

THE NORFOLK WEEKLY NEWS-JOURNAL.

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GAS EXPLOSION KILLS MANY.

Main Pipe Blows up in Brooklyn Street.

TWO BODIES BEEN RECOVERED.

Fifteen to Twenty Persons Are Reported Killed at Front and Gold Streets—Many Buried Under Dirt.

Brooklyn, Nov. 20.—The result of an explosion of a main pipe at front and gold streets this morning.

Many persons were buried under dirt and stones.

Two bodies have already been recovered and a search has begun for others.

Street Topples Into Sewer.

The street for a block toppled into the sewer following the explosion.

An excavation was torn twenty-five feet wide and quite deep.

Earth and stone from the foundations of houses caved in, making the houses unsafe. The police ordered tenants to move.

The planking holding back the earth is burning fiercely, fed by gas from the broken main.

Water from the water main is flooding the lower levels.

Twenty-One Men Buried.

Twenty-one men were buried by the cave-in and it is believed that fifteen of them are dead.

Samuel Front, who was passing at the time of the explosion, saw a woman and child thrown into the hole by the force of the concussion and tried to save them.

He fell into the flames and was roasted alive.

His is the only body that has thus far been recovered.

The woman and child were rescued by the police.

Forest Fires.

Little Rock, Ark., Nov. 20.—Disastrous forest fires are raging in Arkansas, threatening scores of towns and great property loss.

A Norfolk Hunting Party.

Vermont, Nov. 20.—Burt Mapes, C. H. Reynolds and Dr. P. H. Saiter of Norfolk and S. E. Miller and W. H. Bichel of Omaha have been putting in a day or two of a hard earned vacation among the quail haunts in this vicinity.

The word "hard-earned" can be truthfully applied in more than one sense because the quail country around here is "some difficult" for navigation through the thick brush.

"Though we haven't had quite as many birds as we expected," said Superintendent Reynolds in his private car, "those we have run across have afforded us excellent shooting. Rabbits? Oh, any amount, but then we haven't stopped to bother with them."

The hunting party has returned to Norfolk after a final day with the quail.

Some Quail Hunting.

Niobrara, Neb., Nov. 20.—Speaking of quail shooting, a bag made by a Niobrara party Sunday stands worth recording. The party consisted of George Koster and E. S. Gillham of Niobrara, A. F. Stearns of Norfolk and Burt Cuttens of Lincoln. By nightfall the four guns had accounted for over ninety birds.

BIG DEAL IN TOBACCO.

Burley Society Gets \$14,000,000 for 80,000,000 Pounds.

French Cruiser Aground.

Paris, Nov. 20.—The French cruiser *Comte de Paris* ran aground this morning off Ajaccio, Corsica, during the maneuvers. The condition of the ship is said to be critical.

AFTER FRISCO CHIEF.

Charges Against Two Policemen the First Steps.

San Francisco, Nov. 20.—Detective Burns filed charges today against two policemen who, acting as prison guards, refused to allow him to see Morris Hans after the latter had shot Assistant District Attorney Heney. The move is said to be the first step towards ousting Chief Blagay.

OIL KING WON'T ANSWER QUERY.

Declines to Tell Where Oil Trust Cash Is.

ATTORNEYS IN LIVELY TILT.

Mr. Rockefeller Said, on Cross-Examination, That He Did Not Think the Amount of Money Made in a Business Concerned Risk.

New York, Nov. 20.—On cross-examination today John D. Rockefeller was asked by Mr. Kellogg: "Do you consider hazardous any business which started in 1882 with a capital of \$67,000,000, and which is paying dividends on \$59,000,000, besides having accumulated a surplus of over \$50,000,000?"

Mr. Rockefeller replied: "I don't consider the amount of money made in my business has anything to do with whether or not the business is hazardous."

Three times Mr. Rockefeller was asked relative to the apportionment of the cash, property and trust certificates since the promulgation of the trust agreement in 1882.

He declined to answer unless counsel for the government insisted. He said that under those conditions he would answer.

Attorney Kellogg for the government repeated the request when Attorney Milburn, Rockefeller's counsel, interrupted, saying that the witness would not answer the question unless compelled to.

At this point Kellogg altered his tactics. He insisted upon the point through Milburn's consent. This resulted in an argument.

New York, Nov. 20.—John D. Rockefeller, president of the Standard Oil company, is on the witness stand today under the sharp fire of cross-examination by Frank B. Kellogg, special assistant attorney general, prosecuting the case for the government in the suit to dissolve the oil combine.

This will be generally confined to the period from 1862 to 1882, except when the testimony has direct bearing on developments in the company's affairs in its later period.

With the story of the first score of years of the industrial development of the Standard Oil company, the testimony of Mr. Rockefeller, on direct examination, was brought to an unexpected close. The head of the Standard told the processes and causes of the company's growth up to the trust agreement of 1882, and, after identifying the parties to the agreement, counsel for the defense announced that Mr. Rockefeller had concluded his direct testimony and let it be known that the history of the company from the trust agreement of 1882 would be told on the witness stand by John D. Archbold, vice president, who is conversant with the combine's development.

CROKER ARRIVES TODAY.

Tammany Leaders Turn Out in Force to Greet Former Chief.

New York, Nov. 20.—The news that the Lusitania, with Richard Croker aboard, was sighted down the bay early today was the signal for the Tammany brasses to get busy with their welcome for their former chief. A large excursion steamer had been chartered to meet the incoming liner. The Tammany vessel was crowded to the rails with politicians of high and low degree, who shivered in the keen November wind that blew in from the Narrows. Despite the chilliness, much enthusiasm was manifested.

The appearance of Mr. Croker's form on the deck of the Lusitania was greeted with cheers. He looked well and declared that he felt well. Beyond voicing his regret at the recent Democratic defeat in the state and nation Mr. Croker refused to discuss politics at this time. He will remain in this country for several months, renewing old friendships, before returning to his Irish home.

Darwin R. James Dead.

New York, Nov. 20.—Darwin R. James, chairman of the federal board of Indian commissioners, died at his home in Brooklyn after a brief illness.

Bomb No. 25 in Gamblers' War.

Chicago, Nov. 20.—With a force that shook surrounding buildings and shattered windows, bomb No. 25 in the "gamblers' war" was exploded in

AUTO IN RIVER TWO DROWNED.

Man and Woman Perish When Car Plunges.

SIX OTHERS ARE RESCUED.

Car Going at Terrific Speed Misses Bridge and Plunges Over Embankment Twenty-Five Feet into Calumet River—Car Comes to Surface.

Chicago, Nov. 20.—A man and a woman were drowned together when an automobile containing eight persons plunged into the Calumet river this morning.

The drowned are Joe Mercer, age twenty-two, the chauffeur, and Margaret Atkin, age twenty.

The other six were rescued. The car, still containing the other passengers, came to the surface. All were rescued. The police recovered the bodies.

The car which was going at a terrific speed swerved as it approached the bridge and went over the twenty-five-foot embankment into the water.

Pinchot Will Succeed Wilson.

Washington, Nov. 20.—Gifford Pinchot, chief forester of the government, has been offered the position of secretary of agriculture in President-elect Taft's cabinet. It is practically certain he will accept.

Accused Minister Resigns.

San Francisco, Nov. 20.—Rev. Payson Young, accused of improper relations with Edna Clark, the runaway art student found in Chicago, resigned as pastor when a committee of vestrymen called on him. The minister is sick in bed.

TOM JOHNSON WON'T GO INTO BANKRUPTCY.

Says That Would be Unfair to His Creditors—Hopes to Pay.

Cleveland, Nov. 20.—Mayor Tom Johnson, who yesterday announced that his fortune was shattered in his fight for a three-cent street car line, today declared that he will not begin action in voluntary bankruptcy. He said he did not think this would be fair to his creditors.

"I intend to adjust matters in the best possible way," he said, "and I hope to fully pay all of my obligations."

MILKERS' STEALINGS ARE LARGE.

Alaskan Owners Suffer Heavily Through Thefts by Employees.

Seattle, Wash., Nov. 20.—R. T. Reed, formerly employed by R. T. Barnette, owner of the Dome Creek mine, near Fairbanks, Alaska, arrested on a charge of stealing gold from his employer, confessed his guilt and implicated other laborers in the stealing from mine owners. In his confession, Reed said:

"I gathered the gold and sand in handfuls out of the riffles, hid it in my handkerchiefs, gloves or boots, carried it home and washed it out. My cleanings were from 50 cents to \$100 a day, and the day I brought home the \$400 nugget it scared my wife. It was so large. Altogether I must have cleaned up \$1,800 worth of stolen gold. I have spent it all except the \$800 you dug up in my front yard. What I have taken from Barnette's mine is not a drop in the bucket compared with the stealings that have been going on in the Tanana district all summer, and are even going on now. I know one man who has \$30,000 worth of stolen gold sitting down. There are six 'planters' working in Barnette's Dome Creek mine this very minute."

After Reed had agreed to testify against other gold thieves when taken back to Alaska, he was released.

FEDERATION INDORSES GOMPERS.

Plan of Meeting Injunctions With Disobedience Defeated.

Denver, Nov. 20.—The entire session of the American Federation of Labor convention was given over to consideration of the report of the committee on the president's report. Two sections caused a prolonged debate and a vote was reached on only one, that referring to "litigation harassing labor."

The report of the committee recommending that injunctions be disregarded was defeated on roll call, 11,272 to 3,576, and a modification of the report, along the line of Gompers' report, was adopted.

The rest of the session was taken up in discussing the section of the report referring to the political action of the federation leaders. In this section the committee criticized Daniel J. Keefe for not acting with the rest of the executive council.

Boyer Given Three Years.

Sidney, Neb., Nov. 20.—George C. Boyer was sentenced to three years

FRIDAY'S DISASTERS

Many Catastrophes Reported in Day's Events.

Friday brought many disasters throughout the world. By noon The News had received word, in its telegraphic report, of a gas explosion in Brooklyn killing perhaps fifteen to twenty, a suburban collision near Chicago killing seven, an automobile accident at Chicago drowning two, and floods in the island of Sicily in which hundreds perished and thousands were rendered homeless.

All of this news will be given to this territory by The News many hours ahead of all other papers. People who want the news while it is news, read The Norfolk News.

MRS. GUNNESS STILL LIVES?

Lamphere's Attorney Says he Will Prove it.

MURDERED FIRST HUSBAND?

State Rests in Lamphere Murder Trial—Lamphere's Attorney Claims Lamphere Was a Mile Away From Guinness House When it Burned.

Laporte, Ind., Nov. 20.—The state rested today in the Lamphere murder case and Attorney Woden outlined the case for the defense. He said he would show that Lamphere left the house of a negro, Elizabeth Smith, at 4 o'clock in the morning on the day of the fire and twenty minutes after the house, a mile away, was burned.

He said that he would show Mrs. Guinness killed her first husband and collected the life insurance.

He also declared that he would produce a witness to show that Mrs. Guinness is still alive and that he would prove she had a motive for burning up the house.

Laporte, Ind., Nov. 20.—Deputy Sheriff Anstiss and Marr testified that Ray Lamphere made admissions amounting to a partial confession of setting fire to the home of Mrs. Bell Guinness on the morning of April 25.

Sheriff Smutzer, who was on the stand part of the day, told of his efforts to unravel the Guinness mystery and the clues which he followed.

The Truelson chase to Texas was brought in and exposed as a clever scheme worked by a man in jail in Texas, who thought he would be able to escape his troubles there by confessing that he was an accomplice of Mrs. Guinness.

RESTRAINING ORDER AGAINST UNION PACIFIC

Forbids Issuance of Transportation for Advertising.

Lincoln, Nov. 20.—On the application of Attorney General Thompson, the Nebraska supreme court issued a temporary injunction against the Union Pacific Railroad company, directing it to issue no more transportation in lieu of newspaper advertising.

The writ of injunction is made returnable at the second sitting of the court in January next. The attorney general alleges the railroad company is issuing transportation to newspaper proprietors and editors in violation of the statutes.

Nebraska Educational Directory.

Lincoln, Nov. 20.—An educational directory has been issued from the office of the state superintendent. It shows that there are 6,783 school districts in the state and 6,871 schools. Teachers employed last year numbered 19,959 and they were paid in salaries \$3,627,476, or an average of \$18.59 each per month. The census shows that 372,648 children were eligible and 276,464 of this number were enrolled. The school property is valued at \$12,755,384 and new books valued at \$274,283 were purchased during the year, bringing the total expenditure on schools to \$5,759,222. The cost of education was \$20.83 per pupil.

BALLOON LANDS IN GEORGIA.

Aeronauts Ride All Night Above Forest Fire Region.

Tiger, Ga., Nov. 20.—The story of an exciting all night trip in the balloon "Yankee," which left St. Louis Wednesday and landed near here, was told by A. B. Lambert, pilot of the balloon.

Mr. Lambert said: "We left St. Louis and crossed Illinois at an altitude of 2,500 feet. Our progress was very slow. At Boyd, Ind., we descended and made a landing, stopping forty-five minutes. We then proceeded, but after going only twenty miles, landed again and talked to some people. We then ascended and stayed up all night. We might not have remained up but for the fact that it appeared the wisest thing to do, owing to forest fires beneath us. Smoke bothered us a good deal and at times was so dense that we could not see the earth. We landed here in the

SIX KILLED BECAUSE OF FOG.

Burlington Suburban Train in Fatal Crash.

IT RAN DOWN A HAND CAR.

Three of the Men Were Thrown Under the Wheels and Ground to Pieces—Three Others Were Thrown to One Side.

Chicago, Nov. 20.—Six persons were killed today when a Burlington suburban train ran down a hand car at Hinsdale.

Three men were thrown under the wheels and ground to bits. Three were hurled over the side of the track.

The bodies were taken to Hight, the wreck occurring between Hight and Hinsdale.

Fog is said to have caused the accident.

FORT SCOTT BANK CLOSES

First National Shuts Doors, Federal Authorities to Take Charge.

Fort Scott, Kan., Nov. 20.—The First National bank of this city closed its doors today and federal authorities have been asked to take charge of the institution.

The liabilities of the institution are said to be \$600,000.

New Townsite of Grantham.

Hartington, Neb., Nov. 20.—A site for a new town has been platted between Mankell and Wynot. It will be called Grantham.

TARIFF REVISION TO BE THROUGH.

President Elect Taft Discusses Subject With Party Leaders.

Hot Springs, Va., Nov. 20.—That President Elect William H. Taft entertains a vigorous determination that the forthcoming revision of the tariff shall be thorough, made in good faith and in accordance with the pledge of the party, is daily evidenced in the earnestness with which he talks of this subject with his political callers.

His interest goes to the extent of seeking detailed information concerning the personnel and organization of the Sixty-first congress. It is necessary for him as the head of the party and responsible to the American people for the carrying out of its promises to begin his work at once by insuring if possible such an organization of the next congress as shall make it possible for the legislative and executive branches to work in complete harmony.

This is the problem which the president elect admits is just now uppermost in his mind and upon which he is seeking light. In accordance with his announced determination to consult many party leaders upon many subjects, Judge Taft talked with Representative Burton for an hour and a half. The announced details of this conference were that the speakership question, tariff revision, the monetary commission and the next cabinet had been discussed.

Killed in Auto Overturn.

Washington, Nov. 20.—Noble Davis was killed and several others were injured by the overturning of an automobile near Hyattsville, Md. The machine was owned by Joseph Strasberger, a merchant of this city, and Davis, who was his chauffeur, had taken out a party of his friends.

Mrs. Harbour Convicted.

Rapid City, S. D., Nov. 20.—The jury in the Harbour murder trial, after being out seventeen hours, returned a verdict of manslaughter in the second degree against Mrs. Mary Harbour, who killed her foster daughter, Rose Rosso, last March.

Favor State Fire Marshal.

Des Moines, Nov. 20.—The state convention of Iowa mutual fire insurance companies adopted a resolution in favor of a law to create the office of state fire marshal. John Evans of Grinnell was elected president for the ensuing year and Harry Harding of Jefferson secretary.

Fire Tournament Plans.

Des Moines, Nov. 20.—The next state tournament of the firemen of Iowa is to be held in Davenport. G. B. Embree of West Liberty was elected president of the association and E. E. Parsons of Marion secretary.

Humane Society Ejects Officers.

THE CONDITION OF THE WEATHER

Temperature for Twenty-four Hours. Forecast for Nebraska.

Condition of the weather as recorded for the twenty-four hours ending at 8 a. m. today:

Maximum .. 60
Minimum .. 21
Average .. 41
Barometer .. 29.98

Chicago, Nov. 20.—The bulletin issued by the Chicago station of the United States weather bureau gives the forecast for Nebraska as follows:

Fair tonight and Saturday. Warmer tonight and east portion Saturday.

BUFFALO STOCK YARDS CLOSED.

New York and Pennsylvania Under Ban of Quarantine.

GENERAL CLEAN UP ORDERED.

Chief Melvin in Personal Charge of Crusade to Stamp Out Foot and Mouth Disease—Infected Animals Said to Have Come From Michigan.

Buffalo, Nov. 20.—For the first time in their history the East Buffalo stock yards are under the ban of a quarantine. Because two carloads of cattle which were delivered in western Pennsylvania, and were found to be infected with foot and mouth disease, were traced back to East Buffalo, the federal and state authorities have placed a ban on this market pending a general clean-up of the yards and a further investigation as to the outbreak of the disease.

As a direct result of the conditions growing out of the investigation, word came through the board of animal industry of the department of agriculture, ordering the entire states of New York and Pennsylvania quarantined. Pennsylvania state authorities have declared a quarantine against New York state and Commissioner Pearson of the department of agriculture of this state ordered that a strict quarantine be placed on five counties in western New York, namely, Erie, Niagara, Orleans, Wyoming and Genesee.

Animals infected with the foot and mouth disease have been discovered in each of these counties by government inspectors, who have been quietly at work for over a week. Practically all the cases, it is said, have been traced back to Buffalo.

Chief Melvin of the Washington bureau has been here in personal charge of the crusade to stamp out the disease, and under him are working a score of inspectors.

The federal quarantine will apply to all cattle in this state and Pennsylvania and no one is prepared to say how long it will last. Over two hundred men were put to work today on the East Buffalo yard disinfecting every inch of ground. This work will take at least three weeks. The state department's quarantine will be very strict. There were eighty animals in the two carloads of yearlings which caused the trouble. They came from the west, but the exact points from which they were assembled have not been learned. Dr. B. P. Wente, chief inspector in the Buffalo branch of the federal bureau of animal industry, has a clue that they came from Michigan and he started for that state to follow it up.

Ridgely Resigns as Bank President.

Kansas City, Nov. 20.—William Barrett Ridgely, president; George T. Cutts, vice president; and Edward Ridgely, cashier, presented their resignations to the board of directors of the National Bank of Commerce of Kansas City, and they were accepted. Dr. W. S. Woods, the ex-president of the bank, and his associates immediately assumed control, having recently gained control of a majority of the stock of the institution.

Civic Convention Closes.

Pittsburg, Nov. 20.—A banquet at the Hotel Schenley served as a fitting climax of one of the most important conventions ever held by the National Municipal league and American Civic association. For the next year the two bodies will increase their efforts for needed reforms along the lines suggested by the speakers who have attended the Pittsburg meeting.

Peace Rules in China.

Tokyo, Nov. 20.—Absolute confidence is expressed in all government circles that quiet will be maintained in China and that normal conditions will soon be resumed.

Corn Shredder Kills Farmer.

Elgin, Ill., Nov. 20.—Sebastian C. Cromer, a farmer, was caught in a corn shredder and killed. Every bone in his body was broken.

Aged Woman Burned to Death.

West Plains, Mo., Nov. 20.—Mrs. T. Y. Gossett, seventy years old, was burned to death at her home near here. She was sitting in a chair before the fireplace, when her clothing caught fire.

Big Freeze in South.

Cottonwood, Ala., Nov. 20.—There has been ice here since the 15th of

HUNDREDS DEAD IN HEAVY FLOOD.

Water Catastrophe on Island of Sicily.

TWENTY TOWNS DESTROYED.

Tremendous Property Loss and Hundreds of Deaths Have Resulted in the Province of Calabria—Country Impassable—Shipping Destroyed.

Naples, Nov. 20.—Hundreds of deaths and tremendous loss of property are reported as the result of floods in Calabria province, which constitutes a portion of the island of Sicily.

Word of the catastrophe is brought by troops who were sent to give relief.

Thousands of persons are homeless and a score of towns wrecked. Ships and ports have been destroyed and the country is impassable. Details are meager.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BANQUET

British Ambassador and Godoy of Mexico Guests of Honor.

New York, Nov. 20.—In a distinctly new world atmosphere the fortieth annual banquet of the New York chamber of commerce was held in the Waldorf-Astoria. Gilbert Stuart's famous portrait of Washington, flanked on either side by portraits of President Diaz of Mexico and Premier Laurier of Canada, looked down upon the diners and the principal formal addresses dealt with the United States and her two neighbors on the North American continent.

The guests of honor were the British ambassador, James Bryce; Jose F. Godoy, Mexican charge d'affaires at Washington; Bryon E. Walker and Clifford Sifton, both of Canada, and James J. Hill, the railroad builder of the northwest.

The toastmaster was J. Edward Simmons, president of the chamber of commerce. He said in the opening address that the present year had been disastrous to many persons, but that we have every reason to encourage each other with the assurance that the financial and commercial skies are clearing.

FORGER RUSHED TO JOLIET.

Peter Van Vlissingen's Frauds May Reach \$2,000,000.

Chicago, Nov. 20.—It was declared after an investigation that the outstanding forgeries of Peter Van Vlissingen, the real estate dealer who, on his own confession on Monday, was arrested and sentenced to the penitentiary, will go far above \$2,000,000, and will probably reach \$7,000,000. The exact number of outstanding forgeries is 475. It is said that the rushing of Van Vlissingen to the penitentiary was to get him there before the full extent of his forgeries became known.

BIG INCREASE IN BUTTER.

Ten Million Pounds More for Iowa Than in Previous Years.

Des Moines, Nov. 20.—The production of creamery butter increased in Iowa last year 10,000,000 pounds and the number of creameries decreased by forty-two, leaving a total of 532. This shows the remarkable change taking place in the creamery business by the abnormal growth of the concentrating stations. These figures are from the annual report of Herbert R. Wright, state dairy and pure food commissioner, for the year ended the first day of the present month.

The total number of pounds of butter made at the creameries and stations in the year, as reported, was 101,552,963. It was of an approximate value of \$25,000,000. There are 100,000 patrons of these creameries and more than 800,000 cows furnish the milk.

The business is being centered in the large cities, where the stations are located that buy cream and ship long distances. The sale of oleo is evidently on the increase, since there are now 119 licensed dealers in the state, and the commissioner estimates the number will soon be doubled.

Monument to Senator Allison.

New York, Nov. 20.—At the annual meeting of the Iowa society of New York a committee was nominated to act with any committees appointed in Iowa to arrange for the erection of a suitable monument to the memory of the late Senator Allison in his home state and also to see to the erection of a monument in honor of Senator Allison in the city of Washington. General Samuel S. Clarkson was elected president to succeed General Greenville M. Dodge.

Prefers Penitentiary to Jail.

Conell Bluffs, Ia., Nov. 20.—Declaring he would rather be in the penitentiary than in the Pottawattamie county jail, John Kirkland pleaded guilty to a charge of bigamy and accepted the court's sentence. Kirkland declared the jail to be filthy to the high