

TWO BADLY HURT IN GAS EXPLOSION

Clerk Knox and Proprietor White of Oxford Hotel Are Perhaps Fatally Injured.

DETONATION IS TERRIFIC

Concussion Throws One Guest from Bed—Windows Are Blown Out and One Woman Falls Down Steps in the Stampede.

Andy Knox, clerk at the Oxford hotel, southwest corner of Eleventh and Farman streets, and Anthony White, proprietor of the establishment, are both perhaps fatally injured from the results of an explosion which took place when the former lighted a match to find a gas leak on the second floor of the structure.

Omaha Grain Mart Going Back to Its Normal Condition

Following the Christmas holidays, Omaha grain receipts are getting back to the normal, there being eighty-five cars of wheat, 122 of corn and thirteen of oats on sale.

New Granite Rate Into Effect Friday

An interlocutory order of the federal district court, asked by New England railroads, to temporarily restrain the Interstate Commerce commission from putting new freight rates on Vermont granite into effect January 1, was denied Monday afternoon by United States Circuit Judge Walter L. Smith and Federal District Judge Thomas C. Munger and James D. Elliott.

FIFTY OMAHANS DISCUSS THE HITCHCOCK WAR BILL

Some fifty Omahans, said to be representative of the European nations now at war met at the Paxton hotel Monday to discuss the proposed Hitchcock bill to prevent exportation of munitions of war to foreign powers and to plan a mass meeting for a declaration of public sentiment relative to that bill.

RESERVIST HERE IN A PREDICAMENT

Omaha Florist Hruban, Now American Citizen, is Called to Arms of His Fatherland.

HAS FEARS FOR HIS FATHER

Parent in Old Country May Be Mistreated if Son Does Not Return—Observes Neutrality and Employs a Servant.

To be still on the roll of reservists of Austria, to be a naturalized citizen of the United States, to have been notified now to report to the colors to fight for the fatherland, is the predicament of Albert Hruban, florist, and proprietor of the green house at Twenty-ninth and Dorcas streets. Hruban is worried over the situation, as he says he has refused to report on the grounds that he is an American citizen, and that in spite of this he has heard that the government at home is making life miserable for his father there.

Then came the call from the Austrian consul at Chicago. Hruban was notified to report to the colors. While he has refused and has heard that his father is in danger of great abuse at home if he does not report, he is awaiting further developments. He was married in this country and has a family of American-born children.

to Hruban. The Servian has just received a letter from his brother at the front saying he has been wounded by a shrapnel. The soldier tells of the terrible explosions of shrapnel, stating that soldiers nearest to the explosion had their eyes actually thrown out of the sockets by the concussion. In some cases the surgeons were able to set the eyes back in place and in others this was impossible, and sight was wholly lost.

Thieves Take Cash from Woman as She Appears on Scene

Mrs. Sarah Mangolin, 1513 North Twenty-first street, heard a noise in the kitchen of her home early Tuesday morning and, grabbing her purse containing \$100, rushed toward the sound. Two men were quarreling over some jewelry which they had just helped themselves to in the other rooms.

Nearly Thousand Gifts by Parcel Post Await Owners

The number of Omahans who expected certain Christmas gifts by mail and did not get any, is certainly large, according to Foreman Edward Hoag at the post-office. He says that since The Bee published the fact that many packages were undeliverable, because the address tags or labels had been lost, he has been swamped with phone calls from people who wanted to know if such-and-such a package intended for them might be in the pile.

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