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## Terrific Explosions Shake New York City

World Seemed Split Asunder When Vast Quantities Munitions Went Up In Smoke

### Several Arrests in Jersey City

(By United Press)

Jersey City, July 31.—Albert M. Dickman, an agent of the Lehigh Valley Railroad, and Alexander Davidson, Superintendent of the National Storage Company, were arraigned here this morning on a charge of manslaughter in connection with the explosions on Black Tom Island yesterday. The cases were postponed until Friday and the defendants are held under \$50,000 bail.

Theodore Johnson, President of the Johnson Lighterage Company, is wanted but has not appeared.

(By United Press)

New York, July 31 — Mystery clouds still the cause of the series of terrific explosions on Black Tom Island which early Sunday morning shook New York to its center and the detonations of which were felt along the Atlantic seaboard as far south as North Carolina.

Whether the fire originated on a barge loaded with nitro-cellulose or by the ignition of four cars loaded with high explosives is not known and perhaps never will be known.

Even now it is impossible to examine the scene. Flames are flaring high from freight cars and warehouses on the "island" which is in fact a peninsula.

Buried deep in the ruins are shrapnel and three inch shells that occasionally ignite and explode, thus keeping spectators and firemen at a distance.

The definite loss of life is unascertained and unascertainable. Two are known dead. Twenty five are missing, and 116 are known injured. The damage is estimated at from twenty-five to fifty million, with the probability that the latter figure is more nearly accurate. Damage through smashed glass alone is estimated at a million and a quarter.

Nothing but a vast hole in the ground marks the site of the explosion which produced the first great crash. Fire starting immediately after the first explosion has added destruction to destruction until the damage and property loss staggers comprehension.

An eye witness, describing the explosion said:

"I was jarred from my bed by the first explosion and thought that what I had experienced was a severe earthquake shock.

"I went to the scene to find buildings shivering and in windows the broken glass rattling like crockery.

"Thousands in night clothes rushed to the scene and stayed for hours.

"Clocks and watches stopped, doors crashed, roofs were ripped off, chimneys toppled and ambulances dashed to and fro.

"Suddenly the world seemed split by a mighty roar that was the second explosion. A pillar of flame shot upward and in the air shrapnel whistled in countless explosions."

Time is expected to increase the list of dead. Three mutilated bodies have already been found floating in the harbor.

### HEARD EXPLOSIONS THOUGHT NAVAL BATTLE IN PROGRESS

People in Elizabeth City who had read of the possibility of a naval battle off the coast when the Deutschland should attempt to get by British patrol, thought that Monday morning's papers would bring news that the submersible had escaped or had been captured.

Early Sunday morning explosions were heard or felt by residents here similar to those which are heard when there is naval target practice off the coast, and it was thought that the British fleet was in action. It is now believed that the explosions on Black Tom Island were heard here.

### WIDENING AND DEEPENING CHANNEL AT MANTEO

Manteo, July 27— Of more than local interest is the work now being done by the United States government to widen and deepen the channel in Shallow Bag Bay, the entrance of the harbor at Manteo.

For the past few weeks, Junior Engineer W. G. Finch of Beaufort, N. C., and Inspector General J. L. Edwards, Newport, have rapidly pushed forward the survey work being by the survey gang on the yacht Frances, which is in charge of Capt Charles Salter and Engineer Frank Goruto.

Following up the work of the survey gang is the work now being done by the dredge Croatan, of the United States Engineer Department.

An average daily capacity for the dredge working under favorable conditions, is three thousand cubic yards of earth removed a distance of about one hundred and fifty yards outside the channel. This material is forced through large pipes. The channel is being dredged 120 feet wide and from 7, to 8 feet deep, at low tide. The appropriation for present use in Shallow Bag Bay is \$5000 and the work which is now being rapidly pushed forward will probably be completed by the fifteenth of August.

### MRS. HARRY WILLIAMS DEAD

News reached here yesterday evening of the death on Sunday afternoon of Mrs. Harry Williams at her home at Oldsco. Mrs. Williams was twenty six years of age and is survived by a husband and two children, the youngest about two months old. Before her marriage she was Miss Elizabeth Newbold.

## MANY BODIES ARE NOW RECOVERED

Most Destructive Bush Fires In History Of Ontario Were Quenched During Night By Heavy Rains

(By United Press)

Montreal, Canada, July 31 — The forest fires raging in Northern Ontario were quenched during the night by heavy rains.

Up to this time no less than 124 bodies have been recovered from the district swept by the flames.

## Retrieve German Gains

(By United Press)

Paris, July 31—Violent German attacks along the Somme around Monacaue and the Hem Wood were checked during the night with terrible losses to the attackers, according to the official bulletins this morning. The French today are busy strengthening their positions won yesterday along a four mile front on the Somme.

In the check administered to the Germans at Monacaue the French brilliantly retrieved temporary German gains at that point.

General Haig reports further progress along the British front.

From Petrograd come reports of fierce fighting at Brody with the Russians steadily but slowly gaining ground.

Berlin's official announcement this morning claims repulse of a sanguinary attack by Anglo-French troops at Longueville on the Somme front.

### INJURED IN AUTO ACCIDENT

Bill Johnson, colored and about 50 years of age, was painfully bruised and cut about the head when on Saturday evening he was run over by an automobile on South Poindexter street in front of the grocery of Pritchard and Jackson.

Johnson and two other negroes were crossing the street and Johnson failed to reach the curb in time to avoid being struck by the machine. As the car struck him, the negro caught the machine and was dragged along for some distance, the auto passing over him when he let go.

The street was crowded at the time and many people who saw Johnson carried to the office of Dr. G. W. Cardwell thought that he was dead and it was generally reported about the streets Saturday night that his neck was broken. Not a bone was found broken, however, and aside from cuts and bruises the victim appears to have sustained no injury.

The automobile belonged to T. B. Lamb, a Road street grocer, and was occupied when the accident occurred by Tom Lamb, Jr. and Miss Margie Hearn. Young Lamb is reported as saying that the lady was driving.

### FUNERAL SATURDAY AFTERNOON

The funeral of W. O. Sawyer was conducted Saturday afternoon from the home on Cherry street by Rev. J. L. Cunningham.

Mr. Sawyer was a Confederate veteran and died at the age of seventy-two. Two sons here, A. B. Sawyer and J. A. Sawyer, and a son at Danville, Va., M. B. Sawyer, survive him.

## LAND BANK IS BOON TO FARMERS

Law Establishing This Institution One Of Most Important In History Of Banking In This Country

(By United Press)

Raleigh, N. C., July 31—The farmers of the United States have at last reached a long-sought goal. Their gilt-edge security is no longer to go begging or perhaps be sacrificed to the local money-lender. The Government of the United States is to say his note and mortgage are gilt-edge in a way that all shall know it. The savings of orphans and widows, from Maine to California, may safely be invested in the farmer's mortgage, though he may be thousands of miles away and no thought need be given as to the character of the owner or the method of operating his piece of land. The Government is to maintain a system to take all of this burden off from lenders and give them the kind of security they wish for permanent investment. The farmer's note is to be truly as good as his bond. The savings deposited in the banks of the United States are said to amount to \$7,000,000,000, and those of New York, Massachusetts and Connecticut alone to \$2,500,000,000. These funds may now more and more reach farmers through their own organization under Government regulation.

Many laws have been passed which have directly helped in the development of industry and trade, but there never has been legislation more important to the development of agriculture than the Federal Farm Loan Act. More than in any part in the United States the South is awaiting development upon obtaining new capital. A few may lose by the operation of this act, but only temporarily. All are bound to share, sooner or later, in the new prosperity which plenty of reasonable priced capital will bring to farmers. Lands will be drained, farms will be cleared, and farmers, new and old, will prosper through an interest rate reduced to at least six per cent.

### How a Farmer May Borrow Under the New Law.

The great question farmers will now ask will be: How are we to make use of the privilege granted by the new Rural Credit Law just passed by Congress, and what are to be our first steps? Are the privileges granted by the new law open to all alike? No, only to the farmers who now cultivate or will cultivate the land which they offer as security for their loans.

### Easy Payments.

When a farmer borrows a thousand dollars, will he have to pay it back at the end of one, two, or three years, as now? No, he is allowed to pay it in such small amounts that he will not feel it. Foreclosure as a fearful possibility will not hound him night and day. If the borrower of a thousand dollars pays \$80.24 each year, he would have his interest and principal all paid in twenty years. He would then, be paying six per cent interest and two per cent toward the principal; and the amount paid on his debt and the interest together would not be more than he frequently now pays in interest alone, and the debt has remained as big as ever. This is one of the best features of the new law.

### Organization for Cheap Credit.

Will a loan be made to an individual farmer by one person or agency, as now? No, the law provides that the borrower make application for a loan to a National Farm Loan Association, of which he must be

## URGES FARMERS GO TO RALEIGH

Manager of Chamber of Commerce Points Out Value of Short Courses, Now Offered at the A & M.

(By United Press)

Manager C. R. Pugh of the Chamber of Commerce gave this newspaper this morning the following interview in which he urges attendance upon the special summer session for farmers at the State Agricultural and Mechanical College.

"I wish particularly to call the attention of the farmers of Pasquotank County and vicinity to the short course for farmers and their wives at the A. & M. College, Raleigh, N. C., August 29th, 30 and 31. The railroad rates will be three cents per mile plus twenty-five cents for round trip, tickets on sale August, 29th, 30th, good returning until mid-night September, 2nd. Rooms furnished free in the College dormitories; meals at the College dining hall at twenty-five cents each. A complete program will be furnished upon request to T. E. Browne, West Raleigh, N. C.

"This will afford an opportunity for the study of modern, practical farming, showing the use of economy in all lines of planting and harvesting, most up-to-date and economical farm machinery, including every department of farm and rural life, from the garden through the farm back to the orchards and thru the barns. An opportunity to see and understand the care of live stock, where to secure farm demonstration literature at the lowest cost and in all practical demonstrations along all lines of rural life.

"For the women, domestic science will be carefully, practically thoroughly demonstrated with especial emphasis to the kitchen, all under the supervision of competent women who have made a study and a success of home making.

"Indeed, it will furnish a combined outing and recreation, for the mind, soul and body, in a most practical manner and it is hoped that many of our farmers will take advantage of this opportunity and keep abreast of the times. By way of illustration, in 1909 when the writer was a law student in the University of Wisconsin at Madison, the last two weeks in August the University community was filled to overflowing with farmers from all over the state of Wisconsin and it goes with out saying that such attendance establishes a reason why the state of Wisconsin takes the lead of the states in the Union in farm demonstration and experimental life.

"Again, let us urge good attendance upon this session at our state Agricultural College.

"If the Chamber of Commerce of Elizabeth City can be of any assistance to you it shall be our pleasure to render same. For our organization was founded not alone to help build up the corporation of Elizabeth City, but to bring about a closer union of county and town, in order that we might assist each other in knowing the better how to get the most out of life, by contributing more of it.

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## TROOPS RUSHED TO FORT HANCOCK

Two Americans Were Killed In Clash With Bandits Near That Point This Morning and One Was Wounded

(By United Press)

El Paso, July 31— Three troops of cavalry were rushed from El Paso to Fort Hancock by special train today following news of an engagement there between United States troops and Mexican bandits.

Two Americans, Private John G. Twomey of troop F, and Custom Inspector Robert Wood, both of the Eighth Cavalry, were killed and Sergeant Lewis Thompson of the same troop was wounded in the engagement.

The engagement is described as a running fight in which the bandits were surprised by the cavalry patrol on this side the border and fled at sight of the American troopers. Five Mexicans were killed.

The bandits are supposed to have been Villistas on their way to raid a ranch in the neighborhood.

Several hundred shots were exchanged in the engagement.

It is believed that the Militiamen on the border now will be given at least three months training before they are permitted to return to their homes.

### EFFORT TO PROTECT AMERICAN TRADE

(By United Press)

Washington, July 31—The blow against the blacklist, contained in the American note published this morning, is regarded as the first aggressive step toward protecting American trade after the war.

### ENOUGH MILK FOR BABIES AT BERLIN

(By United Press)

Washington, July 31— The claim of Germany that there is not enough milk for babies in that country is characterized as unfounded in the report of Dr. Taylor, of the American Embassy at Berlin. The report admits that there is not enough milk for adults.

### MANTEO COUPLE WTD HERE

George W. Croft and Mrs. Ada Blivin, both of Manteo, were married Monday afternoon here by Dr. B. C. Henigs, pastor of the First Baptist church.

The bride is the sister of Misses Bertha and Mae Chappell of this city and is well known here.

The groom is a prominent citizen of Manteo.

### ONCE WEALTHY FOUND DEAD FROM STARVATION

(By United Press)

Pascagoula, Miss., July 31— With her eighteen month old baby crawling over her body, Mrs. Emma Coakley, once wealthy, was found dead of starvation today.

### HOOPER—STEVENS

Mr. L. L. Hooper of this city and Miss Hazel K. Stevens of Shiloh, Camden county, were quietly married Saturday at the home of L. W. Cox on East Burgess street by Rev. C. B. Culbreth pastor of City Road Methodist church.

### LEAVES FROM NEW DEPOT

Blackwell Memorial S. S. excursion leaves from the new depot at 8 o'clock Wednesday morning.