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FOUR KILLED IN EXPLOSION AT SHIPYARDS IN ROCKPORT

Cloud of Steam and Flying
Debris Fills Air as 20-Ton
Boiler Bursts Through the
Roof of Engine Room.

BODIES SCALDED AND
TORN FROM BLAST

Firemen Halbart and Sigler
and Mexican Helmer Hor-
ribly Crushed; Find Engi-
neer Brown Buried Beneath Bricks.

Special to The Caller.
ROCKPORT, Texas, July 29.—Four
men were instantly killed here early
today when a boiler in the shipyard
exploded, sending a cloud of steam
and debris into the air. The boiler
burst through the roof of the engine
room and exploded, sending a cloud
of steam and debris into the air. The
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The dead:
ENGINEER W. J. BROWN, former-
ly of Lockhart, Texas.
FIREMAN W. C. HALBERT, former
resident of San Antonio, Texas.
FIREMAN B. H. SIGLER, lately of
Victoria, Texas.
MARCELLO GERERO, Mexican ash
puller, of Rockport.

The explosion occurred about 7:30
o'clock this morning. Just before the
blast, the night force at the shipyard
completed their shift and before the day
crews had come on duty. Had the ex-
plosion occurred during the regular
working hours, the disaster would
probably have been appalling.

Boiler Hurling
High in Air.

The boiler, which was one of a bat-
tery of four that furnish steam for
the various needs of the shipyard, was
lifted bodily from its foundation by
the explosion and hurled through the
roof of the building, landing more
than 100 yards away from the scene
of the blast. The other boilers escap-
ed practically undamaged, except for
the loss of a few bricks in the founda-
tion and a small amount of leakage of
the pipes. They were repaired at once
and in a few hours were supplying
steam for the power house and other
purposes around the yards.

The body of Sigler was found on
top of an adjoining building more
than 75 feet away from the scene of
the explosion. He was killed by a
bullet which entered his chest and
passed through his lungs, striking the
heart and causing instant death.

Halbart was killed against a re-
taining wall, and Sigler was killed
in the engine room, where he was found
shortly after the explosion. Practically
none of his body was crushed by the
veritable force with which it was hurled
away from the scene.

Find Body of Engineer
Beneath Pile of Bricks.

The body of Brown was found only
after a search among the debris had
continued several hours. He had been com-
pletely buried beneath the bricks that
covered the floor of the boiler room
following the explosion. His body was
found by the day crew, who were
searching for the boiler when the ex-
plosion occurred.

Guero, the Mexican ash puller, was
killed by a boiler which fell on him.
He was found in a pile of bricks and
was killed by a boiler which fell on
him.

The last person killed was the en-
gineer, who was killed by a boiler
which fell on him. He was found in
a pile of bricks and was killed by a
boiler which fell on him.

The cause of the explosion is a
complete mystery to officials of the
shipyard. While several theories are
advanced as to its origin, none of them
seems to furnish a satisfactory ex-
planation. The fact that the boiler was
slightly damaged and only showed a
slight bulge in the forward end, has
been successful in indicating an in-
ternal explosion.

When Sigler Engineer A. Stettin
went off duty he reported the boiler
as ready to be fired after having
made some minor repairs to the grate
during the night while it was not in
use.

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TEXAS, WEDNESDAY, JULY 30, 1919.

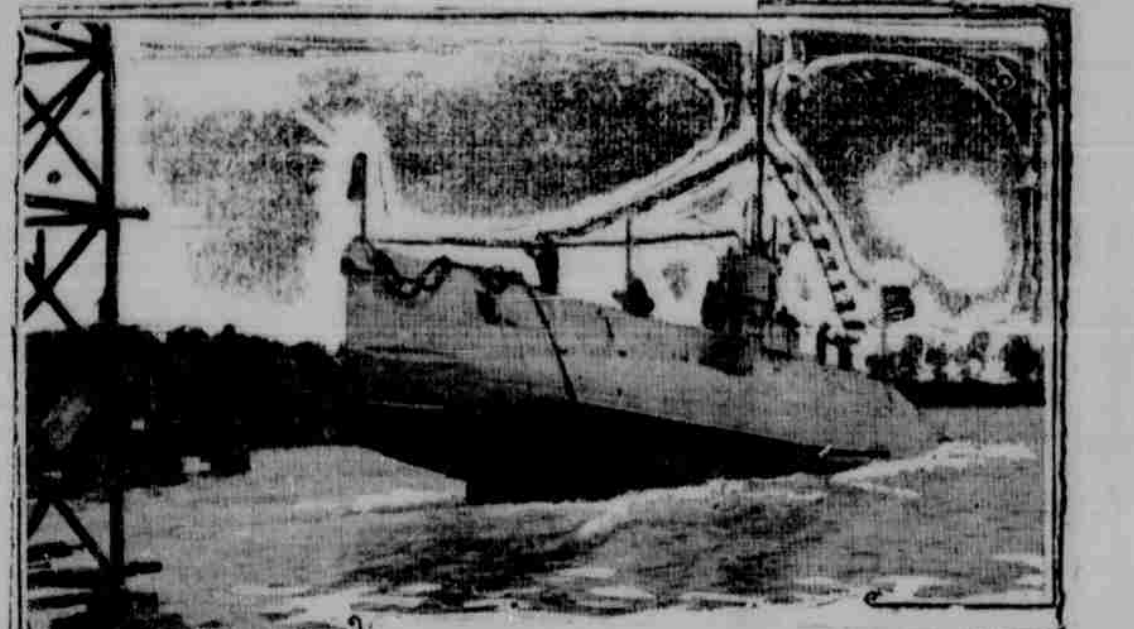
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PRESIDENT SENDS FRANCO-AMERICAN PACT TO SENATE

Wilson in Message Urging Ratification of Compact De-
clares Promise "Temporary Supplement" to Treaty
With Germany Designed to Protect France.

By The Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, July 29.—The special treaty with France,
promising immediate American aid to that republic in repelling an
unprovoked attack by Germany was sent to the senate today by Presi-
dent Wilson. In his message urging ratification the president de-
clared the promise a "temporary supplement" to the treaty with
Germany and the League of Nations covenant, designed to give
France protection in an emergency, "without awaiting the advice of
the league to act." He pointed out that a similar promise had been
made by Great Britain and said that by the obligation the United
States but partially discharged a debt to France which "nothing can
pay."

The senate received the message which was delivered by mes-
senger in open session and referred the treaty, without discussion,
to the foreign relations committee.

To be Considered Jointly
With Versailles Pact.

It is likely that the treaty will be
taken up by the committee within a few
days and considered jointly with the
Versailles treaty. Before this is done,
however, the committee will hear mes-
sages of the senate which advised the
American people of the situation.

The senate spent much of the day
discussing the League of Nations. Sen-
ator Thomas, Democrat of Colorado, in an
address expressing doubt as to the ef-
fectiveness of the league in protecting
national security, told his colleagues he
had not decided whether he would
support it.

Senator Clegg, Democrat of Louisiana,
urged the ratification of the league, con-
sidering it a necessary condition for
peace and stability. He said that while
he was not sure it would be enough to
prevent another war, it was a necessary
condition for peace.

Invited to White House.
During the day Senator Hatchcock,
Republican of Kentucky, visited the
White House and was invited to the
White House by President Wilson. He
was accompanied by his wife and two
children. The president and Mrs. Wilson
were very friendly to the senator and
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PRISON CAMPS IN FRANCE DESCRIBED AS CHAMBERS OF TORTURE BY WITNESSES

CASUALTIES IN CHICAGO RACE WAR SWELLED IN FRESH CLASHES

Death List Now Totals 27
and May be Increased by
Unaccounted Scores of
Wounded in "Black Belt"
Disturbances.

STATE TROOPS AWAIT
RIOT CALL SUMMONS

Two White Men Killed
When Automobile Loaded
With Pistol Wielding
Whites Collides With Pa-
trol Wagon.

By The Associated Press.
CHICAGO, July 29.—Despite fresh
outbursts tonight in the Chicago race
war, city officials at midnight pro-
fessed themselves satisfied with what
the police were doing and reported that
no more state troops would be needed.
At that hour the death list totaled
27, two negroes and two whites having
been killed during the evening and an-
other negro having died of wounds re-
ceived Monday. The injured had not
been counted by unaccounted scores and
several of the wounded may not sur-
vive. Disturbances were reported from
the south side "black belt," an Italian
district on the West side, and from the
near North side.

Throughout the day and evening
Governor Lowden was in conference
with city officials, state officers and
heads of state militia units. He also
asked for advice from Colonel Milton
Foreman, Adj. Gen. Henry Allen
Henderson, and John A. Clunk, who
commanded Illinois regiments in
France. In addition, Colonel Joseph H.
Stanley, who led the old "Black Belt"
regiment, was reported to Chicago from
St. Louis. Several hundred
troops, chairman of the State Council
of Defense, and Major William, dem-
ocratic leader, also were in conference.

The governor let it be known that
four regiments of state troops were
ready for duty at a moment's notice,
and that they would be sent into the
city if the situation became serious.
A state militia unit was sent from
the upper municipal authorities.

Two Whites Killed
in Collision.

The first pitched battle of the night
occurred at 4th and South streets,
where a mob of whites, armed with
pistols and clubs, attacked a small
automobile filled with whites, such
armed with a pistol, and all firing
disparately at the mob, resulted in
the death of two whites and the in-
jury of several others.

Two of the whites were killed in the
bulletin. Two others and several police-
men in the patrol wagon were hurt.
Immediately afterward a mob of
blacks and white men gathered in
the street and attempted to burn the
patrol wagon.

The police could not push the enraged
mob away, and instead they were
being pelted with stones and bricks.
The mob was finally dispersed by
the use of tear gas.

Where these outbreaks occurred the
negroes maintained a complete
silence. They did not speak to the
police, and they did not speak to the
whites.

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Austria Granted Additional Time to Digest Treaty

By The Associated Press.
PARIS, July 29.—Austria has
been granted several additional days
for consideration of the peace treaty.
August 8 will be the final day on
which the Austrian representatives
must submit their reply. This was
decided upon by the supreme coun-
cil today.

The council also decided to re-
sume Von Hoffmann-Hollweger's re-
quest to stand trial for the former
emperor.

A commission of experts will be
named to appraise the value of the
relinquished territory of the former
Austrian empire. The committee
consists of the German, Austro-
Hungarian, and Italian representa-
tives, which is now virtually com-
plete, excepting the Italian repre-
sentative, were approved.

The council approved the report
of the special postal commission
which authorized all the allied
countries to resume postal and
wire communication with Germany
under such restrictions as the in-
dividual countries regard neces-
sary.

FLEET REVIEW POSTPONED FOR WILSON'S TOUR

President Not to Launch a
Speech-Making Trip
Until August 15.

By The Associated Press.
WASHINGTON, July 29.—President
Wilson will not leave on his speech-
making tour of the country before
August 15, and possibly not until later.
This was indicated tonight by the
announcement of Secretary Dan-
iels that the review of the newly-
arrived Pacific fleet at San Francisco,
originally set for August 15, had been
postponed to a date after the president
might be present.

It was announced today at the
White House that Mr. Wilson would
complete his conference with republi-
can leaders tomorrow. As there re-
main 23 republican senators whom the
president has not visited in the White
House, he is believed to be engaged
with "house" matters until after the
middle of the month.

The change in the date for the fleet
review at San Francisco, Secretary
Daniels said, was made to enable the
president to be present at the review
of the fleet at San Diego, August 7, and at
San Francisco, August 15. The fleet, he
said, would be held at San Francisco
until the arrival of the president.

The president saw Senators Swan-
wick, Virginia, and Underwood, Ala-
bama, and Mr. Alexander, Illinois,
today and after presiding at the weekly
cabinet meeting.

Hipolito Villa
Reported to be
Losing His Mind

By The Associated Press.
SAN ANTONIO, Texas, July 29.—Hipolito
Villa, brother of Francisco Villa, who
is fighting in the north of the Mexi-
can border, is reported to be in a
serious condition. His report received
at military headquarters here stated
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MEN CHAINED TO WALLS, BEATEN BY SERGEANTS TILL SENSELESS

Responsibility for Crimes
Against Soldiers Placed
on High Army Officers in
Testimony Before Con-
gressional Committee.

MANY HIGHER UPS
NAMED IN HEARING

Rep. Johnson, Chairman of
Probers, Announces Every
Effort Will be Made to
Compel Guilty Officers to
Answer for Brutalities.

By The Associated Press.
NEW YORK, July 29.—Sources of in-
formation of brutal treatment of Ameri-
can soldiers in prison camps in
France, described in some cases as
amounting to a system of torture, re-
sponsibility for which was placed by
the witnesses on high army officers,
were related today before the con-
gressional subcommittee which is in-
vestigating the disciplinary system of
the American expeditionary forces.

The committee, consisting of Rep-
resentative Royall C. Johnson of South
Dakota, and Representative Oscar E.
Henderson of Indiana, met in the dis-
cussory barracks on Governors island.
The third member, Representative
Hiram W. Johnson of Virginia, was not present.

The men "hauled up" who were di-
rectly charged by witnesses with re-
sponsibility for the prison conditions,
included Brigadier General W. W.
Harte, former commander of the
American troops in the Paris district.
Major General Frederick Smith Strong
of the 4th Division, Colonel Edgar
Grinstead, commander of the 15th
Infantry, and Colonel J. B. Maud of the
Field Artillery.

Petty Officers Made
Scapgoats for Higher-Ups.

A number of captains and lieuten-
ants also were named as having taken
an actual part in the brutal treatment
of the prisoners.

At the close of the hearing, Repre-
sentative Johnson, who is chairman of
the subcommittee, announced that all
cases in which charges were made
would be placed before the inspector
general of the American army and ex-
posed to the public.

"From the evidence before the com-
mittee," said Mr. Johnson, "it seems
clear to us that while sergeants and
lieutenants were punished, they were
nevertheless the scapgoats of higher offi-
cers. We want to discover who were
the men higher up, and we will do
everything in our power to see that
they are brought to trial."

The principal witness at the hearing
today was Colonel T. G. Donaldson,
of the inspector general's department,
who made an official investigation of
the prison conditions after the first charges
of brutality were made public. Under
close questioning by Representative
Henderson and the obvious reluctance
of Colonel Donaldson, admitted that re-
sponsibility for the conditions in the
Paris prisons must be laid to General
Harte. He was then questioned sharply
as to the reasons why General Harte
should have been in charge of three
divisions, and never been brought to
trial, although Colonel Donaldson in
his report had recommended his court-
martial for insubordination.

"Is it possible," asked Mr. Harte,
"that high officers took the position
that they would not convict a man of
the rank of colonel?"

"Oh, no,"

"And that they had a good guest in
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THE WEATHER

Wednesday, fair; highest tem-
perature Wednesday, 80 to 90 degrees;
light to gentle winds, mostly east-
erly to southerly.

For Texas coast at Galveston:
Wed., Wednesday, fair; light to
gentle winds, mostly easterly to
southerly. Louisiana, East and West Texas,
Wednesday and Thursday, partly
cloudy.

Arkansas: Wednesday, a d
Thursday, partly cloudy; warmer
in northern portion Wednesday.
Mississippi: Wednesday, generally
fair; Thursday, partly cloudy;
not much change in temperature.

A LINE O' CHEER
EACH DAY O' THE YEAR.
By John Kendrick Bings.

THE SPEECH DIVINE

A little son of France, scarce three
years old,
With blue eyes, and locks of fine
open gold,
Sprang to my arms, and in my fond
embrace
Smiled like some fairy child of elfin
face.

I could not speak his language, nor
he mine.
And yet we understood the speech
of love.
That heart speaks unto heart, and
all that day
In comprehending friendship went
our way.

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