

FRENCH WARSHIP FULL OF CORPSES

Explosion Wrecks the Jena at Toulon and at Least 70 Are Dead.

BODIES HURLED IN THE AIR

Terrible Catastrophe Causes Panic Among War Vessels and Reveals Many Heroes—Flying Missiles Kill and Mangle Many.

TOULON, March 12.—The powder magazines on board the French battleship Jena blew up at 1:35 o'clock this afternoon, and as a result Captain Adigard, commander of the battleship, Captain Vertier, chief of the Mediterranean squadron, and from 70 to 80 binoculars are dead, while Rear-Admiral Manoeuvre and hundreds of men are suffering from injuries. Naval circles are aghast and the public is stunned by the appalling catastrophe.

The entire crew of the Jena was blown to pieces. The bodies of the victims were hurled through the air by a succession of explosions and panicked workmen at the arsenal fled for their lives from the vicinity of the drydock. Scores on board the Jena jumped overboard on the stone quay and sustained injuries.

Caused by Torpedo Explosion.

The primary cause of the accident was the premature explosion of a torpedo. What caused the explosion is not known, but the powder magazines of the Jena were set on fire and the resulting explosions practically destroyed what was considered one of the most modern of the French navy. The Jena had just undergone the final construction of her hull and machinery, the latter part having been partly overhauled preparatory to joining the squadron tomorrow.

The crew was in its full strength, being composed of the Rear-Admiral, 24 other officers and 430 men. The magazines had been replenished recently and contained many tons of powder as well as a number of charges for torpedoes.

The crew had finished its midday meal only a short time before the explosion and had dispersed to various parts of the vessel. Most of the men were engaged in work connected with the approaching departure of the warship, but quite a large party had been detailed to attend a lecture that was being given forward.

First Shock Causes Panic.

The first shock of the explosion was extremely violent and shook the vessel fore and aft. It was followed instantly by other shocks. The crew rushed wildly about the decks. The men forward, who had been attending the lecture, clambered over the bulwarks and jumped into the sea, some of them into the dock and others to the stone quay, many being fatally hurt.

The hundreds of men below deck were crushed in smoke and while they groped their way toward the exits they became the prey of suffocating fumes, which caused many of them to fall unconscious.

Shells and charges of explosives in the magazines continued to explode and masses of metal were hurled into the air. The flying missiles demolished the torpedo shed, the engine house and the pump house nearby, and constituted a most serious menace to the lives of those who made their way toward the battleship to begin the work of rescue. The Jena was aflame from bursting projectiles and the fire prevented approaching.

It is declared that for 30 minutes the authorities were unable to discover the keys with which to open the locks to flood the drydock and submerge the ship, but when they did finally open the locks the water rushed in onto the Jena and the explosions came to an end.

Littered With Torn Bodies.

Amidst masses of dense smoke the search for the dead and wounded was commenced. The lower decks of the Jena were littered with the fragments of shattered and torn bodies, while the surrounding water was dotted with human fragments.

It is impossible to ascertain the exact number of killed and wounded until tomorrow, when a roll-call will be held, as many of the men were completely blown to pieces while others were incinerated. Many of the injured became temporarily insane and rushed frantically around until they fell exhausted. A quartermaster gave an account of his experiences. His face was blackened, his hair and beard were burned off, his uniform was in rags and he had sustained a number of minor injuries.

How It Feels to Be Blown Up.

"I was on the bridge and just about to call the afternoon roll," he said, "when the explosion occurred. I had no idea what had happened. I felt myself hurled into the air and a few seconds later I found myself lying on the quay. I managed to rise and run. I had no idea where I was going."

An orderly of Rear-Admiral Manoeuvre, who was cut, bruised and blood-stained, gave the following recital of his experience:

"Rear-Admiral Manoeuvre's quarters are above the magazine. I was in the dining-room when the first heavy shock occurred. The quarters were at once filled with fumes and choking smoke. I rushed to the rear of the Admiral's cabin. I saw he was wounded, and shouted to him to run. After that I don't know what happened. I lost my senses, and did not regain consciousness until the rescuers found me."

Captain Burned Alive.

Captain Vertier occupied a cabin near the after-turret, over the magazine. Immediately after the explosion he tried to get out, but the door of his cabin was blocked with debris, and the only means of exit was impassable. After the fire was extinguished the rescuers found his incinerated body, as well as the terribly burned bodies of several other officers who had been caught in the after-cabin. Two midshipmen were killed outright, and the others attached to the Jena have not yet been accounted for.

Until a list of the names of persons besieged the offices of the Maritime Prefect, seeking the names of the victims. Finally the officials persuaded the people to disperse, telling them there was no chance of learning the names before tomorrow.

All Suffocated by Fumes.

Lieutenant Tercein, one of the wounded survivors, believes everybody below at the time of the explosion undoubtedly was asphyxiated by the fumes arising from the magazines or from the combustion of "B" powder.

There are thought a total of 10 wounded being called for in the hospital in their own homes, but an additional number of people in the town were struck

by projectiles from the explosion. A 2-year-old child was instantly killed by some of the missiles.

The fire is now practically out, and, as soon as the battleship is free from the deadly fumes, probably some time tonight dead bodies, probably some time tonight, the work of bringing out the bodies will begin.

Heroes Work in Vain.

The maritime prefect has drawn attention to an act of conspicuous heroism performed by five sailors of various ships, who responded to his call for volunteers to open the sluices of the drydock. Those men continued their vain efforts undeterred by the death of their leader, Midshipman Rousseau, who was decapitated amid a shower of projectiles from the exploding 12-inch shells, until orders were finally given the battleship Patrie, moored opposite the drydock, to fire a shell into the gate. This was done and the water rushed in just in time to prevent the flames from reaching the central forward magazines of the Jena. In these magazines was stored the greater portion of the torpedoes, the explosion of which would have had a terrible consequence in the arsenal and town.

After the shell from the Patrie had burst the gate, it ricocheted, went through the arsenal wall and buried itself in a talus of the fortifications, just missing a sentry.

Will Be Total Loss.

The Jena will be a total loss. Her after section has been damaged beyond repair. Early tomorrow the wreck shored up and the bottom of the dock searched for bodies. Six of the wounded men in the hospital died tonight.

The Jena was a turret ship of 11,881 tons displacement and 15,500 horsepower. The vessel had an armored belt of from six to 12 1/2 inches of steel, four 12-inch guns, eight 6-inch guns, eight 3.9-inch, 16 1.8-inch and about 20 smaller rapid-fire guns. Her speed was estimated at over 18 knots and she carried 631 officers and men.

Due to Spontaneous Combustion.

PARIS, March 12.—Inspector-General Admiral Benaime expressed the opinion that the explosion on the Jena was caused by the spontaneous combustion of powder which disintegrated at a certain time and requires constant inspection for safety. Spontaneous combustion was the cause of the explosion of the Toulon powder magazine in 1894.

The Ministry of Marine received a dispatch from Toulon at a late hour tonight saying that, while the number of victims was considerable, the workmen were as large as at first reported. Seven officers are reported as missing.

AMMUNITION NOT GUARDED

Army Officer Admits Fact About Threats Against Negroes.

WASHINGTON, March 12.—That ammunition used in infantry rifles is not guarded as closely as has been claimed by discharged negro soldiers, and that it is possible for soldiers to obtain extra ammunition was brought out in the Brownsville inquiry today before the Senate committee on military affairs. This testimony was given by Captain D. W. Kilburn, of the Twenty-fifth Infantry, which regiment preceded the negro soldiers of the Twenty-fifth Infantry at Fort Brown.

The same witness declared that citizens of Brownsville made threats that they would run negro troops out of town if they were brought there to supply white troops, and on this point he was corroborated by Lieutenant Edwin Thompson, who was quartermaster of the same regiment at Fort Brown.

Captain Kilburn said that a bullet of the caliber used in the Springfield rifle could be fired from a Mauser, but that its penetration would be retained.

It is expected this testimony will have an important bearing upon the investigation, as the committee has had before it the bullets taken from the walls of the houses "shot up." These bullets are said to be deeply grooved. It seems to be the purpose of Mr. Frazier to show by his testimony that the bullets taken from the walls of the houses could not have been fired from the rifles in the hands of negro troops, as these guns had been used in target practice for a long time.

Congressmen Arrive at Colon.

COLON, March 12.—The steamer Panama arrived today with 53 Congressmen, who are desirous of inspecting the work on the canal.

ROADMAKERS IN SESSION

Fourth Annual Convention Convened at Pittsburgh.

PITTSBURGH, March 12.—The fourth annual convention of the American Roadmakers convened in Carnegie Music Hall today. More than 250 delegates representing 33 states are in attendance. The convention was called to order by James H. McDonald, of New Haven, Conn., president of the association.

William J. Bryan entered the hall and was greeted by loud applause. He made a short address, commending the movement.

The first speaker on the programme was Logan Walker Esq., Director of Public Roads of the Department of Agriculture, who said in part: "The office of Public Roads has nearly completed an investigation which develops the fact that we have approximately two and a half million miles of public roads in the United States. The annual expenditure on these roads is only about \$75,000,000, but when you consider that 4 per cent is a good return for a large investment, the amount that is annually spent on our roads would represent the interest on a valuation of \$1,875,000,000."

MILITIA GUARD ROBBERS

Angry Iowans Want to Hang Captured Bank Robbers.

CHICAGO, March 12.—A dispatch to the Tribune from Manchester, Ia., says: The state militia was called out early today to guard two bank robbers arrested by blowing up the bank at Masonville, March 6, from mob violence, and Sheriff John Hennessy has asked the Governor for more aid. Company D is now on guard, with instructions to shoot.

The action followed the ousting of the grand jury today, which was declared illegal, and which the protestors do not indict the men held. Angry citizens formed a mob and are bent on lynching the men.

DEADLY DUEL IN GERMANY

Army Officer Fatally Wounded by Mysterious High Personage.

BERLIN, March 12.—A mysterious duel was fought yesterday in the Grunewald, near Berlin. One of the participants, Captain von Bearens, was taken to a hospital in a dying condition. The mystery attaches to his opponent. It was stated that he was a personage of high rank, but his identity being withheld, some considerable attention of the cause. The duel was fought with pistols.

Thursday Is Linen Day

Every Thursday is the day for Linen Bargains at this store. Watch Thursday's Oregonian for extraordinary Sale Specials. See Thursday window display.

Easter a trifle less than three weeks from now, and this length of time should allow perfect satisfaction in all you buy.

The stocks for Easter are indeed all quite complete, and such stocks! So many charming things to improve and beautify your Easter raiment.

There are charming tailored suits, silk suits, Parisian model millinery, belts and bags, ribbons and neckwear, gloves, hosiery, veils, jewelry novelties, etc. Our new stocks are truly superb.

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New Millinery. The exclusive "Knox" Hats for Women, the superb "Robinson & Wells" London Tailored Hats, as well as a brilliant variety of new creations from New York and our own designers' exclusive models. Visitors will find an interesting display today. You may find YOUR hat here.

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Wool Suitings 50c Yard 38-in. all-wool Suitings, in shadow plaids, pastel and street shades; yard price only.

French Batiste 50c Yard All wool, 37 inches wide, in cream, black, navy, new grays, mode, tan, green, pink, blue, helio, 50c rose, etc.; yard...

75c Sicilians 59c Yard English Mohair Sicilians, 48 inches wide, in navy, brown and myrtle only; 75c quality; sale price.

\$1.25 Black Voile 98c Black French Voile, 43 inches wide—all wool, wire finish, 98c \$1.25 value; sale price...

WAR ON NEW UNION

Goldfield Aroused Against Industrial Workers.

SUSPICION OF CONSPIRACY

Admissions of Leaders Point to Design for Disposing of Prominent Opponents—President Accused of Killing a Walter.

GOLDFIELD, Nev., March 12.—It was expected that the miners who are opposed to further affiliation with the Industrial Workers of the World and who are anxious to form an independent body to affiliate with the American Federation of Labor, would make a demonstration today. They were to assemble at Jumbo Town at noon and march into Goldfield behind the National colors.

Grave results were expected from the move. A number of mines closed to permit the miners to join the movement, and saloons and stores were closed, fearing trouble. Besides, the coroner's jury was to sit on the body of the restaurant-keeper who was shot by an Industrial Worker picket and delegate. It was expected this would be the occasion for a clash. The parade was abandoned at the request of an organizer of the American Federation of Labor, who arrived in the camp to organize the various unions, and the coroner's inquest was postponed with the expectation that very important evidence showing conclusively that the killing was the result of an Industrial Workers of the World conspiracy would be forthcoming.

Last night President Jim Smith, of the Industrial Workers of the World, who had been released on bond a day or two ago for beating unoffensive waters in Miners' Union Hall, was re-arrested on a warrant for conspiracy in the killing of Walter. Meetings of the businessmen have been held every few hours and their plan of procedure is well understood on all sides. They were ready today at the first sign of a disturbance to act. A number of mines shut down last night for a period of 36 hours and all the saloons and stores were closed for the same time.

FAITHFUL MOURN DOWIE

Impressive Religious Services for the Dead Zion Leader.

CHICAGO, March 12.—Funeral services were held last night for John Alexander Dowie by the little band of the faithful who have stood by him while thousands of the once restoration host ridiculed and scorned the former ruler. Refusing to accept conciliatory measures offered by Gladstone Dowie in the form of a share in the last rites over his father's body, Deacon J. W. Cutter and his six assistant deacons, chosen by Dowie as the ecclesiastical rulers of his church in Zion City held formal services, which, they said, were the only possible ceremonies for the Christian Catholic Apostolic Church in Zion. Deacon Cutter had persuaded five of his authorized assistants—Deacons Crawford, Snelling, Chad, Gotschalk and Braun—to hold to their original stand. In spite of a drizzling night, his residence was crowded,

mourners finding places on stairs and window-sills.

Under these conditions, with every person present an ardent follower of the "First Apostle" in life and death, many of whom had been with him from the founding of the church, the service had a deep religious tone that made it unusually impressive.

Deacons Samuel, Chad and Morris, who were with Dowie in his last night on earth, were called upon to relate incidents of those hours. Deacon Morris declared that he had been with Dowie every night for weeks, and that fever or any of the other symptoms of delirium failed to appear. The meeting closed with declarations from almost every one present that they would remain in the present hour until Dowie's death reveals whom he chose as his successor. Then they will flock to his successor. Many expressed the belief that this will be Overseer Brand, now in South Africa.

Arrangements for the formal services of Thursday continue to show a conciliatory desire to unite all factions. Overseer W. J. Piper, head of the faction in Chicago that revolted from Voliva after his victory, has been asked to sit upon the tabernacle platform with Deacon Spelcher, head of the Chicago party remaining true to Dowie. The eulogy will be delivered by Judge V. V. Barnes, of the Voliva faction.

The funeral promises to be spectacular. A large white hearse will be brought from Kenosha, the coffin will be white, and the hearse will be drawn by white horses. The coffin will be sealed hermetically and buried in a stone vault.

NO Statute for John Brown.

TOPEKA, Kan., March 12.—One of the last acts of the House last night was the killing of an item in the general appropriation bill of \$600, providing for the erection of the Hall of Fame, in Washington, of a statue to John Brown, of Ossawatimie. A dramatic scene preceded the demise of the appropriation. The item had been introduced by Senator Waggoner, of Atchison, and when he learned that the conferees were threatening to cut it out, he asked the members and employes of the Senate to join him in singing "John Brown's Body Lies Mouldering in the Grave." A number of Senators took the strain and Waggoner asked them to follow him. At the head of 50 legislators and employes, the Atchisoner led them first to the House and then to the conference committee-room and finally to Governor Hoch's office, the crowd singing at the top of their voices as they marched from point to point.

Dixey Says He Gave Notice.

NEW YORK, March 12.—Harry E. Dixey, until recently the leading man of "The Man on the Box," company, returned here yesterday from the West, where he closed his season rather abruptly, according to William N. Lawrence, his manager. The telegraph messages from Ottumwa, Ia., where Mr. Dixey left the company, said that he and Miss Nordstrom, the leading lady, quit without any explanation. Mr. Dixey denied this. He said he had told John E. Warner, traveling manager for Mr. Lawrence, several weeks ago that he wished to close the season. Mr. Dixey said he was informed that the play had been booked for two weeks, after the Kansas City engagement. The period ended at Ottumwa last Saturday.

Warrior Editor Dead.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 12.—Colonel Henry G. Shaw, formerly a newspaper man and of late years connected with the Custom-House, is dead, aged 85 years. During the stirring times on the Comstock lode, Colonel Shaw was editor of the Virginia City Enterprise. He was city editor of the Call, was writer for the Stockton Independent and earlier was on the staff of the New York Sun. Colonel Shaw was a veteran of the Civil War and was wounded at Chancellorsville. He also served as inspector of rifle practice in New York.

Archie Roosevelt Improving.

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