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**Sabotage Is Discounted  
in Du Pont Plant Blast**  
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The Associated Press.

GREENSBORO, N. J., Jan. 18.—  
Explosion of three tons of nitro-  
glycerin at the Repaupo plant of  
the Du Pont Co., killing two men  
and injuring five, was put down to-  
day as an accident.

"I see no reason to suspect sa-  
botage," declared Col. Mark O. Kim-  
berling of the State police.

That possibility drew attention of  
both State police and the Federal  
Bureau of Investigation immediately  
after yesterday's midmorning blast.

The Du Pont Co. manufactures war  
materials at some plants.

The explosion shattered windows  
and jarred buildings for miles  
around. Thousands in Philadel-  
phia, 13 miles north, rushed from  
homes and buildings fearing an  
earthquake.

A 10-foot-deep crater, resembling  
a battlefield shell hole, was torn in  
the frozen ground where stood a  
small building devoted to processing  
nitroglycerin.

Little was left of the structure or  
the two men inside—Earl Leslie  
Harbison, 30, Clayton, N. J., and  
Edward M. Bundens, jr., 29, Pauls-  
boro, N. J. Injuries to others at  
work in the vicinity were slight.