Cries Of Injured, Dying Heard Above Roaring Fire

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TEXAS CITY, Tex., April 16—
Gar garage and eight more at the McGar garage and eight more at the last 30 years include:
Dec. 6, 1917—1,500 persons killW. H. Otto of I smore who had disaster area today—over waves W. H. Otto of Lamar who had ed in collision between a muniof black smoke which hid all but been helpng on a truck carrying tons ship and relief ship off Hali-

flame. A rectangle roughly a mile long and a half mile wide along the Mayor J. C. Traham of Texas 000 homeless. waterfront was a mass of twisted City, an army veteran, said the May 8, 1918-More than 200 killsteel structures and charred de- series of blasts sounded like an ed at Aetna Chemical co. plant

Clouds of smoke erased the sun.

Fires were burning at the ruined Monsanto Chemical company plant and in two oil refineries.

Every few minutes another explosion spewed more flame and smoke into the sky.

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Other Wilmingtonians renamed by the board were R. J. Doss, W. D. McCaig, all vice presidents; July 10, 1926—21 killed when lightning struck navel amounting.

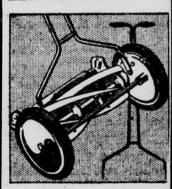
ton as they neared the docks by concussion." where chemical fumes were through the roar of flames.

Bodies Everywhere Twisted bodies lay everywhere. Rescuers stepped over the bodies whole place down around me." as they hunted for the injured. Along a street of small cafes and residences were scattered fragments of the ship which blew up to start this holocaust. There were also pieces of metal that once were part of the multi-million - dollar Monsanto Chemical

the death area are closed. Some 1.500 law enforcements officers and solders are here and only authorized persons can come in. It's hard to walk in Texas City. made by the injured are every-

Chief Deputy Sheriff Jake Colca





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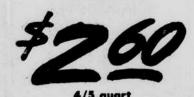
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five huge clusters of licking out the dead, said he counted 200 fax, Canada, destroying two and bodies. bodies.

Like Barrage artillery barrage. He was in the near Pittsburgh, Pa. Clouds of smoke erased the sun. city garage, two miles from the July 2, 1918-49 killed in TNT

Wading through the destruction men were trying to identify them. lightning struck naval ammunition P. Nichols, treasurer. area were doctors and nurses. Some bodies were mutilated. Some bodies were mutilated.
State Highway Patrolman J. damage \$50,000,000.

grimy, sweaty with blood on them. Priests were there and scores of volunteers.

Some donned gas masks rushed of the six into the streets blocked out of the six into the streets blocked out of the six into the streets blocked out of city hall after the blast out of Some donned gas masks rushed of the air into the streets—killed ing with gas.

March 18, 1937—294 children and by concussion."

heavy. Calls of the injured and dyng could be heard faintly Terminal office, said she went under a desk when she heard the explosion.

"I crawled back out to find the N.J.

PAPER ON HALL plant, Joliet, Ill. Sept. 17, 1944-

Hall In Article At Kiwanis Meeting

When the Kiwanis club was dis-Chicago, Calif. All the plate glass is gone, scattered in the streets. Bloody trails cussing restoration of Thalian hall sons killed in explosion and fire of Sanford, presiding the jury replained the brief article had been damage \$1,500,000.

> nsisted on anonymity. The article reads:

"Naturally, it is hard to place last 30 years value on muncipal buildings and associations of historical interest. A city that possesses old buildings that were used and revered in former years by persons of note or for cultural purposes has in them assets which cannot be valued in money.

"They appeal to something in agent. our nature that stirs within us S. S. Felipe de Neva, from the should not be destroyed. It would be unjust to our historic past to do so. Although time has worn the lay-up basin. Heide, agent.

S. S. David R. D old structure and made it unsafe for present use as a hall for dramatics or popular meetings, still its attractive features can be preserved and it can be made from the lay-up basin C. D. Maf

"Witness our City Hall, which continues to be the pride of WilS. S. Charles P. Steinmetz from mington and an attraction which lay-up. C. D. Maffitt, agent. olds the eve of vistors passing through the city. The time was when we almost lost it, as many of us well remember; but better ports, with cargo of fertilizer majudgment prevailed, and we still terials. Heide, agent, look with much satisfaction upon our stately city government build-

"Not only has its outer beauty products. Heide and Company, been preserved, but its offices agents. within have been made perfectly safe and comfortable. Of course, there is need for additional office space, but this should be provided ir some kind of construction that terminal. C. D. Maffitt, agent. would not affect that honored old Thalian Hall. As to preserving the latter, steel and concrete can work wonders in making it safe

and desirable, as they did in restoring the City Hall. "When the city authorities accepted the gift of the land on whch the old Innes Academy stood, and the funds donated by the Thalian society, back in the eighten fifties, there went with them a moral responsibility for maintaining the structure for the purposes the donors had in mind. In sentimental things, at least,

ly, and we have yet the old opera "The Thalian society has a life going back to revolutionary days and before. (In this connection, we recall Thomas Godfrey, the first American dramatist, and his "A Prince of Parthis".) Through the many decades the amateur dramatic talent in Wilmington has often been displayed-first in the Innes Academy building and then

this responsibility lasts indefinite-

"Through the years, also, great actors and actresses and famous speakers appeared on the stage of the opera house to the entertain ment and appreciation of Wilmington audiences.

in Thalian Hall.

"The great Massachusetts ora tor Edward Everett spoke to a large audience in the hall in 1859 on the "Character of Washington"; and other national orators followed from time to time, including William G. McAdoo, secretary of the treasury under Presdent Wilson. Honorable George Davis, the eminent orator of Wilmington, spoke in the hall several times before and after the War Betwen the States. The great Dr. T. DeWitt Talmage and other noted religious leaders have graced its stage; and on numerous occasions religious and civic gather ings have discussed important

public matters. "Among the famous actors who appeared in Thalian Hall were Joseph Jefferson, Rchard Nansfield, Frederick Ward and other well remember dramatists; .nd were many vocalists

operas of high national standing.
"All these details add up in the desire of many Wilmington people to preserve the historic old opera couse, which has been praised by nany famous performers for its peauty and excellent acoustic properties. By all means let us not make the mistake, as has been done in the past, of destroying what might be preserved as a distinctive and useful relic of our interesting municipal life. Rather c, us restore it for our own and

future generations." Half of the children born in the United States come from farming areas where slightly more than 30 per cent of the ma-

DAVIS RENAMED DISASTERS IN ACL PRESIDENT LAST 30 YEARS

MAJOR BLAST

Sept. 12, 1940 - 50 killed and

more than 100 injured in Hercules

quarry exploded.

Centrala, Ill., mine.

SHIPPING NEWS

Liberty Ships

S. S. Calvin Coolidge from the

S. S. Stephen Vincent Benet

INWARD BOUND

Freighter

Tanker S. S. Black River, from Texas

ports, with cargo of petroleum

CLEARED AND SAILED S. S. O. M. Bernuth, bound for

Jacksonville, Fla., after unload-

ing creosote oil at Taylor-Colquitt

S. S. Oregon Fir, from Texas

C. McD. Davis has now entered upon his sixth year as president of the Atlantic Coast Line Railinjuring 4,000 and making 20,company, the organization road with which he has been associated

for the past 54 years. Mr. Davis along with the other officers of the company were re-

F. Ormond, comptroller; and During the directors meeting a

eflected in a financial statement remove debris and wreckage. showed a drop of approximately Mrs. Adeline Flanikin, who teachers killed in gas blast in New \$29,556,000 as compared with the previous year.

Powder plant explosion, Kenvil, ANNULMENT SOUGHT

March 26, 1942 - More than killed near Easton, Pa., when 20 tons of dynamite at limestone Ann Holdford Phillips was award-June 5, 1942—48 killed in blast to George Baldwin Phillips at at Elwood ordnance shell loading Conway, S. C., on Dec. 3, 1944 and was also authorized to adopt her Sept. 17, 1944-More than 25 maiden name during yesterday's killed in ammunition explosion at session of Superior Court here.

Roads leading into the center of Tribute Paid To Thalian Norfolk, Va., air station.

Norfolk, Va., air station.

The annulment was granted on Jan. 3, 1944—More than 100 kill-the grounds that the defendant, ed in explosion of Destroyer Turn-er in New York bay.

July 17, 1944—22 killed in Navy legally married at the time of the munitions depot explosion at Port plaintiff's marriage to the defen-

> at its meeting yesterday, Thomas in East Ohio Gas company stor- turned late yesterday afternoon H. Wrght was given the floor to read a tribute to the historical O'Connor Electro-Plating plant Wright expenses to 15 issues involved in the case of James Howard, of Hampstead, vs Henry Green, of Connor Electro-Plating plant value of the hall. Mr. Wright ex- blast, Los Angeles. 158 injured; Scotts Hill. Howard was seeking a lien on the crop, tractor and prepared for him by a friend who March 25, 1947 - 111 killed in peanut picking machine of the defendant. The attorneys for the two Hundreds of others have died parties will now draw up a judgin other mine explosions in the ment which will be presented to the court for settlement.

When court recessed for the day, the case of W. E. Sisson et al vs. Royster Oil Co., Inc., et al was in progress and will be continued at today's session of the civil term.

In 1866 there were 30 million Lay-up basin being refitted. Heide United States acres planted to corn and the yield was 731 million bushels. In 1946, there were some of our finest sentiments. For this reason the old Thalian Hall S. S. David R. LaCrow, from and the yield was 3,018,410,000 bu-95 million acres planted to corn

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sour stomach, gas and bad breath by taking sour stomach, gas and bad breath by taking soda and other alkalisers if the true cause of your trouble is constipation.

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BRIEF NEWS NOTES FROM BLAST AREAS

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS All schools were closed in Gal-veston today following the explo-ed in long before news of the expany Reelected During veston today following the explosion was made known. Windows in the school buildings were shattered and plaster on the walls cracked and in some instances fell.

> went through a fire drill. near Ellington field) Traffic was held up for several minutes until

> the ambulances were dragged off the road. No one was injured, A plane from Ellington field said smoke billowed 4,000 feet above Texas City, and was visible

30 miles away. Police Inspector W. P. Haley of Houston issued a call for all automobile wreckers available. They were rushed to Texas City to help

The explosion rattled windows scured from the sun for hours by at Pelly, 27 miles away, and one the black smoke. man there said the sound was so sharp "it hurt my eardrums." J. Certain racial groups which K. Poage, engineer for a Cedar served in the United States Army

The smoke billowing over Texas ipiros, 18,660

City was described as much like that of an atomic bomb.

The Palestine, Tex., Herald, lo-TELL OF DISASTER cated 10 miles from the explosion, said there was no doubt the explosion was felt and heard

stances fell.

Before going home, the children aboard the Grand Camp by five minutes, said later that the con-cussion "was simply terrible" He had left the ship just five minutes en route to Texas City, collided before it blew up, hurling steel plosions came in "one-two- three

> Fred Pool, the La Porte Chamber of Commerce manager, said the explosion damaged that city. "It blew windows out of every home in towa, blew in ceilings in business buildings, and cracked new buildings from end to end.'

Smoke mushroomed over Galveston. Observers said the smoke looked like pictures of the atomic bomb explosion. The city was ob-

AWARDED IN COURT Bayou radio station, also 27 miles during World War II are: Enlistaway, said he saw flames shoot ed men from July 1, 1940, to June hundreds of feet into the air. 30, 1946, Negroes, 1,049,617; Chi-30, 1946, Negroes, 1,049,617; Chinese, 16,515; Japanese, 29,848; Fil-

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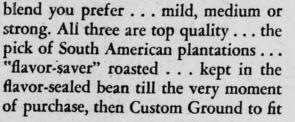
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