ITALY INVESTIGATING FIRE WHICH BLEW UP THE BATTLESHIP BRIN

Magazine Set Off by Flames; 342 Officers and Men, Including Rear Admiral, Lost

SINKS IN SEVEN MINUTES

Only Those Who Dived Into Sea Are Saved; Explosion Rends Ship Almost in Twain.

Rome, Sept. 29.—(I. N. S.)—Investigation was ordered by Premier Salandra today, of the fire and explosion which yesterday caused the loss of the Italian battleship Benedetto Brin with 342 officers and men, including Rear Admiral Rubin De Cervin. The warship sank within seven minutes. There was no time to lower any boats and those who dived into the harbor, later to be picked up by adjacent warships, were the only ones saved. The Benedetto Brin carried a complement of 720 men.

Premier Salandra has been acting as minister of marine since Viale's resignation and he asked the Duke De Abruzzi to personally investigate and fix responsibility for the explosion, irrespective of the persons involved.

"Such an investigation," said Premier Salandra, "will reassure the country and the navy, which must and desires to be exposed to the blows of the enemy, but the dangers arising from negligence and lack of discipline must be eliminated and those responsible for such conditions punished."

The decks of five warships near the Benedetto Brin were littered with debris.

In announcing the accident, the admiralty dispelled all suspicion that a hostile submarine may have been responsible for the explosion by revealing that it was due to a slight internal fire which reached the magazines before it could be extinguished.

There was no time, however, for warning to be given the men and no attempt was made to lower boats. A heavy detonation was heard, the boat split open, a cloud of smoke shot into the air and a few minutes later the spot where the Benedetto Brin had been at anchor was marked only by bubbling water, struggling bodies and floating debris.

The Brin was a pre-dreadnaught of 13,432 tons, with a complement of 732 men. She had four 12-inch guns, four eight-inch and 12 six-inch, as well as some 12-pounders, one-pounders and maxims.

HOOKER IS DEAD; SHOT BY OFFICER

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and L. D. Moore and John Talent, prison guards.

It was 11:30 o'clock when they arrived at the Meisner home, just 24 hours after Hooker had killed Minto.

Placing themselves at points of vantage about the house, the officers with guns ready, pushed developments.

"Come out of there," was commanded.

"I'm the man you want," said Hooker.

"Throw up your hands."

"I've got them up as high as I can get them."

One False Move.

Hooker was apparently doing his best to get himself out of his close quarters, but he made a false move.

Long's rifle cracked, and the convict fell with a gaping hole in his right breast.

Dr. R. R. Wallace attended Hooker, and local officers deny that some members of the capturing party wanted to send the convict to Salem without attention.

Hooker was taken to St. Mary's hospital. He lived two hours. The bullet had penetrated his lung and emerged through the shoulder.

Coroner Fortmiller reports that there were no bullets in or about Hooker's gun, found under the Meisner house, where the convict hid. It was thought there were four bullets in the gun after Hooker shot Marshal Denson, from whom he took the weapon and killed Warden Minto.

Hooker's body was taken to Salem at 8 o'clock this morning.

Body Held at Penitentiary.

Salem, Or., Sept. 29.—The body of Otto Hooker, slayer of Warden Minto, was brought to the state penitentiary from Albany this morning, and is being held there until relatives are heard from. If the body is unclaimed, he will be buried in the prison cemetery.

PATROLMAN LONG OF LOCAL FORCE RELATES DETAILS OF CAPTURE

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to the street after Christoffersen had told him to shove out his hands or get it again.

Denied Having Gun.

"When we reached the street, Christoffersen asked him where his gun was. 'I haven't any gun,' he answered. 'Hooker, you're lying,' said Christoffersen. Christoffersen went back into the house and found the gun on the ground under the place where Hooker was hiding. It was empty.

"We asked him where the four shells which should have been in the gun were and he declared that there had been but one shell and that he had used that to shoot Marshal Denson. He denied positively that he had killed Warden Minto, saying that he stayed in Jefferson after shooting Denson and had come to Albany but a short time before we found him. Denson told us that the gun had six shells in it when Hooker took it.

Black Eye Only Mark.

"Hooker had not a scratch on him except a black eye where Denson hit him during their scuffle and the fatal wound. A lineman who repaired a telegraph wire just over the spot where Minto was killed said that the break came where a dent had been made apparently from a shot and it looks as though Minto fired his shotgun into the air. Hooker's prison cap was found at the point of the shooting which shows Hooker was the man who shot Minto and his story does not appear possible for the country between Albany and Jefferson was too thoroughly guarded for him to have made his way to Albany long after Minto was killed.

"After we had taken Hooker to the hospital he said he was hungry and begged for something to eat. He said he had eaten nothing all day. A nurse brought tea and toast but he could not eat. He begged the physician who attended him to let him die and said he wished I had killed him.

"A priest came and asked if Hooker was a Catholic. Hooker said he was not. The priest told him the end was near and said, 'Turn your heart and soul to God.' 'I will, father,' Hooker answered.

Says Christoffersen Is Game.

"Christoffersen is a game officer. He took all kinds of chances. My dog could not give much assistance because of the many men who had wandered around where Hooker was known to have been. The tracks of Hooker were too obscure for the dog to get a scent.

"We reached Conser, on the Oregon Electric, about 2:30 yesterday and found about 100 men with guns searching for Hooker. We searched a barn, leaving the others to guard, but found no trace of Hooker. Then we went to Albany and had supper, the first meal I had eaten since Monday night.

"After supper Sheriff Esch detailed Christoffersen, Guards Moore and Talent from the penitentiary, and myself to watch the trains and we kept the hoboes jumping sideways. About 10:30 o'clock we began to get cold, so sent R. L. Fisher to his home to get some coats and blankets. Fisher lives near the house where we found Hooker and as he passed the house of J. R. Meisner, the man who lives next door to where Hooker was hiding and who is building a new house, Meisner told him he had heard a cough from the new house. Fisher rushed back and we sent the guards on with him while we went through a train that was approaching.

Meisner Was Watching House.

"After the train passed we hurried after the guards and found them a quarter of a mile from the station and half way to the house, waiting for us. We went on and found Meisner sitting in the window on the second floor of his house with a shotgun, watching the house.

"We left the guards to watch in front of the house and went to the door. Christoffersen entered and I went around to the back to enter."

"I found the house just a shell without partitions and the floor but partly laid," said Christoffersen, taking up the narrative. "A bed was in one corner and a pile of lumber in the center. I found no trace of Hooker around these and then saw a hole in the corner where the floor was not yet laid. I turned the searchlight into the hole and stooped to look in. There I saw Hooker's head.

"'Is that you, Hooker?' I asked.

"'Yes, I'm Hooker,' he answered.

"'I've got him, boys,' I yelled, and the others came in."

Army Carbine Used by Long.

Long used a Krag-Jorgensen carbine of the army type of .30 caliber. The muzzle of the weapon was but a few inches from Hooker when the shot was fired and the wound bled profusely.

The gun carried by Hooker was a .38 caliber Colts with a six inch barrel and had six chambers. Mrs. Denson later recognized it as the gun which her husband carried and which was taken from him by Hooker. Christoffersen turned the gun over to Mrs. Denson.

Christoffersen, Long and Deputy Sheriffs Phillips and Yeaton were sent to aid in rounding up Hooker by Sheriff Hurlburt. Phillips and Yeaton had not returned this morning.

The deputies said Denson's wound consisted of a broken collarbone and broken ribs in addition to the flesh wound. The bullet, which entered at the collarbone and lodged in his back, was extracted after an X-ray had been taken.

A reward of $50 was offered for Hooker as an escape and this will probably go to Long and Christoffersen.

"The gamest man I ever saw in police work," was the tribute paid by Chief of Police John Clark to Patrolman A. L. Long today, in speaking of Long's work in killing Hooker.

Three weeks ago last Sunday, in a riot between foreigners and the police at Linnton, Patrolman Long shot and fatally wounded a rioter who attacked him with a club. The coroner's jury exonerated Long.

DEAD CONVICT WHO KILLED WARDEN HARRY MINTO

Otto Hooker.

Merchant's Funeral To Be Held Today

All stores and mercantile establishments on Killingsworth avenue will close today from 1 to 2:30 p. m. in honor of Charles Lomerine, who died at his residence, 164 West Webster street, Sunday. Mr. Lomerine conducted a hardware establishment for over 11 years and was prominent in social and business circles in that community.

Funeral services will be held this afternoon at 1:30 from the chapel of the Chambers Undertaking company, Killingsworth avenue and Kerby street. Interment will be in the Mount Scott cemetery. Rev. George Hopkins will be in charge of the services at the chapel, and at the cemetery they will be in charge of the Masons and Knights of Pythias.

Governor Willis Names Four Planks

Seattle, Sept. 29.—(U. P.)—Governor Willis of Ohio, visiting here in the interests of national Republican politics, has announced the four main planks that will be nailed to the Republican platform next year. They are: Protective tariff; merchant marine; free canal tolls for American ships, national preparedness.

Thompson Out of Danger.

New York, Sept. 29.—(I. N. S.)—Frederic Thompson, the showman who was taken to the Polyclinic hospital last week suffering from acute kidney trouble and other ailments, is much better, and it is thought he is now out of danger.

OREGON STATE FAIR NOW IN FULL SWING; ATTENDANCE IS BIG

Today Is Salem Day and Merchants Close Stores in Honor of Occasion.

RACE TRACK IS FAST

Cherrians Take Part in Welcoming Thousands of Visitors to the City.

Salem, Or., Sept. 29.—This was Salem day at the state fair and attendance at noon promised to break some records. The business district of Salem will be deserted all afternoon, the stores being closed.

The state house offices also declared a half holiday and the officials and employes joined the throngs on the grounds.

Exhibits in Place.

Exhibits were in place in every department today and visitors had a better opportunity than hitherto to fully appreciate their beauty and extent.

The agricultural exhibits are great boosters for Oregon. From the Willamette valley, southern Oregon, the coast counties and eastern Oregon are wonderful evidences of the state's resources and prosperity.

Track Is Fast.

There is an especially good racing card scheduled for this afternoon and the track is fast. Yesterday's time was good, but it is believed that even better time will be made today.

Aviator Munter's flight today was a fine feature. Late this afternoon he will again perform.

The Cherrians took part today in welcoming the thousands of visitors to the city.

Investigation Is Begun at Ardmore

General Inclination by Authorities Is to Blame Railroad for Explosion That Cost Many Lives.

Ardmore, Okla., Sept. 29.—(U. P.)—Authorities began today an inquiry into the responsibility for the gasoline explosion and fire which Monday night took a toll of nearly 50 lives and wounded upwards of 200 and caused thousands of dollars damage to the business section.

The general inclination was to blame the railroad company for not isolating the oil car instead of leaving it near the depot. Local committees have raised a $10,000 relief fund and have begun distributing money and supplies to families of the dead and wounded. Workmen still searched the piles of tumbled, charred walls.

All but two of the 47 dead have been identified and Ardmore is preparing for the biggest funeral services in its history.

The unidentified victims are a farmer and his wife, who were penned in a small room of the Rock Island freight house. Caught by the flames, later, they died in each others' arms.

Twenty-Five Homes Burn in Suffern

Suffern, N. Y., Sept. 29.—(U. P.)—Twenty-five residences and a business block, containing several small stores were swept away by a fire which raged here all night. Firemen from nearby towns fought the flames and aided in carrying out hundreds of unconscious from the residence district.

Hundreds of guests escaped from the Rockland hotel, or were carried out in their night clothes. One fireman's legs were broken by falling walls, but no deaths were reported.

Mine Destroys Steamer.

Copenhagen, Sept. 29.—(I. N. S.)—The Danish steamer Veset has been destroyed by a floating mine, according to announcement here today. Two members of the crew were injured.

Year Ago in War

September 29, 1914.

Terrific hand-to-hand fighting continues for the eighteenth day in the battle of the Aisne, the Germans hurling great masses of troops in vain at the French left wing.

Germans surrender lines outside of Kiao Chow.

French repulse attacks on the river Somme.

One hundred and fifty thousand Germans under General von Beseler hurl themselves upon Antwerp.

—These new Moyer $15 Suits and Overcoats were built for wind and rain as well as fair weather.

—They'll show their sturdy qualities under any kind of sky. You'll find in them a service not equaled by any other garments at the same price.

—Dozens of snappy patterns on display. Come and see what $15 will do for you.

—When you see it in our ad, it's SO!

MOYER

Second and Morrison Third and Oak

For Hosiery, Knit Underwear, Corsets No Store Is as Satisfactory as This Store

This Has Been Demonstrated Over and Over Again to Hundreds of Satisfied Customers. Why Not YOU?

All Purchases Made Thursday Will Be Charged on October Bills Rendered November 1st

Mail and Telephone Orders Filled by Expert Shoppers

Lipman Wolfe & Co.

"Merchandise of Merit Only"

Pacific Phone Marshall 5000 *Home Phone A-6691*

Pictorial Review Patterns for the Winter Season Are Ready for Your Approval---2d Floor

This Half-Price Sale

of

Cut Glass Has No Precedent

Both from the standpoint of economy and variety—from economy because you never had the opportunity of choosing such elegant crystal at half price, and from variety because most everything that is made in the shape of cut glass can be found here.

—This is the opportunity for securing Xmas gifts, gifts for the bride, for the Holiday dinner table—for your everyday needs. Come tomorrow and share in these wonderful economies. Buy the finest cut glass for the price of ordinary glassware.

—The regular prices of this Cut Glass range from $2.00 to $35.00 — Now at Half price.

—Sixth Floor.

Gabardine Suit Pictured at $25.00

For Misses and Small Women

From Our Fourth Floor Section

—Is one of the very smartest models introduced this season.

—It is especially designed to meet the practical requirements of the young woman as well as for the older woman of small size.

—In navy blue, in a rich green and brown. Tailored style and fastens close to the neck, full-belted and has two fancy patch pockets. Trimmed with fancy buttons. Lined with peau de cygne. The skirt is flare effect, with one pleat down the front and loose belt. —4th Floor

3000 YARDS OF THE NEWEST PATTERNS IN

Curtain Scrims---Curtain Madras

IN AN IMMENSE SALE THURSDAY ONLY

—There will not be enough of these very exceptional curtain materials left to advertise for another day. This sale comes at just the right time, when most homes are being cleaned and remodeled in anticipation of the coming Winter, and the prudent, economical housewife will not miss this curtain event, where she can purchase curtain materials fine enough for any home, at the greatest savings we have offered for a long time.

50c Fancy Scrims At 27c

—Marquisettes and scrims in white, cream and ecru color, with fancy colored and hemstitched borders. 30 to 40 inches wide.

50c Imported Madras 29c

—Real Scotch madras, in the greatest variety of patterns, with figured allover patterns. White, cream and ecru grounds. From 40 to 50 inches wide. —5th Floor

The Linen Sale

Continues to Attract Economical Housewives

—In this sale one's Winter linen needs can be supplied with the least possible expense. Towels, bed linens, table linens are all here awaiting your inspection and approval.

—In this Great Linen Sale we feature Thursday:

Star Asbestos Mats and Table Pads

(Guaranteed absolutely heat proof)

At Very Special Sale Prices

Asbestos Mats, Oval or Round Shape

10c Mats, 6-inch.....6c *15c Mats, 9-inch.....9c*
11c Mats, 7-inch.....7c *18c Mats, 10-inch.....10c*
12½c Mats, 8-inch....8c *30c Mats, 12-inch.....20c*
35c Mats, size 14 inches, for 20c

Round Pads to Cover Entire Table

$4.50 Pads, 45 inches, $3.98 *$5.50 Pads, 52 inches, $4.75*
$5.00 Pads, 48 inches, $4.25 *$5.50 Pads, 54 inches, $4.75*
$6.00 Pads, size 60 inches, for $5.25
—$1.25 extension leaves to fit all size tables, $1.10.

—Second Floor.

Untrimmed Black Velvet Hats Bound With Taffeta

Dozens of Them in the Smartest Shapes

Special $3.95

—These hats could not possibly be duplicated elsewhere at this price.

—They are made of very fine quality Lyons velvet and are copies of the finest models. There are sailor shapes, medium and large shapes, and shapes that are rolled at the back, and all bound with black taffeta silk on the edge of the brims and around the crowns.

Our No-Charge Trimming Service

prevails, even though the hats are at special prices, when the hat and trimmings are purchased in our Millinery Sections. —Third Floor

Are These Corduroy Coats "The Exception" at $13.85

Madame Can Answer This With Enthusiasm If She Goes Shopping About Town

—As women demand a coat that is practical and at the same time useful for dress occasions, we have endeavored to present both these features in the best possible coats for this moderate sum.

These Are Quality Coats In a Modish Style

—Coats of a fine velvet corduroy in a rich shade of brown, green and a light shade of navy.

—Made in exact style as illustrated, fastening with large loops and buttons of self material—a wide belt and deep collar and cuffs. They are cut full and flaring, which gives the soft draped appearance so much in favor this season. —Third Floor

SPONGES! SPONGES!! SPONGES!!!

—Every size, from small white baby sponges to the largest unbleached auto sponges, in a great

Two Days' Sale

At Great Savings

OF THE BEST QUALITIES

15c Baby Sponges 9c
25c Baby Sponges 18c
35c Baby Sponges and Bath Sponges, sale 23c
50c Large Bath Sponges 36c
65c-75c Fine Bath Sponges..59c
95c Bath Sponges for 69c
$1.50-$1.75 Extra Quality Bath Sponges, sale $1.09
65c Unbleached Auto Sponges 49c
95c Unbleached Auto Sponges 69c

—Extra Special—
$2.50 to $3.25 Baby Sponges of finest quality, this sale *$1.79*

$4.25 to $4.75 large Mandruka Sponges, of exceptional quality, only a few in the lot, to be offered at *$3.19*

—Drug Dept., First Floor

Baby Week

—Everything in the baby shop is reduced, except contract goods.

—Have you visited this little section where every baby need has been considered? Come in and see all the many beautiful and necessary things that can now be had at most special prices.

—Bootees special, *12c, 17c, 22c, 29c* to *85c.*

—Crochet sacques special, *59c, 79c, 98c* to *$2.15.*

—Short dresses special, *42c, 79c, 95c* and *$1.25,* and others as high as *$16.98.*

—Pillow slips for *29c* to *$13.98.*

—Bibs at *4c* to *$2.55.*

—Feeds *8c, 10c* and *22c.*

—Fourth Floor

Trade Your Old Machine for

The Free Sewing Machine

and do it now. Great $1 a week plan. We allow you a liberal amount for your old machine.

—Fifth Floor.

Economy Basement Store

A Remarkable Offering of New Laces and Embroideries

25c EMBROIDERIES

—In this lot are Swiss and nainsook flouncings and corset cover embroideries 18 inches wide. With hand loom edges in neat and dainty designs. Sale, a yard.....19c

—Also the style, 35c embroideries for 23c yard.

$1.00 SHADOW LACES

—Oriental and shadow lace flouncings that are 12, 18, 27 and 36 inches wide. Very special, yd. 25c

35c AND 50c REAL LINEN LACES

—Real linen and Cluny laces 3 to 6 inches wide, splendid for fancy work and centerpieces. Sale 25c

BARMEN TORCHON LACES

—All linen, used extensively for underwear trimmings and for finishing curtains. Sale, per yard 5c

NOVELTY LACE SAMPLES

—18 to 45-inch silk and novelty laces and spangled nets and are 18 to 20 ins. in length, and if sold in the regular way would sell as high as $3.50 yard. Special for this sale by the piece 25c

$1.25 SILK NETS

—Diamond mesh silk nets 44 inches wide, in black, white and all the new evening shades. Special, a yard..... 98c

$1.25 CHIFFONS

—40 inches wide, in white, blue, lavender, gray, purple, black and green. Special, the yard.... 59c

Join Our Hall-Borchert Dress Form Club

and have a more extensive, less expensive wardrobe than you've ever worn before.

Pay $2.00 Down and $1.00 Week

—Second Floor.

Cretonne Trays

As Illustrated

Very Special 69c

—The most artistic of trays for dressing tables—oval in shape, size 10 inches. Covered with an exceedingly attractive cretonne in gray with pink roses and with glass center.

Veton Pillow Tops

All Ready for Use

Very Special 69c

—These pillow covers are made of a Veton, which is very soft in texture and shown in tapestry designs and colorings. Made with braid trimmed edge, and with center hemmed slit for the pillow.

Art Needlework Section, Fifth Floor.