

BOMB WRECK'S BUILDINGS

CURIOUS HAPPENING IN CHICAGO
Two Structures Destroyed and Windows Shattered by Blocks by Dynamite—One Theory is That the Explosion Was the Work of Persons Who Sought to Head Off the Democratic Ball, an Annual Reveal with an Unusually Reputable Crime Lord at the Door of Jealous Gamblers—Police Fail to Find Any Evidence of Dead Bodies and It is Presumed That There Were No Casualties.

Chicago, Dec. 13.—Two buildings were wrecked, several persons are believed to have been killed and windows were shattered for a block around by the terrific explosion of a bomb in an alley in Wabash avenue near Sixteenth street to-night. The wrecked buildings adjoin the Coliseum, where the first ward Democratic ball, an annual revel, against the holding of which this year much opposition has been made, is scheduled to be held to-morrow night. The police are working on the theory that the bomb thrower designed to frighten people from going to the Coliseum and thus prevent the ball.

The report of the explosion was heard for a mile. A two-story frame building, which adjoins the South wall of the Coliseum annex, collapsed and took fire. The fire leaped across a vacant lot and spread to another frame building, also wrecked. Property of the Coliseum, stored in the two buildings, were fuel for the flames. Crowds of excited persons, believing that the great steel Coliseum, wherein national conventions have been held, had been blown up, rushed to the scene.

One theory of the explosion is that the bomb thrower was prowling in the alley way, searching for a favorable spot on the alley side of the Coliseum at which to drop the explosive and that through some miscalculation, he had to leave it near the two buildings, where it exploded. Another theory is that the bomb was thrown as another demonstration in the "gamblers' war" which has been marked by the firing of a series of bombs, or dynamite sticks, in the vicinity of alleged gambling places, said to be favored by the police and the proprietors of the bomb throwers, whose places have been closed by law. It is suggested by the police that the granting of a permit for the first ward ball might have been classed by gamblers as a concession to the supposedly favored faction of gamblers.

The first ward ball has long been a source of contention between reformers and the promoters of the annual feast. The ball is supervised by "first warders" who are represented in the city council by Aldermen Michael Keena and John Coughlan. The proceeds of the ball, which are variously estimated at from \$15,000 to \$25,000 annually, are used toward electing the alderman of the ward whose term expires the following spring.

After searching all the debris, the police were unable to find evidence of any dead bodies. It was believed all had escaped. DINNER TO GENERAL WOOD. Members of the Famous Rough-Riders Regiment Have a Big Time at the Union League Club, With the First Colonel of the Outfit as the Guest of Honor.

New York, Dec. 13.—Forty-five members of the famous Rough-Riders regiment united to-night at the Union League Club in giving a dinner to their first colonel, Major General Leonard Wood, recently returned from the Philippines. The forty-five all that could be gathered for the event on the short notice given, had as the chief decoration of their banquet room the tattered regimental flag. Its presence was especially objectionable that have been raised to taking the treasured emblem from one place to another where reunions might be called. One of these objections was contained in a letter written several weeks ago by President Roosevelt, another former colonel of the regiment, in declining an invitation to the banquet. In this letter, read to the diners to-night President Roosevelt said: "My Dear Emerson: 'I wish I could be present at that dinner but it is out of the question. Give my warmest regards to all present. The flag is a relic which I think, in Arizona. Personally I should deem it unwise to send it around the country to all the reunions.'"

"Sincerely yours, 'THEODORE ROOSEVELT.' The flag had been taken out to the Southwest for the last reunion, but it had a high place of honor at the dinner to-night and was the object of due reverence. THE TURKISH PARLIAMENT. Hoped to Assemble This August Body of the Middle of the Month. The Opening Awaited With Impatience by the Nation.

Constantinople, Friday, Nov. 27.—According to present arrangements, it is hoped to assemble the Turkish Parliament by the middle of December. The slowness with which the elections have been conducted in many districts has resulted in delaying the date of convocation from November 14th as originally set. The deputies are now steadily arriving in the capital.

The place of meeting of the new chamber will be the same as that occupied by the first Parliament thirty-two years ago. It is proposed to open the new Parliament by the reading of a speech from the throne. The Shurai-Ummet, the official organ of the committee of union and progress, (young Turks), speaks of the impatience with which the opening of Parliament is awaited by the nation.

"All the sovereigns and foreign nations," it says, "have their eyes fixed on Turkey. If, therefore, we Ottomans are animated with the same spirit as Ottomans in the future, we open a new era of prosperity and liberty; but if, on the other hand, we abandon ourselves to race quarrels, we commit treason against the country."

Fearing Arrest He Committed Suicide. Elliott City, Md., Dec. 13.—The body of the man known as A. H. Crawford, who committed suicide at a house near here yesterday just as he was being placed under arrest by Federal officers, has been identified as that of Orlean Clyde Collier, of St. Paul, Minn. Among his papers was found his appointment as traveling manager and diplomatic agent of Peoples Guard of the Russian Republican Military Association.

THE EXILES GET HOME

Old General Firmly is Welcomed by Provisional President Simon and Announces That He Has No Political Ambitions—Steamship Virginia Takes 115 Other Exiles Back to Haiti.

Port au Prince, Dec. 13.—The steamship Virginia with 114 exiles aboard, among whom was General Firmly, arrived here to-day. General Firmly had placed the presidential carriage at the disposal of General Simon and the distinguished revolutionist and exile at once entered it and was driven to the palace along streets lined with a cheering multitude held back by the police with difficulty.

At the palace General Simon, the provisional President extended a cordial welcome to General Firmly who at once declared that he had surrendered all ambition of political preference. He had twice attempted to rid his country of the despotic tyranny exercised over it by Nord Alexis, he said, and had failed and it was only natural that General Firmly, who had succeeded in this same effort, should be rewarded.

Upon leaving the palace General Firmly visited Franch Minister Carteron, whom he thanked warmly for protection afforded to participants in the Gonaves insurrection of January.

KILLED IN AN AUTO ACCIDENT. One Dead and Several Injured in Baltimore Accident—Chauffeur Had Taken Out the Machine Without the Owner's Permission.

Baltimore, Dec. 13.—In an automobile accident early this morning, Harry Kestler was killed and Frank Radford, Samuel Rosenberg and William Reynolds were more or less seriously injured. The men were taken to St. Luke's Hospital, Radford being still in a comatose condition to-night. The automobile, which belongs to President Oscar G. Murray, of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, was being driven by his chauffeur, James H. Hill, who, of the five men in the car, was the only one who escaped injury.

Ohio Congressman Critically Ill. Wooster, O., Dec. 13.—The man found unconscious in the chair of a Pennsylvania westbound train here to-day and taken to a local hospital was later identified as Congressman Grant E. Mouser, of the Marion, O., district. Physicians declare he is suffering from uraemic poisoning and acute congestion of the kidneys.

John D. Villa Cleveland Simply to See a Dentist.

Cleveland, O., Dec. 13.—An aching tooth drew John D. Rockefeller from his winter home in New York to a dentist's chair in Cleveland. This was the mystery surrounding Mr. Rockefeller's unexpected visit to his old home. Stories ranging all the way from the selection of a minister to succeed Rev. C. A. Eaton, at the Euclid Avenue Baptist church which Mr. Rockefeller attends when here, to the erection of a sixteen-story church and the gift of \$50,000,000 for Oriental universities, were built up around the news of his visit, but Mr. Rockefeller merely came here to see his old dentist and have a troublesome tooth attended to.

Maine Sails For Hampton Roads. New York, Dec. 13.—Bound for Hampton Roads, where the fleet to take part in the inauguration of President Gomez at Havana on January 23d, will rendezvous, the battleship Maine sailed from this port to-day. The Maine is flagship of the third squadron with Rear Admiral Conway H. Arnold in command. She is expected to head the squadron on the visit to Cuba and it is understood the other vessels will be the battleships Idaho, Mississippi, Montana, New Hampshire and North Carolina and the cruisers Chester, Salem and Birmingham. The fleet, after the Havana ceremonies, is to meet the home coming battleship fleet and escort it to Hampton Roads.

Well-Known Fire-Fighter Dead. Washington, Dec. 13.—Chief William T. Belt, of the Washington fire department, vice president of the National Association of Fire Chiefs, and Birmingham, The fire-fighter in the country, died suddenly to-night of heart disease, aged 65 years. Grief over the tragic drowning of his only son a few weeks ago is hastened death.

Some years ago Chief Belt rescued from impending death former Secretary of the Navy Benjamin F. Tracy, whose home was burned, and his wife and daughter incinerated. For this brave deed Chief Belt was commended personally by President Harrison.

Ogden Mills' Daughter to Marry an Earl. London, Dec. 13.—It is officially announced that a marriage engagement has been arranged between the Earl of Granard and Miss Beatrice Mills, the daughter of Ogden Mills, of New York.

Uprisings in India. Calcutta, Dec. 13.—Great excitement prevails here owing to the developments in the agitation which has been going on for some time against the government. The most prominent Bengal trader in eastern Bengal, Dutta, was arrested at Burdwan on Saturday and conveyed to an unknown destination. Another prominent nationalist leader, Mitra, editor of the Sanjibani, has been arrested at Calcutta, while the editor of another native paper has been sentenced to transportation on the charge of sedition.

Mother of John W. Gates Dead. Port Arthur, Tex., Dec. 14.—Mrs. Gates, mother of John W. Gates, is dead.

Pacific Fleet Arrives at Panama.

Panama, Dec. 13.—The Pacific armored cruiser fleet arrived here to-day at noon and anchored in the harbor near the Yorktown, which preceded the big cruisers by one day. The flagship West Virginia headed the column and the others followed in single file in this order: Colorado, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, California, South Dakota, Washington.

The voyage from Manila was without special event and all was reported well on board. Special arrangements have been made to entertain the officers and sailors ashore. The old administration building on Cathedral plaza has been prepared for the reception of the sailors and lunch and rest rooms have been set apart. The Young Men's Christian Association will have charge of the building.

Tsun An Now Admirable Empress in the Heavens. Peking, Dec. 13.—An edict was issued to-day conferring upon the late Dowager Empress Tsun Hsi An the posthumous title of "Illustrious and Admirable Empress of the Heavens, equal and bright in practicing holiness." The edict orders that special ceremonies be carried out in connection with the conferring of this title. It says that during her forty-seven years reign the Dowager Empress' fame became world-wide, that her virtues were universal and her beneficent rule, which she administered therefore recognized her as Empress.

Edicts also were issued ordering the enforcement of the statute fixing the status of the regent, Prince Chun, and prescribing the court ceremonial in the future.

Impressive Ceremony at Vatican. Rome, Dec. 13.—There was an impressive ceremony at the Vatican to-day upon the occasion of the reading of the beatification decrees conferred upon Joan of Arc and thirty-six French missionaries who met the death of martyrs in China. The reading of the decrees took place in the presence of the Pope and many high prelates. The decree to Joan of Arc recited the details of three miraculous cures in the years 1891, 1892 and 1899. Following the 1891 cures, Pope Pius delivered an address extolling the faith of Joan.

Receiver For Barytes Company. Correspondence of The Observer. Asheville, Dec. 13.—Mr. Julius G. Adams, of Asheville, has been appointed receiver for the Georgia Barytes Company, a North Carolina corporation doing business and having property in Murry county, Georgia, and will leave in a few days for Georgia to take charge of the property. The order appointing Mr. Adams receiver was made by Judge Ward in Superior Court. The Georgia Barytes Company is a corporation capitalized at \$50,000 and a short time ago became financially embarrassed.

Sylvester Watson Secures Bond. Correspondence of The Observer. Asheville, Dec. 13.—Sylvester Watson, the white man charged with the killing of a negro named Mayhue at Fletcher, Henderson county, several days ago, was before Judge Ward on habeas corpus yesterday and after hearing evidence in the matter the court ordered Watson's release on \$500 bond. There was evidence before the court to the effect that the killing of the negro was accidental.

New Postoffice Inspector at Denver. Washington, Dec. 13.—William E. Cochran, of Colorado, has been appointed by Postmaster General Meyer, to be postoffice inspector in charge at Denver, Col., succeeding Edward L. McInnis, who will be transferred to a place in the field.

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