

EXPLOSION AT INDIAN HEAD

Government Works Wrecked by a Gun Cotton Shell.

A COSTLY GUN DESTROYED

And a Narrow Escape for a Party of Naval Officers and Distinguished Visitors.

Washington, June 10.—The state of Maryland trembled last evening as the result of an explosion of 250 pounds of gun cotton at the government proving grounds at Indian Head.

A 12-inch breech-loading rifle weighing 18,000 pounds and worth \$25,000 was blown to pieces. The armor-covered bomb proof, in which the spectators take refuge while tests are made, was wrecked and a dozen naval officers and ordnance experts narrowly escaped with their lives.

The final test was being made of a gun cotton shell, invented by a Chicago man, and through some unaccountable accident the shell exploded in the gun, wrecking the monster and its carriage and throwing some of the pieces more than a mile down the Potomac.

Colonel O'Neill, the chief of ordnance for the navy, and several United States naval officers and naval attaches from the various foreign legations had fortunately taken refuge on a navy yard tug about a mile from shore. Lieutenant Anderson, who had been directed to fire the gun by electricity when the signal was given from the tug, had gone behind a big earth bank or "ditch," about 100 yards from the gun. He and other spectators were unhurt, though a massive piece of the gun, weighing many tons, flew through the air with frightful velocity and struck the water within a hundred feet of the tug.

If the spectators had gone into the bomb-proof, as they usually do when such tests are made, they would all have been killed, for a big piece of steel struck it and ripped through the twelve-inch armor as if it had been no more than paper.

A great hole was torn in the ground where the gun stood, and the buildings at the proving grounds were badly shaken. Not a particle of the massive gun or its carriage remained.

First there was a rumbling of the earth and then the fall of the awful explosion broke. A thick smoke covered the scene, and the next instant a huge piece of steel came hurtling through the air and struck the water, throwing the spray in every direction. As the men looked they saw the great hole where the gun had stood, with the smoke floating in the air.

For several minutes the sound of the explosion reverberated through the surrounding hills.

This was the largest charge of gun cotton ever fired or attempted to be fired from a powder gun. The government paid about \$25,000 for the gun blown up and it was built especially for these tests. A shell shot from this gun was expected to penetrate 21 inches of steel at a distance of 100 yards and to travel from six to ten miles before losing its momentum.

FANATICS CRUSHED.

Iranian Federal Troops Defeat Nine Thousand of Them.

New York, June 10.—The Herald's correspondent telegraphs that the federal troops have defeated Antonio Conselheiro's body of fanatics, numbering about 9,000 men, in a hard-fought and decisive battle. Conselheiro, who was at the head of the Brazilian soldiers, believes that the fanatical movement is now crushed, the rebels having lost in killed and wounded 100, and many of their chiefs. Conselheiro himself led his forces, but retired when he saw that defeat was certain.

The Brazilians lost many men, including one colonel and eleven officers of the subordinate rank.

The Brazilian government will attempt to get Dr. Zan O'Reilly, of Montevideo, Uruguay, to visit Rio Janeiro for the purpose of elucidating his discovery of a cure for yellow fever.

The Herald's correspondent in Montevideo telegraphs that the insurgents are gaining ground. They are now besieging the town of Salto.

STILL A MYSTERY.

Attorney Ash Strikes to the Murder Theory.

San Francisco, June 10.—The Hoffman mystery is still unsolved, though the detective force is working hard to get at the facts. Attorney Ash is tireless in his efforts to fix the responsibility for the merchant's death on Theodore Fiegel.

Ach declares that there was no motive for suicide. Hoffman and his wife, the attorney says, were not on bad terms, as reported. On Tuesday morning before leaving for down town, he kissed her.

Bathchild and Ach are keeping control of the books. One fact concerning the check book which he pointed out is that

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RELIGIOUS RIOTS IN CHINA

A Catholic Priest and Other Christians Killed.

MISSION BUILDINGS WRECKED

Leagues Formed to Drive Out Foreigners—Fatalities from Famine and Plague Becoming Appalling.

New York, June 9.—A special to the Herald from Vancouver, B. C., says: Anti-Christian riots have taken place in Lien Ching, China. A mob of fanatics, loudly proclaiming that Roman Catholics have kidnapped their children, rushed simultaneously in mission buildings. In the fierce fight that ensued three Christians were killed outright, eight wounded and four captured. Particulars are coming in very meagerly. The reverend father Mazelle is among the Roman Catholics killed. The wildly yelling mob attacked the rear and front of the priest's residence. With the help of friendly natives he barricaded the back and faced the mob in front with a rifle, but the barricades were broken down. The priest was shot and his body paraded to pieces.

Placards are being posted throughout many districts stating that foreigners must be driven out of the country or China will be divided between them and their homes destroyed and their children stolen from them. It is feared that more murders will occur, as leagues are being formed in some districts, thousands strong, with the avowed intention of exterminating the Roman Catholic missionaries. The missionaries refuse to leave, saying they will resist to the last, trusting to Providence.

BATTLE WITH TRAMPS.

Whiting, Ind., June 10.—A desperate battle took place early today between eight tramps who had taken possession of a Lake Shore and Michigan Southern freight house and two police officers, during which two of the tramps were wounded. The tramps had refused to vacate the building when requested to do so by the yard watchman, and when the police officers arrived a fight ensued. The officers were finally forced to use their revolvers and succeeded in capturing all of the tramps. The presence of a Lake Shore train gave rise to rumors that a hold-up had been attempted.

HAMELHALL SCORER.

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Some for ten, some for twenty and some for thirty years have suffered from piles and then have been quickly and permanently cured by using DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve, the great remedy for piles and all forms of skin diseases. Charles Rogers.

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Don't neglect a cough because the weather is pleasant; before the next storm rolls around it may develop into a serious difficulty beyond repair. One Minute Cough Cure is easy to take and will do what its name implies. Charles Rogers.

Short bows and long ends of 4-inch setts ribbon are used on neckwear of lace and chiffon.

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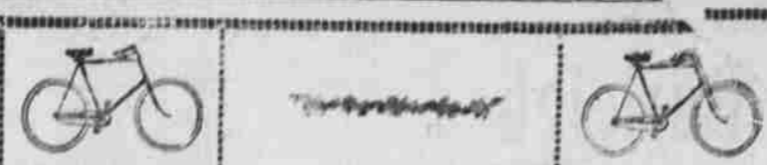
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