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# SPARK EXPLODES GASOLINE TANK

**MANY LIVES LOST AND PROPERTY DAMAGE IS ESTIMATED AT $500,000.**

## SAFER TO HANDLE DYNAMITE

**Expert Says Gasoline and Benzine Vapor is an Invisible and Powerful Death Agent.**

A large number of lives were lost by the explosion of a 250-barrel tank car of gasoline near the Santa Fe freight offices in Ardmore, Okla. Accurring in the afternoon of September 27, the explosion shook down many buildings and threw burning gasoline in every direction. By 6:30 p. m. the fires were under control. The property damage is estimated at $500,000. It was necessary to place the city under martial law, owing to the excitement caused. A spark from a hammer is said to have caused the explosion, as two workmen were repairing the leaking tank car. Both were killed

"It is safer to handle dynamite than it is to keep gasoline or benzine in a dwellinghouse or factory," said C. Albert Gasser, chief of the Bureau of Combustibles of Newark, N. J., in Safety Engineering for August. These inflammable fluids are equally dangerous, wherever handled or stored, unless handled properly. "The vapor of benzine and gasoline is not visible ordinarily, and herein lies the danger," Captain Gasser added: "If it were a cloud of dust you could see it and get out of the way; but it is a part of the very atmosphere and you cannot see it. Depend upon it, however, the vapor is all about you, a danger which threatens death, although an invisible agent."

Charles E. Worthington, of Boston, discussing the dangers of gasoline, in Safety Engineering for September, observed: "It is in the 'migrating' quality that the greatest hazard of gasoline or naphtha lies. Most explosives require fire to be brought to them, but naphtha searches out the fire. It will run in a stream along the ground, fol low down a stairway, seek out a crack in a floor at a considerable distance, and finding the fire flash it back until it reaches the point where the mixture of air and vapor is explosive (that point always exists somewhere) and ignite the vapor upon the surface (the equivalent of igniting the material). Instances are very numerous of this occurring at distances exceding 50 feet, in many cases approximiating 300 feet, and as concerns those under 50 feet, almost innumerable."

Owing to the characteristic of gasoline vapor just mentioned, it may be that the Ardmore explosion was caused by the striking of a match, or by a flame from some other cause, some distance from the tank car. The principal comment at the moment is that gasoline is as dangerous as dynamite, under certain conditions.—Minn. Bulletin.

## YOU CAN NEVER ASCERTAIN

**The Beach Is Evidently a Most Bewildering Place to Size Up Social Pedigrees.**

For the last time they met on the beach.

"I am sorry if what I am compelled to say pains you," he said, "but my royal relatives would never consent to my marrying a woman of low blood. Whenever one of us De Bitsies have mixed beneath us our rich blue blood turns in our children to a disagreeable orange color. But, needless to say, I have enjoyed our little affair tremendously, and I trust that we part the best of friends."

"Assuredly, your highness," replied the beautiful thing. "I shall return to my humble job in the kitchen happy in the knowledge that one of your rank has condescended to stoop to my level. And now go, Henry, if you please, here comes my employer."

"The Duke de Swobbits!" exclaimed the other, and moved off just as the famous nobleman joined the beautiful thing.

"Well!" he heard the duke say fondly, "I hope my little American wife hasn't been flirting again!"

"Well, I'm another!" muttered Henry, and, repairing to the barroom of the Seaside pazaz, he donned his apron and began work for the day.

**Concerning the Dolomites.**

The fairyland about Cortina is familiar to thousands of English tourists as "The Dolomites." Dolomite, a rock compounded of carbonate of lime and carbonate of magnesia, takes its name from the French geologist "Deodat de Gratet, Marquis de Dolomeiu," who spent his time in 1789 and the following year, while his countrymen were busy with revolution and war, in visiting this and other Alpine districts. He first mentions this kind of rock in 1791, and the word "Dolomite" first occurs in a pamphlet of 1802 describing a tour of his in the Alps about the St. Gothard and the Simplon. The curious point, noted by Mr. Coolidge, is that the marquis seems to have paid no attention to the dolomite rocks in the neighborhood of his own home, Dolomeiu, near Grenoble.—London Chronicle.

**The Parallel.**

"Their mother treats those boys as if they were kittens."

"It would be better for them if she did, for then she would give them a licking every day."

**New Yorkers Are Milk Drinkers.**

Milk is becoming the favorite drink of residents of New York city, according to recent statistics of the health department, and the number of licensed saloons is decreasing. It is reported that the consumption of milk has increased in the city 50 per cent in ten years.

# ORCHESTRA IS LAST NUMBER TO COME

The sixth and last of the Lyceum attractions will be at the Hub theatre Tuesday March 7, and the board for reserved seats will be open at Lutz's drug store Monday morning at 9 o'clock.

With the delightful entertainment of the Weatherwax Brothers still in mind, readers will welcome this coming attraction, with regret only that it is the last of these splendid numbers that the lyceum committee has provided for the entertainment of the people.

When the Weatherwax Brothers were told that Schildkret's Hungarian Orchestra was to follow them as the last of the numbers they said "the best is yet to come."

Schildkret's Hungarian Orchestra, Samuel Schildkret, director, is one of the best known organization of its kind in America. Mr. Schildkret has appeared widely on both the Chautauquas and Lyceum course for more than 9 years yast, everywhere greeted with a degree of enthusiasm seldom tendered a musical organization.

The Schildkret Hungarian Orchestra is probably more widely known today than any other Hungarian Orchestra in this country. As a director, Samuel Schildkret can get as much music out of six men as many directors will get from an orchestra of ten.

Mr. Schildkret and his orchestra first became known during the World's Fair, Chicago. The members had then just recently come to this country from their native land and their work was attracting considerable attention when, through Mrs. Potter Palmer, chairman of the woman's committee of the world's fair, they were engaged for the Columbian exposition. Mr. Schildkret and his men have not only played at the home of Mrs. Potter Palmer but also at the homes of Mrs. Marshall Field, Mrs. Harold McCormick, and other widely known social leaders.

While in Washington, Mr. Schildkret played at the Washington Park Club at an event attended by Miss Alice Roosevelt. Later on he was invited to play at the Roosevelt-Longworth wedding, but was unable to go on account of other engagements.

## ALWAYS ON BRINK OF DEATH

**Workers in High Explosives Realize What May Be the Result of a Moment's Carelessness.**

Explosives are solids which, under certain conditions, suddenly change into heated gas occupying many times the original space of the solids. Ordinary gunpowder, when fired, turns into gas, of which the volume is 4,000 times as great as that of the powder. No wonder the bullet in front of it leaves the muzzle of the rifle in a hurry.

Today there are scores, even hundreds, of different sorts of explosives known to science. Some, such as lyddite, require a very considerable shock to explode them. Others, such as nitroglycerin, are fearfully dangerous to handle, for a few extra degrees of warmth or a very slight jar is sufficient to turn them instantly into gas.

Of the latter type there is nothing quite so unstable as iodide of nitrogen. It has to be made in alcohol. When allowed to dry it appears as a brown powder, and so unstable is this powder that a touch with a feather will set it off. The experiment has been tried of leaving a few grains upon a table mixed with a few grains of sugar. The first bluebottle that flew on the table and began to crawl among the grains caused an explosion.

The mere jarring of the air by a loud shout or a heavy footstep is sufficient to detonate iodide of nitrogen, and it need hardly be added that no one in his senses would attempt to make this terrible stuff. To do so in any quantity would be equivalent to committing suicide.

Nitroglycerin is not so dangerous as this iodide, but at a temperature of only 100 degrees—that is, very little more than the warmth of the human body—it begins to decompose.

Tons of nitroglycerin are turned out every day, for it is the explosive from which guncotton is made. But all the mixing vats are artificially cooled by coils of cold-water pipes.

## GREATEST OF ICE PALACES

**That Constructed by the Czarina Anne of Russia Is Conceded to Have Been the Finest.**

Ice for architectural purposes is used with wonderful results in northern countries. Probably the most remarkable building constructed wholly of ice was the palace built on the Neva by the Czarina Anne of Russia. Large blocks of ice were cut and squared with great care and laid on one another by skillful masons, who cemented the joints with water, which immediately froze. The building, when completed, was 56 feet long, 17¾ feet broad and 21 feet high. It was of but one story. The facade contained a door surmounted by an ornamental pediment, and six windows, the frames and panes of which were all of ice. An elaborate balustrade adorned with statues ran along the top of the facade, and another balustrade surrounded the building at the level of the ground. The ground was further adorned with a life-size figure of an elephant, with his mahout on his back. A stream of water was thrown from the elephant's trunk by day and a flame of naphtha by night.

A tent of ice contained a hot bath, in which persons actually bathed. There were also several cannons and mortars of ice, which were loaded with bullets of ice and iron and discharged.

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**Meant in Kindness.**

A policeman had told two old vagabonds sitting in the park to move on, and as I followed them along the street one of them said:

"Jim, I think he means us kindly."

"Yes, I think he does, too."

"He knows that we'd be apt to sit there until we got a chill and then pneumonia and death might follow."

"That's it."

"Whereas, if he tells us to move on we keep our blood circulating, avoid all danger, and are spared to our friends and the world."

"That's correct."

"Which is very kindly of him indeed, Jim; and if it so happens that we meet him again, we'll impress it on his mind that we know how to feel grateful, even if we bean't high-toned nor rich!"—Baltimore American.

**Division of Races.**

The division of the earth's population according to race is as follows: Indo-Germanic or Aryan race (white), occupying Europe, America, Persia, India and Austria, about 775,000,000; Mongolian or Turanian (yellow and brown), living in Asia, about 682,000,000, Semitic (white), living in Asia, Arabia, etc., about 65 000,000; negro and Bantu (black), found in Africa, about 150,000,000; Malay and Polynesian (brown), inhabiting Australia, about 35,000,000; American Indian (red), found in North and South America, number, including half breeds, about 25,000,000.

# OPERATORS WILL BANQUET MARCH 2

Southern Railway operators of Asheville division will hold their annual banquet at Hotel Huffman day night, March 25, and 50 and 60 operators and their will sit down at the table. The of the banquet have not been out.

## TWO POWERFUL SERMONS AT HOLY TRINITY

Rev. W. E. Murray of Hickory Lutheran church, delivered two impressive and edifying sermons his church yesterday. Members they had heard many good but that the sermons of yesterday celled any they have ever pleasure to hear. They were ed, drawn direct from the God. All who heard them were ed with the sweet messages in the discourses.

All who failed to hear the missed two very elevating sermons. Along with the service the congregation listened rapture to a solo, "Beautiful High," rendered by Miss Lenoir College.

## TUG AIDS SUBMARINE

Washington, March 6.—A tug Peoria reported to the partment late yesterday picked up the disabled sub and was towing her to The K-6 developed engine while bound for Key West noeuvres and was reported off Jupiter inlet with the Macdonough standing by she came to no harm. was ordered out from Pensacola her in.


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