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MORGAN BANKING CO. BLOWN UP ON THURSDAY OF LAST WEEK WITH BOMB.

French High Commission Warned on Day Before That Catastrophe Was About to Occur—Warned to Vacate Offices to Save Lives—Clerk in Office of J. P. Morgan Killed. Wagon Containing a Bomb Timed to Go Off at Noon Left in Front of Sub-Treasury in One Theory—Many Women Among Victims.

New York, Sept. 16.—A mysterious explosion in Wall Street, near Broad, believed by trained Department of Justice and police investigators to have been caused by an infernal machine, rocked the heart of New York's financial district at noon today, leaving death and destruction in its wake.

At least 35 persons were killed, more than 200 were injured, the banking house of J. P. Morgan & Co., the sub-treasury and the assay office were partially wrecked and property damage estimated in excess of \$1,000,000 was caused by the blast.

Thomas W. Lamont, of the J. P. Morgan firm, expressed the belief, however, that the explosion was purely an accident caused by a collision between an explosive-laden wagon and another vehicle. The firm had received no threats of any kind, he said, and there was no real reason for the planting of a bomb outside the firm's office.

Blast Comes at Noon Hour
The noon hour had struck and an endless stream of office workers had just started pouring into the streets from buildings in the neighborhood. Suddenly, a cloud of yellowish, black smoke and a piercing jet of flame leaped from the street outside the Morgan office.

Then came a deafening blast. A moment later scores of men, women and children were lying prostrate on the ground and the streets were covered with debris from thousands of broken windows and the torn facades of adjacent buildings. Two minutes later the stock and curb exchanges, the financial pulse of the world, had closed. Panic and confusion reigned in the heart of New York's financial district.

Thousands Flee in Terror
Thousands of clerks and stenographers fled in terror from adjoining structures. Scores fainted, fell and were trampled on in the rush. Meanwhile, the noise of the explosion which was heard throughout lower Manhattan and across the river in Brooklyn brought thousands of the curious to the scene.

The few police on duty in the district were unable to cope with the crowds and a hurry call for police reserves was sent to all downtown police stations.

Sub-treasury officials, fearing that an attempt might be made to rob the building, all the windows of which were broken, requested assistance of the military authorities at Governors Island and a company of soldiers was sent to guard the institution.

Hurry Calls Sent to Hospitals.
Hurry calls were sent to all hospitals in the downtown section of New York and scores of ambulances were soon speeding through the narrow streets. Dressing stations were established in the lobbies of the buildings nearby where the less seriously injured were given immediate treatment.

Evidence tending to confirm the theory that the explosion was caused by a bomb or some other infernal machine came from several sources.

Evidence Justifies Bomb Theory.
Chief Police Inspector Lahey reported today that he had found evidence to justify the conclusion that the explosion was caused by a huge bomb loaded with T. N. T.—trinitrotoluol—reinforced with iron slugs fashioned from window weight bars. Pieces of these slugs were found in several adjacent structures. This type of weight bars, a close inspection by police and Department of Justice agents disclosed, is not used in any building within a radius of several hundred feet from the scene of the explosion.

Warning of Radical Plot
Warning that radicals planned a renewal of bombing outrages were sent less than a month ago to all Eastern

ATTENTION MERCHANTS.

All Merchants in Franklin County are urged to meet with the Committee of the Franklin County Tobacco Growers Association in Louisburg on Friday morning at 10 o'clock, October 1st, 1920. Matters of importance to everybody are to be discussed.

Members of the William J. Burns Detective Agency, according to a statement by Mr. Burns, who said he was convinced that today's explosion was a premeditated attack and was not accidental.

List of Jurors.
The following is a list of Jurors drawn for October term Franklin Superior Court—Criminal Term:

- Dunn—E. P. Dodd, J. W. Baker, E. L. Pippin, A. T. Beddingfield, G. W. Wilder, N. C. Mullin, J. B. Harris, W. I. Phillips.
- Harris—K. J. Crenshaw, P. T. Clifton, W. E. Currin, J. H. Cyrus, J. W. Clements.
- Youngville—B. G. King, Franklinton—E. H. Sawyer, J. C. Green.
- Hayesville—J. C. Lassiter, J. M. Finch, A. A. Parnell.
- Sandy Creek—F. W. Parnell, T. L. Hunt, Jr., Geo. Ball, H. G. Conn, W. F. Hunt.
- Gold Mine—Bryant King, Joe Wood, Cedar Rock—W. J. Shearin, T. A. Collier, W. R. Dean, Lee Holloway, C. A. Long.
- Cypress Creek—J. A. Boone, J. O. Bowden, A. C. Stallings.
- Louisburg—B. B. Massenburg, E. B. Foster, W. N. Fuller.

Wood Items.
The Wood Banking & Trust Co. is expecting to open on October 1st. They were delayed on account of the building not being completed.

Capt. and Mrs. R. R. Lanier, of Brooklyn, N. Y., are spending several weeks with the family, Mr. J. J. Lanier.

Mrs. W. D. Fuller is spending several days with her people in Henderson.

Mr. Morris Griffin, of Castalia, came over Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Raymond Shearn spent last week with relatives in Rocky Mount.

Messrs. R. D. Griffin and S. T. Gupton and Misses Lilla and Beulah Lanier motored to Raleigh Sunday night.

Rev. W. Conn Ball is attending the Trinity Park Training school in Durham.

Miss Ethel Dorsey left last Monday to attend high school in Hollister.

Miss Irene Gupton is attending the Louisburg Female College this term.

Miss Irma Headpearth spent last week with relatives here.

Mr. Herbert Jenkins, of near Rocky Mount, spent last Friday night with his parents.

Miss Beulah May, of Castalia, and Miss Laney Horton and Miss Lillian Jones, of Bunn, made a short visit here last week.

Mr. Jim Gupton attended the opening tobacco sales in Warrenton Monday.

Miss Robbie Harris, of Embro, visited Miss Daisy Ball last Friday night.

Mrs. Billy Hayes spent last week with her people in Hollister.

JUST ME.
New York Assembly Votes To Unseat Three Socialist Members, Recently Elected.

Albany, N. Y., Sept. 21.—Three of the five Socialists in the New York State Assembly were expelled tonight for the second time this year when the assembly declared vacant the seats of Louis Waldman and August Claessens, of New York, and Charles Solomon, of Kings.

Samuel A. Dewitt and Samuel Orr, of the Bronx, were permitted to retain their seats.

TOBACCO GROWERS ASSOCIATION MET IN COURT HOUSE WEDNESDAY

J. L. Byron Resigns as Secretary, A. F. Johnson Elected—Appoints Committee to Work Out Plans for Organization.

The Franklin County Tobacco Growers Association met in the Court House on Wednesday afternoon, according to adjournment the week before, with quite a good crowd present.

Chairman Harris called the meeting to order and stated the object of this meeting as to discuss plans for the future activity of the Association, the meeting being called for a day after the opening of the market at Louisburg, the farmers would know better just what they might want to do.

The resignation of Mr. J. L. Byron, Secretary was read and accepted, and A. F. Johnson was elected to fill the vacancy.

The President read the names of his Executive Committee appointed upon authority of the last meeting. (These were published as a part of the minutes of the last meeting.)

President Harris, Messrs. S. A. Newell, F. B. McKinne, J. B. King, W. A. Jones, J. B. McKenzie, addressed the meeting in very interesting impromptu talks that were full of interest and sound logic.

The consensus of opinion being that there is only one thing that can be done for the present situation and that is for the farmers to market their crop slowly and in the best shape possible, pay their accounts as far as they can and arrange for the remainder to be carried over. The next feature that all were agreed on was to so organize between the farmer, merchant and banker that the crop would be reduced next year.

To this end a motion prevailed that the President appoint a committee consisting of merchants, bankers and farmers to talk over the situation with the merchants, bankers and farmers of the county to the end of forming some plan whereby the crops may be so controlled that such market conditions will not repeat, and to draw up such a plan and submit it to the Association for adoption at a meeting to be held later.

The President appointed Messrs. M. S. Clifton, F. B. McKinne, N. M. Perry, J. B. King, G. W. Ford, D. F. McKinne, S. A. Newell and I. H. Kearney.

Upon motion of Mr. McKinne the President was made Chairman of the committee.

Mr. Daniels, of North Dakota, was present and made a talk before the Association.

Upon motion the Committee appointed to adopt a plan of work for the organization was instructed to draft a constitution and by-laws for the Association, and to present them at the next meeting.

Upon motion it was decided that the Association meet again on Friday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, October 1st, 1920.

No further business coming before the Association a motion to adjourn prevailed.

Auto Accident.
John Wesley Grudup, colored, of Dunns township, and Wiley Pearce, white, were painfully hurt in an automobile wreck Tuesday evening at the crossing on the Raleigh road and the railroad, when John ran his car into the Louisburg train while both he and the train was attempting to make the crossing at the same time. The car was practically demolished and it is a miracle that the occupants got out of the wreck alive. We understand John stated that he was driving along at a slow speed when his head set off the road in front of him and did not see the train until it was too late. They were brought over town and treated by Dr. J. E. Malone.

Attention Women Voters.
All the women voters of Franklin County are requested to register so as to be able to vote in the November election. The registration books will be open from Sept. 30th to 20 days. Do not put it off.

Mrs. Garland A. Ricks, Ch'mn. of R.R. Com. for Franklin County.

LOUISBURG MARKET CONCEDED TO BE LEADER OF ALL SURROUNDING MARKETS—ONLY SMALL QUANTITY OFFERED—FARMERS WELL PLEASED.

The most prominently outstanding feature of the opening sales of the Louisburg Tobacco Market, which were held on Tuesday, was the general satisfaction of the farmers and the conceded opinion that Louisburg lead all neighboring markets.

In the draw for the first sale the Farmers Warehouse was awarded first place and the crying of the auctioneer marked the beginning of the marketing season for Louisburg. The sales were small in the offering and only fair in quality, but with the determination of our warehousemen to get the farmer all that was possible for his tobacco and the generous attitude of the buyers the average amounted to 23 cents for whole warehouse floor.

The prices paid were conceded to be the highest seen this season on any market and brought much satisfaction to the farmers, from a comparative standpoint. The second sale was at the Union giving the third at the Riverside at each of which houses sales were conducted and large crowds attending.

Quite a number of visitors from other counties and other markets were on the sales to witness the first offerings from Louisburg.

The sales since Tuesday have been light, the farmers carrying out their determination to market slowly, but have been bringing fair prices as compared with the conditions throughout the tobacco section.

Sales will continue everyday, with the exception of Saturdays, from now on.

All tobacco growers are extended a most cordial welcome to visit Louisburg by the Warehousemen, the merchants and the Louisburg Chamber of Commerce.

FRANKLIN COUNTY

The Census Bureau of Washington, D. C., gives out the following official figures for Franklin County:

- Cedar Rock, 2,377—2,168.
- Cypress Creek, 1,511—1,196.
- Dunn, including Bunn town, 2,356—2,114.
- Franklinton, including Franklinton, 4,235—4,430.
- Gold Mine, including Wood, 1,671—1,449.
- Harris, 2,445—2,097.
- Hayesville, 1,920—1,862.
- Louisburg, including Louisburg, 5,151—4,533.
- Sandy Creek, 2,159—2,021.
- Youngsville, including Youngsville, 2,342—2,822.
- Incorporated places: Dunn, 150—blank; Franklinton, 1,058—809; Louisburg, 1,954—1,775; Wood, 193—000; Youngsville, 370—431.

Tar River Association.
The Tar River Association will meet with the Cedar Rock church, Franklin County, Wednesday after first Sunday in October. Delegates expecting to come by railroad will please notify Mr. H. G. Ruth, Chairman, R. 2, Louisburg, N. C., of the entertainment committee of the time they expect to reach Louisburg and they will be met there.

J. LOUIS PRICE, Pastor.

Jenkins-Johnson.
Invitations reading as follows have been received by friends here:

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cleveland Sims request the honor of your presence at the marriage of their daughter, Margaret May Johnson, to Mr. Reuel Ross Jenkins, on Tuesday morning, October the twelfth, nineteen hundred and twenty, at eleven-thirty o'clock, Church of the Good Shepherd Rocky Mount, North Carolina.

Cards enclosed read as follows: "At Home after October twenty-first, \$11 Lexington Street, Rocky Mount, North Carolina."

MASONIC SERMON.
Rev. J. W. Patton, who is now here lecturing the Louisburg Masonic Lodge, will preach a Masonic sermon at the Methodist Church Sunday morning at 11 o'clock.

The public is cordially invited to hear Bro. Patton and get a better insight into masonry.

S. P. BODDIE, Worshipful Master.

CONDITION OF MSWINEY REPORTED VERY BAD.
Still Conscious But Prostrate (Says Bulletin Issued by League).

London, Sept. 21.—Mrs. MacSwiney, who visited her husband this evening said that his condition was very bad, indeed. He was in great pain and had not spoken all day. He was still conscious, however.

A late bulletin issued by the Irish Self-Determination League, said, "The Lord Mayor's condition is unchanged. He is still in a very prostrate condition, but conscious."

A bulletin issued at 10 o'clock tonight says: "The doctor, after visiting the Lord Mayor said he was in a very weak condition and advised his relatives not to speak to him or give him the slightest exertion."

The Phila-Stewards Society.
Justice, Sept. 20.—Miss Mary Stallings was hostess to the Phila-Stewards Society Friday afternoon, September 17th.

On account of there being so much business to attend to we didn't carry out any programme. So many of the officers to appoint for both the Society and the Phila class too.

During the very pleasant social hour most delicious ice cream with sliced pineapple and cakes were served.

The new members added to our list this meeting were Mrs. E. L. Fox, Misses Lucille Cheek, Mable Duke, Clara Long, Grace Harris, Mable Parnell. The girls who have left for school and will not be with us again until next summer, are Miss Beulah House who has gone to Sand Hill, N. C. Miss Mary Howard, Oxford; Miss Monnie Stallings, Durham; Miss Clara Hayes, Louisburg; Misses Lucille and Vivian Wheelas, Goldsboro.

LEVY TAXES FOR 1920.

CALL ROAD ELECTION FOR SANDY CREEK.
Draws Jury For October Court—Takes Further Action—Federal Aid Road—Regular Routine.

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on the first Monday in September with all members present. The following business was transacted after the minutes of the preceding meeting were approved.

E. H. Evans was before the Board to ask that Bennie Perry be allowed to be sent to the County home. The request was referred to the Superintendent of Public Welfare.

Urcilla Upchurch was stricken from outside pauper list—being dead.

Upon motion of W. D. Fuller the Chairman was instructed to purchase return tickets for the Old Veterans from Franklin County who wish to attend the Reunion.

A petition for a road election for Sandy Creek township was received and the election ordered.

A petition for a special tax election to provide a fund to provide additional buildings at the Louisburg Graded Schools was granted and called.

The Commissioners again took favorable action on the Federal Aid Road Construction.

Bond of J. W. Griffin, Standard Keeper, was received and filed.

Upon motion the County loaned Harris township two notes—one for \$6,000.00 and one for \$3,557.33 for the purpose of finishing their road building under their present contract, until they may receive their money from their Bonds which have been issued.

Report of Dr. J. E. Malone, County Health Officer was received and filed.

The Board, with the Sheriff, drew a jury for October Court, which appears in another column.

Upon motion the following tax rates were levied for the County and all special tax districts:

State
School, 13 cents on property and 39 cents on poll.

County
General Purpose, 9 cents on property and 27 cents on poll.

Bridge, 7 cents on property and 21 cents on poll.

School salary, 15 cents on property and 30 cents on poll.

School building, 8 cents on property and 24 cents on poll.

Poor, 5 cents on property and 15 cents on poll.

Special School Districts.
The first named figure applies to property and the second to poll.

Pine Ridge, 11 and 33.
Pilot, 13 and 39.
Bunn, 15 and 45.
Roberts, 25 and 75.
Flat Rock, 8 and 24.
Laurel, 10 and 30.
Moulton-Hayes, 11 and 33.
Mountain Grove, 10 and 30.
Sandy Creek, 15 and 45.
Wilder, 16 and 48.
White Level, 10 and 30.
Justice, 16 and 48.
Seven Paths, 12 and 36.
Mapleville, 13 and 39.
Hickory Rock, 14 and 42.
Cedar Rock, 11 and 33.
Ingleside, 9 and 27.
Oak Ridge, 16 and 48.
Louisburg, 26 and 78.

Road Tax Districts.
Dunns, 40 and \$1.20.
Harris, 60 and \$1.80.
Youngsville, 20 and 60.
Franklinton, 35 and \$1.05.
Sandy Creek, 38 and \$1.14.
Gold Mine, 86 and \$2.58.
Cedar Rock, 22 and 66.
Cypress Creek, 30 and 90.
Louisburg, 30 and 90.

The report of J. E. Malone, Superintendent of Public Welfare, was received and filed. He reports 9 white and 9 colored inmates.

After allowing a number of accounts the Board adjourned to its next regular meeting.

for sale, keeping his printings at home until cooler weather. This advice is based upon an investigation that indicates a better demand with better prices for the printings later on in the season. The demand for body tobacco seems to be strong with a disposition to pay a fair price.

Strip Your Body Tobacco.
In an effort to assist the farmer to get more money for his tobacco the Warehousemen of Louisburg have offered the advice to the farmer to strip his body tobacco first and offer that