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THIRTEEN MEN BLOWN UP IN EXPLOSION

Boilers in Ice Plant Explode, Killing Thirteen and Injuring Eighteen Others

THE PLANT SHATTERED

Some of the Bodies Literally Blown to Pieces and Buildings More Than a Mile Away Were Rocked and Glass Broken—Cause of the Disaster Unknown—Investigation Begun—Buildings Badly Wrecked and the Boiler Blown to Bits—Scores of People Swarm to the Scene—Cries Heard in Wreckage.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)
Pittsfield, Mass., Dec. 29—Thirteen men were blown into eternity and eighteen others were injured today when the boilers in the plant of the Morewood Lake Ice Company exploded with a roar that could be heard for miles. The plant was shattered and some of the boilers were literally blown to pieces.

The disaster is the worst that ever occurred in Pittsfield.

The plant is located a mile and a half from the city but the force of the detonation was so great that houses were rocked in Pittsfield and windows broken.

Ambulances and doctors were immediately rushed from the House of Mercy Hospital.

William Dunn, engineer in charge of the boilers, was among those instantly killed.

The others were those working in the engine room and the adjoining houses.

The most of the wounded were removed to the hospital, although some of them were hurt so bad that they were treated on the ground by doctors.

The confusion was so great around the plant that it was impossible to ascertain the cause of the disaster.

The buildings were badly wrecked and the boilers were blown to bits.

An investigation was at once started.

Scores of people from this town and surrounding country, terrified by the force of the explosion, swarmed to the scene of the calamity.

Among those were wives and children of the dead men who were almost crazed by grief, many of them fighting to get near the dead bodies that had been recovered.

Survivors of the disaster told harrowing stories. One wounded man said he was at work in the storage plant when a noise like the firing of a battery of artillery sounded in his ears and he was hurled against the wall as though thrown by a giant hand.

Then began a rain of wreckage, he said, which covered everything.

An army of workmen set to work removing the wreckage that covered the bodies of the dead and wounded. Cries could be heard from beneath the debris which showed that some of those imprisoned still lived.

Story of Disaster.

Pittsfield, Mass., Dec. 29—Fourteen men were killed and a score injured by the explosion of a boiler in the Morewood Lake Ice Company's.

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MANY PLEAD GUILTY TO SELLING VOTES

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)
West Union, O., Dec. 29—With one woman indicted for selling her son's vote in the recent election frauds here, voters from all over the country today continued to pour in and confess that they had received money for their ballots. The woman's name was not made public.

When the grand jury met this morning 82 true bills had been returned and about 200 more were expected to be returned today.

Judge Blair's methods in listening to the pleas of the guilty were extremely informal. He knows most of the voters by their first names.

"How about R. John? Are you guilty?" asked the judge.

"I reckon I am," was the usual answer, after which the prisoner was fined \$10 and disfranchised for five years and sentenced to six months in the work house. The latter part of the sentence was suspended.

BANKER ROBIN INDICTED

Grand Jury Returns Bill of Indictment

Specific Charge of Having Stolen \$80,000 From the Northern Bank of New York—Washington Savings Bank Closed This Afternoon.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)
New York, Dec. 29—Joseph G. Robin was this afternoon indicted by the grand jury for grand larceny on the specific charge of having stolen \$80,000 from the Northern Bank of New York.

Former District Attorney Jerome, Robin's counsel, appeared before Judge Crain in Part IV, General Sessions, and asked that bail of \$25,000 be fixed. This was agreed upon by District Attorney Whitman.

Mr. Jerome said he had given Robin's address to Mr. Whitman, and asked that a commission be sent to examine the banker to his sanity. He also asked that Robin be placed under guard.

The taking up of the case of Joseph G. Robin by the grand jury with a view of handing down a "detaiming indictment" which will enable the banker to be arrested at once, and the closing of the Washington Savings Bank, of which Robin is president, were included among the developments this afternoon in the banker's financial setbacks.

The Washington Savings Bank was closed by Superintendent of Banking O. H. Cheney, pending an examination into its condition. C. W. Hermon, state bank examiner, however, announced that so far nothing had been found to indicate that the bank was unsound.

The presenting of Robin's case to the grand jury by District Attorney Whitman came as a surprise. Previously Mr. Whitman had announced that he would wait until next Tuesday before presenting the case as a new grand jury will sit then.

It was learned, however, that the present grand jury was asked to consider the evidence against Robin as to his schemes which caused the suspension of the Northern Bank, so that the district attorney could establish a prima facie case and obtain what is known as a "detaiming indictment."

This will enable the district attorney to get out a warrant for Robin's arrest and hold him until the new grand jury can get into the case thoroughly and hand down a regular indictment.

Frederick Morris, Robin's confidential man, was the first witness called before the grand jury today.

OUT ON BAIL.

George Smith Liberated After Habeas Corpus Hearing Yesterday.

(Special to The Times.)
Goldboro, Dec. 29—In a habeas corpus hearing in this city this afternoon before Judge W. R. Allen, George J. Smith, the young white man who was placed in jail yesterday afternoon without bail, charged with the murder of Berger Smith on Christmas Eve night, was allowed to leave the prison this afternoon after giving bail for \$5,000. Judge Allen stated that he saw no evidence whatever which showed that the killing was in any way premeditated, therefore he could not see how the state would be justified in refusing to allow the defendant to give bail. The defendant was represented by Col. W. T. Dorich and Judge W. S. O. Robinson, while Attorney G. E. Hood represented the state acting as a proxy for the solicitor. No arguments were made by either side as it was a clear case in favor of the defendant.

It is not likely that any attempt whatever will be made to secure bail for the young fellow Moore charged with the killing of his step mother as the evidence points only to premeditated murder.

KNOX WANTS WAR.

Wants to Fight Japan, But Wants the Newspaper Men to Do All the Fighting.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)
Washington, Dec. 29—"Let war come. I am in favor of war with Japan," declared Secretary of State Knox, to a startled group of hearers at the white house today.

"Yes," added the secretary, as he smiled facetiously, "I am in favor of fighting the Japs, provided nobody has to enlist except the newspapermen, and they ought to all be put in the front ranks."

"There is absolutely nothing in this 'war scare,'" he continued. "Relations between Japan and the United States were never more cordial and friendly than they are now."

Knox Will Investigate.

Washington, Dec. 29—Secretary of State Knox will begin an investigation today of the reported flogging of William Barber, of Kentucky, and two other Americans, who are said to have been seized by Honduran police and soldiers at Puerto Archez, thrown into jail, and brutally lashed with whips, afterward deported on the Honduran gunboat Tatumbia to Guatemalan territory and landed penniless in the forests.



Professor Paul Ehrlich, of the famous Institute at Frankfurt-on-the-Main, Germany, to whom credit belongs for the discovery of a new substance which will drive from the human being every known disease. Dr. Samuel W. Lambert, dean of the New York College of Physicians and Surgeons, noted physician and leader in his profession, made known to the public the new find. Dr. Lambert says: "This new substance which has just been brought into existence, will drive from the human body all germs of every known disease. Its quality was discovered by accident by Prof. Ehrlich, while experimenting with the famous '606,' a specific which Prof. Paul Ehrlich discovered this year."

THE PRESIDENT MAY CALL EXTRA SESSION

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)
Washington, Dec. 29—That an extra session of congress to revise the tariff will be called by the president seems to be the general opinion among democratic representatives now in Washington. They believe that stand-pat republican leaders are quietly preparing to "steal their thunder" by a clever coup after March 4.

The democrats point to the fact that the appropriation bills are being rushed through the house at record-breaking speed and that the ways and means committee is willing to grant hearing on any schedule of the tariff. They believe there will be four or six weeks at the close of this session in which congress will have practically nothing to do, except prepare for a revision of the tariff in extra session. It is expected that those schedules against which public criticism has been most violent will be taken up first.

The democrats do not credit their opponents with any sincere desire to lower the present tariff rates, but say the proposed extra session will merely be a stratagem to influence public opinion.

One representative says he recently received a request from match manufacturers in his district asking for hearings on a certain schedule. He laid the matter before Representative Payne, chairman of the ways and means committee, not expecting the request would be given attention. To his surprise, however, he was informed it would be granted and that the committee intended to take up the schedule in question at the first opportunity.

Minister to Peru.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)
Washington, Dec. 29—Dr. Germain L. Martinez has been made minister of foreign affairs of Peru. He is Peruvian minister at Quito.

Prize Court Convention.

(By Cable to The Times.)
Bankok, Siam, Dec. 29—The Siamese minister at London has been instructed to sign the additional protocol of the prize convention.

Yellow Fever in Nicaragua.

Managua, Nicaragua, Dec. 29—Several cases of yellow fever have occurred here. An epidemic is feared.

FIGHTING HAS BEGUN

First, Blow in Honduras Revolution

Three Republics May Become Involved—Attack Made on Honduran Capital Today—Lee Christmas and Ex-President Bonilla at Head of Rebel Forces.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)
New Orleans, La., Dec. 29—The first blow of a revolution that may involve these Central American republics has been struck in Honduras, according to private telegrams received today. An attack is reported to have been made upon Tegucigalpa, the capital, and many acts reported killed in the fighting between President Davila's soldiers and the revolutionists.

The other two republics which are believed involved are Nicaragua and Guatemala, the former because the larger part of the revolutionary army was organized upon its territory and the latter because the government is accused by Davila of allowing or encouraging a port of entry for the filibuster Hornet which sailed from this city some time ago.

The present revolutionary army which is said in the cable reports to be the best drilled and armed ever put in the field in Honduras.

Lee Christmas, the American soldier of fortune, and ex-President Bonilla of Honduras, are reported to be in the field at the head of the rebel forces. They are said to be well equipped with machine guns and cartridges, which they have been to buy and equip the last few months forming regiments, battalions and companies until the rebels now show a better semblance of discipline than Davila's regular forces.

Davila is reported to have issued death warrants against both Christmas and Bonilla charging them with treason and conspiracy against the government and the regular troops have been instructed to take them prisoners if possible.

Hostility to Americans, principally on account of the activity of Christmas.

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Charles H. Markham, who was recently elected president of the Illinois Central Railroad. At forty-nine years of age he heads what many people believe to be one of the best railroads in the world, smothering over 7,000 miles of track, an array of 10,000 employees; the only double track route between Chicago and the Gulf, and a maker of 7 per cent dividends. Mr. Markham has educated himself. In fact, it is not recorded that he ever attended school. In 1881, not very far back, this end surveyor of roads and prospects was swinging a pick and shovel and putting ballast under the track of the Santa Fe road. While he worked he was studying the railroad situation, and his start internally at the foundation enabled him to figure the game out from the place where many railroad men say the railroad shows its strength—weak points—the track and roadbed.

MUNICIPAL LEAGUE COMMITTEE MET HERE

Last year at the annual meeting of the Municipal League, composed of the mayors of the various cities of the state, which was held in Winston-Salem, a committee was named and instructed to meet previous to the next annual meeting and submit several plans under consideration. Today this committee met here and discussed city taxation and various other city problems. Those who met here today were: E. N. Tate, High Point; C. W. Moore, Wilmington; James D. McNeill, Fayetteville; Mr. John Lamberton, Moore; J. S. Wayne and City Attorney Walter Clark, of this city.

The annual meeting of the Municipal League will be held in this city, beginning Wednesday, January 12th.

On Thursday, the 17th, this committee will be in session here to complete all its business, and finally to the league meeting, the following day.

After the meeting today Mayor Wayne and City Attorney Clark gave an automobile ride over the city, accompanied by the visiting members of the committee. All places of interest were visited.

TAKEN OUT ALIVE.

Buried in Tunnel of Smelter Plant For Twelve Hours.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)
El Paso, Tex., Dec. 29—Juanita Chaparro was taken alive from the tunnel of the smelter plant which blew up yesterday, after being entombed 12 hours. Two hundred cans of powder are still in the tunnel. They lend an element of danger to rescue work.

Several other living men are believed to be in the ruins and the rescuers are working desperately in rocky forests. Several of the workers have reported hearing signals from the interior of the pit.

Depoiting Japanese.

(By Cable to The Times.)
Manila, Dec. 29—The deportation of Japanese from the Philippine Islands started today. One man was deported as an undesirable and others, in whose homes large quantities of explosives are said to have been found, were turned over to the military authorities for trial upon the charge of illegally storing dynamite within the city limits. High excitement prevails.

Thaw Discharged From Bankruptcy.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)
Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 29—Harry K. Thaw was today discharged from bankruptcy in the United States court.

THE STATE ANTI-TRUST OFFICERS

Law Needs Improvement, Say Daniels' Letter to Governor

He Suggests That a Clause Be Added to Subsection "A" Making it a Violation to Lend Money to Jobbers or Merchants—Would Place Mills Under Control of Commission.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)
Wilson, Dec. 24, 1910.
To His Excellency, Hon. W. W. Kitchin, Raleigh, N. C.

Dear Sir: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 19th inst., in which you requested me to write you whatever definite proposition has occurred to me in my experience as collector or otherwise which, in my opinion, will, as an amendment, improve our anti-trust law.

It gives me pleasure to comply with your request, for I recognize the fact that the law needs amending if it is to be of practical service.

I would suggest:

That a clause be added to subsection "a" making it a violation of the act to lend money to jobbers or merchants or to pay them special discounts or allowances when such loans, discounts or allowances are not made to other jobbers or merchants who are practically similarly situated.

One of the most effective methods of destroying competition now used by one of the trusts that control North Carolina is to control jobbers and merchants by loaning to favored jobbers and merchants large sums of money and making to them special and confidential discounts and allowances.

That subsection "b" be amended by making the same read: "For any person, firm, corporation or association to directly or indirectly willfully destroy or injure, or undertake to destroy or injure, the business of any opponent or business rival whose goods are sold in the state of North Carolina with the purpose or intention of attempting to fix the price of anything of value."

That subsection "c" be amended by making the same read: "For any person, firm, corporation or association which directly or indirectly buys or sells within the state, through himself or itself, or through any agent of any kind or as agent or principal, or together with or through any allied, subsidiary or dependent person, firm, corporation or association, as much as twenty-five per centum in quantity of any article or thing of value which is sold or bought in the state to injure or destroy the business of any rival or opponent, by lowering the price of any article or thing of value sold, or by raising the price of any article or thing of value with the purpose of increasing the profit on the business when such rival or opponent is injured."

A new subsection should, in my judgment, be added requiring any such persons, firm or corporation doing business in North Carolina to file with the secretary of state under oath a statement showing the quantity of the article or thing of value that it has bought or sold in this state during such time as called for by the secretary of state, and a sworn estimate of the amount of said article or thing of value bought or sold in the state during said time; that it shall be the duty of the secretary of state whenever there is filed with him by a reputable citizen of the state an affidavit setting forth that said affidavit was reason to believe and does believe that said person, firm or corporation buys or sells as much as twenty-five per centum in the state of said article or thing of value, and that a copy of said statement duly certified by the secretary of state shall be received as prima facie evidence of the facts therein set forth in any court.

Amend section "f" by striking out the word "conspire" and inserting the word "agree" in lieu thereof. Add a section to the act similar to section 7 of the Sherman anti-trust law, a part of which reads as follows: "Any person who shall be injured in his business or property by any other person or corporation by reason of anything forbidden or declared to be unlawful by this act, may sue therefor * * * and

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AND BLACKS IN BATTLE

Two Dead, Three Fatally Wounded In Pitched Battle Between Officers

GUILTY MEN ESCAPE

Posse Was Hunting Blacks Who Killed Two Men Yesterday—Ran a Party of Eleven Negroes in the Woods and Were Fired on—Several of the Searching Party Had Narrow Escapes, Bullets Passing Through Their Clothes—One Negro Trusty, in Charge of the Bloodhounds, Wounded.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)
Chirodale, Miss., Dec. 29—Two negroes are dead, three fatally wounded and many others seriously hurt today as the result of a pitched battle late last night in the Black Bayou district between bands of negroes and posse officers and citizens who were hunting the blacks who ambushed and killed W. W. Kirk and L. D. Keese and wounded a Mr. Ho-

Two of the wounded blacks were members of the band which fired on the posse and the third was "Nubs," a negro trusty who had charge of the bloodhounds used by the posse. Several members of the posse had their clothes cut by the bullets and narrowly escaped with their lives. Over a hundred shots were fired.

The searching party concluded that the assailants of Kirk and Keese were headed southeast in the direction of Black Bayou and they began searching the woods for them with bloodhounds.

While so engaged, they ran upon a party of eleven negroes on the Perkins & Jones plantation of Black Bayou who immediately opened fire on the searching party, which was composed of John Allen, John Cammack and several other men from Chickadee, and Dent and McNeal and some of the officials connected with the Parchman farm.

In the volley which followed, several of the searching party had bullets pass through their clothes and "Nubs," a negro trusty, was seriously but not fatally wounded. Two negroes in the band were wounded, but they managed to make their escape.

At last reports Clabe and Manly, Marley and Allen Yaster, the negroes who are charged with the killing, had not been arrested. This is the second outbreak that the negroes in this section of the country have been guilty of and the citizens are determined that they will spare no efforts to bring them to justice.

Liquor Dealer a Suicide.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)
Washington, Dec. 29—William Lerch, forty-two years old, a wealthy liquor dealer, ended his life today by shooting himself in the right temple in the bath room of his apartment.

LUKE E. WRIGHT CANDIDATE FOR SENATE

Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 29—The positive statement was made this morning that General Luke E. Wright, of Memphis, former secretary of war, is a candidate for the United States senate to succeed Senator J. B. Frazer and that he will open headquarters here tomorrow, from which he will conduct an active campaign.

The election of a United States senator to succeed Senator Frazer will take place Tuesday, January 10, if both houses of the legislature succeed in organizing on the first day of the session. If, however, the organization is not completed before January 10 a senator will not be elected before January 17.

Dr. W. S. Rankin went to Goldsboro today to make a sanitary inspection of the Colored Insane Asylum.