

Doctors gave first aid treatment and ambulances carried the victims to the way Dr. Henry J. John, diabetic specialist, today described the explosion.

Dr. George W. Crile, noted surgeon and head of the Clinic, rushed from the operating room of the Clinic hospital, near and took charge of the medical aid.

White-faced but calm, this wartime surgeon, decorated by many allied governments, directed the giving of first aid and the pouring of oil on those burned.

All through the day he labored and at night transferred his activities to the hospitals to which the injured had been taken.

As night fell, the morgue became the principal seat of tragedy.

The bodies taxed the limits of this drab, gray structure.

Police kept back the curious and permitted only relatives to view the dead.

Shrieks rose when wives, mothers and sisters identified kin. The hoarse cries of husbands, fathers and brothers broke in now and again.

Dr. Carl Welwig bent over a cot at Mt. Sinai hospital to treat a victim of the explosion. The victim was dead. It was his wife, technician at the Clinic hospital.

Mrs. W. L. Spellman of Forest, O., sat in an automobile outside the clinic waiting for her husband who had entered to make an appointment for her a few minutes before the first explosion.

"I guess he is in there helping, he is so helpful," she said.

Police did not tell her the truth, that Spellman was one of the dead.

Mrs. Cory D. Bishop, 30, of St. Joseph, Mo., was found dead outside the building. She had been in Dr. Charles Thompson's office. Dr. Thompson helped another patient to escape and then turned to find Mrs. Bishop gone. She is believed to have leaped from a window.

Chief Outstanding Hero

Out of the suffering and sorrow caused by the explosion, the figure of a tireless surgeon in a blood-splashed apron rose today as the outstanding hero in a disaster where heroes were numerous.

He is Dr. Crile, founder of the Clinic hospital, who watched the institution that was to have been his life monument torn by explosion and flame while he brought all his skill to the task of saving lives.

Haggard and gray, Crile was found on the seventh floor of the hospital an hour after the explosion. His eyes burned with the brightness of exhaustion as patient after patient was wheeled by him, but his hand was steady and his voice unshaken.

Without taking time to look up from the injured women over whom he leaned, scalpel in hand, Crile told the United Press correspondents:

"There is nothing I can say now. People are dying out there. The only thing a surgeon can do is to try and save their lives."

Noted as Surgeon

A short time before he had been in the adjoining clinic hospital, had heard the boom of exploding gas and had opened the door of his office to see a corridor already thick with bodies of the injured.

Soon he was operating and at the same time directing the activities of a score of other surgeons.

It was not the first time Crile had been tested by tragedy; during the World War his brilliant contributions to surgery won him an honorary fellowship in the Royal College of Surgeons.

He is credited with having made valuable discoveries on the reduction of shock in surgery.

Dr. Charles Mayo once said: "Some of the greatest strides in modern medicine and surgery have emanated from Crile and his co-workers at the Cleveland Clinic."

"It was just a soft boor," was

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"I was sitting at my desk when the first explosion came," John said. John at first was reported dead among the victims.

"There was a sort of whiff sound around the radiator after the soft boom" and immediately smoke curled up around the pipes. It was a yellowish brown smoke and smelled like a bromide. It had a horrible odor.

"I hurried out into the hall. Flames seemed to burst out in all places at all once. I can't explain such instantaneous combustion."

"Others were running from the building as I dashed into the hallway. Even then the flames were such that it was almost impossible to attempt any rescue work. I ran out. Within two minutes after the first concussion the whole building seemed to be wrapped in flames."

Like War Poison Gas

Vivid pictures of the scenes of horror and tragedy within the gas filled rooms and corridors of the burning Clinic hospital building, and the difficulties encountered in the rescue work were described by members of the three rescue squads and Battalion Chief Michael J. Graham, who commanded them during the frightful first minutes of the disaster.

Chief Graham, himself, pushed boldly at the head of the squads and other firemen rescuers into the chambers of death which had been the hospital interior, and aided his men in the actual work of salvaging human life was left within.

Chief Graham, an overseas war veteran, who served in the front line trenches in France and encountered a number of gas attacks, declared that the fumes which smote with death more than 100 occupants of the Clinic, were apparently dead and even more penetrating than the poison gas used in the war.

"The fumes were just like the deadly phosphene war gas I got during the war. Chief Graham said. But I found that the mask would not keep them entirely out. Twice I strangled and became faint, and had to rush toward the air in order to continue work.

Silent as a Tomb

"I finally had to use one of the helmets with the oxygen tank, now used by the department."

Lieutenant John Bowers of Rescue Squad 2, the first of the squads to arrive, went home ill, and the rest of his squad dropped into a deep slumber when relieved of duty. None was in condition to be interviewed.

Experiences of the squads were boldly given by Lieutenant Robert Livingston and Edward P. Meyers.

"I don't think I shall ever again witness such a spectacle of death as awaited us inside that building," Meyers said.

"The air on all floors was colored a ghastly greenish yellow. The halls and rooms were as silent as a tomb, for the fumes took first speech, then breath and then the life of those who breathed them."

"We did not realize the frightfulness of the disaster, for there was

not the panic and tumult usual among fire-trapped victims.

"On the first landing at the stairway's turn between the first and second floors, the sight that met our eyes gave us the first proof of the actual facts.

Recovers Thirty Bodies

"There, heaped in a frightful pile were fifteen dead, piled body upon body. It made me sick. The faces were horribly twisted, and discolored, yellow and blue—the gas."

"We saw there was nothing we could do for them, and we climbed upward in search of any who might be alive."

"On the next landing, just above the second floor, was a second mound of dead. I counted eleven. It seemed that patients had rushed for the stairs, blinded and suffocating, then stumbled and plunged headlong downward to the landings below."

Lieutenant George Grimes was credited with recovering thirty bodies, working without interruption while the two blasts rocked the building.

Firemen brought victims out so fast that workers in the street and front lawn could hardly treat them fast enough. Some of the patients protested that they were all right, firemen said.

"Don't have to do a thing for me," one man said. "The gas didn't bother me. Bring out the other."

Five minutes later he collapsed.

Laughs at Peril—Dead

Paul Roquemora of Dallas, Tex., was able to get out without aid. He laughed when a fireman told him he had "better go to a hospital." Roquemora worked for a few minutes longer and then walked over to Mt. Sinai hospital. Ten minutes later he was dead.

Mrs. Seth Nickens came out of the clinic without a mark on her. She had the presence of mind to follow the example of a man she saw crawling along the floor through the gas-filled halls toward a doorway.

When the explosion came Mrs. Nickens was wrapped in one of the hospital's blue kimonos awaiting her turn for an X-ray treatment.

She ran into the hallway crying for help. At that moment she saw through the thickening clouds of yellow smoke a large man in a white coat who was flat on his face, crawling with a swimming motion toward the light in the doorway.

Mrs. Nickens did likewise, holding her breath as she crawled along. At the door she was picked up by rescuers. Her husband, hearing of the explosions, arrived soon and took her home. Today she suffered only from nervous shock.

MACHINERY TO BE SOLD

Ogden Given Ruling on State Prison Procedure.

Indiana state prison trustees may sell the prison's binder twine machinery at auction or by private sale, Attorney-General James M. Ogden advised Warden Walter H. Daly today.

The machinery will be replaced by auto license plate manufacturing machinery. The Indiana plates for 1931 will be the first made at the prison, in accordance with an act of the 1929 legislature permitting their manufacture.

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INSULL MIXED IN PAPER DEAL

Bare Offer of \$20,000,000 for Boston Post.

By United Press

WASHINGTON, May 16—Testimony indicating that power interests sought to purchase the Boston Post for \$20,000,000 in cash, was given to the federal trade commission today by Richard Grozier, sole owner of that newspaper.

Grozier said he received an offer from Charles O'Malley, Boston advertising agent, who said he represented the Insull interests.

In previous hearings the commission has learned of newspaper investments aggregating more than \$10,000,000 held by the International Paper and Power Company in eleven newspapers.

Efforts of the International to obtain an interest in about two score other papers also have been revealed. There has been no previous mention of the Insull power group in connection with newspaper investments.

C. D. Carbary, managing editor of The Post had told him that Insull had already bought the Indianapolis News and was seeking to buy up fifty or sixty newspapers.

WHEELER SITE OPPOSED

Board Expected to Reject Offer at Meeting Today.

Proposal of Dr. H. H. Wheeler to lease to the city the 106-acre tract between the canal and White river, Capitol avenue and Washington boulevard, was expected to be rejected today by the park board.

The proposal was to lease the tract for park purposes for ten years at \$13,000 a year with option to buy. Dr. Wheeler's price is \$325,000 if sold during the first five years and \$350,000 the second five years.

Michael E. Foley, board member, opposed the plan because of the

Spanish Officers to Be Tried

MADRID, May 16—Court martial for thirty-nine military officers involved in the January mutiny of artillery units will be held on May 23, it was announced today. Division General Alfredo Coronel will preside.

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Tight, Arthur, 25, Sandusky, O.

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Toj, Mary.

Van Duzen, Dr.

Wald, Charles.

Walford, Mrs. Nixon, Emlenton, Pa.

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Ward, John.

Wasby, Mrs. May, East Liverpool, O.

Wilde, Ruth, Boulder, Colo.

Worden, Mrs. Mae.

Young, Miss Mabel.

Young, Blanche.

INJURED

Adams, Walter.

Barker, Gertrude.

Brantweiner, Jeanne.

Conway, Nell.

Dinsmore, Dr. Robert.

Lambert, Miss Lauri.

Elliot, Barney.

Faust, Dr.

Bowen, Mrs.

Gilkison, Dr. C. C.

Horocky, Andrew.

Johnson, Miss Marilyn.

Mantlo, Miss Josephine.

Mangdon, Mrs.

Chiray, Thomas.

Perram, Miss Emily.