

Recess Saved Many In School Explosion; 1 Dead, 19 Injured

'SUB' JANITOR DOESN'T KNOW BLAST'S CAUSE

Only Two of Children Are Critically Hurt; Teacher In Hospital.

BARODA, Mich., Nov. 14 (U. P.).—The explosion of a boiler fired by a substitute janitor yesterday crumpled a section of the Baroda consolidated school.

One pupil was killed and 18 other children and a teacher hospitalized. The blast occurred at the noon recess when most of the 260 pupils were in another part of the two-story building at lunch. A half dozen or more other children were treated for minor injuries.

Authorities questioned Eidon Nitz, 17, a high school student in the school who was substituting for his janitor uncle while the latter was away on a hunting trip.

Cause Is Unknown

Young Mr. Nitz said he had received instructions from his uncle in the firing of the boiler. He said he was not in the boiler room when the blast occurred and "didn't know what happened."

Rescue workers dug in the debris of the school with a power shovel but believed no additional victims would be found.

The fatality was Walter Ruppel, 13, who died in a hospital three hours after the blast. Many of the children had broken arms and legs but only two, Larry Barker and Alice Johns, were reported in critical condition.

Some Carried to Safety

The injured teacher was Miss Mira Spackel.

Some 30 children were trapped in the explosion area but were led or carried to safety. They said the blast shook the walls, caved in the roof, blew off doors and scattered plaster. There was no fire.

The explosion blew out a fifth and sixth grade schoolroom directly above the boiler room and caused the second story classroom above it to collapse.

The fifth and sixth grade students had been dismissed at the time of the explosion, but five or six of them were in the classroom eating their lunches.

Building Shakes

Jerry Nye, 11, said he was standing outside the sixth grade room "when the whole building seemed to shake."

"I saw a door near me fly off," Jerry said. "I was plenty scared and ran out the back door."

Kenneth Tolias, 9, said he was walking into the cafeteria when plaster began to fall.

"I saw a piece of plaster hit my aunt (Mrs. Bertha Trapp, cafeteria cook)," Kenneth said, "but she wasn't hurt. Then we all ran out."

The school, a combination grade and high school, has 260 pupils, but most of them were in another part of the building at the time of the blast.

Mrs. Fred Williams, wife of a Congregational minister, was in the kitchen of the parsonage across the street from the school when the explosion occurred.

Home Is Rocked

"I felt the explosion shake the house," she said. "Then I saw a puff of smoke or dust fill the schoolyard."

"As the smoke dissipated I saw the west wall of the school fall inward and the roof of that part of the building fall down."

"I could hear the children screaming."

Mrs. Walter, the school superintendent's wife and a registered nurse, gave first aid to injured students.

The explosion occurred in a new brick addition to the original one-story building.

Lisa Sergio to Talk Before Town Hall

Lisa Sergio, radio news commentator, will speak at 11 a. m. tomorrow on the Town Hall program.

Her subject at English's will be "Where Do We Stand Today?"

Olive Enslin, Tindler will introduce the speaker and be hostess for the luncheon in the Claypool hotel after the lecture.

Miss Sergio, who broadcasts from the New York Times station, WQXR, was born in Florence, Italy. She was the first woman to broadcast a news commentary from Italy. She became Mussolini's official translator but she was forced to flee Italy because of her outspoken criticism.

CALLS MIDWEST HEALTHY REGION

Ranking by Doctor Made on Death Rate Basis.

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CLEVELAND, Nov. 14.—The far west and the middle states were given top ranking in health over all regions of the United States by Dr. Carl W. Stow, of the Research Council for Economic Security, Chicago, at the meeting here this morning of the American Public Health association.

The southeast and southwest regions went into the low ranks designated as underprivileged health regions.

Health rankings were made on the basis of infant deaths, tuberculosis death rate, deaths from six infectious and contagious diseases and the death rate in the age group 1 to 60 years.

Climate, population, make-up, public health and medical care facilities, economic resources and culture account for the difference in health ranking.

Equal health opportunities throughout the nation can be provided in two ways: One, by shifting financial resources within the country; Two, by economic and cultural reconstruction of the underprivileged areas.

"Both should be used," Dr. Stow declared.

BANDITS GET \$160 AT LIQUOR STORE

Three bandits escaped with \$160 from Bernard's liquor store, 920 W. Michigan st., last night.

Joseph Levin, proprietor, said three men entered the store and asked for wine.

"While I was wrapping up the bottles, one of the men drew a gun and demanded money," he said. "They all three grabbed the money out of the cash drawer and ran out the front door."

Burglars took tools worth more than \$115 from the Forbes Lumber Co., 1923 Shelby st., last night after breaking through a rear door.

In the next block, yeggs ransacked the Solitaire Bottling Co. They took \$2 from a cash drawer and attempted to carry off a large quantity of sugar. But it spilled on the floor before they got it out of the place.

Vandals broke a large window valued at \$200 in the front of the Nathan Super Market, 220 E. Southern ave. last night. A large stick of wood had been thrown through it.

JAP NARCOTIC PROBE LAUNCHED BY U. S.

TOKYO, Nov. 14 (U. P.).—U. S. health and welfare authorities have launched a nation-wide narcotics checkup aimed to control the distribution of drugs, stabilize prices and stamp out drug addicts, allied headquarters announced yesterday.

The Japanese welfare ministry was directed to gather information on a nation-wide scale on the number of addicts, the present and past sources of supply, criminal histories, local rendezvous and names of associates and acquaintances of known addicts.

Allied headquarters also ordered the transfer of drug stocks at present owned by doctors, hospitals, dentists and surgeons to wholesale houses before Dec. 15.

After Dec. 15 small amounts will be released through the wholesale houses to hospitals at stabilized prices.

FIGHT 1000 'BANDITS'

LONDON, Nov. 14 (U. P.).—An Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Athens said today that a group of "bandits," 1000 strong, has fought a battle with a company of Greek troops along the Greek-Yugoslav frontier in which two and possibly four Greek officers were killed.

ATTORNEY RE-ENTERS TROLLEY RATE FIGHT

James M. Dawson, attorney who was thrown bodily off a trolley car in a one-man fight against the fare increase last summer, renewed his legal battle today.

He filed a motion in circuit court, seeking to intervene as a defendant in the Indianapolis Railways' injunction suit against the public service commission.

The circuit court has pending an appeal to the Indiana supreme court on a temporary injunction, preventing the P. S. C. from inter-

U. S. ARMY PLANNING 3-MILLION RESERVE

WASHINGTON, Nov. 14 (U. P.).—The war department's long range plans, for the post-war military establishment call for a total active and reserve force of 4,500,000 officers and men.

There will be a regular army of about 850,000, a national guard of 682,000 and about 3,000,000 in the reserves.

The army's present strength is 1,500,000. By July 1 must be down to 1,070,000 to comply with orders of congress. Army reserves now are about 1,000,000.

'Rebel' Trains Are 'Unionized'

ST. LOUIS, Nov. 14 (U. P.).—When the Gulf, Mobile and Ohio railroad pushes its famous Southern Rebel route west next year it will call it the Alton route.

Officials sought to avoid unfavorable reaction from "union" territory when the Rebel got past St. Louis.

MINE BLAST KILLS 52

PRAGUE, Nov. 14 (U. P.).—Fifty-two miners were killed today in an explosion of unexplained origin in the Brown coal mine at Lom in northwest Bohemia, the ministry of industry announced.

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MARRIAGE LICENSES

Mathias Owen Timney Jr., 1811 Arsenal, to Carolyn White, 1618 N. Arsenal.

Frederick Francis Heth, 1921 Broadway, to Carol Townsend, 1522 Broadway.

William Burnett, Camp Atterbury, to Gloria Smith, Camp Atterbury.

Frank George Squillac, 449 Broadway, to Anna Mary Ross, 815 Green.

Raymond Cecil Langdon, 50 E. 16th, to Norma Louise Rader, 269 N. Elder.

Charles E. Persinger, 217 New Jersey, to Josephine A. Lombardo, 217 S. New Jersey.

Louis C. Young, Lafayette, to May Whittle, Coventry, England.

George Brock Morrison, 611 N. Pennsylvania, to Mildred Margaret Payton, R. 8, Box 897.

Richard Bert Wright, 19 N. Fleming, to Patricia Ann Swartz, 33 Myron.

Louis William Brand Jr., 1848 N. Illinois, to Allene Louise Crane, R. 14, Box 593.

Thomas Clifford Craig, 1848 E. Edgewood, to Virginia Louise Scholz, R. 1, Box 315.

William Ernest Vandierick, 612 Marion, to Ruby Alice Mathews, 713 N. New Jersey.

Ralph H. Arthur, 1 N. Jefferson, to Betty D. Allison, 305 N. Keystone.

Emery D. Bower, 804 N. Missouri, to Mildred Bower, 804 N. Missouri.

Robert Lovell Davis, 1124 Central, to Betty Louise Carpenter, 130 S. Bancroft.

Ernest Badger, 1144 Union, to Janice Heuser, 2101 S. Delaware.

William L. Neville, 2984 Villa, to Katherine E. Neville, 2811 S. Randolph.

John E. Franklin, 212 W. Walnut, to Lillian R. Felix, 212 W. Walnut.

Joseph Roederer, 1514 E. Washington, to Mary Minor, 1408 E. Washington.

William Paul McGraw Jr., 1157 Laurel, to Ruth E. Temple, 2627 81st.

Joseph Patrick Kelly, 1157 Laurel, to Helen Louise Sanders, Whiting.

Robert L. Helm, 607 E. Indiana, to Vernel Norman, 607 E. Indiana.

Paul Thomas Smith, 229 S. Fourth, to Bech Grove, Rose Anna Campbell, 709 S. Manhattan.

Harold O. Bolen, Frankfort, to Maxine Gattler, 2619 N. Pennsylvania.

Travis Grace, R. 1, Box 235, to Thelma L. Woodruff, 136 N. Elder.

Frank Wilson, 2114 S. St. Paul, to Marie Yagla, 2214 S. St. Paul.

Joe H. Harkins, Sublime hotel, to Theda Jacobson, Sublime hotel.

Paul Squires, 824 Charles, to Nova M. Willis, 1113 S. Senate.

Leonard R. Brown, R. 1, Box 3-B, to Ruth Edna Miller, 1124 Cameron.

Herman Bernard Whiteland, Irene Bullock, Whiteland.

James Reed, 1719 S. Keystone, to Daisy Kirk, 1208 Madison.

William M. Breaks, 123 E. St. Joseph, to Clive F. Smith, 228 E. 12th.

BIRTHS

At St. Francis—Charles, Irene Balfour, Edward, Marie Damrell, Charles, Vivian, Robert, Harold, Bim, Rodgers, and Leonard, Virginia Huddleston.

At City—Almond, Myrtle Abell.

At Columbia—John, Phyllis Brown, Harry, Doris Dorsett, William, Rosemary Harris, Eugene, Ruby Puckett, Burd, Mae Crawford, Edward, Naomi Louise Breedlove, Arthur, Dorothy Corman, Harold,