



TEST BLAST SINKS MONITOR PURITAN

Warship Is Torn But Chicks Are Safe.

TUGS ARE SENT TO RESCUE

Explosion Causes More Damage Than Anticipated.

CAT SURVIVES BIG SHOCK

Ordnance Officers of Navy and Army See Sea-Fighter Wrecked in Experiment With Unconfined Nitro-Glycerine Gelatine.

FORT MONROE, Va., Nov. 15.—High explosive tests on the monitor Puritan, anchored in Hampton Roads today, damaged the vessel so seriously that it was necessary to send a hurry call to the Norfolk Navy-Yard to have tug sent up at once to tow the battered warship to drydock. The tests were required by a provision in the ordnance appropriation bill, passed at the last session of Congress.

Two explosions were made, each with 200 pounds of nitroglycerine gelatine, unconfined, except as to thin covering of sheet-iron.

In the first test the high explosive was placed against the side of the after turret of the monitor; in the second against the side of the vessel just above the water-line.

Damage heavier than expected. Naval officers and experts present acknowledged that more damage was done than they anticipated.

The first explosion cracked the side plates of the turret, which was eight inches thick, and forced it inward about eight inches. A cat and two chickens placed inside in the same positions that the gunners and stowage would occupy were not killed.

The second explosion bent in so badly the ten-inch side plate of the vessel, thereby opening a big hole below the water-line that the stern of the boat sank to the bottom in less than two minutes after the explosion.

Water Fills Compartments.

As the Puritan draws 18 feet and was only 19 feet of water, she did not disappear below the surface, but in a few minutes at least one of the big compartments was almost filled with water which was pouring up from below deck and over the stern.

Until the vessel is drydocked it will be impossible to determine the exact extent of the damage or how much of the lower part of the vessel was flooded. It was not believed, however, that the armor plate was cracked, although it was bent and stove in.

The water was pouring in, it was thought, through holes below the armor belt, which extended 3 1/2 feet under water, or through seams caused by the tearing apart of the plates. At the point where the second test was made the vessel's plate was 10 inches thick.

Second Blast More Severe.

Of the two explosions, the second was the more severe, the hydroglycerine causing the monitor to shake as if she had been struck by a small earthquake, and it was even felt slightly by other vessels 1500 yards away.

Captain Austin M. Knight, president of the special ordnance board, who remained on the Puritan to discharge the explosive, said the shocks were severe. While it was not shown positively that the new explosive, the invention of Willard R. Isham, is more destructive than the present form, which does its work from the inside rather than from the outside, it was practically acknowledged that serious consideration must be given it.

Powder Experts Present.

Most of the Navy and Army officials and powder experts who went down to witness the tests were aboard the tug Wabnetta. Among them were Rear-Admiral Mason, chief of the bureau of ordnance; Chief Constructor Wait, of the Navy; Major O'Hern, of the ordnance department, and General Arthur Murray, chief of the coast artillery.

As soon as the Puritan is drydocked, the special board on naval ordnance, composed of Captain Knight, president; Lieutenant Commander Richard H. Jackson and Philip R. Alger, professor of mathematics at Annapolis, will examine her injuries carefully and make a report.

EXPERTS' CONTENTION REFUTED

Experiment On Monitor Puritan Presents New Problem.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 15.—The result of the experiment on the monitor Puritan, refutes the contention of naval ordnance officers that the explosion would not materially damage the vessel, but would follow the lines of least resistance and spend its force upward and outward.

The problem that now presents itself, is by what means could a similar unconfined charge be placed and exploded along the side of a ship in time of war. Some officers intimated the warship might be utilized for dropping explosive on a man of war, although they emphasized that an aerial craft would have to be at least 5000 feet above a battleship to be outside the range of its guns while the battleship would present a small target.

PASSENGERS LAND BUT FACE FAMINE

WRECK SURVIVORS STRANDED ON KATALIA ISLAND.

Storm Shuts Off All Efforts to Aid Marooned Company of Steamship Portland.

CORDOVA, Alaska, Nov. 15.—Eighty-three persons, comprising the passengers and crew of the wrecked steamship Portland, which was beached in the mouth of the Katalia River Saturday, are stranded on Katalia Island. The storm which broke soon after the vessel, is raging with increased fury and all efforts to go to the aid of the marooned passengers have proved unsuccessful.

There are few people living on the island and the food supply is small. It is feared that if the passengers and crew of the Portland are not taken off soon they will be forced to undergo great hardships, owing to the failure of the food supply.

The steamship Alameda tried for 12 hours to enter the storm-swept harbor, but was finally compelled to give up the attempt and turn back. The telephone line, the sole means of communication with the island, went down last night, and the stranded passengers are entirely cut off from the outside world.

The Government has been appealed to for aid, requests having been made for a revenue cutter to be sent to Katalia to take relief to the passengers.

BONI SOURCE OF RUMORS

Count Hints at Gould Marriage in Order to Strengthen Credit.

NEW YORK, Nov. 15.—(Special.)—A New York friend, close to the Gould family, said today that the real source of the report that Count Boni de Castellane was to marry Miss Anne Morgan was no other than Boni himself. Already on the strength of the rumor he has obtained large loans from Paris usurers. The informant said:

"Miss Morgan was no more civil to him than she was to a host of other titled persons she met abroad. Yet, not long after her return to the United States, Countess Jean de Castellane made the statement that Boni was to wed Miss Morgan. It seemed much of a foregone conclusion that the Count was to become matrimonially allied with the American heiress of Morgan and as a result this most versatile nobleman has been able to borrow close to \$100,000."

\$5,000,000 VOTED FOR FAIR

San Francisco Votes for Panama-Pacific Exposition Bonds.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 15.—By a majority of 20 to 1, the charter amendment sanctioning the issuance of \$5,000,000 city bonds to be sold for the purpose of furnishing the proposed Panama-Pacific International Exposition in 1915 was carried today. Only slight and scattered opposition was found today to the \$5,000,000 added today to the \$17,500,000 authorized by the charter. Several other amendments were adopted. Hereafter the Mayor, County Clerk, District Attorney, Auditor, Sheriff, Coroner and Supervisors will serve four-year terms in office. All candidates' names shall go on the ballot at the primary election without party designation.

CAVALIERI IS BANISHED

Opera Star Agrees to Remain Away in Return for Chanler Money.

NEW YORK, Nov. 15.—(Special.)—Lina Cavalieri has acquired more Chanler money. Not much this time, a mere trifle of \$25,000 or so. She did not have to say, "I love you" to get it; she merely said, "I agree not to come to America to sing during the operatic and concert season of 1910-11."

It was learned tonight from an authoritative source that Cavalieri had accepted a certain sum which was named, from one of the Chanler family direct and in return had agreed to remain abroad. To do this she has had to break all her contracts calling for operatic and concert performances in this country during the present season.

2 STEAL \$15,000 GEMS

Jeweler, Aged 78, Shows Diamonds, Several Rings Stray.

STURBEVILLE, O., Nov. 15.—A tray containing diamonds valued at \$15,000 was stolen from the jewelry store of W. G. Spies here today by two well-dressed young men.

They visited the store yesterday and purchased a diamond ring, which they paid \$2000 for. They returned today and asked to see uncut stones. Spies, who is 78 years old, placed a tray on the counter before them. He was then called to the rear of the store on some pretext by one of the men. The other dashed out of the store with the tray, while his companion escaped by the rear.

HEIRESS TO WED AVIATOR

De Lesseps Wins Grace McKenzie, Daughter of Railroad King.

NEW YORK, Nov. 15.—The engagement of Comte Jacques de Lesseps, the French aviator, to Miss Grace McKenzie, the youngest daughter of William McKenzie, a millionaire railroad man of Toronto, was announced here today by Comte Bertrand de Lesseps, brother of the aviator.

Comte Jacques de Lesseps met Miss McKenzie at the Toronto aviation meet. He is a son of Ferdinand de Lesseps, the famous French engineer.

TOLSTOI ILL, BUT IS IN NO DANGER

Inflammation of Lung Attacks Author.

DAUGHTER ATTENDING HIM

Wife, Sons and Former Foe of Countess Board Special.

OLD QUARREL FORGOTTEN

Two Doctors by Aged Writer's Side at Astapova Give Encouraging Reports—Friends Say Novelist Sees Death Approach.

TULA, Russia, Nov. 15.—Count Leo Tolstoy is suffering from bronchitis and owing to a high fever is in an extremely weak condition. A message from his daughter, Alexandra, who is nursing him at Astapova, giving this information, adds that the physicians say no immediate danger threatens.

Three Attend Patient.

The home of the stationmaster at Astapova is quite comfortable and the patient is receiving skillful attention at the hands of Dr. Makovetsky and another physician, in addition to the care of his daughter.

According to the diagnosis of the physicians, Tolstoy is suffering from a catarrhal inflammation of the lower lobe of the left lung. His heart action is good. His maximum temperature today was 102, falling at times to 98, which is practically normal. His pulse was at 104, dropping to 90, and his respiration is fair. The physicians add that expectoration and diuresis are sufficient and that the patient has enjoyed tranquil sleep, is in good spirits and is resting quietly.

Wife and Sons Hasten.

Altogether this is considered a satisfactory report, particularly in view of the high temperature which was maintained yesterday and the symptoms of mental distress which Tolstoy was said to have developed.

Countess Tolstoy, after the first shock caused by her husband's abandonment of his home and family, displayed astonishing energy this morning and insisted upon being taken to the Count. Accompanied by her sons and Count Vladimir Tchertkoff, who formerly was Tolstoy's representative in England, she proceeded to Astapova by special train.

Illness Causes Reconciliation.

The illness of the author brought about the reconciliation of the Countess and Tchertkoff, whose embittered feelings in recent months caused Tolstoy much anguish. Count Tchertkoff was summoned by telegraph to Yasnaya (Concluded on Page 5.)

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GIRL'S PAST QUESTIONED

Hoxie Asks Police About Sweetheart Before Proposing.

CHICO, Cal., Nov. 15.—(Special.)—The local police have been asked by L. R. Hoxie, of Phoenix, Ariz., to make a report on the past of a girl he is attentive to, so he can decide whether he wants to marry her.

"I am going with the girl and am thinking of marrying her," he writes, "but before proposing I want to know something about her past. There are rumors that while she lived in Chico she was not as good a girl as a man would like to have for a wife. Have the police found out about it and let me know so I can decide."

The police refuse to act on the request. It is expected they will send the letter to the girl in question, as they express the opinion that Mr. Hoxie has exceeded his authority in asking them to do his private detective work.

ALL MEAT PRICES ARE GOING LOWER

Fall Gradual, However, Says Armour.

BIG CORN CROP HAS EFFECT

People Warned Not to Expect Too Much Immediately.

DECLINE IS WIDESPREAD

Pork Products and More Expensive Oats of Beef Lead Way—Poultry Follows Decline, but Eggs Are Dearer.

CHICAGO, Nov. 15.—J. Ogden Armour said today the whole tendency in the prices of stockyard products was toward a lower schedule. He also said the decrease would be gradual and warned the public against too hastily accepting the belief that a drop from the highest to the lowest prices was due.

"The packers' prices to the retailers are based entirely on what we have to pay for the live animals," said Mr. Armour. "Generally speaking, prices are lower and I believe they are working toward a still lower level. The present situation is the result of the enormous corn crop and of previous high prices that stimulated everybody to raise livestock."

"The public is getting the benefit of political conditions and should get further benefit as the increased supply of livestock reaches the market."

"The recent high prices of meats and packing-house products cannot be attributed in any way to the packers nor to any combination of persons or firms engaged in the packing-house industry. It has been due to conditions that developed from a scarcity and a high price for corn, which is the basis of the supply of livestock."

"Conditions in livestock, raising are bigger than any packer or set of packers. Our prices are based on what we have to pay for livestock and the sooner the people and the world at large realize that, the better it will be for everybody."

EFFECT OF DECLINE GENERAL

Wholesalers' Reductions Reach Consumer in Most Instances.

CHICAGO, Nov. 15.—(Special.)—Reports from all over the country indicate a general decline in the prices of meats, although there are some cities in which this change has not reached the retail markets. In these instances the invariable statement is made that retail dealers heretofore have been making no profits or even have been selling at a loss, and that the reduction of the wholesale prices is giving them a chance to get even.

The larger cities of the North all noted today a reduction in the prices of some meats, pork products leading. The rule was not so general in the South as to meats, but poultry at Southern points declined almost without exception.

'PERFECT' MAN COLLAPSES

Ex-Champion Strong Man Drops Dead of Heart Disease.

LYNN, Mass., Nov. 15.—Charles Orrin Breed, of this city, formerly world's amateur champion strong man and a leading Methodist Episcopal layman, dropped dead from heart disease.

Three years ago Mr. Breed was examined by Dr. Sargent, of Harvard, and pronounced perfect so far as physical proportions were concerned. Mr. Breed was 34 years old. As a young man he became famous for his extraordinary strength and traveled throughout the country giving exhibitions of muscular prowess, meeting strong men everywhere and never once being defeated.

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Another feature of the voyage was a chess match by wireless between Captain Phillips and four passengers of the Zealandia and Mr. Erick and four passengers of the Makura. The game, which was won by the Zealandia in six moves, began when the steamers were in sight of each other and the last move took place when they were 400 miles apart.

DOGS SAVE HUNTER'S LIFE

Supposed Wildcat Proves to Be Bear and Gives Chase.

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COUNT GIVES UP; FIGHTS FOR WIFE

DE BEAUFORT CHARGED WITH NONPAYMENT OF DEBT.

John Alexander von Mowirk de Beaufort Decides to Sue Father-in-Law—Alienation Charge.

CHICAGO, Nov. 15.—(Special.)—Count John Alexander von Mowirk de Beaufort surrendered to the majesty of the law today.

He did so under violent protest and after withstanding the siege of a Municipal Court bailiff, who was kept waiting for five hours in the hallway of the New Southern Hotel.

The officer had tried in vain all day to serve the summons in two cases in which the count is sued for alleged non-payment of debt and had prepared for a long siege of the apartments when the count finally but not gracefully gave in, accepted service and declared the incident closed for the present.

The count is prepared to put up a vigorous fight to prevent his wife from separating from him and announced his intention of suing his father-in-law, M. H. Klignallen, for alleged alienation of his wife's affections, "in the event of the countess being persuaded to leave."

The count accused his father-in-law of treachery in the former's alleged efforts to separate the count and countess, and said the 11,000-word manuscript he himself had written characterized Mr. Klignallen as a "liar." Count de Beaufort telephoned Dr. E. McArthur at St. Luke's Hospital that he would take action at once to compel the hospital authorities to permit him to visit his wife.

THORN PIERCES EYEBALL

Popular Whitman Student Meets Accident on Fruit Farm.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Nov. 15.—(Special.)—Struck in the eye by a thorn on a limb of a tree, Charles Baker, one of the best-known and wealthiest families of this city, may lose the sight of that organ. At first it was thought he was entirely blind in his left eye, but specialists today give him hope that part of the vision may be saved.

The young man, who has for several years been a student at Whitman College, has taken up fruit farming on a large scale, and while at work among his trees met with the accident, a limb snapping back and striking a thorn in the pupil of his eye. He is under care of a specialist and will not be able to use his eye for several weeks.

MAGNATE ORDERED JAILED

Not Until Cell Looms Ahead Does Multi-Millionaire Obey Court.

BUTTE, Mont., Nov. 15.—(Special.)—James A. Murray, multi-millionaire and one of the best-known capitalists in the Northwest, today was sentenced to jail for contempt of court by District Judge J. J. Lynch, there to be confined until he was ready to comply with the court's order to turn over mining stock valued at about \$5,000 in the Butte motor mining case, in which Murray is the plaintiff.

Mr. Murray refused to comply with the court's order until the officers were ready to carry out the court's order, and then yielded. Mr. Murray is extensively interested in Seattle shipyards and real estate in that city.

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COMPLETED CANAL IN 1913 PROMISED

Taft Told End Will Be Ahead of Time.

PRESIDENT INSPECTS WORKS

Massiveness of Big Dam Particularly Impresses Him.

COST TO BE WITHIN LIMIT

Official Opening Date Still Remains January 1, 1915, Although Ships Will Use Passageway at Own Risk of Delay.

PANAMA, Nov. 15.—The Panama Canal will be completed December 1, 1913. This information was given to President Taft today while the President was inspecting the famous Gatun dam. The official date of the opening remains January 1, 1915, Lieutenant-Colonel Goethals desiring one year in which to train the canal tenders and to get the machinery working smoothly.

Ships, meantime, will have the privilege of the canal, but at their own risk or delay.

In addition it was announced by Colonel Goethals that the report that President Taft's visit was the forerunner of a request for another \$100,000,000 from Congress, was unfounded.

No More Money Needed.

The canal will be completed in 1913, he said, within the \$375,000,000 already authorized.

The President was pleased at the outlook for early completion and congratulated Colonel Goethals. He expressed amazement at the work accomplished since his visit in February, 1909.

He displayed a knowledge of the technical details that surprised the officials, his familiarity dating back to the time he was Secretary of War, when he advocated a lock canal as against a sea-level system. He was greatly surprised at the immensity of the dam, some idea of which can be gained from the fact that the train was under way nearly three hours on the spur tracks overrunning the great fills.

Dam Absolutely Safe.

The visit of President Taft has utterly dispelled any fears gained from sensational headlines respecting the stability of the dam base, which is half a mile wide and so gradually sloped that it could never be recognized as a dam.

Colonel Goethals explained that informal opening of the canal in 1913 necessitated immediate action on the part of Congress relative to toll rates, because 18 months would be required by shipping interests to adjust their rates to the new routing.

The President expressed himself as delighted to find the efficiency of the workers increasing daily. The canal is beginning to take the form of a waterway and this accelerates the interest of the employes, thus hastening completion.

Goethals is Sanguine.

Colonel Goethals is not officially promising that the canal will be completed in 1913, lest contractors' delays and trouble with supplies interfere, but is sanguine of accomplishing the feat. Regarding landslides in Culebra cut, all possibilities of their recurrence have been estimated and provided for.

The President also rode over the relocated railroad. He briefly addressed the Americans engaged in the canal work at a reception tonight, given under the auspices of the Young Men's Christian Association and the Red Cross. He will inspect Culebra cut tomorrow and in the evening will dine with President Arce, this being the occasion of a state function.

On the homeward trip the President will go ashore at the proposed naval base at Guantanamo for a few hours Saturday afternoon.

ENGINEERS APPROVE CANAL

100 Members of American Institute Say Work Good.

NEW YORK, Nov. 15.—Approval of the way in which the Panama Canal is being constructed is given by more than 100 members of the American Institute of Mining Engineers, who returned to New York today from the canal zone. The Institute chartered a boat for the trip. A report was signed, which was given out on their return.

"The present plan of the work is clearly practicable," says the report, "and the best in our judgment that could be devised under the conditions imposed."

A canal at a lower level and especially at sea level is virtually out of the question, the report continues, since one cannot estimate its cost or guarantee its safety. Even if completed, says the report, a sea level canal would be inferior to the present lock canal by reason of its necessarily narrow and tortuous channel and its liability to many disturbances from which the lock canal will be comparatively free.

It is added that there is no reason for any anxiety as to the stability of the great Gatun dam.

