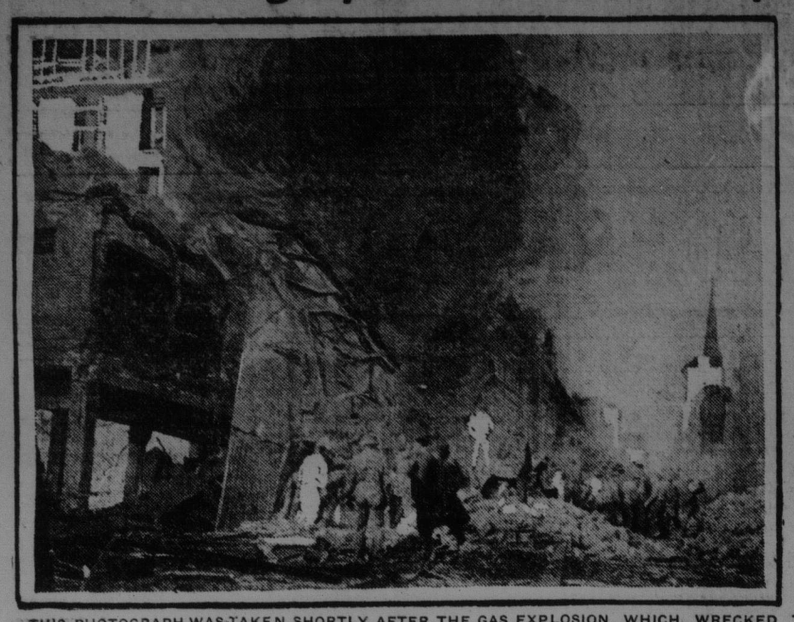
News Photographs of Terrific Explosion in Heart of New York



THIS PHOTOGRAPH WAS TAKEN SHORTLY AFTER THE GAS EXPLOSION WHICH WRECKED THE POWERHOUSE OF THE GRAND CENTRAL STATION IN NEW YORK CITY, AND KILLED OR INJURED 135 PEOPLE, ALSO CAUSING A PROPERTY LOSS OF $3,000,000. IT SHOWS WORKMEN DIGGING THROUGH THE DEBRIS SEARCHING FOR BODIES OF THE DEAD.

THE FORCE OF THE EXPLOSION WRECKED THIS CAR AND THREW IT ACROSS THE STREET ONTO THE AUTOMOBILE WITH VIOLENT FORCE, KILLING TWO GIRLS AND INJURING NEARLY EVERY OCCUPANT OF BOTH STREET CAR AND AUTOMOBILE.

PROF. A. S. HILL PASSED AWAY

One of Founders of Associated Press and Harvard Professor for Quarter of a Century--Wrote Several Books

Boston, Dec. 27.—Succumbing to apoplexy after an illness of one week, Prof. Adams Sherman Hill, one of the founders of the Associated Press, and for more than a quarter of a century one of Harvard college's best known and most beloved instructors, died Tuesday at his home, 17 Brimmer street, in his 78th year.

Prof. Hill was an instructor in Harvard college for 32 years, 22 years of that time being Boylston professor of rhetoric and oratory. He was given the degree of LLD. by Harvard college in 1903, and a year later became professor emeritis.

Honors in Law Studies.

He was born in Boston in 1833. After attending the public schools he was graduated from Harvard college in 1853, and from Harvard law school in 1855. In the law school he took high honors.

After leaving the law school he was in the office of the late Senator George Frisbie Hoar at Worcester. He then moved to New York and entered journalism. In the early 60's he was a sub editor on the New York Tribune, and during the Civil war served that newspaper as its Washington correspondent.

While a newspaper correspondent in Washington he became interested in the movement to launch the Associated Press, and was one of the founders of that co-operative newsgathering organization.

In the late '60s he went to Chicago in a newspaper capacity, and afterward spent a considerable period travelling abroad. He returned to Boston to reside permanently about 1868.

In the latter year he married Miss Caroline Inches Dehon, of Boston. They had one daughter and two sons, Arthur D. Hill being their only surviving child.

Work as an Educator.

He became assistant professor of English in Harvard college in 1872. Four years later—in 1876—he was made Boylston professor of rhetoric and oratory, which position he retained until he voluntarily severed his connection with the university Sept. 1.

During his long term in the department of English at Harvard college he developed the scholarship and personal character of his students to a degree which gave him a national recognition as an educator.

He wrote several works on rhetoric which were widely used. These included Principles of Rhetoric, Foundations of Rhetoric, Beginnings of Rhetoric and Composition, Our English, and a pamphlet on punctuation.

He also contributed frequently to leading educational and scientific magazines.

He was one of the Tavern Club's best known members at one time serving as its vice-president. He was also a member of the St. Botolph Club and was identified with various college organizations.

IN ROPED ARENA.

"Jimmy" Howard, the Chicago welterweight, and "Ted" Nelson of Australia, will appear in a ten round bout at the Sharkey Athletic Club, New York, tonight.

For Friday evening at the National Sporting Club, New York, "Tom" O'Rourke has arranged a fine bill. "Jack Twin" Sullivan will meet Frank Mantell in the second elimination competition for the middleweight title. The semi-final bout will bring together "Charlie" Johnson and Frank Pierce, and there will be three preliminary bouts.

At the Airdome, Portland, Me., Monday, there was an exciting 6 round contest between Young Hugo Kelley, of Portland and Joe Eagan, of Philadelphia. For the first three rounds the bout was even, but after that Kelly made it his own. He landed several times on Eagan's jaw, and in the last round he nearly put him out. There was a large crowd.

AN OLD STORY.

Gulfport, Miss., Dec. 27.—A man registered at a hotel here as O. K. Spurr New Orleans, yesterday, was found dead in his room today. Two empty vials that had contained laudanum and morphine, were found in the room.

UNEARTH ANARCHIST ARSENAL IN LONDON

Search For Murderers Of Police Leads To Important Discovery — Materials For Manufacture Of Explosives.

London, Dec. 28.—According to the Daily Telegraph, the search by the police for the Houndsditch burglars, who shot several policemen to death a few nights ago, has led to the discovery of a complete anarchist arsenal in the house of Golst, Stepney, formerly occupied by the dead burglar, Hardstein.

In the house the police found large quantities of materials used in the manufacture of explosives, anarchistic literature, weapons of various kinds, and dum-dum bullets.

MONTREAL SPORTS HAVE COCKING MAIN

Authorities Outwitted And Much Money Changes Hands As Result Of Conflict Of About 80 Pairs.

Montreal, Dec. 27.—The city sports are boasting of a successful cocking main which took place at Mascoche, 30 miles from here, Sunday at midnight.

There were 80 pairs of game cocks and the sport lasted till Monday afternoon, and a Joliette bird was declared cock of the walk. Some 200 sports were present from Montreal, Joliette, Quebec and Three Rivers.

A good deal of money changed hands and the authorities appear to have been completely outwitted.

SMALLPOX OUTBREAK IN PORCUPINE CAMP

Six Patients From New Goldfields Being Treated In Box Car — Health Authorities Seek To Trace Origin.

Toronto, Dec. 27.—Smallpox has broken out in Porcupine. Six patients from the new goldfields are now being treated in a box car at North Bay. Quarantine of the cars is being maintained by the health authorities.

Last week a case of smallpox was reported to the provincial authorities from Porcupine and an attempt is being made to trace the origin of the disease in the camp.

DIED TWELVE DAYS AFTER TAKING POISON

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 27.—Twelve days ago Elmer Dese swallowed 27 grains of bi-chloride of mercury, enough to kill 150 persons, and today he died. After the poison had been taken a physician was summoned, and in a short time, Dese was apparently as well as ever.

He told members of his family what he had done, but gave the matter no more attention. Christmas Eve he became ill and his condition gradually grew worse, until he died from the effects of the poison.

Trip Abandoned.

The proposed trip to the West Indies from this port on January 14, conducted by McKenzie Cornish, on the C. P. R. steamer Lake Manitoba, has been abandoned. Yesterday L. P. D. Tilley received word from W. G. Anable of the C. P. R. to this effect. The reason for not running the trip this winter is on account of the shortness of time and the unsufficient number offering. The cruise will be held next winter, however, on a larger and more complete scale.

CHAIRMAN OF DEFUNCT BANK TRIED SUICIDE

Northern Bank Of New York With Nearly $7,000,000 In Deposits Closed By State Officials.

EXECUTIVE HEAD IN SANATORIUM

New York, Dec. 27.—The Northern Bank of New York, with deposits in its nine branches of $6,912,582 at the time of its published statement, was closed today by O. H. Cheney, state superintendent of banks, "for the benefit of depositors," because of "certain conditions," and "also certain irregular transactions." An inventory of the bank's assets and liabilities is now under way, but until it is complete, no further statement from superintendent Cheney will be available. W. H. Hotchkiss, state superintendent of insurance and district attorney Whitman, are co-operating with him. They hope to present the facts to the grand jury tomorrow.

Joseph H. Robin, chairman of the executive committee of the bank, and a shareholder and director in many other corporations, is in the private sanatorium of Dr. Charles McDonald, at Central Valley, N. Y., whether he was committed last Saturday by Justice Amendoff of the State Supreme Court at the request of his sister, on the certificate of two physicians.

Dr. McDonald tonight over the long distance telephone, said that professional ethics would not permit him to discuss the case, but Jas. H. Gifford, counsel for the bank and one of its directors, stated that the examining physicians had diagnosed the case as acute paranoia and that Robin tried to kill himself in his apartments last Saturday night, but was restrained by a nurse. Although Robin was committed on Saturday, he was not conveyed to the sanatorium until today, for Mr. Gifford and another director visited him at his apartments here yesterday evening in an effort to obtain collateral.

"On Friday night," said Mr. Gifford tonight, "after the irregularities had been discovered, another director and myself went to the apartments of Mr. Robin. He was in great agony from kidney trouble and it was plain to be seen that he was out of his mind. We could not get a connected statement from him. It was plain that he did not realize the seriousness of our mission.

Attempted Suicide.

"Not succeeding we left him and returned on Monday night. His mental condition was awful. He was suffering from paronoa and I understand that, after being examined by eminent alienists, he was sent today to a private sanatorium. On Saturday while in this condition he tried to kill himself, but was frustrated by a watchful nurse. I knew nothing about the irregularities, nor do I think any of the other directors did, until they were revealed by the examiners of the banking department and our own investigators. We held out hopes that conditions might right themselves until Monday night, when at a meeting which lasted for hours, we called upon the state banking department to step in. A copy of the resolution was turned over to the department and Supt. Cheney can make it public if he wishes. We do not care to."

Supt. Hotchkiss was drawn into the case through the fact that Robin held a controlling interest in the Aetna Indemnity Co. of Hartford, Conn., capitalized at $250,000, which does business in this state. The relations of the Aetna with the Northern Bank and of both with the title and guarantee company of Rochester, form the subject matter of a long statement by Supt. Hotchkiss. The directors of the Aetna in a typewritten reply admitted tonight that "the report given out by the insurance department was correct in the essential particulars."

CITY OFFICIAL ARRESTED.

Garry, Ind., Dec. 27.—Mayor Thomas Knotts, Chief of Police Martin and seven other city officials were arrested today on indictments charging them with having altered the count of the balloting in the November elections. They were released on bonds ranging from $2,000 to $6,000.

GIRL SHRIVED WHILE CLINGING TO ICE

Priest Administers Last Rite As Margaret Shaw Sinks To Her Death In River—Rescue Failed.

Philadelphia, Dec. 27.—While vain efforts were being made to rescue her, and after a priest, who had risked his life on the thin ice had administered to her the last rites of the church, Margaret Shaw, aged 19 years, sank to death today under the ice on the Schuykill river.

Agnes Haynes, James Harper and Richard Faymous, who were skating with her, and broke through the ice at the same time, were rescued with difficulty. Boys playing hockey near by extended their clubs to the men and Miss Haynes was saved by her brother, who crawled over the crumbling ice and pulled her out with his coat.

SCHOONER WITH RECORD BOUGHT BY DIGBY MAN

The Hattie Loring, Of Portland, Me., Which Has Covered 80,000 Miles, Becomes Property Of A. W. Porter.

Portland, Me., Dec. 27.—The little two masted schooner Hattie Loring which has the remarkable record of having covered 80,000 miles of water in the 16 years she has been built, was sold today by her owner, Capt. Loring E. Rice, to A. W. Porter, of Digby, N. S., and she will hereafter fly the British flag.

Outside of one trip to Boston, the Loring has been wholly engaged in the packet business between Portland and Washington county points.

MAMMOTH SEA HITS STEAMER

Boston, Dec. 27.—The Hamburg-American liner Bothania came into port late today with her top deck and cabin doors on the port side crushed in and a big steel crossbeam and pillar which supports the boat deck torn away. The liner was struck by a mammoth sea on the morning of the fifteenth which lifted the top deck amidships from its foundations.

The ship's hospital was flooded and Boatswain Brenge and Ship Carpenter Brinkhmann were nearly drowned, besides losing much of their clothing, which was swept into the sea. The Bothania was 16 days on the passage and had a rough trip throughout.

WEDDINGS.

Atcheson-Godard.

A quiet wedding was solemnized at the residence of John W. Godard, 20 Douglas Avenue, yesterday, when his daughter, Miss Ethel Vaughan was united in marriage to Leopold A. Atcheson, of the C. P. R. office staff at Woodstock, N. B. The bride who was married in her travelling dress, wore Copenhagen blue broadcloth with velvet hat to match. Mr. and Mrs. Atcheson left on the C. P. R. for Montreal and Toronto and before returning will visit Mrs. Atcheson's sister, Mrs. L. W. Sanford, of Lincoln, Vermont. On their return they will reside at Woodstock. Many beautiful wedding gifts in china, cut glass and silver testified to the esteem in which the bride is held.

REV. L. Z. FERRIS.

Gorham, Me., Dec. 27—Rev. Leonard Z. Ferris, a Congregational minister, who has held pastorates in three New England states, died today, aged 76 years. He graduated from Dartmouth in the class of 1856, was ordained to the ministry in 1865 and has been pastor of churches at Lawrence and Rockland, Mass.; East Providence, R. I., and Gorham, Me. He was in Providence 21 years, retiring on account of ill health.

TOO FRIENDLY TO BRITAIN

Other Nations Complain Of Pro-British Remarks Of U. S. Commander At London Banquet.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 27.—The case of Commander William S. Sims, of the U. S. S. Minnesota, who according to press reports delivered a distinctly pro-British speech at a banquet in London, Dec. 4, which has been regarded as offensive by citizens of other nations, is now in the hands of Pres. Taft.

In response to cablegram from Secy. Meyer asking for an official report of the exact sentiments expressed by Commander Sims, Rear Admiral Murdoch commanding the third division of the Atlantic fleet, to which the Minnesota is attached, has made a cable reply to the secretary giving the substance of the commander's remarks.

Secretary Meyer today referred the matter to the president as commander in chief of the navy for such action as he deemed the incident warranted. No inkling of the nature of Admiral Murdock's cable was obtainable at the navy department. Secy. Meyer would neither affirm nor deny that Commander Sims admitted the accuracy of the published reports of his speech.

MUNICIPAL HOME OPEN TO VISITORS

Annual Christmas Treat Occasion of Inspection by Commissioners, Clergymen and Others--Distribution of Gifts

The Municipal Home was thrown open to visitors yesterday afternoon on the occasion of the annual Christmas treat. There was a larger number of visitors than usual, among them being George A. Knodall, chairman of the commissioners in charge of the home, and W. S. Clawson, Michael Coll and J. E. Bryant, of the commission. Visiting clergymen present were Rev. Dr. Raymond and Rev. Father O'Neill, the Protestant and Roman Catholic chaplains of the home, and Rev. Geo. F. Scovil, rector of St. Jude's, West End, and Rev. L. A. McLean. Mayor Frink and Dr. James Christie were also present.

After an inspection of the home, in which the cleanliness and care taken in the management of the institution was very apparent, the visitors gathered in the school room where two large trees had been provided. Useful gifts were distributed to all the inmates and addresses were delivered by the mayor, the visiting clergymen and by Chairman Knodell.

In the course of his remarks the chairman said the commissioners hoped to shortly instal a system of electric lighting in the home and to improve the water supply, both of which are greatly needed at the present time.

There are now above 200 inmates in the home, a larger number than usual at this season of the year. In the school which is conducted in the building by Miss McGuire there are 40 children and their work has been very creditable.

Extended to Provinces.

The district superintendent of the Western Union Telegraph Company has been advised that the ocean mail service of the West Union, which has been adopted at New York, has been extended to St. John and Halifax, thus affording to Canadians the same privileges accorded to the citizens of the United States, whereby they can connect with the outgoing ocean mails up to the last moment. The service will become effective as soon as the necessary forms and instructions have been received. By this service letters may be forwarded from any part of Canada to St. John or Halifax by wire and mailed on the outgoing mail steamers for delivery in England. This will mean an important saving of time and will doubtless be taken advantage of by business men.

Wm. Watters, of the West Side, is reported ill.

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JEWISH FEAST AT CHRISTMAS

It doesn't often happen that Christmas Day and the Jewish Festival of Lights are celebrated simultaneously, but this year they were.

Because December 25 falls on Sunday this year, the real celebration of Christmas Day takes place Monday, Dec. 26, and this is also the 1910 day for the beginning of Chanukah, the Hebrew name for the Festival of Lights.

Chanukah marks the anniversary of one of the greatest military victories in the history of nations. In this, history corroborates the Biblical accounts and the story of the battle as related in Josephus' "Antiquities of the Jews."

The battle was fought 2075 years ago, or 165 years before the Christian era. The cause of the war began in 168 B. C., when the emissaries of Antiochus Epiphanus called on Mattahias, a priest of the order of Joarib, at his home in Modin, near Jerusalem in an attempt to uproot the faith of Judaism. Mattathias slew the king's officer, raised the standard of rebellion and with his five sons fled to the mountains.

Shortly after father and sons and their few followers had reached the mountains, Mattathias died, committing the cause to his sons and appointing Judas, the most valiant among them, as their military leader. It is commonly supposed that the name Maccabeus was given Judas after his first great victory, for the English translation of the Hebrew word Maccabeus is "The Hammerer."

JUDAS MACCABEUS.

From a Statue of the Great Jewish Hero by Max Kalish, a Young Jewish-American Sculptor.

Not long after his father's death Judas took the field with a small army and after his first battle with the Syrians he was hailed as the greatest hero in Israel's history after David. Four great battles were fought in rapid succession and with a few thousand followers Judas defeated four great Syrian armies of hundreds of thousands of trained soldiers. On Kislev 25, 165 B. C., which corresponds sometimes with November and occasionally with December—but seldom as late as Dec. 26—he recaptured Jerusalem and succeeded in restoring the Jewish worship in the temple, which had been discontinued for three years.

The Jewish Bible, in relating the story of the rededication of the temple and its cleansing after the worship of idols in the holy of holies, tells of the discovery of a small quantity of oil which under ordinary circumstances would last only a short time. The oil was poured in the lamp in which burns the perpetual light and the lamp continued to shed its rays for eight days until other oil could be secured and consecrated.

Judas, although he bore no title was after those battles the head of the Jews, and following up his victories over the Syrians he made war against all the former enemies of Israel, defeating in turn the Edomites, the Ammonites, the Arabs and other peoples, conquering them one after the other. A year later Lysias, a Syrian general, invaded Judea with an army of 100,000, but the army was compelled to retire and Syria finally acknowledged the religious liberty of the Jews.

To commemorate the victories and the miracle of the oil, the Feast of Lights is celebrated for a period of eight days. In orthodox Jewish homes candles are lighted. One wax taper the first night, two the second, and so on until the eighth night, when eight tapers are lighted. These candles are usually placed near a window where the people on the street may see them, "to publish the miracle."

The prayer at lighting these candles is simple and is as follows:—"Blessed be Thou, O Lord our God, King of the world, Who didst work miracles for our fathers in the days of this season."

The accompanying illustration is a reproduction of a statue of Judas Maccabeus by a young Jewish-American sculptor, Max Kalish.

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EUGENE ROY HEARS OF BIG FORTUNE

Man in Winchenden, Mass., Probably from St. John's, Quebec, and Not from This City.

Winchendon, Mass., Dec. 27.—Eugene Roy, aged seventy years, a laborer at the cotton mill of Nelson D. White & Sons, who came here from St. John, received a letter this morning from a priest at St. John, N. B., stating that Roy's brother, Joseph, in California, has left him between $50,000 and $100,000. Roy says he has not seen or heard from his brother in forty years. He last heard of Joseph when he had charge of the making of army uniforms for officers of the government. At that time he was making good money, according to Mr. Roy, and was worth several thousand dollars. Henry Beaupais, a grocer of Winchendon, wrote at once to the priest for Mr. Roy, asking for further particulars. Roy gets but one dollar and twenty-five cents a day. His brother was sixty-eight years old.

At the Bishops' palace last night it was said that Eugene Roy was unknown here, and that the man probably belonged to St. John's, Quebec, where Roy was a very common name.

MARRIED.

Atcheson-Godard.—On the 27th inst., at the residence of the bride's father, 20 Douglas Avenue, by the Rev. J. E. Purdie, Ethel Vaughan, daughter of John A. Godard, to Leopold A. Atcheson.