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CAR OF NITRO-GLYCERINE EXPLODES---WHOLE TOWN OF ESSEX BADLY DAMAGED

TWO TRAINMEN INSTANTLY KILLED SCORES OF PERSONS ARE INJURED

In Shifting Car of Explosive From Heat of Sun, Concussion Causes Wreck--Fifty Buildings More or Less Badly Damaged--Shock Was Felt in Windsor and Detroit.

SPECIAL GUARD OF FIFTY POLICE AND SALE OF LIQUOR STOPPED

THE CAUSE—Due directly to the leaking of nitro-glycerine in a Michigan Central freight car at the Essex, Ont., depot.

THE DAMAGE—Two men killed; many persons injured; 50 buildings wrecked or damaged; most of the glass windows broken; total loss to property estimated at \$250,000.

The telegraphic communication with the outside world was cut off. The steeples of churches were razed. The municipal building was greatly damaged. Not a store on Talbot-street—the main street—sustained less than half its value in damage.

From the way roofs were lifted one could imagine a cyclone. And, as for the people, Essex went in a panic—simply in a panic.

Those who rushed to the excited village at the first alarm found a great company of deafened people. Ordinary tones could not be understood, and when Essexite spoke to Essexite the excited gesturing was enough to get on the nerves of those whose auricular organs had not been called on to withstand the shock of the explosion.

Railway officials from Detroit and St. Thomas, endeavoring to inform themselves on the accident, became hoarse trying to make the Essex station employes understand.

It is a fact that the explosion was more plainly heard in Detroit and Windsor, 19 miles away, than right in Essex, where the detonation so stunned the hearing sensibilities of the people that all many remember now is a sound like the buzzing of innumerable bees and then a dead, pulsing silence.

"No," yells the Essexite, "I didn't hear anything. What's that?" No, the blamed thing just seemed to stuff my ears with cotton batting and I couldn't hear it. Something stopped my hearing before the sound came.

ESSEX, Ont., Aug. 11.—(Special.)

An explosion of nitro glycerine and dynamite in the Michigan Central Railway yards Saturday morning killed two men and injured several and wrought great damage to property.

The train of which the dynamite car formed a part, the depot and the freight sheds were totally wrecked, every house in town was shaken, had its window glass shattered and its chimneys cracked and broken, and the shock of the explosion was felt for 10 to 15 miles around the county.

Last night Provincial Detective Campbell, Windsor, with 50 picked men, arrived and placed the town under a full form of martial law. The guards were given orders to give scant shrift to any persons acting in a way that would pass without question on ordinary days.

Licence Inspector Smith also took prompt action. As soon as the effects of the explosion were realized he ordered that all hotels should close until Monday. When his authority was questioned by the liquor men he ordered the swimming crowds ceased.

It is estimated that about 6000 people came into town to-day to see the ruins. Of these 1000 came from Windsor and Detroit, 16 miles away.

The total loss is estimated at \$250,000. Half a hundred buildings are either wrecked or badly damaged.

To-day part of the body of one of the dead railway men was found 400 yards from the scene of the explosion. To-day union services were held in the Presbyterian Church, the Methodist Church is practically in ruins.

Nitro Glycerine Leaked. Just what caused the explosion is not known. Friday afternoon the car that caused the trouble was shunted into the freight siding at Essex. Shortly after wards persons passing noticed the slow, thick, oily drip of the substance on the track, and soon reported the report that "the dynamite was leaking."

Little attention was paid to this for the reason that the witnesses succeeded in convincing the town grocer store aggregation that dynamite did not "leak."

Dynamite, it may be explained, consists of a mixture of nitro-glycerine with some absorbent, such as sawdust or a certain silicious earth from Oberlohe, in Hanover. The object of the mixture is to diminish the sensitiveness of nitro-glycerine to slight shock, and so to facilitate its carriage without impairing its explosive power. The disruptive force of dynamite is estimated at about eight times that of gunpowder. Dynamite may be ignited with a match and will burn brightly with a bright flame without explosion. Large quantities have been known to fall 20 feet on a hard surface without exploding.

Saturday morning the report reached Agent A. O. Stimer that something was afoot in the dangerous car. He walked over to the track and satisfied himself that such was the case. He called some of the yard crew and asked that the car be speedily moved away



THE EXPLOSION AT ESSEX—Scene in the Railway Yards, Showing the Wrecked Buildings in the Vicinity.

SENECA FASTER JARVIS ADMITS

Gives No Hope of Adele Winning If Breeze Continues Light.

ROCHESTER, N.Y., Aug. 11.—(Special.)—"Judging from yesterday's race, the Seneca is undoubtedly the faster boat," said Commodore Jarvis to-day, discussing the first of the Canada Cup series.

"We have absolutely no excuse or explanation of our defeat to make other than this. It was a square all-around beating, as the Seneca got in well ahead of time. Our chances will be practically nil if the weather to-morrow is as it was on Saturday. The Seneca is a model for speed and Herreshoff is a wizard."

"We cannot tell how things will be if we get plenty of wind for the other races. We would expect Adele to do better than on Saturday, but the Seneca may also show us a clean pair of heels."

Such were the frank, entirely sportsmanlike terms in which the skipper of the challenger discussed the defeat of his boat on Saturday. And his opinion has been echoed all day by those who saw the race. The two boats were a study as they lay side by side on the lake.

The American boat looks slicker, and altogether trimmer than the challenger. The Seneca is every inch a racing machine. It is a boat approaching as near as possible to this that the English designer will have to supply to bring the defeat of Herreshoff production within the realms of possibility.

To-morrow's race will start at 11 o'clock in the morning. The course will be a nine-mile beat to windward, with a return run before the wind to the starting line. The weather to-day has been fine, clear and calm.

ARABS GATHER FOR ASSAULT

Reported That 20,000 of Desert Terrors Prepare for Battle in Morocco.

TANGIER, Aug. 11.—Fierce fighting between fanatic tribesmen and the French forces outside Casablanca was still in progress when the French transport Anatis left the beleaguered town. Over 100 Arabs were killed on Saturday.

The battle started Thursday with a determined attack by the Moors. After a hard struggle the tribesmen were driven back with great loss by the defending force, commanded by Gen. Drude of the Algerian Tirailleurs. Undismayed, the Moors continued to fight, despite the terrible havoc wrought in their ranks by the French artillery. Latest reports say, however, that the tribesmen are being gradually driven back, the French cavalry and artillery, Saturday, having been seven and one-half miles from the city and alternately attacking and charging the savage fanatics.

Every Hour Damaged. Casablanca itself was quiet. The destruction wrought by shells of the French cruisers is more extensive than at first was thought. Not a house, shop or warehouse left undamaged. The streets are still encumbered with bodies of dead natives, the removal of which is being carried out slowly. It is an appalling sight, and the stench is so powerful that even those aboard ships in the harbor are sickened by it.

News of the Casablanca attacks on Europeans caused great joy among the natives of Morocco City, where Moulay Hafid, the governor, informed the European residents that he could not insure their safety should meetings be taken to punish the Casablanca murderers.

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NEW INSURANCE ACT HAS BEEN PREPARED

Will Be Submitted to Parliament This Session—Provides for Appointment of Superintendent.

OTTAWA, Aug. 11.—(Special.)—A copy of the suggested insurance act which will be introduced at the next session of parliament was issued this morning. The proposed act says:

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LAUNCH NO. 13 PREY TO FIRE

G. L. Beardmore and Party Jump Into Lake From Burning Craft and Are Rescued.

Walter Beardmore's 35-foot gasoline launch No. 13 was totally destroyed by fire in the lake off Lee-avenue about 11:30 Saturday night.

Five passengers on the launch had a narrow escape from serious injury by burns or drowning, but were rescued by Balmby Beach residents, who saw the fire and promptly put out from shore.

They were G. L. Beardmore, son of Walter Beardmore, owner of the launch; John Gray of the firm of R. A. L. Gray & Co.; Reginald Parmenter, the Rugby football player, and two ladies, friends of the gentlemen of the party.

The party had spent the evening at Scarborough Beach and were returning to the city, when about 200 or 400 yards off shore opposite Lee-avenue flames suddenly shot up from the bottom of the launch. One of the gentlemen had been smoking, and it is supposed that the fumes which rose from the gasoline tank were ignited by the burning cigar and communicated the blaze to the engine. There was no explosion.

Panic resulted from the sudden burst of flame and four of the party jumped into the water, holding to the side, while Mr Beardmore remained on board and did what he could to strengthen their grip on the burning craft.

Mr. Beardmore made an attempt to scuttle the launch, but was unable to reach the ax on board.

The launch was completely burned. It was towed to the beach, and its charred hull now lies completely submerged in several feet of water.

Another in Peril. Another party of three men and seven women had a rather exciting experience at the foot of Beach-avenue on Sunday. They were in a 25-foot gasoline launch and made an attempt to effect a landing with a high sea running. The nose of the launch was poked up on the beach in front of the Balmby Beach Club House, but the stern swung around and a big wave turned her over on her side.

The launch dropped back in four or five feet of water, and as it appeared that she might roll over the ten passengers made a hasty jump into the water. A dozen beach residents, seeing the possibility of the craft being dashed to pieces, waded into the water and after vigorous tugging at the stern succeeded in pulling her around till the engine was started and the launch was run out. The launch was retaken at that point.

THE HAT TRICK. If you are doing business with a man who has on a shabby hat you will not like the hat won't you? and it won't like the business in the interests of the man who has the hat. It applies all round. Dineen's late sale of summer season hats means half price for all stylish straw hats, and a great reduction on genuine Panamas. It will pay you to call at Yonge and Temperance streets and see what you can save.

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STORK CHEATS CANADA OUT OF BOUNCING SON

His Ill-Timed Arrival at Buffalo Gives Uncle Sam's Census a Boost.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Aug. 11.—The ill-timed arrival of the stork frustrated the desire of Mrs. James Ripley of Cleveland, that the bouncing baby boy which was delivered to her yesterday should be of Canadian nationality.

Mr. Ripley is a business man of Cleveland and expecting the arrival of the heir, he and his wife took a train for Buffalo, hoping to arrive at the home of Mrs. Ripley's parents in Hamilton, Ont., before the happy moment arrived.

They arrived at the Lehigh Valley Station on Washington-street. Mr. Ripley took a walk while waiting for the Grand Trunk train. During his absence the little one, red-faced and lusty voiced, arrived. Mrs. Ripley was temporarily cared for by several women passengers, who were in the ladies' waiting room. Stationmaster Sande summoned the ambulance from the Aberdeen Hotel, and mother and child were taken there. Both are doing well.

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