

Bomb Is Blamed For Explosion In Wall Street

W. J. Flynn, Government Investigator, Declares Latest Developments Point to This Theory.

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struction work and not one of them received or expected explosives today.
Two warnings that an explosion was impending had been made public.
Officials said they were working on the theory that the explosion was caused by a giant bomb carried in the destroyed wagon and placed in Wall street by plotters against the house of Morgan.

Abandon TNT Theory.
The theory that the combustible which caused yesterday's explosion was TNT has been discarded by investigators, according to an announcement by Chief of Detectives Coughlin.

A close examination of the neighborhood of the explosion by the federal mine experts resulted in different opinions regarding the exact nature of the explosive. While most investigators believe a bomb was used, others adhere to the theory that an accidental collision caused the blast.

Fused by Hot Fire.
The small pieces of window weights which the infernal machine had been loaded had fused by an intense heat, indicating they had been cut into slugs by a high powered gas burner.
"Pieces of sheet metal resembling tin," the report said, "were found in the debris similar to metal lining such as is used in the construction of export cases for high explosives."

Seek Wagon Driver.
Certain at last of the cause of the explosion, federal agents and city police increased their search for the driver of a wagon drawn by one horse which was blown to pieces. No trace of him has yet been found.
The theory of the investigators is that a time bomb was placed on the wagon and that the driver hurried from the scene just after arranging for the explosion to occur at noon.

Six expert chemists attached to the bureau of mines of the Department of the Interior arrived at police headquarters this afternoon from Washington and assisted in reconstructing metal fragments believed to have been part of a bomb.

Much Iron Found.
More than 150 pounds of broken metal weights and other metal fragments have been collected by the fire department at the scene of the disaster and turned over to the police, Commissioner Drennan said.
At police headquarters it was said the first task would be to assemble the fragments in an effort to reconstruct the bomb and determine whether it was made by skilled hands or by a novice.

A piece of metal, presumably from a bomb, and an iron slug weighing about a pound were found by U. S. Grant, deputy assistant treasurer, on the roof of the subtreasury building this morning.

Bankers Make Statement.
Fire Chief Kenlon and Chief Brophy of the bureau of combustibles conferred at city hall this morning with Mayor Hylan. They presented reports on what they believed to be the cause of the explosion.
A scene of an entirely different nature from that of yesterday in front of the subtreasury was on the program for today. Sons of the American Revolution assembled for a rally at noon on the steps of the government building to celebrate Constitution day.

Members of the firm of J. P. Morgan & Co., after conferring in regard to the disaster, issued a statement to the effect that they had no knowledge as to the cause or motives of the explosion. Several members of the firm have received verbal and written communications in regard to the explosion, but they say that none has thrown any light upon it.

The financial centers of America's big cities from coast to coast are arming camps today, with police and private sentries posted to guard against repetition of the mysterious explosion that rocked Wall street yesterday.

In Washington, Chicago and other cities, as far south as the Gulf of Mexico, and west to the Golden Gate, authorities placed heavy patrols in their big business districts, and federal agents worked with state and city officials to run down reports of widespread extremist plots.

All public buildings and the homes of wealthy and prominent men here underwent special watch, and every

Noise of Explosion Heard in Washington

Washington, D. C., Sept. 17.—The noise of the explosion was heard in Washington by an official of the treasury, who was talking on the telephone to an office in the Equitable building in New York at the time. The conversation was interrupted, he said, by "what sounded like the closing of a large book."
Connection was interrupted, and later he was called back, he said, to be told that there had been an explosion near by.

available man is held in reserve or actively working in federal, state and city investigation agencies.

During the early hours public and private agencies cleaned up Wall street, sweeping up tons of debris and washing down blood-spattered sidewalks and buildings. Repairmen in the night started work, aided by searchlights, remedying damage to twisted iron office structures in the Morgan building, and glaziers by scores began the long task of restoring window panes in the entire financial hub.

Three pieces of curved metal were found beneath the surface of the pavement in the hole caused by the explosion. Another piece of similar metal was taken from the body of Robert Westday, a 16-year-old messenger, who was killed, according to Dr. Charles H. Norris, chief medical examiner.

The authorities said that the finding of these bits of evidence virtually dissipated the theory held earlier by some officials that the explosion might have been caused by a collision with a wagon loaded with explosives. Examination of the wrecked wagon revealed, according to the police, that it was what is known as a "rack truck" and that it was unlikely that a vehicle of this type would be used to transport powerful explosives.

The stock market opened promptly at 10 o'clock, with no outward signs of excitement, and few traces of yesterday's disaster, aside from the windows which were covered with canvas in place of the huge glass panes splintered by the explosion.

A large majority of the active members of the exchange were present when the opening gong sounded and business proceeded in normal fashion with a fair degree of activity. At the United States subtreasury and assay office the day's routine was taken up without a hitch. Extra guards were on duty as a precautionary measure.

Casualty List
New York, Sept. 17.—A partial list of the dead follows:
S. A. WILLIAM JOYCE, clerk of J. P. Morgan & Co.
JEROME H. MCKEEN, chauffeur.
LUDOLPH PORTONG, bank teller, 25 McCaulley avenue, Jamaica, N. Y.
CHARLES NEVILL, U. S. A. West 44th street, New York.
ALFRED MAYER, 551 West 14th street, New York.
MILDRED ALEXANDER, 46 Commerce street, New York.
B. A. SWEET, address unknown.
MR. ELLSWORTH, 1238 Gerard street, Brooklyn.
MR. MARTIUS, address unknown.
GERARD street, Brooklyn.
BERNARD J. KENNEDY, 30 messenger, employed at 115 Broad street.
MISS CAROLYN N. DICKINSON, 40 Elmhurst, N. Y.
COLIN B. McCLURE, 25, Yorkers.
MISS MARGARET DRURY, 29, stenographer Brooklyn.
CHARLES LINDROTHE about 25, employed at 25 Broad street.
WM. FURMAN HUTCHINSON, about 30, insurance broker, Garden City, N. Y.
JOHN JOHNSON, 56, porter, employed at Bank of America, 44 Wall street.
JOSEPH SCHMITT, 30, clerk, Bayside, N. Y.
JOSEPH AUREBURY, 27, married, New York City.
RAYMOND MILLER, address unknown.
THOMAS OSPREY, JR., 136 Chester avenue, Brooklyn.
LEWIS K. SMITH, New York.
BARTHOLOMEW-FLANNERY, New York.
RELIAN D. ELLSWORTH, West Orange, N. J.
JOSEPH ARESBERG, Brooklyn.
ALEXANDER LEITH, New York.
BENJAMIN SOLOWAY, Brooklyn.
A boy, about 16, at Volunteer hospital.
A man, about 5 feet 10, brown hair, at Volunteer hospital.
A man about 30, five feet six, dark hair, grey eyes.
A man, about 40, five feet ten, brown hair, at Volunteer hospital.

French Warned Of Explosion by Former Attache

Letter Addressed to High Commission Recovered From Waste Basket and Will Be Probed.

New York, Sept. 17.—A letter giving warning of yesterday's explosion was dropped Wednesday morning through the mail slot of a door in one of the offices of the French high commission at 65 Broadway, it became known last night. This letter, apparently written by a man formerly in the employ of the commission, was torn into small pieces soon after it was read and dropped into a waste basket.

Yesterday after the explosion these bits of paper were taken from the basket, pasted together and turned over to the police. The letter, which was addressed to Lieutenant Arnaud, who is attached to the commission, began with the word "Greetings." The writer said he thought he was rendering a service to the French commission by advising Maurice Casenave, minister plenipotentiary, and his assistants of the fact that a catastrophe would occur in Wall street about 2:30 o'clock. No date was mentioned.

Urged Closing Office.
The writer suggested that Lieut. Arnaud advise Minister Casenave to have the offices of the commission closed and unoccupied at 2 o'clock so that the lives of the office staff might be spared. The letter also mentioned "between 2 and 4 o'clock, daylight time," as the probable hour for the catastrophe.

It was intimated in the letter that "some people had grievances and wanted to take revenge." Lieut. Arnaud read the letter several times. Feeling assured that it had been written by an alarmist and should not be taken seriously, he tore it up and threw it in a waste basket. He gave no further thought to the letter until after the explosion today, when he rushed into the office, emptied the contents of the basket in a heap on his desk, sorted the bits of the letter, pieced them together and turned them over to the police.

Detectives on Trail.
Efforts to learn whether the letter bore a signature proved futile. Soon after the letter had been handed to the police it was learned that detectives had been sent to an address in West Ninety-second street to seek a man formerly in the employ of the French commission. It was said that he had left the service of the French government on September 1, 1919.

The writer of the letter, the police believe, was familiar with all plans for the explosion and would be able to point out the responsible parties.

Medical Examiner Says TNT Caused Explosion
By The Associated Press.
New York, Sept. 17.—Dr. Charles Norris, chief medical examiner, declared the explosive force was trinitrotoluol. Whether the explosive was hauled into the district in a rickety and badly kept wagon that stopped

Man Who Sent Warning Note Held Insane

Arrested in Canada, Edward P. Fischer Said His Information on Bomb Plot "Came From the Air."

Hamilton, Ont., Sept. 17.—Edward P. Fischer, detained here in connection with investigation into the Wall street explosion, was apprehended on information given the police by his brother-in-law, Robert Pope of New York, it was stated. The two men have been at a hotel here for the last two days.

The police say Mr. Pope informed them that three weeks ago the prisoner predicted the New York catastrophe and sent warnings to Wall street friends. Pope says his relative has been in a peculiar mental condition for some time, and that he believes the information as to the approaching disaster was "received by telepathy."

A lunacy commission adjudged Fischer a "fit subject for the asylum," and he will be taken there this afternoon, it was announced. Officers who took the prisoner in charge say he talked queerly. He claimed that he had once acted as sparring partner to Jack Dempsey, the heavyweight boxing champion.

Fischer admitted sending the postcard to his "chief in the French mission," New York, and also of sending word of an impending disaster to a friend in a Wall street brokerage office.

Asked where he received his information as to the bombing, he stated that "it came from the air." He stated that he "believed in a religion of love," but that he "hated the Morgans."

Among many papers found on the prisoner was a postcard addressed in Toronto, dated September 13, to a man in New York. In one corner of the card was the following warning: "Have Bob keep away from Wall street this Wednesday afternoon."

Two Speeders Are Fined
In South Side Court
Two speeders were fined in South Side police court yesterday.
A. R. Nelson, 408 Omaha National Bank building, was fined \$5, and Boyd Street, 2322 Jones street, \$7.50.

Theodore Roosevelt Says Hewes Died for U. S. Institutions

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"It is grave danger that we may be driven by an alternation between fool reaction and fool radicalism into a condition, let us say one-half as bad as that into which Russia has been driven by an alternation between Romanoffism and bolshevism."

"We must meet this danger with clear eyes and a steady hand. We must meet it with honor. We must not blind ourselves to it and lie idle, except for our boasting, until we are swept into the maelstrom. We must steer our course steadily between the scylla of bolshevism and the charybdis of Bourgeoisism."

"The democratic party has looked on this country as if it were composed of classes. The republican party refuses, and rightly refuses, to recognize such a thing as class. We have no classes in this country, and we must not have them. The successful man of today is the poor boy of yesterday, and the achievement of the father will never hold a position for the son. It is the son who must make that position for himself, and by himself. One of the finest tenants of our national faith is expressed in the homely proverb, 'Every tub must stand on its own bottom.'"

"At this very minute the democratic nominee is trying to foster this fallacy of classes. He is smashing at the republican party on the basis that it has among its followers men with means. This is of no earthly moment. The question is, are these men of means square Americans? We must not distinguish against a man simply because he has money any more than we must distinguish against a man because he has not. The citizenship and Americanism of a man is some-

Luther League of State Meets Here

Nebraska Members Open Tenth Annual Convention at Kountze Memorial Church.

"The mobilization of our young people" is the theme of the 10th annual convention of the Luther league, which opened at the Kountze Memorial Lutheran church last night.

Delegates from all parts of the state, representing the Lutheran churches of Nebraska are here for the three-day convention.
A. J. Jensen of Omaha welcomed the delegates to Omaha. He emphasized the young people's influence for good in their communities.

Miss Bertha Dierfeldt of Falls City told the of the organized work of the Luther league.
Harry Hodges, general secretary of the National Luther league, gave the principal address of the evening. After reviewing the past work of the league, he outlined its future program.

Credential, resolution and nominating committees were appointed. At the conclusion of the opening session refreshments were served.
At this morning's session, which will start at 9, the Rev. K. De Freese of Hooper, president of the Nebraska Luther league, will give his report to the convention and will address the delegates.

A night mass meeting of delegates and all of the Omaha United Lutheran churches will be held tomorrow evening at 8.

Congressman Reavis
Addresses Lincoln Club
Lincoln, Sept. 17.—Congressman Frank Reavis addressed the mem-

Nebraska Veterinarians Hold Meeting at Holdrege

(Special.)—A successful meeting of the central Nebraska veterinarians was held in Holdrege Wednesday. About 200 of the profession from all parts of the state attended.

The morning session was devoted to clinics and several animals were operated on by Dr. J. V. Lacroix of Evanston, Ill., and Dr. G. L. Jagerman of Hiawatha, Kan., and very instructive lectures given.

The afternoon meeting was taken up in routine business and lectures by A. T. Kinsley and Dr. H. Jensen of Kansas City and other noted men of the profession.

A banquet was served by the Presbyterian ladies of Holdrege, after which, with Dr. Jensen as toastmaster, addresses and short talks were given.

Dr. L. F. Nisley of Gothenburg was elected president, Dr. Anderson of Mason City, vice president, and L. R. Rice, secretary-treasurer. The next meeting will be held at Gothenburg.

Assigned to Fort Crook.
Washington, D. C., Sept. 17.—(Special Telegram.)—Maj. Emmett H. Varvel, dental corps, is relieved from duty at Camp Dodge, Iowa, and will report to Fort Crook, Neb.

One Swedish Railroad Has Found the Use of Peat for Fuel so Practical that it is Planning to Abandon Coal.

(Special Telegram.)—A Swedish railroad has found the use of peat for fuel so practical that it is planning to abandon coal.

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