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300 MEN DIE AS WARSHIP BLOWS UP

DESTRUCTION OF FRENCH VESSEL IS MOST DISASTROUS IN NAVAL HISTORY.

SEAFIGHTERS FIGHT LONG FOR CRAFT

Discipline Causes Many Brave Tars to Lose Lives—Battle With Flames Half an Hour Before Explosion.

TOULON, France, Sept. 25.—More than 300 officers and men of the French battleship *Liberte* lost their lives today when the ship was torn apart and totally destroyed in the harbor here by an explosion of her magazines.

The battleship *Republique* was badly damaged and the battleships *Democratie* and *Verite* suffered heavily from the masses of twisted iron and armorplate hurled upon their decks.

This is the greatest disaster that has ever befallen the French navy, and in magnitude is almost without precedent in the annals of the world's fighting ships.

Fire Causes Disaster.

The explosion which wiped out one of France's most powerful battleships occurred at 5:30 o'clock this morning. It was the result of an outbreak of fire. The flames spread rapidly in spite of all efforts to extinguish them, and reached the magazines before there was time to flood them.

The magazines exploded with tremendous violence, sending death and destruction in every direction. While the naval authorities estimate the killed at 300, it is feared this figure will be exceeded. It will be necessary to go through the ship's muster rolls before a full list of the victims can be prepared.

Several men already have been taken alive from the torn and twisted mass of wreckage, and hope is strong that many more may be reached. Exactly from what cause or when the fire started has not been established, but it is believed it had smoldered for hours. Of the vessel's full complement of 742 men, Captain Jaures, brother of the Socialist leader, and his second in command, both were ashore on leave, as also were 140 officers and men. The command of the ship devolved on the senior lieutenant, who perished.

Crew Fights Bravely.

The first fire was discovered at 4 a. m., and the bugles immediately sounded the alarm. The crew rushed to quarters and fought desperately to contain the spreading flames, but it soon was evident that the fire had obtained a firm hold.

The position of the fire made it impossible to flood the magazines and finally the commanding officer ordered the men to "let him save himself who can," and told them to jump for their lives.

At 5:35 the first explosion occurred. It was followed by three others at one minute intervals. Then came the final terrific detonation which shattered the windows of the entire city and was heard for a radius of many miles. The *Liberte* was rent asunder; her bows were blown high in the air and then the vessel slowly settled down and in 10 minutes nothing was visible but the top works.

Those still on deck were hurled skyward amid a shower of iron and steel. The boats of the rescuers were sunk and serious damage was done to the *Republique*, which lay at anchor close by.

Two of her decks were stove in, and one of the *Liberte's* armor plates, hurled against her port side, demolished the cabin of an absent sign.

THE OUTLET

PERPETRATED BY WALT Mc DOUGALL



BEATEN IN TRADE, HE EMULATES HIAWATHA

"Fleet of foot was Hiawatha; He could shoot an arrow from him, And run forward with such swiftness That the arrow dropped behind him."

Chief of Police Shaw is thinking today that Henry Henning, who makes his home at Warm Springs, through the beneficence of a kindly government, which has always taken good care of the Red Man, is just like Hiawatha in the respect of being fleet of foot. Henry had been picking hops in the vicinity of Oregon City and arrived here Friday with a little money and a horse. He traded his horse, giving money "to boot," and, it is alleged, got "stung," as George Ade would say in his fables, and, incidentally, this might be regarded as a mighty good George Ade fable. Albert Henry complained to Chief Shaw that he had lost out in the trade and the chief told him to see the city attorney. Henry, however, disappeared, and then his squaw became uneasy. Finally it was learned that he had gone in the direction of Warm Springs. The squaw and papoose will follow today.

Our greatest clubbing offer. The Morning Enterprise by mail and the Weekly Oregonian, both until November 1, 1912, for only \$3. Offer closes October 31, 1911.

MEETING TONIGHT TO AID SUNDAY SCHOOLS

A meeting will be held this evening in the interests of the Sunday school work of this district. Mrs. Emery French, president of the district convention, will have charge of the meeting. The song service will be led by M. L. Olmstead, and Rev. A. H. Mulkey, of Gladstone, will lead the devotional service. Rev. J. R. Landsborough, pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Oregon City, will speak on "Our Convention, Possibilities and Responsibilities," after which there will be a free discussion of the subject. Hon. H. E. Cross will speak on "Rally Day and What It Means to the School." Special music will be provided and a good meeting is expected.

DRUG STORES TO CLOSE EARLY.

The druggists of this city have decided to close their places of business at 8 o'clock hereafter, except on pay day at the mills and on Saturday night. This new movement went into effect Monday.

Couple Granted License.

License to marry was granted Anna Frances Goez and Benjamin Harrison Monday.

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J. O. STAATS PLANS SERIES OF SERMONS

J. O. Staats, chief deputy sheriff of Clackamas county, devotes his Sundays to saving souls. Mr. Staats is a minister of the Advent Christian church and preaches every Sunday afternoon at the West Oregon City schoolhouse. He has a large congregation, which is growing weekly. Beginning next Sunday Mr. Staats will give a series of sermons on Bible prophecies. His object will be to show the infallibility of the Scriptures and that there is no eternal torment. The church teaches that after resurrection all the worst sinners will be destroyed and the deserving will enter upon eternal happiness. "I am not an office seeker," declared Mr. Staats. "In fact I would rather convert ten persons than be elected to the highest office in the gift of the people."

New Pastor Arrives Thursday.

The Rev. H. Mann recently called to the pastorate of the Ohio Synod German Lutheran church, will be in the church next Thursday between 2 and 3 o'clock and will be pleased to meet the officers of the congregation at that time to talk over congregational affairs.

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BIG COUNTY FAIR STARTS TOMORROW

EVERYTHING READY FOR OPENING OF GRAND EXHIBITION OF PRODUCTS.

RACES OF ALL KINDS ARRANGED

Sham Battle To Be Feature Friday, Oregon City Day—Baby Show and Track Meet Planned for Saturday.

What promises to be the most successful fair ever held in Clackamas county starts tomorrow at Canby and continues the remainder of the week. The arrangements for the fair are more elaborate than ever before and special attention has been given to the amusements. From the opening until the close of the great exhibition there will not be one dull moment, and that the attendance will be large each day is assured. There will be horse races, automobile and motorcycle races, tugs of war, a sham battle, a baby show and many other events.

Races to Excel.

The important horse races scheduled are as follows: Wednesday, 2:15 pace, for \$150; trotting, 2:25 class, \$100; pony race, half mile, \$10. Thursday, 2:20 trot, \$150; pacing, 2:16 class, \$100; pony race, half mile, \$10. Friday, trotting, 2:18 class, \$100; pacing, 2:25 class, \$100; running, mile, \$50; free for all pace, \$250. Saturday, trotting, 2:15 class, \$100; pacing, 2:25 class, \$100; running, one mile \$50; free for all trot, \$250. There will be a running race every day.

There will be a trotting race, 2:20 class, Friday, for a purse of \$500, and Saturday there will be a pacing race, 2:15 class, for a purse of \$500.

Oregon City day—Friday—is to be replete with attractions, and no doubt the program arranged for that day will be a big drawing card. There will be a sham battle between Company I of Woodburn and Company G of this city. These two companies are well drilled, and there is no doubt but there will be great excitement prevailing during the "fight." It will be held about 11 o'clock, and there also will be a competitive drill for gold medals. At 10:30 there will be a horse parade on the race track.

This to be shortly after the arrival of the Oregon City delegation. The judging of the livestock, poultry and the booths and exhibits in the pavilion will also take place in the morning.

Scotch To Have Day.

The Scotch people will have full sway one day and the program arranged by Major C. S. Noble is replete with interesting features, among them being sword dances, Scotch dances, Scotch songs, bagpipe selections. A program will be given at first on the platform near the grove, after which the Scotch athletics will be given between the

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COUNCIL CONSIDERS STREET ASSESSMENTS

The city council, at a special meeting Monday night, considered the assessments of property owners for repairing several streets. The assessment for the improvement of Jefferson street and the building of sewer No. 6 will be passed upon at a meeting to be held October 6. Other matters of minor importance were considered, and an early adjournment was taken.

TRUE FRIENDSHIPS ARE MADE BY LOVE

REV. HAYWORTH POINTS LESSON FROM DEVOTION OF DAMON AND PYTHIAS.

JEALOUSY AND ENVY DESTRUCTIVE

Best Friendship, Says Minister, Exists Not So Much for What It Receives As It Gives.

The Rev. S. A. Hayworth, pastor of the Baptist church, preached to a large audience, including many Knights of Pythias, Sunday evening on "Damon and Pythias, or the Divinity of Human Friendships." The minister's text was: "Herby know we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us; and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren." 1 John 3:17. He said, in part:

The value of every human life depends upon the friendships established. These friendships do not weaken, but strengthen. Mutual friendships in which there is the self revelation of each soul, the mutual self surrender and a common interest, are not only human but divine. These three elements are necessary: Similarity of purpose, and identity of ideals are essential in the formation of all worthy friendships. This ideal relationship between two souls is established by love. Examples of such ideal friendship are rare in the history of man. Four hundred years before the Christian era, there lived in Syracuse two pupils of Pythagoras, who proved their love by consenting to die for each other. Damon incurred the ill pleasure of the tyrant Dionysius, and he was condemned to death. Desiring to go and visit his family first, he besought of the tyrant that privilege. Friend Would Give Life.

It was granted only on condition that he find some one to stand for him as a hostage, to enter prison and to die in his stead, should he fail to return at the time set. This Pythias, the friend of Damon, consented to do. Scoffed by his friends for thus offering his own life for another, Pythias nevertheless remained true and went to prison. The day for the execution of Damon approached and he was not in sight. But a short time before the exact hour for the execution, Damon galloped near the scene and insisted on releasing his friend Pythias. The two had several exchanges in words insisting on dying for each other. The sublime spectacle of personal devotion to each other won the admiration of the tyrant Dionysius, who confessed that such friendship he had never known but earnestly craved it, and, pardoning Damon, sought admission into the sacred fraternity. This story has been the inspiration of millions and has resulted in the organization of a fraternal order which seeks to exemplify this ideal of friendship among its members. The greatest friendship manifests the greatest measure of love possible. No more can be given for the good of another than one's own life.

There are many alliances which are based on the selfish spirit of commercialism. Partnerships in life, which have no other motive than commercial gain, are human and not divine. "The rich hath many friends," said Solomon in irony. The friendship of the many for the rich is, generally speaking, a feigned love, because of a lack of heart attachments. It is for the purpose of financial gain that such friendships exist.

Jealousy Mars Friendship.

Human friendships which are tainted with jealousy and envy are

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DIODEGENES, YOU'RE 'FIRED' HE'S FOUND

If Diogenes, who was a big leaguer as cynic and philosopher, could have been in Oregon City Monday he would have discarded his lighted candle. For one man in this town has proved beyond all peradventure of doubt that he is honest, as of course, most of the residents of Oregon City are. But the man in question carries the palm, and it is but fair that his good work be chronicled in the only daily published between Portland and Salem. His name is M. M. McGeehan, and he is janitor of the Presbyterian church. This is what Mr. McGeehan did: He called at the sheriff's office and said:

"You have not sent me a bill for personal taxes, but I am satisfied that I owe the county money on this account."

Chief Deputy Staats, who had been addressed, caught his breath, shook himself, became convinced that he was not dreaming, and then looked at the man before him.

"How much do you owe?" asked Mr. Staats.

"I don't know. But I want to pay what's right. I guess the assessor's men overlooked me. I suppose my personal property is worth \$100."

"I am sure that is right," said Mr. Staats as he made out a receipt for \$2, and Mr. McGeehan left the office where so many persons go to elongate their faces with his countenance wreathed in smiles. Someone suggested that Mr. McGeehan might have his eye on the mayoralty or some other high office, but his friend denied this, and said he was peacefully satisfied attending to his duties at the church.

STREETS FENCED; RIOT IS STARTED

OSWEGO CITIZENS ASK THAT WORK OF CEMENT COMPANY BE REMOVED.

COUNTY COURT TO HEAR COMPLAINT

Aman Moore, Who Figured in Battle With John and Henry Bichner, Has Charge of Force of Men.

The riot at Oswego Sunday caused by the Portland Cement company, which is building a \$1,000,000 plant there, erecting fences across several streets, will be aired in the county court this morning. County Judge Beattie has called a meeting of the court at 10:30 o'clock, and the hearing is expected to be a sensational one. More than 200 persons were engaged in the riot at one time, and but for the cover heads there would have been a pitched battle. A force of about 100 men employed by the cement company, under the direction of Aman Moore, president of the concern, began the work of the fencing of the streets early Sunday morning. Several citizens remonstrated, but the work was not stopped. Finally George W. Prosser, postmaster, and several friends began removing the posts, but they soon realized that this was futile. Frank Davidson, road supervisor, was appealed to, but he could not induce Moore to discontinue the work of building the fences.

Appeal Made to Court.

Prosser and Davidson appeared before Judge Beattie and presented the following petition, which was signed by 100 residents of Oswego:

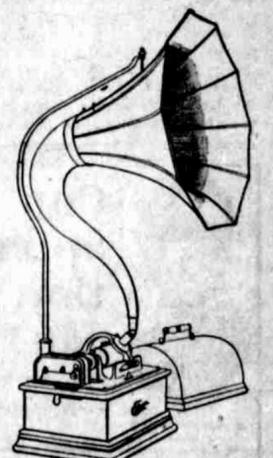
"Inasmuch as the Portland Cement company, under management of one Aman Moore, as president and manager, has taken the liberty on a Sabbath day (September 24) to fence up and forcibly maintain a wire and post fence through the center of Furnace street, and closing up other streets of said town completely, to die in his stead, should he fail to return at the time set. This Pythias, the friend of Damon, consented to do. Scoffed by his friends for thus offering his own life for another, Pythias nevertheless remained true and went to prison. The day for the execution of Damon approached and he was not in sight. But a short time before the exact hour for the execution, Damon galloped near the scene and insisted on releasing his friend Pythias. The two had several exchanges in words insisting on dying for each other. The sublime spectacle of personal devotion to each other won the admiration of the tyrant Dionysius, who confessed that such friendship he had never known but earnestly craved it, and, pardoning Damon, sought admission into the sacred fraternity. This story has been the inspiration of millions and has resulted in the organization of a fraternal order which seeks to exemplify this ideal of friendship among its members. The greatest friendship manifests the greatest measure of love possible. No more can be given for the good of another than one's own life.

Moore, it is said, alleges that the streets were never formally dedicated. The signers of the petition say the streets have been in public use for almost fifty years. The company fenced the streets some time ago, but was ordered by Supervisor Davidson to remove the obstructions and did so. It is thought that the company's second action is preliminary to a legal fight for possession. The portion of the town affected is not incorporated, and the residents have no redress except through the county court, or by seeking an injunction. If the court decides the company is in the wrong Sheriff Mass will be instructed to go to Oswego and have the fences removed. This probably would result in the case being appealed to the circuit court.

Suits Result From Fight.

Moore and John and Henry Bichner had a fight several weeks ago as the result of the cement company trying to take possession of land which was in dispute. Moore alleged that Henry Bichner struck him with a shovel, and, as he seized a board to defend himself, John Bichner, who is a pioneer, rushed upon him with a club.

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