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DISASTROUS TUNNEL EXPLOSION; FIVE KILLED, HUNDREDS INJURED

Dynamite Stored For Use in Rapid Transit Tunnel, Fortieth Street and Park Avenue, New York, Blew Up, Entailing Loss of \$1,000,000—List of Injured May Reach Thousands.

New York, Jan. 27.—A quantity of dynamite stored in a structure at the State Liberty avenue and used by contractors on the rapid transit tunnel, exploded today. Reports received late tonight from the explosion show that five men were killed and hundreds were injured. Besides the appalling list of 131 injured whose names have been reported to the police, there were hundreds, or more likely thousands of others, many of whom were slightly cut by fragments of falling glass who had their wounds dressed at drug stores and went to their homes. The exact number hurt will never be known. Hotels, hospitals and other buildings in the immediate neighborhood were wrecked, some so badly as to necessitate their vacating. The property loss is estimated at a million dollars.

Immediately after the accident the sub-contractor for the tunnel, Major Shafer, and several of his subordinates were arrested. The amount of explosive exploded is variously stated by officials that are investigating the matter. Some place it at 350 pounds of nitro glycerine, while it is contended on behalf of the contractor that there was no more explosive allowed at the place of explosion than allowed by law—62 pounds. The shock of the explosion was heard in all the large buildings in the neighborhood. All the windows on the south side of the Grand Central station were broken, as were those in the Grand Union hotel, the Murray Hill hotel, the Manhattan Eye and Ear hospital and the Hospital for Ruptured and Crippled Children, all of which are near the place where the dynamite was stored.

Every private house in the neighborhood felt the shock. Lamp posts were knocked down, pedestrians were cut by falling glass and cabmen and cab horses were thrown to the ground. The Murray Hill hotel suffered most of all the neighboring buildings. Through the windows huge pieces of timber known as "rodding" beams were sent as if they were arrows. All of the workmen within several blocks of Fortieth street were hurt. One man, Hamilton Jones, was blown nearly 250 feet, but was not killed, but badly cut and bruised. Many persons were cut by flying glass, but were able to go to their homes after their wounds had been dressed by ambulance surgeons. It has been definitely learned that the explosion was caused by the accidental upsetting of a lamp.

BUTLER TALKS OF STATE BOND SUIT

SOUTHERN REPUBLICANS MEET TO FURTHER CONSIDER CRUMPACKER BILL

Special to the Gazette. Washington, Jan. 27.—Major Moody today introduced Solicitor Ferguson of Waynesville to the President. Senator Butler today declared that he held any of the bonds involved in the suit of South Dakota against North Carolina, but admitted that he and Ex-Governor Russell had been employed as counsel for the state of South Dakota. In an interview he declared that no honest man could oppose the payment to the bond holders of the full amount they had advanced to build the North Carolina railroad. Collectors Hartman and Deman are here on business with the commissioner of internal revenue. Another meeting of the southern republicans was held tonight to consider the Crumpacker bill, as before stated. The southern republican representatives favor a measure to compel election officers to properly execute the state laws.

SCHLEY CONCLUDES HIS CHICAGO VISIT

Chicago, Jan. 27.—Admiral Schley's first public function today was a visit to the W. S. Schley school. The admiral entered the school through two lines of boys, holding palms over his head. He was greeted by the children, who sang "See the Conquering Hero Comes." After being introduced, he made a short speech in which he said that honor and honesty are the handmaids of valor. He said, too, that he was very glad to have the school named after him. A small boy piped up, "I am glad they named it after you," whereupon there were shouts of laughter and general applause. The 900 children in attendance marched by the admiral, who shook hands with every one of them.

At 11 a. m. he was presented with resolutions of esteem and approbation by a committee of twenty-two, representing the German societies of Chicago. At noon he took luncheon with Mr. Munger and at 2 p. m. met members of the Maryland society of Chicago, at the reception in the Palmer house. Schley's visit to the city was concluded tonight by a banquet tendered by the officers of the naval battalion of the Illinois national guards. After the banquet there was a review of the naval battalion at the armory. This afternoon the admiral held a public reception in the auditorium. The admiral's wife will leave for Louisville tomorrow morning.

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BOLD TRAIN ROBBERY ON SOUTHERN RAILWAY

Branchville, S. C., Jan. 27.—Seven robbers held up the passenger train from Charleston on the Southern railway tonight near here. They made a clean sweep of the express car. The express and mail cars were uncoupled and the engineer was forced to run them toward the swamp, where the safe was unloaded from the express car and placed in a wagon that was waiting. About one hundred shots were fired during the holdup, but no one was hurt. The passengers were not molested. After the robbers had secured the safe, the engineer was allowed to return to the rest of the train. There is no clue to the identity of the robbers.

PRESIDENT'S DECISION ON SCHLEY'S APPEAL

RENDERED BY FEBRUARY 10—ROOSEVELT CAREFULLY CONSIDERING MATTER

Washington, Jan. 27.—The president's decision will be rendered by February 10. He has read the appeal and will give it out to the public Wednesday. An official copy of the appeal has been sent to Lemley for comment, and the answer of that officer will be soon placed in the president's hands.

POPE'S HEALTH EXCELLENT HIS PHYSICIAN DECLARES

New York, Jan. 27.—Signor Lapponi, the pope's physician, in view of the constant reports of the pope's ill health, said to a Rome correspondent of the Journal and American. "The pope is in excellent health, both mental and physical, and is looking forward joyfully to the fetes which will celebrate his twenty-fifth years' pontificate. These fetes which begin the last of March will continue one year in order that pilgrims from all parts of the world may attend. As an instance of the pope's clear memory, at a recent reception for the Roman aristocracy the pope observed Marquis Partriat and said: 'I remember you well, Marquis. We met the first time at Ostend station fifty years ago. You were with your father.'"

MISS STONE'S RELEASE EXPECTED YESTERDAY

London, Jan. 27.—A despatch from Sofia, Bulgaria, today, says the ransom of Miss Ellen M. Stone and her companion, Miss Talika, has been paid to the brigands and that the captives are expected to be released today. Soloman's reputation for wisdom may have been due to his having originated the habit of giving advice. Special sale of Oestrich Feathers; prices very low, a rare opportunity to buy good feathers, very cheap, on Thursday, Jan. 30. Mrs. Lon. Mitchell. 269-4t.

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"SHALL THEY GO NOW?" ASKS MR. FORAKER

SENATOR DUBOISE'S WRATHY TALK ABOUT GEN. WHEATON—FAVORABLE REPORT ON PHILIPPINE INVESTIGATION.

Washington, Jan. 27.—Soon after the senate convened today Mr. Lodge, chairman of the Philippines committee, favorably reported a resolution authorizing that committee to make an investigation of the Philippine question and for that purpose to sit during the sessions of the senate. The resolution was referred to the committee of the contingent expenses. In introducing a resolution providing for the appointment of a commission of experts to ascertain the cost of an isthmian canal tunnel five miles in length by what is known as the Darien route, Mr. Scott (W. Va.) gave notice that at some later time he would address the senate upon the subject. Mr. Duboise (Idaho) directing attention to an Associated Press report from Manila quoting Gen. Wheaton as criticizing some remarks of Dr. Schurman in a speech at Boston and that the opinion was prevalent in the Philippines that men were sent to prison in Manila for saying less. I think, said Mr. Duboise in view of the statements in this despatch, the president ought to reprimand Gen. Wheaton and those officers in the Philippines who are criticizing the senate for its action or stand regarding the Philippines. "I don't know who Gen. Wheaton is, but he probably is some charity appointed to West Point by a senator or representative and since supported by the government. Such remarks as he is quoted as having made are, however, outrageous and indecent."

Mr. Lodge (Mass.) suggested that it would be wise to ascertain before General Wheaton was reprimanded whether he actually made the statements attributed to him. General Wheaton, he said, was an officer of ability and character and no hasty action ought to be taken in such a case. Mr. Teller—"I don't think there's any doubt that Gen. Wheaton said what is attributed to him."

Mr. Lodge—"There may be a great deal of doubt of it." Mr. Teller continuing said such a situation as had arisen was one of the blessings growing out of the conditions in the Philippines. A padlock, he asserted, was to be placed upon the mouth of every man, congressman or private citizen, and all criticism of the administration's Philippines. (Continued on the fifth page.)

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Chicago, Jan. 27.—Chicago is struggling under the biting blasts of a cold wave that arrived here last night, the offshoot of the big blizzard that has been raging in the northwest. In the last twenty-four hours the temperature has fallen 44 degrees, having touched 8 degrees below zero at daylight. As the day advanced the mercury rose slightly in the thermometer and at 10 o'clock was 6 degrees below zero. Prof. Cox, of the weather bureau, predicts that tonight will see the temperature back to 10 below. All the northwest is suffering from the extreme cold weather, which covers (Continued on page four).

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