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A NEW YORK DISASTER

Wholesale Drug Store Blown Up and Many Persons Killed.

An Entire Block of Buildings Burned.

Elevated Railroad Structure on Fire and Station Demolished.

Explosion Believed to Have Been Caused by Nitro Glycerine.

RUINS TOO HOT LAST NIGHT TO PERMIT A SEARCH FOR THE DEAD—THE DISASTER CAUSED A PANIC IN THE LOWER PART OF THE CITY.

EXPLOSION
New York, Oct. 29.—By a series of terrific explosions following the fire about noon today in the wholesale and retail drug store, corner of Greenwich and Warren streets, hundreds of men and women were injured, many killed, both sides of Warren street, between Greenwich and Washington, were laid in ruins, and the buildings for blocks around wrecked in all degrees. In all some thirty business places are either partially or wholly destroyed. There are indications that the loss of life will prove much less than that of the Park Place calamity several years ago, but many of the injured will not recover. There is at present no possibility of making even an approximate estimate of the loss of life. The ruins are too hot to permit search for the dead. That a number of people who were in the "bar" building at the time of the disaster are in the ruins is beyond question. The list of the missing so far is comparatively scanty. There were several circumstances which contributed to make the loss of life smaller than might have been expected from so awful and wide spread a disaster, the chief of which was that the accident occurred at an hour when many employees were at their noon meal.

There is a difference in the stories as to the number of explosions. Some say there were not more than ten, while others declared they counted as many as sixteen. The explosion caused something of a panic in the lower part of the city. It is the general opinion of those who heard the explosions that they were caused by nitroglycerine. A careful canvass tonight of the fire companies engaged at the fire showed positively that no member of the department was killed and that only six were injured. A rough estimate of the property loss is two millions. The police and firemen at a late hour tonight say that from careful inquiry they believe every one in the "bar" building escaped and that not more than twenty-five persons in all were killed by the disaster.

AD FIRE
The building was on fire about five minutes before the first explosion occurred and there were a number of firemen near it when the walls blew out, and many were injured. It was said that 100 of the employees in the building were girls. They were on different floors when the fire broke out and the explosions occurred.

In a restaurant next door to the drug store there were about 200 people eating their luncheon. Of these many were injured.

The first explosion occurred at 12:12 p. m. and took the roof off the building, and blew out a large part of the front. The building as it fell came down upon Warren street elevated railway station which was completely demolished and hidden from view by debris.

The force of the explosion was heard and felt clear down to Wall street and heavy plate glass windows were smashed and people thrown to the streets at a distance of four blocks.

The employees at the Irving National bank were busily engaged at their desks at the time of the explosion. The first of the explosions came and not a clerk or official of the bank but was thrown to the floor by the force of the concussion. They fled from the building in terror.

When Capt. McCluskey chief of the detective bureau reached the scene of

the disaster he was asked by officials of the Irving bank to have his men watch it. They told him that their tank had seized the funds of the bank and thrown them into the vault but that the vault was unlocked. As soon as it was safe Captain McCluskey put men on guard and they found vaults open and the clerks and tellers in their excitement had not put the funds in the vault. There was money scattered about everywhere. The funds were hastily gathered and thrown into the vault, which was then locked securely.

According to police returns late tonight there were forty persons missing as a result of today's fire and explosion.

Enthusiastic Greeting From Immense Crowds of Londoners.

London, Oct. 29.—The city's welcome to the returning volunteers today was without parallel. Wild enthusiasm was displayed by immense crowds. In their efforts to greet the returning soldiers crowds broke through all barriers. Even the combined efforts of the police and military were unable to restrain them, and the route over which the procession passed was so choked with struggling masses of humanity that the volunteers were compelled to struggle through the greater part in single file. Hundreds of people were injured in the mad rush of the crowds. The various hospitals admitted 250 injured, of whom seventy were seriously hurt. Over 1,600 persons were treated for swooning and similar trivial misfortunes. Several of the injured died. At the banquet in honor of volunteers Lord Wolseley read a message from the queen in which she said she shared in the joy and thankfulness evinced in their welcome landing, their services and deploring the loss of those who had perished.

BRYAN IN NEW YORK

Receives Ovation From Large Crowd, Chiefly Composed of Hebrews.

New York, Oct. 29.—Bryan arrived here this evening and addressed 35,000 people on the east side of the city. He received a great ovation from the crowd, which was chiefly composed of Hebrews. He said he was glad to address the race who gave Moses, the greatest man, to the world, and Solomon, the wisest. He denounced imperialism, and said the republicans had changed the commandments so that there would be no God but money. Bryan subsequently spoke at several meetings, but the principal meeting was at the Academy of Music where he addressed an immense gathering. He made a lengthy address in which he discussed the issues of the day. His remarks were enthusiastically applauded. He spoke at several other meetings, held at various points in Brooklyn, at all of which he was enthusiastically greeted.

THE DEPARTMENT OF CUBA.

Established and Gen. Leonard Wood Placed in Command.

Washington, Oct. 29.—An order was issued today by direction of the president discontinuing the division of Cuba and the eastern and western departments of that division and establishing the department of Cuba. General Leonard Wood is placed in command of the new department. General Fitzhugh Lee is ordered to command the department of Missouri with headquarters at Omaha.

General Elwell S. Otis has been ordered to Chicago to command the department of the lakes.

The department of Missouri has been under command of General Merriam and the department of the lakes under command of General Wade both of whom have had the command temporarily.

DRUG STORE NEWS.

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LENOIR'S GREATEST CAMPAIGN DAY

A HUGE RALLY THAT SHOWED THE DRIFT OF POPLAR SENTIMENT.

Blackburn's Campaign Strongly Endorsed in Caldwell.

Senator Pritchard Warmly Welcomed—The Congressional Candidate Escorted into Town by a Procession of Voters.

Correspondence of the Gazette.
Lenoir, Caldwell county, N. C., Oct. 27.—Such a gathering of voters as assembled here today has never before been seen in this city. A procession was formed which met the speakers a mile and a half out of town and escorted them in. There was a long line of horse back riders, led by a brass band which rode in a wagon draped in red, white and blue. On one side was "Blackburn-Pritchard," and on the other "McKinley-Roosevelt." Flags and bunting were conspicuous throughout the entire parade, and as the speakers drove up to the meeting place cheer after cheer rang out for Blackburn, Pritchard, McKinley and "Hurrah for next congressman." Along the way houses were decorated in the colors and cheers were heard on every side. Both Mr. Blackburn and Senator Pritchard were given an ovation along the entire route and at the stand.

We met Senator Pritchard and Hon. J. M. McCrary at Patterson and drove to the point where we met the cavalcade with them. Senator Pritchard and Mr. McCrary had driven from Blowing Rock this morning on their way from Boone, where they spoke yesterday. Congressman Linney also spoke there and a very large crowd greeted them there. At Jefferson, the day before, they had a splendid crowd considering the freshet, which prevented most of the people who had planned to go from getting to Jefferson at all.

Mr. Blackburn was unable to get to McGlammy's store at all on account of this high water and we had to go a great many miles around to get to Elkville. There we had a good crowd and several democrats told me after Mr. Blackburn finished that they will support him.

For miles we came along the Yadkin valley, after leaving Elkville. Evidence of thrift and prosperity are everywhere noticeable. The land in the valley is fertile and the farmers progressive. That night we went to Patterson, a progressive little village with a cotton mill, woolen mills, electric lights, etc. Mr. Blackburn was tendered a pleasant reception at the home of Mr. Finley Harper, proprietor of the Gwyn and Harper Woolen and Cotton mills. We spent the night at the pretty home of Mr. W. D. Jones, known in this section as "The Fountain."

At 10 o'clock the next morning Senator Pritchard and Mr. McCrary arrived from Blowing Rock and together we started for Lenoir. As we approached the band, "Lo, the Conquering Hero Comes" was played and the crowd went wild with delight. Cheers for the speakers and McKinley filled the air. The city was filled with people and very soon after we arrived Senator Pritchard addressed the crowd, which numbered at least 1,500 people.

Converts to republicanism are as certain from the senator's talks as prosperity is under republican administration and his talk here was not without its accustomed fruits. He was cheered heartily throughout and given a still greater ovation as he closed.

Mr. McCrary spoke next and made a fine speech. The era of glorious prosperity which must come to the south from the republican administration and policies home and abroad was most glowingly pictured by him. His hearers were with him in his picture of the bright outlook and he, too, was cheered with enthusiasm.

As Mr. Blackburn came forward the

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cheering was tremendous. He was unable to proceed for several minutes and the enthusiasm throughout his speech was a flattering evidence of his popularity and the force of his eloquence. After glowingly picturing the prosperity that had come to the country with republican administration Mr. Blackburn said:

"Turn back, if you will, close the open furnace, put out the flaming forge, stop the hum of the spindle and the sound of the loom, make these scenes of enterprise and industry so many veritable deserted villages, turn your families loose upon the cold charities of the world to wander, to beg and to starve, but know when you do it your ballot was cast in the light of past history and present conditions. You alone are responsible."

He contrasted prices and asked after each product, "Who will you vote for?" and at every one came back the answer from the audience with a vim, "Blackburn." He dwelt particularly upon the price of lumber, which is the chief industry in this place. It brought \$4.50 under Cleveland, and is now worth from \$9 to \$10. He asked them if they would vote to close these industries here at home. There is also a little democratic sheet here that has been violently attacking Mr. Blackburn. The editor of this paper stands indicted in the federal court for refusing registration to lawful voters in the August election, and Mr. Blackburn said he would be sent to the penitentiary for it, whereas the cheering was tremendous. He said, "Here is a man that assails me and is on his way to the penitentiary for violation of the law of his land. We don't believe in stealing, and all we want is honest dealing. The best element of the democracy is now lending their aid to this abridgment of suffrage rights. He denounced Bryan for aiding our enemies and asked the people to stand by the flag and they responded with hearty cheers.

Hon. R. A. Cobb, of Burke county, chairman of the populist party of the Eighth district, was present, and was called upon for a speech. He urged every populist to support Mr. Blackburn, who, he said, would stand by the rights of the people.

Hon. M. N. Harshaw was called upon and was greeted with loud cheers, as had Mr. Cobb also been. He spoke very briefly of the issues, but said if the people wanted poor houses they must vote for Mr. Blackburn's opponent. His denunciation of the democratic registrars was a strong and deserved one. They are refusing registration to the same voters for which they were indicted before and Mr. Harshaw said he proposed that they should all go to the penitentiary. The people cheered his talk.

I learn today that the democrats are secretly conceding Mr. Blackburn's election by 1,000 majority, after allowing all they possibly can for their man and all that is possible to steal.

ALVORD ARRESTED.

The Defaulting Note Teller Taken to New York.

Boston, Oct. 29.—Cornelius L. Alvord, the defaulting note teller of the First National bank in New York, was arrested here today in a lodging house. He submitted quietly and said he was glad the suspense of remaining in hiding was over. He had only \$50 in his possession. He was taken to New York tonight by a New York detective.

RAILROAD COMMISSION ENJOINED.

Jackson Miss, Oct. 29.—Judge Niles, of the federal court, this morning granted an injunction preventing the Mississippi railroad commission from enforcing the joint rate clause of the new mileage tariff on cotton seen in the Illinois Central. The railroad company contends that the commission has no right to compel the railroad company to issue a bill of lading beyond a junction point.

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RESUMPTION ONLY PARTIAL

Over Five Thousand Strikers Refuse to Return to Work.

Mine at Millville Likely to be Abandoned.

Many Collieries, However, are Already in Operation.

Efforts to Prevent Introduction of Outside Miners.

SEVERAL THOUSAND MEN WHO HAVE STRUCK HAVE EITHER GONE TO WESTERN SOFT COAL FIELDS OR RETURNED TO THEIR HOMES IN EUROPE.

Scranton, Oct. 29.—Over 5,000 mine employes in the Lackawanna valley refused to return to work this morning because the companies for which they had mined coal failed to comply with the terms of the Scranton miners' convention.

The companies affected are the Ontario and Western company's ten mines employing 4,000 men; the Forest Mining company of Archibald, employing 800 men who had been on strike since last July, and the Clark Tunnel Coal company, employing 100 men.

At all the other mines there was a complete resumption, even at those of Jermyn & Co., in Old Forge, where it was believed yesterday the men would not go back until they were assured that the grievances because of which they struck last March will be adjusted.

The Ontario and Western company's employes will hold a mass meeting at Peekville this afternoon at which they will insist upon the company putting up a supplemental notice conforming with the notice posted by the Lackawanna, the Delaware and Hudson and the Pennsylvania companies. They will insist upon the positive announcement that powder will be sold to the miners at \$1.50 a keg and that the wage increase per car will be 2 1-2c. They will give the company reasonable time in which to post the notices and the leaders say if this is not done the men will seek work in other mines where there is reported to be a scarcity of help. Several thousand men have either gone to the western soft coal fields or returned to their homes in Europe.

The labor leaders say they will insist upon the enforcement of the mine law which provides that miners must be qualified workmen and have certificates to that effect. This would prevent the bringing in of emigrants and miners from other states.

Hazleton, Oct. 29.—Operations were resumed this morning at a majority of collieries in the Hazleton district and they will be continued in full blast for the next two months. The strike is still on at the mines of the Lehigh and Wilkesbarre Coal company, located at Audenreid, Honeybrook and Green Mountain. One of the officials of the company said this company had informed the men that it would abolish the sliding scale and pay the 10 per cent increase until April 1 and they did not know why they refused to report. The mine workers claim they want a written guarantee in this respect.

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