

**EXPLOSION IN WALL STREET**  
Results in Loss of Life and Heavy Property Damage—A Mystery.

New York, Sept. 16.—A mysterious explosion, disastrous in its effect, occurred at noon today in Wall street, killing more than a score of persons and injuring hundreds.

Office workers were just hurrying into the street for their noon-day meal when a jet of black smoke and flame arose from the center of the world's great street of finance. Then came a blast. A moment later scores of men, women and children were lying, blood-covered, on the pavements.

Two minutes later all the exchanges had closed. Men had turned from barter to an array of mercy—and there was need of it.

While the police toiled for hours seeking the dead and injured, there were trained investigators trying in vain to determine definitely whether the explosion had occurred from a bomb dropped in front of the office of J. P. Morgan & Co. or whether an automobile, dashing into a wagon loaded with explosives, had taken its toll.

Frank Francisco, one of the most able investigators of the Department of Justice, declared, after arriving on the scene, that in his opinion it was not a bomb plot, but that a collision had been responsible for the blast which rocked the skyscrapers, tore the fronts from office buildings for blocks around and scattered hundreds of deadly missiles in all directions.

The damage to the Morgan building alone is estimated at \$500,000. Minor damage to hundreds of other buildings, it is expected, would total at least \$500,000 more.

As far as it could be learned two hours after the explosion, the disaster did not take the lives of any prominent financiers.

Although the front and sides of the Morgan banking house were demolished, no member of the firm was seriously hurt.

J. P. Morgan himself is in Europe, but at the time of the blast, Thomas W. Lamont, Elliott C. Bacon, Dwight C. Morrow and George Whitney, all directors of the company, were in consultation.

Police Commissioner Enright said, after conferring with members of the firm, that he had learned that Mr. Bacon was slightly injured, and also Junius S. Morgan, another official of the company. Several of the employees were injured and one was killed.

Mr. Enright quoted firm members as stating that the blast assuredly came from the street and not from within the building.

The spectacular explosion ripped windows from the sub-treasury, situated across the street from the Morgan building, and within a short time soldiers from Governor's island, and all the police reserves that could be assembled, were placed around the government building, in which was stored more than a billion dollars in metal and notes. Banking houses also were placed under heavy guard, and United States soldiers, with fixed bayonets, were patrolling the streets.

The explosion came at a time when the canyons of lower New York were thronged with bustling office workers intent only on crowding their way into lunch rooms near by.

**Blast Seen by Reporter.**  
A reporter for the Associated Press, making his way down Wall street from Broadway, saw suddenly go up in front of him a cone of flame and smoke. It came from the very center of Wall and Broad streets, between the Morgan building and the sub-treasury. It mounted so high that the awnings on the fifth floors of many sky-scrappers were burned to cinders.

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Then there was a roar that was heard far up Manhattan Island, and hundreds of persons were hurled to the pavements. Cries arose, and on Wall street, paved with broken glass, there gushed forth streams of blood—a more fit scene for a battlefield than for America's financial center.

One man was seen to sit up, brush his hand over his eyes, and then topple over dead into the gutter. Near him were found the bodies of three women, and further on more bodies lying side by side with the carcasses of horses.

Hardly had the roar of the explosion ended when a rush for the financial district was made from all parts of the city. Thousands came, moved only by curiosity, but there were others inspired by other motives—physicians and nurses bent on missions of mercy, and police, secret service men and soldiers ordered to protect property and run down bomb plotters, if bomb plotters were there.

**Some of the Theories.**  
The first thing that occupied the attention of the investigators was the wreck of a truck and automobile at the spot from where the blast was believed to have come. From the wreckage were taken a New Jersey automobile license, whose number corresponded to that issued to Dunham Beedon, a Newark pharmacist, who was reported this morning to have gone to Wall street on business. Beedon later was found safe in an accountant's office at 52 Wall street. He said he had parked his car, which contained no explosives, in front of the building and behind another machine. Beedon added that he knew no more of the explosion.

Federal investigators, soon to be headed by Wm. J. Flynn, chief of the Department of Justice bureau of investigation, summoned from Washington, centered their attention on these wrecks. Some advanced the theory that the automobile had collided with a powder wagon, and the Dupont company was asked immediately to find out whether any of its vehicles had been in the vicinity at the time. This was done after construction men had expressed the belief that the truck was of the type used in delivering explosives.

Other investigators sought to run down reports that a bomb had been exploded in front of the Morgan building.

**Evidence of Plot.**  
Assistant District Attorney Tally, after visiting the scene, announced his belief that the explosion could not have been due to an accident. He announced also that his staff would question all witnesses of the explosion. He said that one thing that led him to the conspiracy theory was the time of the explosion. This was fixed by a clock in the sub-treasury, which stopped at 12.01.

"The factors that lead me to this belief," said Mr. Tally, "are that the time of the explosion was at 12.01 p. m., when probably the greatest damage could have been done and the location of the explosion was midway between the Morgan offices and the new United States treasury building."

Working on the conspiracy theory the police picked up all remnants of the wrecked automobile and wagon, even going so far as to remove the shoes from a dead horse to establish the identity of the vehicles and their owners.

Detectives also picked up near the scene pieces of cast iron window weights, smoldering of powder. There were dozens of these, and the theory was advanced that they might have formed part of an infernal machine. All pieces of clothing, including all shreds of cloth and battered hats, were collected by the police.

**Six Die of Injuries.**  
The financial district was roped off and placed under heavy guard while the work of identifying victims was under way. Some bodies were so mutilated that hope of identification virtually has been abandoned. At the Broad Street Hospital alone 150 to 200 persons were admitted, and one intern stated that six of those had died from injuries. So crowded was the hospital that the injured were laid on floors and in hallways.

When the work of compiling a casualty list was begun it was found that Wm. Joyce was the man killed in the Morgan banking house. He was a clerk in the securities department. His father, P. W. Joyce, who has charge of the gold shipments for the Morgan firm, was badly injured in the head.

At 2.30 o'clock, two and a half hours after the explosion, the streets outside the police lines were black with people, while virtually every window was filled with on-lookers. Bits of jagged glass continued to fall from the windows, injuring people in the streets, though not seriously. There were 500 policemen in the district in addition to the three companies of United States infantrymen.

When the hospital began to overflow, President Silkworth, of the

Consolidated Stock Exchange, offered the use of the building for emergency purposes.

Damage of \$2,500,000.  
Although it was impossible this afternoon to estimate the property damage accurately, it was believed that the damage to buildings in the vicinity of the blast, chiefly in the form of broken plate glass, would reach \$2,500,000.

The big bronze window fittings of the new United States assay building, next to the sub-treasury, and across the street from the Morgan building, were in many places wrenched from their positions and stood a tangled, dangling mass of metal. Likewise, the heavy bronze office fittings in the Morgan bond department were warped and indented as if by machine gun fire.

Workmen this afternoon were endeavoring to repair the stock exchange, and it was said that the board of governors hoped to open the exchange in the morning.

At 3 o'clock the police were covering with sawdust large pools of blood in the street.

**Hole Found in Street.**

In cleaning up the debris detectives found in the street, close to the sidewalk in front of the entrance to the new sub-treasury building, a hole about ten inches deep and three in diameter. The theory was advanced that this hole might have marked the exact location where the explosion occurred. The position of the dead horse was about twelve feet from this hole.

**12 Dead at 4.30 O'clock.**  
At 4.30 o'clock twelve bodies had been taken to the morgue. Unofficial estimates place the number of seriously injured at fifty and those who sustained minor hurts at 150.

**Find Mysterious Black Box.**

The bureau of combustibles announced that it was examining a black box, about one foot square and encircled by wire, found by the police in an automobile parked at Wall street and Hanover square, about two blocks from the explosion. The owner of the car, a clerk in the National City Bank, called the attention of the police to the box, which he said he had not placed in the car, and which he was afraid to remove.

The Washington government will make a careful investigation of the explosion, according to announcement this afternoon from Washington.

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Mr. Palmer Returns to S. C.

(Spartanburg Herald.)  
General Superintendent Leon C. Palmer, of the South Carolina Sunday School Association, returned to South Carolina from New York on Thursday afternoon, having attended a conference of Sunday school leaders, of all denominations, to plan for closer co-operation between the denominations and the Interdenominational Sunday School Association.

A remarkable unanimity of sentiment characterized the gathering, according to Superintendent Palmer, and all matters brought before the committee were decided by unanimous vote. Among those present at the conference were Prof. Walter S. Athearn, of Boston University, who is chairman of the educational committee of the Interdenominational Sunday School Association, and Dr. John W. Shackford, head of the teacher-training work of the Southern Methodist church, who has been especially active in shaping the details of the proposed plan of co-operation.

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