

THE WEATHER
Fair and somewhat cooler tonight and Friday; fresh westerly winds.

TEMPERATURE AT EACH HOUR									
8	10	11	12	1	2	3	4	5	
65	68	72	75	78	78	76	74	71	

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TNT DEAD, 200 HURT IN WALL STREET EXPLOSION

Morgan Building Wrecked by Mysterious Blast; Girls' Bodies Are Hurlled to Sidewalk

SPROUL APPROVES JERSEY SPAN PLAN, IS AGAINST TUBE

Governor Says Bore Project Would Mean Delay and Would Add to Expense

SAYS COX CAMPAIGN HAS DISGUSTED PEOPLE

Criticizes Democrat for Lack of Dignity—Terms Him Imitator of Roosevelt

By a Staff Correspondent
Harrisburg, Sept. 16.—Governor Sproul wants a bridge to Camden. On his way to his home in Chester today, after a vacation at Watkins, N. Y., he expressed opposition to the tube idea.

"The people who advocate the tube," he said, "will find that it takes a long time to build tubes, and that it probably would be much more expensive than a bridge."

"Some people seem to think that a tube can be built overnight."

Sproul Scores Cox
Mr. Sproul branded Governor Cox, the Democratic candidate for the presidency, as an unsuccessful imitator of Colonel Roosevelt.

"The Republican campaign," he said, "is in a bully shape. The main situation was not a surprise, but a gratification. In my opinion the result in New York is going to be even more surprising than the Republican victory in Maine. The people are right in this campaign, especially the women."

"I have everywhere among Democrats as well as Republicans, resentment at Cox's lack of poise and dignity. He thinks he is imitating Roosevelt, but he lacks the colonel's ability, understanding of the people, and his likable manner."

"Smoke Screen" Failure
"The effort of Cox to raise a 'smoke screen' by charging extravagance in Republican campaign expenditures, in order to hide frightful mismanagement and riotous waste by the Democrats, has been a complete failure."

"The people were first amazed and then disgusted."

The governor said that the advent of the women in politics will mark the end of old political traditions.

Governor Sproul is fifty years old today. With him this afternoon were his wife and their son "Jack," who returned from Watkins to Harrisburg, changing to a train for Philadelphia.

GUFFEY'S ROSY FORECAST
Says Cox Will Win, but Sees Need of Money and Organization

Washington, Sept. 16.—Governor Cox will win, but will require money and organization between now and November, National Committeeman Joseph Guffey, of Pennsylvania, declared here today.

Edward H. Moore, national committeeman from Ohio and Governor Cox's pre-convention campaign manager; Attorney General Palmer, State Prohibition Director W. Wayne Hindeman; Secretary Tamm; and a number of Democrats.

Pressmen on Strike; Labor Paper Stops

Washington, Sept. 16.—(By A. P.)—Some of the difficulties attached to the enterprise of getting out a labor union publication were indicated by the following notice, printed in the current issue of Labor, a weekly newspaper published by the Plumb Plan League here: "Editor Phil Ziegler, of the Railway Clerk, requests labor to announce that the September issue of the magazine is delayed on account of a strike of pressmen and assistants."

TOOMEY, IN COURT, PLEADS GUILTY

Trust Company Official, Who Embezzled Big Sum, Indicted on Twenty Counts

JUDGE DEFERS SENTENCE

Charles F. Toomey, former assistant secretary of the Fidelity Trust Co., today pleaded guilty to five indictments for embezzlement and fifteen indictments on the charge of forgery before Judge Johnson in Quarter Sessions Court.

Toomey, it is charged, embezzled \$12,000 from the estate of Joseph F. Sinnott, of which the trust company is executor. It is said he lost the money in gambling.

Sentence was deferred by Judge Johnson at the request of Assistant District Attorney Taulane until witnesses could be summoned to testify as to details of Toomey's embezzlements.

Toomey's attorney, Samuel Peitz, in confessions made following his arrest, it is said, Toomey told how he had opened an account under the name of one of the beneficiaries of the Sinnott estate, and then checked out money which was transferred from the estate to the account.

NEW PONZI PROBE BEGUN

Grand Jury Starts Inquiry into Operations of Financial Wizard

MRS. BRONNER ROBBED

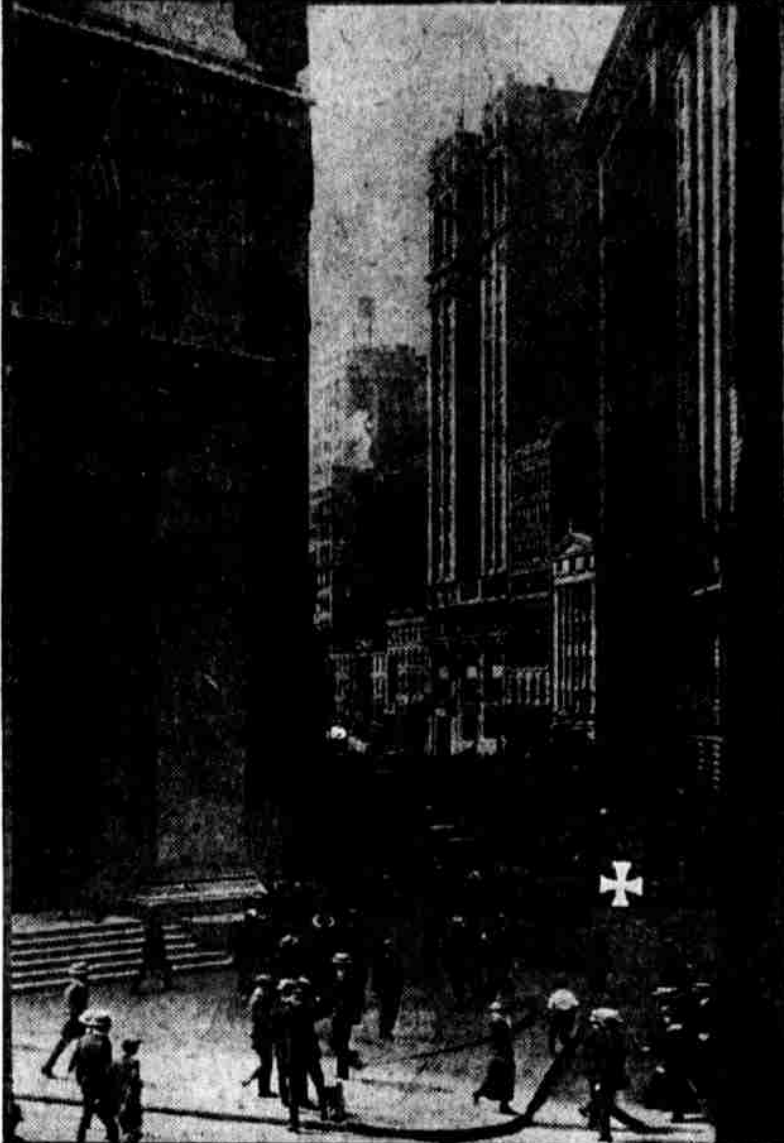
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SCENE OF NEW YORK EXPLOSION



The cross indicates about the spot at the intersection of Broad and Wall streets where the terrific explosion took place in New York's financial district today. At the left of the photograph is the Morgan building. The New York Stock Exchange is the low building on the right side of Broad street, shown in photograph.

TEACHERS' PAY RISE ASSURED BY BOARD

Citizens' Committee Offers to Take Rest of \$1,000,000 Loan if Conditions Are Met

OFFICIALS MAY USE FUND

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MAUCH CHUNK EVERY SATURDAY
SUNDAY until Oct. 31, inclusive. Special train in afternoon, leaving Philadelphia at 8:30 A. M., stopping at Pottsville, Jimtown, Reading, and terminating at Pottsville. Round trip \$3.00. (Tax 24c.)

BIG POLICE DETAIL ON GUARD HERE IN FINANCIAL SECTION

Superintendent Mills Rushes Men to Be on Lookout for Possible Bomb Plot

PHILADELPHIA EXCHANGE REMAINS OPEN ALL DAY

Intense Excitement Attends Report of Disaster in New York Street

Superintendent of Police Mills sent out a detail of patrolmen, in uniform and plain clothes, to guard the city's principal financial institutions as soon as he learned of the explosion in New York.

The superintendent refused to say how many patrolmen and detectives had been assigned to guard duty, but said that it was a "very large detail." They were stationed outside and inside the banks, with instructions to be on the watch for any one who might be acting suspiciously.

"I do not know whether the explosion in New York was accident or design," said Superintendent Mills, "but we cannot afford to take chances here. I do not expect any attempt to be made on Philadelphia institutions, but assigning men to guard them is a necessary precaution."

Expects No Trouble Here
Director Cortelyou, like Superintendent Mills, said he expected no trouble here. He divulged the fact, however, that for months, since the last New York explosion, he had thrown the entire banking district has been under special surveillance, and the homes of prominent men have been watched to prevent possible attacks.

Both officials felt that the only ground for fear lay in the effect of the New York explosion on some crank or irresponsible person here, who might feel that the Philadelphia Stock Exchange did not close upon receipt of the explosion in New York. Trading was suspended at a severe moment here by the news. It was announced also that no deliveries would be made of stock sold earlier in the day until next Monday.

The Philadelphia stock and bond district into momentary confusion. Without warning, the news was flashed over the ticker the convulsion of Parliament and a presidential message to convene instantly the brokers' private wires bore the same tidings in fragmentary form, but for that all the more mysterious and alarming.

Excitement Attends News
In the Philadelphia Stock Exchange and in a score of other offices the same scenes of excitement that approached panic were enacted as the news came in.

The first intimation that something extraordinary had happened came just after the ticker had announced a quotation of an "odd lot, American bonds" at 100. The news, which was the Philadelphia stock and bond district into momentary confusion. Without warning, the news was flashed over the ticker the convulsion of Parliament and a presidential message to convene instantly the brokers' private wires bore the same tidings in fragmentary form, but for that all the more mysterious and alarming.

Officers in Confusion
The local exchange and every broker's office were in confusion. The message that the exchange had "temporarily suspended" was explained. Every one's first thought was for friends and partners who were traveling on the New York exchange. Anxious telephoning began from local offices. Leased wires were cleared of all other matter to get details of the explosion in New York.

CARS CRASH; MAN HURT

TWO DEAD; DOCTOR HELD

Wife and Child of Physician Believed to Have Been Slain

Cardinal Gibbons Urges All Catholics to use THE MANUAL OF PRAYERS

CRASH OF TNT CART OR BOMB CAUSED BLAST

All Lower Manhattan Shaken and N. Y. Financial District Damaged

REMOVE 17 BODIES FROM BANK HOUSE

Junior S. Morgan Escapes Amid Flying Glass—Subtreasury Under Guard

U. S. TROOPS IN CHARGE

Fire Apparatus and Ambulances Respond to Emergency. Young Women Mutilated

By the Associated Press
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Office workers were just hurrying into the street for their noonday meal when a jet of black smoke and flame rose from the center of the world's great street of finance.

Two minutes later nearly all the exchanges had closed. Men had turned from barter to an errand of mercy—and there was need of it.

Bomb or Load of Explosives
While the police toiled for hours seeking the dead and injured trained investigators were trying in vain to determine definitely whether the explosion had occurred from a bomb in front of the office of J. P. Morgan & Co. or whether an automobile dashing into a wagon loaded with explosives had taken its toll.

Frank Francisco, one of the most able investigators of the Department of Justice, declared after arriving on the scene that it was his opinion that not a bomb plot, but a collision had been responsible for the blast which rocked skyscrapers, tore the fronts from office buildings for blocks around and scattered deadly missiles in all directions.

The front of the Morgan building was demolished and the United States Subtreasury, across the street, was badly damaged.

\$500,000 Damage to Morgan
The damage to the Morgan building alone was estimated at \$500,000. Minor damage to hundreds of other buildings, it was expected, would total, at least \$500,000 more.

Seventeen victims of the explosion were taken out of the side door of the Morgan banking house at 12:35.

All Manhattan Rocked
All of lower Manhattan was rocked by the explosion. The whole financial district was a scene of damage and disorder.

The first efforts of the police were directed toward aiding the injured and removing the dead. At 12:40 fourteen bodies were seen lying on the sidewalk and ten others were reported to have been taken away by volunteer workers.

Among the bodies were those of three girls, terribly mutilated. A police cordon was hastily thrown around the entire financial district, when thousands, bearing the explosion, flocked to the tip of Manhattan Island.

Stock Exchange Suspends Deliveries

NEW YORK, Sept. 16.—Immediately after the explosion which shook the entire Wall street district today, the governors of the stock exchange suspended trading for the day and directed there should be no recorded closing prices. The governing committee of the exchange then ordered that all deliveries of securities be deferred until Monday except by mutual consent. The committee will meet later in the day to take further measures in connection with the effect of the explosion on the trading. The Consolidated Stock Exchange, as well as the Boston and Detroit stock exchanges, also suspended dealings. The Philadelphia Stock Exchange, the cotton market and Chicago board of trade remained open.

EXTRA
E. C. BACON, MORGAN DIRECTOR, INJURED IN BIG EXPLOSION

NEW YORK, Sept. 16.—The Wall street explosion today did not take the lives of any prominent financiers, but Eliot C. Bacon, a director of the J. P. Morgan Co., was slightly injured. When the explosion occurred he was on the fourth floor of the Morgan building in conference with Dwight W. Morrow, Thomas W. Lamont and George Whitney. The men rushed from the room down the steps into the main office, where the bodies of many men and women were on the floor. Alvin W. Krech, president of the Equitable Trust Co., was struck by flying glass. After treatment at a hospital he went home. Eight unidentified persons died on the way to hospitals. Three died on the way to the Volunteer Hospital, two to the Old Slip station and three to the Broad Street Hospital.

MOORE STREET CLEANING PLANS READY

The administration's street cleaning plans will be ready in a few days, Mayor Moore announced this afternoon after a conference with Director Caven of Public Works. Referring to yesterday's bids the Mayor said he "now knows where the contractors stand."

NAVY YARD WORKERS GET PAY RISE

RACING RESULTS

FRENCH PRESIDENT, DESCHANEL, QUILTS

SUCCESSOR WILL BE NAMED

PHILA. MAN TELLS OF WILD SCENES

THOUSANDS THROG STREET

CHARITY FRAUD CHARGED

Woman Accused of Getting Cash for Mythical "Patient"

City Treasurer's Report

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