

RELIEF OF CERTAIN CITIZENS OF CHICAGO, ILL.

MAY 1, 1900.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House and ordered to be printed.

Mr. JETT, from the Committee on Military Affairs, submitted the following

REPORT.

[To accompany H. R. 522.]

The Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 522) for the relief of the persons who sustained damage by the explosion of an ammunition chest of Battery F, Second United States Artillery, July 16, 1894, report the same back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass.

A similar bill has been reported to the last two Congresses by the Committee on Military Affairs, and seems to be a very just and equitable measure. The report heretofore made is hereby adopted and made a part of this report, and is as follows:

[House Report No. 1727, Fifty-fifth Congress, third session.]

The Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 8920) for the relief of the persons who sustained damage by the explosion of an ammunition chest of Battery F, Second United States Artillery, July 16, 1894, report the same back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass.

A bill containing provisions similar to this passed the Senate in the Fifty-fourth Congress and was favorably reported by the Committee on Military Affairs of the House of Representatives. The letter of the Secretary of War, of January 3, 1895, is made part of this report.

Senate Ex. Doc. No. 21, Fifty-third Congress, third session.

L E T T E R

FROM

THE SECRETARY OF WAR,

TRANSMITTING

A report upon the damage resulting from the explosion of an ammunition chest of Battery F, Second United States Artillery, at Chicago.

JANUARY 4, 1895.—Referred to the Committee on Claims and ordered to be printed.

WAR DEPARTMENT,
Washington, D. C., January 3, 1895.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith the proceedings of a board of officers convened by Special Orders, No. 72, Headquarters Department of the Missouri, July 17, 1894, to investigate and report upon the damage done to the property of the citizens of Chicago, Ill., by the explosion of an ammunition chest of Battery F, Second United States Artillery, in the vicinity of Grand Boulevard, on July 16, 1894.

The estimates of damage passed by the board are itemized and aggregate \$15,845.23, which sum Major-General Miles recommends be appropriated by Congress, and in this recommendation the Major-General Commanding the Army concurs.

Very respectfully,

DANIEL S. LAMONT,
Secretary of War.

The PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES SENATE.

PROCEEDINGS OF A BOARD OF OFFICERS CONVENED AT CHICAGO, ILL.
PURSUANT TO THE FOLLOWING ORDERS:

SPECIAL ORDERS, }
No. 72. }

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE MISSOURI,
Chicago, Ill., July 17, 1894.

[Extract.]

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3. A board of officers, to consist of Col. Judson D. Bingham, assistant quartermaster-general; Col. Edward M. Heyl, inspector-general; Maj. Stephen W. Groesbeck, judge-advocate, will meet at such time as the president of the board may determine, to investigate and report upon the damage done to property of the citizens of Chicago, by the explosion of an ammunition chest of Light Battery F, Sec-

and Artillery, in the vicinity of Grand Boulevard and Fortieth street, on the 16th instant. The board will submit an estimate of the cost necessary to repair the damages.

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By command of Major-General Miles.

J. P. MARTIN,
Assistant Adjutant-General.

Official:

F. MICHLER, *Aide-de-Camp.*

CHICAGO, ILL., July 18, 1894.

The board met pursuant to the foregoing order.

All the members being present, the board proceeded to the scene of the explosion of the ammunition chest of Light Battery F, Second Artillery, which occurred on the 16th of July, 1894, at the intersection of Grand and Oakwood boulevards, between Thirty-ninth and Fortieth streets, Chicago, Ill., and at once commenced to make a personal survey of all the residences in the immediate vicinity of the explosion. The notes taken by the board are copied with this report.

Whenever the words "ceiling and side walls" are hereinafter used, reference is made to the plastering and not to masonry or woodwork.

Having completed its personal survey of the damaged buildings, the board next addressed the following letter to the owners thereof:

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE MISSOURI,
Chicago, Ill., August 1, 1894.

The board of officers convened by orders from these headquarters for the purpose of estimating the amount of damage done to private property by the explosion of an ammunition chest of Light Battery F, Second Artillery, on the 16th ultimo, beg leave to request that you will assist it in arriving at a fairly reliable estimate of such damage by mailing to the undersigned, by the 15th instant, the original bills paid by you for damages done by said explosion to your house and premises. Please also to submit estimates of the cost of such repairs as, on the 15th instant, remain to be made. After the board has listed your bills they will be returned to you.

Very respectfully,

S. W. GROESBECK,
Major and Judge-Advocate, United States Army, Recorder of the Board.

Replies to this letter were in many instances greatly delayed.

Where no remarks are made by the board following the estimates submitted by the owners of property, the estimate is, in the opinion of the board, reasonable and capable of close verification.

Where items, in the opinion of the board, are excessive in amount, such excess is estimated and deducted from the total estimates submitted by the owners.

RESIDENCE NO. 3938 GRAND BOULEVARD, P. J. RYAN OWNER.

PRELIMINARY SURVEY BY THE BOARD.

This is a very large stone and brick house with open spaces on all sides. Nearly all windows in front, some large and very heavy plate glass and stained glass, broken. In all twenty-four large and small windows broken in. Only here and there a pane of glass left unbroken. Plate-glass panels to front door broken in. Plastered and frescoed walls inside shaken and checked in places. Furniture marred. Fine lace hangings at front windows badly torn. One quite large Satsuma vase and several smaller pieces of bric-a-brac broken by being blown from their supports to the floor.

Exterior of house defaced in places by flying projectiles.

Bills rendered but not receipted, exhibited to the board:

To repairing roof (this bill marked paid).....	\$10.00
Lumber, time, and hardware (this bill marked paid).....	5.00
To calk and point all window and door frames.....	40.00
Plastering.....	30.00
Vestibule lamp, bracket, and 3 globes.....	24.00
Labor and material.....	15.00
Curtains (purchased from Tobey Furniture Company, 1891)....	305.00
49 shades.....	37.00
Glass (bill of George F. Kimball & Co.).....	245.00
Leaded lights (bill of George E. Androvette & Co.).....	144.00
Fancy vase, bisque bust, oil portrait.....	137.00
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	\$992.00

Estimate submitted by tradesmen of work yet to be done:

Labor and material.....	420.00
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Total.....	1,412.00
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Item "Curtains," \$305, excess.....	105.00
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Estimate passed by the board.....	1,307.00
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RESIDENCE No. 3932 GRAND BOULEVARD, CHARLES R. CAVE
OWNER.

PRELIMINARY SURVEY BY THE BOARD.

Glass broken.—One very large plate-glass window, 4 large plate-glass windows, 1 plate-glass panel in vestibule door, 9 double-thick windows, 3 basement half-sash windows.

Many window shades ruined; lace and silk hangings to windows torn badly; plastering of interior walls cracked, much damaged; stone steps to entrance, and large newel post shattered.

Bills paid and rendered for repairs accomplished:

J. Eck, glass.....	\$38.56
Flanagan & Biedenweg, bevel plate door lights.....	19.00
Flanagan & Biedenweg, reglazing and resetting glass.....	25.00
J. H. Angold, carpenter work.....	7.00
J. H. Angold, carpenter work.....	20.45
Geo. B. Weise & Son, two pairs doors, etc.....	55.20
Yale & Town Manufacturing Co., hardware.....	2.50
F. R. Bagley & Co., copper and galvanized ironwork.....	19.55
J. Foley, slating.....	5.00
C. R. Cave, for window shades.....	45.00
Aug. Walther, calking and pointing window frames.....	17.00
Brunt Bros., plumbers.....	63.35
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Total.....	\$317.61

Estimates by tradesmen of repairs yet to be made:

W. H. Hackett, glass.....	125.00
Watson Stone Co., labor and material.....	250.00
W. H. Hackett, redecorating and replastering.....	750.00

Total.....	1,125.00
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Estimate by owner of repairs yet to be made:

Door handle and spring.....	10.00
For deck over porch.....	50.00
3 pairs lace curtains cut by glass, worthless.....	150.00
1 pair in library.....	25.00
3 pairs in front bedroom.....	45.00
3 pairs on third floor.....	54.00
2 pairs in basement.....	9.00
Draperies cut and damaged, worthless; cost, \$600.....	400.00
300 yards carpet, cleaning and laying, at 15 cents a yard.....	45.00
1 umbrella stand broken.....	10.00
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Total.....	798.00

Grand total.....	2,240.61
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Item, W. H. Hacket, redecorating and replastering, \$750; excess.....	\$250.00
Item, 3 pairs lace curtains, \$150; excess.....	50.00
Item, draperies cut and damaged; cost \$600; exc e.....	100.00
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	\$400.00

Estimate passed by the board 1,840.61

RESIDENCE NO. 3930 GRAND BOULEVARD, EDWARD C. HULING
OWNER.

PRELIMINARY SURVEY BY THE BOARD.

Glass broken.—One very large plate-glass window, 3 large plate-glass windows, 2 half-sash basement windows.

Tables in front room marred, 1 china lamp broken, window shades ruined, silk and lace hangings badly damaged, ceiling and side wall plastering in parlor and hall shaken badly, back parlor wall plastering in parlor and hall shaken badly; rooms on other floors show some damage to plastering; men engaged repairing slate roof; screen door broken.

Bills paid and rendered, exhibited to board:

Geo. F. Kimball, reglazing.....	\$56.50
Hynes Bros., fixing screens and putting up	11.00
J. H. Angold, work done on day of explosion.....	3.50
J. H. Angold, repairing window and door casings.....	6.00
Jas. Prendergast, fixing roof	6.00
Marshall Field & Co., shades.....	16.26
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	\$99.26

Estimate of other damages:

J. A. Linker & Bro., repairing ceiling and walls	835.00
By owner, pier glass in parlor.....	50.00
By owner, wood mantel in front room, second floor	10.00
By owner, marble slab in bath room.....	8.00
By owner, repainting window frames in front of house	7.50
By owner, lace curtains on second floor.....	12.00
By owner, screens	20.00
By owner, lamps broken, one cost \$4 the other \$12	16.00
By owner, some cut glass and other glass, cost \$14 or \$15	14.00
By owner, several globes.....	3.50
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Total..... 976.00

Grand total..... 1,075.26

Item J. A. Linker & Bro., repairing ceiling and walls \$835, excess..... 335.00

Estimate passed by the board..... 740.26

RESIDENCE NO. 3928 GRAND BOULEVARD, JACOB R. CUSTER OWNER.

PRELIMINARY SURVEY BY THE BOARD.

Glass broken.—One very large plate-glass window, 3 large plate-glass windows, panel of plate glass to front door, 7 double-thick glass windows.

Three thread lace curtains badly torn; window shades ruined; screen door broken; plastering in vestibule shaken down in places; ceiling and side wall plastering in parlor shaken down in places; same in back parlor; front room in second story, ceiling fallen badly, plastering on side walls cracked; in third story, plastering cracked.

Repair bills paid exhibited to board:

July 31. Paid George F. Kimball, glass	\$76.00
18. Charles Vivian, gas fitting75
Aug. 1. T. F. Strong, carpenter	16.90
July 19. J. P. Prendergrast, roofer.....	5.25
23. Burley & Co., 2 cups and saucers.....	3.00

EXPLOSION OF AN AMMUNITION CHEST.

Repair bills paid exhibited to board—Continued.

July 23.	Paid Western Decorating Works	\$1. 50
	Pitkin & Brooks, 6 finger bowls.....	1. 70
18.	Woman for cleaning floor	1. 50
	Man for cleaning floor.....	2. 00
23.	Gas globe.....	.50
	Two gas globes	1. 50
Aug. 25.	Lathrop, for four weeks watching house day and night.....	48. 00
	Man for washing floors and moving furniture....	5. 00
	For plastering	375. 00
		<hr/> \$538. 60

Estimate of cost of repairs yet to be made:

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For scraping and polishing 2 tables and 1 chair (mahogany), cut by falling window glass.....	25.00
For scraping and polishing window sills, cut by falling window glass	20.00
For 12 window shades for front windows.....	14.23
For setting marble slabs at washbowls and bathrooms	15.00
For cleaning house and furniture.....	50.00
For repairing ornamental glass (front) door	5.00
For scraping and polishing hard-wood floor in parlor.....	50.00
	<hr/> 179.23
Total.....	717.83

RESIDENCE No. 3926 GRAND BOULEVARD, HERMAN LEHMAN OWNER.

PRELIMINARY SURVEY BY THE BOARD.

Glass broken.—Plate-glass panels to front door, 2 very large glass (plate) windows, 5 large plate-glass windows, 1 transom plate glass over vestibule door, 3 double-thick windows, 2 basement half-sash windows.

Lace curtains in front parlor badly torn. Shades to all windows ruined. Ceiling and side wall plastering in parlor and hall badly shaken and fallen in places. Ceiling and side walls in front rooms, second and third floors, cracked badly. Marble slab in bathrooms thrown out of place.

Bills paid and rendered, exhibited to board:

Mandel Bros., shades	\$49.17
F. F. Strong, labor and material	11.40
George F. Kimball & Co., reglazing	116.00
Jas. P. Prendergast, repairing roof	6.00
	<hr/> \$182.57

Other damages estimated:

Decorator, two-thirds of \$858.....	572.00	
Two pairs lace curtains.....	75.00	
		<hr/> 647.00
Total.....		<hr/> 829.57

RESIDENCE No. 3924 GRAND BOULEVARD, HERMAN GROSSMAN OWNER.

PRELIMINARY SURVEY BY THE BOARD.

Glass broken.—Seven plate-glass windows, 4 double-thick windows, 3 basement half-sash windows, 2 plate-glass panels to front door.

Plastering on ceiling and side walls of front parlor cracked and shaken. Window shades torn. Second floor front room, window shades ruined and lace curtains torn. Marble slabs in bathroom broken.

Paid bills exhibited to the board:

Geo. F. Kimball Company, replacing broken glass..... \$125.00

Damage estimated by owner:

Replacing shades..... \$30.00
 Replacing woodwork..... 175.00
 Plastering..... 60.00
 Decorating..... 175.00
 Screens..... 50.00
 Marble work..... 50.00
 Imported stationary wash bowl..... 20.00
 Repairing slate roof..... 50.00
 Damage to carpets..... 125.00
 Damage to lace curtains..... 100.00

Total 835.00

Total 960.00

Items, replacing woodwork, \$175, excess..... 100.00

Items, damage to carpets, \$125, excess..... 75.00

Items, lace curtains, \$100, excess..... 20.00

190.00

Estimates passed by the board..... 770.00

RESIDENCE NO. 3933 GRAND BOULEVARD, PHILIP W. RABER OWNER.

PRELIMINARY SURVEY BY BOARD.

Glass broken.—Eleven large double-sash plate glass, 25 plate-glass windows, 35 double-thick windows.

The walls (brick) showed considerable defacement from fragments of projectiles. Woodwork scarred.

First floor: Ceiling in parlor badly cracked; side walls same. Silk hangings to windows: Some torn, and all badly soiled with dust, smoke, and oil. Large porcelain lamp broken. Window casing jarred from the walls more or less. Room back of parlor: Window shades ruined, window casing forced from walls and broken, ceiling and side walls of room cracked. Large main hall shows but little apparent damage.

Hallway ascending to second floor shows woodwork shaken considerably; plastering fallen in places. Bathroom, second floor: Door blown in, carrying with it the door casing. Casing to door of closet off dressing room badly cracked. Ceiling of dressing room and side walls cracked. Main front room: Window casings strained from position and ceiling cracked; side walls apparently sound. Room back of front room showed ceiling and side walls cracked and the casing to windows sprung. Third rooms back, no apparent damage. Stairway leading to third story sprung by vibration of exterior wall from place. Plastering on ceiling and side walls shaken. Ballroom, large, with high ceiling: Plastering of ceiling and side walls very badly cracked and loosened.

Paid bills exhibited to board:

Bill of Henry Palmer for cleaning walls and carpet..... \$53.75

Bill of Love & Longfield for labor and material 134.56

\$188.31

Estimates of damage to residence:

Bill of J. H. Rice & Co., reglazing..... 160.00

Bill of Ed. Kirk, jr., repairing roof..... 12.00

Estimate Watson Stone Co., for replacing damaged brick and stone work..... 179.00

Replacing oakum around windows, repairs to hot-air pipes, down spouts, etc., and repainting new carpenter work..... 25.00

Estimate W. H. Hackett, replastering and redecorating..... 815.00

1,199.00

EXPLOSION OF AN AMMUNITION CHEST.

Estimate of damage to furniture:

1 majolica stand, lamps, books, broken.....	\$75.00	
Cleaning carpets.....	32.40	
Taking up carpets, beating out broken glass, and relaying.....	16.20	
Cleaning draperies.....	25.00	
Damage to covering of silk divan in reception room.....	25.00	
Bill of M. E. Sibley, portieres, silk and lace curtains, etc.....	480.00	
Bill of Marshall Field & Co., shades.....	61.08	
		<u>\$714.68</u>
Total.....		2,093.99
Item, estimate W. H. Hackett, \$815; excess.....	115.00	
Item, bill of M. E. Sibley \$480; excess.....	130.00	
		<u>245.00</u>
Estimate passed by the board.....		1,848.99

**RESIDENCE No. 3933 GRAND BOULEVARD, PHILIP W. RABEE
OWNER; F. A. DEVLIN, OF CARSON, PERIE & SCOTT, LESSEE.**

Estimate by Mr. Devlin of damage done to his personal property:

1 pedestal.....	\$100.00	
1 crayon painting.....	25.00	
1 parlor lamp.....	35.00	
		<u>\$160.00</u>

RESIDENCE No. 3923 GRAND BOULEVARD, SAMUEL B. FOSTER OWNER.

PRELIMINARY SURVEY BY THE BOARD.

Glass broken.—Seventeen plate glass windows, colored glass transom, 4 single-sash basement windows, 23 double-sash windows, common or double thick glass, 4 single-sash stable windows.

Wooden porch strained away from foundations, wire screen door broken; parlor walls plastering cracked, shades to windows ruined, and thread lace curtains torn badly; front room second story, plastering cracked and shaken; papering broken through in places; hall in rear, plastering cracked; third story, billiard-room ceiling falling in places; room back of billiard room, plastering cracked and shaken.

Contractor's estimate of damage to premises:

Decorating.....	\$950.00	
Plastering.....	120.60	
Mantels and resetting tiles.....	35.40	
Painting.....	75.70	
Repairing roof.....	27.50	
Repairing doors and windows.....	127.30	
Front porch.....	450.00	
Glass.....	121.50	
Window and door screens.....	180.50	
		<u>\$2,088.50</u>

Owner's estimate of damage to house furnishings:

To 33 window shades (all ruined).....	26.00	
To 8 pairs window lace curtains.....	300.00	
		<u>326.00</u>
Total.....		2,414.50
Item, decorating, \$950; excess.....	250.00	
Item, repairing doors and windows, \$127.30; excess.....	50.00	
Item, front porch, \$450; excess.....	225.00	
Item, window and door screens, \$180.50; excess.....	90.00	
Item, 8 pairs lace curtains, \$300; excess.....	100.00	
		<u>715.00</u>
Estimate passed by the board.....		1,699.50

RESIDENCE No. 3925 GRAND BOULEVARD, AMELIA H. DODGE OWNER.

PRELIMINARY SURVEY BY BOARD.

Front porch (wood) badly wrecked; inner front door blown in, carrying casing with it; plate glass panels of door broken; plastered ceiling and side walls of vestibule wrecked; 1 very large plate-glass window broken; 4 small plate-glass windows broken; 1 oval window glass broken; 10 double-thick and common windows broken; 3 basement windows (half sash) broken; parlor ceiling broken in places and badly cracked along side walls; furniture marred and broken; thread lace curtains to front windows damaged and torn; tete-a-tete set broken; carpets saturated with oil from broken lamp; ceiling in second story front room cracked; ceiling in third story front room badly broken and in places fallen.

No paid bills.

Owner's estimate of damage done:

Plastering and decorating.....	\$200.00
2 sash curtains.....	16.00
2 pair real lace curtains.....	80.00
Curtain poles.....	5.00
1 rosewood table.....	20.00
Lamp.....	10.00
Card tray.....	6.00
Bric-a-brac.....	25.00
Window sash.....	5.00
Carpet.....	75.00
Damage to grill work.....	10.00
Reception hall:	
Plastering and decorating.....	300.00
One pair of curtains.....	15.00
Tete-a-tete set and bric-a-brac.....	25.00
Chair.....	10.00
Repairs to gas fixtures.....	10.00
Stained glass in stairway.....	75.00
Vestibule:	
Plastering and decorating.....	25.00
Floor tile.....	25.00
Repairs to doors and fixtures.....	30.00
Wooden porch, with slate roof, complete wreck.....	200.00
Front room, second floor:	
Plastering and decorating.....	150.00
Window sash.....	5.00
2 pairs curtains.....	30.00
2 sash curtains.....	16.00
Second room, second floor:	
Plastering and decorating.....	125.00
2 pairs curtains.....	10.00
Damage to mantel.....	30.00
Front room, third floor:	
Plastering and decorating.....	100.00
Replacing window glass.....	87.84
Painting, polishing, and varnishing of interior woodwork.....	200.00
Screens.....	25.00
Awnings.....	25.00
Window shades.....	25.00
Repairing brickwork on house.....	100.00
Total.....	\$2,095.84
The several items for plastering and decorating are deemed to be in excess.....	425.00
Item, "carpet," \$75; excess.....	25.00
Item, painting and polishing woodwork, \$200; excess.....	100.00
Item, repairing brick work, \$100; excess.....	50.00
Total.....	600.00
Estimate passed by the board.....	1,495.84

RESIDENCE No. 3931 GRAND BOULEVARD, FREDERICK A. HOWE
OWNER.

PRELIMINARY SURVEY BY THE BOARD.

Glass broken.—Eighteen plate-glass windows, 1 oval plate glass, beveled plate-glass door in vestibule, 12 double-thick windows, 11 half-sash basement windows, 1 window (common) in stable.

Vestibule ceiling and side walls wrecked; parlor ceiling and side walls badly cracked and shaken; oak finishings above windows broken in places, brass rods bent and broken, lace and silk window hangings torn badly; stairway leading to second story badly shaken; back parlor ceiling and side wall plastering shaken; library in rear same; ceiling in dining room badly shaken and fallen in places; side walls cracked.

Second floor.—Front room, ceiling to this room cracked badly all around, as if its entire area had been lifted; silk and muslin hangings to windows badly torn; room in rear shows but little damage; a few cracks; third room back, but slight damage to plastering.

Third floor.—Two window sash blown in; plastering to ceiling and side walls cracked slightly, paper, however, hides the damage; hall ceiling cracked; room back of front room, plastering of ceiling and side walls badly fallen; ceiling in basement rooms shaken down in places; water pipes blown off of side of house and chimneys damaged.

Bills paid and rendered, exhibited to board:

Love & Longfield, material.....	\$18.58
H. G. Bates, cleaning and repairing two clocks.....	3.50
Geo. F. Kimball, reglazing.....	156.50
E. Kirk, jr., repairing roof and conductor.....	20.00
A. E. Frear, plastering, calcimining, painting, etc.....	30.00
Mandel Bros., shades made and hung.....	27.83
F. F. Strong, material and labor.....	34.65
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	\$291.06

Other damages estimated:

A. E. Frear, plastering and calcimining.....	85.00
Chas. E. Conover, papering and decorating.....	400.00
Repairing awnings.....	6.00
Labor, cleaning up.....	16.00
Painting window sash and frames.....	25.00
Damage to lace curtains.....	45.00
Damage to draperies.....	25.00
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	602.00

Total..... 893.06

RESIDENCE No. 3917 GRAND BOULEVARD, HELEN PALMER OWNER.

PRELIMINARY SURVEY BY THE BOARD.

Windows broken.—One large plate-glass window, 2 double sash plate-glass windows, 2 stained-glass panels to vestibule door, 2 stained-glass windows in hall, six double-thick windows.

Front porch shaken from place; ceiling in vestibule and side walls cracked and shaken; hall ceiling cracked; ceiling and side walls in parlor cracked badly; library ceiling and side walls badly shaken; drapery to windows not injured; room back of library, plastering on dividing wall shaken and cracked; paper in rear room shaken loose from ceiling.

Second floor.—Ceiling and side walls to front rooms cracked and shaken; door to closet forced out of position; ceiling of 2 closets shaken down, room back; ceiling and side walls cracked badly, and

ceiling to hall cracked and shaken; third room back, partition wall shaken.

Third floor.—Hall plastering fallen from ceiling in places; front room plastering cracked; closet of hall, ceiling of side wall plastering badly fallen; 2 bed rooms, ceiling and side walls shaken.

Bills paid and rendered exhibited to board:

Bill of Haglund & Swanson, plastering	\$29.50
George F. Kimball, glass	27.25
Flanagan & Beidenweg, art glass replaced	40.00
Love & Longfield, carpenter work	3.00
Clearing and removing plaster	2.00

\$101.75

Estimates by tradesmen and owner of work, etc., yet to be done:

George Parker, plastering, repainting, general repairing...	1,500.00
Miscellaneous carpenter and mason work	15.00
W. P. Nelson Co., repapering	310.00
Window shades	25.00
Gas globes broken	5.00
Removing, relaying, and cleaning carpets	90.00
Cleaning floors, windows, woodwork, etc	45.00
Repairing lawn	25.00
Rent of house for three rooms, during progress of repairs..	600.00
Miscellaneous damage owing to delay	411.27
Loss for rent of room, damaged	24.00

3,050.27

Total..... 2,152.02

Item, George Parker, plastering, etc., \$1,500, excess	1,000.00
Item, W. P. Nelson Co., repapering, \$310, excess	100.00
Item, removing, relaying, and cleaning carpets, \$90, excess	45.00
Item, repairing lawn, \$25, excess	25.00
Item, rent of house, \$600, excess	600.00
Item, miscellaneous damage, etc., \$411.27, excess	411.27
Item, loss of rent of room, \$24, excess	24.00

2,205.27

Estimate passed by board 946.75

RESIDENCE No. 3921 GRAND BOULEVARD, JAMES WRIGHT OWNER.

PRELIMINARY SURVEY BY BOARD.

Glass broken.—One very large plate-glass window, 1 stained-glass transom, 8 feet long, across top of front window; 2 long, narrow, stained-glass windows; 1 stained-glass transom over door, 1 plate-glass panel to door, 5 plate-glass windows, 1 very large double-thick window, 11 double-thick windows, 2 basement windows, single sash.

Porch thrust from front walls, strained and broken; parlor ceiling cracked badly; jardiniere broken; small vase broken; lace curtains, costly, badly torn, spoiled; room back of parlor, little damage to plastering; third room back and dressing room off of it slightly damaged in ceiling; kitchen ceiling cracked; electric bell jarred from place; ceiling to front hall badly broken.

Second floor.—Hall ceiling cracked slightly; lace curtains to windows in front room damaged, torn and soiled; rooms back show but little damage to walls.

Third floor.—Front window casing separated from walls; ceiling and side walls cracked; side room off hallway, ceiling damaged slightly; rear rooms show some damage to ceiling and side walls.

Contractor's estimate of damage to premises:

Plaster	\$125.00
Stained glass	122.00
Foundation	25.00
Stone, front of house	110.00
Stone steps at sidewalk	10.00
Front porch	75.00
Carpenter work—windows, doors, and mantels	40.00
Mantel tiles	10.00
Iron cresting on roof	8.00
Painting, calcimining, paper	263.50
Plate glass	123.00

\$911.00

Owner's estimate of damage to furniture:

Shades	23.93
Lace curtains in front parlor	60.00
Lace curtains in back parlor	25.00
Lace curtains in front chamber	25.00
1 large vase	14.00
1 small vase	2.00
Salad dish in china closet	1.75
Lamp in back parlor window	10.00
Crockery broken in butler's pantry	5.00
Pictures injured	15.00
Onyx table	20.00
Awnings torn and cut with glass	35.00
Palms and rubber plants	10.00
Glass globe in hall	5.00
Carpet cut, parlors	150.00

402.18

Grand total	1,313.68
Item, carpet cut, \$150; excess	100.00

Estimate passed by board 1,213.68

RESIDENCE NO. 3915 GRAND BOULEVARD, W. H. GODAIR OWNER.

PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION BY BOARD.

Glass broken.—Plate-glass panel windows to front door, 2 very large glass windows, 5 double-thick windows, 3 single-sash basement windows.

Two large window shades ruined; plastering, but little apparent damage.

No bills submitted.

Estimate of damage by owner:

To 1 light (plate glass)—

49 by 49	\$21.40
60 by 60	24.20
27 by 53	17.10
32 by 32	12.65
32 by 40	12.20
24 by 38	11.60
18 by 32	9.09
31 by 60	15.80
36 by 40	11.30

Total	135.54
Curtains damaged and replaced by new ones	13.00
Awning destroyed	10.00
Estimated damage on account of cracks in wall and plaster	150.00

Grand total	308.54
Item, estimated damage on account of cracks in wall and plaster, \$150; excess	50.00

Estimate passed by the board 258.04

RESIDENCE No. 3913 GRAND BOULEVARD, J. M. MORRISON OWNER.

SURVEY BY THE BOARD.

Glass broken.—One large plate-glass window, 3 double-thick windows, 2 basement windows, single sash.

Bills and estimate submitted by Simon N. Silverman, lessee, and accepted by Mr. Morrison as just for his account:

9 lights of glass	\$36.90
Window shades	3.37
6 chandelier globes	4.50
Labor	3.00
Total	47.77

RESIDENCE No. 3911 GRAND BOULEVARD, Mrs. J. E. ELLEN OWNER.

SURVEY BY THE BOARD.

Two plate-glass windows and one basement window broken; estimate passed by the board..... \$25.00

Mrs. Ellen stated to the board that she preferred no claim.

RESIDENCE No. 387 OAKWOOD BOULEVARD, W. M. MORRELL OWNER.

PRELIMINARY SURVEY BY BOARD.

Plastering fallen in front room on first floor; a few pieces of glass broken; no plate glass broken.

Estimate by owner, from	\$50.00 to \$150.00
Estimate passed by the board	50.00

RESIDENCE No. 389 OAKWOOD BOULEVARD, SILAS H. FINCH OWNER.

PRELIMINARY SURVEY BY BOARD.

Damage seemingly confined to broken windows. Could not get entrance to building.

Bills paid and exhibited to board:

To furnishing and setting glass	\$15.09
Repairing three windows	1.80

Total

16.89

Other damages estimated by owner:

Two days' carpenter work	6.00
Drayage50
2 new wire webbing for large screen	2.00
1 pair lace curtains	15.00
2 pairs chamber curtains	10.00
Sash curtains and shades	4.00

Grand total

54.39

RESIDENCE No. 378 OAKWOOD BOULEVARD, HAZLETINE OWNER;
DAVID MAYER LESSEE.

PRELIMINARY SURVEY BY BOARD.

Two windows broken in; looking-glass broken.

Estimate by D. Mayer, lessee:

1 looking-glass demolished; door locks and window glass	\$60.00
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Estimate passed by the board

45.00

RESIDENCE No. 382 OAKWOOD BOULEVARD, NEWTON MORGANROTH
OWNER.

PRELIMINARY SURVEY BY BOARD.

Two panes of glass broken.

Paid bills exhibited to board:

3 sashes and 7 plate-glass windows; fixing 4 locks and carpenter work on doors.....	\$70.00
Estimate by owner of damage remaining to be done	150.00
Total	220.00
Item, estimate by owner, etc., \$150; excess	95.00
Estimate passed by the board	125.00

RESIDENCE No. 380 OAKWOOD BOULEVARD, J. A. KRUSE OWNER;
MRS. H. H. STEPHENS LESSEE.

PRELIMINARY SURVEY BY BOARD.

Four windows, double-thick glass, broken.

Bill exhibited to the board for replacing same..... \$12.55

These repairs were paid by H. N. Stephens, lessee.

RESIDENCE No. 377 OAKWOOD BOULEVARD, JOHN W. BYERS
OWNER.

PRELIMINARY SURVEY BY BOARD.

Two panes of stained window glass and 2 panes of glass set in side panels of the front door casing, broken.

Report of injury to leg of son of Mr. Byers by the explosion while riding on bicycle.

Bills paid and rendered exhibited to board:

Harry Allen, window lights	\$9.08
Medical attendance to son	17.00
Druggist	1.25
Other damages estimated by owner:	
Boarding up windows temporarily	1.00
Bicycle	75.00
Hat	2.00
Total	105.33

RESIDENCE No. 386 OAKWOOD BOULEVARD, EDWARD D. MURRAY,
JR., OWNER.

PRELIMINARY SURVEY BY BOARD.

Twenty-six large double-thick panes of glass and 12 small basement window glass, broken. Window hangings had been removed. Shades to windows cut badly—ruined.

Paid bills exhibited to board:

S. W. Osborn, repairs	\$8.00
T. J. Manning, reglazing	62.00
Estimated cost of replacing shades by owner	30.00
Total	100.00

The following claims are for damages to residences near the vicinity of the explosion, but not brought to the attention of the board until too late to make a personal survey of any value:

RESIDENCE No. 373 OAKWOOD BOULEVARD, ARTHUR W. ALLEN
OWNER.

Furnishing and setting glass	\$4.50
Replacing broken slate	54.65
Copper and cost of putting on roof	28.34
Damage to stained-glass windows, estimated	25.00
Damaged ceilings	15.00
Total	127.49
Item, copper and cost of putting on roof not a proper charge	28.34
Estimate passed by board	99.15

RESIDENCES 350, 352, 354, 356, and 360 OAKWOOD BOULEVARD,
WASHINGTON SMITH ESTATE, EMILIE J. SMITH, TRUSTEE.

Broken windows..... \$19.00

RESIDENCE No. 264 THIRTY-NINTH STREET, T. A. KEENE OWNER.

ESTIMATE OF REPAIRS BY CONTRACTOR.

Replastering two bedrooms, tinting same and replacing broken windows ..	\$160.00
Estimated excess	110.00
Estimate passed by board	50.00

RESIDENCE No. 3967 VERNON AVENUE, HANNAH SULLIVAN OWNER.
(Vacant.)

Bills rendered for damages:	
Glazing	\$30.00
Watchman	20.00
Total	50.00
Item, watchman, \$20; excess	10.00
Estimate passed by board	40.00

ARMORY WAREHOUSE Co., NOS. 239 TO 245 E. THIRTY-NINTH STREET,
W. L. JOHNSON, PRESIDENT; C. H. RITTER, TREASURER.

Bill rendered for two broken windows \$18.00

HOUSES 3966, 3968, 3970, AND 3976 VERNON AVENUE, W. F. HORN,
ROOM 1106 CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BUILDING, AGENT.

Bills and estimate..... \$25.91

GROCERY STORE NOS. 3508 AND 3510 VINCENNES AVENUE, H.
WEISKOPF & Co., OWNERS.

Bills and estimates submitted to the board:	
Tyler & Hippach, 1 plate glass, 80 by 129; 1 plate glass, 55 by 129	\$78.00
1 window shade	5.00
Temporary boarding up of window	4.00
Damage to vegetables and fruits by broken glass	20.00
Total	107.00

These premises, Nos. 3508 and 3510 Vincennes avenue, are so remote, nearly one-half mile from the scene of the explosion, that grave doubt must exist that the damage was caused thereby.

Alice York resides at 4101 Grand Boulevard; personal injuries as described by physician:

A complete rupture of the tendo achilles from the oscales and

a severe bruised condition of the foot (left foot). An incised wound just below the patella of left leg, with an additional bruise extending 3 inches down, both involving the periosteum. A severe bruise on the right hip, back of the pelvis, 5 inches through and extending to spine; a smaller bruise on left side and also on left shoulder. Extravasations were especially great in the foot, leg, and right hip. Besides these a number of lesser bruises on head and body.

Bills paid and rendered:

Dr. Hemsteger	\$158.00
Ida C. Handschu, nurse, four weeks	60.00
Clothing ruined	75.50
Glasses	10.00
Crutches	1.50
Six weeks lost time, at \$25 per week	150.00
Medicines	25.00
Total	480.00
Estimated excess (six weeks lost time and medicines)	175.00
Estimate passed by board	305.00

RECAPITULATION OF ESTIMATES PASSED BY THE BOARD.

P. J. Ryan	1,307.00
Charles R. Cave	1,840.61
Edward C. Huling	742.26
Jacob R. Custer	717.83
Herman Lehman	829.75
Herman Grossman	770.00
Phillip W. Raber	1,848.99
F. A. Devlin, lessee	160.00
Samuel B. Foster	1,699.50
Amelia H. Dodge	1,495.84
Frederick A. Howe	893.06
Hellen Palmer	946.75
James Wright	1,213.68
W. H. Godair	258.04
J. W. Morrison	47.77
Mrs. J. E. Ellen	25.00
W. W. Morrill	50.00
Silas H. Finch	54.39
David Mayer, lessee	45.00
Howlin Horgenroth	125.00
H. N. Stephens, lessee	12.55
John W. Byers	105.33
Edward D. Murray	100.00
Arthur W. Allen	99.15
Emilie J. Smity, trustee	19.00
T. A. Keene	50.00
Hannah Sullivan	40.00
Armory Warehouse Company	18.00
W. F. Horn, agent	25.91
Alice York	305.00
Total	15,845.23

There being no further business before it the board adjourned sine die Chicago, Ill., November 3, 1894.

J. D. BINGHAM,
Colonel and Assistant Quartermaster-General,
President.

E. M. HEYL,
Colonel and Inspector-General,
Member.

S. W. GROESBECK,
Major and Judge-Advocate United States Army,
Recorder.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE MISSOURI,
Chicago, Ill., November 8, 1894.

Respectfully forwarded to the Adjutant-General of the Army for consideration by the War Department, recommending that the Congress be asked to make an appropriation to cover the damages passed upon by the board.

NELSON A. MILES,
Major-General Commanding.

