

TOLL PAID BY CELEBRATORS

Usual Number of Accidents Reported by Doctors and Police.

NOT SO MANY SERIOUS QUES
No Deaths Have Resulted. Although Frank Kruse May Die as Result of Powder in a Can Exploding.

Despite the enthusiastic celebration of the Fourth by the residents of the city by the discharge of firearms, explosions of torpedoes, fire crackers and other mediums for the exhibition of patriotic fire, but few accidents of a serious nature occurred as compared to former years. The discharge of blank cartridges in revolvers were tabooed several days before by the police, and the usual detonations from this source were missing even at the ball game, where in former years fans had been wont to exhibit their appreciation of a base hit by shooting off blank cartridges. Another feature which was not as noticeable as in former years was the explosion of torpedoes on the tracks of the street railway company. Several persons were arrested for these offenses Friday night, but not desiring to deprive them of the enjoyment of the day's festivities, Judge Crawford discharged them in police court. Their arrest, however, had the effect of putting a stop to the practice.

No deaths have as yet resulted from the day's celebration, although Frank Kruse, son of John Kruse, a baker, living at 331 Spalding street, lies in a critical condition at his home with the sight of his left eye destroyed and half of his face badly lacerated and burned as the result of leaning over an oyster can filled with powder which he was preparing for an explosion. The boy was playing down on the north side of Courtland beach in the afternoon. He had placed the can of powder on the ground ready for ignition when it exploded, catching him before he could get away from it. He was picked up and taken home and attended by Dr. J. C. Bishop, who pronounced his condition critical.

Hand Badly Lacerated.

Another of the serious injuries of the day was the one received by Nemo Pasha, a newsboy 14 years of age, who lives at 1124 South Fourteenth street. With a number of other newsboys young Pasha was engaged in shooting a small cannon near Seventeenth and Jackson streets about 1:30 Saturday afternoon. After loading the cannon for a discharge the fuse to all appearances went out. Pasha walked out to the miniature artillery and picked it up. It exploded in his hand, tearing off a thumb and badly lacerating the balance of the member. He was taken to the Omaha General hospital and attended by Drs. Ford and Sharper, who were obliged to amputate the first and second fingers of his right hand, but it is feared he will lose the entire hand.

Christopher Spores, a Greek employed by the Union Pacific, had his hands badly torn up by the premature explosion of a giant cannon cracker which he was holding in his hand. He was attended by Dr. Chadek, who announced that Spores would retain the use of his digits.

By the premature explosion of a cannon cracker Johnnie Bosch, aged 12, lost one of his thumbs and the use of one hand for several weeks to come. The accident occurred in front of the boy's home at Fifteenth and Nineteenth streets. He was attended by Dr. Holtechiner.

Early Saturday morning an explosion of powder badly burned the face of Henry Boehl, 889 South Twenty-fifth avenue. The boy had arisen early to be able to get in a full day. Some loose powder handled injudiciously was the cause of the accident. Henry had to spend the greater part of the Fourth with his head swathed in bandages.

The 8-year-old daughter of Attorney C. J. Smythe, 350 North Thirty-eighth street, suffered a painful injury to her hand while trying to extract a torpedo from a cap pistol after it had failed to explode. While pulling the torpedo out of the pistol, it exploded, badly lacerating the tips of three fingers on the left hand.

Roman Candle Burns Child.

Marietta, Cantania, known at the city mission as "Little Sunshine," was seriously burned about the forehead and eyes late Saturday afternoon by a Roman candle. Marietta, who lives at 206 North Tenth street, was playing in the street near her home when someone across the street shot a Roman candle so close to her that one ball struck her in the face. She was taken by Miss Magee of the city mission to Police Surgeon Flitgibson, who dressed her burns. Marietta is quite a famous character considering her 4 years and meager knowledge of English. Having been in this country but two years, she can't tell her own name, but her habit of constantly smiling has earned her a reputation and a nickname.

What might have been one of the most serious accidents of the day was prevented by Officer Woolridge about noon Saturday when he espied a number of young men on Twentieth street near the Union Pacific tracks surrounding a large cannon. The cannon had about a two-inch bore and weighed over 100 pounds. When Officer Woolridge approached, he discovered one of the young men busily engaged packing powder into the barrel from a large can of the explosive which was standing nearby. In packing the powder the gunner was using a small blacksmith's sledge hammer. Woolridge jumped among the celebrators and confiscated the powder, but in the melee the cannon disappeared with a number of the young men.

The little daughter of Fred McIntosh, 807 South Twenty-fifth street, fell off the back porch of the home five feet to the ground and broke her left collar bone.

Powder and Gun Combination.

One of the most serious accidents of the day was the injury to the 5-year-old son of Lytle Shultz, 88 South Twenty-third street. The little fellow found some loose powder which he placed in the gun and lighted, with the result that there was a terrific explosion, which burned the hands and face of the boy, injuring his forehead and eyes quite severely. Dr. F. J. Schlesier, who attended him, says he will not be able to tell for three or four days just how serious the boy's injuries are.

Lizzie Vanous, the 8-year-old daughter of Sergeant Tony Vanous of the police force, narrowly missed being struck by a bullet during the afternoon. The shot passed her head and was found embedded in the wall of the house. Sergeant Vanous went across the street from his home at 1225 South Eleventh street and found a young man firing a revolver with loaded shells. He released the celebrator with a warning.

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BRIEF CITY NEWS

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Thomas W. Blackburn for congress. Adv.
Rudolph F. Swoboda, Accountant-Auditor.
Bowman, 115 N. 16, Douglas shoe, \$3.50
F. Bourke for Quality cigars, 316 S. 15th.
Einhart, photographer, 18th & Farnam.
Equitable Life, Paul Morton, president.
Policies sight drafts at maturity. H. D. Neely, manager, Omaha.

Burgess-Granden Co., now in new quarters, 1111 Howard. Gas, electric fixtures and wiring.

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DATE FOR CINDERELLA CHILDREN.—Mrs. Clement Chase, who has charge of the Cinderella ball for the nights of Al-Sar Ban, wishes the children of the Knights who are to take part to be at Chambers hall Tuesday afternoon.

FIREWORKS START FIRE.—Fireworks caused a small fire at the grocery store of Frank A. Holm, 2424 Cuming street, about 9 o'clock Saturday evening. It was soon extinguished and slight damage resulted.

The fire department was called to Thirty-second and Farnam streets a few minutes later when a paper balloon came down ablaze and made the sky look like a conflagration. No damage was done.

TOO MANY FIREARMS.—Joe Coloni of Ninth and Jackson streets was arrested Saturday evening for shooting loaded cartridges in a revolver. Coloni is accused of having stood at the street corner near his home and shooting 32-caliber bullets in all directions until one finally landed in a plate glass window belonging to the Lauson Gas Engine company across the street. He was locked up on the everyday charge of discharging firearms within the city limits.

FATHER TRIES TO FIND SON.—John F. Drummond of Fortress Monroe, Va., has written to Omaha in an effort to find his son, whom he last heard of in Omaha. The young man was 23 years of age, weighed 140 pounds, was slender and a decided Albino. He left San Francisco November 25, 1907, for Virginia, out at 6, since which time he has not been heard from.

JUDGE LOBINGER BEADS PAPER.—Copies of the Teachers' Assembly Herald, published in Baguio, Philippines Islands, have been received in Omaha by friends of Judge Charles L. Lobinger, in which an account is given of a paper read at an anthropological conference in Baguio by the Judge on the subject, "Some Studies of Malayan Customs in the Philippines." The paper presents the result of a careful study of the ancient Philippine law, which Judge Lobinger says was essentially Malay, though there are traces of Roman, English and Mahometan systems.

FOUR ARRESTS BY POLICE.—The "quiet" period was very few arrests for any cause. Even the number of intoxicated celebrators was smaller than usual, and only one man, Charles Weisbar of Twenty-first and Leavenworth streets, was charged with using too large explosives. Four boys, John Kalocza, 124 South Thirteenth street; George Huffles, 1515 Locust; Roy Young, 2528 Sherman avenue, Sam Boyle, 108 South Fourteenth, and Alex Reek, 1815 Sherman avenue, were arrested for putting dynamite and cartridges on the street car tracks.

PRIZE PATRIOTIC GAME.—The prize patriotic boy of the Fourth was Charles Walcott, 112 South Twenty-second street, soldier in the regular army of Uncle Sam. A year ago on July 4 at 9 a.m. Sergeant and Mrs. Walcott were married. On Decoration day of this year at 9 a.m. Charles Jr. was born and on July 4 of this year at 9 a.m. Charles Jr. was baptized by the Rev. Frank L. Loveland, pastor of the First Methodist church. The baby was baptized in the same little dress his mother wore twenty years ago when she was baptized on July 4.

WOLFE STUDIES BOILER LAWS.—Robert U. Wolfe, city boiler inspector, says that while away he called on the chief boiler inspectors in Detroit, New York and Chicago and learned much which he believes will be of benefit in the administering of the affairs of his office. The boiler inspector says he intends to draw up new ordinances to strengthen the laws in the present document. Mr. Wolfe returned the latter part of the week from a six weeks' trip east, his first stop having been at Detroit, where he attended the annual convention of the Master Boiler Makers' Union of America.

ASSAULTED BY STRANGERS.—Henry Jensen of Sixteenth and Castillar streets was assaulted Saturday night in the saloon of Albert Sorenson at 2336 South Twentieth street. Jensen asserts that he gave no provocation for the attack and was only slightly acquainted with the men whom he believes to have had a hand in the fight. A year ago on the night of the Fourth Officer Gaffey of the police force was set upon and beaten in the same saloon, and it is believed the same men may have been responsible for the anniversary affair. Jensen, whose face was cut in several places, was attended by Police Surgeons Fitzgibson and Benjamin.

WEATHER IS IDEAL FOR FOURTH.—Weather Fletcher Welsh has redeemed himself from his Omaha friends and it is now believed all past sins will be forgiven him. This redemption and remission of sins comes from the fact that for the Fourth Colonel Welsh supplied a variety of weather that could not have been beaten. Everybody was satisfied and happy and it appeared everybody took advantage of the conditions to have a good time.

PEBBLES TO SAVE MILLIONS

BALLAST FROM BED OF MISSISSIPPI WILL BE USED BY THE ILLINOIS CENTRAL.

Pebble ballast, secured from the bed of the Mississippi river, is expected to save millions of dollars annually for the Illinois Central. By means of dredges especially built for the purpose the company is taking from the bed of the Mississippi at Memphis between 1,200 and 1,500 yards of gravel ballast every twenty-four hours. Thus far over 30,000 yards have been taken from this source and transferred to sixty miles of track between Memphis and Vicksburg. With these pebbles is mixed river sand, making a dustless ballast.

The discovery of this ballast is looked upon as of immense value to the southern roads, which heretofore have not had good ballast. Portions of the Illinois Central in the south have been reballasted every three or four months because of erosion, but the officials think the gravel ballast will solve the problem.

The gravel is taken from a depth of fifteen to fifty feet by hydraulic power. It is run over a screen on the river barges to separate it from all deposits.

NO ACCIDENTS REPORTED.

Inquiry among the doctors failed to bring to light any case of injury from fireworks, and none was reported to police headquarters. Even with the immense crowds which it handled to and from Fairmount park during the afternoon and evening, and to and from Lake Manawa practically all day, no accident was reported on the street railway lines. The service was all that could be desired under the circumstances.

The public celebration at Fairmount park attracted a crowd, estimated over 5,000 people. The exercises were held at the bandstand, following which there were a number of races and other sports for the children, with two or three events for the older folk, including a chase for a well-greased porker, which was open to everyone.

NOBODY IS TOO OLD.

To learn that the sure way to cure a cough or cold is with Dr. King's New Discovery. See and Buy. For sale by Beaton Drug company.

ALL BUSY AT JUVENILE CITY

EVERYBODY PLAYS BALL OR SOMETHING NEARLY AS GOOD.

UNIFORM ON EVERY "CITIZEN"

MAJOR EDWARD GRIMES GREETS COOK COUNTY DEMOCRACY AND UMPIRES A GAME AS HIS CHIEF STUNTS.

All the citizens of Juvenile City, at Nine-tenth and St. Mary's avenue spent the Fourth of July in base ball or basket ball uniforms, but the sports of the day did not in any way interfere with official business.

The Waterloos played the Delights and defeated them and the Dressers and the new Juvenile City team spent the afternoon knocking the balls over the fence; then the girls of the community played basket ball and some relay races were given in the evening.

But Mayor Edward Grimes accomplished a great deal of work at his "city hall," and during the morning posted a notice for the primary election which is to be held July 10, and gave notice of the election to be held July 15.

At 5 o'clock in the morning Mayor Grimes was at the Paxton hotel to receive the Cook county Democracy and was much disappointed because his photograph did not appear in the official souvenir of the Illinois democrats along with that of Mayor Rose of Milwaukee; Dahlman of Omaha and Brown of Lincoln. But Mayor Grimes is not in politics for the money there is in the job, and will favor the community going on the commissioner plan of government. He failed to get any of the distinguished democrats to agree with him.

MAJOR UMPIRES A GAME.

During the late hours of the morning and the afternoon Major Grimes tore himself away from his desk in the "city hall" of Juvenile City, which is located in the bath house, and umpired the game between the Waterloo and the Delight teams, and the Dressers and his City council team, which did not make as good a showing as he could desire.

Chief of Police Morris Wright of Juvenile City caught for the home base ball team in the afternoon. In the morning he was kept busy inspecting his department, and making one or two arrests of ambitious individuals who attempted to open firework stores in the city without a license. By noon he had all the fireworks suppressed, except those which were smuggled on the grounds and exploded at various intervals during the ball games.

On their first annual excursion, the children of the Detention home visited the city and were received at the gate by a special committee of the girls. They were escorted to a new grandstand and the Juvenile City ball team entertained them at a lunch, which consisted of red pop, ginger snaps, cheese, pickles, corn and firecrackers. The children spent a delightful afternoon and voted the citizens of Juvenile City royal entertainers.

RESULTS OF CONTESTS.

The results of the athletic contests were as follows:

50-YARD DASH FOR BOYS UNDER 14.—Leonard Freece, first; Thomas Graham, second; George Ross, third. Time, 7 seconds.

50-YARD DASH FOR BOYS OVER 14 AND OVER-GILBERT GUSE.—First, Harold Moon, second; Henry Trusten, third. Time, 8 seconds.

BASE RACE FOR BOYS UNDER 14.—George Huffles, first; Roy Young, 2528 Sherman avenue, Sam Boyle, 108 South Fourteenth, and Alex Reek, 1815 Sherman avenue, first. Ed Guyer, second; Henry Trusten, third. Time, 15 seconds.

ROUNDING HIGH JUMP.—Tom Rounier, first; George Gorham, second; Warren Fitch, third. Height, 3 feet 9 inches.

POLE VAULT-HARRY MOON.—First; Arthur Danner, second; Harry Wenberg, third. Height, 7 feet 4 inches.

GIRO'S RACE OVER 10-MOLLE REVITZ.—First; Mary Harrower, second; Irene Johnson, third.

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