

3 MYSTERIOUS EXPLOSIONS IN INDUSTRIAL EAST

EXPLOSIONS OCCURRED IN EAST AND SOUTH

All Of The Explosions And Fire About Same Time Resemble Sabotage.

By United Press
Three terrific plant explosions in the industrial east, a spectacular fire in the south that destroyed \$1,000,000 worth of army material, and a suspicion of sabotage at a far western shipyard engaged in government work were investigated by federal, state and city authorities today.

At least 12—and probably more—persons were killed and scores injured in the plant blasts, two in Pennsylvania and one in New Jersey, all of which took place at approximately the same time today—between eight and nine a. m.

National guard officials ordered an immediate investigation into the fire of mysterious origin which swept the municipal auditorium at Atlanta, Ga., in which the state national guard trains and in which more than \$1,000,000 worth of arms and equipment were stored. Virtually all of the equipment was destroyed. Damage to the building itself was put at \$250,000.

The auditorium manager publicly called the fire a result of sabotage. Army losses in the blaze included 35 howitzer sights, 10 range finders, 922 automatic pistols, 12 37-millimeter cannon, and supplies of blankets and military clothing.

At the Todd dry dock, Seattle, Wash., a county prosecutor charged that emery dust had been blown into vital machinery. Two missiles are being converted into aerial transports there. It was reported that the federal bureau of investigation had begun an inquiry.

At Washington, it was revealed that the FBI had ordered investigations into the three plant explosions, two of which were at sites where government orders are being executed.

The blasts occurred at the United Railway Signal corporation, foodbridge, J., the Trojan powder company at Sipes Station, Pa., near Allentown, and the American Cyanamid and Chemical corporation, at Edinburg, Pa. The three explosions, all of which shook the surrounding countryside, took place at approximately the same time—between eight and nine a. m.

Federal bureau of investigation agents were called in but there were no immediate indications of (Continued on Page Three)

HARVEST SUNDAY OBSERVED NOV. 24

Des Moines, Ia., Nov. 12.—(UP)—The state Farm Bureau federation headquarters reported today that Harvest Sunday, Nov. 24, apparently will be widely observed in Iowa.

Plans for the event are being made by county Farm Bureau leaders, ministers and city and town groups.

State Farm Bureau officials will speak on special radio broadcasts or in rural or town churches.

MISSING BOY IS FOUND DEAD

Body of Boy Found Near His Home After Four Day Absence

Cartersville, Ga., Nov. 12.—(UP)—Murray Upshaw, Jr., 2, object of a widespread search since he disappeared last Friday, was found dead today a mile and a half back of his parents' farm home northeast of Cartersville.

Joel Parker, farmer and one of more than 200 men who renewed the search for the boy after a temporary halt to allow possible kidnappers to contact the family, came upon the body lying face down under a pine tree.

Parker said the body bore no marks of physical violence, indicating he had died of exposure some time during the four days and nights since he wandered off from the Upshaw home.

The body was not moved pending an examination by the Bartow county coroner, who left for the scene with other officers as soon as word of the discovery was received here. Sheriff George W. Gaddis called for an immediate inquest.

Murray Upshaw, Sr., the boy's father and a prominent cotton and corn farmer, was so shaken by the news of his son's death that he could not at once speak. The 30-year-old mother, who had been on the verge of collapse during the long search for her child, seemed slightly relieved because "at least we know what happened to him."

Members of the searching party said the spot where the body was found, behind Pine Log mountain, back of the Upshaw farm, had (Continued on Page Three)

TRIBUTE PAID TO CHAMBERLAIN

Winston Churchill Eulogizes The Former Prime Minister.

London, Nov. 12.—(UP)—Prime Minister Winston Churchill paid tribute to the late Neville Chamberlain in the house of commons today, asserting that "he was deceived and cheated by a wicked man."

"Whatever else history may or may not say of these tremendous and terrible years we can be sure that Neville Chamberlain acted perfectly sincerely according to his lights," Churchill said. "He was deceived and cheated by a wicked man."

Churchill disclosed that after resigning as prime minister Chamberlain had refused all honors.

"He would die like his father, plain Mr. Chamberlain," Churchill said.

Hitler protests with frantic words and gestures that he only desired peace. What do these ravings and outpourings count before the silence at Chamberlain's tomb?"

Churchill said that "the fierce and bitter controversies which hung around Chamberlain in recent times were hushed by news (Continued on Page Three)

Many Reported Lost On Lake Michigan

South Haven, Mich., Nov. 12.—(UP)—At least 14 men were missing in Lakes Michigan and Superior off shore Michigan's gale-wracked peninsulas today and it was feared all were dead.

Search for two fishing tugs, the Indian and Richard H., and a coast guard surf boat with a crew of four which went to the tugs' rescue, continued but Coast Guard Capt. William Fisher said he had given up hope for the Richard H. and its three fishermen. The craft was small, had a weak engine, and the men were inexperienced, he said. The Indian with five men aboard possibly had headed for Chicago as it did in a similar storm a year ago, Fisher said.

At Little Point Sauble near Pentwater in Lake Michigan a lighthouse keeper reported that the lights on a ship identified as the Navadoc went out last night and that this morning the vessel had disappeared. A few pieces of wreckage and a lifeboat were washed ashore this morning and there was speculation that they may have been from the Navadoc, a ship of Canadian registry which carried a crew of approximately 16.

Two fishermen from Iroquois Point on Lake Superior about 15 miles from Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., were reported lost. They disappeared last night in a row-boat heading into a blinding snowstorm whipped by a 60-mile-an-hour gale.

WILLKIE TALK OVER THE RADIO HEARD BY MANY

He Says The Country Needs A Strong Opposition Party For National Unity

By LYLE C. WILSON
United Press Staff Correspondent
Washington, Nov. 12.—(UP)—Wendell L. Willkie's program for national unity today awaited republican congressional ratification and President Roosevelt's reaction before its ultimate scope could be determined.

Willkie outlined his program last night in a radio address from New York, telling the millions who supported him for the presidency that unity depends upon administration moves to prevent inflation and correct "some of our economic errors."

Warning that national unity was up to the administration and that discord and disunity would arise from suppression of the minority, Willkie called upon Mr. Roosevelt to take into account "the very powerful opposition" which was recorded at the polls last week.

The president's first opportunity to comment on Willkie's five point proposal to deal with "economic errors" will come at his regular 4 p. m. press conference today.

The only republican leader in congress available for immediate comment was Rep. Joseph W. Martin, Jr., republican house leader and chairman of the republican national committee. He was glad that Willkie "is to give his powerful influence to the support of the American issues for which he fought in the last campaign."

"I believe," Martin said, "the (Willkie) is on honest and sound ground when he says democracy needs a strong opposition party. The unquestionable need of the hour is an opposition party that will uphold the president on matters (Continued on Page Three)

HUNTERS DEAD DUE TO STORM

Several Others Are Still Marooned on Island in Mississippi River

Dallas, Ill., Nov. 12.—(UP)—A strong wind that whipped up five foot waves continued to hinder the rescue of a score or more of duck hunters who were marooned on islands up and down the Mississippi river during yesterday's blizzard.

One man was known to have perished, two others are believed dead and seven men were removed from Polk Island, near here.

Leonard Reynolds, 35, Muscatine, was drowned after his small boat capsized near Little Dasher Island north of Burlington. Two companions, Louis Tubbs, Muscatine, and Ralph Sells, Osquawka, Ill., managed to save themselves.

Norman Childers, Fort Madison, who was hunting in a blind off Dallas City, was reported aboard a naval reserve cutter, half frozen but given a chance to recover. His companion, Arvel Young, Fort Madison, was believed to have drowned. Their blind was carried away by the waves.

A Dubuque, Ia., hunter also was missing and was believed to have drowned when his boat capsized. (Continued on Page Three)

ASSISTANT CHIEF GETS LEAVE ABSENCE

Des Moines, Ia., Nov. 12.—(UP)—Major E. A. Conley, Marshalltown, assistant chief of the Iowa highway patrol, has been granted a one-year leave of absence, it was announced today.

Conley, who is a lieutenant-colonel in the national guard, will attend a three-month infantry school and later will serve with the Iowa guard when it is inducted into the regular army for a training period.

Karl Fischer, state public safety commissioner, said he had not decided what to do about the vacancy.

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Muscatine, Ia., Nov. 12.—(UP)—James J. Dugan, 60, and his daughter, Marie, 30, both of Daventry, were killed instantly late yesterday when the car in which they were riding smashed into the rear of a truck 10 miles east of Muscatine.

Dugan's wife was injured critically.

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LOST \$7,000 IN TURKEYS MONDAY

Cherokee, Ia., Nov. 12.—(UP)—Yesterday's blizzard cost Ray Erator, Cherokee hatchery operator, \$7,000 worth of turkeys.

Frightened from their shelters by the strong wind, the Christmas birds huddled together in the snow until they were smothered.



FRENCH UNREST IS BECOMING MORE EVIDENT

Expert Reviews The Moves Being Made By Countries In War.

By J. W. T. MASON
United Press War Expert
German dissatisfaction with growing French colonial unrest is becoming increasingly evident. The Vichy government denies today that Reich Marshal Goering has demanded the recall of General Weygand from French Africa; and while it is probably true that the nazis have not yet taken this drastic step, nevertheless, the situation in French Africa is disconcerting to Germany.

The Vichy administration is finding itself more and more on the defensive before the French people and especially before the French colonials. As Germany seems uncertain about the next moves in the war and Italy is facing checkmate in Greece, it is natural for the French African empire to begin to question the probabilities of the axis winning the war.

Hitler's recent conferences with Petain and Laval were followed by reports that Germany was demanding division of the French colonies. The colonials know too that Italy and Spain are looking to shares in the tricolor's North African possessions, which, however, have not been actually conquered.

The governor-general of French Tunisia upon Petain met Hitler, demanded assurances from Vichy that no agreement to separate the protectorate from France (Continued on Page Seven)

Three Killed In Powder Plant

New Castle, Pa., Nov. 12.—(UP)—Three men were killed today when an explosion ripped through the Burton Powder Co. plant at Edinburg, eight miles from here.

The last originated in the gelatin tank house where dynamite is packed, officials reported.

Force of the explosion was felt as far away as New Castle.

The dead were:
Lee Waddell, 35, of New Castle; Elmer Kiduff, 22, of Edinburg; and Harold Duncan, 24, of R. D. 2, New Castle.

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EXPECT BELOW ZERO WEATHER IOWA TONIGHT

Report On Weather Conditions In Iowa Show Many Blocked Roads.

Des Moines, Ia., Nov. 12.—(UP)—Temperatures ranging from zero to 10 below were forecast for tonight in Iowa by the U. S. weather bureau.

The cold came in the wake of a severe blizzard which caused the deaths of at least 20 persons, blocked highways, delayed trains and generally disrupted the normal routine of the state's residents.

Charles D. Reed, federal meteorologist, said that 10 below is expected in the northwest section, five below in the north-east and zero in the southern half. Fair and continued cold was forecast for tomorrow.

Temperatures averaged 24 degrees below normal this morning after a high reading of 61 at Decora yesterday and a low of one below at Alta.

The mercury dropped to zero at Sioux City, one above at Mason City and six above at Waterloo. The night's minimum of eight above in Des Moines was the coldest ever recorded in the capital city on Nov. 12.

The state highway commission reported that there still was some drifting this morning due to a high wind but the snow had stopped falling and skies were clear over most of the state.

The following roads still were blocked:
No. 20 east of Sioux City; No. 59 from Denison to Ida Grove; No. 4 from Denison to Odebolt; No. 17 north of Rockwell City; north of Pochontas and north of Erasmus; No. 5 east and west of Storm Lake; No. 71 south of Storm Lake and north of Spencer; No. 10 from Pochontas to Petersen; No. 18 from Algona to west of Spencer; No. 9 from Estherville to west of Spirit Lake.

In the southwest part of the state all but surfaced roads were open but icy spots. In the (Continued on Page Seven)

15 NEW NYA PROJECTS IN IOWA

Des Moines, Ia., Nov. 12.—(UP)—Fifteen new national youth administration projects will be given employment to 95 persons were authorized today by T. P. Eslick, state NYA administrator.

The projects include five at Fort Dodge, two at Sioux City and Manchester, and one each at Fort Madison, Forest City, Fayette, West Union, Sac City and Woodburn.

Largest of the new projects is the one at Woodburn, which will employ 50 men and two women. The men will cap farm wells for FSA clients to improve sanitary conditions in Clarke county, and the women will do clerical work.

Fifteen women will work as nursery assistants in a Sioux City day nursery, and at Sac City six women will aid in preparation of hot lunches in the high school.

The balance of the new projects will provide clerical assistance in public offices.

MOLOTOV IS CONFERRING WITH NAZI OFFICIALS

Britain Takes A Gloomy View Of This Conference Between Russia And Germany.

By FREDERICK C. OECHSNER
United Press Staff Correspondent
Berlin, Nov. 12.—(UP)—Russia's Premier-Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov arrived at 11 a. m. (3 a. m. CST) today on a mysterious mission stirring speculation in every world capital.

An hour after his arrival he went into conference with German Foreign Minister Joachim von Ribbentrop.

He was met at the Anhalter railway station by Foreign Minister Joachim von Ribbentrop, Field Marshal Wilhelm Keitel, chief of the German supreme command, Heinrich Himmler, head of the secret police; Robert Ley, head of the nazi labor front, and others.

The customary pageantry was missing, however. Neither the Anhalter station nor the square in front of it was decorated. Streets were barren of flags. A single swastika, paired with the Russian hammer and sickle banner, hung from the entrance to the railway station's reception hall.

Although nothing was said officially concerning the purpose of his visit, it was taken for granted that Molotov, on his first journey outside Russia, would confer with Adolf Hitler.

Molotov wore a gray lounge suit, a light gray slouch felt hat, and a dark gray overcoat. He talked animatedly in Russian as he walked down the red-carpeted station platform, flanked by Ribbentrop and a German foreign office interpreter.

Before entering an automobile, he reviewed a guard of honor, raising his hat instead of saluting. (Continued on Page Eight)

EXPLOSION IN TORPEDO PLANT

Plant Making Railroad Signal Torpedoes Had An Explosion

Woodbridge, N. J., Nov. 12.—(UP)—At least five persons were killed and 15 others injured today when a violent explosion rocked the plant of the United Railway Signal corporation in this east central New Jersey town.

Five bodies were extricated from the ruins by 9:30 a. m. CST, about two hours after the explosion rocked this and adjacent communities as far as 20 miles away.

There were between 10 and 20 persons in Rahway and Perth Amboy hospitals, victims who were taken away by ambulances that responded to the emergency call.

An inquiry was begun by the federal bureau of investigation.

Woodbridge, N. J., Nov. 12.—(UP)—A violent explosion rocked the plant of the United Railway Signal Corporation shortly before 8 a. m. CST, today, shaking nearby towns and breaking many windows.

First reports said that between 10 and 20 persons were injured. All were taken to Perth Amboy hospital, five miles to the south.

The blast was heard as far as Jersey City, 20 miles north of this east central town.

The company manufactures small torpedoes of the type used by railroads.

The Torpedoes, which are clamped to the rails where they explode as trains pass over them, are used as signal devices.

There were no immediate reports as to casualties or extent of damage.

Police teletype messages were sent to nearby communities, asking for help. (Continued on Page Eight)

Sonja Henie Must Pay A Big Sum

New York, Nov. 12.—(UP)—Sonja Henie, the Norwegian skater and moving picture star, must pay Dennis Scanlon, St. Paul, Minn., promoter, \$77,134.44 for breach of contract, a New York supreme court jury ordered today.

HUNTER KILLED BY SHOTGUN

Newton, Ia., Nov. 12.—(UP)—Keith Miller, 20, Taylor, Ia., farm youth, was killed yesterday when his shotgun discharged as he was crawling into a duck blind.

SALES TAX SHOWS A BIG INCREASE

Des Moines, Ia., Nov. 12.—(UP)—An increase of nearly \$650,000 in sales tax returns for the quarter ending September 30 was reported today.

Collections so far this year total \$3,079,475, while for the same period last year they were \$2,430,460.

An average of \$64.46 was paid by 47,775 Iowa merchants this year as compared with \$59.31 by 40,975 merchants last year.

PART OF PLANE, ONE BODY FOUND

Blizzard Has Prevented Searchers In Spirit Lake Finding Two More In Plane When Crashed

Spirit Lake, Ia., Nov. 12.—(UP)—A portion of the plane and the body of one of three U. S. army fliers who plunged into Spirit lake were discovered frozen in ice near the east shore today.

The body was not identified immediately and workers had difficulty extricating it because of the intense cold.

Charles Letley, who lives near the lake, said there appeared to be another body beneath a wing of the plane which was lodged in the ice.

The first body was discovered by three hunters.

The lake was still too rough to allow the use of searching boats and there was practically no visibility because of steam clouds arising from the water.

The plane was believed to have crashed about 6:30 p. m. Sunday. Lake front residents heard a spluttering motor and a loud splash about that time but no one saw the crash because of darkness.

The plane left St. Paul, Minn., at 4:15 p. m. Sunday bound for Omaha, Neb. Spirit lake is directly across the route.

Lieut. Robert M. Prange, 22, Fredericktown, Mo.; Lieut. G. Smith, 28, Clinton, Ill., and Private Anthony J. Cerrato, 22, Canton, O., were aboard the ship.

Sheriff Joe McQuirk said the body apparently was that of the pilot, Lieut. Robert M. Prange, 22, Fredericktown, Mo. He said it was strapped in the pilot's seat in the wreckage.

MINNESOTA HAS WORST BLIZZARD

At Least 12 Persons Are Dead As Result of The Storm

Minneapolis, Minn., Nov. 12.—(UP)—At least 12 persons were dead today as a result of the "worst blizzard" in Minnesota history.

The storm blocked nearly every road in the state, crippled communications in southwestern Minnesota and eastern South Dakota, and marooned hundreds of travelers and duck hunters.

In Minnesota, three froze to death, six died of heart attacks caused by over exertion, two were killed in accidents, and at least one duck hunter drowned.

At Winona and Wahasha, Minn., many hunters were missing along the Mississippi river and feared dead.

Max Conrad, an aviator directing rescue work along the river at Winona, reported he saw three men "frozen to their waists in the ice."

Mrs. Clarence Tretbar and a 13-year-old daughter of Franklin, Minn., froze to death on a highway five miles from Mantato, Minn., when their automobile stalled on the highway. Her husband and two other children were overcome by the cold but (Continued on Page Eight)

Bombing London Has Subsided Today

London, Nov. 12.—(UP)—An air raid alarm sounded before noon today after a quiet night in which no enemy planes crossed the coast after 9 p. m.

Rescue workers still groped at a pile of wreckage left by yesterday's raiders—the ruins of a printing plant where many were trapped. Twelve dead and 17 survivors, most of them injured, had been taken out this morning. Others were believed still buried under tons of debris. The managing editor was among the dead.

Today's first alarm in London passed without incident. No bomb explosions or gun fire was heard. In yesterday's raids, 13 Italian and 12 German planes had been shot down.

An air ministry-home security ministry communique said the raiders had made only small-scale attacks on London and isolated parts of England yesterday evening and that by 9 p. m. all raids had ceased and there were no further bombings in any part of the country the rest of the night.

In the evening raid on London a stick of eight bombs fell almost harmlessly in one district, the only damage being to the corner of a hotel, and after that a semblance of night life sprang up. Taxis and automobiles ventured onto the streets, depositing patrons at restaurants and clubs.

WEATHER TODAY WILL RIVAL THE MONDAY RECORD

Only The Pacific Coast States Escaped The Storms Yesterday

By United Press
Snow and freezing temperatures clamped most of the nation in a wintry grip today as destructive gales which left at least 52 persons dead in the midwest battered furiously at the eastern seaboard. Winter's early invasion was the most severe in decades, causing uncounted millions of dollars' property damage across a broad belt of the central and southern sectors in addition to the heavy toll of human lives.

And the force of the storm—a terrifying compound of wind, snow and cold—was not spent. Fifty-mile-an-hour winds tore at property in New England and the middle Atlantic states as temperatures dropped to freezing levels. Icy squalls and snow pounded at the Rocky Mountain region for the fourth day with a reckless regard for shelterless humanity, transportation and communication.

Only the Southern Pacific coastal area escaped the storm's wrath, which swept in from the extreme northwest five days ago and hewed to a costly course southeasterly, then northeasterly across the nation—sparsely only isolated points.

The U. S. Weather Bureau at Chicago forecast continued cold, with snow flurries and frosty winds in the north-central states. The outlook along the eastern seaboard north of the Mason-Dixon line was for severe cold and snow-laden clouds. Flurries had started today in the northern points of New York.

The cold was sudden as it was severe and caught agriculture areas off-guard, imperiling fruit growing regions of Texas and California and livestock through the plains states. The accent of winter was in Montana, where Belgrade reported 20 degrees below zero with two-inches of snow.

Cheyenne, Wyo., recorded three-below zero, while it was two-below as Bismarck, N. D., and within five degrees of zero through the northern tier of states from the Rockies to the Great Lakes.

But the cold did not match the torridic winds in destruction. In Illinois alone, 11 persons were killed by falling trees, overturned boats and flying debris. (Continued on Page Eight)

Italians Lose Heavily To Greeks

Belgrade, Yugoslavia, Nov. 12.—Italian efforts to rally invading forces in Greece have been "completely smashed," frontier dispatches from Ohrid reported today. It was asserted that an Italian counter-offensive, launched yesterday on the extreme right wing of the Koritza front, had failed.

Ohrid dispatches said that in one sector Italian counter-attacking forces had lost 12 officers, about 630 men and huge quantities of war material.

(British military quarters in London said that latest reports from Greece indicated an Italian failure in the Pindus mountain district. It was said that Italian troops falling back from their ill-starred attempt to take Janina had lost 11 officers and 600 men.)

Dispatches from Ohrid said that Greeks had "badly defeated" an entire Italian division, which had been forced to retreat to the Albanian frontier.

The Italian counter-offensive, it was reported, was launched yesterday on the right wing of the Koritza sector. Koritza is the main Italian military base in southern Albania.