

THE INJURED.

B. E. LADA, 136 South Elder avenue, struck on head by flying brick; may be serious.

ALBERT EMEROND, employe, leaped from second-story window; fractured kneecap.

LOUIS RIEHL, 411 South Alabama street, struck by flying glass; not serious.

ALFRED T. BRINGHURST, Logansport, patient in St. Vincent's Hospital, slightly cut by flying glass.

JAMES HALEY, city fireman, thrown from wagon on way to fire; bruises, not serious.

CHARLES HARTMAN, upholsterer, thrown from wagon on South street by force of explosion; bruised.

MRS. WILLIAM QUINLAN, 241 East South street, struck by flying debris; possibly serious.

EDWARD FOULLOIN, city fireman, struck by brick; face cut.

WILL STEINHAEUER, fireman, bruised and possibly injured internally.

OTTO HOFFMEISTER, employe, 2230 Ralston street, burned about head and hands.

JOHN VANGARDEN, employe, 2045 Winter street, burned about head and hands.

WILLIAM HUTCHINSON, employe, 2058 Hazel street, burns.

For the third time within a year the charging plant of the Prest-o-Lite Company was wrecked by a series of terrific explosions yesterday. Many persons were injured, but none fatally. St. Vincent's Hospital was damaged, the South street engine house was practically wrecked and hundreds of window panes were shattered for squares around.

The explosions yesterday were more terrific than the explosions accompanying either of the former accidents, and the new location of the plant, 211 East South street, less than a hundred feet from St. Vincent's Hospital, made yesterday's disaster by far the worst of the three that have occurred since the plant was established here.

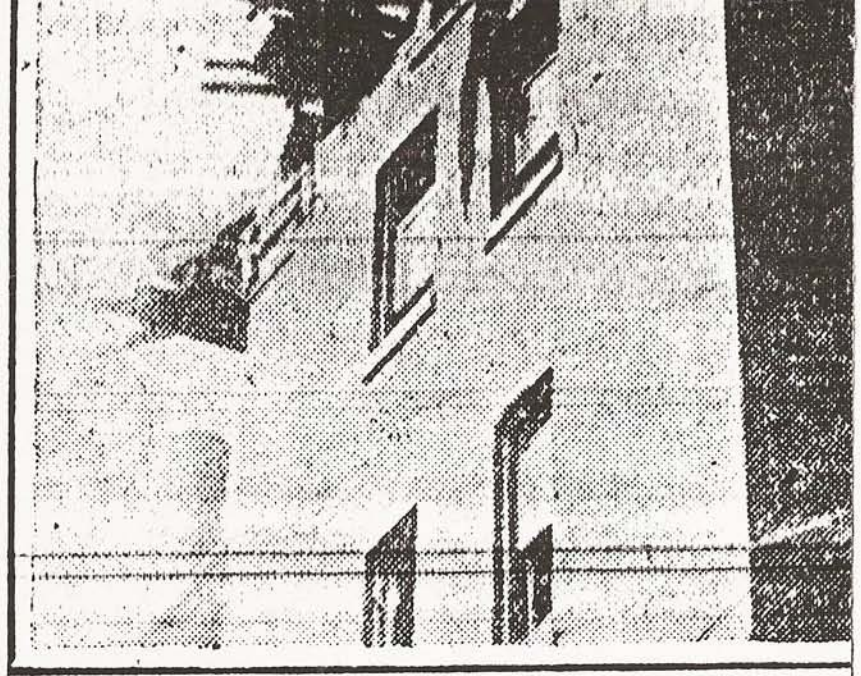
The company will not be permitted to continue to make gas and charge automobile gas tanks at this plant hereafter, and it is very probable that an ordinance will be passed in the City Council forbidding the operation of any portion of the plant within the city limits. A special meeting of the City Council has been called for Monday night for the passage of such a measure.

The injured came to grief in various ways. Lada is a paper hanger and was working in a yard next door. A piece of brick struck him on the head. He was later taken to his home.

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The origin of the fire or explosion which resulted in blowing up the big gas drums may never be known. Mr. Fisher, who was present at the time of the accident yesterday, said that he did not know the origin of the fire.

In addition to the two most terrific explosions, which were from the blowing up of the steel drums on the second floor of the plant, there were many lesser explosions, cans which were being charged with gas at the time going off in the charging room.

It was reported that a spark or the friction heat from a buffing machine had been the cause of the first explosion, but this could not be positively verified yesterday.

The first explosion at the plant of the Prest-o-Lite Company occurred Aug. 17, 1907. The plant was then situated on South East street, just south of Washington street, and many employes had narrow escapes. Several young ladies who worked on the third floor of the unfit old building at the time had very narrow escapes and three persons were injured.

The next accident took place Dec. 20, 1907, at the same location while the management of the company was preparing to move into the South street plant which was blown up yesterday. The building was badly damaged again, Elmer Jessup, an employe, was killed and three other employes were injured. Flying steel was scattered about the neighborhood at each of these explosions, but no one outside of the employ of the company was injured.

MAY BE ABANDONED.

South Street Engine House Damaged, Will Likely Be Given Up by City.

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Charles Hartman, an upholsterer who has a shop on Virginia avenue, was driving past the plant at the time of the explosions, and witnesses declared that he was blown off the seat of his wagon into the street. His horse ran away, but he was not seriously injured.

Bringham was a patient at the hospital. He was but slightly cut. Many other patients and attaches of the hospital were terribly shocked, and one employee in the kitchen, Lena Ryan, was cut.

Steinhauer weighs 230 pounds, but the force of the explosion was sufficient to lift him from a big chair in which he was sitting on the second floor of the South Street Engine House and threw him to the floor. His side and back were injured. Foullois, who is a lieutenant, was in front of the engine house with several other of the firemen and the shock of the explosion knocked the rest of the men down.

The Prest-o-Lite building suffered less than some of its neighbors. Carl G. Fisher, owner in the company, stated that the loss of the company would be slight. It was estimated that it would not exceed \$1,000. No insurance was carried.

Other Losses Heavier.

It was estimated yesterday that the loss to the hospital was \$7,000 or \$8,000 and the city's engine house was damaged to the extent of possibly \$2,000, the final estimate of the damage depending on whether the building can with repairs be used as an engine house or for other purposes.

In addition to these larger damages, houses and business buildings all around the plant were damaged. Window panes were shattered and plastering was torn from the walls. The concussion broke windows as far away as the Law Building to the north and McCarty and High streets branch of the Indianapolis Brewing Company on the south.

An idea of the force of the explosion may be had from the fact that a piece of a steel retort about four feet square and half an inch thick was hurled northward for the distance of a square over the freight houses of the Big Four Railroad, and, lighting on edge, cut a new oak railroad tie, 7x9 inches in size, in two as if it had been a small stick.

Another piece of steel, almost as large, was thrown into the yards of the railroad company. A smaller one crashed through a gable of the hospital and still another fell in the alley at the side of the fire engine house. Another smaller piece was blown far into the air and came down through the edge of a roof of a saloon on South Delaware street some distance away.

The explosion was heard for miles. People heard it in all parts of the city. The concussion was so great that employees of neighboring business houses thought that it was in the buildings in which they were working, and they rushed for the streets. John Shine, a city humane officer, was riding his bicycle more than a block away and was almost pitched from the saddle.

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Members of the fire companies occupying the old building wondered at their escape. All of them were knocked over and picked themselves up only to be knocked over again by the second explosion.

The four horses in the house had a brief vacation. The concussion was so great that it tore the locks from their doors, the doors flew back and the horses galloped on to the street. They stopped a block away and were returned.

RAILROADS TAKE HAND.

Send Gangs of Men to Remove Debris at St. Vincent's Hospital.

The Sisters at St. Vincent's Hospital asked last night that the Big Four and Pennsylvania railroads be thanked publicly for the service rendered by their employees in cleaning up the debris about the hospital yesterday. The use of the men was made possible through thoughtfulness of D. E. Schaff of the Big Four. He sent five gangs of men to the hospital and, by suggesting the need of them, secured the services for the hospital of the three gangs from the other company.

Immediately following the explosion at the gas plant, Mr. Schaff directed a number of the employees of the company to go to the hospital and assist in clearing away the debris and other men, at his suggestion, were sent from the Pennsylvania freight house. The men worked until after 5 o'clock last night, clearing away all the glass and plastering from the floors of the hospital and finally clearing the debris from the hospital yard.

CITIZENS ARE WROUGHT UP.

South Side Residents Propose Mass Meeting to Voice Protest.

Thomas J. Markey, 1046 South New Jersey street, said yesterday that it would be the intention of the people of the southern part of the city to hold a mass meeting some time this week for the purpose of protesting against the use of the South street property of the Prest-o-Lite Company for any part of the business it conducts. He believes that the company should not be permitted even to store its tanks there. He called attention to the fact that he, with other property owners, had protested when the City Council was considering the matter before. He declared yesterday that the protest that will go to the Council from the mass meeting will be such that the Council will be forced to act this time.

PANIC IS AVERTED.

Men Calm Women Who Rush Down Stairway at Freight Office.

A large number of young women are employed in one department of the Big Four freight offices at Delaware and South streets and a serious panic was narrowly averted yesterday following the Prest-o-Lite explosions. The women rushed to the corridors and started down a stairway that has a turn in it. Men about the offices and a colored janitor finally succeeded in stopping the rush. In the meantime, however, Miss Flora Miles, one of the young women, fainted. She had undergone an operation a short

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Glass From Windows Imbeds Itself in Walls, but No One Is Seriously Injured.

Glass was carried with such force from some of the windows of St. Vincent's Hospital yesterday that it made dents in the opposite walls and some of the bits were buried in doors across the room. Alfred T. Bringham of Logansport, a patient who was slightly injured, was in one of these rooms, and he wondered afterward that he had escaped with his life. He said he was sitting near a window at the time. The force of the explosion was sufficient to tear a panel loose from the door of his room.

The beautiful and valuable stained glass windows of the chapel, on the east side of the hospital, were entirely destroyed, but very little other damage was done in the chapel. The altar, an expensive structure of onyx and marble, escaped unharmed, and various images were not damaged. It was remarkable how some of the pictures escaped in other rooms.

In the room occupied by Bringham much of the plaster was torn off, but a Mater Dolorosa escaped. The plaster was torn from the wall all about it, but it was not damaged in the least.

Much damage was done in the kitchen. Lena Ryan was making apple pies at the time, and they were spoiled. Broken glass showered down upon them. Various supplies were knocked from the pantry shelf. Miss Ryan was slightly cut by flying glass.

Some of the walls of the hospital building were cracked, but it was not believed that serious injury was done them.

The heat from the explosion was so intense that the paint on the outside of the window frames on the east side of the building was blistered.

For a time it was impossible to control some of the patients who were able to be up and a dozen of them took refuge in the kitchen of a nearby saloon. There they remained until the nurses persuaded them that the danger was over and that it was safe to return.

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ABANDONED.

Engine House Damaged, Will Be Given Up by City.

The Prest-o-Lite engine house, next to the Prest-o-Lite plant, will likely be abandoned by the city. For a long time the fire department has been considering the consolidation of this house with the one located on Virginia avenue. This will probably be done and the plans may go forward this week.

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children who were out of doors rushed
screaming into their homes, only to be
driven into the streets by shattering win-
dow panes and falling plastering.

Mrs. William Quindlin, living in the east
side of a double house adjoining the plant
to the east, at 241 East South street, did
not know how she was injured. She was
standing in the back yard, just outside
her door. She believed that she had been
struck by a board, several having been
found later in her yard, but it was at
first reported that in her terror to get
into the house she had struck her head
on a part of the doorway. Dr. Jacobs
was called and he believed that she was
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vans when the explosions took place. They
were moving because of the plant, being
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Mrs. Clune was in her dining room, on
the west side of the house, when the first
explosion occurred, and in her excite-
ment she crawled under the dining table.
The second explosion, following imme-
diately, drove her into the street. She
found the front door of her home locked
and raised a window and made her exit
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over the yards of people east and south
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sonally and through the members of the
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the establishment of the Prest-o-Lite
plant. They had lived in fear ever since
the plant was established there, since the
last disastrous fire and explosion on South
East street.

CROWDS FLOCK TO HOSPITAL.

Police Have Great Difficulty in Control-
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Thousands of people thronged to the
scene of the South street explosion yester-
day and hundreds hurried anxiously to
St. Vincent's Hospital to inquire as to the
condition of friends and relatives there.
The rush to the hospital was such that
Patrolman Naughton was placed at the
door to keep out those who might enter
through curiosity. Care was taken, how-
ever, that no one should be barred who
had friends or relatives in the institution.

Even early in the fire, when there was
still a possibility that explosions would
follow those which played such havoc
with neighboring structures, the police
had great difficulty keeping the crowds
back. It was found necessary to stretch
ropes around the place to keep people
away out of danger.

THRESHERS FORM TRUST.

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structed on South street could not blow
up and do damage to others, but he said
that it had been demonstrated that this
was not the case. Personally he had
never favored having the plant so near
the hospital, he said.

"Indianapolis wants and needs all the
industries it can have," he said, "but it
occurs to me that we do not want busi-
nesses as dangerous as this, one appears
to be inside the city. It should be so
far away from everything else that it
could not damage any other property."

Mr. Mayer did not believe that the
business men would take any further ac-
tion in the matter. He said that it was
up to the city officials to act.

To Prevent Further Work.

It was reported yesterday that the
company was to begin the filling of tanks
on South street at once, though managers
of the company said this could not be
done, and the police, appealed to by the
hospital management, took a hand. A
sergeant was placed on the job with
orders to prevent further work.

Mayor Bookwalter, members of the
Board of Safety and several members of
the City Council were on the scene of
yesterday's wreck and they agreed that
something would have to be done for the
protection of property about the plant.
Many members of the City Council had,
when the compromise measure was
passed, favored an ordinance to prohibit
any portion of the business from being
carried on in the city. But they were
convinced that the building of the com-
pany on South street, which was thor-
oughly fireproof and was constructed with
an effort to make it withstand explosions
without damage to neighboring property,
was such as would make the business
safe there for the time being.

NEW MOVE FOR RAY LAMPHERE

Attorneys Will Try to Prove Body Is Not
That of Mrs. Guinness.

LAPORTE, Ind., June 6.—Attorneys
Darrow and Worden, representing Ray
Lamphere, under seven indictments for
murder, tonight made formal demand on
Coroner Mack that the body of the woman
found in the ruins of the house and
supposed to be that of Mrs. Guinness be
examined by a commission of physicians,
and that the body be measured, weighed
and photographed and a report prepared
for the use of the defense. This move-
ment is accepted as meaning that counsel
for Lamphere will make a fight to prove
the body found in the Guinness home was
not that of the woman, but of a cadaver.

CLASS HEARS STANSFIELD.

Indianapolis Minister Delivers Address to
the Fairmount Graduates.

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MILLER'S PLAY IS OUTLINED Wabash Seniors Ready to Present Drama by Indianapolis Man Tomorrow.

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CRAWFORDSVILLE, Ind., June 6. — When "The Ring Candidate," by Joseph S. Miller of Indianapolis, shall be presented by the senior class of Wabash College at Music Hall, Monday evening, it is certain the "standing room only" sign will be out. Already every seat for the production has been taken.

The story of the play is that of a political battle between father and son. Henry Churchill Jr., a prodigal driven from home by his father, who is a candidate for mayor on the anti-ring ticket, is persuaded by John Donnell, the ring boss, to make the race against his father. The father grossly insults his son when he learns of the new move, and the campaign is bitter. The father loses part of the campaign fund entrusted to him on the gaming tables at French Lick, and positive evidence to this effect is secured by Donnell. On the day of the election Churchill Sr. is confronted with the evidence of his guilt and to protect himself is compelled to vote for his son. The latter wins and is received with open arms by his mother and makes up with his father.

A pretty love story is interwoven with the plot, and just before the drop of the curtain on the last act, "the ring candidate" wins the hand of "Betty," the girl who has been true to him through it.

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chapel, on the east
were entirely de-
other damage was
te altar, an expen-
and marble, escaped
images were not
arkable how some
d in other rooms.
y Bringham much
off, but a Mater
plaster was torn
it, but it was not

one in the kitchen,
apple pies at the
spilled. Broken
pon them. Various
from the pantry
s slightly cut by

the hospital build-
t was not believed
done them.
phlosion was so in-
the outside of the
east side of the

possible to control
who were able to
them took refuge
only saloon. There
nurses persuaded
was over and that

IONS HIGH.

Run Screaming
ng Explosion.
working within a
stated Prest-o-Lite
has shocked and
ailed during the
ons. Women and
t of doors rushed
pines, only to be
by shattering win-
dow shattering.

ing in the east
ing the plant
tained and