

WONDERFUL POWDER

United States Possess Secret of Deadly New Explosive.

CAN TEAR ANY SHIP TO PIECES

Dunnite Proves Superior to Shimose, With Which Japan Won Her Great Naval Victories.

New York, Aug. 24.—The Times today says:

"The experiments at the Sandy Hook proving grounds with Dunnite, the high explosive invented by Major Dunn, of the Ordnance corps, U. S. A., have proved that the United States possesses in Dunnite the secret of an explosive perhaps more powerful and destructive than any other explosive ever invented. 'Dunnite, army officers say, is more powerful than Shimose, the explosive with which the Japanese did such terrible execution in the naval battles off Port Arthur and Vladivostok and in the Sea of Japan. Shimose is a compound of picric acid, the secret of which is known to the ordnance officers of all the first-class powers. On the other hand, the secret of Dunnite is in the exclusive possession of the United States government.

In the recent tests of Dunnite at Sandy Hook it is said that the very best five and six-inch armor plates that could be obtained were used as targets. The result of every shot was the same. The armor plate was smashed into thousands of small pieces, it is said, by its impact. The impact of the Dunnite is also said that it is necessary to accomplish the destruction of the target. Penetration is not necessary, the impact being such that the armor is shattered into countless pieces.

"The dropping of a Dunnite shell on the deck of a battleship, it is said, by many ordnance officers, would mean the immediate sinking of that ship, not by penetration of its vital parts, but simply by racking the vessel until her seams opened and the lurch of water sent her to the bottom. This, it is said, by some ordnance officers, was the way that the Japanese put the Russian ship out of commission. They would drop the Shimose shells on the decks, and the destructive Shimose did the rest.

SALES NEXT DECEMBER.

Roosevelt Will Send Only Six Battleships to Pacific.

New York, Aug. 24.—Secretary Loh announced tonight that a fleet of six battleships will start for the Pacific some time in December via the Straits of Magellan, touching at San Francisco also probably at Puget sound.

A destroyer flotilla will leave for the Pacific about the same time, but will not accompany the battleships.

This is the first positive announcement of the date when the battleship fleet will sail for the Pacific coast. The first announcement was made by Secretary of the Navy Mitchell on July 4, and the details were given out the following day, but the date of departure was only given vaguely as some time in the fall.

It was stated in July that 16 battleships four cruisers and the gunboat Yorktown would come through Magellan Straits, but the above dispatch says only six battleships are coming. This may be an error in transmission, which it is impossible to have corrected in the present condition of the telegraph service. It is quite probable, however, that the number six is correct and that the number has been cut down, either because the government thought it unwise to so nearly denude the Atlantic coast of battleships or because it was desired to deprive the movement of any appearance of a hostile demonstration against Japan.

A complaint has been made out for the arrest of the fleet starts on its voyage about the middle of December, it should arrive at San Francisco about the middle of February, 1908, as 60 days is considered ample time for the voyage.

Says Will Be No War.

Seattle, Wash., Aug. 24.—General Greely, addressing a meeting of the Nome chamber of commerce, said that the sentiment was strongly in favor of war with Japan, declared that there is no prospect of trouble with the insular kingdom. General Greely insisted that both countries have interests in common that demand a pacific adjustment of their troubles. The meeting was largely attended by Nome district miners, who wanted a bellicose announcement and who left disappointed at the speech.

Sentence Postponed.

San Francisco, Aug. 24.—John A. Benson and Dr. Edward B. Ferrin, convicted by a jury in the United States District court of conspiracy to defraud the government in securing 1,200 acres of land in Tehama county, were to have been sentenced today by Judge De Haven, but when the case was called at the court for the defense asked for time in which to prepare a motion for a new trial. The prosecution did not object, and Judge De Haven granted a postponement of sentence until next Tuesday morning.

Schumaker Will Tell.

Philadelphia, Aug. 24.—James M. Schumaker, ex-superintendent of the capitol building at Harrisburg, who is a member of the committee, said: "We will all ride in a week. United Railroads bond holders are affecting a settlement of the strike. A thousand men will apply for reinstatement on the cars on a day to be set soon. Recognition of the union will not be discussed. Hours and wages will be settled between the men and the company.

Strike Nears End.

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Haws Yet to Conquer World.

The Hague, Aug. 23.—The closing day of the eighth International Zionist congress, which has been in session in this city since August 14, was marked with great enthusiasm. Dr. David Wolff, of Cologne, delivered the closing speech. He said, among other things, that the Jewish people must yet conquer the world.

Cholera Outbreak in China.

Berlin, Aug. 24.—A Shanghai special says that there is a cholera outbreak in China, and several Europeans have succumbed thereto. Preventive measures have been adopted in the foreign quarter. Several Chinese and Japanese towns are affected but a spread through ocean steamers is regarded improbable.

ANXIOUS FOR TRIAL.

Bozah Will Do Nothing to Impede Legal Proceedings.

Boise, Idaho, Aug. 23.—The statement made by Attorney General Bonaparte that Senator Bohrah was to be given an immediate trial was shown to District Attorney Ruick, and he was asked if he had received any word from Attorney General Bonaparte respecting the trial of Senator Bohrah. He replied that he had nothing to say. When asked as to the date for the convening of court next month, he replied that the session would take up September 9.

The matter referred to is the reported indictment of Senator Bohrah by the United States grand jury that sat here in March. No official statement on the subject had ever been made until the attorney general gave out the statement sent from Washington. The understanding is that an indictment was found charging the senator with having had some irregular connections with timber transactions under which the Barber Lumber company acquired title to certain timber lands. Great secrecy was maintained about the whole matter at the time the grand jury was in session and nothing whatever of an official character had been given to the public until the department of justice gave out the statement that an immediate trial was to be given the senator. That is the first official utterance indicating an indictment was found.

IMBUED WITH HOPE.

Portland Operators Far From Discouraged Over Situation.

Portland, Aug. 23.—There was nothing in the countenance of the little group of telegraph operators gathered in the strike headquarters at the Esmond hotel last night that would indicate discouragement over the situation. They discussed with earnestness various phases of the progress of the strike. They say:

"We have the wires tied up all over the country in spite of reports to the contrary. Why, if a man puts a message on the wire, say, at Chicago for a coast point it is more than likely to go up into the air before fairly getting under way. He has no way to find out whether it got started, even, or not.

"We have daily reports from the chief officers in the East and letters in every mail and can say that Portland seems to have a better service today than any place in the country, and you know what we have here. The latest we have from Chicago is the dispatch received this evening stating that out of the 1,700 operators in that city we have not lost a man through desertion.

"We also hear that a strike has taken effect among the strikebreakers in that city. It seems that the company makes no distinction between first-class operators and novices in the matter of pay."

Get Facts at First Hand.

Washington, Aug. 23.—An examination on the ground of the estimates for the appropriations for continuing the work on the Panama canal, submitted by Secretary Taft, for the fiscal year 1909, is to be made by members of congress who will have in charge the preparation of the sundry civil bill in which the appropriation for the canal is incorporated. The proposed visit is the outcome of a suggestion from Representative James A. Tawney, of Minnesota, chairman of the appropriation committee in the last congress.

Federation Hears Labor Disputes.

Washington, Aug. 22.—The executive council of the American Federation of Labor, representing nearly all the large labor bodies of this country and Canada, began a three-days' session today at the general headquarters in this city for the purpose of hearing the final representations concerning the labor disputes of the year. At the close of the session the council will proceed to Norfolk by boat, and while en route will reach its conclusions and prepare its reports for submission at the annual meeting of the federation.

Delegates Favor Arbitration.

The Hague, Aug. 22.—Nearly all governments have instructed their peace delegates to endeavor to bring about some obligatory arbitration, also the establishment of a permanent court of arbitration in order to save the conference from a failure. Efforts of delegates are now directed towards the arrangement of a treaty with Germany, which country had thus far opposed a world treaty on the ground that it would minimize arbitration.

Ask Guard for Operators.

Washington, Aug. 23.—Representatives of the telegraph companies visited the War department today, asking for soldiers at Ash Fork, Ariz., to protect the operators against another attack. General Bell advised them to apply to the governor of Arizona. If the government decided that troops are necessary, he would so request President Roosevelt, who undoubtedly would honor the request.

Keeps Ahead of Budget.

Washington, Aug. 22.—Pan-American canal construction work is proceeding faster than was calculated in the estimate presented to congress. This year's work will cost \$8,000,000 more than the appropriation, owing to the rapidity of construction. Colonel Goethals, however, will continue to work in advance of the appropriation, expecting that congress will make good.

Navy Officials Start.

Washington, Aug. 24.—Brigadier General Murray, chief of artillery, and Commander Spencer Wood, of the navy, started for the Pacific coast, where they will lay out the so-called defense sea areas, similar to those established on the Atlantic coast. They will visit Seattle, Portland, San Francisco and San Diego.

Seek Bank Clerk and \$11,000.

Washington, Aug. 23.—Edwin H. Potts, until a few days ago a trusted employe of the American National bank, is being sought by the police on a charge of stealing \$11,000 worth of Erie railroad stock certificates.

Faster Work on Canal.

Washington, Aug. 22.—The Isthmian canal commission will expedite canal excavating 20 per cent by contracting for 14 new steam shovels in addition to the 60 now working.

Hold Examination at Boise.

Washington, Aug. 23.—The Civil Service commission announces that clerk-carrier examinations for the post-office service will be held at Boise, Idaho, August 28.

Ordered to Bremerton Yard.

Washington, Aug. 24.—Assistant Engineer A. C. Bastron, U. S. N., has been ordered to duty at the Puget sound navy yard.

NEWS FROM THE NATIONAL CAPITAL

PREPARE TO MOVE BIG FLEET.

President Orders Navy Department to Complete All Details.

Washington, Aug. 27.—President Roosevelt has issued official orders to the Navy department to arrange all details of the forthcoming cruise of the United States fleet to the Pacific. This order has been completed a more or less starting resolution in block-signal practice during recent years. This is nothing less than changing the universal and time-honored white light from a safety signal to a danger signal.

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WOULD MAKE RED WHITE.

Experts Find Signal Lights Have Two Meanings on Railroads.

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HARRIMAN WAS OWNER.

In Control of Chicago & Alton When Granted Immunity.

New York, Aug. 23.—A Washington special to the Herald says: That E. H. Harriman was in control of the Chicago & Alton railroad when it was granted immunity from the department of justice for a fine of \$29,240,000 fine upon the Standard Oil company was established today, when it was officially learned that the promise of immunity was extended in June, 1906. The Alton, under the joint control of the Chicago & Alton and the Chicago & North Western, was controlled by Mr. Harriman.

May Leave All to Congress.

Washington, Aug. 28.—Following Venezuela's third refusal to arbitrate the five American claims, it is now the duty of the administration at Washington to determine what shall be done to adjust these claims. The situation is difficult, owing to the program of other nations. President Roosevelt may decide to submit the whole matter to congress, although this might result in measures that might be regarded as warlike, especially in view of the present attitude of the Venezuelan government on the asphalt matter.

Uncle Sam Makes Good.

North Yakima, Wash., Aug. 22.—Mrs. Wilbur Spencer, who lost \$109 in paper currency in a fire which destroyed her home in Tappanish some time ago, has received \$40 of it from the United States Treasury. Mrs. Spencer found the charred remnants of 20 certificates after the fire and gave them to Cashier Goodrich, of the local bank. Mr. Goodrich forwarded the two pieces of paper to the treasury, together with affidavits setting forth the facts of the case, and a reply was promptly received.

New Northwest Postmasters.

Washington, Aug. 28.—Postmasters appointed: Oregon—Pleasant Hill, Mathias E. Furrow, vice R. A. Bradford, resigned; Washington—Brook, Dora Pahl, vice Margaret N. Gulath, resigned; Biewet, Donald B. MacLennan, vice William H. Reburg, resigned; Havillah, Lorenzo A. Gilson, vice M. H. Schweikert, resigned; Richland, John H. James, vice William R. Lamb, resigned; Rolling Bay, John J. Arnold, vice C. E. Carleton, resigned.

Northwest Postal Affairs.

Washington, Aug. 22.—Rural route No. 4, has been ordered established October 16, at Vancouver, Clark county, Washington, serving 500 people and 115 families.

Albert L. West has been appointed regular, rural carrier for route No. 3 at Sherwood, Oregon. Joseph Trecker has been appointed postmaster at Goshen, Wash., vice P. G. Cooke, resigned.

Make Sure Taft Can Go Through.

Washington, Aug. 28.—In anticipation of Secretary Taft's late arrival at Vladivostok the gunboat Chattanooga has put into that port to make sure that it will be possible for Mr. Taft to enter that port on a gunboat or similar ship as late as the middle of next November.

Will Not Stint Canal Work.

Washington, Aug. 24.—Acting Secretary of War Oliver has decided that the president is authorized to grant the request of the Isthmian commission for permission to create a deficiency of \$8,000,000 to meet the requirements of the enlarged scale of operations.

Panther for Pacific Repair Ship.

New York, Aug. 28.—The transforming of the auxiliary cruiser Panther into a repair ship to accompany the Atlantic fleet to the Pacific has begun. The Panther will have a complete forging room, foundry and machine shop.

Railroad Selection Approved.

Washington, Aug. 23.—The secretary of the interior has approved the selection of 400 acres of land by the Northern Pacific railroad in the Coeur d'Alene land district, Idaho.

Banks to Make Statement.

Washington, Aug. 28.—The controller of the currency has called for a statement of the condition of national banks at the close of business on August 22.

NORTHWEST HONORED.

Professor Elliott, of W. S. C., Contributes to Cyclopaedia.

It is well known that Prof. L. H. Bailey, of Cornell university, has been working for three years past on an extensive publication to be known as The American Cyclopaedia of Agriculture. This is to be published in several volumes and it is expected that it will be accepted by the reading public as the standard reference work on rural affairs. It has been many years since such a work has been attempted and nothing of such an extensive nature has ever been undertaken before in America.

Professor Bailey has called to his aid the best known writers on agriculture throughout the entire country, who have written up the various subjects on which they were recognized as authorities. The entire work may be referred to as the combined efforts of the agricultural specialists of America and when published will no doubt find a place in the library of most progressive farmers.

It is significant that when it came to the very important subject of what Professor Bailey recognized the great Northwest and its place as one of the leading wheat producing regions by calling on Professor E. E. Elliott, head of the Agricultural department at the State college of Washington, to prepare his most important article. This has been done by Prof. Elliott and his matter is now in the hands of the publishers. The article in question consists of about ten thousand words, with numerous illustrations, and would be sufficient in itself to make quite a book if published separately. It covers the entire subject of wheat production in America and at the same time attention is particularly called to the great regions of the Northwest where the production and quality of this cereal have placed it in the forefront. Our wheat growers are to be congratulated in the fact that the article in question has been prepared by one so familiar with the subject and who is doing so much to advance the industry through the work being done by his department at the state experiment station and at the various cereal stations established in the state as well as through the wheat producers organization which was initiated by him.

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Vote on Amalgamation.

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Sell Gems at Auction.

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THIRD THEFT WITHIN A MONTH

Miners Ship Dust by Mail to Avoid Excessive Tariff Charged by Express Companies.

Seattle, Wash., Aug. 22.—A Fairbanks, Alaska, special says: What is believed to be the biggest plot for robbing the United States mails ever discovered is now in operation in Alaska. Only yesterday word was received from the coast that the third pouch missing in a month had been reported at Skagway. The sack contained \$45,000 in gold dust addressed to Seattle banks.

Postoffice inspectors already in the North working on the two former robberies have taken up the latest loss. It is almost certain that the sacks were stolen while in transit on the Yakon river boats plying between this point and Dawson. Several men are under suspicion but no arrests have been made. Reliable clews are scarce.

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There was no knowledge of the causes of these diseases. They were considered to be constitutional. The physician took no blame or responsibility. Death was simply the victim's misfortune.

Such an appalling state of affairs acted on Lister and he decided to solve the trouble, if possible. At about this time Pasteur demonstrated the fact of the existence of the germ and that putrefaction and decomposition were caused by certain micro-organisms that came from without. Lister applied this knowledge to the cause of wound diseases.

The great deductions which Lister made were (1) that "putrefaction" in wounds was caused by microbes, (2) that these were introduced from the outside, (3) that "putrefaction" might be prevented by keeping the wound free from germs, (4) that this might be effected by the employment of some substance which would destroy the microbes. The antiseptic system was founded on these principles. Starting then, with the idea of destroying, by an antiseptic substance, the germs in the wound, in everything coming in contact with the wound, such as instruments, and in its surroundings, Lister made his original tests with carbolic acid—a fortunate selection, for it is still regarded as one of our best germicides.

He gave his method a thorough trial. It proved successful. Now cases of gangrene and the like rarely follow operations. Thousands of lives have been saved by this one discovery. It has revolutionized surgery.

A Wonderful Cataract.

The falls of Iguazu, situated near where Argentina, Paraguay and Brazil meet, form one of the most wonderful cataraacts in the world, being greater in extent and more varied in character than the better known falls of Niagara. The first plunge of the Iguazu falls is 210 feet, followed by two others of 100 feet each, while between the two series of falls there are cataraacts and rapids covering a vast expanse and surrounding picturesque islands.

A Woman Furniture Mover.

At Hanwell, England, lives a woman furniture mover. She has printed on her vans the following appeal to the public: "Don't worry—get married—and keep on moving"—Indianapolis News.

Some men hate bull dogs so they would castrate one for chewing an agent.

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