BRINGING TO SHORE BODIES OF MEN HURLED TO DEATH

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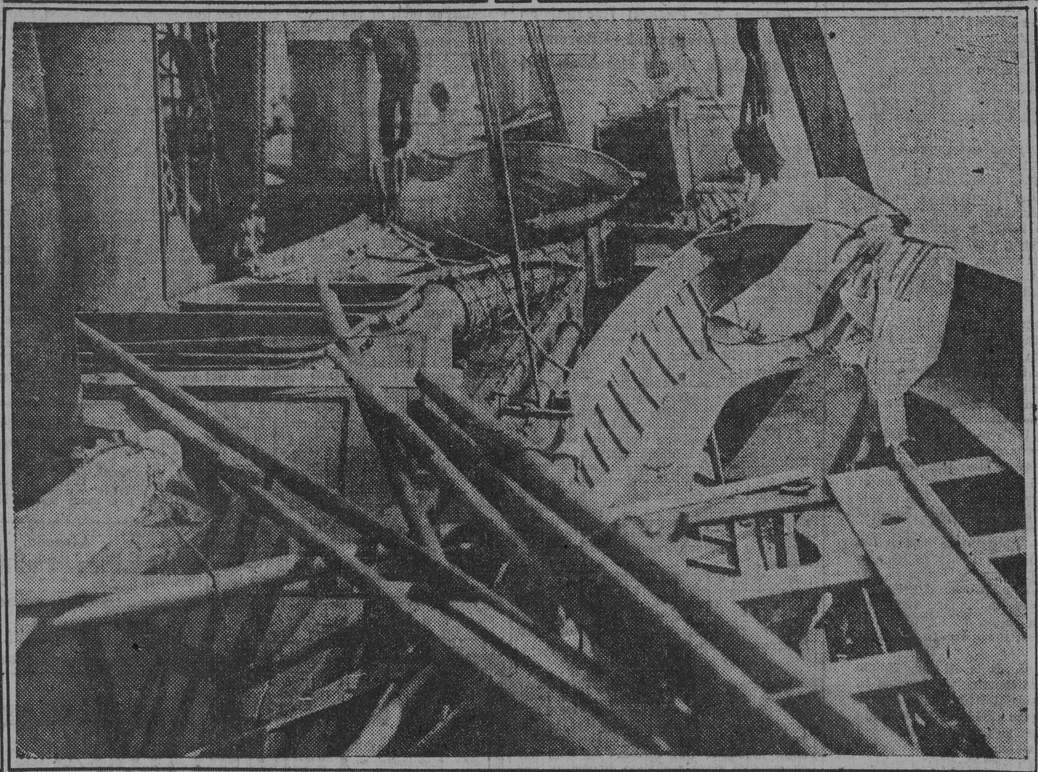

WRECKAGE ON THE STARBOARD SIDE OF THE COLLIER JASON, SHOWING THE DEMOLISHED LIFEBOAT, THE LIFE-FLOAT AND VENTILATOR.

WRECKED DINING-ROOM, IN WHICH TWO OF THE CREW OF THE JASON WERE KILLED. THE HOLE TORN IN THE PARTITION ON LEFT WAS DONE BY THE GLASS THAT WAS BLOWN OUT OF A PORT HOLE ON THE PORT SIDE OF THE VESSEL.

JOLTS PART OF THE STATE

Maryland Feels the Great Explosion

LIKE AN EARTHQUAKE

Wide Stretch of Territory in a Tremble.

ALARM ON EASTERN SHORE

One House at Claiborne Demolished—Consternation in the High School at Salisbury—Plate-glass Windows in Stores at Chestertown and Havre de Grace Shattered—Furniture Overturned in Houses at Betterton—Walls of Buildings Cracked and Plastering Knocked to the Floors.

The terrific explosion at Sparrows Point was felt throughout most of the Eastern Shore of Maryland and in Harford, Anne Arundel and other counties on the Western Shore, and in Delaware and parts of Pennsylvania and New Jersey. The concussion was so violent in some sections as to cause alarm among the people, many thinking it was an earthquake. One house at Claiborne was demolished, and there was consternation in the Wicomico County High School at Salisbury.

People throughout Kent county believed at first it was an earthquake. Large plate-glass windows in stores at Chestertown were shattered, cattle and horses were panic stricken, walls of buildings were cracked and plastering fell to the floors. Furniture in some of the houses at Betterton was overturned.

At Havre de Grace canned goods fell from shelves in grocery stores and a plate-glass window in a drugstore was broken.

The vibration was felt throughout Harford county, even by passengers on the Baltimore and Ohio, Pennsylvania and Maryland and Pennsylvania Railroad trains passing at the time through that county.

So severe was the shock that Annapolis was much concerned, people at the Naval Academy fearing some government vessel had been blown up. The Colonial Theater swayed. Buildings in various parts of the city were shaken. Business men ran from their stores, and people assembled in the streets to learn what had happened.

Windows at Love Point were smashed.

Court officials at Elkton hurriedly left the Courthouse, fearing the building was falling down.

G. E. Nolan, who resides at the hotel at Tolchester Beach, said: "The shock here was such that I thought every pane of glass in the windows would be blown in." Tolchester Beach is about seventeen miles from the scene of the explosion, but the high northwest wind easily carried its reverberations across the wide expanse.

Captain Ellason said: "I feel quite confident that thousands of fish were killed outright by the force of the explosion. If such is the case, the fish will rise to the surface."

PANIC IN A SCHOOL

Children Rush from Building When Windows Break.

Special Dispatch to The American.

Aberdeen, Md., March 7.—The shock from the explosion at Sparrows Point caused a panic in the Aberdeen High School. Several windows were smashed, the building swayed, some cracks in the walls expanded and the furnace in the basement was slightly moved. One young woman fainted and then the children, badly frightened, ran from the building and stood outside crying.

Pictures were shaken from the walls in the store of Ambrose Armstrong, ornaments were sent flying from pieces of furniture in the home of Alfred H. Walls and furniture in the bakery of Adam Barnett was jostled about. The people in the bakery were frightened and ran into the street.

Samuel Sutton's house, on Bush River Neck, was badly shaken.

George E. Wright's home, at Stepney, shook so violently that the people in it thought it would fall to pieces.

BRINGING THE BODIES ASHORE AT BROWN'S WHARF.

Concern at Annapolis.

Special Dispatch to The American.

Annapolis, Md., March 7.—The explosion was distinctly felt and heard in Annapolis and caused general alarm, as it was thought something had been blown up near Annapolis. There was much anxiety, as it was feared that persons in the vicinity might have met with accident, and there were many inquiries until news was received by way of Baltimore. Windows rattled and buildings shook, but no damage was done.

PASSENGERS ALARMED

Vibration Extends to Trains Running Through Maryland.

Special Dispatch to The American.

Belair, Md., March 7.—The shock following the terrific explosion at Sparrows Point was felt here shortly before 11 o'clock. For a short while the concussion created excitement, and people ran from their homes and merchants from their stores in their effort to ascertain the cause of such an unusual shock.

Many believed it was an earthquake, and were prepared to leave their homes at once. Houses shook, windows rattled and even pictures on the walls swayed to and fro. Passengers on the trains of the Maryland and Pennsylvania, Baltimore and Ohio and the Pennsylvania Railroads, which were passing through Harford at the time, also felt the tremendous vibration. Reports came in during the afternoon to the effect that the jar was felt as far north as the Pennsylvania line.

FELT AT SALISBURY

Caused Consternation in Wicomico High School.

Special Dispatch to The American.

Salisbury, Md., March 7.—The shock of the dynamite explosion at Sparrows Point today was felt in all parts of the city. The doors and windows were shaken and consternation was caused for a short while in the Wicomico High School, where the shock was the greatest. It was rumored that duPont's powder factory in Wilmington had blown up and killed a thousand persons.

A house was demolished at Claiborne.

INTERRUPTS COURT

Shock Causes Suspension of Business at Elkton.

Special Dispatch to The American.

Elkton, Md., March 7.—Residents of Cecil county were startled, and many horses so badly frightened that they ran off this morning as a result of the shock from the big explosion. Every building in this county was shaken, and windows in many instances broken. People ran out of their homes and business places, for it was generally believed that an earthquake had occurred. Telephone calls came to Elkton Exchange from all parts of the county.

The shock caused a suspension of business in the Circuit Court here for a few minutes. Consternation reigned in the negro section of Elkton. Many colored people prayed in public, as they believed the world was coming to an end.

Praying in the Streets.

Special Dispatch to The American.

Port Deposit, Md., March 7.—Port Deposit was startled by the explosion. Colored people ran into the streets and began to pray. The roar was terrific. Up the Susquehanna Valley homes were deserted, industries abandoned and schools terrified. The actual damage was slight, but the terror was great.

Shock in New Jersey.

Special Dispatch to The American.

Bridgeton, N. J., March 7.—Many buildings were shaken by the dynamite explosion near Baltimore this morning. Persons who felt the shock believed that the explosion could not have been more than a few miles away.

BALTIMORE MAN PROMOTED

Robert M. Reese Secretary to Secretary of Agriculture.

Washington, March 7.—Secretary of Agriculture Houston today appointed as his private secretary Robert M. Reese, who served in the office of former Secretary Wilson during practically the entire 16 years of the latter's cabinet tenure. Mr. Reese, a native of Baltimore, entered the office more than 15 years ago as stenographer, later became executive clerk and then private secretary.

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SPARROWS POINT ROCKED BY BLAST

Residents Believed Earthquake Had Occurred.

THREE PERSONS INJURED

MANY PERSONS, HOWEVER, HAVE NARROW ESCAPES.

Schoolchildren at Recess When the Shock Came and Many Ran Crying and Panic-stricken to Their Homes.—Reverberation Crashed Glass in Many Windows, While a Number of Doors Were Torn from Hinges—Men Working Over Pits Filled With Molten Steel Nearly Thrown Into the Mass.

The rapidity with which the news of the disaster spread resulted in hundreds of telegrams pouring in on the officials of the Maryland Steel Company offering assistance and extending sympathy, as the general opinion in the neighboring counties and in other states was that Sparrows Point had been wrecked.

True, there was hardly a house or a building that escaped without several broken window panes, while in several houses doors were torn from their hinges. Despite this there were only three persons reported injured, and none of these was hurt seriously.

They were:

GEORGE JOHNSON, employed in the ship shipyard; rib fractured when piece of iron was blown against his side.

JOHN KENNEDY, also employed in the shipyard; bruises and lacerations when door was blown in on him.

MRS. J. H. FARNARY, D street; nose cut by flying glass.

It was hardly two hours after the explosion that John Shanahan, secretary to President Wood, received a telegram from Superintendent Gibbons, of the United States Naval Academy, at Annapolis, extending sympathy to the company and the residents of the town and offering any assistance that the Naval Academy could furnish. Commander Gibbons' telegram stated that the report reached Annapolis that Sparrows Point was demolished and many killed.

A similar telegram was received from the officials of the Pennsylvania Railroad and from other large corporations in and about Baltimore.

To all of them Secretary Shanahan replied with an expression of appreciation of the offer and said that no one had been killed at Sparrows Point and no serious damage to property done.

THOUGHTS OF EARTHQUAKE.

At the Sparrows Point Schoolhouse at the time of the explosion the children were in the yard enjoying recess. One of the older pupils had just come to the front door about to ring the bell calling the children into the building. She had raised it above her head when the explosion was heard. It was deafening as it reverberated over the water. Then came the crashing of glass. The majority of the younger children and many of the older ones became frightened and ran from the yard crying. Their panic was made worse by the crashing in of practically every pane of glass in the schoolhouse windows. Principal Joseph Blair tried to quiet the pupils, although he states he at that time feared the worst, and visions of an earthquake flashed through his mind. Everybody who was not running was standing very still on the streets listening for that which they feared most—another and more disastrous shock.

For nearly five minutes everybody in the town was listening attentively and expecting another crash. None coming, they then ran to the waterfront. Those who work in the marine department and who knew of the shipload of dynamite off Hawkins Point realized what had happened and the news spread. The waterfront was crowded, everyone waiting for the dense smoke to clear away so that a better view of the scene of the catastrophe could be obtained.

Principal Blair had about this time given up hope of getting all of the frightened children back to the school. Many han run to their homes, crying, and without their hats and wraps. The majority were gotten in the building, but as all were looking out the glassless window frames, little real study was done.

Within half an hour after the explosion the officials of the steel company got busy and the real estate department was notified. This department made a call to all citizens to make an inventory of the damage done to their dwellings and report it to the office this morning.

These reports were not waited for, however, but carpenters and glaziers were called from Baltimore, and by 5 o'clock in the afternoon fully a score of these workmen were busy about the town.

A canvass along the principal streets showed that not one out of 20 houses in the town escaped without at least one pane of glass broken, while in many homes windows were shattered and doors torn down.

Nearer to the waterfront, of course, the damage was heaviest. The office building of the marine department of the company is near the water, and practically every pane of glass in this building was broken. As the wind was blowing papers about and as it was practically impossible to heat the building, the office was closed at noon. Work will be resumed there as soon as the panes of glass and two doors which were torn from their hinges are replaced.

NEARLY FALL INTO PITS.

Those men who were working near the pits of molten steel, which are near the waterfront, at the time of the explosion were thrown forward, and George R. Wagaman, a steel workmen, narrowly escaped being thrown into the pit. Wagaman grasped a side railing and saved himself. Other workmen in the vicinity were also badly frightened, and ran as far away from the pits as possible, fearing another explosion.

Directly on the waterfront nearly a hundred workmen were busy on the building of another big steel ship. Many of these were at the top of the framework about the half-completed hull, and it was with difficulty that they kept their positions and escaped from being thrown to the ground, a distance of about 30 feet below. William G. Graner, who was on the top beam of the scaffolding, was thrown to a platform about five feet below, but he was grasped by a fellow-workman and prevented from falling further. Graner was uninjured.

Several persons had just left the dining-room of the Sparrows Point restaurant when the explosion occurred. A large plate-glass window in the front of this building was blown in, as were many smaller windows. T. W. Keys, the proprietor, was standing just inside the door on the side of the dining-room, when it was torn from its hinges by the shock. The beading of the door frame was torn off, the splinters flying about Keys' head, but he was uninjured. Had he been three feet nearer the door he would in all probability have been killed or seriously injured.

Mrs. Farnary was sitting at the front window of her home, on D street, when the shock sent the glass flying about her head. A large piece struck her on the nose, inflicting a deep cut. She went immediately to a physician's office.

Miss M. Sullivan, also of D street, was sitting at the open front second-story window of her home, eating an apple. The piece of fruit was knocked from her hand to the other side of the room. The window on the other side of the house was broken, but not the one in front of which she was seated.

There were several other incidents just as peculiar as this one—market baskets and sewing baskets and various other articles which housewives had in their hands were sent flying across rooms by the shock.

It was a badly frightened town, and it had reason to be. Afterward all gave thanks that Sparrows Point escaped so luckily.

FREAKS OF THE EXPLOSION

It Was on a Weird Rampage at Curtis Bay.

Residents of Curtis Bay fared as badly from the explosion as did their neighbors of Wagners Point. All sorts of freak pranks were played by the force of the explosion in the homes of Curtis Bay. Sewing machines were turned over and mantelpieces were cleared of their ornaments and trimmings. Only one person was injured at Curtis Bay—Mrs. Mamie Littleton, who was cut about the head and face when the dishes and glass in the kitchen windows were broken by the force of the explosion.

Mrs. Littleton was in the kitchen of her home when the report was heard. The next instant the house shook as if it would tumble down. She screamed and started for the door, but before she gained this exit the dishes from the china closet came tumbling down upon her. She fell to the floor unconscious. She was carried outside and revived. Hardly a chimney in the village withstood the force of the explosion.

All along the streets in every block windows were shattered, shutters torn from their hinges and other damage done. Most of the children were at school. Had it not been for this it is almost certain that many of them would have been drowned, as they generally play right at the water's edge, and when the tidal wave swept the waters it would have washed them overboard.

When the detonation first came every one of the children in the schoolhouse rushed outside. The school building began to sway, and it was feared that it would collapse. So excited were the children that it was decided to close the school for the day.

Shock at Havre de Grace.

Special Dispatch to The American.

Havre de Grace, Md., March 7.—Buildings rocked here, canned goods was shaken from shelves in the stores, a plate-glass window was broken at Lyon's pharmacy and windows in the Aberdeen Schoolhouse were broken. Residents thought it was an earthquake.

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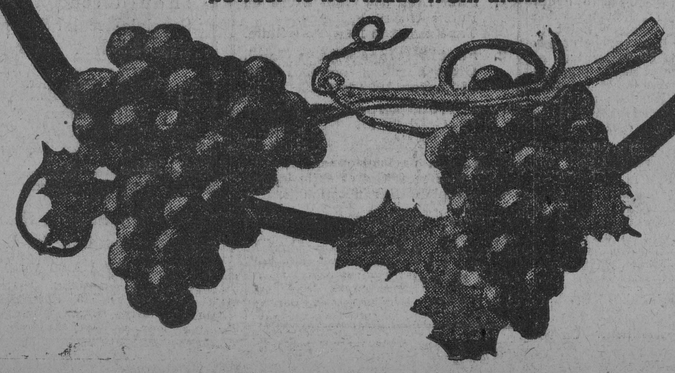

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