

DEAD FROM GIRL'S PRANK

Fire and Explosion in a Torpedo Factory Has a Terrible Effect.

HEAVY SHOCK IN CLEVELAND, OHIO.

White Playing During Lunch Hour the Shoe of a Girl Sliding on the Striker a Spark, Igniting Loose Powder—In an Instant the Room is Ablaze and Explosions Follows—Pathetic Incidents.

Cleveland, O. (Special).—An explosion that caused death and destruction occurred in the plant of the Thor Manufacturing Company, of this city. Thus far three people are dead, while 28 others are lying at hospitals, some fatally and others more or less seriously injured.

The Thor Manufacturing Company is engaged in the manufacture of toy torpedo canes and other explosives. The company was in the midst of its busiest season. A large stock of material was on hand. Extra girls were being employed, and by the end of the week it was intended to put on the road the largest shipment ever sent out by the company.

The force of the explosion was tremendous and windows within a radius of a quarter of a mile were broken.

In the house on Orange street, next to the factory, lived Maurice Cohen, with his wife and eight children. With the collapse of the house simultaneously with the explosion the woman and four children were caught in the falling partitions and all were horribly crushed. They were all taken unconscious. Mrs. Cohen died on the way to the hospital.

In the house directly in the rear were Mrs. Barney Quass and two boys. All three were badly injured and taken to hospitals.

The fire originated in a peculiar manner. The torpedo caps are filled in molds and there is constant danger of some of the loose powder, supposed to be fulminate of mercury, dropping on the floor. For this reason the girls and boys who are employed in the factory are compelled to remove their shoes while at work, so as to avoid the danger of striking sparks.

The explosion was due to the frolicsome propensities of a new girl who had been employed at the plant less than a week. The girls had their shoes on at the lunch hour and one playfully shaved another of the girls. As the girl slid along the floor her shoes struck a spark in some loose powder. Instantly the floor was ablaze. With great presence of mind one of the girls ran to a tub of water which was standing in the room and threw it on the fire. The blaze had gained too great headway, however, and the water did not quench it. In this juncture a painter, who was working on the Bradino house next door, glanced through the open window and saw the fire. The girls did not seem to realize their great danger and were trying to extinguish the flames. The painter, however, realizing what was stored in the building, yelled to the girls to run for their lives.

There were ten girls, four boys and one man in the factory when the explosion occurred. All of these got out except one, Florence Lipster, one man, Willard Cole, son of one of the proprietors of the place, and Arthur Conway, a 14-year-old boy.

The flames were easily subdued by the firemen, as there was nothing left of the factory but a pile of debris. The fire-fighters at once began the work of digging in the ruins for the imprisoned. The first to be unearthed was little Arthur Conway. He had been thrown down at the very entrance, his face and hands badly cut, but without injuries of any serious nature. The next found was Willard Cole. The firemen dug him from the rubbish near the front door. His right arm was broken and terribly lacerated and he was covered with bruises. He was unconscious when found, but almost immediately regained his senses. He broke away from the firemen who were carrying him and rushed back to the ruins, crying: "Florence! Florence!" From this the firemen knew that at least one other person was buried and, drawing Cole away from the debris, resumed their search. In a short time they came upon the unconscious form of Florence Lipster. She was pinned under a great weight of debris and awfully bruised and disfigured. A falling timber had entirely torn away one side of her face.

The pecuniary loss sustained by the torpedo company will not exceed \$10,000.

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Grand Trunk Flyer Dashes into a Big Crowd at Detroit.

Detroit (Special).—A day of merrymaking and celebration by 1,500 Polish excursionists from Toledo was brought to a close by a frightful catastrophe at the corner of Canfield and Dequindre streets at 8:30 o'clock P. M., in which at least 7 of the excursionists were killed and about 80 others injured.

The excursion was given by the Polish Lancers of Toledo over the Lake Shore Road. The excursionists left the train at the corner of Canfield and Dequindre streets, and were met by a number of local Poles and Polish societies, who escorted the visitors to St. Joseph's Church. An entertainment was held later at Harmonia Hall.

About 8 o'clock the visitors began to gather again at the corner of Canfield and Dequindre streets to take their train back to Toledo.

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Frail Injured in the South.

Columbus, Ga. (Special).—Fruit-growers throughout this section of the fruit belt say that they will have from one-third to one-half a crop. In the Buena Vista region, 30 miles south of here, the crop is expected to average fully 50 per cent. The general opinion, however, seems to be that the fruit-growing section of Southwestern Georgia will not average more than one-fourth of a crop. Many fruit trees were killed by the recent cold snaps.

Miners and Operators Agree.

Pittsburg (Special).—For the first time in the history of the United Mine workers a wage scale has been agreed on by the miners and operators of Butler, Mercer, Clarion and Armstrong counties. This action was the outcome of a joint conference held at Grove City, Pa. The meeting was attended by 17 operators and 27 representatives of the miners. There are 33 mines in operation in the fields, and nearly 350 miners are employed there. Of the number 2800 are affiliated with the union. Two months ago the districts were wholly unorganized.

THE LATEST NEWS IN SHORT ORDER.

Domestic.

The Speyers have organized the syndicate of American bankers and trust companies to underwrite an issue of \$15,000,000 notes of the London Underground Electric Railway Company, an equal amount to be underwritten in London.

Rev. Ferdinand Walzer, a Toledo priest, was arrested on the charge of murdering Miss Agatha Reichlein at the priest house of her brother, Rev. Charles Reichlein, in Lorain, O.

In the case of ex-Mayor Ames, on trial in Minneapolis, testimony was given to show that his agents collected protection money from unfortunate women.

A Chicago bookmaker, closely pursued by detectives, took refuge in an undertaking establishment and hid his papers in a coffin containing a corpse.

Two stable boys and 32 valuable horses perished in a fire that destroyed the stables on W. Gould Brokaw's estate, at Great Neck, L. I.

James Long, Walter Wood, H. W. Wilson and Charles Rogers, of the Noland gang of post office robbers and safe-crackers, were convicted at Greenville, S. C., and were sentenced each to five years.

Daniel Kennedy, the Harlem prize-fighter, was arrested in New York on the charge of murdering James Edward McMahon, brother of former Police Justice McMahon.

C. O. Parker has resigned the superintendence of the Virginia and Southwestern Railway, and is succeeded by J. H. McCue at Chattanooga.

The Pope Manufacturing Company filed amended articles in Trenton, N. J., increasing the capital stock from \$2,000 to \$22,500,000.

An unknown man secured entrance into the priest's house in Lorain and murdered Miss Agatha Reichlein, the priest's sister.

A passenger train on the Panhandle Road was wrecked near Columbus, O., the engineer having disregarded the danger signal.

Capt. Charles D. Sigsbee, ranking rear admiral, was installed as commandant at the League Island Navy Yard.

Gen. E. S. Greely was re-elected president general of the National Society Sons of the American Revolution.

There were 300 eviction cases before Justice George Roosch in the Fourth Municipal Court in New York.

In a fight with pistols in Tennessee, near Lambs Ferry, J. P. Mefford and F. Osborne were both killed.

Dr. Lorenz operated in Chicago upon Rosa Stoifler, a little girl brought from Bristol, England.

Gen. Luke E. Wright, vice-governor of the Philippines, arrived at Manila and was given a great reception.

The town of Mariguina, Province of Rizal, Philippines Islands, has been destroyed by fire. Insurgents are suspected of causing the flames. A thousand houses were burned and the people are in distress.

The Superior Court at Pittsburgh granted a writ of supersedeas in the case of the sectional school directors of Philadelphia convicted of extorting money from schoolteachers.

The Baroness von Ranke horsewhipped an admirer whose attention she had annoyed her in front of the Reading Railroad Terminal Building, in Philadelphia.

Ellen Lang, Louis J. Somerville and Michael Timpano were held for accelerating the death of Leonard Ross, the 14-year-old boy.

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MUCH POMP AT ST. LOUIS

The Big Fair Buildings Dedicated by President Roosevelt.

TRAMP OF THE TROOPS HEARD.

Chief Executive of the United States at a Lunch Counter, Passing Plates of Food to Members of His Party, One of the Novel Incidents of the Day—Grover Cleveland Spoke in the Liberal Arts Building.

St. Louis (Special).—The President of the United States climbing upon the speakers' desk to enable the crowd in the great hall to see and hear him and the tremendous ovation given ex-President Grover Cleveland are two incidents of the World's Fair dedication ceremonies which will be remembered.

The Liberal Arts Building, in which the ceremonies were held at the conclusion of a brilliant military parade, covers a square of about 10 acres, and every foot of space within its walls was crowded. Such was the capacity of the building that it was impossible for any speaker to make himself heard throughout the audience, and the noise of the people trying to get as near as possible was soon such as to render it difficult for a speaker to make himself heard 40 feet away.

The next step will be the preparation of the counter cases, and these must be delivered, one in Washington and one in London, July 3 next. All this is preparatory to the meeting of the joint commission which will take place in London on September 3.

Mr. Hay as "Artful Jeems."

Secretary Hay in a note addressed to Count Cassini expresses regret that there should have been even a temporary misconception or doubt as to Russia's position in Manchuria and returns thanks of this Government for the frank and satisfactory declaration of Russian principles.

Incidentally, of course, the note serves to make a permanent record of Russia's position as verbally explained.

Diplomatic Changes.

George L. Lorillard, a son of the late Pierre Lorillard, has been appointed second secretary of legation at Havana, in place of Henry P. Fletcher, of Pennsylvania, who has been transferred to Peking to replace William E. Bainbridge, who has resigned to act as United States arbitrator in the approaching Caracas arbitration.

When the President was introduced by Mr. Francis the building resounded with the applause and cheers of 25,000 or 30,000 persons. The President tried to speak, but no word of his could be heard. Putting one hand on the shoulder of Mr. Carter, the President, by a quick movement, sprang upon the narrow reading desk in front of him and stood at full height, smiling down upon the audience and waving his hand for attention. This was greeted with a mighty roar of applause, and then the audience became as silent as such a crowd could be. Mr. Roosevelt completed his address standing upon the desk, motioning the audience to attention when it became too demonstrative for him to be heard.

Mr. Cleveland, whose address followed that of the President, was received with an extraordinary demonstration. The audience shouted and cheered, waving hats and handkerchiefs and cried, "Grover! Grover!" The President joined in the demonstration, waving his silk hat and encouraging the continuance of the ovation, which lasted for several minutes.

SUICIDE AT THE AGE OF 72 YEARS.

Jacob Ladenberg, Once Wealthy, Had Lost All In Speculation.

Bayonne, N. J. (Special).—At the age of 72 years Jacob Ladenberg, of Bayonne, committed suicide. He had been ill for several years. With 50 cents in his pocket he left his home at 25 Center street, and started for a walk in the direction of Jersey City.

On the bank of the Morris Canal Rudolph Schumann, of Jersey City, passed Ladenberg as he stood looking at the water in the canal.

A few hours later Schumann returned and noticed a coat and hat lying near the water. Looking into the canal he was surprised to see the body of a man, partly clad, but was more surprised to recognize it as that of Ladenberg.

It is believed that Ladenberg walked into the water, which was only four feet deep, and held his head under water until he died. It is said the deceased was wealthy at one time, but lost his money in speculation. He was last seen by a doctor in Bayonne.

KILLED IN A WRECK.

Two Men Dead and Five Injured in a Collision in Connecticut.

South Norwalk, Ct. (Special).—Two dead and five seriously injured is the result of a collision between a westbound passenger train and a freight train just east of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad Station.

The collision occurred as the passenger train was pulling into the westbound depot. It had crossed the bridge over Washington street, when the rear flat car on the freight train, which was running on a parallel track, went over the track and crashed into the rear of the passenger engine tender and the smoking caboose.

The side of the smoking car, which bore the brunt of the collision, was crushed in and passengers were pinned under the seats and timbers. Two cars immediately following the smoker were thrown from the track against a reduction in wages.

"Father" Black, the London clergyman who opposes the marriage of divorced persons, continues to criticize Henry White, secretary of the United States Embassy at London, for the latter's assistance at the Vanderbilt marriage ceremony. At the London diocesan conference the Right Rev. Arthur F. Ingram, bishop of London, said the use of St. Mark's Church for the wedding was a "grave moral scandal."

Private Bank Robbed.

Albion, Mich. (Special).—Halstead's private bank at Concord was entered by thieves and the safe dynamited. It is said that all the funds in the bank, including postoffice money and stamps, was secured by the robbers. The cracksmen stole a horse and buggy and escaped to this city, where they are supposed to have taken a train at 4 o'clock.

Scores Dead at Salonia.

Salonica, O. (Special).—With the danger block set against it, a Panhandle passenger train bound for Cincinnati on the Little Miami division, struck the derail at the Baltimore and Ohio crossing and was ditched. The B. & O. passenger train whizzed past a moment later. The Panhandle engine and combination baggage and passenger car were turned completely over and the day coach back of the combination car was dragged into the ditch, but remained upright. The diner and Pullman cars did not leave the track.

Watchman Boiled in Vat.

Philadelphia (Special).—J. Schlicking, 60 years old, of Seltzer and Salmon streets, a watchman at the Allen Dyeing Company's plant, Frankford avenue and William street, fell into a vat of boiling potash during the night, and next morning early his skeleton was found by fellow-workmen protruding from the fiery bleaching liquid. Schlicking was subject to attacks of vertigo, and it is believed that he was overcome immediately after turning on the steam under the big vat and pitched headfirst into the caustic liquid.

Double Tragedy Over "No License."

Owego, N. Y. (Special).—Louis V. Lacey, proprietor of a hotel at Richford, shot and killed his wife and then committed suicide. He was despondent over the opinion of the town going "no license."

NATIONAL CAPITAL AFFAIRS.

Issue of Paper Currency.

The total paper currency of all denominations outstanding April 30, according to a table issued by United States Treasurer Roberts, was \$1,634,286,613, less \$1,000,000 of unknown denominations which has been destroyed. The amount of each denomination follows:

One dollar, \$27,417,265; 2 dollars, \$15,691,103; 5 dollars, \$14,615,030; 10 dollars, \$44,630,702; 20 dollars, \$34,022,786; 50 dollars, \$8,697,24,615; 100 dollars, \$2,422,870; 500 dollars, \$2,401,500; 1,000 dollars, \$73,372,