

THE WEATHER

Partly cloudy; cooler in afternoon with
period lightning; Tuesday fair.

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KNOWLEDGE IN MINE BLAST IS SET NOW AT 50 PER CENT CERTAIN

11 KILLED IN BLAST OF DEADLY GAS

Tank of Phosgene Gas Being
Conveyed Through Hamburg,
Germany, During Night Lets
Go—Wind Blows Fumes.

100 SERIOUSLY AFFECTED

HAMBURG, Germany, May 21.—(UP)—With 11 persons reported dead and 100 seriously affected, a huge cloud of deadly phosgene gas that threatened the Hamburg area throughout the night was blown at last tonight toward open country as soon today by a prevailing wind.

Four deaths and five policemen were reported among the dead. The gas was blown in a war was being conveyed through the city at night when the tank containing it exploded, like a thick gray fog, hanging as heavily and as solidly as if it were an invisible billow of vast proportions, the gas spread out around the streets.

The cloud settled over the suburb of Wittenburg, and its fumes spread among the 20,000 people living there. Hundreds were gassed in the streets, and of these at least 100 were taken to the hospital.

Flight Cloud With Ammonia Gas.
Raiders, soldiers, policemen and firemen fought the cloud with ammonia gas. The cloud was blown from the east, but for hours they could not get it away from thickly inhabited areas.

Throughout Hamburg there was panic. People rushed into the streets, afraid of meeting death in their homes, beyond all.

During the forenoon a strong rain started, and a wind came up from the east. The gas moving slowly, drifted toward an uninhabited beach west of the city, and the danger was diminished.

Complete Mystery Surrounds Explosion. The first that was in charge of the explosion, a tank of ammonia gas, is reported that the gas did not leak, but that it was blown out of the tank.

Prof. Fritz Haber, Germany's leading poison gas expert, said today that he had a grain of the deadly phosgene within a space of one cubic yard of air was sufficient to kill a human being in ten minutes.

Mysteried by Presence of Gas. Professor Haber was mystified by the origin of the gas. He said it was produced in wartime in great quantities, but now it was used in Germany only in the smallest amounts, for use in certain dyes.

Prof. Haber said that he was unable to conceive how the Hamburg explosion could have been caused by the gas, which was manufactured and stored under the greatest precautions.

No Treaty to Prevent Use. Washington, May 21.—(UP)—The chemical warfare service of the army said today phosgene gas has several commercial uses, the principal one being for making dye stuffs. It was said the service knew of no Versailles treaty provision, preventing Germany from having such as its possession.

NECRO LYNCHED IN TEXAS.

CENTERS, Tex., May 21.—(UP)—A mob stormed the jail here today, released a negro charged with the killing of a farmer, and lynched him. The negro, known as Evans, was accused of robbing to death John Wheeler.

About 500 men were in the mob. They dragged the negro from the jail and hanged him to a large oak tree in the court house yard.

SITE IS CHOSEN FOR WILLIAMSPORT AIRPORT

WILLIAMSPORT, May 21.—(UP)—A site for the establishment of a Williamsport airport has been selected at Monticello, just east of the city where a plot of ground containing 120 acres has been secured. While the project will be established by a private company, composed of Williamsport and Monticello men, working with the company is a special committee of the Williamsport Chamber of Commerce, which has ordered the project after a careful investigation and after the site had been approved by government officials and commercial aviation officials.

DAVID REED'S CAMPAIGN COST SUM OF \$5,869.92

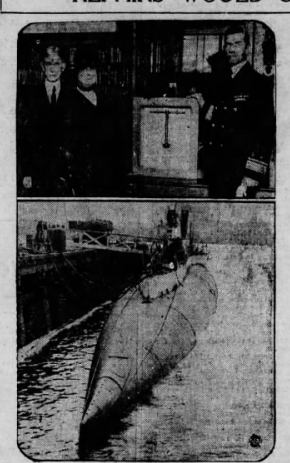
HARRISBURG, May 21.—(UP)—The David A. Reed campaign committee, which conducted the primary campaign of Reed for the Republican nomination for the House of Representatives, today announced the expense account with the state election board today.

The committee received and expended \$5,869.92.

Factory Commission of 'American Coking Steels'. Wednesday, May 23rd. Franklin Furnace Co. 21 May 21.

BECKLEY TAKES OFFICE. There will be a special meeting of the board of directors of the Beckley Coal Co. on Thursday evening, May 24, at 7 o'clock. A full attendance is hoped for. Come. By order of the president, W. H. Austin, secretary.

S-4 TO GO TO NAVY JUNK YARD; REPAIRS WOULD COST MILLION



The S-4 disaster was ended at Annapolis recently when the wreck with which Lt. Graham N. Fitch happened out, was taken to the Naval Academy Museum. Fitch's parents are at the left and Admiral Nelson of the Naval Academy at the right of the top picture, showing the wreck. Below, the S-4 lies up in Boston Navy Yard.

CHINA WARNED THAT MARINES IN PEKING AND TIENSTIN WILL UPHOLD RIGHTS OF AMERICANS

TOKYO, May 21.—American residents in Peking and Tientsin will be protected by United States Marines now assigned to those cities, the United States government has warned the Chinese foreign office.

The note said that the United States was not interested in the Chinese domestic struggle.

American Marines were said to be billeted in the French concession at Tientsin and all foreign residents there today were said to be actively preparing to defend the Chinese Republic from outside forces.

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Major Disasters of This Century Listed

PITTSBURGH, May 21.—(UP)—The Mother, Pa., mine explosion, whose death toll may mount to nearly two hundred before the major mine explosion and cave-ins since 1900 is about 100,000.

Major disasters in the last 25 years are listed below:

Tulsa, Okla., Nov. 30, 1907—106.

Creighton, Neb., May 18, 1902—227.

Chickadee, Pa., July 10, 1902—123.

Chickadee, Pa., Jan. 25, 1904—100.

Chickadee, Pa., Feb. 20, 1903—100.

Chickadee, Pa., Dec. 10, 1907—100.

Chickadee, Pa., Nov. 28, 1908—100.

Chickadee, Pa., Nov. 13, 1909—200.

Chickadee, Pa., May 5, 1910—175.

Chickadee, Pa., April 8, 1911—100.

Chickadee, Pa., April 25, 1912—100.

Chickadee, Pa., Oct. 25, 1913—100.

Chickadee, Pa., April 28, 1914—100.

Chickadee, Pa., Nov. 13, 1914—100.

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BREMEN WILL BE BROUGHT TO U. S. ABOARD FREIGHTER

Trans-Atlantic Line Is Damaged
in Melchior's Attempt to
Take Off Sunday.

WASHINGTON, May 21.—(UP)—The Trans-Atlantic Line freighter, the Melchior, will be brought to the United States aboard the freighter, the Melchior.

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SPARKS CAUSED BY CUTTING MACHINE FIRE GAS POCKET

Nine More Bodies Removed From
Workings by 1 p. m.—Blaze Is
Temporarily Halting Rescue.

MATHER, May 21.—(UP)—Fire broke out in the workings of the Mather mine this afternoon temporarily halting rescue workers in their efforts to locate nearly 150 entrapped miners.

The fire started about a half mile from the foot of the shaft 300 feet below the surface of the earth. The relief crews were forced to flee from their positions to the surface.

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