EXPLOSION ROCKS MUNITIONS PLANT

Third of Converted Chemical Works at Kingsport, Tenn., Lost

ONLY ONE MAN KILLED

KINGSPORT, Tenn., May 7.

One-third of the huge munitions plant of the Federal Dye Stuff and Chemical Company here was destroyed early today by a terrific explosion.

One man was killed and two were burned, probably fatally.

No statement was obtainable as to whether the explosion was of incendiary origin.

Kingsport was rocked as if by an earthquake.

Wildest excitement followed the explosion and officials feared for the safety of suspects should any be arrested.

For weeks the greatest precautions had been taken to protect the plant. All new employes had been carefully scrutinized. Extra precautions had been taken to guard the munition works following the explosion at Eddystone in Pennsylvania.

The plant has been running twenty-four hours daily with three shifts.

Some of the Federal troops stationed outside the inclosure were thrown to the ground by the shock of the explosion. None reported injuries.

An estimate of the loss later was promised by officials. The damaged third of the plant will be immediately rebuilt.

Aroused from their slumbers by the thunderous smash of the explosion at 3 a. m. today, the entire populace turned out in an instant, like firemen answering a night alarm. Many hurried back to their homes for more clothes when they discovered their lack of them.

DU PONTS MAY HOLD INTEREST IN PLANT

The Federal Dyestuff and Chemical Company, of New York, was incorporated in Delaware October 6, 1915, with a capitalization of $15,000,000.

In addition to manufacturing all kinds of chemicals and solutions for the manufacture of dyestuffs, the company was also authorized by its charter to do general milling and mining of ores. The $15,000,000 capital stock was divided into 150,000 shares of the par value of $100 per share. The company commenced business with $5000.

Though the du Ponts refused to deny or confirm the report, it is generally believed in Wilmington that some of the individual members of the company are connected with the Federal Company and that probably Standard Oil is also interested. It is known that the du Pont Company has been experimenting with chemicals used in dyes and some time ago a representative of the company had a conference with Government officials and others in New York in reference to this subject.

FISHERY VESSELS FOR NAVY

Bill Authorizes Transfer — Another Provides Six High-Grade Officials

WASHINGTON, May 7.—Secretary of the Navy Daniels this afternoon sent to Congress a tentative draft of an Administration bill to permit vessels of the Bureau of Fisheries to be transferred, in time of war, into the navy service.

Daniels also forwarded a bill asking that the President be authorized to promote six navy officers to the rank of admiral or vice admiral to command fleets or fleet subdivisions.

FOOD RIOT AT LITITZ

LANCASTER, May 7.—Half a dozen persons were badly hurt and Simon Himmelberg, of this city, was subjected to two beatings when a food riot broke out during a sale of foodstuffs at a bazaar in Lititz. The riot occurred in Warwick House and continued along the streets until several alleged speculators were driven from the town.

The bazaar is conducted every week to cut down the cost of food, and when purchases were made by several men of large lots of potatoes the residents of the town became incensed and attacked them. Arrests are promised by the police.

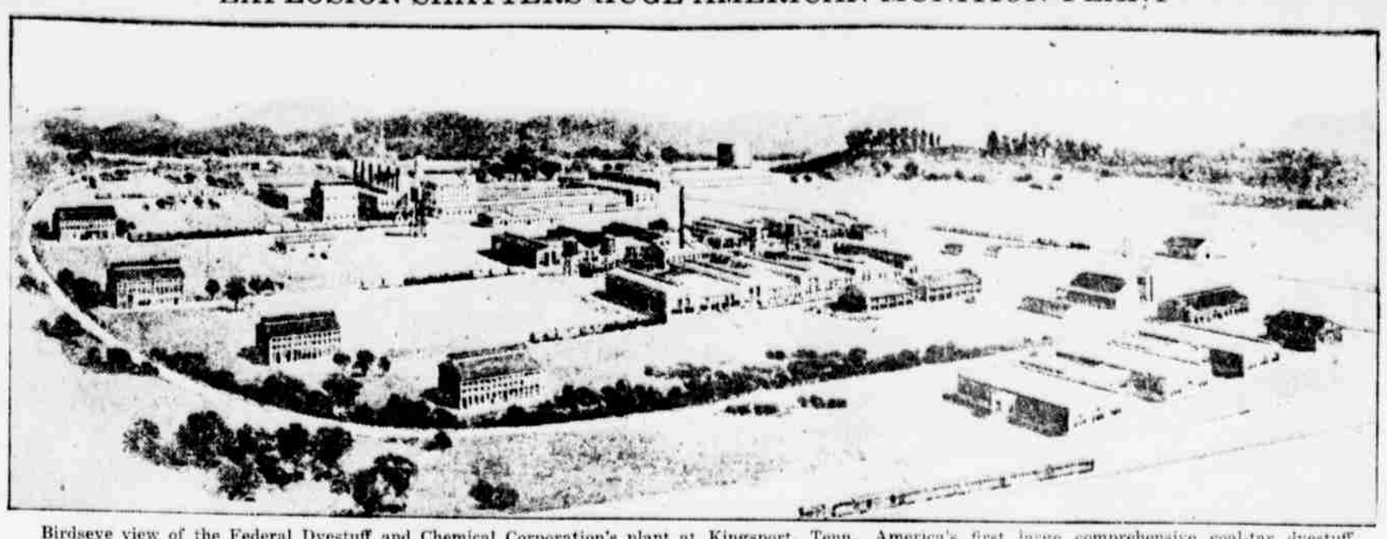
Princeton Students in Strikers' Places

PRINCETON, N. J., May 7.—Princeton students have taken the places of striking laborers in order to complete the sheds for the aeroplanes here. Scores of students are mixing concrete for the floors of the sheds. The aviators have been doing similar work ever since the laborers went on strike several days ago.

Joffre's Son-in-Law Wounded

Reports received from France say that Colonel Pellegrin, son-in-law of Marshal Joffre, is in a hospital at Nice, recovering from a dangerous wound received in action during the recent French offensive. Colonel Pellegrin was leading his regiment when a shell burst and knocked him from his horse.

EXPLOSION SHATTERS HUGE AMERICAN MUNITION PLANT



Birdseye view of the Federal Dyestuff and Chemical Corporation's plant at Kingsport, Tenn., America's first large comprehensive coal-tar dyestuff plant. The establishment covers 200 acres, the buildings being of concrete, brick and steel. Recently the plant was converted to the manufacture of munitions. One man was killed and one-third of the property destroyed by today's explosion.

PROPAGANDISTS AIMED AT ALLIES' CREDITORS

Rintelen Spy Case Witness Tells of Move Against Bond-Buying Banks

NEW YORK, May 7.

The "inner circle" of "Labor's National Peace Council" sought to influence labor unions throughout the country to withdraw their funds from banks which purchased bonds for the half-billion-dollar loan of the Entente Allies in 1915, according to Government witnesses today at the trial of Captain Franz von Rintelen, ex-Congressmen H. Robert Fowler and Frank Buchanan, Henry B. Martin, David Lamar and three others.

The Government alleges the Peace Council was merely a cloak under which to promote the designs of the defendants and that $500,000 was spent by von Rintelen to further the German propaganda in the United States.

Charles H. Canode, a painter, vice president of the Chicago local of the Labor's National Peace Council, testified that Martin revealed to him the plan to induce labor organizations to withdraw funds from national banks which subscribed to the Allied loan.

He quoted Fowler as having corroborated Martin in a statement that Martin had given Buchanan $5000 when the latter was president of the council.

"I saw Martin give Frank $5000 in the Hotel Knickerbocker in New York," Canode said Fowler told him.

Discussing the Washington concentration council, Canode said:

"Martin told me to 'stay around' so the newspaper reporters will think we still are in session. But don't tell the reporters anything."

SMALL BOY RUNS AWAY FOR FIFTEENTH TIME

Johnny Kizzis Caught by Police and Returned, but Says He'll Go Again

Johnny Kizzis is going back to his home at 4 American place, even if he doesn't like it. And when police of the Fourth street and Snyder avenue station send him back today it will make the fifteenth return in the six years Johnny has been with us on earth.

Just why Johnny is endowed with such a roving disposition police are unable to say. They picked him up yesterday when his parents complainingly told them that the boy had vanished just when he was recovering from injuries received when he was struck by an automobile. But going home doesn't affect the youthful nomad especially. "I'll be away again in two days and make it an even sixteen," he said shortly before he set foot on the parental threshold again.

REBUKED FOR LAXITY IN MARRIAGE RECORDS

Vital Statistics Official Chides Ministers for Neglecting Important Duty

The laxity of clergymen of all denominations in making marriage certificate returns was sharply criticized by Dr. Charles Scott Miller, of the Bureau of Vital Statistics, who spoke to the Reformed Ministerial Association at the regular Monday conference in the Reformed Church Building, Fifteenth and Race streets, today.

"Out of 111,000 marriage licenses issued last year," Doctor Miller said, "only 77,000 were duly filed after the ceremonies in the Bureau of Vital Statistics. The only legal record of these marriages is a stub filed in the Orphan's Court, according to number, and virtually unavailable for identification purposes."

Doctor Miller pointed out that at this particular time it is positively vital that clergymen make record with the bureau of the hundreds of marriages that are being hastily celebrated on account of the war.

"Many of these young husbands," Doctor Miller said, "will be presumably killed. The Government positively refuses to pay pensions to women whose marriages are not recorded in the Bureau of Vital Statistics. In Eddystone this matter was very forcibly brought home to us. Some women had no way of proving they were married to the men who had been killed."

Doctor Miller admitted that the bureau's "marriage returns" blanks are inadequate for the present day. Their form had not been changed since 1860.

A humorous proof of their inadequacy came to light when one of the ministers asked why it was that only the husband's occupation was recorded on the blank. women didn't have occupations other than

The answer was that in the days of 1860 housekeeping, and that the official marriage-recording machinery had never been changed to fit the new era.

Pittsburgh Takes $30,000,000 of Loan

PITTSBURGH, May 7.—Thirty million dollars will be the Pittsburgh subscription to the Liberty Loan according to reports received at today's Clearing House. John R. McCune, president of the Union National Bank and member of the Clearing House committee, said things were moving fine and everything points to the loan being a big success.

Police Seek Missing Boy

The police of Philadelphia and Camden have been asked to search for ten-year-old George May, of 291 Mechanic street, Camden, who wandered away from his home on Saturday. The boy was last seen walking toward the Delaware River and his mother fears that he has been drowned.

HELD UP AND ROBBED BY AUTOMOBILE THUGS

Bandits, in Stolen Car, Attack Arthur D. Clark at Lonely Spot

Two automobile bandits in a stolen car held up and robbed Arthur D. Clark, of 2911 West Allegheny avenue, early today at a lonely spot near Fox street and Hunting Park avenue, and escaped, leaving the machine behind.

Clark was passing Goodwin's brickyard when the automobilists, driving slowly, accosted him. Believing they desired information, he stopped. The strangers then jumped from the car, drew revolvers and ordered him to throw up his hands.

When Clark obeyed one of the men went to the automobile to fix the lights. Despite the fact that he was covered with a revolver, Clark grappled with the other bandit and threw him to the ground. In the scuffle the revolver was discharged twice, but the shots went wild.

The second highwayman then struck Clark with the butt end of a revolver and knocked him unconscious. Both men then fled, deserting the car.

The shots attracted Policemen Dougherty and Kohn, who took Clark to the Samaritan Hospital, where his injuries were attended. The stolen car belonged to Dr. Anna Conners, of 7056 Germantown avenue. It was taken last night while standing at Fifteenth and Master streets.

Efforts are being made by the police to capture the bandits, who are believed to be members of a gang of well-organized auto thieves.

Schuylkill Doubles Potato Acreage

POTTSVILLE, Pa., May 7.—The acreage of potatoes planted in Schuylkill County this year is double that of last year according to reports received here and preliminary prospects are for a heavy crop. Hillsides, public parks and vacant lots which have not been cultivated for years, have been planted and portions of the expected crops have already been sold.

WEATHER ADDS SHROUD FOR SAKE OF VARIETY

Low Clouds Bring Noonday Darkness—Cold Expected to Continue

Darkness added to the variety in the weather shortly before noon today, but there was no special importance attached to it. Low clouds were the cause and there was no indication that any relief from the cold, raw weather would result. At noon the weather proposition stood fifty-fifty; that is, there might be rain and there also might not be.

The cold weather is due to persist for several days longer, and the straw hat will remain in seclusion until Wednesday, at least, according to the Weather Bureau.

Weather Bureau officials, while sweeping the horizon this morning, gave the reason for the trouble as being from the north. "The Middle Atlantic States are covered now with a high pressure area. It's just like a mountain and a valley.

NOT A BID FOR WORK ON ASYLUM BUILDINGS

Contractors, for First Time in City's History, Uninterested in Offer

A big city job went begging today because no contractor wanted to do the work.

Director Krusen and other officials of the Department of Public Health and Charities experienced a distinct shock when bids were opened at noon and it was found that none had been offered for the construction of four dormitories for insane persons at Byberry, although $1,465,000 has been set aside by the city for the work.

Never before in the history of Philadelphia have contractors declined to take up municipal work, said Philip H. Johnson, the department architect, who designed the buildings. Bids for the construction work will be readvertised.

"Even though we anticipated high prices," said Director Krusen, "I had intended letting the contracts at once, for the dormitories are badly needed."

The unsettled condition of the labor market, due to the war, and the high price of materials were blamed by city officials as the cause of the lack of interest by contractors.

Bids for the auxiliary work connected with the new insane department totaled $389,627. The low bidders for this were as follows: Heating and equipment, Charles E. Mundy Company, $153,425; powerhouse equipment, Charles E. Mundy Company, $82,990; plumbing, S. Faith & Co., $75,643, and electrical work, J. F. Buchanan Company, $76,386.

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