

AUTHORITIES NOW BELIEVE CULMINATION OF BOMB PLOT

(Continued from page 1) in diameter. This was one of many similar pieces of metal found near the scene of the explosion.

Guards from Coast to Coast

The financial centers of America's big cities from coast to coast are armed camps today, with police and private sentries posted to guard against repetition of the mysterious explosion that rocked Wall Street yesterday.

From Washington, Chicago, Philadelphia, Boston, Detroit, Baltimore, as far south as the Gulf of Mexico, and west to the Golden Gate, authorities reported heavy patrols of plain-clothes men and police in the big business districts and financial centers worked with state and city officials to run down reports of widespread extremist plots.

Death Toll Grows

Thirty-one persons are dead and more than 200 injured from the explosion yesterday, declared by the police here as probably caused by an infernal machine. Discovery of parts of electric work in the wreckage, and announcement by experts that trinitrophenol (T. N. T.) was used in the bomb, if there was one, have sent detectives and police on 20 leads pointing to bomb plots and radical activities.

Meanwhile the scene of yesterday's blast is roped off while the Stock Exchange and allied organizations prepared to resume business at the usual hour this morning. Several New York detectives and secret service men left the city this morning for unannounced destinations out-of-town ends of the investigation.

William J. Flynn, chief of the bureau of investigations of the department of justice, viewed the scene of the blast personally, accompanied by police headquarters detectives and his own men, steadfastly refusing to talk on the subject.

Troops in Readiness

Troops were held in readiness on Governor's Island today and detachments of the 22d infantry were in barracks subject to instant call.

All public buildings and the homes of wealthy and prominent men here are under special watch, and every available man is held in reserve or actively working in federal, state and city investigation agencies.

Patrols are Doubled

Between 8 and 9 o'clock this morning, police lines in the financial district were relaxed for admission of the thousands of office workers. During the same period, emergency patrols were doubled and every doorway and alley was under close inspection. Downtown subway cars were kept cleared by a large force of police.

During the early hours public and private agencies cleared up Wall Street, some picking up debris and washing down blood-spattered sidewalks and buildings. Men started work remedying damage to twisted iron office fixtures, and glaziers by the score began the long task of restoring window-panes in the entire financial district.

An Infernal Machine

New York, Sept. 17.—The explosion that rocked New York's financial district yesterday, causing death to 31 persons and injury to 200 others, was probably caused by an infernal machine—possibly a time bomb—according to the almost unanimous opinion of expert investigators of the Department of Justice and the police today.

Made search of the wreckage near the scene revealed, according to a high official who requested that his name be withheld, fragments of clockwork, such as is commonly used in making bombs. Three pieces of curved metal were also found beneath the surface of the pavement in the hole caused by the explosion. Another piece of similar metal was taken from the body of Robert Westday, a 16-year-old messenger boy who was killed, according to Dr. Charles H. Norris, chief medical examiner.

Collision Theory Abandoned

The authorities said that the finding of these bits of evidence virtually dispelled the theory held earlier by some officials that the explosion might have been caused by a collision with a wagon loaded with explosives. Examination of the wrecked wagon revealed, according to the police, that it was what is known as a "rack truck," and it was unlikely that a vehicle of this type would be used to transport powerful explosives.

Careful investigation by city authorities showed that no permits had been granted for carrying explosives yesterday.

These and other scattering reports chiefly occupied the attention of William J. Flynn, chief of the bureau of investigation of the Department of Justice, who arrived early today from Washington, to take personal charge of the investigation.

Thomas W. Lamont, of J. P. Morgan and Company, however, in front of whose offices the explosion occurred, expressed the opinion that it was purely accidental.

Repair Work Begins

Work of repairing the shattered windows and twisted fixtures in the stock exchange the offices of J. P. Morgan and Company, the sub-bureau and various nearby buildings began during the night and a close guard of police and soldiers from Governor's Island, was kept throughout the district. Searchlights crisscrossed in the sky above the buildings and no one was allowed on the streets. The special corps of guards will be kept roped off the district for several days, it was understood. Entrance to that district will be by well established credentials only.

Reward of \$10,000

Mayor Hylan called a meeting of the board of estimate today to consider a proposal by him to offer a reward of \$10,000 for the apprehension and conviction of persons responsible for the tragedy.

The various exchanges which were closed soon after the explosion, announced that they would re-open today.

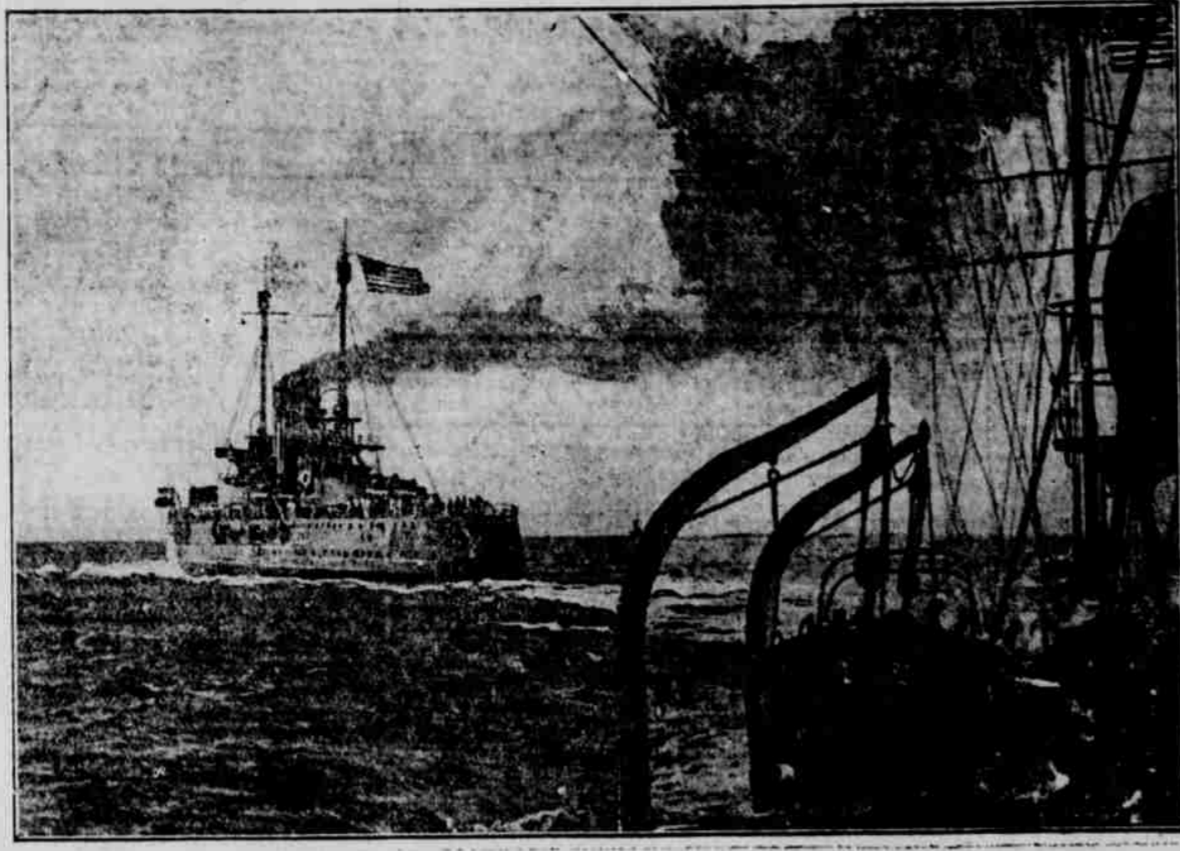
Warnings of Horror

Two reported warnings that the explosion was to occur figured in the investigation today.

One of these was a letter received by Lieutenant Arnaud, of the French high commission, from a man known to have been former employe of the commission who recanted. It was said such an occurrence and warned the commission to close office and send the employe home yesterday afternoon.

The other was a letter received two days ago by George Ketchledge, an employe of a brokerage house, from Edward Fischer, in Toronto, Canada, who warned against remaining in Wall Street after three o'clock on the fif-

CHANGING THEIR NATIONALITY



The long-heralded arrival of the navy's prizes of the war ended on August 9th, when the three German destroyers, the Dreadnaught "Ostfriesland" and the cruiser "Frankfurt" arrived off Sandy Hook.

First came the mighty dreadnaught, under her own steam and towing the Frankfurt, followed by the three destroyers, also under tow of three mine sweepers. The Stars and the Stripes were flying proudly at the gaff, as from any American ship and the only German earmarks discernable, was the distinct type of construction used by the German Navy.

These ships were brought over from the other side by American crews, who were sent over to place them in commission several months ago. The ordeal which these men passed through was a hard one. The Germans had left nothing undone which would render them useless to the allies, and the magnitude of the undertaking can be more easily appreciated when you know that these American crews placed the dreadnaught "Ostfriesland" in full commission and brought her over under her own steam. This only after she had been thoroughly gone over and naval engineers and electricians

sent aboard with ship fitters and plumbers to follow her electric leads and steam and water lines, testing each and gradually feeling out the points where they had been damaged. The electricians had a big job, and on a ship where 40 electricians are used under regular steaming conditions, nine Americans repaired the trouble and placed the dynamo room in commission for the trip. The leads a perfect maze of wires and conduits were gone over, in order to find which was which and all this was done without blueprints the Germans having destroyed all blueprints of the ship.

The "Ostfriesland" coasted at each stop, and the men who brought her over say that she is only a short distance steamer, which indicates that she was never meant for heavy action outside of the North Sea.

Her construction is distinctly German, and differs in many ways from that of American ships. Her compartments are close and stuffy, filled with complicated machinery, filled in a labyrinth of passage ways and a perfect maze of control wires and communication tubes. Below decks each compartment is shut off from the other with no open passage ways, and it is necessary to go to the main deck to

gain access to any compartment below decks. Her main deck itself is armored and her conning tower carries armor plate 18 inches thick. The conning tower was gutted of all appliances, all brass fitting and other valuable appliances being removed from the ship. The guns were cut with acetylene torches and rendered useless while acid was poured into the dynamos. One of the electricians upon entering the closed torpedo room to trace a line was almost overcome with gas, and could only enter after the place had been thoroughly ventilated.

Her distribution rooms would do credit to any great power plant, being elaborately fitted out. Her crew must not have been over-intelligent or quick to grasp the details of their surroundings, as every few feet signs and directs appear painted on the bulk heads in German.

When all this is grasped, and it is realized that few of these Americans could read German, the ingenuity and intelligence of the American blue-jackets comes to the front, for these men mastered the intricacies of this German puzzle in thirty days and steamed with her proudly into home waters under her own power.

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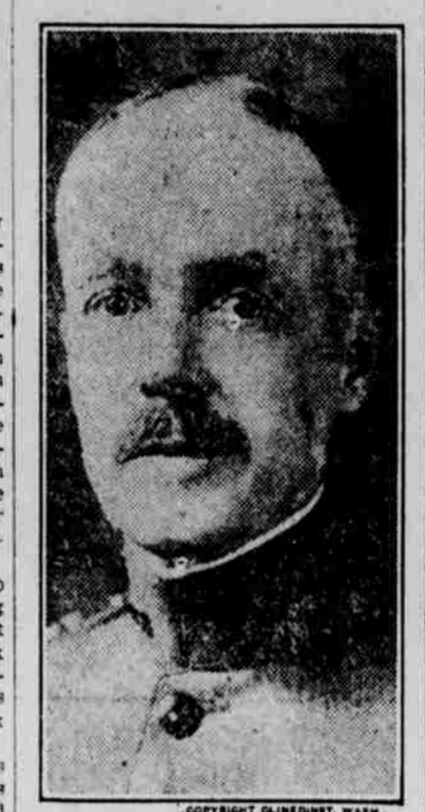
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Dr. R. L. Davidson, pastor of Broadway Baptist church will go to Shawnee, Sunday, to deliver the opening sermon of the Oklahoma Baptist University. Dr. F. M. McConnell of Oklahoma City will occupy Dr. Davidson's pulpit at Sunday services.

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