EDISON BATTERY ON E-2 NOT TO BLAME

Inventor's Chief Engineer Declares Device Was Not Damaged by Explosion.

NO CHANGE CONTEMPLATED

Several of Injured in Hospital Reported in Serious Condition and One Expected to Die; Secretary Daniels Is Sielnt.

NEW YORK, Jan. 16.—A statement indicating that the new Edison stor-age battery was not in any way re-sponsible for the explosion on the

sponsible for the explosion on the submarine E-2 at the New York Navy-yard yesterday was made tonight by Miller Reese Hutchinson, chief engineer for Thomas A. Edison, and a member of the Naval consulting board.

The preliminary inquiry into the explosion was held in secret today by the board of inquiry appointed by Rear-Admiral Nathaniel R. Usher, commandant of the Navy-yard. Neither Admiral Usher nor any of those present would discuss what occurred at the inquiry. Persons on board or near the E-2 at the time of the explosion were questioned at length, however.

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"I have made as complete an investigation of the interior of the submarine B-2 as conditions will at present admit." Said Mr. Hutchinson. "This inspection I made as Mr. Edison's chief engineer and personal representative. I have formed a tentative opinion, This I have transmitted to the commandant of the New York Navy-yard.

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of the New York Navy-yard.

"As to the Edison battery, with all the facts and conditions before me, I see no reason to recommend to Mr. Edison any changes or alternations in the theory, construction or method of installation of the Edison submarine type storage battery. The battery in the E-2 does not appear to have been visitors. E-2 does not appear to have maged in the least."

VANCOUVER WOOD TIED UP

Snows and Cold Weather Make Transportation Serious Problem.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Jan. 16.—(Spevancore term of the control of the c

the hospitals and hotels in wood,
So far this year 18.8 inches of snow
have fallen, and this has all, practically, remained on the ground until
now it is hard for automobiles to get
ever the ground and all have to use

Clarke County Commissioners report that they are taking care of more needy families this year than ever before and the Associated Charities are assisting.

SPAN ERECTION PROCEEDS

Nearly All of Bridge Steel Has Been Shipped to Vacouver.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Jan. 15 .- (Speeial.)—Although operations on the In-tenstate bridge piers have been tempo-rarily delayed by weather conditions, work on assembling the steel for the span in process of construction on the the steel for the last three

All of the steel for the last thee spans is now en route to Vancouver, and is somewhere between Gary, Ind., and this city. It is expected here within a week.

Nothing more will then be shipped

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except the machinery and electrical apminor pieces being put out by the Northwest Steel Company, of Portland.

KLAMATH INDIANS LOGGING

Work of Reservation Camp Is Reported Well Under Way.

Klamath indian reservation for the Winter are well under way, according to Supervisor of Reservation Forests J. M. Bedford, under whose direction the work is being done. The Govern-ment camp is on Wood River, north of

Kiamath Agency.

About 1,000,000 feet of timber already has been decked ready for hauling to Wood River. It will be driven down Wood River and towed across Wiemath Lake for use at the Upper Klamath Lake for use at the plant of the Klamath Manufacturing Company, a large box factory. This concern has contracted for 5,000,000 feet from the reservation.

UNITED OPPOSITION LIKELY

(Continued From First Page.) far as the platform is concerned, not much difficulty in developing a satisfactory series of planks is expected. Thin blood is largely the sufferer's own fault trouble will lie. Should Justice real trouble will lie. Should Justice Hughes eliminate himself definitely, the Republican field will be scanned to see if there is not someone who will be acceptable to the Colonel.

the Republican leaders Some of the Republican leaders call attention to itself is often neglected. frankly say that if it is not Hughes it Have you seriously considered taking a must be Roosevelt. Senator Weeks, of must be Roosevelt. Senator Weeks, of course of treatment with these blood-Massachusetts, is not looked on as hav-making pills? If you are in doubt write the same state, is regarded as a better candidate. Ex-Senator Root is believed to be out of consideration. Ex-Secretary Knox is a candidate for United States Senator from Pennsylvania. Ex-Senator Burton and ex-Vice-President Pairbanks are expected to display con-Governor McCall. of for information.

Illinois, will be merely a "favorite gon." Senator Cummins, of Iowa, will have he backing of his own state, probably that of Minnesota and one or two other commonwealths. Ex-Governor Hadley a candidate for the Senate from Misourl. Senator Borah does not lool eriously on the efforts to nominate

Republicans Sec Rosy Prospect.

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It is a roseate prospect opening before the Republicans and they propose to do what they can to win the great prize for which they are struggling. They understand fully that if they refuse to satisfy the Progressives the latter-will run an independent ticket. This would mean the re-election of President Wilson.

The Administration has practically given up hope of continued division in

given up hope of continued division in the opposition to the President. It is realized more than ever that if Mr. Wilson is to have a chance there must be harmony in the Democratic party. How to bring this about is a subject of a great deal of discussion. William I. Bryan is on the warnath.

I, Bryan is on the warpath. Some of the President's advisers b lieve the Nebraskan will run as the Prohibition candidate. Friends of the ex-Secretary assert, however, that he is, above all, a Democrat. How Mr. Bryan will be able to reconcile support of the nominee with the declaration in the Paltiment of the partition of the paltiment of the partition in favor of in the Baltimore platform in favor of a single term is a question he is ex-pected to answer when the time comes

TINY IRRIGATION AND DRAINAGE SYSTEMS ARE ON EXHIBITION.

hoice College Animals and Latest Farm Devices Divide Attention With Side Show Freaks,

Secretary of the Navy Daniels, who is expected to name tomorrow a board of inquiry to conduct a formal investigation, left for Washington today without making any statement regarding the explosion.

At the hospitals where the injured were taken it was said several of them were in a serious condition and one is expected to die.

The only light shed on the disaster was contained in the statement of Mr. Hutchinson, who absolved from hiame place in the agricultural building.

The only light shed on the disaster was contained in the statement of Mr. Hutchinson, who absolved from blame the Edison battery designed to minimize the danger to submarine crews resulting from accumulations of gas. The E-2 was the only boat thus far equipped with these batteries, the tests of which were reported to be thoroughly satisfactory.

Battery Declared Undamaged.

"I have made as complete an investigation of the success of the affair was due to the unity of arrangement offered by the large Armory and every feature which goes to make the county fair a success was represented on a small scale by the student exhibitors. The zone attractions featured live side shows directed by the various student organizations. The cadet band furnished music.

visitors.

Much of the success of the fair was due to the efficient management of Cary L Strome of Junction City, who directed the efforts of the students in ianning and executing the many rojects. Victor J. Garvin, of Denver olo., was general manager of the

JOHN OTTEN, OF HOOD RIVER, 18 VICTIM OF PNEUMONIA.

Fortune Is Left by Native of German; Who Began Mercantile Career as Penniless Clerk.

HOOD RIVER, Or., Jan. 16 .- (Spe cial.)-John Otten, a prominent re-tired merchant, died today from pneunonia, For many years Mr. Otten was n the mercantile business in Snohom-sh, Wash, and later at Salem. Retir-ng several years ago he came to Hood

Mr. Otten was born at Hanover, Ger-Mr. Otten was born at Hanover, Germany, December 16, 1852. When he was two years old his parents came to America, settling near Pekin, Ill. Although he entered the mercantile business as a penniless clerk, Mr. Otten had amassed a fortune, being one of the wealthlest of local men.

The funeral will be conducted at the home Tuesday at 1:30 o'clock by the Masonic Lodge. The body was taken to Portland for cremation.

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Mr. Otten is survived by his wife,
a daughter, Mrs. B. Krohn, and three
stepchildren. The latter are Mrs. F. P.
Friday and Mrs. W. E. Sherman, of the
East Side, and E. F. Douglas, of Portland.

Milwaukie Grange Installs.

MILWAUKIE, Or., Jan. 16 .- (Special.) -C. B. Hanson was installed as mas ter of Milwankie Grange at the meet ing held here Saturday, it being his third term. The other officers are. Overseer, Mrs. E. Benvie; lecturer, Mrs. Bessle Goetz; chaplain, T. R. A. Seli-wood; steward, George Ralph Roman; lady assistant steward, Mrs. Maggle A. KLAMATH FALLS, Wash, Jan. 16.—
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