assistance to voters' clause.

IMPEACHMENT AS A CLUB

The question of impeachment is still being argued and may not be definitely decided until the board adjourns its meetings tomorrow, according to present indications. It is believed today that the threat of impeachment is still being argued.

THE WEATHER

FORECAST For Philadelphia and vicinity—Fair and continued cold tonight, with lowest about 11 degrees; Saturday snow and warmer; gentle variable winds becoming westerly Saturday.

LENGTH OF DAY Sun sets... 7:22 a.m. Moon rises... 9:15 p.m. Sun sets... 4:35 p.m. Moon rises... 2:37 a.m.

DELAWARE RIVER TIDE CHANGES CHESTNUT STREET High water... 4:22 p.m. Low water... 11:32 p.m.

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ORDERED TO PROBE FURTHER FOR LEAK

Democrats Abandon Plan to Halt Supposedly Futile Inquiry

CHEERS GREET REQUEST

Hot Verbal Thrusts in House "Leak" Debate

I HAVE been compelled to conclude there was a Congressman involved and that he was on the Democratic side.—Lenroot, Republican.

The investigation was a roaring farce shot through with tragedy.—Garrett, Democrat.

There has been enough evidence of a scandal monger doing his dirty work in the House.—Foster, Democrat.

I have no regard for the honor of Lawson. He is not a normal man.—Chiperfield, Republican.

I have no apologies to make to Tumulty or Bolling. Each member of the Government, beginning with the President, ought to be investigated.—Wood, Republican.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—Republicans demanding further investigation of the leak on President Wilson's note to belligerents arose victorious from a three-hour fight in the House today, when, by unanimous consent, on motion of Chairman Henry, the Wood leak resolution was referred back to the Rules Committee with instructions to report back in ten days.

Chairman Henry surrendered his position that the investigation ought to be dropped when Democrats showed obvious sympathy with Representative Cantrell, Democratic member of the Rules Committee, who declared it would be a mistake to drop the investigation now, "although it shouldn't have been taken up in the first place."

The Rules Committee will meet at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning to take further action.

TO COMPEL LAWSON

Mr. Henry, after over two hours of wrangling debate, asked consent to refer the resolution back to the committee with power to call Lawson again and make him answer questions.

A shout of cheers followed. Mr. Henry asked power, if Lawson refused to answer, to report his conduct back to the House.

"Is it the purpose of the Rules Committee to punish Thomas W. Lawson?" asked Representative Fields, Kentucky.

"Yes," replied Henry. "If we can't punish him here, we will send him to the District Attorney of the District and send him to jail."

Failure of the House to continue investigation of the leak "would confirm a public belief" that Congress does not dare investigate, for fear of involving men high in the Government and members of Congress themselves, Representative Wood, author of the leak probe resolution, declared in the course of the debate.

Wood's declaration was the opening shot in one of the hottest verbal fights the House floor had witnessed this session. The Indiana Representative, it became known today, had carefully prepared his attack on the Rules Committee's leak work. He was to be answered "in kind" by Representative Glass, Virginia, with every indication that the debate would develop into a battle royal between the Democratic and Republican sides.

"I have been compelled to conclude there was a Congressman involved in the leak, and that he was on the Democratic side," Representative Lenroot, Republican, declared.

This started the first real fire of the session. A concerted hiss arose from the packed

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ONLY TWO KILLED IN JERSEY BLAST

Shells Still Burst in Kingsland Plant Wreckage. Damage \$12,000,000

HOUSES SMASHED OPEN

JERSEY CITY, N. J., Jan. 12.—Intermittent explosions, caused by bursting of stray shells, could still be heard today in the wreckage of the plant of the Canadian Car and Foundry Company, near Kingsland, destroyed last night with a loss estimated at \$12,000,000.

Stored in two concrete buildings, as yet undamaged, are tons of trinitrotoluene—the most powerful of explosives—used in filling high-power shells.

Had this been reached by the fire which swept the plant untold damage would have resulted. Danger that the powerful explosives will be reached now is believed to have passed.

The town of Kingsland and the surrounding country today bore every mark of having been through a terrific bombardment.

Some houses showed gaping holes, through which the cold wind whistled. Roofs of others were perforated. Windows were out. The hard rock road near the big munitions plant was pitted with big shell holes. The Delaware and Lackawanna Railroad tracks were torn up for a distance of two miles. Rails were twisted and ties blown out of place.

ONLY TWO KILLED

Early reports that many men were killed proved to be erroneous. Later reports declared about sixteen men "missing," but Mayor Clay today declared all had been accounted for.

With the checking up of employees, it is now apparent two were killed. Michael Wolski was struck by a train and killed as he fled under a rain of shells from the scene. Herman Eyskora was hit by a shell and killed.

But for the fact that cases had not yet been attached to the high explosive shells the property damage in the vicinity of the plant would have been much heavier and loss of life would probably have been great. The shrapnel shells exploded, scattering bullets broadcast. The high power shells merely shot up in the air, however, and fell without exploding.

Upward of 800 men, women and children were cared for by the authorities of Jersey City and other surrounding towns last night. All were routed from their homes at Kingsland.

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PRESIDENT SALUTES HALF-FROZEN PICKETS

Smilingly Touches His Hat to Women Sentries at White House Gates

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—It was 10 degrees below freezing today when the twelve suffrage pickets resumed their silent watch outside President Wilson's gates.

They were slightly late in arriving, but, bundled up in fur coats, many of which had been sent them from suffrage organizations in nearby States, they seemed determined to go through with their program "or freeze in the effort."

Returning from his golf game this morning, the President for the first time exchanged salutes with the sentries. As the White House car plunged through the women stood at attention, saluting, and the President smilingly touched his hat in return.

Today's guard comprised: Miss Pauline Floyd, Eldorado, Ark.; Miss Alice Anderson, Connecticut; Miss Rosalia Lepp, New Orleans; Miss Mary Sindall, Baltimore; Miss Katherine Fisher, New York; Miss Lillian Crane, Jersey City; Miss Maud Jamison, Norfolk; Mrs. Florence Brewer Boeckel, Pittsburgh; Miss Elizabeth Geary, Chicago; Mrs. B. H. Papandre, San Francisco; Miss Mildred Gilbert, San Francisco; and Miss Gertrude Crocker, Chicago.

Mrs. William Kent, wife of the California representative, is for the suffrage sentries. She stopped with them long enough today to lend one a fur coat and another a pair of spats.

WILSON PLANS ANOTHER MOVE TO BRING PEACE

Regards Initial Effort to Obtain Statements Successful

REPLIES OF POWERS 'BOMBASTIC FEELERS'

U. S. Motives Now Clearly Understood, Washington Believes

BARGAINING IN ORDER

President Wilson will make another move for peace in Europe. He believes that his initial effort has been successful insofar as the Allies have stated their aims in the war and what they regard as satisfactory peace terms. It is believed that Germany's terms have also been submitted confidentially to the President and that the general tone of both the Allies and Teuton rejoinders to the President's peace initiative shows that the belligerents now understand clearly the motives of the United States and its sincere desire to bring the bloody European conflict to an end as soon as possible.

High Government officials in Washington believe that the replies of both contending groups by no means constitute the last word in the situation, but are, on the contrary, nothing more than "bombastic feelers" and attempts to gain the sympathy of the world, and that the way for bargaining and compromise is now open.

German Embassy officials at the capital regard the terms of the Allies as absurd, but state that Germany would be willing to continue an interchange of opinions on suggestion of the United States. It is understood that Germany would fight to the bitter end of Alsace-Lorraine and the dismemberment of Austria and Turkey, but that she is ready to surrender her

OKLAHOMA SOLONS RAP BIRTH CONTROL AND 'FAGS'

Congratulates Parents of Quadruplets and Makes Cigarette Smoking an Offense

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., Jan. 12.—The Oklahoma Legislature served notice on the world today that it opposes such nefarious things as birth control and cigarette smoking for women.

By unanimous vote a resolution was adopted congratulating Mr. and Mrs. Keys of Hollis on the birth of quadruplets.

The House of Representatives put its O. K. on a bill not only prohibiting the selling of cigarettes and "makings," but making the smoking of a cigarette an offense.

ANOTHER DRAWING BY CHARLES DANA GIBSON

Appears on Page 11 of TODAY'S Evening Ledger