

NEW YORK SHAKEN AND HUNDREDS IN- JURED BY FRIGHT- FUL EXPLOSION

Disaster Believed by Authorities to Have Been Caused by an Infernal Machine Set off by Radicals.

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 31 persons were killed, more than 200 were injured, the banking house of J. P. Morgan and company, 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. Larmont 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.

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. In two minutes 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 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 were also 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.

Chief Police Inspector Lahey reported late today that he had found evidence to justify the conclusion that the explosion was caused by a huge bomb loaded with TNT—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 buildings within a radius of several hundred feet from the scene of the explosion.

**Father Required to Pay
For Son's Education**

Wilmington, Sept. 14.—U. B. Spindle, white, was this morning required to deposit with the Superior court of New Hanover county the sum of \$1,000, which is to be used in trust to send Gilbert Spindle, 13-year-old son of the former, to school for three years. This action was taken after the recorder had found the defendant guilty of cruelly beating the child.

Court officers and spectators declared that the child was the worst whipped ever seen in the New Hanover county court house. Spindle did not deny having whipped the boy but said that he had no idea he was inflicting such punishment.

Scarred and bruised and carrying gashes as much as three inches long on his back and at least half a dozen on his face, the boy was looked upon with sympathy by many people while the case was being tried and there were those who wondered that he had not been permanently injured. He was sent to the James Walker Memorial hospital for treatment and when he is entirely well will be sent off to school at his father's expense. His father will not have custody of the child for three years.

Telling it To 'em.

We thank you good people very much for the good words of commendation you have spoken in our behalf in our feeble effort to try and get the people to quit their meanness. These kind words do us a lot of good and are highly appreciated. And for you, little narrow-minded sapsheads that haven't got enough gray matter in your heads to burst a soap bubble, that abuse us, we don't give a cuss.—Swainsboro (Ga.) Forest Blade.

BOTTOM DROPS OUT OF DANVILLE TOBACCO

Sixty Thousand Pounds Sell at Average of \$15.10.

Danville, Va., Sept. 20.—To the dismay of tobacco growers and warehousemen alike, the bottom literally dropped out of the tobacco market this morning when something like 60,000 pounds of the weed, the season's first offering sold for a general average of \$15.10, compared with \$28 of last year.

The auctioneers and those who "drum up" the trade during the late summer months had told the farmers not to expect too much, but also that they might expect a little better than the prices paid at the opening of the North Carolina market.

They were little short of demoralized when common grades which would have been snapped up for \$30 last year brought \$8 and \$10 with difficulty. Lugs of good color brought \$35, and while the figures looked good on the tickets, the farmers wagged their heads and said "how about \$80 last year?"

The immediate result of today's sales, which lasted for about an hour and half, was a number of gesticulating farmers on the street corners talking about "the trust" and the robbing of industrious men who have to till the soil for a living. No sooner had the sales finished when scores of planters turned their tickets and put their tobacco back into motor trucks and farm wagons and carried it back to the country. Many of the planters were for an immediate mass meeting and the adoption of resolution, but calmer counsel prevailed and the growers were told that they had already by the action of the mass meeting on Saturday taken steps to present a united front and that nothing could be done until the Association of Growers of the Piedmont Belt was formally in being.

The growers were told to go to their homes and to await developments. One of the committeemen appointed to draft plans for organization said that the organization would demand to know why it was that tobacco prices have reached such a low level and that they would carry their cry to Congress if they failed to get material results by their own efforts.

The opening sales were small in comparison to former years, showing that many of the growers are holding back their crops to see what trend prices took. There were nearly as many farmers here today, however, as there were on Saturday, a large crowd following the sales and taking stock of the situation with their own eyes.

Good tobacco, what little of it was in evidence, brought as good a price as it did last year, but good tobacco is not as plentiful as it was last year, and the great preponderance of the crop is of mediocre quality. While the larger farmers are in a more independent condition and can afford to withhold their crop for a long time, there are scores of "one-horse" farmers, tenants who have large outstanding obligations to be redeemed within the next 60 and 90 days. These are the men who are hardest hit; also those younger farmers who bought land at abnormal prices and who are expected to make payments on notes due just about now.

The general collapse caused by the opening today is expected to give impetus to the movement to organize the growers, and the committeemen from North Carolina and Virginia who are to meet tomorrow, it was said today, would hasten to get the body into shape in order that they can "talk business." Nearly everybody was asking why the depreciation in prices was so strong and there was a tendency to blame politics for producing the present situation.

The buyers simply stood pat and repeated what they have been saying frequently of late, that the farmers had been warned not to expect abnormal prices for tobacco as a permanent in view of the fact that the domestic users are well stocked with the product and the demand in Europe practically cut off by reason of economic conditions.

Little or no tobacco is expected to be sold for the next few days. It will take some time for the farmers to react from today's shock and there will be a period of uncertainty as to what to do until the growers' organization takes united action and instills some hope of accomplishment in the heart of the depressed planters.

As matters stood tonight, the Danville market was in danger of being closed down until next Monday. This evening the farmers held a mass meeting attended by 3,000 men, at which resolutions were passed decrying bankrupt prices and calling on the planters of Virginia and North Carolina to sell no more tobacco until a compact organization can be formed next Saturday, when the planters are called to meet at the tabernacle here. Another resolution called on the Danville Warehouse corporation to close its five warehouses. A committee waited on the directors of the combine, who, while favoring the closing, said that the Danville Tobacco association would have to consent. A meeting of the tobacco association was called for tomorrow.

One Thousand Refugees in Asia Minor Starve to Death

Constantinople, Sept. 12.—Fifteen hundred refugees have arrived in Ismid, Asia Minor, from the village of Kiraali, after having wandered 40 days in the wilderness and the uncharted valleys of the mountains, at the mercy of bandits. They report having lost 1,000 persons by starvation and other privations.

DEMOCRATS SERIOUSLY ARE IN NEED OF COIN

Chairman White Says Maine Was a Luxury Democrats Could Not Afford.

New York, Sept. 14.—Commenting on the result of yesterday's election in Maine, George White, chairman of the Democratic national committee, today issued the following statement: "This is the Republican's day of rejoicing. They planned, labored and paid for it and I would not by any stretch of mine rob them of any of their need of joy. With a splendid organization and with the expenditure of every effort possible to great financial success for this state election in that hope of persuading the country that the trend is heavily Republican in the national race.

"Had the Democratic party been presented the same opportunity in a state where the trumpet call of Democracy means as much as the clarion of Republicanism in Maine, we should have made as nearly the same efforts possible with the same psychology in mind. "We shall have votes for the league in November from thousands of the men and women who supported Col. Parkhurst. On a certain morning in November our time for rejoicing will come, and in the meantime we gaze cheerfully upon today's Republican demonstration and do not begrudge to them at all."

Chairman White, in a statement issued later today, referring to the newspaper reports from Maine that the Republican organization there was "active and widespread" while the Democrats were "weak and feeble of resource," said in part:

"That is true. Perhaps the general public will be interested in the reason for this contrast.

"We are honestly but desperately poor. The poor man must pick and choose his expenditures. Lacking the purse to purchase luxuries, he confines himself to necessities. He cannot afford steak and mushrooms so he substitutes comfortably on bacon and beans. The result often is that he outlives the rich man across whose table seven indigestible courses pass in nightly procession before a jaded appetite.

"Maine was a luxury to us in a state election. We could not afford it, and so we charged it off long ago. We did not organize it; we did not fill its tables with literature and its ears with oratory. The Republicans knew this and with a conventional sense of political psychology set out to roll up the biggest majority possible, for its effect on the country.

Our kingdom is a-coming, and the crossing of the Jordan is near at hand.

"But we do not conceal that the Democratic national committee is seriously put to it in the matter of money. We are hopeful that we will find enough to make ends meet and that we will be able to place in the field behind our dauntless commander an effective army, if a small one. The fight he is making is not one to be lost because millions are withheld from the Democratic committee by those who have them. Manna fell in the wilderness, and we look with hope to the moral forces of this nation, for whose issues we stand, not to permit our campaign to starve."

McSWINEY'S SACRIFICE MAY SAVE MANY LIVES

His Brother at Asheville so Believes Family is Reconciled to his Fate.

Asheville, Sept. 15.—Believing that every means to save his brother, Lord Mayor Terence MacSwiney, has been exhausted and that his sacrifice will result in saving the lives of hundreds of innocent men, members of the immediate family of the lord mayor of Cork will make no effort to dissuade him from his purpose, according to Peter Joseph MacSwiney, brother of the imprisoned Irish official, who is here on a visit to his sister, Rev. Madam Margaret MacSwiney, of the College of Saint Genevieve, of the Pines.

Early tonight Madam MacSwiney and her brother awaited quietly the news relating to the condition of their brother. The last message they had from him reads as follows:

"In life or death, victory is ours. In death we shall be even greater. This makes our end happy. God is watching over us and our trust is in Him. We shall triumph. Love and blessings from all—Terry."

The message was introduced with the following comment: "Dominic read news to MacSwiney. Later, with difficulty, paused and whispered this message to father, who transmitted it on the back of an envelop."

Tobacco Price Averages the Past Eighteen Years.

Wilson, Sept. 20.—The following tabulation shows how tobacco has been tangoing up and down the price scale for the past 18 years, proving that diversification should be the slogan of the farmers that they should not put all their eggs in one basket nor count their chickens before they are hatched. These prices give the year and the prices received per 100 pounds for the weed: 1902, \$10.90; 1903, \$9.79; 1904, \$9.90; 1905, \$8.42; 1906, \$10.71; 1907, \$10.98; 1908, \$9.84; 1909, \$8.49; 1910, \$10.77; 1911, \$14.79; 1912, \$19.88; 1913, \$19.60; 1914, \$13.38; 1915, \$12.16; 1916, \$20.25; 1917, \$30.87; 1918, \$36.01; 1919, \$53.00.

The averages are now not half of what was received for last year's crop and planters are wisely concluding that their own salvation is to organize and farm intelligently.

TOOK DEAD PAL'S TAG AND NAME IN FRANCE

Came Back and Hid Himself Under This Disguise Till Taken For Murder.

Knoxville, Tenn., Sept. 12.—Despite the fact he is said to have hidden his identity by changing army identification tags with a pal killed in the trenches in France, Joe L. Chapman, alias Jack Schmid, was arrested by Knoxville officers and returned to Harlan, Ky., today for the murder of Marion Carter, at that place, August 11, 1917. Chapman, according to the authorities, admitted the murder, claiming self defense.

According to the story told by Chapman to Knoxville detectives, he fled to Colorado following the killing, and was caught in the first draft in 1918. In France, during a battle his friend was killed beside him in the trenches. He conceived the idea of hiding his identity by adopting the dead man's name. Changing identification tags, he says he lost himself in the advance and attached himself to another unit with which he served during the war. He also says he served in Siberia, was honorably discharged and last week re-enlisted in the army and was to go this week to Angel Island, Calif., for duty with the sixth cavalry. Police say his military record has been checked.

Chapman was caught in Chattanooga by two Knoxville detectives through a school day sweeper at that city for the purpose of marrying. He had the license to wed in his pocket when arrested at the depot in that city on the arrival of the girl. He had a good army record and was mentioned in orders for bravery both in France and Siberia, his discharge shows.

Republicans Make a Loud Call For the Calf Rope

The latest effort of the Republican management of the campaign to interfere with the operation of the absentee voters' law at the approaching November general election, may be regarded right at the start for what it is—a loud call for the calf rope.

Meantime Chairman Warren is advising all voters (especially school teachers, male and female), who expect to be absent from their homes during the registration period (Sept. 30 to Oct. 20), to demand their right to register at any time before that period, which they can do by applying to the chairman of the county board of elections in their respective home counties.

The suit instituted by the Republican campaign management at Greensboro in the name of the Republican candidate for State treasurer, J. J. Jenkins, to secure an injunction restraining the State Board of Elections and the State Auditor and the State Auditor from sending out absentee voters' blanks, etc., will be heard in Raleigh today by Judge Kerr. The application is based on the alleged "unconstitutionality" of the law, and as able lawyers say there is nothing but a Republican trick to it, Judge Kerr will probably have no hesitation in dismissing it.

The Republicans can appeal from his decision and if they do a decision from the Supreme Court will be secured before the time for election. The law is really an admirable one and secures to many qualified voters the exercise of their right, which otherwise their unavoidable absence from the home precinct would deprive them from voting. The Republicans evidently think more Democrats are protected in this way than Republicans. Hence the desire to have the law put out of commission.

In reality and all reason this bonehead stunt on the part of the Republicans may be regarded as more a cry of distress than anything else.

Senator Harding, Republican candidate for President, was put on record early in the campaign, when labor forced his hand, as to the absentee voters, law, and he declared for it in his State and all other States that have such a law, as being of much benefit to all citizens in the exercise of their right to vote when compelled to be temporary absent from their home.

Former Elkin Pastor Dead.

The remains of Rev. R. P. Blevins, who was accidentally killed at his home in Riverton, Wyoming, Tuesday of last week passed here Monday on the noon train for Wilkesboro. They were accompanied by his widow and brothers. Mrs. J. Henry Tarpe joined the funeral party here. Mr. Blevins had been fishing and was using a metal rod and as he was returning home he stopped at the Electric Power house, and the metal rod in his hand touched a live wire forming a circuit and sending several hundred volts of electricity through his body, causing instant death. The remains were buried Tuesday, but we have no particulars in regard to the funeral exercises. A few years ago Mr. Blevins served the Baptist church here as pastor for eighteen months very acceptably and he had many warm friends among the entire citizenship who will be pained to hear of his untimely death.—The Elkin Tribune.

Administrators Notice.

Having qualified as administrator of the estate of J. D. Blizzard, deceased, this is to notify all persons owing said estate to pay the undersigned at once, all persons holding claims against said estate will file them with the undersigned within one year from the date hereof, if not, this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery.

This the 20th day of Sept. 1920.
E. A. Hannah, Adm. of J. D. Blizzard, deceased. 10-29-c
Edw. M. Linville, Atty.

BENSON SHOWS TO PLAY MOUNT AIRY FAIR

16 Cars Required to Carry Show. Will Arrive Monday Before Fair.

Snakes, Dancers, Mind Readers And Magicians Will Run Riot in Entertainment.

Not quite the "biggest show on earth" but nevertheless a pretty large aggregation of tented amusements is due to visit Mount Airy next week. The Benson Shows, consisting of three kinds of rides and eight shows, including freaks, snakes, and displays of magic will open for business next Monday at two p. m.

The Benson Shows have been brought here by Hose Company No. 2, who vouch for them as having been inspected and found clean and wholesome. The same group was to have come here for the last carnival but failed to make railroad connections and another outfit was substituted.

The performers and their equipment will arrive from Madison, where they are playing this week, in a train of ten freight cars Sunday at 2 o'clock. They will begin unloading on the Orchard Street Grounds at once and will be ready to open the following day at the same hour.

Band concerts at two and seven each day will be another feature of these notable exhibitions. The uniformed band of the James M. Benson's Shows will parade through Mount Airy, marching through the center of town and out to the show-grounds.

Press Will Go Too.

This affable press agent is a pleasant and agreeable chap who has promised the News some free tickets, thus enabling the press, which ordinarily stays at home, to get in on the fun.

He is very proud of a new "ride," the whip—and when he describes the fascination of this attraction his eyes light up with a holy zeal. He refused to admit that it has only been since the sixteenth of January that he has liked the "Whip"—but we accept this statement with reservations when he tells of the exhilarating influence of this novelty.

Other rides include a Ferris wheel which soars to an altitude of sixty feet and a regulation merry-go-round with horses, chariots, rings and possibly an ostrich or a giraffe or so. The press agent recommends either of these rides for any one who has never attended a political convention. He says you get off at the same place you start.

The compelling attractions are varied in their nature. The original Aimee who does serpentine and butterfly dancing will be there in every bit of her glory. She has a great deal of glory, so it is said. The p. a. hesitated when he was asked to reduce the original Aimee to terms of measurement, in glory or otherwise.

This fair damsel, according to the same authority, has performed all over the world, including a long period of time spent in the best variety houses in France. An engagement with Oscar Hammerstein in New York was recently completed.

A Wrigley Kid.

Some of her dances are most snaky but she particularly prides herself on her butterfly dances. She uses ten different dresses for these dances, costing an average of \$1,500.00 each. In each hand she carries sixty-five yards of silk, which adds to the graceful gauzy butterfly effect.

"Mysterious Abbott" is another astounder. Disappearing acts are daily with him. Trunk mysteries and such are just meat and drink to him. He calls upon representatives from the audience, preferably small boys, the smaller the better, to assist him in some of his tricks. He causes small boys to disappear from boxes, chests, and will himself submit to being handcuffed and locked in a trunk, while people sit on it, and to their consternation find their erstwhile prisoner walking down the aisle from some where in the audience.

That's not all that can be credited to the "Mysterious Abbott" either. We have the p. a.'s words for it he is an artist for art's sake. He uses filthy lucre to satisfy the greed of merchants who demand pecuniary return for their wares, but he has only to reach out in thin air to grasp half dollars and drop them rattling in his pocket. Truly a wonderful person, this "Mysterious Abbott," and one to be envied, especially by newspaper men.

Open Minded Copey.

Madame Copey, in still another tent will read the minds of any one who cares to have his thoughts pried into the open. It is said that at this time of year her tent is always entirely surrounded by politicians who eagerly listen to her exposures of the public's mind in order to learn their fates in days to come. She can call by name, so it was explained, persons whom she had never seen before and tell them things about themselves that they more than suspected before.

The famous Frank A. Robbins of the Robbins Circus will have a collection of freaks such as have never before been seen in Mount Airy. They're all alive, count 'em, all alive. Three-legged boys, two-headed babies that cry twice as hard as the ordinary varieties, Japanese midgets, waltzing mice—oh, all sorts of curiosities from all parts of the world. Frank A. Robbins is the man who is able to combine ten shows in one and get away with it.

The "Shooting the Rapids, Crazy House, Nuttier than the Nut-house" is a place of thrills and apparent

danger. After going through this place, so says the affable p. a., any one can look with out perturbation even upon matrimony in its most appalling aspects.

Amy's Minstrel is a jazzy aggregation of twenty real negroes of most decided African blood. It is the best plantation show on the road in America today was the modest claim put forward for this entertainment.

The snake show—sure, there is a snake show. No carnival is complete without a snake show. Carnival snake shows are still legal.

The snake show is the proud possessor of Betty, a huge African (not related to the minstrel show) python rock snake of prodigious appetite, is twenty-seven feet long and consumes as many as twelve or fifteen rabbits or chickens at one meal. She, he or it has a waist the size of a telephone pole, the largest size telephone, and lives in peace with a small, white faced monkey. Dorothy or Angeline once started to swallow her small companion prisoner, but attendants quickly grabbed the petite simian and dragged it out of the jaws of death.

The snake was captured when it was a mere infant of only one year, and has grown in years and weight until now she is a dapper, spotted creature of eleven years and eleven times eleven and then some pounds in weight. She eats once a month regularly, but small animals, such as chickens and rabbits are continually kept in the cage with her so that if she gets hungry between meals there will be a delicacy at hand. She is expected to live seventy or eighty years more.

There are other snakes in the snake show. Rattlers, cop, heads and blacksnakes—everything but pink and blue ones. The only snake bite cure used by the mistress of this den of reptiles is a sort of salve that is rubbed on the spots where she has been bitten.

There will be booths where one may try his skill for prizes to be awarded to the truly skillful. The amiable publicity man was most insistent that we call attention to the fact no gambling would be permitted on the show grounds and that these games of skill were not in any way gambling games. Every contestant will get a prize, some better than others.

"These shows are straight," said our informant. "We haven't been any place yet where we couldn't get a return engagement. We work this game to come back again, because if you 'get in dutch' in a town you're queered there for life and we gotta take care of the future.

Mrs. Benson, he informed us, travels with her husband in what she calls her rolling bungalow. A railway box car has been fitted up with parlor, bedroom and bath as well as kitchen and dining room. It is a palace on wheels, according to the glowing descriptions we were given, and any one who may be invited aboard may consider himself lucky indeed.

Connecticut Ratifies Suffrage Amendment.

Hartford, Conn. Sept. 14.—In defiance of Governor Marcus H. Hallcomb, who, in a message, had said that it might not pass any measures save those which it had been specifically called to consider, the Connecticut general assembly today, in special session adopted a resolution ratifying the 19 amendment to the United States constitution. Still in defiance, it adopted in concurrence two pieces of general legislation although the governor had given warning that he would "pocket" any measures so adopted.

The governor, taking the position that the right of women to vote legally at the November election may be jeopardized by a decision in Tennessee which would nullify ratification by that state—the 36th to ratify—personally gave notice to members by a proclamation read by him after his message to the session which had just opened of a special session to be held next Tuesday specifically to act upon the 19th amendment.

Although the legislature today ratified the amendment, the coming special session will again do this.

Adjudged to be Dead Administrator Named

Greensboro, N. C., Sept. 16.—Oscar W. Hoskins, formerly of High Point, who has not been heard from by his relatives in over ten years, was officially adjudged to be dead, according to a decision made by clerk of the Court M. W. Gant, on yesterday. Bascom Hoskins, of High Point, a brother of the alleged deceased, was appointed administrator of the estate.

Mr. Hoskins left his home in High Point about twenty years ago. For a period he corresponded with members of his family but over ten years have elapsed since any word was heard from him. Advertisements seeking some information as to his whereabouts were made by the family but no news has been received. Under such circumstances a person is legally dead after the expiration of seven years. The estate was estimated to be worth about \$2,200 and the administrator was required to give bond in the sum of \$4,400.

Fine Granulated Sugar Drops to 14 1-2 Cents

New York, Sept. 15.—Another break in the sugar market occurred today when the Federal Sugar Refining company dropped its list price for fine granulated to 14 1-2 cents, meeting the price at which "second hand" granulated has been selling for some time past. While other refiners maintained their list price of 15 cents it is known that at least one of them was accepting orders at the 14 1-2 cent basis.