

TERRORISTS BOMB RECTORY AT CHURCH OF OUR LADY OF VICTORY, 54TH AND VINE STREETS

PALMER HAS NO CLUE TO BOMB PLANTER

Attorney General Unable to Connect Plot With Earlier Anonymous Threats

MOVES FAMILY TO HOTEL

Washington, June 3.—Attorney General Palmer has no clue to the identity of the man who last night attempted to blow up his home at 2132 R street and himself was blown to atoms.

"Although from time to time I receive threatening letters sent anonymously, I have not received any for the last few days, and cannot recall any of them that might connect with this explosion," said Attorney General Palmer.

No letters were received in Mr. Palmer's mail, either yesterday or today, which could be connected in any way with the bombing plot, it was said by Mr. Scott, secretary to the attorney general.

"Mr. Palmer has hundreds of enemies among the class who would be likely to commit a bombing just like this," said Mr. Scott. "In his position as alien property custodian, which he held until two months ago, when he became attorney general, he undoubtedly made hundreds of enemies among foreigners through handling the property of alien enemies in the interest of the United States.

"But I cannot call any particular letter threatening death, or any person who has taken offense at Mr. Palmer, whom I can now connect with the bombing plot."

\$3000 Damage to House

The house at 2132 R street is owned by Mr. Palmer. The damage to it will amount probably to \$3000. Mr. Palmer and his family will leave the house today and move downtown to a hotel. This step will be taken partly as a precaution against further attempts on the life of the attorney general and because all the front windows and window sashes were blown out.

Although the man who attempted to blow up the Palmer house was blown to atoms and parts of his body and clothing scattered all over the street and over into the next street and plastered against the houses across the way, enough fragments have been found to give the police clues from which to identify the bomber.

The bomber carried two hats, one a derby which he apparently wore, and a fedora, which the police believe he carried in his grip and which he planned to use to disguise himself after the explosion.

One Man Arrested in City Bomb Outrage

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James of Chief Justice of the Supreme Court Robert von Moschizsker and Ernest T. Trigg, president of the Chamber of Commerce.

District Attorney Kane said: "The department is co-operating with the police in the investigation of these bombing outrages.

"Of course, not until these outrages are identified with government institutions does the investigation come chiefly within our department of activity. In this city the explosions, if understood, occurred not near government property nor did they seem especially directed against government officials.

"However, the history of the bombing activity since the outrages of last December, and the attack upon the home of the Attorney General, and the relation these attacks may bear to alien and the question of labor, necessitates our continued investigation. It is mainly, just now, in co-operation with the municipal police authorities that we are making our investigation. Any detailed activity, for obvious reasons, I cannot disclose.

Todd Daniel, chief of the Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice, also believes that the same band of anarchists who were responsible for the explosions of December and for the shipping of the infernal machines through the mails, committed the outrages last night.

"That's more of a hunch than anything else," said Mr. Daniel today. "But the activity has happened in bunches, and it looks as if the same crowd might be responsible."

Todd Daniel and his inspectors were at the scenes of the explosions the greater portion of this morning, and two or three of his men have been working upon the matter all night.

Investigation to Be Made "I have definitely assigned virtually all of my men to some portion of the investigation," said Mr. Daniel. "We have not yet connected up that terrorist who was killed in Washington with the activity in Philadelphia."

Chief Griffin, of the United States Secret Service, said today that he has taken no action as yet in the case. He said that his activities are directed by Washington.

Dues Paid in Information Jajiecky could give no information to the police today that might lead to the establishment of a reason for the attempt on the lives of the family.

"I am a member of no organization in which I have enemies," he said. "All my dues are paid up in full in the societies to which I belong. I do not know that I have an enemy in the whole world."

The bombers are known to have used at least one automobile last night. Several persons say three cars were used.

After the explosions the machine known to have been used was recovered in front of Sedgley Guard House at the Girard avenue entrance in Fairmount Park. It had been stolen at 10 o'clock last night from Twelfth street and Columbia avenue.

A partial description of the two men who stole the machine has been furnished the police. They are known to have frequented the neighborhood of Twelfth street and Columbia avenue for several days.

The stolen machine is the property of Mrs. Lang, 1294 Columbia avenue. Several Jewish newspapers and endorsed advertisements to residents of Philadelphia were found in the machine. The owner has a return address of

Menaced by Bomb



A. MITCHELL PALMER

U. S. Attorney General, whose home in Washington was damaged last night by an anarchist's bomb

Roslove Beneficial Association; I. L. Stern, secretary, 1228 South Third street.

Mr. Stern explained that the envelopes had contained letters sent to Mr. Lang in connection with the Jewish parade held here yesterday.

Miss Mary Barrett and Miss Margaret Sheehan, who live on the third floor of the Lang home at 1294 Columbia avenue, told the police today that they could identify the men who had stolen the automobile if they were brought before them. They both had seen the two men in that neighborhood on several occasions recently.

One of the men was described as being tall and blonde and the other as short and dark, the latter probably being a foreigner.

LANDLADY AMAZED AT LESLIE'S ARREST

Suspect Has Excellent Reputation at Home and at His Place of Employment

Lord Leslie, aged twenty-six, 5129 Chestnut street, was arrested at the scene of the first explosion. He appeared soon after the rectory porch was wrecked, and is said to have shown extreme interest in the damage done.

First Arrest Made After he had approached and closely questioned two policemen he was arrested. No direct charge has been made against him. He is held "on suspicion."

Leslie was arraigned before Magistrate Harris at the Thirty-second street and Woodland avenue station and held for a further hearing Thursday.

Leslie bears an excellent reputation at his home and place of employment. Mrs. Mary Cox, of whom he rented his room, was amazed to hear of his arrest.

"He has been living here for several months, now," she said, "and has made an excellent impression upon the people with whom he came in contact. He seems to be highly ambitious and anxious to succeed. I never heard him say anything that might be construed as being radical."

"He came in some time during the night and then went out again, but I attach no special significance to that, as he has done it on many former occasions," she concluded.

The proprietor of the Marlborough Drug Store, Fifty-fourth and Chestnut streets, where Leslie was employed as a chemist, bore out Mrs. Cox's story of Leslie's character. He left the store shortly after 11 o'clock last night, the proprietor said.

Leslie was interested in an automobile tire concern, also, it is said. He was discharged from the navy last January and went to work at the drug store.

Chased by Crowd Shortly after the explosion occurred at Fifty-seventh and Locust streets a man whose movements were regarded with suspicion was chased by a crowd of men and boys. He was finally captured by Harry Reinhold, of 236 South Locust street, and turned over to the police of the Fifty-fifth and Pine streets station. The police there say that no man is being held. It was admitted, however, that a man picked up near the scene of the explosion had been questioned.

One development in the case today was the result of an examination of pieces of the bombs planted at the church and the jeweler's home. They were found to conform with the pieces of the bombs picked up by the police following the outrages committed in December.

PRIESTS MYSTIFIED AT ATTACK MOTIVE

Declare They Have No Known Enemies—Never Preached Against Anarchy

The priests at the church and the jeweler say they have no known enemies.

The theory that activities of the priests on local draft boards might have inspired the bomb attack on the church was discredited both by Bishop McCort and Father Graham, who said that none of the priests there had served on any draft board. Damage to the church was estimated at \$75,000.

The homes of Samuel Ruskove, 5405 Vine street, and Paul Seeber, 5403 Vine street, opposite the church were both badly damaged by the explosions, and window panes and glassware in other nearby houses were shattered.

The rector of the church, Father J. P. Graham, declined today to be interviewed, but said he had never preached against anarchy or bolshevism. There is no church in the vicinity of the jeweler's home.

One report intimates that the third

bomb was intended for the home of Fire Chief Barrett, who lives at 250 South Fifty-seventh street. The police have offered no information as to why this home should be bombed.

Several witnesses of the explosions at the church have been located by the detectives.

Clement Abele, 5405 Vine street, said he heard three automobiles pass his home just before the first explosion occurred. They were speeding with their cut-outs wide open.

Naval Officer Sees Auto Lieutenant D. D. West, of the United States navy, stationed at League Island, told the police that he saw a man in the machine with yellow wheels stand up in the rear of the car as it passed the church and hurl an object at the rectory. The explosion followed a minute later.

A man who told the police he was walking past Fifty-fourth and Vine streets before he heard the report of the explosions told a story of seeing two men in another machine speeding in the direction of the rectory.

"There's going to be something doing in a minute," one of the men in the machine was said to have remarked to his companion. "You better get ready to go like hell."

Another report made to the police was to the effect that two men were loitering on the church corner a few minutes before the first explosion occurred. It is possible that they may have been working with the men in the machine.

Masses were said this morning at the church. No mention was made of the explosions, although many non-Catholic residents of the neighborhood attended in the hope that some light might be thrown on the mystery.

The first mass was said at 6:30 o'clock and the second an hour later.

Two West Philadelphia patrolmen who were near the scene of the first two explosions at the church but did not witness them were questioned at City Hall this morning. One of them, a patrolman of the Fifty-fifth and Pine streets station, is said to have been sitting on the steps of the north side of the church, opposite from that on which the bombs were planted.

He saw the machine with yellow wheels pass just before the first report of the explosions. Further down Fifty-fourth street the second policeman is said to have seen the same car speeding. Both said that it was going too fast for them to read the license number.

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that he had taken steps to check any possible uprising and completed an organization by which he could summon hundreds of policemen and home guards to duty in a few minutes.

Mills On the Job

After his arrival at City Hall, Captain Mills started at least part of his organization in motion, for within a few minutes a policeman or a home guard was stationed within a few feet of every church, school, hospital and public building in the city.

Shortly after Captain Mills came to City Hall, Superintendent Robinson ar-

rived and prepared to cope with any situation that might arise.

News of this latest terrorism spread like wildfire through West Philadelphia and other parts of the city. Reports said that a bomb had razed the Church of the Transfiguration, Fifty-fifth street and Cedar avenue; St. Francis de Sales Church, Forty-seventh street and Springfield avenue, and other edifices. None of these structures was damaged nor was any attempt made to bomb them.

In the course of the hurried investigations made immediately after the explosions and at the Church of Our Lady of Victory, District Detective Albert

Johnson, of the Peach and Media streets station house, working by lantern light, discovered pieces of the detonators of the bombs that had been used.

The police subsequently declared these to be the same type that had been used at the time bombs were placed at the residences of Judge von Moschizsker, Judge Gorman and Mr. Trigg.

Detectives Arrive Captain of Detectives Souder, Lieutenant of Detectives Joseph Lestrange and a number of central office men were quickly upon the scene.

Advertisement for Chesterfield cigarettes. Includes illustration of a man looking in a mirror and the text: 'What do you look for in a Cigarette? Aroma - yes Taste - sure But Chesterfields have more They Satisfy.'

Large advertisement for Overland Model 90 cars. Includes illustration of a car and text: 'Why Model 90 Makes Friends of Owners. The Overland Model 90 is not a stunt car. It was built for long, continuous, every day service, but— One day last month an Overland Model 90 stock car rolled out, by way of diversion at Oklahoma City, and broke all previous records in a most extraordinary non-stop high gear test.'

Advertisement for Boy Scout tents. Text: '\$4.50 buys this TENT. The homes of Samuel Ruskove, 5405 Vine street, and Paul Seeber, 5403 Vine street, opposite the church were both badly damaged by the explosions, and window panes and glassware in other nearby houses were shattered.'

Advertisement for Orchard brand bird feed. Text: 'THE ORCHARD. You can almost hear the birds sing as they perch among the apple blossoms in the Orchard—21 stories above the street. A very beautiful, very peaceful place to lunch or dine, with trees and birds and blooms as pleasant company! HOTEL ADELPHI CHESTNUT - 13'