

BIG GUN EXPLODES IN FORT; 11 DEAD

Toll of Death Would Have
Been Larger but for Hero-
ism of Men.

INJURED CRY, 'AID OTHERS'

Wounded Artillerymen at Fortress
Monroe Forget Hurts That Un-
injured May Be Saved From
Burning Powder.

MANY SERIOUS EXPLOSIONS RE- SULT DURING RIFLE AND GUN PRACTICE.

CHICAGO, July 21.—(Special.)—Among the more serious accidents caused by explosions and faulty breech locks are the following:
Battleship Kearsarge, West Indian waters, February 2, 1902, gun burst, killing five.
Battleship Iowa, April 9, 1903, explosion of gun, killing three, wounding five.
Battleship Massachusetts, off Cuba, January 10, 1906, gun exploded, killing nine.
Battleship Missouri, off Pensacola, Fla., April 12, 1904, powder explosion, 23 killed, five injured.
Battleship Massachusetts, at Philadelphia, December 14, 1904, explosion in forenoon, three killed, four scalded.
Gunboat Bennington, San Diego, Cal., July 21, 1905, boiler explosion, killing 34, injuring 60.
Battleship Kearsarge, in Caribbean Sea, April 13, 1906, powder explosion, killing six.
Battleship Georgia, in Massachusetts Bay, July 15, 1907, powder explosion, killing six, injuring 15.
Cruiser Tennessee, in California waters, June 16, 1908, bursting of boiler tube, killing 13.
Torpedo-boat destroyer Hopkins, in California waters, exploding boiler, killed one, wounded five.
Cruiser Charleston, March 28, 1910, in Philippine waters, breechlock exploded, killing eight, wounding four.
Fortress Monroe, July 21, 1910, breechlock exploded, killing 11, injuring scores.

FORTRESS MONROE, Va., July 21.—Eleven men of the coast artillery are dead tonight as the result of the blowing out of a breechlock in one of the big guns while the fort corps was engaged in target practice this morning. A half dozen others are in the post hospital, one of whom may die.

The cause of the explosion is not yet definitely determined, although a board of inquiry was appointed immediately after the disaster by orders from the War Department in Washington. The list of dead and wounded follows:

The Dead.

Sergeant Harry G. Haas, of Phoenix, Va., gun commander.
Corporal Charles O. Adkins, address unknown.
Corporal Albert Bradford, Dorothy, W. Va.
Privates A. J. Sullivan, of Perkins, Ky.; Roy Duffey, of Kenova, W. Va.; H. A. Adey, of Brandeis, W. Va.; W. King, of Dayton, O.; John W. Chadwick, of Tazewell, Tenn.; Alfred W. Smith, of New York; Judd E. Hogan, of Meyer, O.; and James H. Turner, of Ripley, Tenn.

The Injured.

Second Lieutenant George L. Van Deusen; Privates Orville T. Rainey, Ellsworth Hoffman, Charles E. Parks, and William C. Sulzberger, and Arlie Adey.

The toll of death, it is believed, would have been larger had it not been for the heroism displayed by the officers and men in the battery. The wounded forgot their hurts and aided the uninjured in stamping out the burning powder that threatened the charge for a second shot.

The explosion occurred in Battery de Ruess, No. 1 gun during the damage. The gun was being fired by Captain James Prentice, who had with him Lieutenants George P. Hawes, Jr., and George L. Van Deusen. Lieutenant Hawes had gone forward from the breach to examine the range wheel when the charge was exploded. He was thrown down and momentarily stunned, but otherwise unharmed.

Eight Killed Instantly.

Eight men were killed outright, their bodies lying scattered around the emplacement. Captain Prentice and Lieutenant Hawes foresaw a further sacrifice of life if the other charges caught from the emoldering sparks and the two sent out a call for surgeons while they attacked the flames with their bare hands.

Captain Prentice reached the emplacement first and pushing his way through the smoke and sparks, he carried out a bar of powder. He then was joined by Hawes and the two completed the task of avoiding a further explosion.

Meanwhile, Lieutenant Van Deusen lay beneath the gun, his leg broken in two places. He was suffering agonies but when his brother officers sought to remove him he would not permit them to touch him.

"See to the men first," he said, and propped against the gun carriage, he aided in directing the work.

Others Distinguish Selves.

Corporal Humphreys and Sergeant Brinkley, a gun pointer also distinguished themselves. The former's head, body and arms were filled with pieces of flying concrete that had been hurled from the emplacement. In spite of his painful wounds he rushed to his dead and wounded comrades extinguishing their burning clothing and then helping to the nearby emplacement for water.

Sergeant Brinkley was close to the breach when it blew out. He was hurled over the right side of the gun and regained consciousness he found himself hanging by one arm from the railing of the sighting platform. Although severely bruised and suffering from two shocks, Brinkley declined to go to the hospital or permit surgeons to examine him until they had ordered his comrades.

Colonel C. P. Townsley, commander of the fort, promptly ordered an investigation.

"It is evident," he said, "that the explosion occurred during the insertion of the breech block into the gun and it had been rotated and locked in place. The safety devices on the gun are intended to make a premature discharge impossible. Just how they failed to operate probably never will be known. Every member of the detachment who could have explained it was killed."

The inquiry, however, is to be thorough.

OREGON WOMAN WHO REAFFIRMS INTENTION TO CLEAR MYSTERY OF SON'S DEATH.



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MRS. JAMES N. SUTTON.

Assisting in the investigation are some of the leading officers of the Army who were present at the time of the explosion. Among them are General Crozier, Chief of Ordnance of the Army; Surgeon Carter, Assistant Chief of Staff; General Murray, Chief of Coast Artillery; and General Bixby, Chief of Engineers.

The fatal accident occurred while target practice at shooting targets built to the proportions of battleships was in progress. The firing was conducted as nearly as possible under battle conditions and was on a more pretentious scale than ever has been attempted before.

SON'S DEATH ISSUE

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Mrs. Rose Sutton May Be
Candidate for Congress.

NAVAL REFORM PLATFORM

Portland Woman, Mother of Dead
Officer, Wants Congressional In-
vestigation Into Young Man's
Death—Says Help Promised.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., July 21.—(Special.)—Determined to secure a congressional investigation of the tragic ending of her son's life, in the belief that a new inquiry will show that a murder instead of a suicide was committed when Lieutenant J. N. Sutton met death at Annapolis, Mrs. Rose B. Sutton arrived in Los Angeles today from Washington, D. C., and left soon afterward for her home in Portland, Or., where she may announce her candidacy for Congress.

Mrs. Sutton said a great number of men and women in Portland had urged her to run for Congress and that several prominent lawyers had offered to stump the state in her interest.

"I will definitely decide what I will do as soon as I reach Portland," said she, "but I am willing to have it said that I will make the fight if the people want me. If the people of Portland desire that I represent them in Congress, I will be glad to accept. I believe that it is legally possible for a woman to be elected to Congress and to have a vote there with the other members. There is no law, as I understand it, which prevents the election of a woman to the office."

"The platform I would stand on would be this: Fair play, and protection to the boys in the Navy and in the Army. If elected to Congress, I would be neither an insurgent nor a regular, but I would work for reform in the naval and Army life of the Nation. I would not advocate woman's suffrage for I am a strong believer in home life. I believe that women who are unmarried and have property interests should vote, but I know that I would find enough to do without advocating that."

"An improvement in the Navy would be well worth the life work of any woman or of any man."

TWO ESCAPE NARROWLY

Y. M. C. A. RAINIER CLIMBERS
EXPERIENCE THRILLS.

Sections of Cliffs Dislodged at Criti-
cal Moments, Nearly Sending
Men to Death.

HUNDREDS SUFFER IN CAMP

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try, is almost equal to that of the troops in the states, and that is saying a great deal, as they are isolated, are working under great difficulties and do not have the chance for drilling that other soldiers do.

"The posts are all in good shape, and the sanitary conditions are perfect. At Fort Egbert I withdrew the garrison, leaving only a small detachment."

"This trip was made for military inspection, and because I could not make it last year and was not aware of the conditions there. I was unable to reach Valdez, as the roads were in frightful condition. No animal would have been available to make the trip, even if the roads were in better shape."

"The scenery is superb. I have visited nearly every part of the world, been through the north in Sweden, Norway and along the northern part of Siberia, but I have never in all my travels found such a clear atmosphere as in so cold a climate, and seen such rugged beauty as in Alaska. The inland sea is particularly beautiful. I wonder that more persons do not go there on tours and see for themselves the incomparable grandeur of the Alaskan scenery."

Canada's exports of pulp, wood in 1909 amounted to only \$18,150. In 1908 they had increased to \$4,937,552.

Arizona has a mining output averaging about \$25,000,000 a year, imports and exports (part of Nogales) of about \$15,000,000 a year, besides millions yearly for cattle and farm, garden and orchard products.

TRETT'S DECISION HALTS WAR CLOUD

Bar Harbor and Bangor Battle
for Privilege of Enter-
taining Executive.

5000 VILLAGERS VICTORS

Maine Folk to Have Chance to See
and Hear Golfer-President, Who
Enjoys Day on Links and
Rides to Lobster Feast.

BAR HARBOR, Me., July 21.—President Taft will speak here tomorrow at noon and will have a chance to see the year-round residents of this famous watering place, and to be seen by them.

Until Mr. Taft's intention was announced, today, war clouds were gathering rapidly between the Maine citizens and the members of the fashionable Summer colony whose plans to entertain the chief magistrate and the members of his party failed to include any concession to the village folk, of whom there are about 5000.

Action Taken at Once.

The President was informed of the situation today by J. P. Bass, of Bangor, and at once consented to speak to the villagers. The details were quickly arranged and placards announcing the event were posted at every vantage point and in all but the ultra-fashionable shop windows.

Professor H. C. Emory, chairman of the new tariff commission, could not reach Bar Harbor this afternoon and his scheduled conference with the President was postponed until tomorrow.

Social affairs and golf occupied the President's day. He had a backboard ride out to Jordan pond tonight for a "shore supper" of lobster and other sea dainties. It was a nine-mile drive each way through a stiff breeze.

Two Indians Rescued.

The most exciting incident of the President's cruise thus far was the rescue of two Indians whose canoe capsized while the Mayflower was at anchor in Passamaquoddy Bay.

They had paddled out to have a close view of the President's big white yacht and stood up to have a better look. A moment later there was a splash, an overturned canoe and two hats floating on the water.

Boats were lowered and the Indians were hauled out little the worse for their wetting.

OPINION GIVEN BY GRANT

City Attorney Instructs Auditor on
Morrison Assessment.

DEATH SMOOTS TOWN

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suicide, and that they are even now expecting the suicide of another former and prominent official of the road who has not, thus far, been mentioned in connection with the graft case.

It was asserted that very soon another bill will be filed, bringing nearly half a dozen ex-officials of the road into the case. The additional defendants who will be asked to reimburse the company wage, it was said, Frank B. Harriman, ex-general manager of the Illinois Central; Oliver M. Duane, superintendent of the New Orleans terminals of the Illinois Central; H. McCourt, ex-general superintendent of the Southern lines at Memphis; C. L. Ewing, ex-general superintendent of the Northern lines at Chicago; William S. King, ex-general superintendent of the Xisco & Mississippi Valley Road; H. A. Sims, ex-chief car inspector, and J. G. Neuffer, ex-superintendent of machinery.

Another feature is a distinct change in the attitude of the family. Up to tonight, all newspaper reporters and the Winnetka and Chicago police have been barred from the Rawn premises, which were guarded by Pinkerton detectives. This led to the supposition that the family had something to conceal. It was argued that if there had been a murder, the survivors would welcome any effort to probe the crime and run down the assassin. Tonight reporters of all the papers were invited to the house, and the local and Chicago police were also asked to lend their assistance in unraveling the crime.

Estate to Be Tied Up.

Whatever the outcome, it was asserted authoritatively by Illinois Central attorneys that Rawn's estate would be tied up in the courts in an effort to reimburse the road for its losses. The amount of his estate is not exactly known, but it is thought he was worth, aside from his life insurance, \$1,000,000. His insurance, so far as known, follows:

Continental Casualty Company, \$5000; Standard Accident Company, \$5000; Employers Liability, of London, \$19,000; Maryland Casualty Company, \$20,000; Travelers Insurance Company, \$10,000; Pacific Mutual Life Insurance Company, \$10,000; Casualty Company of America, \$25,000; General Accident and Insurance Company, \$5000; London Guarantee & Accident Company \$15,000.

During February and May, it is said that Mr. Rawn took out a total of \$40,000 straight life insurance in three companies. It is thought his total insurance, accident and straight life, will exceed \$200,000.

The missing "second bullet" in the tragedy—or at least a smashed bit of lead looked upon by the dead railroad official's family as the bullet missing from the weapon—has been found.

In this discovery, members of the Rawn family are convinced they have the evidence that will remove the last doubt as to the circumstances that led up to his death. It is the clinching argument they believe, supporting their theory that Mr. Rawn's revolver was discharged at a burglar and that it was the bullet from the intruder's weapon that took his life.

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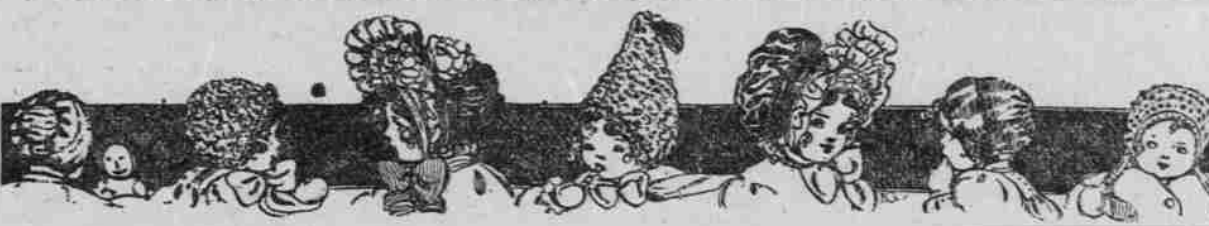
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