

# New Machinery Left in Ruins After Blast at Continental Baking Company Plant



Shown here is a picture taken of the New Jersey-st side of the Continental Baking Co. shortly after a gas explosion wrecked a basement room and destroyed machinery on the first floor today. In the foreground, walking toward the camera, is Heze Clark, chief of The Times staff covering the explosion story.



Times Staff Photos.

This picture shows the concrete sidewalk on the New Jersey-st side of the baking company after the explosion. On that part of the sidewalk when the blast occurred was Stanley Bates, a pedestrian, who subsequently was treated for nervous hysteria.

## SEVEN INJURED IN EXPLOSION

Leaking Gas Blamed by Hurd: \$60,000 Damage, Early Estimate.

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searched the basement thoroughly but found no one.

The first floor apparently had been raised by the explosion, and some of the wooden floor was splintered. The steel beams held, however, and the machinery did not drop into the basement.

A 12-inch brick supporting wall was wrecked by the explosion and Mr. Hurd ordered temporary stays installed to protect the building.

### Glass Is Blown Out

Glass and window frames were blown out. Some of the glass was hurled to roofs of buildings across New Jersey-st. A large, heavy bolt of wrapping paper catapulted from the inside of the first floor across New Jersey-st into a yard, where it rested undamaged.

A manhole cover from the sidewalk was broken into three pieces, one of which was found across the street.

The doors of the bakery garage, some distance from the wrecked part of the plant, were blown clear of their hinges, and one plate glass window was broken.

There was no disturbance in the office of the plant.

### Hotel Windows Shattered

All front windows of the Arthur Hotel, directly across the street, were shattered, and the glass sprayed over the guests, 40 of whom were seated at dining tables. Some of the dishes on the tables were broken by the concussion.

Inside the lobby were about 10 men, all of whom were sprayed with broken glass. Among them were George Clark, Palace Hotel, and J. Y. Scott, Arthur Hotel.

Ernest Black, who also lives at the Arthur, only a moment before the explosion had parked his car in front of the place and gone to his room.

He was showered with glass from the window of his room, and the two windows of his car exposed to the wrecked building were broken out. The roof of the car also was damaged.

### Witnesses Tell of Blast

Miss Mildred Vinson, 5432 Julian-av, a bookkeeper at the Henry-Randall-Warner Co., witness to the explosion also called the Fire Department.

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State and local investigations were started to determine the cause of the blast. The State Fire Marshal's office also dispatched assistant inspectors to the scene.

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**SANDUSKY** 4.00

Leave 10:00 p. m. Returning reach Indianapolis not later than Monday morning following. Coach service.

### BIG FOUR ROUTE

#### CIVIC LEADER PASSES



Photo by Breitman.  
Frank A. Butler

## MERCURY HITS 4 BELOW HERE

No Relief in Sight Until Tomorrow; Cold Wave Invades East.

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widow, Mrs. Antine Christ. He was a Macedonian.

Mrs. Laura Eason, 72, of 909 E. 11th-st, broke her right hip when she fell on ice at 10th-st and Ashland-av last night. She is in City Hospital.

Mrs. Margaret Bennett, 30, of 300 S. Warman-av, walked from a snowy sidewalk into the stairway of the Bixby Corp., Harding and Morris-sts, last night, slipped on some of the snow that stuck to the sole of her shoe, fell and struck her head against a steam radiator.

### Truck Tops Traffic Light

Her condition is City Hospital today. The traffic light at Washington and Alabama-sts was knocked down last night by a truck driven by Frank Auslander, Chicago, which skidded into it.

John Neal, 12, was recovering today from injuries he received when he coasted his sled into the side of a truck in the 1600 block, E. 18th-st yesterday. He lives at 1204 Bellfontaine-av.

Barrett Turns to Church as Death Nears.

### BY SAM TYNDALL

The realization that he is soon to die on the gallows for slaying a Federal agent has caused George W. Barrett to devote himself solely to religion.

The quiet mild-mannered murderer now confined to the Marion County Jail infirmary under 24-hour guard called for the Rev. John F. McShane, pastor of St. Bridget's Catholic Church, and was baptized Friday.

Barrett was convicted in December and sentenced to hang in the Marion County jail yard March 22 for killing Federal Agent Nelson B. Klein.

"He has given up all interests except the Scriptures. I have been reading to him every day," Father McShane said. "They are his sole comfort."

Praising the intelligence of the doomed prisoner, Father McShane declared that "he has shown a broad knowledge of religious history and uses an unusual choice of words."

Barrett, considered a "model prisoner" by Sheriff Ray, became ill several days ago and is now on a diet of eggs, milk and oranges.

Fear that the prisoner might attempt suicide prompted the removal recently of all articles thought to be possible suicidal agents. These included his suspenders and glasses.

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#### NEW ADVERTISING CHIEF



E. Mark Ferree

## FERREE NAMED TO TIMES POST

Native Hoosier Appointed Advertising Director of Publication.

Appointment of E. Mark Ferree as advertising director of The Indianapolis Times was announced today by E. D. Baker, business manager.

For several years Mr. Ferree was advertising and publicity manager of the Southern Pine Association, of New Orleans, La., and since 1932 has been advertising manager of the Washington Daily News, Scripps-Howard newspaper of the nation's capital.

Mr. Ferree is a native of Marion, Ind.

### VanNus Bill Passes Senate

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—Senate Bill providing fines and imprisonment for employers using coercion to control votes of workers in any election involving Federal office has been passed by the Senate.

Several schools closed.

Supplies were cut to the danger point in parts of Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Missouri, Kentucky and Massachusetts. Ashland, Wis., reported the temperature at 28 degrees below zero.

A bitter northwest wind swept a new cold wave down from the Canadian Northwest, across the Midwest and toward the East. Snow which stalled trains and blocked highways drifted back again after plows dug out main transportation lines.

Heavy rains swept streams in four Southeastern states out of their banks, causing at least four deaths and leaving many families homeless. A cold wave added to the suffering after the rains in Alabama, Mississippi, North Carolina and Georgia.

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## F. D. R. ORDERS MONEY CHECK

Billion Authorized Loans Canceled as Fiscal Aids Are Summoned.

By United Press

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—With threats of inflation rumbling in the background, the New Deal took inventory of its spending needs today preparatory to presenting a tax program to Congress.

Developments in the swiftly changing financial situation were:

1. House Administration leaders will call at the White House to urge postponement of bonus tax proposals.

2. President Roosevelt summoned heads of "spending" agencies to a White House conference tomorrow.

3. Rep. Wright Patman (D., Tex.), inflation leader, called a meeting today of currency expansionists to plan for a legislative fight.

4. Inflation "scare" depresses dollar value and sends gold exports of \$15,665,000 abroad in two days.

5. Cancellation of more than \$1,000,000 in congressional authorizations to government lending agencies announced by President.

A desire to strengthen the Federal government's credit and borrowing ability was reported back of Mr. Roosevelt's move to reduce lending authorizations of its credit agencies.

The principal agency affected by the cancellation, Mr. Roosevelt said, will be the Home Owners Loan Corp., from which authorization of \$500,000,000 to \$1,000,000,000 will be lopped. Others mentioned were the Farm Credit Association and the Reconstruction Finance Corp.

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#### OFFICIAL WEATHER

United States Weather Bureau

Sunrise ..... 6:30 | Sunset ..... 5:00

TEMPERATURE

Feb. 5, 1935

7 a. m. 33 | 1 p. m. 37

BAROMETER

7 a. m. 30.39 | 1 p. m. 30.42

Precipitation 24 hrs. ending 7 a. m. 00

Total precipitation since Jan. 1 1.67

Deficiency since Jan. 1 -1.71

OTHER CITIES AT 7 A. M.

Station Weather Bar. Temp.

Arlington, Tex. Clear 30.10 42

Bismarck, N. D. Partly cloudy 29.94 24

Boston Partly cloudy 30.35 -14

Chicago Partly cloudy 30.35 31

Cincinnati Partly cloudy 30.00 8

Denver Partly cloudy 30.18 8

Helena, Mont. Snow 30.04 46

Jacksonville, Fla. Partly cloudy 30.40 44

Little Rock, Ark. Partly cloudy 29.94 44

Los Angeles Partly cloudy 30.26 -22

Minneapolis Partly cloudy 30.16 34

Mobile, Ala. Partly cloudy 30.35 31

New Orleans Partly cloudy 30.98 32

Okahoma City Partly cloudy 30.24 12

Pittsburgh Partly cloudy 30.16 18

Portland, Ore. Partly cloudy 30.02 38

San Francisco Partly cloudy 30.60 46

St. Paul Partly cloudy 30.66 58

Washington, D. C. Partly cloudy 30.10 26

## STATE STUDIES LIGHT PETITION

Interested Parties Testify Before Public Service Commission.

The Public Service Commission today took under advisement the plea of the Municipal Power and Light Co. of Huntington for the right to operate a municipal plant there in competition with the Northern Indiana Power Co.

The commission indicated decision would be made in a few days in the 13-month fight between Mayor Clare W. H. Bangs and the private utility.

More than 100 of the mayor's supporters appeared at a hearing before the commission yesterday to confirm the executive's statements that rates are excessive and that a municipally-owned distributing and generating plant is a necessity.

Bangs Directs Fight

Mayor Bangs, who spent about 100 days in jail for defying a court order by attempting to give patrons service without holding a franchise, directed the case with the help of

Huntington City Attorney Clyde Cline.

During the hearing a three-cornered fight developed when the Indiana Farm Bureau protested against Mayor Bangs' proposed extension of municipal service to