

BRINGS DEATH TO TWENTY-FIVE

Men, Women and Children Are Killed By Gas Explosion in Brooklyn

STREET SURFACE TORN UP

Unknown Number of Bodies Lying Under Tons of Rock and Earth

New York, Nov. 20.—Twenty-five persons are believed to have lost their lives in an explosion of gas which tore up a section of Gold street, Brooklyn, today. It is definitely known that fifteen persons were buried under the debris, and several more are reported to be missing. The exact number of dead cannot be determined until tomorrow, when those working under the entombed bodies must dig through tons of dirt, rock, and a tangle of pipes and timbers.

The explosion occurred in a 50-foot deep excavation that had been made in Gold street, between York and Front streets, where a water main was being laid. The gas main recently sprung a leak in a manner which is known a spark came in contact with escaping gas. There was a terrific explosion that lifted the surface of the street for half a block in both directions, and hurled dirt and paving stones and debris into the air. When the smoke and dirt had been cleared away it was seen that the street had been opened from doorstep to doorstep over an area of nearly a block.

The loose earth and debris had fallen into the excavation, burying the score of laborers who were at work when the accident happened. Great tongs of flame shot out of the crevices in the street and beside them geysers of water leaped into the air from a water main that had been shattered by the explosion. The bodies were sticking out of the wreckage. Gold street was crowded with school children when the explosion occurred, and that score of child-headed men killed or injured was remarkable. A woman and three children were almost opposite the excavation when the earth crumbled under them. They were swept down into the hole under tons of wreckage. Two other children were on the opposite side of the street when the explosion occurred and they lost their lives.

Samuel Trout, foreman of the gang of laborers who were laying the water main, was near the closing up of the children who lost their lives. He rushed forward as he felt the street tremble from the explosion, in an endeavor to save them, but he was dragged into the death hole. His body was the first to be recovered. Trout had been working under the street. Only four of the men working in the excavation escaped. They were Strand, Frank Sohenwood, John Crain and an Italian named Gino. These men were digging near the opening of a four-foot sewer, and the force of the explosion blew them to the ground. A later investigation showed that the sewer and the lines were not down, and he pulled the other three men after him. Water from the broken main began to pour into the sewer, and the men were unable to get out. They were being drowned. They began to run towards the river, where there was an outlet. Strand described their experience as follows: "Our only chance was in reaching the outlet to the sewer, and we ran down towards the sewer, and we were all dark, and we stumbled and fell over the things that had been left behind by the workmen. The river was three blocks away. By tomorrow, when we reached the river the water was up to our waists. We found a bulwark there that had been built to keep the water from coming in. We climbed to the top of this, and from the top reached the pier. The water was up to our chins before we got out. Another minute and we would have been drowned."

The explosion shook houses for blocks around. Thousands of persons were attracted to the scene, and the police had difficulty in keeping them from crowding too close to the smoking pit of wreckage. The lines were reformed and the work of recovering was begun within half an hour of the accident. Women living in the neighborhood whose children had been in the street when the gas main blew up rushed to the place and ran about the excavation wringing their hands and calling for their little ones. In some instances they found their children after a brief search, but a number of boys and girls had been taken into a school near by, and their parents were frantic by the time they were found. The gas and water supply was turned off shortly after the explosion. A force of a hundred firemen were put to work digging for bodies, but the task was necessarily slow, because of the wreckage which had to be removed. When darkness fell tonight half a dozen searchlights were brought into use. Two large suction pumps were used to remove the water-soaked dirt, and a derrick was brought up to haul out timber and machinery.

The known dead are: Samuel Trout, foreman; Fred Schottmeyer, inspector of sewers; Chas. Farr, foreman of concrete workers. The police arrested seven men who were attached to the city department in charge of the work being done.

PRESIDENT AND LABOR

Dinner at White House Followed by Conference with Labor Representatives

Washington, Nov. 19.—A further conference at the White House yesterday between the President and men who are pre-eminent in labor matters made the attitude of the administration towards proposed labor legislation a subject of keen discussion in Washington tonight. Among those who saw the President today were Charles Neill, commissioner of Labor, United States Attorney Henry L. Stimson, of New York, Edward J. Gavegan, of New York, and several labor union men, and Chas. H. Sherrill, an attorney of New York, all of whom attended the labor dinner at the White House on Tuesday evening.

It is learned from the highest authority that the object of the President's dinner to-day is to bring labor and in holding the subsequent conferences was primarily to bring about a better understanding between representatives of the government and labor leaders, and to impress upon

labor interests of the country the disposition of the administration to receive its representatives in conference on an equality with all others.

The reason that the members of the supreme court of the United States and executive officers were invited to be present was merely to enable them to learn from the laborers direct what they regard as their needs.

The occasion is said to have afforded a free exchange of ideas and to have been of "illuminating value" to the President. While he can not adopt a labor programme at the close of his administration, lest he might thereby embarrass his successor, it is believed that he will set forth his views on the needs of labor either in an effort to save the proposition when it convenes on the first Monday in December, or in a special labor message submitted subsequently.

The various conferences of the past two days are said to have brought out more plainly than ever before the desire of the labor interests to eliminate the law suits in collecting damages under employers' liability laws.

It has been found, the labor leaders claim, that this situation results in benefits to lawyers only, and that there are not a necessary step in the insurance to either side.

Republican Campaign Fund

New York, Nov. 19.—A campaign fund of \$1,500,000 contributed to the National Republican campaign committee by the Citizens' Union, will be shown when the list of contributors is filed at Albany on Monday next, according to the New York Evening Post.

Mayor Johnson "broke"

Cleveland, Ohio, Nov. 19.—Mayor Tom Johnson, who is reported to be a millionaire several times over, today announced that his entire fortune had been lost. He said that he would like to see the city of Cleveland in the hands of the late Albert Johnson, his brother.

Car to Walk Through Streets

St. Petersburg, Nov. 19.—The funeral of Alexis, who died in Paris on November 14, will be attended by Emperor Nicholas in person. His Majesty will follow the casket on foot through the streets of the city. This will be the first time for the emperor to be seen on the streets of the city of St. Petersburg since 1904, and the fact is a testimonial of the progress made in appeasing the people.

Fine Gift to Calgary

Calgary, Nov. 19.—The board of the Calgary general hospital has been successful in securing from the Department of the Interior an assurance that the site of the present site will be granted to the board, providing suitable arrangements can be made with the city regarding the closing up of the street area of almost fifteen acres, and are worth in the neighborhood of \$50,000.

HIGH-HANDED ACTION

U. S. Immigration Officer Forcefully Takes Man From Emerson Across Border

Emerson, Minn., Nov. 19.—There is considerable indignation in town today over the high-handed action of the U. S. immigration official in this town last night. A late October Smith, of the United States immigration staff, went to the home of James McQueen, a one-armed man, and forcibly ejected him from his home, taking him over the border and there placing him under arrest.

Stock Brokers Fail

Philadelphia, Nov. 19.—The firm of John A. Eckman and Co., stock brokers, made an assignment today to Lincoln L. Eyro, who has taken charge of the company's affairs. The firm has a chain of nineteen offices in Eastern cities, two offices being located in Philadelphia. The assignment was voluntary and was caused by the fall movement in the stock market. While no figures are yet available, it is believed the failure will not prove an important one.

THEATRE COLLAPSE

New Building in Winnipeg, Costing \$300,000 Suffers Considerable Damage

Winnipeg, N.W., At 8 o'clock this evening the new Grand theatre, at the corner of Jarvis and Main streets, collapsed, the side-walk walk with debris. The building was receiving the finishing touches, and had been built at a cost of thirty thousand dollars. Fortunately no one was injured, though several people passing on the sidewalk had narrow escapes. The theatre was built by W. J. Gliman of New York.

MINERAL CLAIMS SOLD

French Capital Being Interested in Holdings of Vancouver Interests

The Bank of Vancouver group of mineral claims at the head of Seymour creek is being sold to a company of French capitalists for \$600,000. The North Vancouver Express says the negotiations will be concluded in a few days.

This valuable property was originally owned by Joseph Seidler, a former Kootenay prospector who last year sold the group to the British-American Mining and Development syndicate for approximately a quarter of a million dollars. It is believed to be worth more than double that amount.

The Bank of Vancouver group is a copper-gold proposition and is in reality a mountain of ore. A force of men have been working all summer stripping the mountain of its surface and running exploration tunnels and ever since they have secured pay values. About a month ago a new tunnel was started and the ore has steadily improved, the gold values being particularly high. Recent assays have given 87 per cent in gold with a higher percentage of copper and some silver.

It is to reach the Bank of Vancouver and other properties, that the various claims of the North Vancouver group are moving for the opening up of the high level trail up Seymour creek, and rich section of country will be opened to North Vancouver. The property is situated in the mountains of one in eight and, as it is largely of a high level, the establishment of a mining camp on the trail is certain.

NEW CARS BUILDING FOR CANADIAN ROADS

Shops in Montreal and Elsewhere Busy Providing New Equipment

Montreal, Nov. 20.—That a decided improvement in railway conditions has occurred within the past few months is shown by the orders given lately by Canadian railways for new equipment.

Among other orders now under way are 2,400 box cars being built for the C.P.R. by the Canadian Car and Foundry Co. This is part of an order for 12,000 cars given four years ago, and 2,400 will be finished this year. In addition to this the Grand Trunk has placed an order for 1,000 steel hopper cars with the Pressed Steel Car Co. of New York.

The Canadian Pacific is also buying steel cars and has just placed an order with the car works in Montreal for five hundred steel box cars, which will be the first of this kind to be built in Canada. Vice-President McLeod, of the C.P.R., says orders now on hand will keep the Angus shops going for the next six months, turning out about 20 freight cars a day, and that the work will not stop them, but will continue building cars as long as business warrants.

A. J. Underdahl, the passenger car department at the Angus shops will also be kept busy with new equipment until the middle of next year. The C.P.R. is expected to be continuously with the building of locomotives. Orders now filed with the Angus shops total over \$600,000 for new engines.

Goes to Mediterranean

Toronto, Nov. 19.—Attorney General Fox leaves for London today for a two month trip to the Mediterranean.

Prairie Elevators

Regina, Sask., Nov. 19.—A conference of the presidents of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, executive of the Grain Growers' association of the three provinces has been called to take place at Regina on the 24th inst. for the purpose of discussing the feasibility of nationalizing the elevators of the three provinces. Premier Rutherford, of Alberta, just what the outcome will be, it is difficult to predict.

E. E. Sheppard Very Ill

Toronto, Nov. 20.—E. E. Sheppard, the well known newspaper proprietor of Saturday Night, is critically ill in Arizona, whither he went some time ago to take the cure. He has been suffering from lung trouble for some time.

TRADE BAROMETER CLIMBING UPWARD

Heavy Increases in the Bank Clearings at Nearly All Canadian Points

New York, Nov. 20.—Bradstreet's weekly report on bank clearings for the Dominion of Canada: Montreal—\$40,917,000, increase 21.8. Toronto—\$38,120,000, increase 23.8. Winnipeg—\$2,138,000, increase 47.3. Vancouver—\$4,355,000, increase 11.3. Ottawa—\$3,530,000, increase 22.4. Quebec—\$2,690,000, increase 24.8. Halifax—\$2,248,000, increase 16.7. Hamilton—\$1,687,000, increase 4.7. Calgary—\$2,072,000, increase 34.1. St. John, N. B.—\$1,007,000, increase 21.1. London—\$1,192,000, decrease 7.3. Victoria—\$1,453,000, increase 18.1. Edmonton—\$974,000, increase 4.7. R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review of trade tonnage will say: Gains are now almost universal, each week surmounting the previous one promptly. It is especially encouraging that the expansion of business is gradual, no excesses being attempted in commercial circles. Prices of raw materials, and in fact, almost all commodities, have advanced, wheat gaining a new high water mark for the season. Freights, which were depressed by the hands of dealers and speculators, are being shipped departments work overtime in order to make sufficiently large stocks for the holiday trade.

Accident Proves Fatal

New Westminster, Nov. 20.—Walter Redden, the sixteen-year-old lad who was injured by the electric discharge of a gun at Pitt Meadows on Tuesday only survived a few hours in the hospital. By a fatal stroke of the Royal Columbia hospital of hemorrhage from the wound.

Empress of Ireland's Record

Montreal, Nov. 20.—The P.R. steamship Empress of Ireland, arriving at Liverpool at 5:35 a.m. today, has completed the voyage from Rimouski, where she departed for this port, in 100 hours, 15 days, 15 hours and 40 minutes. This is considered a remarkable achievement at this season of the year.

RAIN CAUSES TROUBLE

Nanaimo's Light Nearly Cut Off By Caving in of Bank—Fishermen Busy With Herring

Nanaimo, Nov. 20.—The heavy rains of the past few days have converted the rivers and streams throughout the district, which were comparatively dry a few weeks ago, into raging torrents. On account of the great volume of water now coming down the Mill stream, from which the Nanaimo Electric Light company derives its power, about 100 feet of the bank just beyond the electric light station gave way, carrying with it a part of the flume which conveys the water to the turbines in the power house, thus interrupting the supply for a time. The accident was discovered, however, just in time to save the entire plant from being cut off from its water supply. A force of men have been engaged all day in repairing the damage and no further interruption is expected.

Awkward Incident

Belgrade, Servia, Nov. 20.—A chance meeting of the eight hundred coolies who have been on strike throughout that district for many months, will return to work on Monday, a settlement of differences having been reached at a conference held yesterday. The details of this affair will not be given out.

Death of Samuel Carley

Montreal, Nov. 20.—Samuel Carley, head of the S. Carley company department store, died this evening as the result of a shock received from a fall from his carriage yesterday afternoon. Mr. Carley was in his 73rd year and had been engaged in business in Montreal building up from a small beginning one of the largest department stores in Canada.

Vanouvier Painter Suicides

Vancouver, Nov. 20.—Arthur Ross, a painter, committed suicide today while demented.

AMERICANS BEATEN

Australian Tennis Players Triumph in Championship Match

Melbourne, Nov. 21.—Norman Brooks and A. F. Wilding (Australians) defeated Wright and Alexander (Americans) in the final of the Victorian doubles tennis championship, the scores being 6-3, 6-2, 4-6, 6-4.

EMPEROR TO ATTEND FUNERAL OF ALEXIS

Elaborate Measures For His Safety While Walking Through Streets

St. Petersburg, Nov. 20.—St. Petersburg was mourning the death of mourning for the funeral of Grand Duke Alexis, which will take place tomorrow. The streets will be in a terrible condition tomorrow in case of a thaw, but over 50 bushels per acre have been cleaned the route over which the Emperor and Grand Duke will pass on foot. Behind the casket of the relative, a distance of three miles from the railway station to the fortress of St. Peter and St. Paul.

Reports were in circulation in official circles this evening to the effect that Emperor Nicholas slightly indisposed. These may mean that his majesty has decided to abandon his expressed intention of attending the funeral.

Escaping The Army

Young French Conscript Turned The Laugh on Army Authorities

Paris, Nov. 21.—A young man from the South has just had a good laugh at the army. He was willing to be quartered but wished to have a trial first, and succeeded. He wrote to his commanding officer at Saint Germain, and was accepted, but when it came to signing the contract he succeeded in avoiding it, and handed it back unsigned. The trick was not noticed, and after a week the man was not noticed, and after enough decided that he preferred not to continue. He told the sergeant that he had made up his mind to leave the barracks and to go to the mountains, where he was stopped, and threatened with the usual military penalties. He had no difficulty in proving that he was under no obligations, and the authorities were obliged to let him go free.

UNDERGROUND STREETS

Paris, Nov. 21.—Underground passages for pedestrians are to be built at various points beneath the Champs Elysees, which the constant stream of motor cars now renders impassable from morning till evening. The construction of other Paris streets also has grown to an alarming extent, and although we are only at the beginning of the winter season all thoroughfares are being blocked up, and the traffic with traffic for hours morning and afternoon. If the Champs Elysees tunnels prove a success, others will be excavated in the center of Paris, and motor passengers will in fact be able to avoid the streets, but under them, the municipal council laments, however, that owing to lack of funds it will not be able to do all it wishes to do. It has been hoped to build the approach to the Champs Elysees underground passages in the form of a tunnel, but perambulators could have rolled easily. But this has been found too costly and only staircases will be provided.

LONGBOAT TO MARRY

Great Canadian Runner Will Become Benedict Next Month

Toronto, Nov. 21.—Tom Longboat is to marry Miss Miracle of the Deseronto Indian reserve, on Dec. 30.

Trainmen Killed

Howell, Mich., Nov. 21.—Two trainmen were killed and three were fatally injured early today in a collision between two freight trains on the Toledo and Ann Arbor railway, near Lakeland in Washington county, following a change of orders. It is understood that one of the trains ran past a signal. The dead are: Fireman A. Grogan, of Toledo, and Engineer Wm. Ryan, of Howell, Mich. The collision was between an extra south bound freight and the regular north bound freight train. Clifford Poller, a student, is probably fatally hurt.

CORNELL VICTORIOUS

Annual Intercollegiate Cross-Country Run Yesterday—Many Competitors

Princeton, N.J., Nov. 21.—Cornell this afternoon won the annual intercollegiate cross country run, taking both the individual and the team prizes. Theacans scored 29 points, Princeton 23, Harvard 17, Michigan third with 89, Yale fourth with 90, Michigan fifth with 105, Pennsylvania sixth with 134 and Columbia seventh with 141. In addition to the Cornell team, finished first and is the individual champion. He dashed across the line five yards ahead of Capt. Dull, of Michigan. In addition to the Cornell team, Capt. Young's time was 34 minutes 14 seconds which is a record for the 5.14 mile course here. Sixty-two of the athletes representing nine colleges, started in the race.

PAPKE vs. KETCHELL

Jack Walsh Will Referee Championship Fight on American Thanksgiving Day

San Francisco, Nov. 19.—Billy Papke and Stanley Ketchell, who switched from the management of Jack Gleason to that of James W. Corbett, are expected to appear at the latter's open Mission arena at San Francisco, tomorrow, in a fight with Capt. Young, of the Chicago team. The changing of the fight date was decided after Young's manager, J. O'Connor, had decided that Gleason's fight on evening date would not draw as large a crowd as the holiday date. Gleason declares that he offered Ketchell \$10,000 and Papke \$12,000, win, lose or draw, in order to hold the match. He also sought legal advice and may bring action for damages.

HARVARD AT LAST!

Yale Football Team Beaten Before Thirty-Five Thousand People

New Haven, Conn., Nov. 21.—The championship football game between Harvard and Yale played here this afternoon, resulted in favor of the former team. The final score was: Harvard 4; Yale, nil. The weather today was ideal for the championship football game between Harvard and Yale. The atmosphere made fur and winter garments comfortable for the spectators, of whom more than 35,000 were massed to witness the great struggle. This year the percentage of out-of-town people was greater than ever. Thirty-six special trains came in during the forenoon. The center of wagging at one of the local hotels was besieged early. Harvard men displayed the most riotous behavior. The betting figures quickly jumped from even to 10 to 5 in favor of the crimson supporters giving the odds. Yale money seemed to be scarce.

POISON FOR MICE

Human Beings Suffered From Virus Used to Kill Rodents

London, Nov. 21.—Dr. Collingridge, the medical officer of health for the City of London, reports an outbreak of illness in a business establishment where a large number of persons of each sex are employed. Twelve men became seriously ill but recovered. All the persons affected had dined in the same room, whereas those who had dined in four other rooms had not suffered. When the boards of the room were removed a large number of dead and decomposed mice were found. It was ascertained that some of a much-devised poison had been laid about the room and pantry. The virus was said to be harmless to human beings and domestic animals, but it was conclusively proved that it had caused the illness in question. The virus was laid about on pieces of

CATTLE DISEASE ATTACKS HUMANS

Four Children in Pennsylvania Town Stricken With the Plague

Washington, Nov. 20.—Alarming results following the outbreak of contagious foot and mouth disease in New York and Pennsylvania, causing those states to be quarantined against interstate shipments of cattle, were shown today in a report that reached Secretary of Agriculture Wilson, that four children in Danville, Pa., had contracted the disease. A rigid investigation is in progress in Danville and elsewhere to determine whether or not it has become similarly affected. The officials say the spread of the contagion is in progress in Danville and that the situation is grave, and that it will require energetic and concerted action by the state and federal authorities.

PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES

Infection Said to Have Been Carried Through Canada By Western Cattle

Hits Export Trade

Shipments of cattle to foreign ports from New York and Philadelphia were brought to an abrupt close by a quarantine on cattle established in this state and Pennsylvania. The quarantine does not affect ports outside of New York and Philadelphia, but it does affect the cattle from the states affected by the ruling. Cattle may still be shipped from either Boston or Baltimore. While there is not likely to be any local scarcity of beef or mutton in the result of the cattle quarantine, the foreign trade will undoubtedly be seriously hampered for a time. Canadian cattle received at these ports in bond cannot be reshipped to England, and shippers with such consignments have had to look to other markets back, because the duty on Canadian cattle makes their local use prohibitive.

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A GREAT HORSE SHOW

Third International Event Will Be Held at Olympia Next June

London, Nov. 21.—The directors of the International Horse Show have definitely arranged to hold their third show at Olympia from June 5 to 15, 1909, inclusive. These dates fit in between the Epsom and Ascot fixtures, and the days are being generally kept open in town and country for this special purpose. It is the intention of the management to provide a show of a scale of magnificence never before attempted in this country, or elsewhere. The prize list will be very large, the total value of the premiums being \$100,000. In addition to a number of valuable cups in gold and silver, and souvenirs of various descriptions will be offered by well wishing friends of the show. The entire staff of inspectors was at once mobilized to meet all incoming ships to prevent the introduction of the disease into this country.

BRITISH PRECAUTIONS

London, Nov. 20.—The Board of Agriculture at a late hour this afternoon was informed officially of the extension of the outbreak of foot and mouth disease in New York state, and this evening issued an order prohibiting the importation of cattle, hay or straw from New York state, or New Jersey. The prohibition of the importation of these products from Pennsylvania was announced yesterday.

MINE ACCIDENT

Edwardsville, Ill., Nov. 19.—Two loaded cars in the Kerns Downward coal mine collapsed this afternoon, carrying with them to the bottom of the mine the hoisting apparatus and top works. Two hundred men were in the mine, but all escaped injury. The accident is believed to have been caused by the overloading of the cages. Only nominal damage was done.

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- CALIFORNIA SHERRY, per bottle \$1.00 and 75c
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ANOTHER PROPOSAL

Proposal One Way

Another proposal is being made for the construction of a new road from the city to the mountains.

The proposal is to build a road from the city to the mountains, which would be a great benefit to the people of the city.

The road would be built on a route that has been used for many years, and it is believed that it would be a great improvement on the existing roads.

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