

Tube Tunnel Falls in

CROWDED TRAINS RACE FROM PERIL—EARTH SUBSIDENCE MYSTERY.

Flames leaping up from a great rent in the ground at the accompaniment of a violent explosion warned terrified people in a busy London thoroughfare of a mysterious and extensive earth subsidence.

Traffic in the street was impeded by a barrier of fire that threatened to destroy a railway bridge.

Meanwhile, in the bowels of the underground, a great disaster came within an ace of accomplishment.

Showers of earth falling on top of a train travelling warned the driver that something was amiss.

Quick as thought he accelerated speed and race his load of passengers to safety before the roof of the tunnel caved in.

Traffic through the tube was disorganized, and it will take weeks to effect a thorough repair. The railway has been closed for the time being and an official inquiry is to be held into the occurrence.

Barrier of Flame—Terrifying Sight In Busy Street—Violent Upheaval In Midst of Traffic.

Which mishap came first—the sudden collapse under earth pressure of the City and South London Tubeway between the Elephant and Castle and the Borough Stations or the explosion—it is difficult to decide.

At the psychological time crowds of City workers were being whirled homeward on the Underground Railway, which is now under reconstruction.

A train was travelling directly under Newton-causeway, S.E., near the Elephant and Castle, when sand and earth began to crash down in showers from the roof of the tube into the driver's cabin and on to the tops of the carriages, to the consternation of the passengers.

Realizing that something untoward had happened, the driver put on speed and dashed with all speed through the descending shows. When he reached the next station, happily without any injury to himself or the train, the tops of the carriages were examined and found to be covered with earth.

Trains were immediately signalled to stop while a search party hastened through the tunnel to investigate the extent of the subsidence. They found the line blocked for a distance of about 150 yards. Meanwhile above ground there was an occurrence that vividly recalled to an eye-witness the blowing up of the Silverton Mine in the factory during the war.

Newton-causeway was crowded with traffic of all kinds immediately at the spot where it is spanned by the bridge, when, just as there was a gap after the passage of a tram and a horse and cart, a

Tremendous Explosion Occurred. Paving stones were hurled with terrific force across the road, and windows were smashed. The scene that followed was one of terrible beauty.

Out of the hole that was torn in the roadway flames shot 20 ft. into the air, almost licking the bridge. They emanated from a gas main which burst when the explosion occurred.

Waves after wave of fire ascended, and in the anxious moments which elapsed before the arrival of the fire brigade it was feared by many that the structure itself must become ignited. A train passed along the bridge soon after the fire began. The fire from a great distance around. Fearing the further collapse of the road, the police kept the crowds, numbering some thousands, well away from the scene. As a matter of fact, not until some time after the disaster was realized by the firemen engaged in the perilous position.

The portion of the street to which they were standing was nothing but a thin crust, and when a manhole between the tram lines was lifted it was possible to see an enormous pit, from which flames were shooting up. As a precautionary measure horses in Peacock's Yard, which adjoins the railway, were removed from the stables, while people in the houses nearest the explosion were asked to leave their homes in case of further explosion.

One man of about 50, who was being refused to quit, but was "perched" by two policemen. Apparently there was only one case of injury, a young man who was passing near the spot when the explosion occurred, being hit in the back with a fragment of paving stone. He was able to go home. Fire engines dashed up from all directions, but all the while could do was to play on the under-structure of the bridge to protect it from the heat of the flames underneath. A gang of workmen quickly dug up the pathway about 30 ft. from where the explosion had occurred, and by cutting off the gas supply extinguished the flames.

While the firemen were playing on the bridge the flow of water stopped suddenly. The supply pipe, which is laid close to the gas main, had been burned through, and the road actually sank into the Tube Railway, and there was a hole sufficiently large enough to contain two omnibuses. On three sides of the concrete was undermined and left a shell by the removal by pressure of many tons of earth. Electric cables were uncovered, and damaged, and supply pipes were bent and



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They are most important.

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Friday, Saturday and Monday
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These are some coats. Values to \$7.50. **Special**

burst, and trunk cables of the telephone service were all but severed by the fall upon them of masses of concrete. The pit extended more than half way across the roadway and below the pavement. An estimate of the damage done included the following items:—
A 3-inch gas main broken.
A 16-inch and a 6-inch water mains were fractured.
Thirty by twenty feet of roadway displaced.
Twenty feet of tramway conduit damaged.
Five business premises, in the neighbourhood damaged by window breakage.
The tube railway in this neighbourhood is situated between 40 and 50 feet below the ground level. It is lined in the customary way with heavy steel segments fixed over concrete. These are calculated to withstand the heaviest pressure. The tubes, indeed, proved an invariably safe refuge from air-raid bombs during the war. This particular section is regarded as out of date, but nevertheless the old narrow tunnel of it is acknowledged to be "perfectly safe and strong." The part which fell in was under reconstruction at night. When work was stopped each morning the roof and sides of the tunnel were set with steel segments and shored up with banks of timber. These precautions were judged by tests to be quite safe. It will mean some weeks' work before the damaged section of tube can be reopened. Though some of the track itself can easily be cleared, the engineers underground cannot proceed with the repair of the roof until the hole in the roadway is filled and consolidated. The disturbance of earth will render repair work very difficult. The earth subsidence is the only serious mishap of its sort that the Underground has ever experienced, whilst the explosion is believed to have been London's worst street gas upheaval since 1881.

"Exit—The Vamp"

One of the most delightful comedies in which Ethel Clayton has been seen in many a day is "Exit—The Vamp" a Paramount picture which was shown with exceptional success at the Star Theatre last night. Miss Clayton is seen in the story as the wife of a negligent husband who becomes enamored of a vamp and whom she wins back by impersonating the vamp herself with novel result. The situations are at times dramatic and there is considerable comedy, clean and wholesome. Miss Clayton vests her role with dignity and complete artistry while T. Roy Barnes, in the role of the foolish husband, proved excellent. Fontaine La Rue, a charming actress, who is popular with Paramount picture audiences, was seen to fine advantage as the vamp. Soon the big sensation Rupert of Hentzau "What is the Wife to do?"

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THE DERELICT.

It is a drab and grim retreat to which the hop-heads stray; and Evelyn, once fair and sweet, went there the other day; once, like a queen upon a throne, she ruled the giddy gang; and now, a drug besotted cross, **VALT MATCH** goes to this shabang. Once, where the bright lights used to glow she fooled with gilded vice, and all she knew or cared to know was joy at any price. And foolish damsel envied her as on her way she sped, and longed to flaunt their silk and fur and paint the landscape red. And where root gardens were a light, 1 rose, rebuking sin, and rooting strongly for the right, and roasting Evelyn. For no rebuke of mine she cared, though conched in words sublime, and all the declamation she dared, to have a red hot time. She had her red hot time for years, she said to care, "Aroint!" and now in misery and tears, she seeks the hophead joint. Once she was beautiful and fair, and had a wondrous charm, and for her smile benign and rare a man would trade a farm. But pleasure was the only thing for which by day she schemed, and pleasure was the sceptred king of whom by night she dreamed. And pleasure brought her to the door of yonder drab retreat, where hopheads sit upon the floor and breathe the name of Pete.

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