

NORTH IOWA TRAFFIC MOVES AGAIN

Blasts Hit 3 Explosive Plants

INQUIRIES ARE STARTED BY FBI AT THREE SITES

Loss of Life and Property Reported; Wide Areas Shaken

WOODBRIDGE, N. J. (AP)—At least five persons were killed Tuesday in a terrific explosion which razed the plant of the United Railway and Signal corporation near here.

More than a score were injured. After hours of searching, Woodbridge police expressed belief that all bodies had been recovered.

First of the identified dead was Dominic La Prenta of Woodbridge, father of 14 children and

Inquiries Started by Federal Bureau

WASHINGTON, (AP)—Preliminary investigations of blasts which destroyed life and property at three explosives manufacturing plants Tuesday were undertaken immediately by the federal bureau of investigation.

for 30 years an employee of a water company whose repair shop was also destroyed.

Michael J. Angel, investigator for the bureau of explosives, said the blast occurred in the priming room, where the powder in use was not explosive unless given a heavy blow.

(In Washington army and navy officials said a preliminary check of their records of defense orders did not show that any contracts had been awarded to the company.)

Police said there were 15 buildings at the plant, but only half of one remained standing after the blast.

Those destroyed varied from 100 to 200 feet in size, the main plant to a packing house in

Also demolished was the repair shop of the Middlesex Water company, adjoining the signal plant.

1,000 Pounds of Dynamite Explode

NEW CASTLE, Pa. (AP)—An explosion of 1,000 pounds of dynamite Tuesday blasted to bits three men and a packing house in which they were working at the American Cyanamid and Chemical corporation plant three miles from the western Pennsylvania city.

The blast occurred at 7:10 a. m. (CST) a few seconds after a small plant locomotive had brought the explosive to the small packing house and had chugged away with 1,000 pounds of dynamite that had been packed and wrapped in stick form.

State Motor Patrolman Robert McCullough said there was "nothing left to provide any clues" to the cause of the explosion, adding that as far as he could determine there was no reason to suspect sabotage.

Only "a hole in the ground" remained at the spot where the packing house stood, McCullough said. It was located in a ravine where several other plant buildings were scattered.

Windows in a laboratory were shattered by the explosion but other buildings and the remainder of the plant's 150 employees escaped unscathed. The plant was formerly operated by the Burton Explosive company and was known here as the Burton Powder works.

Powder Building Reported Destroyed

ALLENTOWN, Pa. (AP)—Three men were killed at 9 a. m. (EST) Tuesday when an explosion offi-

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BRITAIN TO GET NEW BOMBERS

13 of Latest Type to Be Delivered to English This Month

WASHINGTON, (AP)—Thirteen of the improved type Flying Fortress bombers are scheduled for delivery to Great Britain this month, an informed source said Tuesday.

They will be the first of the Flying Fortress type plane made available to the British. They are Boeing B-17C, third in the series of the four motored, long range craft which air corps officials believe to be the most potent bombers existing.

First of the B-17Cs ordered by the army last spring was delivered to the air corps last month.

The British had sought to obtain some of the earlier models, known as the B-17B. Administration officials had agreed to make them available after the election because later types were already on the production line.

However, with the announcement by President Roosevelt of a program to spare armament production with the British, the latter decided to forego the B-17Bs and wait for the later type. The production schedule this month, an official said, calls for the completion of 26 B-17Cs. Half will go to the British and half to the army air corps.

British purchasing officials here were never too enthusiastic about the B-17B because it lacks sufficient range for longer operations without fighter plane escort.

Reports Progress in Polk Vote Inquiry

DES MOINES, (AP)—Matthew Connelly, investigator sent by Senator Guy M. Gillette (D-Ia) to investigate the Polk county election, said that "we're making some progress." Connelly indicated he had received some pertinent information, but added "complaints are not always facts."

Connelly described an accidental wrecked a small building of the Trojan Powder company plant six miles northwest of Allentown.

The victims were in the building used in the manufacture of detonators for commercial blasting work. An independent concern, the company held government contracts totaling at least \$202,150. The army had placed orders amounting to \$159,400 for explosives and the navy ordered \$42,750 worth of TNT.

John Bornstein, company treasurer, estimated property damage at between \$3,000 and \$4,000.

After an investigation, Governor Alexander M. Peters reported that the blast was "just an unfortunate accident."

The plant covers an area of about 500 acres on which are located many buildings, widely separated to keep down the toll in case of fire or explosion.

The concussion smashed windows in homes over a wide area in the surrounding country, side by side, consolidated school in the vicinity escaped damage.

Hitler Receives Molotov in Important Parley; Italians Make New Drive on Greeks

Diplomats Expect Reds to Be Invited to Join Triple Alliance

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Adolf Hitler Tuesday received Premier-Foreign Commissar Vyacheslav Molotov of Soviet Russia—once the target of Hitler's bitter scorn—and indicated that Russia would be asked to join the Berlin-Rome-Tokyo axis for building a "new world order."

Presumably, Hitler was bargaining with Molotov for a Russian "hands off" policy in the Balkans and near east.

Unlike other state receptions, when German bands have met visiting diplomats by playing their national anthems, the band at the Anhalter station where Molotov arrived lapsed into silence as soon as the Soviet envoy had finished taking the salute.

Nevertheless, Nazis said the visit was of great consequence and indicated that Hitler would invite Russia to enter the triple alliance of Germany, Italy and Japan.

As usual, Moscow was silent on the import of Molotov's mission.

In the 18-day old Balkan conflict, meanwhile, Belgrade dispatches said a new Italian drive was pushing Greek troops back from the heights of Koritza, 10 miles inside Albania, where 30,000 Italian soldiers were presently constant shellfire from Greek mountain batteries.

Advices from the Yugoslav frontier said Premier Mussolini's fascist columns made two furious attacks on the heights, forcing the Greeks to retreat to their side of the frontier.

In direct contrast to this report, Athens said shattered Italian forces were retreating in disorder along the whole 100 mile wall front, with Greek troops pursuing them under heavy bombing assault.

The Greek high command said Greek mountain troops, supported by cavalry, were mopping up behind the routed Italians and consolidating their gains despite "intense activity" of fascist warplanes.

A Greek government spokesman said the flight of Italy's Centaur Alpine division in the Pindus mountains had "created panic behind the Italian lines," and he added:

"It's a good start. We're satisfied."

Mussolini's high command devoted one paragraph of its daily communique to the Grecian campaign, declaring:

"On the Epirus front the main-west Greek enemy attacks on Kallitri were completely smashed. Our air force carried out intense, repeated bombardments of military objectives at Ioannina, Metsovon, Kastoria, Corfu, Larissa and the isthmus of Lake Prespa. All our planes returned."

The high command acknowledged that bombing planes were summoned to British-attached Italy's main naval base at Taranto, near the "isthmus" of the Italian boot, badly damaging a warship. It reported six, and possibly nine, of the raiders were shot down.

A Greek communique reported that British planes carried out destructive night raids on the important Albanian ports of Durazzo and Valona, setting fires to 100 miles at Durazzo and blowing up a munitions dump at Valona.

An Italian radio broadcast asserted that the fascist navy has cut away more than 12 miles of sea cable between Britain's Mediterranean strongholds of Malta and Gibraltar. Thus severing connections between London and the near East.

Whatever the outcome of Soviet Premier Molotov's visit to Berlin, it appeared to bode no good for Britain, Turkey or Greece.

The semi-official Turkish radio said a German military move in the Balkans to aid Italy's stale-mated campaign in Greece appeared imminent, and it seemed likely that Molotov, in that event, was being asked to keep hands off.

Foreign observers in Istanbul interpreted the Molotov visit as a diplomatic setback for Turkey, who has a military alliance with Britain and at the same time is strongly under Russian influence.

50,000 Rubber Trees Planted in Honduras

TIGUCIGALPA, Honduras, (AP)—Fifty thousand rubber trees have been planted and land is being prepared for 150,000 more, by an experiment directed by United States and Honduran agricultural experts. The plantations are located along the Atlantic coast.

Snow Shovels Come Out



Snow shovels came out Tuesday morning to exchange places with the lawnmowers so recently in use. The drift in front of the Kirk apartments on North Federal avenue at Second street, shown above, is an indication of what awaited the shovelers. The shoveling was distinctly an unpleasant occupation, too, with the temperature 30 degrees below the freezing mark. (Look photo, Kayenya engraving)

24 Deaths Are Attributed to U. S. Storms

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Freezing weather overspread the middlewest Tuesday in the wake of furious gales that battered the midcontinent, causing death or injury to scores of persons and extensive property damage.

The mercury sank below zero in the Dakotas, Montana and Wyoming while sub-freezing temperatures were general from the Rockies to beyond the Mississippi.

At least 24 deaths were attributed to the violent wind, rain and snow storms that swept eastward Monday from the Rocky mountains. Property damage was reckoned in the hundreds of thousands.

The gale raced across the northern tier of states with gusts attaining a velocity of 80 miles in Wisconsin, 67 in Elmira, N. Y., 65 in Chicago, 61 at St. Louis and 54 in Cleveland.

The violent winds uprooted trees, smashed windows, tore cornices from buildings, leveled frame buildings, broke radio towers, crumpled huge steel electric signs, and ripped away power and communication lines.

Tornado winds struck Louisiana, Arkansas and Tennessee. Twenty families were left homeless when the storm struck Crocker Mills, Tenn., causing damage expected to exceed \$150,000.

Snow blanketed much of the western half of the continent, piling into drifts that crippled transportation in Minnesota, Nebraska, Iowa, South Dakota and Utah.

Three persons were killed in Wisconsin and fears were expressed for the safety of eight duck hunters on a barren, treeless island in the Wisconsin river near Portage.

A blizzard that struck Minnesota left highways clogged and communication facilities impaired. Thousands of automobiles were stalled and hundreds of persons marooned in rural areas. Seven deaths were counted in Minnesota.

Utah road crews worked through the night to keep roads open in the Wasatch mountains. An eight inch fall of dry, powdery snow was whipped into 18 to 24 inch drifts near Park City.

Three deaths were reported in Indiana. A gale that reached a velocity of 50 miles unroofed a school at Talma while 155 pupils and eight teachers were in a downtown assembly hall. None was injured.

Repair crews worked to restore communication facilities in Nebraska and neighboring states. The Nebraska state agricultural officials reported that one-fourth of the turkey crop was believed lost. Thousands of the birds froze to death while huddled together for protection against the biting winds. Thousands of Iowa turkeys met a similar fate.

Strong winds churned the Great Lakes, sending ships scurrying for shelter. The Port

Missing Plane Found

SPIRIT LAKE, (AP)—Part of the wreckage of a U. S. army airplane and the body of one of the men believed to have been flying in it were found Tuesday on the ice-crustured shores of Spirit Lake.

Searchers said they thought they could see another body beneath a piece of wreckage they identified as part of a wing of the plane.

Three duck hunters came upon the wreckage about 10 a. m. Tuesday on the north side of Stony Point in a bay on the east side of the lake.

The heavy waves driven by Monday's blizzard had pounded the wrecked plane toward the shore.

The body was frozen hard in the tough ice and rescuers were unable to remove it or even identify it or tell how it was clad. A sharp north wind blew the fine snow, numbing the searchers with cold as the thermometer stood at two above zero.

The wreckage, too, could not be reached. It was imbedded in slush ice about 15 feet from shore, too thin to be crossed on foot and too heavy for a small boat to crush.

Coroner B. W. Jones remained at the scene, but several members of the rescue party had to be relieved to get warm and others took their places.

One of them, Charles Lepley, said he had walked along that section of the beach Sunday midnight and had seen nothing of the wreckage, and theorized that the heavy waves had pounded it to shore from the spot where the plane probably sank about 8:30 Sunday in 20 feet of water.

Murd Anders of Orleans, Iowa, and Lloyd Clark and Bud Reynolds of Monticello, Iowa, hunting on the lake shore, found the wreckage and the body.

The blizzard drove searchers off the lake Monday before they could find a trace of the plane, missing on a training flight.

Old Age Pensioner, 86, Will Inherit \$12,000 and House

ANAMOSA, (AP)—An old-fashioned story book "happy ending" promises to materialize for James Burlingham, 86, who lives near here.

Burlingham, an old age pensioner, has received word that he is to inherit approximately \$12,000 in cash and securities and a house valued at \$5,000 from the estate of his niece. The house is located in Princeton, Ill.

Burlingham reportedly must pay nearly \$1,000 to the state for past pension payments.

The Peoples Gas and Electric company, Mason City, also reported a number of poles and wires down but repair crews working straight through the storm and night kept service on for all its communities except for short periods.

Mark Harpster, electrical superintendent, said that they were fortunate in getting their crews on the job immediately Monday morning and "beating" out the brunt of the storm. They lost between 40 and 50 poles, he estimated. Trees blown across wires also caused considerable trouble.

One call came from Wesley Kutzner, farmer south of Ventura, who lost two head of cattle from a herd he was driving on the road when the storm broke, snapping wires and blowing them across the road.

Snowplows on the county roads were reported having considerable difficulty because of shaft under the drifts. County Engineer R. E. Robertson said they hoped to have all trunk roads open by evening. The shaft pushing up on the plows froze there, he said, so they would not scum.

Drifts are only on east-west roads in sheltered spots, behind groves and the like, the engineer said.

All primary roads in Cerro Gordo county and North Iowa were open Tuesday morning and no ice was reported east of Nora Springs. The snow also was reported as tapering off toward the eastern end of the state.

The northwest part of the state, particularly around Spencer and Spirit Lake, was hardest hit by the blizzard. Roads there were blocked.

The Weather FORECAST

IOWA: Partly cloudy; colder east Tuesday night; Wednesday fair and continued cold.

MINNESOTA: Partly cloudy; snow, flurries north Tuesday night and northeast Wednesday, slightly colder Tuesday night.

IN MASON CITY

Globe-Gazette weather statistics: Maximum Monday 31, Minimum Monday night 22, At 8 a. m. Tuesday 3, Snow, sleet 2 inches, Precip. 10 inches. The rain-furrier day morning turned into sleet, then snow.

YEAR AGO: Maximum 50, Minimum 20. Extended Forecast: Extended weather forecast for the period from 5:30 p. m. CST, Nov. 12 to 6:30 p. m. Nov. 16, inclusive. Upper Mississippi Valley—Temperature will average considerably below normal for the period. Precipitation about normal except slightly above normal southern Illinois. Light snows southern Illinois and in northern Minnesota and northern Wisconsin Wednesday and Thursday and again in these latter sections about Saturday.

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