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DOOM OF THE TORPEDO

"Mirex" May Revolutionize Modern Naval Warfare.

INVENTION OF TWO CHICAGO MEN

They Claim It Will Annihilate Warships at Long Range and at Small Cost.

CHICAGO, Aug. 27.—A small brass projectile, measuring four by one and one-quarter inches was thrown in the lake off Van Buren street from the government pier, and at a depth of five feet it exploded. A volume of water spouted twenty-five feet into the air, and dead fish bobbed up to the surface and floated about, mute testimony to the destructiveness of the explosive.

The name of this explosive, which is the discovery of two Chicago men, is mirex. From recent experiments its inventors claim it is not a wild statement to say that mirex will revolutionize modern warfare.

Unlike the marine torpedo—the most perfect destroying projectile known to naval engineers, mirex, a comparatively small brass casing, can be thrown from a cannon to any distance desired under twenty miles, and, dropping into the water at the side of a man of war, will sink to a stated depth and explode with annihilating results. No wire has to be connected with the new projectile, as in the case with the submarine torpedo. The mirex projectile does not pierce the steel armor of the gunboat, but settles in the water to the depth of 5, 10, 15, 20 or any number of feet the operator may wish, and then explodes.

Its discoverers are Herman G. Peffer, a salesman for Browning, King & Co., and William S. Darley, connected with the Clenfoster Hosiery Company. They are not expert chemists, and mirex in its perfect state is the result of some luck and a good deal of hard work and enterprise.

John H. Edelman, a wealthy former Philadelphian, has such faith in the virtue of mirex as a destroyer of ships and navies that he is backing it liberally with his money.

Peffer is a modest man of 23 years, and in speaking of the explosive, said:

"It is neither liquid nor solid, nor is it a powder. While experimenting with it Darley and myself smoke our pipes and handle it as we would so much sand. It is an odd and wonderful mixture, and its name signifies nothing. It explodes at any depth we desire, the explosion depending on the quantity and quality of the composition we place in the projectile. We are now having a gun model constructed in Chicago, and within six weeks this cannon will be finished and presented to the United States navy department. It will throw a projectile eight inches long and three and a half inches in diameter. This will blow into atoms any ship that will float in the lake. Each one of these shells will cost about \$20, vastly cheaper than torpedoes now in use and far more accurate and destructive."

Mr. Darley is only 19 years of age. He will not divulge the character or nature of the new explosive.

The projectile used in these experiments is about the size of a giant fire-cracker, and the ends of the cylinder are closed with a substance that looks like tinfoil.

Mr. Darley was once connected with the navy department.

The Figel Examination.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 27.—In the Figel case, the defense called Solomon

"My Ears"

were badly sunburned. I used Garland's Happy Thought Salve, and it cured them in short order."

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Lewek for the purpose of proving that from letters written him by Hoffman, the domestic affairs of the latter were unpleasant, and that there was reason for his committing suicide.

WAR WILL CONTINUE.

Rebels Not Appeased by President Borda's Death.

NEW YORK, Aug. 27.—A dispatch to the Herald from Buenos Ayres says:

The president of the Uruguayan revolutionary committee in this city expressed great regret at the assassination of President Borda, of Uruguay, and declares that the revolutionary party is guiltless of any complicity. He further declares that Senor Cuestas, who has been chosen president and interim, will do nothing to pacify the country, as he is as generally hated in Uruguay as was President Borda.

The war, he says, will continue if congress does not allow the demands of the rebels.

Situation at Montevideo.

NEW YORK, Aug. 27.—A dispatch to the Herald from Montevideo says:

The revolutionists have declared that the assassination of President Borda will have no effect on their future. The war will continue.

Avelino Arredondo, the military officer who shot President Borda, reiterates his statement that he had no accomplices. He now says, however, that he murdered the president to save his country from bad government. The fact that he and all his family belong to the colorados, the party of which President Borda was the leader, seems to prove that the revolutionists had nothing to do with the crime.

Congress will assemble at once to consider the situation. In the meantime the president ad interim, Jose Cuestas, is taking steps to form a new cabinet. Dr. Francisco Banca has been named as minister of the interior. All the leading military commanders are coming to Montevideo to consult with the new administration as to what policy to adopt against the rebels. In the meantime reports from the field show no decrease in the fighting.

General Flores has issued a manifesto calling for a complete union of the colorados against the rebels.

Pearls in Arkansas.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Aug. 27.—A Gazette special from Mount Adams, Ark., says:

White river above and below here for miles is lined with pearlhunters. Wagon-loads of men, women and children are arriving from all sections. One party of campers found a large number of fine pearls today. They were taken to the store of N. B. Price and he valued them at \$350. The pearls found here are as large as large as buckwheat, round and brilliant in color.

A Fine School.

St. Mary's academy for ladies, located in this city and under the direction of the Sisters, is one of the best educational institutions on the coast. The building is of brick, large and well ventilated. Besides the regular studies, especial effort is made to instill into the minds of the pupils a desire to form their hearts to virtue, and to fit them to be true and noble women. Gratuitous lessons are given in all kinds of plain and fancy needle work, knitting, embroidery, etc. Pupils will receive the same watchful care that would be given them by conscientious parents. It is in fact an ideal school and a pleasant home. Those who have girls to send to school should write to St. Mary's academy for terms. tf.

CHASING A MURDERER.

Detectives Pursued Him Half Way Around the World.

PORT TOWNSEND, Aug. 27.—The steamer Portland, due from St. Michaels, has on board a murderer who was chased by detectives half way around the world. He is in irons and under constant watch of two Pinkerton detectives. The prisoner, William Smith, was pursued over the continent, to Dyes, and across Chilkooot pass, over the lakes and down the rivers to the goldfields of Klondike, where he was taken into custody.

Smith was storekeeper in a town near Cedar Rapids, Ia., up to several months ago. One night the store was burned and in the ruins was found the charred body of a man. Smith's relatives claimed that he was burned to death in the fire. His life was insured for \$35,000, and a demand was made for the money. An investigation led to the belief that the body was not that of Smith, but of a watchman. The theory was at once advanced that Smith had committed a murder and burned his store in hope that the body would be roasted beyond recognition, and his relatives obtain the insurance money after he had disappeared.

Pinkerton men were put on the trail, and after one of the longest chases on record, arrested Smith at Dawson City on July 12. He was taken to St. Michaels to await the sailing of the Portland.

Murderer's Name is Novak.

CEDER RAPIDS, Ia., Aug. 27.—Smith, the prisoner on the steamer Portland, is apparently Frank Novak, storekeeper at Walford. The man murdered by him was Edward Murray. Novak's relatives claimed the body was Novak's. The insurance companies fought the collection of the policies and placed a detective on the trail.

MINERS ENCOURAGED.

Settlement of the Strike Believed to Be in Sight.

PITTSBURG, Aug. 27.—The miners' leaders are encouraged over the prospects of the early settlement of the strike. Efforts are now being directed to the Pennsylvania railroad and the central field of Pennsylvania.

District President Dolan addressed a meeting at Claridge, Westmoreland county, last night, and the men decided to quit work. President Dolan says six mines have been closed in the Central district and that work will be suspended in that region within a short time.

Sheriff Lowry went to Bunola this morning, accompanied by several deputies, and ordered the strikers off the public roads. The first attempt at starting the mines was made at the Champion mines, near McDonald, this morning. Two carloads of foreigners were sent to the mines about daylight and put to work loading slack into the cars.

About 500 women marched against the miners, attacked them with stones and clubs and drove them from the cars. The foreigners fled to Noblistown. The women then dumped the slack from the cars. They were met by 1000 strikers and marched a short distance from the mine where they are now encamped.

Slabtown, the plague spot of Unity, where the negro railroad laborers have been holding high carnival, will go up in smoke before the day is over. Twenty deputies have been detailed to assist Constable Kersten in applying the torch.

A Valuable Prescription.

Editor Morrison of Worthington, Ind., "Sun," writes: "You have a valuable prescription in Electric Bitters, and I can cheerfully recommend it for Constipation and Sick Headache, and as a general system tonic it has no equal." Mrs. Annie Stehle, 2025 Cottage Grove Ave., Chicago, was all run down, could not eat nor digest food, had a backache which never left her and felt tired and weary, but six bottles of Electric Bitters restored her health and renewed strength. Prices 50 cents and \$1.00. Get a Bottle at Blakeley and Houghton's Drug Store.

Wage Scale Lowered.

CINCINNATI, Aug. 27.—The Commercial Tribune special from Anderson, Ind., says:

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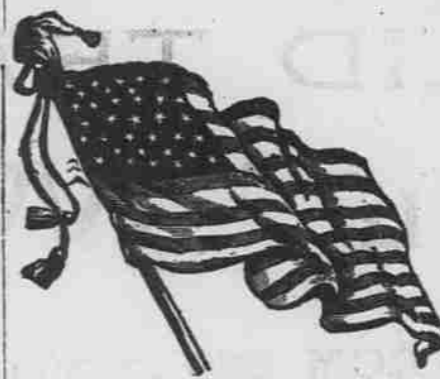
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