

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 Silent.

NEW YORK, Jan. 16.—A statement indicating that the new Edison storage battery was not in any way responsible 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 Admiral Nathaniel B. Usher, commandant of the Navy-yard. Neither Admiral Usher nor any of those present would discuss what occurred during the inquiry.

Daniels Withholds Comment. 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.

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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.

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Battery Declared Undamaged. "I have made a complete investigation of the interior of the submarine E-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.

"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 alterations in the theory, construction or method of installation of the Edison submarine type storage battery. The explosion in the E-2 does not appear to have been damaged in the least."

VANCOUVER WOOD TIED UP Snows and Cold Weather Make Transportation Serious Problem.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Jan. 16.—(Special.)—Continued snows and cold weather have made transportation of fuel in this city a serious matter, and now it is almost impossible to get cut wood or coal in large quantities. Special efforts are being made to keep the hospitals and hotels in wood.

SPAN ERECTION PROCEEDS Nearly All of Bridge Steel Has Been Shipped to Vancouver.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Jan. 15.—(Special.)—Although the erection of the Interstate bridge piers have been temporarily delayed by weather conditions, work on assembling the steel for the span in process of construction, according to assembling yards in this city is going ahead slowly.

KLAMATH INDIANS LOGGING Work of Reservation Camp Is Reported Well Under Way.

KLAMATH FALLS, Wash., Jan. 16.—(Special.)—Logging operations on the 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 Government camp is on Wood River, north of Klamath Agency.

UNITED OPPOSITION LIKELY (Continued From First Page.)

publicans will request the assistance of the progressives in their own party and perhaps consult with Roosevelt followers upon whom they can rely. So far as the platform is concerned, not much difficulty in developing a satisfactory series of planks is expected.

In the selection of the candidate the real trouble will be. 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.

Some of the Republican leaders frankly say that if it is not Hughes it must be Roosevelt. Senator Weeks, of Massachusetts, is being looked on as having any chance. Governor McCall, of 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 Fairbanks are expected to display con-

siderable strength. Senator Sherman, of Illinois, will be merely a "favorite son." Senator Cummins, of Iowa, will have the backing of his own state, probably that of Minnesota and one or two other commonwealths. Ex-Governor Hadley is a candidate for the Senate from Missouri. Senator Borah does not look seriously on the efforts to nominate him.

Republicans See Rosy Prospect. It is a rosy 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 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 J. Bryan is on the warpath. Some of the President's advisers believe 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 Baltimore platform in favor of a single term is a question he is expected to answer when the time comes.

STUDENT FAIR DRAWS

Choice College Animals and Latest Farm Devices Divide Attention With Side Show Freaks.

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, Jan. 16.—(Special.)—Despite the six inches of snow which settled over the college campus yesterday night the annual agricultural fair held in Armory was largely attended and the exhibits arranged by the students in the various departments of agricultural work were on a larger scale and of more interest than any of the displays of recent years.

The best of the college livestock, fitted especially for the show by the students in the animal husbandry and dairy departments, was on exhibition. The dairy department also exhibited the latest models in separators, churns and other devices connected with the industry.

Pumping machinery and miniature irrigation and drainage systems were among the extensive entries of the economy department. The chemistry, bacteriology and botany departments also contributed educational exhibits which were of wide interest to the 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 planning and executing the many projects. Victor J. Garvin, of Denver, Colo., was general manager of the zone.

Retired Merchant Dies JOHN OTTEN, OF HOOD RIVER, IS VICTIM OF PNEUMONIA.

HOOD RIVER, Or., Jan. 16.—(Special.)—John Otten, a prominent retired merchant, died today from pneumonia. For many years Mr. Otten was in the mercantile business in Snohomish, Wash., and later at Salem. Retiring several years ago he came to Hood River.

Mr. Otten was born at Hanover, Germany, December 18, 1852. When he was two years old his parents came to America, settling near Pekin, Ill. Although he entered the mercantile business at an early age, Mr. Otten had amassed a fortune, being one of the wealthiest 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 by his wife, Mrs. Otten, who is survived by a daughter, Mrs. B. Krohn, and three stepchildren. The latter are Mrs. F. P. Friday and Mrs. W. E. Sherman, of East Side, and E. F. Douglas, of Portland.

Milwaukie Grange Installs. MILWAUKIE, Or., Jan. 16.—(Special.)—C. B. Hanson was installed as master of Milwaukie Grange at the meeting held here Saturday. It being his third term. The other officers are: Overseer, Mrs. E. Benvie; lecturer, Mrs. Beattie Goetz; chaplain, E. E. Seidl; wood steward, George Ralph Roman; lady assistant steward, Mrs. Maggie A. Johnson; assistant steward, Baptist Campbell; secretary, Miss Kate; treasurer, Mrs. Mary J. Hanson; Ceres, Miss May Phillip; Pomona, Miss Ethel Froman; Flora, Florence Robbins; gatekeeper, Robert Goetz; trustee, H. G. Starkweather. The grange closed a prosperous year in all lines.

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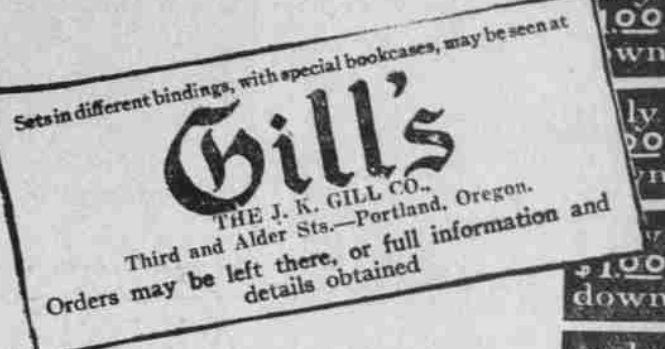
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