

GIANT BLAST KILLS SIX

Dynamite Explodes in New York Rapid Transit Tunnel.

MILLION DOLLARS DAMAGE DONE.

Magnificent Murray Hill Hotel and Manhattan Eye and Ear Hospital Are Wrecked—Debris Flies in All Directions.

New York, Jan. 28.—The reserve supply of high explosives stored at the Park avenue shaft of the Rapid Transit tunnel, now in course of construction, blew up shortly after noon yesterday. The giant blast killed six persons, injured many others and seriously damaged all the property reached by the flying debris and the vibration of the shock. The irregular square formed by the Murray Hill hotel, the Manhattan eye and ear hospital, the Grand Union hotel and the Grand Central station, was the scene of the explosion. The buildings named sustained the greatest damage, but the area affected extended for several blocks in the four directions from the center.

The dead: Roderick J. Robertson, Cyrus Adams, Ralph Thompson, Thomas Tubbs, L. Hine, James Carr. Guest Killed in Murray Hill Hotel.

J. Roderick Robertson of Nelson, B. C., was killed by debris hurled with the force of artillery into his room at the Murray Hill hotel. He was general manager in Canada for the British Columbia Gold Fields company.

The explosion tore a great gorge in the street, demolished the temporary buildings and part of the superstructure at the mouth of the shaft and sent a mass of earth, splintered timber and twisted iron high in the air. Much of it went battering against the front of the Murray Hill hotel and nearly every room in the front of the house was wrecked. The Manhattan hospital fared nearly as bad and had to be abandoned. The Grand Union hotel lost all of its windows and glass partitions and practically every front window in the Grand Central station was shattered. Thousands of windows, some of them seven blocks from the tunnel shaft, fell in fragments. It was the shower of broken glass and falling debris that injured the greatest number.

Fortunately the explosion occurred at the noon hour. Not more than 100 persons were in the main waiting room of the Grand Central station. Some of these were slightly injured by bits of glass. Four ticket sellers were cut about the heads and arms with the flying debris.

The clerical force in the executive offices of the New York, New Haven and Hartford railroad, which occupy the floors above the first, in the eastern wing of the depot, were thrown about by the shock. Chief Dispatcher G. H. Wilson and his four assistants, who were directing the trains of the New Haven lines, having several hundred trains to look out for, were scratched with flying glass, but did not leave their chairs even when they could not see their instruments on account of smoke.

The station presented somewhat the appearance of a dismantled castle, with the windows only ragged holes. General alarms brought firemen, police reserves and every available ambulance to the district. A majority of the injured were treated on the spot and the white coated ambulance surgeons worked for an hour in the debris strewn streets.

Cause of Explosion.
Moses Epps, a powder man in charge of the shanty in which the explosion occurred, is at the Flower hospital, suffering from contusions and shock. He said that on going to the shanty about noon, he found a candle which he had left lighted on a shelf lying on the floor and some paper which was about it was on fire. Close to this burning paper were 13 boxes of dynamite cartridges, each box containing from 60 to 75 cartridges. Epps threw a pail of water over the fire and ran to get another one. On coming back he saw that the flames were close to the dynamite, and dropping his pail he tried to get away. Then came the explosion and the next he knew he was in the hospital.

Ira A. Shaler, engineer in charge of the work at Park avenue; John Bracken, a foreman, and Martin McGrath, an assistant foreman, were arrested, charged with homicide. The damage may exceed \$1,000,000. The first estimate on the Murray Hill hotel placed the loss at \$100,000, but later the hotel was abandoned as unsafe. If the building is condemned the loss on it alone will approach \$1,000,000. The damage to the Grand Union was estimated at \$40,000 and that to the Manhattan hospital at \$25,000. The loss at the Grand Central station was entirely in glass, as was that of the hundred or more other buildings affected by the explosion.

President May Not Accept Present.
Berlin, Jan. 28.—Prince Henry of Prussia will give a dinner to Andrew D. White, United States ambassador, and Mrs. White Jan. 31. It appears uncertain whether President Roosevelt will accept a present from Emperor William, owing to the traditional belief that the presidents of the United States ought not to accept presents from abroad.

Brigands Receive Ransom.
London, Jan. 28.—A dispatch from Sofia, Bulgaria, says: The ransom of Miss Ellen M. Stone and her companion, Mme. Telika, has been paid by the brigands and the captives are expected to be released today.

ROBBERS HOLD UP A TRAIN.

Seven or Eight Men Perform Darling Deed and Make Their Escape.

Branchville, S. C., Jan. 28.—A carefully planned and audacious express robbery took place about 7 o'clock last night on the Southern railroad, when the passenger train from Charleston reached nearly the exact site of the successful robbery of two years ago, five miles from Branchville. Seven or eight men were riding on the platform between the engine and baggage car, concealed by the darkness. Two men crawled over the tender and covered the engineer, John Reynolds, with Winchester. They fired two shots, one ball passing through Reynolds' cap. Fireman Gobb escaped by jumping off. By order of these men a brakeman uncoupled the mail, baggage and express cars, which were taken to Fifty-Eight station, leaving the rest of the cars on the main line. Three men entered the express car and stripped the local safe. After threatening Express Messenger Hall with instant death if he did not open the through safe, and finding he knew nothing of the combination, the safe was rolled out on the platform. Then the engineer was ordered to return with the three cars to the train, which he obeyed, bringing the train without further incident to Branchville. Nothing was seen of the men or the safe on passing Fifty-Eight. There was only a small amount of booty in the local safe and no one here knows the contents of the through safe.

GIRL IS HER OWN AVENGER.

State Failing to Make a Case, Miss Seidler Shoots Clyde Pattison.

Geddes, S. D., Jan. 28.—A sensational attempt at murder and suicide occurred in the court house at Wheeler, S. D., yesterday. Clyde Pattison had just been discharged in a case brought against him by Miss A. Seidler, the state having failed to prove his guilt. As the man turned to leave the room the girl drew a revolver and began firing. The first shot took effect in Pattison's back. Several other shots were fired, causing a panic in the court room and corridors. Seeing her victim fall, the young woman turned the weapon against herself and inflicted a serious wound. Surgeons are as yet unable to determine whether the woman and her victim are fatally hurt, but the opinion is that both will recover.

MOB LYNCHES TWO NEGROES.

Accused of Murdering a White Man in Trouble Over Some Hogs.

New Orleans, Jan. 28.—Two negroes have been lynched in a distant portion of West Carroll parish, Louisiana, for the murder of G. N. Grant, a police juror from Floyd. Grant, while out hunting with a friend named McKay, came upon some negroes who had killed and were cleaning hogs. He found that the animals were his own hogs and attempted to arrest the negroes, when one of them fired at him, the bullet entering the brain. McKay aroused the whites in the neighborhood with the news of the murder. A posse was hastily formed. Three negroes were captured and two of them were lynched at once.

COLLINS REFUSED REHEARING.

Man Convicted of Murder Fails to Obtain a New Trial.

Topeka, Kan., Jan. 28.—Judge Hazen in the district court yesterday refused the writ of coram nobis for John Collins. The writ was asked for the purpose of securing a new trial of the Collins murder case. The questions arising over the writ will be appealed to the supreme court. John Collins was convicted three years ago of killing his father, J. S. Collins, a prominent real estate man of this city. Mr. Collins, Sr., carried a large amount of life insurance and to secure this was said to have been the motive for his crime.

DOUBLE TRAGEDY IN HOTEL.

Man is Killed and Woman Fatally Wounded by Pistol.

Chicago, Jan. 28.—Dr. Harry J. Ziegler of 316 West King street, Lancaster, Pa., fatally wounded his wife, Anna, and then killed himself yesterday afternoon at the Wellington hotel. A note left by the physician declared that he and his wife had decided to die and that, as he lacked the nerve, Mrs. Ziegler had promised to commit the act. The woman, before being removed to the Samaritan hospital in a dying condition, declared that the shooting was done by her husband.

Doctors Testify in Patrick Case.

New York, Jan. 28.—The second day of the trial of Firewer Albert T. Patrick, accused of the murder of William Marsh Rice, brought it up to the point where the cause of the death of the millionaire is sought to be determined. The first witness along this line of inquiry introduced by the prosecution was Dr. Hamilton Williams, who attended the autopsy. The gist of his testimony was that the lungs were congested and that this was due to the inhalation of some gaseous irritant and that chloroform would have produced such a condition of the lungs.

Death of Hon. David Gamble.

Milbank, S. D., Jan. 28.—Hon. David Gamble, one of the oldest settlers in the northern part of the state, died yesterday of apoplexy. While a resident of Edmunds county he was four years county treasurer and served two terms in the legislature.

Charles Woodward Caught.

Casper, Wyo., Jan. 28.—Charles Woodward, alleged slayer of Deputy Sheriff Ricker, was captured near Billings, Mon., and Sheriff W. E. Tubbs is to start for Billings today to bring the prisoner back to Casper.

WANT WHEATON CENSURED

Army Officer Taken to Task in the Senate.

DUBOIS STARTS DISCUSSION.

Seeks to Know Why He Has Not Been Reprimanded for His Recent Criticism—Money and Platt in Dispute Over Philippines.

Washington, Jan. 28.—An animated and prolonged discussion was precipitated in the senate yesterday over the right of army officers to criticize utterances made in the senate or elsewhere on the conduct of affairs in the Philippines. At times it became somewhat acrimonious, officers in the Philippines being taken sharply to task for statements attributed to them in dispatches from the Philippines. Rising to a question of privilege early in the session, Dubois (Ia.) had read an Associated Press dispatch from Manila in which General Wheaton was quoted as criticizing some utterances of Professor Schurman in a speech delivered in Boston. Dubois thought the president, in the circumstances, would be warranted in reprimanding General Wheaton for his utterances. He declared that such comment on the action of the senate was "outrageous and indecent," and that the minority had had quite enough of threats and blackmail.

The debate thus precipitated took a wide range. Lodge (Mass.), Spooner (Wis.) and others maintained that no newspaper utterance ought to be accepted as the basis of a reprimand of any officer unless it were supported by an investigation.

Rising to speak on the pending question, Money (Miss.) delivered an extended speech, in the course of which he went pretty thoroughly over the whole question.

Platt (Conn.) took sharp issue with the Mississippi senator on some of his conclusions of constitutional law, contending that the United States could not be expected to grant independence to the Filipinos and to relinquish all rights in the islands merely because the natives desire liberty.

Minority Report on Philippine Bill.

Washington, Jan. 28.—Senator Carmack yesterday submitted a minority report from the committee on Philippines on the Philippine tariff bill. It says that opposition to the measure is not based on any mere question of revenue or any theory concerning forms and principles of taxation, but because the bill violates constitutional rights and transcends the limits of constitutional power. The objection of the minority is to the whole policy of colonial empire, to the control by this government of vassal provinces, to the spirit of military aggression, and of war for the sake of spoils. The report says that the bill reported by the majority of the committee is a characteristic manifestation of such policy and spirit.

Witnesses Must Be Present.

Washington, Jan. 28.—The house yesterday adopted a resolution calling for documents relating to the old training ship Vermont, which was placed out of commission last summer, and also passed a bill to provide for the compulsory attendance of witnesses before registers and receivers of the general land office.

A bill to appropriate \$100,000 for establishing homes for the teaching of articulate speech to deaf children was defeated. The house adjourned until Wednesday.

Liberal Party Elects Officers.

Cincinnati, Jan. 28.—The convention of the National Liberal party yesterday decided to hold summer chauntuas. Letters were read from Free Thinkers from all parts of the country. The following officers were elected: President, Dr. T. J. Bowles of Muncie, Ind.; vice presidents, Dr. J. B. Wilson, Cincinnati; Mrs. Josephine K. Henry, Versailles, Ky.; Harriett M. Closs, Webster City, Ia.; secretary, W. F. Jamieson, Cincinnati; treasurer, W. W. Walmsley, Cincinnati.

Senate Has Danish Treaty.

Washington, Jan. 28.—The senate yesterday in executive session received the treaty with Denmark, transferring the West India possession of that country to the United States. The exact consideration specified in the treaty to be paid by this country is \$5,000,000. The senate ratified the extradition treaty with Serbia and the trade mark treaty with Guatemala.

Another Charge Against German.

Louisville, Jan. 28.—Alfred J. German, formerly individual bookkeeper of the Third National bank of this city, was arrested yesterday on complaint of National Bank Examiner Garrett, charged with making false entries on the bank's books, amounting to \$10,205. German was arrested several weeks ago on a charge of embezzlement.

Committee Hears Canal Men.

Washington, Jan. 28.—The senate committee on interoceanic canals did not make a report yesterday, but decided to have hearings beginning next Monday. The members of the isthmian commission and such other witnesses as may be desired will be summoned.

Read Succeeds Judge Baker.

Lincoln, Jan. 28.—Governor Savage appointed Guy R. C. Read of Omaha to succeed Judge Benjamin S. Baker as judge of the district court. Judge Baker yesterday telegraphed his resignation to the governor.

SAVES INDIAN FROM TORTURE.

United States Marshal Risks His Life to Uphold Law.

Guthrie, O. T., Jan. 28.—Fred Tiner, a Shawnee Indian alleged to have outraged three Shawnee squaws on last Thursday, was tied to a stake to be burned to death by members of his tribe, men and women. He was first cruelly tortured. His face was beaten out of shape, his ears torn nearly off by squaws, and other horrible tortures were being applied when Deputy United States Marshal Davis arrived on the scene, held the mob back with a gun, and single-handed cut the thongs, backed away from the crowd with his prisoner and placed him in jail.

DENIES SOUL'S IMMORTALITY.

Dr. Parkhurst Preaches a Sensational Sermon at Madison Square Church.

New York, Jan. 28.—In a sermon on "Immortality" Rev. Dr. Charles H. Parkhurst, in the Madison Square Presbyterian church, declared against the popular evangelical belief that all souls are immortal. He expressly gave it as his opinion that the scriptures do not teach immortality of a soul from death and that a soul must be taken care of in this life or else it will perish utterly, either at the death of the body or after a longer or shorter period of the life beyond the grave.

Their Flight Cut Short.

Waterloo, Ia., Jan. 28.—George W. Dickinson, one of the wealthiest men of Buchanan county, and Mrs. James Bloom of Jesup were interrupted in Independence in an attempted elopement. Mrs. Bloom was allowed her liberty soon afterward and boarded a train for the east, saying she was going to Buffalo, N. Y. Dickinson is detained and will have a hearing Wednesday. He is married and his wife, who is an invalid, is at Colfax.

Moral Conditions Improving.

Colorado Springs Colo., Jan. 28.—Rev. A. L. Hazlett of Colorado City, in his report to the war department on moral conditions in the Philippines, states that the moral condition in the islands has materially improved since the American occupation. Speaking of the saloons, he said the strict discipline put in operation by General Otis had borne fruit and that a law to prohibit gambling had also been put into effect recently.

Islanders Are Divided.

London, Jan. 28.—The St. Thomas, D. W. I., correspondent of the Daily Mail declares that opinion concerning the transfer of the ownership of the islands is extremely divided. The higher classes are against the shopkeepers and artisans, and in favor of the sale. On the island of St. Croix feeling is also high. Here the majority of the planters favor the sale, but the public generally is against it.

Renounces Title to No Purpose.

Davenport, Ia., Jan. 28.—Baron Otto von Schaezler, who was recently brought into prominence by renouncing his title and claim to ancestral estates in Germany because his wife preferred to live in America, attempted suicide by shooting. He was disarmed after inflicting a flesh wound and is now held a prisoner in the county jail. A few weeks ago his wife obtained a divorce.

British Surprise Boer Laager.

Pretoria, Jan. 28.—General Bruce Hamilton, by a clever night march, surprised a laager between Ermelo and Bethel, in the Transvaal Colony, and charged the Boers, who fled in all directions and were pursued many miles. As a result of this expedition, 82 Boers and a quantity of stores were captured. Casualties were small.

President Brateley of Iowa College.

Grinnell, Ia., Jan. 28.—The trustees of Iowa college will meet today. The committee on president will unanimously recommend the election of Rev. D. F. Brateley of Grand Rapids, Mich., for the presidency, and it is expected his election will be unanimous.

TELEGRAMS TERSELY TOLD.

Harry M. Weldon, the well known sporting writer, died at his home at Circleville, O., Monday.

The Iowa legislature is asked to appropriate \$258,000 for expense of the state at the St. Louis fair.

Arguments in the Northern Securities case were heard in the United States supreme court Monday.

A fire in West Bay City, Mich., Monday night destroyed the plant of the Crump Manufacturing company. Loss, \$100,000.

Fire completely gutted the Davidson block, a 5-story brick structure, at St. Paul, Monday, causing a loss of over \$200,000.

Dr. Lachlan Tyler, son of John Tyler, tenth president of the United States, died in New York city Monday from appendicitis.

The ground plans of the St. Louis fair have been completed. There will be eight main buildings arranged in two rows a mile long.

James, William and Pink Wated, three colored boys, were burned to death in a fire which destroyed their father's home near Berwyn, I. T.

The comptroller of the currency has declared a dividend of 6.7 per cent in favor of the creditors of the insolvent First National bank of Kearney, Neb. Emperor William signaled his birthday Monday by conferring territorial titles on all the regiments which had hitherto borne no distinctive names.

The senate pension committee reported favorably Senator Mitchell's bill granting pensions to survivors of Indian wars that took place between 1847 and 1856.

GOLD COVERS WIDE AREA

Severe Storm and Zero Weather Descend Upon Country.

SERIOUSLY IMPEDES TRAFFIC.

Trains Have a Hard Time in the Northwest—One Death From the Cold in Chicago—Sunny South Visited by Freezing Weather.

Chicago, Jan. 28.—One death so far has been reported as a result of the cold wave. The body of Sarah Scriggs, a colored woman, was found dead in a shed in the rear of 161 West street. Several persons were overcome by the cold and cared for by the police.

The coldest of the day was 8 below at 8 a. m. The most severe conditions existed in the Lake Superior region, where the temperature ranged from 8 below to 12 below, and the wind blew a gale. At Houghton, Mich., the storm was declared the worst in a generation. The mercury was 10 below and the wind blew 30 miles an hour. At Sault Ste. Marie for the first time this winter it was found impossible to run the ferries. All over the Lake Superior country trains were delayed and electric street car lines were practically out of business. In southern Illinois and Indiana there were reports of ruined fruit crops and of damaged wheat. From Michigan came the old cry of a peach crop destroyed.

WARMER IN SOUTHWEST.

Seventeen Below Cipher Mark the Limit—Cold Snap at an End.

Kansas City, Jan. 28.—Yesterday was the coldest experienced in this part of the southwest this winter, with the following temperatures reported: Clinton, Mo., 17 degrees below zero; Lawrence, Kan., 16 below; Abilene, Kan., 15 below; Kansas City, 7 below. At Clinton the thermometer fell 49 degrees within 12 hours. Near Jewell, Kan., a Missouri Pacific train was dethatched by running into a snow bank. No one but the engineer was injured. The weather in all parts of the southwest has moderated greatly, and the indications are that the severe cold is at an end.

Storm Seriously Impedes Traffic.

St. Paul, Jan. 28.—Nearly every passenger train was from one to six hours late yesterday, while coast trains came in from 12 to 15 hours late. The latter trains met the severest storm in the northwest and were not only delayed by the snow, but by the low temperature, which made it impossible to keep up a full head of steam.

Freezing Weather in South.

Louisville, Ky., Jan. 28.—Freezing temperature is reported as far south as Galveston, Tex. The effects of the cold wave are already apparent in the central south. A drop of nearly 50 degrees in temperature has been reached at Nashville and Memphis.

STREET CAR BADLY WRECKED.

Collides With Train and Twelve Persons are Injured.

Chicago, Jan. 28.—Twelve persons were injured, one perhaps fatally, by the collision of a street car with the limited passenger train on the Milwaukee and St. Paul railroad last night. The accident occurred at the West Chicago avenue crossing of the railroad, which is watched by a gateman. No arrests were made, as the police were unable to fix the blame for the accident. The street car was smashed in and carried 30 feet down the track. The wreckage caught fire and several of the passengers were slightly burned. The most seriously hurt is John Osack. All the others will recover.

Soldiers Crushed Under Gun Carriage.

San Antonio, Tex., Jan. 28.—Three men of the Second field artillery were badly injured, one fatally, on the drill grounds at Fort Sam Houston yesterday. The gun carriage was overturned while making an "into line" movement and the three men were caught under it. George Warnslee had the scalp torn almost from his head. It is feared he cannot recover. Albert Davidson and Albert Brown also were seriously injured, but they have a chance to recover. The accident was caused by the pole dropping from the yoke.

Battle Near Bogota.

Bogota, Jan. 28.—An important battle was fought 20 miles from Bogota a few days ago, in which the insurgents were defeated by the government troops. They left 350 dead on the field, while the government lost 90 killed. The battle was fought at Facatavia to keep the insurgents out of Bogota. More troops are being sent to Bogota.

Stage Swept Under the Ice.

Sault Ste. Marie, Jan. 28.—In a fierce blizzard that raged last night a stage that runs across the river between here and the Canadian Soo went through the ice. T. Lebl, the driver, lost his way in the storm, was swept under the ice with the horses and sleigh and drowned, while the three passengers were rescued with great difficulty.

Ten Men Are Still Missing.

Manila, Jan. 28.—The ten men of the command of Captain David D. Porter of the United States marine corps who failed to return from the expedition into the interior of Samar, when Captain Porter and 25 members of his party reached the coast of that island, Jan. 24, are still missing and little hope of their safe return is felt.

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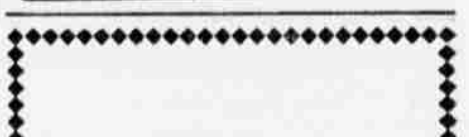
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