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Between Two and Three Hundred Persons Were Killed By Explosion

Most Horrifying Scenes Follow Explosion of Powder Magazine on Vessel. Near Two Hundred Perished as Result.

low and Spectators len, and it is as follows: Watch Fragments of Into Air.

here, exploded, owing, it is reported, by the trustees. to an explosion of a compressed air torpedo on the vesel.

The casualties are said to number tainable and even the identity of the warship has not been definitely estab-

Number of Casualties.

The powder magazine on the French warship Iena blew up owing to the explosion of a compressed air torpedo. The number of casualties is reported to number 200 or 300.

explesions on the Iena occur every mo- to Fort Brown. ment and the debris is flying over the the witness, expressed disapproval of the witness, expressed disapproval of

iessy dock . One shell weighing 20 pounds was hurled a quarter of a mile.

powder magazine blew up. Some one protest. shouted: "The Iena has blown up!"

Save yourselves!" and all the work-

the nearest exit. dock when the explosion occurred.

The concussion caused by the explo-volvers. blowing the whole after part of the and the authorities at the fort.

The number of victims is not yet definitely known, but the casualties are very heavy.

neared the Iena's dock they could dimly observe through the dense smoke human remains flying constantly in gan at a conference with the Presithe air, following further explosions on dent. with horrow.

Suddenly blackened forms with haggard eyes rushed madly through the lines of spectators, not knowing where they were fleeing.

300 Were Injured.

The number of the injured is known to be about 300, including many officers seriously burned. It is impossible as yet to estimate the number of deaths. Further Figures.

Semi-official figures state it is cerbbtain ever 50 of the Iena's crew were slightly injured. No news has been received of the captain or first lieutenant, and it is believed they are among the victims. Rear Admiral Maceron was among the wounded.

A GIGANTIC CORPORATION.

The Pennsylvania Railroad Increases Capital to \$400,000,000 -A Colossal

Philadelphia, Pa., March 12.-At a

The merger of the Philadelphia and 1847. Erie with the Pennsylvania was also

Mr. T. H. Miller has been confined months. to his home for the past week with la grippe, but is now improved.

Mob of 200 Held Up

mob of two hundred.

Half Interest of The Steamship Line Sold

Providence, R. I., March 12.-The official statement that the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad has acquired a half interest in the Merchants and Miners' Steamship Line was made public here. The statement Series of Explosions Fol- was issued in behalf of President Mel-

"We have sold the Winsor Line and have bought one half interest in the Human Bodies Hurled Merchants and Miners'. The stock of the Merchants and Miners' is to be trusteed and the New Haven Road is to nominate one half of the directors Toulin, France, March 12.-A powder and outside stockholders the other magazine on one of the battleships half. The odd directors will be chosen

"The management will be unchang ed. The present officers will continue. Prices will be retained and contract rations for a long term of years will from 200 to 300, but no details are ob- be made between the Merchants and Miners' and its connecting railroads."

Brownsville Muddle

Washington, D. C., March 12.—Captain Kilburn, of the 26th Infantry, testified at the Browsville hearing before the Senate committee that he was at Brownsville when an order was pro Toulon, France, March 12.-Further mulgated sending the negro soldiers

dock yard for a distance of 500 yards. the witness, expressed distance of the change, but the class that loafed The windows of workshops around around the saloons and drug stores and the scene of the explosion are all loitered on the streets were loud in their threats that it would "not be Electric wires flash in fuses and long before the colored troops would be run out of the fort." Captain Kilthen break down, all about the Miss- burn said he was in Tillman's store and heard Tillman say: "We'll run the

niggers out within three weeks." Continuing, the witness told of hear Complete panic prevails among the to prevent the negro troops from geting talks of plans to organize a posse employes of the arsenal, who were re- ting off the train, and to raise money turning to work from lunch when the to send a delegate to Washington to quire at least another week.

Much of the population of Browns-An officer called out to the men: intelligence, said Captain Kilburn.

men and others made a mad rush for sisting of ten men, nine of whom were sires to obtain from James Clinch Mexicans, who could not speak, read Smith, Stanford White's brother-intion of her machinery in the Missiessy making arrests, he said, were to beat law. the soldiers over the heads with re-

sion of compressed air in the torpedo Captain Kilburn said this caused set fire to the after powder magazine, much ill feeling between the people

Railroad Men to Confer. Washington, March 12.-Much importance is attached to the forthcom-Squads of workmen and sailors ap- ing conference between the President proached the scene of the disaster at and Messrs. McCrea, Newman, Mellen the peril of their lives and as they and Hughitt, prominent railroad presidents of tentative arrangements for which were made by J. Pierpont Mor-

The purpose, acording to the statea terrifying spectacle and caused the ment of Mr. Morgan, is to confer "as entitled to a fuller explanation of Jearsenal employes to wring their hands to what steps might be taken to allay public anxiety as to the relations between railroads and the government.

> Washington, D. C., March 12.-The improvement in Archie Roosevelt's condition continues.

NICHOLOGICAL PROPERTY OF THE P Ex-President of of France Dead

killed, 100 seriously injured, and 200 M. Cassmer-Perier Exson Why he Resigned The Presidency.

> Perier, ex-president of France, died fense. today.

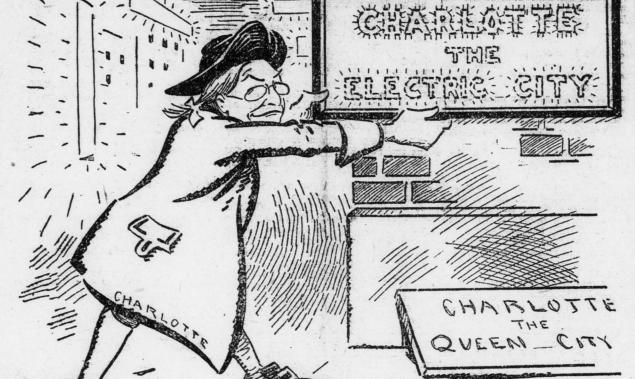
His Ancestry.

Jean Paul Pierre Cassimer-Perier Pennsylvania the recommendation of was the son and grandson of states ued to absent himself for a long time. the board of directors, authorizing an men. His father was minister of increase of the capital stock of the the interior and his grandfather was corporation from \$100,000,000 to \$400,- a leader of the opposition when 000,000, now authorized, and also Louis-Philippe ascended the throne to increase the bonded indebtedness and afterwards was Premier. The ex-president was born in November,

> Why He Resigned. He was elected president in 1894,

but resigned after six and a half During the Zola trial it developed Fitzgerald overruled the objection of the reason for Cassimir-Perier's resthe defense to Smith testifying. ignation was the fact that the cabinet concealed the material facts of the policy from him so he nearly Street Car To-day found himself in a serious quarrel with Germany, owing to his ignorance of the Dreyfus scandal.

Louisville, Kk., March 12.—One of It was even said that the private ed Thaw if he hit the party he shot the cars sent out by the street rail- documents on the Dreyfus affair from at, when he said yes, he thought he way this morning was held up by a the German ambassador in Paris to did. his Emperor, had been abstracted and After a fight with the police on photographed while on their way to ed," said the witness, the reply board three arrests were made and Berlin, and it was added that in ing it was a man. the car proceeded with several win- crder to dissociate himself from such acts and to prevent a possibility of rational. The suburban service has not been war Casimir-Perier retired from the



"HOW'S THIS FOR APPROPRIATE NESS."

Aired Some More Proceedings of Thaw Trial

Delmas and Jerome Clash To-day Over Admissability of Smith's Testimony. Testimony of today Given in Full.

New York, March 12.-District Attorney Jerome, when he said last week the Thaw case should be finished this week, evidently did not take the attorneys for the defense into considera-

It now looks as if the case would re-

The first thing that will come up when the court reconvenes 'will be ville was Mexican, of a low grade of another argument on the admissibility He described the police force as con- of certain evidence which Jerome de-

As to Smith's Testimony.

trial Delmas, leading counsel for the and other facilities the need of which about like they came. defense, continued the argument, as had not been forseen last June when White. Delmas contended Smith should quirements of the road would be for in jail at Asheville, wanted at Newproperly have been examined at the beginning of the trial and could not testify at this time, as in rebuttal. stand when the argument began this

morning. Delmas said the matter was one of the greatest importance to the defendant, and he thought the defense was Jerome said he was willing to go into

the whole story and tell all the facts. Lawyers Clash. "Hartridge and I have talke the mat-

ter over and I think we are in entire accord as to the main facts," he said. "When this matter is discussed in the courts," broke in Delmas, "it wil e discussed with me." "I don't know whether it will or not,"

replied Jerome, "Hartridge is the attorney of the record." Jerome began to detail all the facts regarding the delay in bringing Thaw

to trial, and the steps taken by both sides to secure an immediate trial and President of France to obtain certain testimony by a commission, Hartridge occasionally inter-Died To-day. The Rea- rupting to correct the district attorney in the details of the story.

Hartridge claimed that the district attorney's office had changed the case one afternoon from the court of general sessions to the supreme court Paris, March 12.-M. Casimer- without any notice whatever to the de-

"This witness, Smith, left the city almost immediately after the tragedy,' said Hartridge hotly, "and he contincity and she was in constant touch up for early trial."

Objection Overruled.

After a 15-minute recess was granted at the request of Delmas the arguments were resumed when Justice

Other Testimony.

Jerome asked that the examination of be postponed until the afternoon. Policeman E. F. Howe who accompanied Policeman Wright and Thaw to the police station, testified that he ask-

"Was it a woman or a man? I ask-The witness said the defendant was

whom Evelyn Thaw is said to have tory spirit.

gone with Jack Darrymore, was called Party Pledges but was not allowed to testify. Smith was recalled and said Thaw roamed about the Roof Garden as if

looking for some one. He went into the balcony then came out and joined his party and all started out in a few moments. There were three pistol shots and White was dead.

Pennsylvania's Stock Increase. Thiladelphia, Pa., March 12.—The stockholders of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, at their annual meeting held in Horticultural Hall today, took favorable action on the request of the directors for authorization to ssue \$100,000,000 in new stock and additional bonds to the amount of \$100,000,000. This proposed increase in the Pennsy vania's securities has attracted much attention in financial circles, chiefly for the reason that it is the largest issue in the history of the company. As a matter of fact the amount has never been exceeded by

any railroad in America. How much of these new securities not been announced. It is thought that before the end ow the year enough of the new securities will be offered to supply funds to pay off \$50,-With the resumption of the Thaw minal, and to pay for new equipment him the members would return home of James C. Smith, brother-in-law of cf what he expected the financial re- South Carolina for Mattie Williams

the next two years. The Pennsylvania recently has had Smith formally was recalled to the and other equipment in proportion. Church. These extra freight cars alone will cost something like \$18,000,000, and if as much more money is needed for other general purposes, th total requirements of the road for new capital this year will hardly fall short of \$110,000,000, and may even exceed that amount.

In addition to discussing the new stock increase the stockholders listened to the annual reports, which had previously been made public. annuel election will not take place till two weeks hence.

Last Sad Rites Over Dowie

ful Conduct Funeral exander Dowie. Plans College here. of the Church.

Chicago, March 12.—The funeral cervices were held last night for John Alexander Dowie, by a little pand of the faithful who have stood by him.

Refusing to accept the conciliatory measures offered by Gladstone Dowie, Suddenly he came back. Surely Mrs. in the form of a share in the last White knew her brother was in the rites over his father's body, Deacon Cutler and his six assistant deacons, with the district attorney. Then Smith chosen by Dowie as the ecclesiastic sails away again last Christmas when rulers of his church in Zion City, it was known this case was coming held formal services, which, they said, were the only possible ceremonies under the Christian Catholic

Apostolic Church in Zion. Cutler had persuaded five of his authorized assistants, to hold to their

original stand. lowers of Dowie.

would remain in the present body until Dowie's will reveals whom he chooses as his successor; then they

will flock to his support. will be Overseer Bryant.

Lieutenant Governor Winston Thinks the Legislature Just Adjourned Carried Out Pledges of are bent on lynching the men. Democratic Party.

Raleigh, N. C., March 12.-Commenting on the legislature Lieutenant-Governor Francis D. Winston, president of the Senate, says in his oninion it, in a large measure car ried out the pledges of the Democratic party in the last campaign.

He thinks the results in this direction are much more complete than is the usual case. The legislature, will be issued in the near future has seemed to him to be composed of the best type of present-day North Cayuga lake, last summer, where young He said no matter how many or

November; to meet the cost of this planned to be worked out through year's work on the New York City ter- the legislative policies it seemed to Fuess, and went to Auburn on their Governor Glenn honored a requi-

perry, S. C., on a charge of the grand larceny of \$51.33 from the Woman's to order 17,000 more steel freight cars Home Aid Society at Rocky Zion A commission was issued by Gov-

ernor Glenn to Thos. S. Meekins, of tracted prominent horsemen from all Manteo, as fish commissioner, under parts of the country. The sale will a bill ratified March 11, creating the last five days, during which time a

Other News Notes.

During the session of the general assembly just closed 1,525 acts and 37 resolutions were ratified. This is 350 more than were passed at the previous session two years ago.

The old three-story building on the site for the temple of the North Carolina Grand Lodge of Masons in this city have been sold to the colored masonic lodge and they will tear them away at once. Then the work of erecting the splendid \$25,000 fireproof temple will begin not later Small Band of The Faith- than May 1 to be pushed to comple- President Crumps of tion without delay.

Provision was made by the general assembly, just journed, for the erec Services for John Al-tion of a \$50,000 central heating plant for the North Carolina A. & M.

A suit for \$60,000 damages has been instituted in the superior court here by Mrs. S. E. Maxwell for the killing of her husband on the Seaboard Air Line Railroad last December near Peachland. Maxwell was 3. years old and in the railroad accipinned under his engine for five Memphis, and asked for relief. hours, bruised and scalded. The case will come up at the spring term of the superior court. The suit is just the cuestion under consideration, and, city today to vote on a proposition to instituted and the complaint will be if deemed advisable, would make an issue \$35,000,000 gold bonds of which

AS TO CANAL COMMISSION.

All Seven of Ishmian Canal-Commissioners May Live on Isthmus.

Washington, D. C., March 12.-After a re-organization of the Isth-In spite of the drizzling night his mian Canal Commission, with Goeresidence was crowded with the fol- thal's as chairman, it is probable all situation in Memphis, with respect to eeven commissioners will live on the cotton, was shown to be as serious as The services had deep religious listhmus and the commission will betone that made it unusually impres-come more of an administrative body Northwestern States. than under Shonts.

It is probable the re-organization The meeting closed with declara-tions from almost every one that they Secretary Taft's visit to the Isthmus.

Steamship Columbia.

Many expressed belief that this steamship Columbia, built for the Arrangements for the final services launched and christened by Miss those engaged in the plumbing trade Dr. Carlton Flint, the doctor to Thursday continue to show a concilia- Lillie Elliote Emerson, of Columbia, are slated for discussion at the con- by firing, escaping on a handcar. IS C., today.

Three Hundred Men are Scouring Woods for Negro Near Latta

Technicalities Bar **Progress of Cases**

Chicago, Ills., March 12.-The outcome of the Standard Oil case, on trial in the United States Circuit Court, is figuratively speaking hanging in the balance of technical objections almost without number which have been raised by the defense.

While almost all have been over-

ruled, there remains three still undecided, which, if sustained, will overthrow the entire fabric of the government's prosecution. These objections are that Alton tariff sheets were not posted in two con-

spicious places in the station at Chappelle, Ills.; that Chappelle is not named in the tariff as a shipping station, and consequently there is no violation of the Elkins law on the Chappelle counts.

Mob May Lynch Two Prisoners

Manchester, Iowa, March 12.-The State militia was ordered out to guard two bank robbers arrested for blow-Fulfille d ing up a bank at Masonville, from mob

> The sheriff has asked for more aid. Company D. is now on guard with instructions to shoot. The action followed the ousting of the grand jury, which was declared

dict men here. The citizens soon formed a mob, and

STUDENT MARRIES CO-ED.

Downes, of Cornell, and Miss Boyer Syracuse, Secretly Wedded. Syracuse, N. Y., March 12.-Henry Hackett Downes, of Denton, Mo., a Cornell junior, and Miss Mary Louise Bover, a freshman at Syracuse Univeristy, were secretly maried at Baldwinsville, Thursday, it was learned to-

Downes is twenty-three and Miss

Boyer nineteen. The couple became acquainted at the home of the bride at Interlaken on Downes went to spend his vacation. Fearing that their parents would object they decided to get married on the wiet and then r urn to their st They were married by the Rev. F. W.

wedding trip. Downes expects to complete his course at Cornell, where he is in the to the admissability of the testimony President Cassatt isued his statement sition today from the governor of engineering department. The girl was a student of music but wil not com-

plete her course.

Lackey Horse Sale. Cambridge City, Ind., March 12 .the annual Lackey horse sale opened here today and as usual has atlarge number of high-bred horses will go under the hammer.

To Meet at Norfolk. Norfolk, Va., March 12.-June 12, 13 and 14 were fixed as the dates and Norfolk as the place for the next meeting of the Atlantic Coast and Gulf Life Savers' convention.

Bad Congestion Of Cotton

Memphis Exchange asks Interstate Commerce Commission for Relief. Statement Presented.

Crump of the Memphis Cotton Ex- conclusion but that this is the weight change, presented to the Interstate Commerce Commission a statement redent in which he was killed he was garding the congestion of cotton at

The commission said it would take

which to load. From statements made and evidence produced before the commission the

It is said there are at present over

Oklahoma Master Plumbers.

Enid, Okla. March 12-The members of the Master Plumbers' Association of Oklahoma assembled here today for a three days' session. J. A. Hamm of this city is the president of the asso-Camden, N. J., March 12.—The ciation and Eugene O'Connor, of Muskogee, secretary. A number of ques-Chesapeake Steamship Company, was tions of interest and importance to lars.

Negro Brute who Committed Nameless Crime on Young Lady School Teacher Yesterday is

Negro was First Captured, but Escaped in Direction of Latta, S. C., Was at Large at 3:30

Pursued by 300 Men.

Clio, S. C., March 12 .- A negro committed the nameless crime on a young lady school teacher, Miss Pitman, near Mallory yesterday.

He was captured, but escaped in the direction of Latta.

Three hundred men are scouring the woods today to recapture him, but he is still at large.

Many Posses Formed.

Miss Pittman taught in a rural district school and was returning to her home near Oak Grove, S. C., when overtaken and assaulted by the black brute, who immediately made his escape. Several posses were organized as soon as the news was heard and bloodhounds were sent for. from Dillon and Latta, S. C., formed illegal, and which therefore cannot in- at once and a special train from Chad-

bourne, N. C., with dogs was formed. Three hundred men are today scouring the woods to recapture him, but at two o'clock this afternoon he was still at large. It is thought no mercy will be shown him if the negro is appre-

hended. The crime was committed near the Darlington county line, about 20 miles from Darlington, S. C., and 10 miles from Dillon.

So far as can be learned Governor Ansel has not received an order for This is the first asault case in South Carolina this year and the first time Marion county has ever been threaten-

ed with a case of mob law Negro Captured. Later reports say the negro did not accomplish his purpose and that a mulatto supposed to be the right party has been captured at Dillon and taken to Fayetteville for, safe keeping.

SOUL WEIGHS AN OUNCE.

Bay State Physicians Say They Have

Proved Its Existence by Scales. Boston, Mass., March 12.-Five Massachusetts physicians of the highest professional standing have just attained what they believe to be decisive results in the investigation recently undertaken and carried out to determine the existence or non-existence of a soul in the human body, and to determine also whether the departure of that soul is attended by any manifestation of a nature that can be made evident by material senses. These investigations, guarded with the utmost secrecy, have been conducted for about six years in

a sanitarium. The results obtained are known in detail to but half dozen scientists, though it is planned to make the whole discovery public very soon. They assert that their researches have resulted in cataloguing the human soul upon scientific principles, just as the heart and other functional organs, as an ac-

tual material thing. It is asserted that when the soul flies from the body it diminishes the weight of the body by an amount that

can be weighed. Every known test was applied, the final method being to weigh the dying patient on his bed by special scales before and after death. The difference in weight of the live human body and the weight after death, when the soul has fled, after allowing for all necessary deductions, was found to be from a half to a full ounce, and it is contend-Washington, March 12.-President ed that there can be no other posible of the human soul.

Northwestern Pacific.

stockholders of the Northwestern Pacific Railroad Company have been called to meet at the headquarters in this investigation on its own account in a portion is to be used in retiring the existing indebtedness. The Northwestern Pacific Company was organize ed some months ago by the Southern 23,000 bales of cotton in the hands of Pacific and Atchison interests to take carriers at Memphis awaiting cars in up six railroad lines belong to both systems, combining them into a sep-

> Many a fellow is contented because he is too lazy to make a kick

Safe-Blowers Wrecked Bank at Hunnewell

Wichata, Kans., March 12.-The Union State Bank, of Hunnewell, Kans., was wrecked by safe-blowers. The explosions aroused the resicents, who gave chase to the burg-

The robbers covered their retreat Posses are being formed.