

EXPLOSIVES VERY CLOSELY GUARDED

Railroads Are Taking Greatest Pains to Prevent Any Accidents.

REGULATIONS ARE STRICT

LEGISLATION REGARDING TRANSPORTATION OF EXPLOSIVES IN-EFFECTUAL SO ROADS MADE OWN RULES.

(Palladium Special)
New York, July 22.—Five thousand cars containing explosives are continually in transit on the railroads of the United States—an average of one car of explosives to every fifty miles of line.

The strict regulations enforced by the railroad companies have made the movement of this class of traffic remarkably free from accident. This is due to the action of the American Railway association, which includes in its membership all the important roads in the country, in organizing the Bureau of Explosives. The bureau, before prescribing rules, made a thorough study of conditions surrounding the shipment of explosives.

As five hundred million pounds of explosives are manufactured in the United States every year, and most of this quantity is transported on the railroads, the work of regulating its transportation is vastly important to both the traveling public and the shippers.

Legislation designed to govern the transportation of explosives proved to be impractical, and if the railroads had confined themselves to obeying the statute the list of accidents could not have been kept down. Congress passed a law requiring that the dangerous materials should be packed in metal boxes covered with plasters of Paris or "some other substance which will not explode when saturated with nitro-glycerine."

Not Yet Discovered.

No other such substance has yet been discovered. Incidentally, plaster of Paris itself makes an excellent explosive when saturated with nitro-glycerine. Moreover, metal boxes, if carelessly loaded so that they might knock against each other, invite fatal explosions.

When the American Railway associations got its investigations under way, it was found that the chief source of danger was the careless packing by manufacturers. Cans of black powder often burst open and left powder scattered on the car floor.

Sparks flying in through a crack would make a wreck of the entire car, and probably of many more cars. Dynamite was loaded by manufacturers into cars containing heavy iron castings. The castings and the dynamite, coming into violent contact, would cause a disastrous explosion.

A corps of inspectors was sent out by the Bureau of Explosives to educate manufacturers and railway employees. Practical lessons were given. The inspectors would come upon some railroad yard where there was a car of explosives and examine it. If there was anything wrong the railroad men at the yard were told about it and instructed how to correct the condition.

The various railroads spread printed directions among their employees. Here are some of the rules—which are typical—put into effect by one large company:

Only cars of 60,000 pounds capacity in good order, may be used for carrying explosives. The cars must be equipped with air brakes and hand brakes in good condition. They must be labelled, on both sides and at both ends: "Explosives—Handle Carefully—Keep Fire Away."

There must be no loose boards, and no cracks in the roof, and the doors must be kept shut so tightly that no sparks can enter.

Before a car may be loaded with explosives, an inspector must examine it and sign a certificate to the effect that it is in good order. The manufacturer also has to furnish a certificate defining the method of packing and marking explosives.

Cars containing explosives must not be hauled in any train carrying passengers. They must not be placed near to each other than 5 car lengths, nor within 15 car lengths of the engine, nor within 10 car lengths of the caboose.

Whenever a train stops the trainmen must examine all cars containing explosives.

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SHERIFF OUTWITTED

He Stops a Prize Fight But Later the Mill Was Held Near Camden.

BOTH FIGHTERS WHIPPED

(Palladium Special)
Eaton, O., July 22.—Clyde Zimmerman of Gratiot, and Henry Fornshell of Camden, attempted to pull off a prize fight at Camden, Wednesday night, but Sheriff Boner interfered and put the finishing touches to the bout. The two men, however, met later in the evening and had a fight at the outskirts of Camden before a large audience. All science known to the boxing profession was lost by the contestants and they simply "beat up" on each other until both were whipped. Mayor F. M. Marsh, of Camden, took action and had the fighters arrested, and when they were arraigned before him he administered to each violator a fine of \$20 and costs and imposed a jail sentence of twenty days. Both men are now fighting a nervous condition of their individual temperaments and the distasteful and gloomy situation made possible only by confinement behind the big stone walls of the county jail.

BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE.

	Won.	Lost.	Pct.
Chicago	51	29	.638
New York	45	34	.570
Pittsburg	43	34	.558
Cincinnati	42	40	.512
Philadelphia	38	40	.487
St. Louis	37	45	.451
Brooklyn	34	48	.415
Boston	32	52	.381

AMERICAN LEAGUE.

	Won.	Lost.	Pct.
Philadelphia	55	25	.688
New York	49	32	.605
Boston	50	33	.602
Detroit	45	40	.529
Cleveland	34	42	.447
Washington	33	48	.407
Chicago	32	48	.400
St. Louis	24	54	.308

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS.

National League.		
Philadelphia	3;	Cincinnati 2.
Chicago	3;	Boston 0.
St. Louis	2;	New York 0.
Pittsburg	5;	Brooklyn 1.

AMERICAN LEAGUE.

American Association.		
Minneapolis	7;	Indianapolis 2.
St. Paul	4;	Louisville 3.
Milwaukee	5;	Toledo 0.
Columbus	4;	Kansas City 3 (10 inn.)

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