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ONLY 2 KILLED IN FACTORY EXPLOSION

JERSEY CITY, Jan. 12.—Stray shells continue to explode in the wreckage of the plant of the Canadian Car and Foundry Co., which was destroyed by an explosion late yesterday afternoon, causing a loss of twelve million dollars. Out of the 400 workmen employed in the plant only two were killed when the explosion took place.

New York, Jan. 11.—A two hours' series of tremendous explosions in the munitions plant of the Canadian Car and Foundry company at Lyndhurst, in northwestern New Jersey, this afternoon created a panic throughout the countryside and caused thousands to flee to safety. At 6 o'clock this evening the explosions were still going on, sounding like the roar of heavy artillery. A great fire was raging in the plant, which covers several acres. Telephone communication with the vicinity was impossible at this time and it could not be learned whether any lives had been lost. The employees of the plant were reported, however, to have escaped in time. Police, surgeons, and nurses were sent to the scene from nearby communities. Half frozen workmen from the plant reached Jersey City after a perilous trip over the Hackensack meadows, which was their only escape. They said they feared some of their fellow workmen had lost their lives, but had no definite information. Flames from a small explosion in one part of the plant spread with amazing rapidity, they said. Between 200 and 300 employees of the plant who fled to escape the explosion are reported to have broken through the ice in Berry creek and it is feared some of them have been drowned. Others are wandering through the Hackensack meadows, lost in the darkness, and fugitives said some of them might perish from the cold. The plight of those who had tried to cross the frozen creek and had met with disaster was related to Dr. George W. Kinf, superintendent of the Hudson county hospital for the insane, by Israel Williams, a workman at the plant, who arrived at the asylum hatless, coatless and almost frozen. After the man had been given warm food and drink he revived sufficiently to say that many have been drowned in the

MAKING GOOD ROAD HERE TO WINTERS

With the coming of a good rain to settle the new grade and the dragging of the newly constructed road between Ballinger and Winters travelers will find a big improvement in this county highway. For almost a month Commissioner Kirk has had his road crew busy on this line of road and has undergone a great change. Perhaps the most important improvement made on this road was at Coyote creek, a place that has been a dread to travel every since this road was surveyed out, and where several accidents have occurred. Mr. Kirk came in from the scene of the road building Friday and reported that the new causeway on Coyote was now ready for travel. At a cost of about \$600 a concrete causeway has been constructed over this stream and the approaches to the crossing have been cut down and graded.

Mr. Kirk will keep the road hands at work on this line of road until he has graded and put in good shape every mile of the road to the Winters precinct line at the A. & S. crossing just beyond Hatchell. The Hatchell lane will be made broader by setting the fence back and the road through the lane graded.

Commissioner Kirk is getting in some good work on this road, the work being carried on under the supervision of Ben Smith.

VIOLET MERSEREAU AT THE QUEEN THEATRE TONIGHT.

Devotees of Bluebird will recall Violet Mersereau as one of their favorite stars in the series, and there will be much satisfaction derived from the announcement that this clever little actress is to be star of "The Honor of Mary Blake" at the Queen Theatre tonight. In this feature Miss Mersereau will portray the character of an actress left stranded in a small country town, when, through illness, she must be left behind by the company she travels with. How the villagers received her constitutes an interesting study in human nature—and gives the lie to many ideas "city folks" have formed about rural communities.

Ed O'Kelly, J. J. Henkhaus and A. F. Scott left Friday for a short business trip to San Angelo and Mr. O'Kelly will return home in a new Hupmobile.

creek and others, too weak to continue their flight, had dropped from exhaustion in the meadows.

THREATENED TO DYNAMITE WAR BAZAAR

CHICAGO, Jan. 12.—Fire Marshall O'Connor received a note this morning informing him that the Coliseum, where a bazaar for the benefit of the allied war sufferers is underway, would be blown up. The note was written in a feminine hand, and is being considered with a good deal of weight. A double police guard has been placed around the coliseum.

PAYS \$40 PER ACRE FOR 1918 FARM

Bruno Pohler, of Rowena, paid \$40 per acre for a farm this week and does not get possession until Jan. 1, 1918. The deal was closed Friday when August Voglesang sold to Mr. Pohler his 288 acre Spring Hill farm at above price.

Mr. Voglesang has the farm rented and according to the terms of the deal he is to retain possession of the land and get the rents for the present year, and Mr. Pohler does not get possession until Jan. 1, 1918.

Mr. Voglesang is living north of Ballinger, a place he purchased some time ago. It is needless to say that he realized a good profit on the land sold over what he paid for it a few years ago. However, it's a good farm and Mr. Pohler got a bargain.

OFFICERS ELECTED FOR BUSINESS FIRMS

The First National Bank held its annual stockholders meeting on Tuesday of this week, and balanced up with a good showing. The year 1917 promises to be one of the most successful for this institution, and all the old officers and employees are retained for the year. Following names composed the board and officers by re-election:

J. Y. Pearce, president; D. M. Baker, vice-president; R. G. Erwin, cashier; A. J. Thorp, asst. cashier; J. W. Patterson, asst. cashier; W. R. Bogle, asst. cashier. Directors: J. A. Walker, J. Y. Pearce, Gus Noyes, R. A. Hall, E. L. Rasbury, D. M. Baker, W. W. Fowler, J. McGregor, R. G. Erwin, F. & M. Retain All Men.

As an evidence of satisfaction and that the men in control of the Farmers & Merchants State Bank are pleased with the business for the year just closed, all officers and employees have been retained for another year, and there was no change in the board of directors. The annual stockholders meeting was held Tuesday, and the old year closed and the new one started. This bank begins business for the year 1917 with a good showing, and promises to keep pace with the progress and prosperity of the county. The directors elected are:

R. R. Russell, G. G. Odom, H. Giesecke, J. F. Curry, J. L. Chastain, and E. D. Walker. The following officers were re-elected: H. Giesecke, president; R. R. Russell, vice president; J. F. Curry, vice-president; E. D. Walker, vice president; A. C. Homann, cashier; J. L. Chastain, asst. cashier; Andy Gustavus, asst. cashier. Melton Dry Goods Co. Elects Officers.

1916, the first year of the Melton Dry Goods Co., was a successful year, and the firm enjoyed a good business. The annual stockholders meeting was held this week and a board of directors and officers were elected for the ensuing year:

D. M. Baker, president; C. A. Doose, vice-president; C. R. Stephens, secretary and treasurer; J. Y. Pearce and Dr. A. S. Love.

AFRAID TO PROBE LEAK CHARGES

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—Representative Wood opened the leak issue on the floor of the house today when he declared that the failure of the house to continue the leak investigation will confirm in the mind of the public the belief that congress is afraid to push the probe for fear of involving men high up in the administration, and members of congress themselves. Congressman Wood will attempt to file further charges.

NAZARENES BUILDING HOME FOR PASTOR

J. S. Collins is the contractor and the work is well underway on a new manse for the Nazarene church. The new preacher's home, a modern five-room bungalow is going up on the lot near the church where the small house occupied. The old house was too small for Rev. J. W. Bost, the Nazarene pastor and his family and they have been living north of the Santa Fe in a rented house.

Rev. Bost has been soliciting help from the public, circulating a subscription list and raising funds to take care of the new improvements. He has been meeting with splendid success and says he appreciates the liberal help given him in this work.

The contract calls for the completion of the new building by February 1st.

1 Saxon Six, practically new, 5-passenger, in perfect condition, new tires for \$440.00. Ballinger Auto Co. 2-tfdw

J. L. Jordan, of Hamilton county, came in a day or two ago to visit relatives and friends a few days.

WHAT ABOUT BAND FOR COMING YEAR?

What about a municipal band for 1917? This question is now before the people and must be answered within the next few days, if the city is to have a band.

As is well known, the band through the year just closed was supported by public subscription, firms and individuals paying so much per month which created a fund of about \$100 per month which was used in employing an instructor and band leader. Those making up the musical organization furnishing their service free and responding when ever the band was called on for music, and the concerts given throughout the year have proven quite a drawing crowd and a pleasure to many.

Joe Ward, who has had charge of the band for two years, and who has perfected one of the best amateur bands in the state, will leave Ballinger under contract with him is renewed at an early date. He has propositions under consideration, but frankly says that he would like to remain on the job here, and keep his musicians together for the coming spring and summer seasons.

The boys have signified their willingness to work hard for the entertainment of the people on any and all occasions, but feel that some of the public spirited citizens should take the lead in making this possible.

SELLS TOWN LOT

Judge C. H. Willingham closed the deal this week with the colored members of the Mount Mariah Baptist church of Ballinger, in which he sells them lot 8, block 64 in this city and they will at once put a church building on the same.

THAW TRIES TO FINISH JOB BY TAKING POISON

BUFFALO BILL'S FUNERAL SUNDAY

DENVER, Colo., Jan. 12.—Practically the entire personnel of federal troops now on duty at Fort Logan, near here, will participate in the funeral Sunday of Col. William F. Cody ("Buffalo Bill") who died here Wednesday, it was announced. Adj. Gen. Harry P. Gamble today accepted an invitation to have a detachment of the Colorado guard in the cortege. These honors will be accorded Colonel Cody because of his ranks as chief of civilian scouts attached to the regular army.

The Colorado legislature today passed a joint resolution expressing the deep appreciation and respect felt for Colonel Cody by the people of Colorado and opening the state capitol Sunday for his body to lie in state.

In the cortege Sunday will be led the white horse which was the colonel's favorite for many years. On the saddle will be hung the colonel's revolvers and holsters.

Honorary pall bearers named last night with all of whom Colonel Cody saw service, are Generals George R. Randall, Frank D. Baldwin, John Pope and Col. D. Monahan.

The Episcopal, Grand Army and the Elks service will be read at the funeral.

The mayors of Cody, Wyo., and North Platte, Neb., where Colonel Cody lived for many years, and the governor of Wyoming today were asked to attend the funeral.

Colonel Cody was baptized into the Catholic church at 6 o'clock the night before he died, Mrs. E. L. Decker, his sister, announced today. Colonel Cody has been a Christian all his life, she said, and although he belonged to no denomination formally, was very devout.

Paper Makers Pass Out Big Bonuses to Employees Today.

Bangor, Mo., Jan. 12.—Despite the declaration of manufacturers that they have had to boost paper prices several hundred per cent to make a fair margin of profit on their product, the Eastern (Paper) Manufacturing Company today presented their employees, receiving less than \$3,000 a year, a bonus equal to 10 per cent of their salaries.

The explanation given is that "no account of the increased cost of living and the percent profitable condition of the paper business, a bonus" was declared. The bonus applies to about 1,000 workers, 200 of them women.

The big feed store at the old skating rink can supply your wants in the feed line. West Texas Grain Co. 11-3td

TAX COLLECTIONS SLOW; TIME SHORT

A Ledger reporter dropped into the tax collector's office today and found Collector Chastain and his deputies resting on their "oars"—just waiting for business to pick up.

"Just hink" said Mr. Chastain, "Only about two weeks in which to get in and half of the taxes uncollected." The rush promises to be greater this year than ever before. People are waiting until the last minute for some cause, and the cause is unknown.

It is almost certain that statewide prohibition will be submitted to the people this year and it is a mighty sorry man who would not give \$1.75 to have a say in that election, to say nothing of the satisfaction he would have of knowing that he had performed a duty he owes to his country by paying his poll tax.

Pay your taxes now—why wait until the rush.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 12.—Harry K. Thaw is still living despite the attempts to commit suicide. The second attempt to take his life it is believed was made this morning when he swallowed a bottle found in his pocket. Thaw's first attempt to end his life was made yesterday when he slashed his throat with a razor belonging to the husband of Mrs. Elizabeth Taot, in which home he was stopping and where he was known as "Mr. West." He had been there since last Tuesday, when news of the indictments against him for an alleged attack on a 19-year-old boy in a New York hotel last Christmas became known. It required thirty stitches to close the wound in the man's neck, and he also hacked the artery in his left wrist from which blood was flowing freely when he was found in an unconscious condition from the loss of blood.

1 Maxwell 1916 model, good value \$340.00. See us at once for bargains in second hand cars. Ballinger Auto Co. 2-tfdw

SENATE BARS LIQUOR ADS FROM MAIL

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—Prohibitionists won another victory today when the senate without roll call passed the Bankhead bill amending the postal laws barring newspapers from the mail carrying liquor advertising into states having laws prohibiting such advertising. The bill now goes to the House. It carries a penalty of two years imprisonment and one thousand dollars fine for its violation.

Earnest Graves, of the Hatchell country, passed through Ballinger Thursday en route to Franklin, on a business trip and will also visit relatives at Jewett, Leon county, before returning home.

New Grocery Store. On Hutchings Ave., Next to Wood & Son.

I take this method of thanking my customers and friends for past patronage and hope they will find me in my new place and continue their liberal patronage. Groceries all fresh. Phone No. 34. M. D. SCROGGINS, Grocer. 12-3td

The Habit of Taking Cold.

With many people taking cold is a habit, but fortunately one that is easily broken. Take a cold sponge bath every morning when you first get out of bed—not ice cold, but a temperature of about 90 F. Also sleep with your window up. Do this and you will seldom take cold. When you do take cold take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and get rid of it as quickly as possible. Obtainable everywhere.

RAISING MONEY TO BUY TALKING MACHINE

On Friday afternoon, Jan. 19, at two-thirty at the Carnegie Library the primary teachers of the Central Ward school will present a pleasing program with the primary children taking part.

This is the second entertainment of the kind given for the purpose of raising money with which to buy a talking machine. The first entertainment netted about fifty dollars, and was a success from a social and entertaining standpoint.

In the first entertainment the higher grades and their teachers had charge of the work. The down stairs teachers and pupils are in charge of the program to be rendered one week from today.

An admission of one dime will be charged and the public is urged to show their appreciation of the work and be present.

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Mitchell and Dodge Cars

Ford Cut Outs put on \$1.75
Ford Oil Guages 15c. Champion X Spark Plug 35c
Robe Rail put on any car 50c
Pres-to-Lite exchange \$1.75

Storage batteries in stock for any make of car. We buy them direct from the factory and give our customers the advantage of it. We keep parts for every make of batteries and will give you the same price that you would get at the factory and we have a man that knows the battery business and we guarantee every job turned out. We have been here 7 years and our guarantee is worth something. We carry a stock of standard make of tires and will give you 10 per cent off. Complete stock of supplies. Repairing done by men that know how. Parts in stock for Maxwells, Fords and Mitchells.

BALLINGER AUTO COMPANY

Opposite Court House Lawn. Telephone Number 305

P. S. 7 second hand cars to sell at any reasonable offer, one half cash.

JANUARY CLEARANCE SALE

Begins

Saturday, January 13th

Annual Sale of White Goods

This is indeed a rare opportunity to secure desirable White Goods at prices far below the market price. This is our regular annual sale of White Goods and many lines will be shown during this sale for the first time. Merchandise is going to be worth more so we advise liberal buying.

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Ends

Saturday, January 27th

Clearance Sale of Winter Goods

The wonderful business we have enjoyed the past year leaves many broken lines and odds and ends of good desirable merchandise. Our policy is to close out all of these short lines regardless of present prices or former price. Read the partial list of these remarkable values we have prepared for you.



January Clearance Price Effects Every Department In This Store

CLEARANCE OF DRESS GOODS.

Fancy dress goods in Silks, Foulards, Messalines, Silk Serge, Failles and Crepes 26 to 36 inches wide—values up to \$1.50 a yard, special, clearance sale price, the yard50¢

TABLE LINENS

Only through our foresight are we able to make these wonderful prices on new and desirable table linens and napkins:

72 inches mercerized linen the yard75¢
65 inch mercerized linen the yard50¢
60 inch table linen in beautiful designs special yd 35¢

TOWELS AT A SAVING

Huck towels, size 18x36, fancy borders 25¢ values, the pair18¢
Bleached Turkish towels, 18x42, clearance price 35¢

CORSETS 25¢ EACH

American Beauty and Henderson Corsets, mostly small sizes, values up to \$2, extra special, each 25¢

72x90 Sheets 69¢ each

Pepperel sheeting, the yard 25¢. Brown and bleached.

SCRIM AT 10¢ YARD.

A special lot of beautiful white Ecru and fancy colored scrims, values up to 25¢, special the yd 10¢
Best grade Apron Checks, the yard8½¢

Purity Cambric 10¢ yd

Gold band imported China Ware:

Plates, set of six\$1.19
Cups and saucers set \$1.19
Covered steak dishes \$1.14
24 inch platters98¢
20 inch platters79¢
11 inch platters49¢

25 per cent Off on Cole's Hot Blast Heaters

REGAL POLISH

For automobiles, furniture, hardwood floors, varnished and enameled surfaces, mop and polish. 69¢

Greatest Bargains We Have Ever Shown in Suits and Dresses

Every woman in this entire section is more or less familiar with the wonderful values we have always given in our Ready-to-Wear Section. The styles are the same, the material and make the same, as usual the price alone is changed. All who have waited for our Clearance Sale will be rewarded by seeing their dollar buy practically as much again as usual.

Woman's Suits Greatly Underpriced

Up to \$15.00 suits\$7.95
\$16.00 suits, clearance price\$8.95
\$18.00 suits, now only\$9.95
\$20.00 suits will sell for\$10.95
\$25.00 suits, and worth more, only \$12.95

Beautiful Dresses At a Great Saving

Up to \$8.50 dresses\$3.95
\$15.00 silk and serge dresses\$7.95
\$18.50 to \$22.50 dresses\$13.95
\$22.50 dresses selling now only\$14.95
\$25.00 dresses, for final clearance \$15.95

HIGGINBOTHAM-CURRIE-WILLIAMS & CO.

Petticoats

Our entire stock of petticoats, knitted materials, silk and sunburst silk. Every new shade and color combination. A real opportunity to save.

Table No. 1 at65¢
Table No. 2 at85¢
Table No. 3 at95¢

SUNBURST SILK PETTICOATS
A good substantial quality in several new colors, special \$1.85

Crepe-de-chine Undergarments at Clearance Prices.

Exceptional Blouse Values

\$6.50 and \$7.50 taffeta and charmeuse blouses\$3.95
\$4.50 and \$5.00 crepe-de-chine blouses, now only\$2.95
\$2.50 tub silk and sport blouses\$1.85
Extra special, 1 lot \$1.00 and \$1.50 blouses, this sale78¢

HIGGINBOTHAM-CURRIE-WILLIAMS & CO.

Kimonos

These prices should clear away every kimono and negligee in our entire stock. Beautiful Oriental and Japanese designs in silk and warmer materials.

\$8.50 values\$6.45
\$5.00 values\$3.65
\$3.50 values\$2.45

EXTRA SPECIAL

Sateen petticoats in a full color assortment. See them at85¢

All Women's Coats at One Half Price

Women's and Children's Bath Robes

\$8.50 values, Clearance Sale price\$4.95
\$6.50 values, Clearance Sale price\$3.65
\$5.00 values, Clearance Sale price\$2.65
\$3.00 children's robes\$1.65
\$2.50 children's robes\$1.45
Baby robes at85¢

Clearance Prices on All Women's and Children's Shoes

All Patent Leather Shoes With Cloth Tops at Half Price

HIGH GRADE PATENT KID, LACE AND BUTTON SHOES	GLAZE KID, BUTTON AND LACE BOOTS	MISSSES' AND GROWING GIRLS' SHOES
\$7.50 values\$5.35	\$9.00 values\$7.15	\$3.00 values\$2.25
\$7.00 values\$5.00	\$7.50 values\$6.10	\$2.50 values\$1.95
\$6.50 values\$4.85	\$7.00 values\$5.85	\$2.25 values\$1.80
\$6.00 values\$4.45	\$6.50 values\$5.15	\$2.00 values\$1.45
\$5.00 values\$3.95	\$6.00 values\$4.85	\$1.75 values\$1.30



Copyright Hart Shaffner & Marx

Buy a Hart Shaffner & Marx Suit or Overcoat at Clearance Prices

Only a few of these high grade suits and overcoats are left. Still we have a few desirable models and patterns. They all go at Clearance Sale prices!

\$25.00 and \$27.50 suits and overcoats\$17.50
\$20.00 suits and overcoats\$15
\$12.50 suits and overcoats\$9.95
\$15 and \$17.50 values\$11.95
\$7.50 and \$8.50 values\$6.75

Bath Robes and Smoking Jackets Economically Priced

\$15 house and lounging robes\$9.95
\$7.50 bath robes and smoking jackets\$4.80
\$6.00 bath robes and smoking jackets\$4.25
\$5.00 bath robes, to go during this sale for\$3.65

MACKINAW
Only 5 remaining
\$10.00 values, special at\$6.15
BOYS' O'ERCOATS
Tan, gray and navy blue, values up to \$5.00, now\$2.45

INITIAL HAND-KERCHIEFS
3 for 50¢.
Plain white initials and assorted colored initials, 6 in a box, for\$1.00

BOYS' SUITS AT A BARGAIN
\$10 values\$6.45
\$9 values\$5.45
\$7.50 values\$4.85
\$6 values\$4.25
\$5 values\$3.95

HIGGINBOTHAM-CURRIE-WILLIAMS & CO.
BALLINGER'S GREATEST STORE

WHITE GOODS AT 10¢ YARD.

Possibly your last chance to buy these standard brands at such economical prices. Special lot including dimity, nainsook, checks, long cloth and India linen, lawn to clearaway, the yard10¢

THREAD AND TORCH-ON LACE

A large and varied stock to select from at the yd 5¢

REAL LINEN CLUNY
Banding values up to 50¢ yard, special the yard 10¢

WHITE GOODS AT 20¢
This lot includes linen, flaxon and crepe, yard 20¢

EMBROIDERY AT 10¢ YARD.

Broken lots and short lengths of embroidery, values up to 25¢, the yard 10¢
12 to 18 INCH EMBROIDERY 25¢ YARD

Swiss and nainsook embroideries in sheer extra fine quality, 12 to 18 inches wide, to clear, the yd 25¢

20 Yards Peggy Cotton Checks \$1.00

8 oz. ACA bed ticking, the yard20¢
Standard C Canvas yd 5¢
Extra heavy brown canton flannel, special, the yd 10¢
Best grade outing, white and fancy colors, yard 10¢
A A Advertiser bleached domestic, the yard10¢

All Dress Gingham 10¢

SPECIAL ON GALLON CAN OF FRUIT AND BERRIES

Washington prunes, gallon75¢
Red Pitted Cherries gallon80¢
Black berries gallon60¢
Logan Berries gallon60¢
Strawberries gallon60¢
Honolulu Pineapple gallon50¢

Pie Peaches gallon40¢

WAX IT FURNITURE POLISH

\$1.00 size75¢
75¢ size60¢
50¢ size35¢
25¢ size15¢