

NINE DEAD AS RESULT OF EXPLOSION ON GEORGIA

And It is Feared Two and Perhaps Three More Will be Added to List.

CHIEF YEOMAN'S ACT OF HEROISM

Saved the Life of Midshipman Kimball by Knocking Him Down and Then Throwing His Body Across the Form of Prostrate Officer.

(By Associated Press.)

HOSTON, MASS., July 16.—Edward J. Walsh, a seaman died at the Naval hospital at Chelsea this afternoon. This is the ninth fatality resulting from the accident on board the battleship Georgia in Cape Cod Bay yesterday.

Seaman Walsh's mother and brother arrived early this morning at the hospital. Walsh showed that he recognized his mother, stretching out one hand toward her, but he could not speak.

Rear Admiral Goodrich returned to New York today. He was with his son an hour before he died, but the young man was unconscious. Mrs. Goodrich bore up bravely under her grief.

The body of Lieutenant Goodrich will be sent today to Stone Church, N. J., that of Midshipman Goldthwaite to Hopkinsville, Ky., that of Seaman Thomas to Newport, R. I., and that of Seaman Burke to Quincy, Mass.

Two great boxes, one addressed to Midshipman Cruise and the other to "The sailors of the Georgia," were received at the naval hospital today. They contained flowers, and inside of each box was the card of Admiral Yamamoto, the Japanese naval officer who visited Boston yesterday.

Story of a Survivor. The official board of inquiry will be hampered by the fact that all those nearest the bag of powder when it took fire are dead. Searched one of the men in the turret will be in condition to give evidence for several days, and those who can testify probably can give no definite account of what happened.

The only one not seriously injured is Midshipman Lucien Frank Kimball, who was burned on the left hand so slightly that his name is not included in the official list of wounded. Kimball owes his life probably to the fact that Chief Yeoman Orly Tagland, who saw the powder bag smoldering just before the contents burst into flames, threw himself upon the young man, bearing him to the floor and sheltering him with his body while the turret was filled with blinding, searing flame. Tagland escaped with burns that will maim him for life, but will probably live.

A Puff and a Blast. Midshipman Kimball's theory is that the bag of powder which was being passed from the carriage to the electric rammer ignited from sparks from the funnel which came through the opening at the top of the turret. The most general belief is that the powder was fired by a spark, but whether it came from the funnel outside or from a partially consumed piece of gun wadding inside the turret, may never be definitely decided.

Midshipman Kimball tells the following: "There were just twenty-two of us in the turret when it happened. Lieutenant Goodrich was in command of the aft turret, and I was his subordinate in charge of the superimposed turret, where the accident occurred. The projectile had just been rammed into the port eight-inch gun and the charge of powder had come up from the magazine in the carriage. It was contained in two bags, holding fifty-two pounds each.

"Seaman Thomas had lifted one bag from the carriage, and was about to pass it under the electric ram to the loader. The other charge lay on the carriage. At that moment I was facing aft, close to the wall of the turret. "There was a sudden hissing, a puff and a draft of air against my back. Instinctively I held my breath, ducking, and drew my cap over my face.

"Though I suppose it was but a few seconds, it seemed an age that the flames hissed around me, and I felt the heat blistering my body. "It was awful. I could hear the men screaming and gasping for breath in the suffocating gases released by the burning powder. Then I turned and tried to put out the fire

OTHER EXPLOSIONS.

January 18, 1903. Charge of powder exploded in eight-inch gun on the Massachusetts, killing nine enlisted men.

April 9, 1903. Twelve-inch gun on Iowa exploded during target practice, killing three enlisted men and wounding four others.

April 13, 1904. A terrible accident occurred on the Missouri, when by a "flare-back" an explosion was caused which resulted in the death of five officers and twenty-six enlisted men.

April 13, 1905. An explosion in one of the six-inch turrets of the Kearsarge severely wounded three men.

In the clothes of the men piled around me in heaps. They lay around four or five on top of one another. It was nothing to do; anyone would have done the same. Oh, my injuries don't amount to much; just a few burns on my hand.

Midshipman Goldthwaite stood just aft of the ordnance carriage, and that is probably why he was killed. Midshipman Cruise was by the other gun, and escaped with serious burns.

Naval Officers Puzzled. WASHINGTON, D. C., July 16.—Naval officers here are not only shocked, but bewildered by the terrible disaster on the battleship Georgia which so far has resulted in nine deaths, and the serious injury of twelve more. They are utterly puzzled as to how the accident could have occurred. They thought that, profiting by previous terrible lessons of the kind, they had taken every possible precaution to prevent such disasters in the future.

After the accident on the Missouri in 1904, when, through a "flare-back," five officers and twenty-six enlisted men lost their lives, there was a particularly severe investigation.

Captain Crowles, brother-in-law of President Roosevelt, was in command of the ship at the time. It was then discovered that the cause of the accident was the injection of a new charge in the breach of one of the big thirteen-inch guns before the burning gases left by a previous charge had fully escaped from the gun. Experiments made later resulted in the application of an invention which prevents such "flare-backs."

In the case of the accident on the Kearsarge in 1905, in which three (Continued on page two.)

GREEKS REOPEN PLACES

All But One Doing Business as Usual in Roanoke.

GRAND JURY IS INVESTIGATING

Mayor Cutchin Recommends That a Committee be Named to Take Up Question with Full Power to Act. Wants City's Honor Saved.

(By Associated Press.)

ROANOKE, VA., July 16.—The special grand jury to investigate the riots of last Saturday night, when a mob wrecked all the Greek restaurants in town, today heard thirty witnesses and will continue its work tomorrow. All the smashed restaurants but one reopened today. The Belmont restaurant, where the trouble started, is still closed and its proprietor has left town. Two men arrested on the streets last night for offering to wager there would be more trouble before daylight were fined in police court today.

A priest from the Greek church in Washington arrived today to make a personal investigation of the trouble. He is not present in any official capacity but the report he will make will be made to the representatives of the Greek government at Washington.

In his message to the city council tonight Mayor Joel Holman Cutchin recommended that a committee be appointed with full power to take up the question of damages and make such reparation as is just and settle the same without delay and in this way "convince the government, both state and national, that Roanoke can and will settle the matter according to justice and right, not taking advantage of any technicality and in this way redeem the good name of the city as much as possible."

ELK'S GRAND LODGE HAVE HOT ELECTION

Seventeen Hundred Votes Cast and the Result Will be Not Known Till Today.

JOHN K. TENNER EXALTED RULER

Stiff Fights For Grand Esteemed Leading Knight, Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary—Judge Melvin Appoints the Forum, a New Feature of Elkdom.

(By Associated Press.)

PHILADELPHIA, PA., July 16.—The Grand Lodge of Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, after two strenuous business sessions today adjourned without announcement as to the result of its election. It is generally conceded, however, that John K. Tenner, of Charleston, Pa., has been chosen Grand Exalted Ruler of the order. Dallas, Texas, was chosen for the next convention and grand lodge session and Judge Henry A. Melvin appointed the following to constitute the grand forum: Charles F. Pickett, of Waterloo, Ia., for one year; Marc Rolmer, Detroit, two years; William H. Moore, Seattle, three years; Thomas J. Cogan, Cincinnati, four years and Robert W. Brown, Louisville, five years.

The new body, which is really a court, will decide all matters within the organization, came into life with the adoption of the new constitution which went into effect today. Under the system of appointment adopted the forum will be infused with new blood each year, the term of one member of the body expiring annually.

Members of the order say there were several unexpected and close fights in the election.

Grand Secretary Robinson stated there were 1,700 ballots to count and that there would be no official announcement until tomorrow.

Reynolds on Deck Again. John W. Wagner of Kansas City, was opposed for grand treasurer by E. W. Luch, of New York. Fred C. Robinson, who it was expected would be unanimously re-elected grand secretary also found opposition in George H. Reynolds, of Saginaw, Mich., a former secretary.

The candidates for three places on the board of trustees are Benjamin F. McNulty of San Antonio; Thomas McNulty, of Baltimore; John M. Kehring of Kenosha, Wis. T. B. Mills, Superior, Wis. Mayor Charles Schmidt, Wheeling, W. Va. and Colonel A. T. Holtz of Hackensack, N. J. Robert P. Green, of Brooklyn, Mass., was placed in nomination in opposition to John D. Shea, of Hartford, who was thought to be sure winner for grand esteemed leading knight. The feature of tomorrow's celebration will be the parade of brass bands through the courts of honor.

CASTELLANES ARE NOW FULLY DIVORCED COUPLE

Madame Gould Will Settle With Count Boni's Creditors in Full Out of Court.

PARIS, July 16.—The appeal of Count Boni de Castellane from the decision of the court on November 14 last granting a divorce to the Countess Boni de Castellane (formerly Miss Anna Gould, of New York,) was dismissed this afternoon and a final decree of divorce duly entered. Attorneys for the count made practically no contest. Although the count, under the law, has still sixty days in which to appeal to the court of cassation upon legal grounds, the judgment of today is regarded as final, inasmuch as negotiations have been practically concluded by which Madame Gould is to settle the cases of the creditors both against herself and the count out of court.

NO ORDER YET HAS ISSUED FOR MOBILIZING THE FLEET

Navy Officials Resent Failure of Secretary Metcalf to Notify Them. Suggest That He Forget It

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 16.—No order, verbal or written, referring to the movement of a fleet of warships great or small, to the Pacific has been received by any official of the Navy Department now in the city. The records of the department do not show that such an order has been issued by any official of the department now absent.

Navy Department officials and naval officers, it is said, know only by the public announcements of the President and Secretary of the Navy that the greatest fleet of American warships ever before assembled, is to mobilize in the fall for a journey to

the Pacific coast, but they are "getting their houses in order" to comply with directions which they expect will reach them before the mobilization of the fleet.

Naval officers are wondering whether President Roosevelt expressed to Secretary Metcalf personally his desires for such a naval movement, and the latter forgot to inform Acting Secretary Newberry of the fact before he starting announcement on July 10, or whether there was an intentional slight administered. Although officials of the department decline to discuss the subject for publication, for obvious reasons, they make no attempt to conceal their surprise at recent methods of administering department policies. They predict a split in the department shortly.

Secretary Metcalf's friends, on the other hand, scoff at the suggestion that he could be guilty of any discourtesies to his immediate subordinates.

San Francisco's New Mayor. (By Associated Press.) SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., July 16.—Dr. Edward H. Taylor, physician and lawyer, dean of the Hastings Law College and of the University of California, was elected mayor of San Francisco tonight by the board of supervisors and by the open avowal of the bribery graft prosecution, the so-called "reign of the big stick" came to an end.

Two-Cent Rate for Wisconsin. MADISON, WIS., July 16.—Governor Davidson today signed the two-cent railroad fare bill. The new law will take effect on August 15, 1907. The law applies to all lines possessing a gross earning of \$3,500 a mile per annum. This will affect all of the larger lines of the state and some of the smaller ones.

New Manager of Coferton. Mr. A. A. Langhorne, who has assumed the management of the Coferton, is making special preparations for taking care of the trade of local people and he has invited an inspection of the hotel by the people of the city.

Exposition Program for Today.

Orphans' Day. CONVENTIONS MEETING. Blue and Gray Association, Convention Hall, 9 a. m. to 1 p. m., 3 p. m. to 7 p. m. Kappa Alpha Fraternity.

7:30 a. m.—Guard mount, Twenty-third Infantry.

8 a. m.—Gates open.

8 to 9 a. m.—Drill, Twenty-third Infantry.

10 a. m.—And hourly thereafter, Exhibition of weather bureau earthquake recorder, Government building A.

10:30 a. m.—Special exhibition by the Elk Jubilee Singers at the Negro building.

10:30 a. m. to 12:30 p. m.—Mexican Band concert, Reviewing Stand.

11 a. m.—Preparation of large weather map from reports from all sections of the country, Government building A.

11 a. m.—"Tuberculosis is Preventable" stereopticon, E. G. Routhless, Social Economy Hall.

11 a. m.—Arrival of the orphans at the grounds in automobiles.

11:30 a. m.—Parade.

12 m.—Luncheon at the Mothers and Children's building, after which they will be shown through the Exposition. A program of games and other amusements have been arranged by the manager of the Mothers and Children's building, including a May pole dance by the orphans.

1 p. m.—Biographic and stereopticon exhibition, Scenes on Indian reservation with lecture, Interior department, Government Building A.

1:30 to 2:30 p. m.—Piano recital, Joseph Maerz, Auditorium.

2 p. m.—Biographic exhibition, scenes in Yosemite Valley, Government building A.

2 p. m.—Lecture on aerial navigation, Mr. Ludlow and Captain Loveman, Aeronautic building.

2:30 to 4:30 p. m.—Innes band concert, Auditorium.

2:30 p. m.—United States Life-Saving service drill at station.

3 p. m.—Illustrated lecture, "Reclaiming the Desert," by J. C. Watts, U. S. B. S. Interior Department, Government building A.

3 p. m.—"Consumption is Curable," stereopticon, Social Economy Hall.

3 p. m.—Special exhibition by the Elk Jubilee Singers at the Negro building.

THREE MEN INFORM ON FELLOW LYNCHERS

They Give Names of Many Persons Who Hanged J. V. Johnson at Wadesboro, N. C.

FATHER AND SON BOTH INFORMERS

Sheriff and His Daughter Positively Identified Some of the Members of the Mob Who Took the Man Out of the Jail and Later Strung Him to a Tree.

(By Associated Press.)

CHARLOTTE, N. C., July 16.—The trial of 20 citizens of Anson county, this state, charged with lynching J. V. Johnson, which was begun yesterday at Monroe, continued today. Miss Alice Hogan, daughter of the sheriff, who was on the stand yesterday, resumed her testimony, detailing how the mob broke into the jail on the plea of having a prisoner to commit and how they seized and held her father, took the keys to Johnson's cell away from him, released Johnson and after tying him with ropes dragged him off down the road to the point where he was lynched. She positively identified several of the indicted men as being members of the mob.

The cross examination of Sheriff Hogan, who was recalled, failed to shake his testimony in any particular. He recognized many of the members of the mob and called their names. John Jones, against whom the present test case is directed, was recognized as one of the leaders.

Informers on the Stand. Henry D. Kendall, Sr., who turned state's evidence at the preliminary hearing, and gave testimony against his fellows of the lynching mob and one of the state's strongest relatives, today testified as to the meeting at the house of Tom Johnson in Anson county on the Saturday night preceding the lynching, when the plans to ride to Wadesboro and lynch J. V. Johnson, were perfected. The witness knew all the members of the party and gave their names.

While the others rode toward Wadesboro and met another crowd from Richmond county and all proceeded to Wadesboro jail, took the prisoner out and lynched him. The witness's son was one of the mob. Kendall's story of the lynching was dramatic in the extreme. He told how they took the prisoner, struggling and praying for mercy tied him with ropes and dragged him along the road a mile to a point in the woods where, more dead than alive, he was drawn up to a limb and then riddled with bullets.

Other Informers Also Testify. His identification of the leaders of the mob and many of its members was complete and cross examination failed to shake his testimony. William Meeks and H. D. Kendall, Jr., members of the mob, also turned state evidence today and corroborated the evidence of the elder Kendall. At the conclusion of this testimony the state rested.

Lightning Hits Oil Tanks. (By Associated Press.) LIMA, OHIO, July 16.—In a terrific electrical storm which swept this county at noon today, lightning fired one of the huge tanks of the Standard Oil Company. A quarter of a million barrels of petroleum were ignited.

General Alikhanoff Blown to Pieces. (By Associated Press.) ALEXANDROPOL, RUSSIA, July 16.—General Alikhanoff, former governor-general of Thiss, Madame Gliboff, wife of General Gliboff and the coachman who was driving their carriage, were blown to pieces by bombs thrown at their conveyance at half past two o'clock this morning.

Rebbers Held Up Freight Train. CHERYVILLE, KANS., July 16.—Two robbers held up a St. Louis & San Francisco freight train five miles east of Cheryville early today and shot and killed O. J. Brown and seriously injured Otis Taylor, a harvest hand. Brown and Taylor were beating their way home to western Kansas.

Maccabees in Session. DETROIT, MICH., July 16.—With 100 delegates present from all sections of the United States and Canada, representing 300,000 members, the eleventh triennial reunion of the Supreme Ten Knights Maccabees of the World, opened here today. Reports of officers show the order to be in a flourishing condition.

Grade Crossing Fatality. WHEELING, W. VA., July 16.—The Kenewa Express on the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad ran down a buggy on a grade crossing at Chayville, Pa., today, killing Ray Blaney, aged 17

years, a hiveryman and Carman Guthrie, aged three years. Mrs. M. G. Guthrie, of Waynesburg, Pa., mother of the child, was seriously injured.

Cheaper Rates in Middle West. CHICAGO, ILLS., July 16.—The long talked of reduction in Interstate passenger rates of Western railways will actually be made next Friday. Generally speaking all rates east of the Missouri river will be on a basis of 2 cents per mile.

MANY RICHMONDERS TO STOP IN THIS CITY

Party of Twenty-five Has Engaged Quarters, and Others are Coming.

A number of Richmond people who will attend the Richmond Day celebration at the Jamestown Exposition tomorrow will make their headquarters in Newport News. A party of about twenty-five has already arranged for accommodation at Hotel Warwick. Mr. Robert Lecky, chairman of the committee of the Richmond Chamber of Commerce which has charge of the arrangements for Richmond Day, being one of that party. Mr. Lecky is a prominent business man of the State Capitol and has worked energetically and faithfully to make the Richmond celebration a success.

The invasion of Tidewater by Richmonders will commence this afternoon and tonight, hundreds of them coming to this city over the Chesapeake & Ohio railroad. Some of the early arrivals will spend tonight in this city and go to the Exposition tomorrow while others will cross Hampton Roads tonight.

The regular river steamers and several specially chartered steamers will bring thousands of people down the James river early tomorrow morning while the Chesapeake & Ohio railroad will run several special trains Thursday morning for the accommodation of the Richmonders.

OVER MILLION DIE FROM PLAGUE IN SIX MONTHS

Returns of Death from India Show That the Prevailing Conditions are Horrible.

LONDON, July 16.—Returns of deaths from the plague in India show the appalling total of 1,069,067 for the six months ending June 30. The monthly total is at present decreasing, however, the death toll for June being placed at 63,964.

The total for the first six months of 1907 already surpasses that for the entire twelve months of 1904, when 1,422,000 persons died. This total is the highest ever recorded previous to the present year.

Coming for Cargo. The Norwegian steamer Drot will arrive in port from Philadelphia tomorrow to load about 3,500 tons of coal for ports in the West Indies.

BIG THEATRICAL TRUST

One Hundred Million Dollar Combination to Control All Play Houses.

IT IS REACHING OVER TO EUROPE

International Theatrical Trust Formed Because New York Courts Have Decided Theatres and Amusements are Not "Trade and Commerce."

(By Associated Press.)

CHICAGO, ILLS., July 16.—The Daily News says that plans for the formation of a \$100,000,000 trust by world's theatres become known today. A lawyer representing Klaw & Erlanger, it is said, sailed from New York today for London to pass upon the legal features of the plans before which they were prepared. The international theatre trust will, according to report, not only control the best theatres in Europe, but have under contract the highest talent in legitimate and vaudeville fields.

The attempted formation of this new theatrical undertaking is said to grow from the recent decision of the New York courts that theatres and amusements are not "trade and commerce" and therefore their combination are not a violation of the law. A. J. Erlanger is quoted as saying: "I will say that it is true that we are about to make our interest coextensive with Europe and America. I can see no reason why a homogeneity of management and ownership will not be highly beneficial to the public, the players, the producers and the owners. Whether some of the principal amusements of Europe and America can be wedded into one necessarily requires a sort of thought and action part of those who are the leaders abroad and here in that line. Our counsel called this morning on the Kron Prinz Wilhelm to investigate and discuss and determine legal plans."

CHICAGO, ILLS., July 16.—The silver cup offered by Sir Thomas Lipton for the Jamestown yacht races, to be held on Hampton Roads from September 9 to September 30 has just been received here, and has been put on exhibition in the rooms of the Chicago Athletic club, where it is attracting considerable attention.

TRY AGAIN TO SHAKE STORY OF ORCHARD

Was Today the Leading Witness in Hearing of C. W. Aller Charged With Perjury.

CAN'T CHANGE HIS FIRST TALE

State in the Haywood Case Devoted Its Time to Rebutting the Evidence Offered by the Defense—Sheriff Testifies That No Arrests Were Made When Miners Were Abused.

(By Associated Press.)

BOISE, IDAHO, July 16.—In the last stages of the case against William D. Haywood, the prosecution put six witnesses on the stand today to rebut the evidence of the defense. Three testified to conditions in the Cour D'Alene in 1899 and three to the situation in Colorado during the strike period of 1903 and 1904. The important witnesses of the day were called to contradict the showing made by witnesses of the defense that there was no reason for the calling out of the militia of Colorado other than a desire on the part of the mine owners to drive members of the Western Federation of Miners from the mining district. One witness flatly contradicted the evidence introduced by the defense to show that the explosion at the Vindicator mine was due to an accident.

Sheriff Rostan, of San Miguel county, testified as to strike conditions. Under a searching examination by E. F. Richardson, Rostan admitted that the union miners were deported and driven by force from the county while he was sheriff and that no attempt was made to prevent or punish those who attacked the union men. He said that the deportations were made by the leading citizens of Telluride.

While the big trial was going on in the district court before Judge Fremont Wood, an interesting offshot of the case was being heard in the small room used as a court by Justice F. Peace Savage, C. W. Aller, the depot agent, who was arrested charged with perjury, was brought before the magistrate for a preliminary hearing. The state was represented by Prosecuting Attorney Koelsch and the prisoner by Peter Breen, an attorney of Butte, who has been associated with Haywood's counsel, Fred Miller, who was Orchard's counsel at his preliminary hearing in Goldwell, immediately after the murder of Steunenberg, assisted Mr. Breen.

The principal witness in the perjury hearing was Orchard himself. The prisoner was brought in from the penitentiary in charge of Warden Whitney and a penitentiary guard. No more than a half dozen persons outside of the principals in the case and the other witnesses were present when Orchard went over his testimony as to his connection with D. C. Scott, the railroad agent, who Aller swore interviewed Orchard in Cripple Creek two or three weeks before the explosion at the Independence depot on June 6, 1904.

Orchard was closely cross examined by Breen but no amount of questioning brought out any material change in the original story. A number of other witnesses were examined, the case taking up most of the day. A motion to dismiss will be argued tomorrow. Aller was released on deposit of \$2,500 bond.

SAID HE WAS THE DEVIL AND WANTED TO SEE ROOSEVELT

Pilgrimage of Cranks to Oyster Bay To See President Has Begun in Earnest.

OYSTER BAY, N. Y., July 16.—The usual summer visitation of cranks to Oyster Bay in the hope of reaching the President began today with the advent of a woman of mature years, who wandered to Sagamore Hill to present a claim of \$11,000,000.

The secret service guards interrupted and placed her on board an outgoing train. They were unable to discover on what she based her claim. Just as she was leaving town an old man appeared at the village post-office and announced in a loud tone: "I am the devil and am going to see President Roosevelt." He has not yet been apprehended by the President's guards.

Lipton's Jamestown Cup in Chicago

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