

Oshkoshian Storm Victim

Thirteen Killed In Explosions At 3 Eastern Plants

Seven Die in Terrific Blast at Woodbridge, N. J., Three Near Allentown, Pa., and Three Others at Edinburg, Pa.—More Than Score Injured—Damage Extensive.

Woodbridge, N. J.—(P)—Seven persons were killed and at least 25 injured today as a terrific explosion reduced to kindling the nearby plant of the United Railway Signal Company.

Most of the casualties were women employees. One of the dead was a workman from an adjoining concern, and several of those hurt were residents in the neighborhood, where homes of a dozen families were damaged badly.

The bodies of one man and four women were recovered from the debris. Two women died in hospitals later.

Police and rescue squads searched the ruins for hours before Police Captain John Egan of Woodbridge township announced all bodies were removed. Earlier police reports placed the death list as high as 20.

United Railway Signal manufactures railway track torpedoes, flares and similar equipment. Police expressed belief that only 15 or 20 persons were employed there. Company officials were unavailable for comment.

First of the identified dead was Dominic La Penta of Woodbridge, father of 14 children and for 50 years an employe of a water company whose repair shop also was destroyed.

SEE NO SABOTAGE Michael J. Angel, investigator for the state bureau of explosives, said the blast occurred in the crimping room, where the powder in use was not explosive under normal conditions unless given a heavy blow. He discounted any possibility of sabotage.

Preliminary estimates of the death toll varied from six to 25, but Police Captain John Egan of Woodbridge township, in which the plant was situated, expressed belief that no more than 20 persons were employed there.

(In Washington army and navy officials said a preliminary check (Continued on Page 7, Column 4)

GAS STATION MAN IS HELD UP, THEN TAKEN FOR A RIDE Held up and robbed at the point of a shotgun, Ernest Fischer Jr., 20, of Route 3, Oshkosh, was then forced to take a ride in the bandit's car, early last evening, according to information furnished the sheriff's department.

The holdup occurred at Fischer's filling station, located in the triangle formed by Highway 44 and County Trunk K, shortly before 8 o'clock last evening. Fischer operates the station for his mother and was alone in the place when a 1935 model Chevrolet coach drove past on Highway 44, stopped and backed into the station driveway.

Almost immediately, Fischer reported, a man carrying a single barrel shotgun got out and entered the station commanding him to turn over his cash. Fischer had about \$6 in the change drawer and handed that to the bandit who then ordered him out of the building and into the rear seat of the waiting automobile.

The motor was running and an accomplice was at the wheel. Fischer said they drove toward Ripon to Nollie's corners then turned left down a side road. After turning out the car's headlights they turned around in the driveway of the O. A. Zuehlke farm, then headed back toward Highway 44, ordering Fischer out of the machine shortly before reaching the highway.

Fischer made his way back to the Zuehlke farm and notified the sheriff's office. He described the man with the shotgun as about 30 years of age, 5 feet 10 inches tall and weighing about 150 pounds. He wore a white handkerchief that was spotted with blood, over his face, a dirty gray overcoat and hat.

The driver of the car was about the same size, but Fischer said he was unable to distinguish his features in the darkness. County police made an investigator, but could locate no clues as Fischer was unable to say in what direction the bandit car went after reaching Highway 44. The machine was black with yellow wheels, Fischer stated.

RUMANIAN OIL CENTER HIT BY EARTHQUAKE



This is a general view of a street in Ploesti, Rumania, oil production center 35 miles north of Bucharest, which was hard hit by the Rumanian earthquake. Thousands of persons were killed and thousands were injured throughout the Balkans.

Supreme Court Reverses Order Of United States Labor Board

ITALIANS RAKE GREEK TOWNS Athens, Greece—(U.P.)—Italian airplanes have started bombing and machine-gunning Greek towns in a desperate attempt to regain the offensive which Italian ground forces lost in disastrous defeats at the frontier, the public security ministry said today.

Janina, road junction 40 miles from the Albanian border, the first main objective of the Italian army's right wing which was never menaced from the ground, was bombed and machine-gunned from the air. Another unnamed town in Epirus was raided by planes which flew low, raking the streets with machine gun fire and dropping hand grenades. In the east, an unnamed town in Thessaly was bombed and Salonica had five air raid alarms in 24 hours. The island of Corfu in the Ionian sea and a village in the Peloponnese were bombed. In the northern mountain sector, scene of one of the worst Italian defeats, the security ministry said, the retreating Italians pillaged three towns.

The war ministry described the (Continued on Page 7, Column 1)

WINSTON CHURCHILL PAYS HIGH TRIBUTE TO MR. CHAMBERLAIN London—(P)—Prime Minister Churchill told the house of commons today that Neville Chamberlain died "with confidence that we have turned the corner, his only grief that he would not be a spectator at our final victory," although "long, hard and hazardous years are ahead."

In tribute to his predecessor as prime minister, who died Saturday, Churchill said his strenuous efforts for peace had established that Britain was "guiltless of the blood and terror and misery which have engulfed so many lands and peoples and yet seek new victims still."

"Herr Hitler protests with frantic words and gestures that he only desired peace," the prime minister declared. "What do these ravings and outpourings count before the silence of Neville Chamberlain's tomb?" The house responded with cheers when Churchill declared that "though long and hazardous years lie before us, at least we enter upon them united and with clean hearts."

"NO NEWS," PRESIDENT CANCELS CONFERENCE Washington—(P)—President Roosevelt canceled his usual Tuesday afternoon press conference today. A secretary said the president had "no news."

Mr. Roosevelt had a long appointment list, however, and he sought to clean up odds and ends with a view to leaving tomorrow on the yacht Potomac for several days of rest on nearby waters if the weather is favorable.

GERMANY ABANDONS WORK ON MILITARY BASES IN RUMANIA Bucharest, Rumania—(P)—The German army's preparation of military bases in Rumania was abandoned temporarily today as Nazi troops did rescue work among the ruins of homes, shops and factories razed by Sunday's devastating earthquake.

Reports from the quake-wracked oil fields indicated that damage to refineries was widespread, but enough oil remained in undamaged reservoirs to assure undiminished shipments for the reich war machine.

Some observers, however, pointed out another handicap to the German program in the earthquake's partial disruption of agriculture. Much fall plowing is not yet completed, and tens of thousands of peasants will be called from the land to aid in reconstruction, putting a drain on the nation's labor supply.

German army tanks and trucks, as well as men, are participating in the rehabilitation and relief work. Even some Rumanians who are opposed to German military control of the country have expressed appreciation for the prompt aid.

German soldiers and Rumanian iron guards have recovered 263 more bodies from wrecked cities where the total death toll was estimated at 1,000 to 2,000, with untold others injured and homeless.

EIGHT OTHERS IN STATE DEAD DURING STORM

Many Missing as Winds Rage Throughout Night, Ravage Shipping, Cause Heavy Damage—Toll in United States Mounts to 34

Milwaukee—(P)—Eight other persons were known dead today in the storm which swept Wisconsin yesterday and raged unabated through last night, ravaging Lake Michigan shipping and causing hundreds of thousands of dollars damage.

A ninth person was missing and feared dead, possibly lying hidden beneath two inches of ice covering Big Muskego lake.

Five others have been missing since they went duck hunting on a Mississippi river island on which Kenneth J. McFarlane of Thienville was found frozen to death.

Rescue parties braved the boiling waves of Lake Michigan and inland Wisconsin waters to succor dozens of hunters and marines trapped by the storm, one of the worst in years.

The dead: Kenneth J. McFarlane of Thienville. June Shipman, 18, of Fond du Lac. Vincent Wiza, 54, of Milwaukee. Theodore H. Geiger, 30, of Eau Claire. Clyde J. Detra, 34, of Eau Claire. Edward Quick, 47, Milwaukee.

SUFFOCATES IN FIRE Two unidentified hunters. Miss Shipman suffocated in a fire in her home attributed to an overheated furnace. The blaze was one of 20 in Fond du Lac last night and today. The girl's aunt, Miss Alice Shipman, 62, overcome by smoke, was taken to a hospital. Her condition was reported critical.

Wiza was killed by a wall of a building which toppled before the wind as he was passing by. (Continued on Page 7, Column 5)

GALLABAT AGAIN IN BRITISH HANDS

London—(U.P.)—British forces in the Anglo-Egyptian Sudan again have taken Gallabat, important communications center on the Ethiopian border, military quarters said today.

Gallabat was lost to the Italians by a weak British garrison soon after Italy entered the war but last week a British motorized column attacked in force and captured the town, taking large numbers of Italians and their equipment. Later the British were forced to retire under a heavy Italian counter-attack but today it was understood that Gallabat again was in British hands.

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When found, Lawrence was dead, apparently from exposure, and Paul was badly crippled with frozen extremities.

Details of the discovery of the trio were lacking here late this afternoon, the rescuers being out of reach on the lake shore at Rivermoor. Such information was available at the time The Northwestern went to press was obtained from Sheriff-Elect Julius G. Holtz and Under Sheriff Harry Kruppner via short wave radio from Rivermoor.

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He is survived by his wife, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Boeder, 399 Waugoo street, and his brothers, Paul Jr., and George. No plans had been made this afternoon for the funeral.

ROARING GALE SWEEPS CITY; MUCH DAMAGE

Wind Reaches Velocity of 60 Miles an Hour—Trees, Telephone Poles Blown Down. Floods Inundate Resort Areas North End of Lake

R. J. White of Oshkosh and three hunting companions were rescued shortly before 2:45 o'clock this afternoon on a Wisconsin conservation commission barge which brought them to Lake Winnebago south of Oshkosh. All members of the party were in favorable condition after being exposed all night to wind and cold.

The most severe November storm within the memory of most people roared down on this section Monday afternoon and night and was still in progress this morning, endangering the lives of numerous Winnebago county and Oshkosh duck hunters, marooned in their blinds and unable to reach shore, and causing widespread damage.

A 55-mile an hour gale, following on the heels of rain which turned into snow late yesterday, was accompanied by a sharp decline in temperature which caught many residents entirely unprepared. At 6:35 last evening the wind reached a full gale of 60 miles an hour and continued at that rate for a short time. It dropped back to 55 miles an hour and continued at that pace practically all night. At 8:30 this morning the wind was still blowing at a 48-mile an hour rate.

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Northwestern Observations table with columns for Time, Temperature, Remarks.

Chicago—Extended weather forecast for the period from 6:30 p. m. C. S. T. Nov. 12 to 6:30 p. m. Nov. 16, inclusive.

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