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Funeral will be held at Sulphur Springs Church on Sunday, March 9, at 2 P. M. Conveyances will be at Portland to meet the car which leaves the electric terminal at 11:05 A. M. 1

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KOHLER PLEADS NOT GUILTY

Cleveland's Police Chief Charged With Gross Immorality.

Cleveland, O., March 7.—Amended charges detailing the allegations under which Chief of Police Fred Kohler is to be tried for "gross immorality" by the Civil Service Commission were made public when Kohler was arraigned before the commission today.

The official document claims that on three separate occasions the chief "surreptitiously visited the home of Samuel D. Schearer, at 2606 Daisy avenue, and stayed for hours with Mrs. Daisy Schearer while her husband was absent." The dates named are February 2, May 23 and June 5, 1912. Schearer recently obtained a divorce, naming Kohler in his petition.

Atfer hearing the amended charges Chief Kohler pleaded not guilty, and the beginning of the taking of testimony was set for next Monday.

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INSURANCE COMPANY OF NORTH AMERICA,
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December 31st, 1912.

Total Income during the year		$9,991,307.18
Total disbursements during the year		8,953,409.88
ASSETS.		
Real Estate owned by Company		$293,875.00
Mortgage Loans on Real Estate		238,935.00
Bonds and Stocks owned by Company		14,284,757.68
Cash in Office and in Banks and Trust Companies		1,298,192.45
Agents' Balances		1,635,307.75
Bills Receivable		26,956.40
Interest and Rents due and accrued		98,462.37
Reinsurance		28,930.52
Salvage claims		52,400.00
Gross Assets		$17,957,817.17
ASSETS NOT ADMITTED.		
Agents' balances due three months or more	$18,054.40	
Bills Receivable past due	144.00	
Overdue and accrued interest on Bonds in default	963.00	
Book Value of Ledger Assets over Market Value	88,265.60	
		107,427.00
Total Admitted Assets		$17,850,390.17
LIABILITIES.		
Losses and Claims Unpaid (net)	$1,341,600.00	
Total Unearned Premiums	6,854,309.11	
Reclaimable on Perpetual Risks	728,939.48	
Estimated amount hereafter payable for Federal, State, and other taxes	90,000.00	
Commissions, Brokerage, Etc	80,000.00	
Reinsurance Premiums	18,868.03	
Contingent Fund	736,673.55	
Total Liabilities, Except Capital		$9,850,390.17
Capital actually paid up in Cash	$4,000,000.00	
Surplus over all Liabilities	4,000,000.00	
		8,000,000.00
Total Liabilities		$17,850,390.17
Amount at Risk in United States December 31, 1912		$1,164,107,432.00
Risks written in Maryland during 1912		15,428,690.00
Premiums on Maryland Business in 1912		99,426.66
Losses Paid in Maryland in 1912		70,056.23
Losses incurred in Maryland in 1912		70,592.99

STATE OF MARYLAND, OFFICE OF THE STATE INSURANCE DEPARTMENT, BALTIMORE, MD., February 4, 1913.
I hereby certify that the above is a true abstract, taken from the Annual Statement of the INSURANCE COMPANY OF NORTH AMERICA for the year ending December 31, 1912, now on file in this Department.
WM. MASON SHEHAN, Insurance Commissioner.

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DYNAMITE EXPLODES; FIFTY LIVES LOST

About One Hundred Men Injured, Many Fatally, on the Patapsco. Property Loss $500,000

STEAMER ALUM CHINE BLOWN INTO ATOMS

Appalling Disaster Off Hawkins Point by Igniting of Over Three Hundred Tons of Dynamite in the Hold of Steamer—Lighter Is Shattered Into Splinters—The Tug Atlantic Is Badly Wrecked.

Greatest Explosion In History

In the Patapsco River, off Hawkins Point and near Fort Carroll, at 10:20 o'clock yesterday morning, over three hundred tons of dynamite exploded in the hold of the British steamer Alum Chine.

The huge bulk of iron and steel was blown into atoms, and a lighter lying alongside was shivered into splinters.

The new Navy Collier Jason, which was riding at anchor, a mile and a half away, was punctured and partially wrecked by the missiles hurled from the steamer.

The bodies of fifty men, white and colored, with list not yet complete, were dismembered. Their lives went out with a suddenness that was awful and a sadness pitiful to contemplate.

Fully one hundred other men, also white and colored, were maimed and bruised, their limbs torn and twisted.

From the scene of the eruption there rushed a huge wave, followed by lesser undulations, which tore shipping from its moorings and lashed the piers, banks and embankments of the Patapsco.

At Sparrows Point, Hawkins Point, Fort Armistead and other nearby points shutters were wrenched from their fastenings, doors from their hinges and roofs from their supports. Windowpanes were shattered and glassware hurled about and smashed.

At Reading, Pa., one hundred miles away, the shock was felt. It was distinctly felt in every town in Maryland within a radius of fifty miles. It was thought to be an earthquake.

It was the greatest explosion, except volcanic eruptions, that ever shook the earth. The largest bulk of dynamite that ever exploded before was ninety-seven tons. Compare this with over three hundred tons that were ignited in the Patapsco River yesterday.

But for revelations by The Star two years ago, when dynamite was loaded aboard ships in the harbor, the explosion might have occurred in the city. It is abhorrent to contemplate the harvest of death, destruction and men if the wreck had occurred nearer.

The United States Steamboat Inspectors will investigate the disaster.

Fire in one of the coal bunkers of the British steamer Alum Chine, which was anchored in the Patapsco River, between Fort Carroll and Hawkins Point, two miles from Sparrows Point, reached at 10:20 o'clock yesterday morning over three hundred tons of dynamite stored in the vessel's hold.

There followed an explosion—the greatest explosion that ever took place on this earth except volcanic eruptions.

Death, ruin, wreck, desolation and destruction were wrought by that awful shock. The earth trembled, even one hundred miles away. There had been an earthquake, not caused by natural forces, but by human handicraft.

The bodies of fifty men—and the list is not complete—had been torn into unrecognizable, bleeding, quivering debris.

Fully one hundred other men—and this list is also incomplete—had been maimed and bruised, their limbs torn asunder, their clothing torn into shreds. Bleeding and helpless in the icy waters of the river, on decks of vessels, they cried piteously, plaintively, for succor, even for death that would still their pains.

The ponderous steel hulk of the steamship Alum Chine had been blown into atoms, which shot out like minie balls from hundreds of canon, hurled to distant shores and hoisted a mile or more into the air. Waves lapped the spot where the huge vessel but a moment before had serenely rested.

Shivered into splinters and scattered far and wide was a lighter, moored alongside the steamship, and from which a cargo, including dynamite, was being transferred from cars to the ship.

CAPT. VANDYKE A MARTYR.

Later into the Patapsco sank the tug Atlantic, which was hastened with all speed from the side of the burning and doomed ship. The Atlantic had fallen a victim to the mercy and heroism of her captain, William Vandyke, who returned to the mine, just about to be ignited, to save the lives of two sailors who had clambored to the deck after the tug had started on its voyage of escape.

The new navy collier Jason, just completed and awaiting her trial trip before acceptance by the government, and which had been riding peacefully at anchor near her birthplace at Sparrows Point, a mile and a half distant, was punctured from stem to stern by bolts of the dismembered Alum Chine. A broadside from a dreadnought could not have wrought more gaping wounds in the hull of this ship. On her decks lay the dead, the dying, the injured, by scores, from whose lips of the yet living came moans and piteous appeals for help.

Scurrying away and tossed high by the explosion were three or four motor launches.

High in the air hung a massive cloud of smoke, wreathing and writhing, a misshapen, awe-inspiring and spectacular sight.

Falling from the skies into the Patapsco, on the Anne Arundel and Baltimore county shores and far into the interior were bits and bars of steel from the shattered steamship, carrying death and wounds.

Floating over the seething, turbulent waters was wreckage, and among that wreckage were yet quivering arms, legs, heads and trunks of human beings.

HOUSES ARE WRECKED.

Rushing with great speed, east, west, north and south, from the scene of the explosion was a huge wave, tearing shipping from its moorings and striking piers, embankments and the shores with terrific force.

Frail frame buildings at Sparrows Point, Hawkins Point, farmhouses and cottages were shaken and wholly or partially wrecked. Shutters were wrenched from their fastenings and doors from their hinges. Roofs were lifted from their supports, window panes were

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LIST OF DEAD AND INJURED

Many of the Missing Not Accounted For

TOLL WILL BE HEAVY

Hospitals Cared for a Number of Seriously Hurt.

OTHERS AT THEIR HOMES

Those Killed Outright Were More or Less Mangled—They Included Members of the Crew of the Steamship and the Stevedores Who Were Engaged in Loading the Vessel—Injuries Sustained by the Family of Dr. Richardson at Quarantine—Residents of Sparrows Point Hurt.

Following is a list of those who lost their lives in the disastrous dynamite explosion and also of those who were injured. These of course include only those whose bodies have been recovered. It is feared greatly that many will be found among the missing whose bodies may never be recovered by reason of the fact that they were blown to atoms.

AMONG THE KILLED.

The known dead are as follows:

JOSEPH P. LENNON, brother of Patrolman Lennon, of the Northeastern district, 45 years old, a member of the crew of the Atlantic. He was identified by his widow, Mammie Lennon, and his son, Allen Lennon, of 802 South Dallas street.

EDWIN WATERS, chief officer of the Alum Chine. Identified by Captain Austey and Second Officer Main, of the same ship.

CAPT. WILLIAM H. VAN DYKE, of the tug Atlantic. Identified by E. P. Hendricks by papers found in his pockets. He lived at 1448 Boyle street.

EDWARD CASSELL, steward on the Jason. Identified by Thomas Mooney, a member of the crew of the Atlantic, who was off duty. Cassell lived on Lombard street, near Clinton, Canton.

ANDREW GAROTSKI, a stevedore, of 1614 Eastern avenue. Identified by his wife, Francisca Garotski. The body was mutilated past recognition, but he was known by the fact that he wore one blue stocking and one black one.

JOHN MARKEL, a stevedore, 1114 South Third street, near Seventh street, Highlandtown. Recognized by Henry Wolfe, of 314 South Madiera street.

FRANK DOYLE, a stevedore, First street, near Toone, Canton. Identified by Frank Lynch.

WILLIAM BISHOP, colored, 22 years old, of 130 Richmond street; died at St. Joseph's Hospital from concussion of the brain.

JAMES T. WOOD, colored, a stevedore, 1109 Druid Hill avenue. Identified by relatives.

BENJAMIN FRANCIS, colored, steward on the Jason, 630 North Caroline street. Identified by his daughter, Mrs. Edna Locks, and John Cassell, of 624 North Dallas street.

H. GROSS, a fireman on the Jason. His home was on Thames street.

WILLIAM T. BISHOP, colored, a caterer on the Jason; hit by flying piece of steel. He died a few hours later in St. Joseph's Hospital.

R. MAYWOOD DIGGS, mate on the Atlantic, 503 South Potomac street. Identified by his nephew, Frank Zimmerman.

THE INJURED.

AT ST. JOSEPH'S HOSPITAL.

ALLEN MADISON, 21 years of age, 3219 Colgate street; cut arm, wrist and injured about the right hip.

JOSEPH PUROL, 53 years old, 2231 Bank street; fractured right leg.

WILLIAM SWANN, 34 years old, Patapsco House, Sparrows Point; lacerated scalp, face and head.

WILLIAM LAUBE, 1604 Thames street, member of the crew of Jason; crushed chest and lacerated hands.

WILLIAM SIMPSON, 31 years old, 2822 Dillon street; impaction of the legs and suffering from shock.

ANDREW MARTINSON, 35 years old, 518 Glover street; leg torn to shreds, requiring amputation.

BENJAMIN F. KERR, colored, 64 years old, 520 McMechen street; compound fracture of ribs and of the right ankle joint.

GEORGE N. MATTHEWS, colored, 53 years old, 1423 Druid Hill avenue; lacerated leg, scalp and severely sprained back.

JAMES H. CARTER, colored, 44 years old, 1367 North Carey street; lacerated left leg.

GEORGE W. GREGORY, colored, 53 years old, 1346 North Carey street; dislocation of the clavicle.

GEORGE GREGG, South Ann street, sailor; seriously burned about face, arms and hands. He was discharged from the hospital after receiving treatment.

JOSEPH MARSHALL, 3428 East Lombard street; crushed left side.

AUGUST LAISAN, 24 years of age, 1116 South Kenwood avenue; bruised and contused scalp. Also suffering from shock.

ARTHUR NELSON, 23 years of age, Thames street; contused scalp and also suffering from shock.

JOSEPH WESKEY, 44 years old, 1242 Decker avenue; suffering from shock.

ANTON KRUCZNSKI, 1229 Decker avenue, sailor; suffering from shock.

JOHN KESCHSKI, 2511 Fleet street, sailor; suffering from shocks.

ARTHUR NEILSON, 36 years old, 1706 Thames street; lacerated scalp.

EDWARD KENDRICK, 27 years of age, 545 West Hoffman street; lacerated back. Was able to go to his home.

EDWARD SNIADAK, 40 years old, 1513 Thames street; lacerated face and back.

JAMES E. HAMMOND, colored, 709

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BIG COLLIER IS RIDDLED

Jason Is Torn By Flying Steel

CLOSE TO DESTRUCTION

Some of Her Crew Killed and Many Injured.

WAS READY FOR TRIAL TEST

Wrecked Condition of Great Ship Presents Unprecedented Sight in This Harbor—Her Commander Saw Danger and Was Endeavoring to Have Anchors Weighed and Craft Gotten Out of Way When the Great Explosion Occurred—A Vessel Under Gun Fire Could Not Have Been More Greatly Damaged.

With its sides riddled with holes from amidship aft on the port side, ventilators twisted and torn off, funnels buckled, besides damage to lifeboats and practically all the superstructure, the huge steel collier Jason looks anything but the handsome vessel before the terrific explosion.

Holes from the size of rifle balls to ragged openings a foot or more wide are torn through the steel plates of the hull above the water line.

The steel sides of the after deckhouse are badly stove, and here and there are holes where the missles of steel were driven which killed and maimed members of the crew who were busy at their work. One large piece of metal was driven through the cook's galley and after killing the steward was driven through two other thicknesses of steel. Every one of the lifeboats and life rafts was so badly damaged that when an effort was made to launch a boat none could be found that had not large holes in it.

The ventilators, which were in considerable number on the Jason, were twisted into all manner of shapes and thrown on the decks. The top of the deck structure was caved in, and the bridges wrecked. Glass ports were blown in like paper and doors torn from their fastenings by the terrific concussion. The wireless operator's room was entirely demolished, as was likewise the aerial gear overhead, which prevented the sending of any message when the accident occurred. The wireless operator, who was in his room, was showered with a quantity of debris, but luckily escaped with minor injuries.

UNPRECEDENTED SIGHT.

All the woodwork in the construction of the after deckhouse was completely shattered, and the room littered with doors, window frames and paneling. Tables, chairs and other furnishings were tossed about in the greatest confusion. Woodwork from the staterooms adjoining was also demolished. And the interior was filled with splintered wainscoting, much of which was torn into toothpicks.

Silverware, china and other dining-room ware were scattered about on the floor considerably broken. Plate-glass mirrors, which were a part of the interior decorations, were cracked as if struck by a hammer. Tools which were stored in lockers were thrown into the middle of the room and were later picked up by the owner. All in all, the ship presented a sight never before seen in this port.

Capt. John R. Thompson, Sr., who was in charge of the Jason, which was to have left this morning for Delaware Breakwater for its official trial trip before turning the vessel over to the government, and who was standing on the afterdeck was lifted bodily and thrown about seven feet through the air, slammed against an iron ventilator and escaped going overboard by grasping the rail with his left hand.

"Chief Engineer Alvin A. Winship and I were standing side by side on the deck watching the flames on the Alum Chine," said Captain Thompson, "and realizing the great danger orders were immediately issued to get the anchors up and move from the spot. Many of the men were standing alongside the rail watching the burning vessel, and these were directed to get below. Before that could be done the explosion took place. All of us were literally lifted from our feet, some thrown to the deck with great force, while others were struck by flying missiles of steel. I remember clearly the terrific sight as the Alum Chine was blown up. The fire was first seen on the forward part of the vessel, apparently coming from the forward hold, and great volumes of smoke were rolling out of the vessel.

TERRIBLE DETONATION.

"Hardly three seconds later there followed a terrific detonation, and vast volumes of smoke and flame shot skyward, and for the next few seconds there was a rain of metal on the collier and the river for hundreds of yards around. On glancing toward where the Alum Chine lay there was not a vestige of the vessel, and I could not help but think of those poor men who had hardly a moment's warning that their death was so near."

"If war is anything like what we have gone through, I hope I will never see it," said Chief Engineer Winship. "It was a terrible sight, that I will remember as long as I live. I was on the deck of the Jason at the time watching the fire on the other vessel, and I can thank God that I am now here. When the explosion came there was a flash of flame that shot hundreds of feet in the air and looked to me as if it reached the sky. Then the men on the collier fell. Those who were killed were struck by pieces of steel and other debris which showered down on us from the wrecked steamer. When the fire was first noticed on the Alum Chine we felt that something was

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WORLD'S NEWS IN BRIEF

BALTIMORE CITY.

Fair followed by increasing cloudiness tonight or tomorrow; rising temperature.

Maryland friends of W. J. Bryan, President Wilson's secretary of state, declare that they will not support W. L. Marbury for United States senator, and have so informed him and President Wilson. If necessary they will put the machinery of the Maryland Democratic Association into operation to defeat him in the primaries.

D. L. Dalton, past worthy president of the Fraternal Order of Eagles of Cincinnati Aerie, is here to engage quarters for 300 visitors from the Western city to the Eagles' convention to be held in Baltimore next August.

The beautiful colonial residence of I. Thomas Carter, superintendent of Druid Ridge Cemetery, located in a grove in the cemetery, was destroyed by fire caused by a defective flue.

Headquarters Detective Kahler is looking for a man who is alleged to have forged the name of Ober L. Stewart, of 102 Belvidere avenue, to a check and secured $100.

It was announced in building circles that the magnificent Homewood Apartments, on Charles Street avenue, at the Parkway, will be further extended.

Dr. John Roach Straton, pastor of Seventh Baptist Church, will give a current topic talk tomorrow night on Lessons of the Inauguration.

Frank A. White, chief of the State Bureau of Statistics and Information, may take a hand in the matter of settling the garment-workers' strike.

Pastor Russell, who has just completed a tour of the West Indies, will deliver a free lecture tomorrow night in the New Academy of Music.

United States Senator E. C. Burleigh, of Maine, who was ill in the Hotel Emerson Sunday last, left Baltimore for his home.

Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin H. Brewster, Jr., gave a turkey trot party at Scrooby, their home in the Green Spring Valley.

Four hundred graduates of the Western High School will attend the banquet of the alumnae at the Belvedere tonight.

Alice Carpenter, organist, will give a free organ recital tomorrow afternoon at the ePabody Conservatory of Music.

Barney Bernard, the comedian with Gertrude Hoffmann, had a severe attack of ptomaine poisoning.

State Senator Blair Lee declares that he "stands with the Democratic national administration."

DISASTER IN HARBOR.

Following a crusade conducted against the practice, no dynamite for export was allowed to be towed within the city and it was contended that if such an explosion had happened in the harbor many more lives would have been lost and considerable property destroyed.

About 50 men were killed and 100 injured by an explosion of hundreds of tons of dynamite which had been placed aboard the British tramp steamer Alum Chine in the Patapsco, between Fort Carroll and Wagner's Point.

The Alum Chine was blown to atoms, the tug Atlantic, of the Atlantic Transport Company, was sunk, the giant collier Jason was wrecked and the barge carrying cars containing the dynamite was blown asunder.

Between Washington and Philadelphia the explosion was felt, people in cities and towns believing until they learned better that there had been an earthquake.

Buildings at Wagner's Point, Hawkins Point, Sparrows Point, Lower Canton, Fort Howard and Quarantine Station were shaken and many windows broken.

Police and other ambulances carried the injured to St. Joseph's, Johns Hopkins and the Mercy Hospital.

A tidal wave followed the explosion, loosening boats from their moorings and causing other damage.

No blame has been attached for the disaster, but an investigation will be conducted.

Heartrending scenes followed the identification of the dead at the City Morgue.

Three tugs brought the injured and some of the dead to Brown's Wharf.

There was a veritable panic among the persons living along the river.

Of those injured the death of quite a number is expected.

The tug Jerome rescued 20 persons.

WASHINGTON.

The Democratic caucus elected Senator James B. Clarke, of Arkansas, president pro tem. over Senator A. O. Bacon, of Georgia.

Charles F. Murphy, the Tammany Hall leader, with a party of friends from New York, called at the White House.

Seventy Indians, representing all the tribes, paid their respects to Secretary Lane, of the Interior Department.

President Wilson has decided to recommend that the extra session be devoted entirely to tariff legislation.

President Wilson nominated Daniel C. Roper, of South Carolina, for first assistant postmaster general.

Rear Admiral Albert B. Willits, U. S. N., was placed on the retired list of the Navy on account of age.

Arguments were made in the Superior Court in the Corn Trust case.

The battleship Delaware won first position in elementary practice.

THE COUNTRY AT LARGE.

Mrs. Lucy Drexel Dahlgren was granted a decree of divorce in New York from her husband, Eric B. Dahlgren, yachtsman and son of Rear Admiral John A. Dahlgren, a Civil War commander and inventor of the Dahlgren gun.

Governor Sulzer has decided not to interfere with the death sentence imposed upon Happy Jack Mulrany, of New York, who is to be electrocuted at Sing Sing during the week of March 17.

Chief of Police Kohler, of Cleveland, pleaded not guilty to the charge of gross immorality, upon which he will be tried next Monday.

Benjamin Kahn was found guilty of arson by a jury at South Bend, Ind.

FOREIGN.

General Louis D'Esperoy, commanding of the French columns in Morocco, was ordered under 30 days' arrest for abandoning a number of wounded French soldiers.

Miss "Joyce Locke," a militant suffragette, was sentenced in London to 18 months imprisonment for setting fire to a pavilion in the botanical gardens.

The danger of a general strike on the English railroads has been averted, the Midland Railroad having surrendered to the unions.

President Gomez signed the Amnesty Bill in spite of the energetic protest to the Cuban government by the United States.

The Hungarian Parliament adopted a suffrage reform bill, by which a large number of women were enfranchised.

The Servian government negotiated a loan of $6,000,000 at 7½ per cent. with a group of Swiss banking officers.

Subscriptions to the new German loans aggregating $137,500,000 were unprecedently disappointing.

The Greeks have 78,450 Turkish prisoners, including the troops who surrendered at Janina.

Fifty mutinous Arab soldiers belonging to Turkish regiments were shot as an example to others.

Both houses of the British Parliament were prorogued for a short recess.

SPORTS.

Winners on the Juarez track were Ben Wilson, Safranos, Mandadero, Truly, Daddy Gip and Orbed Lad.

Winners on the Charleston track were Tony W., Theresa Gill, Sylvestriz, Caliph, Jessupburn and Semiquiver.

FINANCIAL.

Prices on the New York stock market moved downward.

GRAIN MARKET.

On the local market No. 2 red spot wheat closed at 106. Spot corn closed at 64⅝.

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