

KNOWN DEAD IN NIXON BLAST 18

FIRES CONTINUE TO BURST FORTH IN SCATTERED HEAPS OF THE DERIS.

FIND THE BODY OF A WOMAN

Cause of Explosion Still a Mystery; Several Investigations Will Begin Immediately.

New Brunswick, N. J.—The number of known dead as a result of disastrous TNT explosion and celluloid fire at the little town of Nixon was placed in 18. Only one additional body, the torso of a woman, was found. Rescuers who worked in the smoking ruins throughout the day say eight persons are missing, six are unaccounted for and sixty are being treated for injuries suffered in the disaster.

The body found was that of Mrs. Arthur Dumas, who, with her three little children and a visiting woman friend, was killed when her car outside the Nixon plant boundaries was demolished. The bodies of the Dumas children and Miss Janice Rockefeller, the friend, were found.

Firemen with tractors resumed tearing at the masses of twisted steel and shattered tile that remains of the Nixon Nitration works, 45 buildings, where were manufactured celluloid novelties. They also dug among the wrecked tanks, railroad cars and heaps of TNT and ammonium in boxes and barrels which fringe the gigantic center marking the site of the explosion.

Fires continued to burst forth in scattered heaps of the debris, but authorities asserted that all were under control. The rows of magazines filled with tons of highly inflammable celluloid in sheets—most of them with doors blown off or roofs crushed in—were believed out of danger.

What caused the explosion remained a mystery, and prompted several investigations. Officers of the Raritan Arsenal, adjoining the destroyed properties, and where a half dozen of the scores of magazines stuffed with high explosive shells were blown in, will conduct an inquiry for the government. The TNT which exploded had been salvaged at the arsenal and removed to the Nixon plant to be prepared for nitrates to be used as farm fertilizers.

The most generally accepted theory was that the explosive properties had not been eliminated from the TNT before it was transferred from the arsenal to the 300 foot building of the Ammonia company, where the blast occurred.

Thousands of persons tried to get within the high wire fence surrounding the Nixon properties, but were held back by the state police and soldiers.

Wilmington Making Record.
Wilmington, N. C.—During the month of February a total of 12 seamen and schooners arrived at the port of Wilmington, while in the month preceding 16 steamships and sailing vessels arrived, making a total of 28 for the first two months of the present year, considered to be a splendid record by customs house officials.

Sixteen steamships and sailing ships cleared from the port during January, while in the month just past 13 ships departed from Wilmington. The total ships arriving during the months of January and February tallied 57.

At the present time there are a number of ships en route to the port of Wilmington with cargoes from foreign ports with fertilizer materials.

Traveling Man is Killed by Pastor.
Mexico, Mo.—Rev. Asa Q. Burns shot and seriously wounded H. D. Conger, a traveling salesman of Lincoln, Neb.

The minister had just returned from Chicago where he had been taking special course at Chicago University.

Conger and Dr. Burns met on the Main Street of Mexico and the minister opened fire, one bullet striking Conger in a lung, inflicting a serious wound, and another hitting him in the hand.

Rev. Mr. Burns surrendered to officers following the shooting but refused to give any explanation of the cause of the quarrel.

Mrs. Burns and her son have been making their home with Mr. and Mrs. L. N. Henderson. Conger had also been staying with the Hendersons.

Industrial and Trade Activity.
Washington.—The increased industrial and trade activity with which the current year started continues to be well maintained as a characteristic of the country's business condition. The Federal Reserve Board said in its February survey of business. Financial and commercial interests, the review said, generally view the future with confidence and are shaping their policies accordingly.

With the increased business activity there was a larger volume of bank deposits, the statement said.

WOMAN KILLED; MAN HURT IN AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT.

Asheville.—Mrs. B. B. Todd, owner of the Franklin hotel at Brevard, was instantly killed, and W. W. Croshorn, prominent business man of Transylvania county, was painfully injured when an automobile in which the couple were riding overturned on the Hendersonville road, near Busbee.

It was sometime after the accident before they were discovered by passersby. Mrs. Todd was already dead, while Croshorn was rushed to a local hospital. Attending physicians say his injuries although painful are not considered serious.

WILL YIELD MUCH AMMONIA

DISCOVERY IS MADE BY RESEARCH LABORATORY AT WASHINGTON.

The United States Will Also Have Great Explosive at Its Command.

Boston.—A chemical discovery said to be one of the most important of the 20th century, has just been made at the Fixed Nitrogen Research Laboratory, at Washington, Prof. Arthur B. Lamb of Harvard announced.

The discovery is that of a new catalyst which will bring about the permanent union of hydrogen and nitrogen atoms and will yield 14 per cent of ammonia, Professor Lamb said.

According to the announcement, two great benefits will be derived from the new product. The United States, it is claimed, will have at its command an explosive twice as effective as that discovered by the Germans a few months before the start of the World War. The American farmer will also, according to Professor Lamb, have the use of fertilizer much cheaper and more effective than heretofore available.

The new catalyst, it is contended, has far greater durability than that discovered by Haber in 1914, which yielded 7 or 8 per cent of ammonia.

Business Slump Unusually Narrow.

Washington.—The usual post holiday slump in general business was narrower in scope in January and early February this year than usual, and sharp increases over preceding months were noted in the production of basic commodities, the Federal Reserve Board reported in its periodical business review.

Coupled with the increased output in basic commodities was a heavier demand for credit for commercial purposes, indicating continuation of a healthy business development, the review said.

Production increases were most marked in steel ingots, lumber and bituminous coal and in the mill consumption of cotton. Contract awards for new buildings were slightly higher in value in January than in December and were 26 per cent greater than in January, 1923.

Use of Meat Greatest Last Year.

Washington.—Production and consumption of meat was the greatest in American history last year. An estimate by the department of agriculture placed the consumption at 18,481,000,000 pounds. Detailed estimates of production, however, were not made public.

The per capita consumption was 167 pounds, or 17.3 pounds more than in 1922, and was exceeded only once before, in 1908, when 170.9 pounds per capita were consumed. Total consumption was 2,000,000,000 pounds over the average for the last five years and the per capita consumption was 18 pounds over the average. Ninety per cent of the increase was represented by pork products.

Congress Pays Tribute to Harding.

Washington.—Congress laid aside legislative business to pay tribute to the memory of Warren G. Harding.

The House and Senate joined in a memorial service, held in the House chamber, with Secretary Hughes as the only speaker, and President Coolidge, his cabinet, supreme court justices and foreign diplomats in attendance.

In a gallery opposite the speaker's rostrum, with a small group of friends, sat Mr. Harding's widow. Elsewhere in the crowded galleries were men and women of prominence, among them Mrs. Coolidge, joining in the simple, impressive ceremony.

Swallows 16 Pins.

Toledo, Ohio.—Miss Adell Urban, a department store clerk, is in a serious condition in St. Vincent's Hospital as a result of swallowing sixteen pins, it was revealed.

While at work Saturday she had pins in her mouth when a clerk offered her some candy. She put the candy into her mouth and swallowed the pins with it. The girl screamed and a clerk rushed to her aid. She was hastened to the hospital where an X-ray examination revealed the pins in her stomach.

CHARLES FORBES MUST FACE COURT

IS CHARGED WITH ACCEPTING BRIBE AND OTHER LAW VIOLATION.

THOMPSON HELD FOR SAME

Federal Grand Jury at Chicago Returns Indictments After Month's Investigation.

Chicago.—Charles R. Forbes former director of the United States Veterans Bureau, and John W. Thompson, contractor of Chicago and St. Louis, were named in four indictments returned by the federal grand jury which has spent a month investigating charges of waste, graft and debauchery in connection with Forbes' administration.

Forbes and Thompson were named jointly in two indictments charging conspiracy to commit bribery and offenses against the government, and conspiracy to defraud the United States government. Forbes was named alone in a third indictment on a charge of accepting a bribe, and Thompson in a fourth charging that he had indirectly given a bribe.

In a special report which accompanied the indictments, the grand jury indicated that other sensational developments involving alleged graft had been uncovered, but because they were not within the jurisdiction of the court had not been pursued.

"We do not feel," the special report said, "that it would subserve the best interests of the government for this jury at this time to make public the details of these transactions. This jury feels that it will suffice to report that they involve:

"1. Speculation by one of more officials of the government wherein it has been asserted that official information was used for purposes of speculation.

"2. That certain sums of money were paid to two members of Congress.

"3. That possession of a file of one of the departments for about a month was had by persons having no official connection with such departments.

"4. That money was accepted by certain individuals (not attorneys) for the purpose of obtaining clemency for prisoners through their intimacy with officials.

"5. That money was collected by certain individuals (not attorneys) for obtaining through such intimacy permits for intoxicating liquor."

Bonded Rum Worth Million Missing.

Chicago.—Eight thousand cases of pre-war bonded whiskey valued at nearly \$1,000,000 have vanished from the Federal concentration depot at the Sibley warehouse and storage company here, according to a copyrighted news story in The Chicago Herald and Examiner, which adds the amount of missing liquor may run much higher.

Withdrawal of the whiskey from the Government supervised warehouse, in which the accumulation of liquor was among the largest in the entire country, was accomplished by forged or raised permits for medicinal whiskey, the newspaper says. All withdrawal records of the company are said to have vanished.

Investigation has been ordered by Roy A. Haynes, prohibition commissioner, according to the newspaper. The forged and raised permits have been circulated for months, and some dating back to last November have been uncovered, the newspaper says.

Plans Association of Colleges.

Greenville, S. C.—Plans for the organization of a permanent association of colleges of the south for the purpose of meeting annually to discuss international problems were initiated soon after the first session of the international relations conference opened at Furman university. C. V. Bishop, president of the Furman university international relations club, was elected temporary chairman, with authority to appoint a committee on recommendations and nominations.

Professor C. B. Gosnell, of Furman university, in stating the aims of the conference, expressed the hope that the first conference would not be the last. "There could be no better time for such a conference," he said, adding, "Woodrow Wilson recently laid aside the torch of civilization and it is up to us to take up this torch and realize his vision of universal peace and a great brotherhood of man."

Big Additions at Rail Plant.

Salisbury.—Construction of a new 37 stall roundhouse, annex machine shop, flue and rabbit shop, 100-foot turn table, two 100-foot engine inspection pits, and a 320-foot runway to accommodate a ten-ton travelling crane to convey heavy parts from the new roundhouse to the flue, rabbit, and machine shops, will be begun at Spencer by the Southern Railway just as soon as minor details can be completed and contracts let, according to announcement made by H. W. Miller, of Salisbury.

CRAZED WOMAN LEAPS 300 FEET TO STREET BELOW.

London.—Hurling her two little girls from the campanile of Westminster Cathedral, 300 feet to the pavement below, Mrs. Margaret Davey, an Irish woman, leaped to death after them. All three bodies were smashed almost beyond recognition.

The first intimation of the triple tragedy came to passers-by when a child's body came hurtling down from the high tower of the cathedral and thudded into a heap of broken bones and mangled flesh on the sidewalk.

While some ran to the victim and others scattered, several women fainting at the sight, the body of another young girl fell a short distance from the first.

Then those near the scene, gazing aloft to the top of the cathedral tower, saw Mrs. Davey leap off and smash upon a curbing near where the bodies of her children lay.

MANY BILLS ALARM COOLIDGE

DECLARES WELFARE AND PROSPERITY OF COUNTRY BEING DISTURBED.

Deplores Effort to Drain the Treasury in Order to Help Certain Classes.

Washington.—The numerous bills pending in Congress calling for large appropriations are regarded by President Coolidge as disturbing to the prosperity and welfare of the country.

Enactment of these measures in the opinion of the President would go far toward destroying prosperity and creating a situation from which the country would be long in recovering.

A survey of the various bills involving appropriations which have been introduced has convinced the President that their enactment would call for appropriations larger than the entire expenditures of the Government outside of the Post Office Department before the war.

Among the measures which Mr. Coolidge regards as inimical to the country's welfare are those calling for increased compensation for officials, pensions, the bonus and for grants of money to numerous special classes. If such bills are enacted the President believes the budget system would be broken down and a departure taken from what he considers a wise policy of holding the executive responsible for the financial state of the Nation.

Appropriation For Air Mail Service.

Washington.—An appropriation of \$1,500,000 for continuing the transcontinental aeroplane mail service was restored to the treasury-postoffice appropriations committee in reporting the bill to the senate. The house had failed to provide the appropriations which would continue the air mail between New York and San Francisco via Chicago and Omaha.

A total of \$736,867,000 is carried by the bill as compared with \$729,950,000 as voted by the house. Among the other increases recommended by the senate committee was \$2,500,000 for collecting customs revenue, urged by Secretary Mellon; \$1,100,000 additional for internal revenue collections; \$416,000 for maintenance of postoffices and \$300,000 for foreign mail transportation.

No change was made by the committee in the appropriations of \$10,629,000 for enforcement of the prohibition and narcotic drug laws.

House to Vote on Ford Offer.

Washington.—An attempt will be made to bring the McKensie bill authorizing acceptance of Henry Ford's bid for Muscle Shoals to a vote in the House next week.

Representative McKensie, Republican, Illinois, author of the bill, said he had asked the rules committee to give the measure priority with general debate limited to six hours instead of ten, as originally requested. He said that with the tax bill out of the way the measure would be allotted for disposition of the Muscle Shoals question during the week.

Chairman Snell, of the rules committee, said that no decision would be reached as to priority for Muscle Shoals legislation until after the House votes on the Revenue Bill, probably by the latter part of this week. He said there was no serious opposition in the committee to early consideration of the question, although it might be determined to give the naval appropriation bill right of way with the Muscle Shoals bill the next general legislation to be considered.

Sentenced to Death by Chinese.

Harbin, Manchuria.—A Chinese court denied the appeal of Alexis Korniloff, Russian desperado, and reaffirmed the death sentence passed last November. Korniloff was the first white man ever sentenced to death in a Chinese court.

Fears that Korniloff would attempt to escape or that his friends would try to rescue him caused the authorities to take extra precautions when he was brought into the court. He was chained hand and foot.

SHIPPING BOARD ASKS FOR BIDS

ANNOUNCE TERMS BY WHICH IT WOULD DISPOSE OF FLEET.

MUST BE IN BY MARCH 14

Records Show That Only Quarter of Tonnage of 1,335 Vessels Now in Operation.

Washington.—New terms and conditions under which the government would dispose of its entire merchant fleet, comprising 1,335 vessels of various types, were announced by the shipping board in a general advertisement calling for bids. Records show only a quarter of the whole tonnage now is in operation, the remainder comprising the "laid up" fleet.

In announcing the call for bids the board said the advertisement was designed primarily to comply with the law governing the sale of its property and was not "a sudden effort to force the sale of the board's fleet," it was in accordance with the "due advertisements" provision of the merchant marine act, it was explained.

Previous offer of sale by the board has been on a flat basis of \$30 a ton. Displacing this provision, the board said, it now was prepared to consider offers for purchase "under the various types, based on their relative value as affected by their desirability from point of design, physical condition at time of sale, and other pertinent factors."

The basic sale price of each vessel, it was explained, will be determined by its individual worth, and will be subject to revision whenever necessary, due to repairs, damage or other conditions.

Bids must be submitted on or before March 14 and it was stipulated that the board would make no award before that date. Offers must be made on a lump sum basis and may be for one or more ships or for the entire fleet, the advertisement said, and each offer must be accompanied by an initial payment of two and one-half per cent of the amount bid.

The board's fleet is made of 824 steel, ocean-built cargo ships, 324 steel, lake-built cargo ships, 14 refrigerated vessels, 43 steel tankers, 27 passenger ships, 35 tugs and 48 miscellaneous craft.

90,000 Deaths Annually From Cancer.

Charlotte.—Cancer, one of the three of the world's most prevalent and fatal diseases, causes 90,000 deaths annually, creates 39,000 orphans annually, causes one in 14 deaths among men and one in eight deaths among women, were some of the facts presented to the Kiwanian club at the weekly luncheon by Dr. R. T. Ferguson, Dr. J. A. Elliott and Dr. W. H. Scruggs.

The discussions were a continuation of a talk made at the luncheon a fortnight ago by Kiwanian Oren Moore on "Cancer of the Breast," the club members voting to devote another meeting to the subject. Kiwanian Addison G. Brenizer is state chairman of the committee to disseminate information on the subject in an effort to control the disease to a greater extent through educating the public.

Poison Rum Claims Victim.

Asheville.—One man is dead and three are in serious condition as the result of drinking poisoned liquor, according to diagnosis of attending physicians.

James F. Quinn, 45, a plumber, died at a local hospital from pneumonia, following acute poisoning.

Lindsey Campbell, U. S. Murdock and Ed Dewel, are suffering from similar cases of poisoning.

The physician who attended Quinn said he pumped out the stomach of the stricken man and found the contents to contain a liquor which appeared to be composed of "red dye and wood alcohol."

Peace in Mexico Near.

Mexico City.—"President Obregon has every confidence that complete peace and general harmony will prevail in Mexico at the earliest date through the renewed friendship of all factions," declared former Senator James Hamilton Lewis, after a conference with the President.

"He expressed hopes that the present friendly relations between the United States and Mexico would continue and grow until they would feel toward each other as do the various states toward the national government."

Campaign Against Boll Weevil.

New Orleans.—Clarence Ousley, director of the National Boll Weevil Control Association, announced here that Harper Dean, chief of the bureau of agriculture of the United States Chamber of Commerce, would arrive here Saturday for a conference to determine how that organization might cooperate in furthering plans for control of the pest during the coming season. More than 500 banks and fifty chambers of commerce already are supporting the movement, Mr. Ousley said.

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