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CRASH ON CRASH AND DEATH IN ALL High Pressure Retorts are Rent by Gas. FOUR PEOPLE KILLED And a Score are Injured by a Series of Swift Explosions That Wreck the Plant and Damage Surrounding Prop- erty.

(By the Associated Press.)
Chicago, Nov. 18.—Four persons were killed and a score of others injured, by a series of gas explosions that completely destroyed the plant of the Pyle Electric Headlight Company in South Chicago today. The shocks of the explosions were so severe that all the buildings near the demolished plant were badly damaged, windows were shattered for blocks, and persons walking in the streets were thrown from their feet. Over pressure on tanks containing gas is believed to have caused the accident.

The dead: Ralph Wells, superintendent of the Pyle Electric headlight Co. Ames Watkins, assistant superintendent for same company. George Muehl, draftsman, employed by the People's Gas Light Co. Thomas Jennings, employed by the Pyle Electric Headlight Co. The fatally injured: William Maloney, blown from third floor of the building; body crushed. Alfred Cox, internally injured.

Many persons who were walking in the street near the plant were hurt by flying pieces of debris and were taken to their homes in carriages before their names could be learned.

All of the dead were buried under tons of burning timber and hot brick and iron, making it impossible to remove their bodies for hours after the accident occurred. Firemen poured water on tanks containing gas which in which the dead were thought to be buried. The flames were subdued sufficiently to permit of the four dead bodies being removed from the debris.

The scene of the explosion is the old Hyde Park gas plant which passed into the hands of the People's Gas Light and Coke Company several years ago with the consolidation of the gas interests in Chicago. Through lease the big plant is occupied partly by the Pyle National Electric Headlight Company which is largely engaged in supplying illumination for railroad coaches. This plant is forced into small retorts, when attached under the floor of a car will supply it with light for months in order to make this possible it is retorts are subjected to an extremely high pressure. It was such a tank that caused the first explosion. Hard fighting on the part of fully a hundred firemen finally subdued the flames.

The total loss caused by the accident is estimated at \$75,000.

CHANGES ON THE SOUTHERN.

E. H. Shaw to Succeed Mr. Clifton as Division Freight Agent in this City.

(By the Associated Press.)
Washington, Nov. 18.—The resignation of Lee McClung from the position of assistant freight traffic manager of the Southern Railway with headquarters at Louisville, Ky., to associate himself with Yale University, has resulted in a number of changes in the service of the Southern Railway, to take effect December 1st.

FLOATED ABLAZE DOWN THE SOUND Burning of the Freighter Mohawk.

(By the Associated Press.)
New York, Nov. 18.—While bound down Long Island Sound on one of her regular passages between this city and New London, Conn., the freight steamer Mohawk, of the Central Vermont Railroad, took fire off Horton's Point, L. I., and was burned to the water's edge early today. Her crew except the watchman, who is rescued by a passing steamship and taken to Paul River, Mass. It is believed the Mohawk will be a total loss and that little if any of her cargo will be saved.

The Mohawk left New York last evening with a full cargo of general merchandise. She had twenty-two persons on board including two women. The steamer passed Horton's Point the lighthouse keeper saw flames breaking from the bow and in a few minutes later she was wrapped in flames. Assistance was near at hand in the form of the Fall River Line steamer Boston, which had closely followed the Mohawk down the Sound. She immediately stopped and with the one exception noted were soon taken off. The flames had passed beyond all control, however, and she was abandoned to her fate.

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(By the Associated Press.)
Tokio, Nov. 18.—3 p. m.—A telegram from Meiji reports the destruction of another Russian arsenal and magazine at Port Arthur.

BLEW UP ARSENAL Another Blow on Port Arthur. Japanese Attack Repulsed.

(By the Associated Press.)
St. Petersburg, Nov. 18.—A dispatch from Lieutenant General Sakharoff, dated to-day says that during the night the Japanese attacked the Russian position in front of Poutloff Hill out were repulsed.

MR. BAILEY SPEAKS. New Home for The Elks—Pythians Prepare for Banquet.

(Special to News and Observer.)
Durham, N. C., Nov. 18.—This evening Editor J. W. Abiley, of the Biblical Recorder, delivered a lecture at the Craven Hall, Trinity College. This was the first of a series of lectures arranged by the faculty for the fall session of the college. The subject used by Mr. Abiley was "Political Readjustment in the South."

THE WORK OF THE SYNOD NOW DONE The Next Place of Meet- ing Red Springs SUNDAY SCHOOL WORK Address by Dr. A. E. Phillips on the Status of this Labor by the Presbyterians in this State the Event of the Final Day.

(By the Associated Press.)
Durham, N. C., Nov. 18.—The event of the last day of the Synod that towers above all there was the address by Dr. A. L. Phillips, the Assembly's secretary of Sabbath Schools and Young People's Societies. Dr. Phillips is a speaker who, in his own inimitable way, holds his audience in rapt attention to the last word. He spoke of the present status of the Presbyterian Sunday School work in North Carolina, and in most eloquent manner painted one of the supreme issues involved in the work among the young people.

THE NEIDENFELS FLOATED. Bremen, Nov. 18.—The German steamer Neidenfels, from Savannah, October 31, for this port, before reported aground in the Weser, has disengaged part of her cargo and was floated with assistance.

HOT WORK TODAY 'Twill Be Root Hog or Die 'Twixt Yale and Harvard.

(By the Associated Press.)
New Haven, Conn., Nov. 18.—The annual Yale-Harvard football game in New Haven found the city in and about Yale University completely in the hands of the advance guard of the mighty horns which tomorrow will be sent to Yale field to see the gridiron battle.

RESCUED BY THE GRENADA. New York, Nov. 18.—After eighteen hours in an open boat six men of the Philadelphia schooner Emily H. Naylor, were rescued by the steamer Grenada, which arrived here today.

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THEN WHY INSULT THAT HALF? "I Am Half a Southerner Myself," Says the President. The South's Interest Are Dear to Me.

(By the Associated Press.)
Washington, Nov. 18.—Colonel John S. Mosby received a few months ago a letter from Judge Roubalac of Birmingham, Ala., commenting on the attitude of the Southern people toward the President personally. Colonel Mosby sent the letter to Oyster Bay, as he thought the sentiments expressed in it by a Confederate veteran would be gratifying to the President. He received a reply which he has not published during the campaign, as he felt that the President's motives in writing the letter would be misconstrued. The letter is as follows:

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(By the Associated Press.)
New York, Nov. 18.—Although two full court days had been taken up in securing seven of the twelve jurors who will decide the fate of Nan Patterson, the former show girl, who is charged with the murder of William Young, the incidents in the court room have tended to keep up interest in the case. The receipt of a letter telling of an important new witness and the fact that during the examination of a witness, of another person, believed to be an eye witness, were the principal events of these incidents. The text of the letter which Mr. Levy received was given out today. It was written in German and signed by "L. Black." The writer claims to have witnessed the struggle in the cab and says that he saw Young with a revolver pointed against his own breast and fire.

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