

SIX HUNDRED GONE TO DEATH.

Togo's Victorious Battleship Mikasa Blown Up by Accident.

BASEDO, Sept. 12.—Admiral Togo's flagship, the Mikasa, was destroyed by fire and the explosion of her magazine at an early hour last Monday morning while peacefully lying at anchor in this harbor. Hundreds of lives, including members of her crew and men from other ships who went to the rescue, were lost. This little town, which has suddenly risen to prominence since the outbreak of the recent war, had spent a quiet Sunday, peace having been established. Several warships were in the harbor and they presented an object of pride, but the quiet slumber of the night, while the people were dreaming of peace after an unparalleled series of victories, was violently disturbed a little after midnight by a terrific explosion accompanied by a severe shock.

An eager crowd assembled on the coast, only to discover that a terrible death had overtaken the beloved Mikasa, the flagship of the great Togo, who had led his men to victory in the life and death struggle in which the nation had just been engaged. Words are powerless to describe the profound disappointment and sorrow attending this great catastrophe.

The absence of Admiral Togo from the ship at the time of the explosion and the hope that the vessel can be repaired are the only redeeming features of the unprecedented calamity. A deep feeling of sympathy toward the unfortunate sufferers after a cessation of hostilities permeates every class.

Twice Three Hundred Men Injured.

TOKYO, Sept. 12.—The Navy Department announces that the battleship Mikasa has been destroyed by fire and the explosion of her magazine causing the loss of 599 lives, including men of other ships who went to the rescue.

The fire started from an unknown cause at midnight on Sunday, September 10. Before the officers could be rescued the fire reached the aft magazine, which exploded, blowing a hole in the port side of the vessel below the water line and causing the ship to sink. An investigation is now being held to determine the cause of the fire.

In the battle of the Sea of Japan the Mikasa was the heaviest loser of the Japanese ships, having 63 killed and wounded. She led the Japanese fleet into action, and approached nearer to the Russians than any other battleship. The Mikasa was also the flagship of Admiral Togo after the great naval battle off Port Arthur on August 10, 1904, on which occasion the Japanese flagship also suffered the most, but continued in the fighting line. On that occasion the Mikasa had four officers and 29 men killed, six officers and 29 men slightly wounded.

The Mikasa was one of the largest and most powerful vessels in the Japanese navy. She was built at Barrow, England, and was launched in 1902. She had a displacement of 15,200 tons and her speed was 18 1/2 knots, with 16,431 indicated horse-power. Her armament consisted of four 12-inch, 14 six-inch, 20 12-pounders, eight three-pounders, four 2 1/2 pounders and eight millimeter guns.

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General News.

A dispatch from Godzydani, of Sept. 10, only a small portion of which was allowed to pass the censor, says that on August 14 there were 20,506 sick and wounded officers and men in all the Russian military hospitals.

William Frost, a mining promoter, was killed at Butte, Mont., by his wife he had tried to cut her throat with a razor. The women blew his head from his shoulders with two charges from a shotgun. Frost had been drinking heavily for weeks.

Little Louise Filbert, the 10 year old daughter of Peter Filbert, slipped from a log into the mill pond at Davis Brothers' sawmill, near Forest Grove while at play, and, striking her head on a rock, was drowned before she could be rescued. A playmate, a child of 7 years, fell into the pond at the same time, but managed to crawl out.

Chinese and Japanese merchants are assembling large stocks of native merchandise, souvenirs, etc., near Tie Pass, for sale to the home-going Russian soldiers. The general staff of the Russian army is preparing complete records of the campaign. It is reported it is not their intention to conceal the truth, but, on the contrary, to record all faults with a view to preventing their repetition in future campaigns. Full reports for the press are also in course of preparation.

Some of the Canadian papers intimate that the immigrants from this side of the line may make trouble for the older elements of the Canadian population. In part of the western section of the Dominion the Americans are getting so numerous that they may shape the politics of that section. Annexation to the United States is not an issue just now, but if it should come to the front a very heavy vote could be got for it in the newer regions of Canada. The Canuck politicians who are taking a look a few years ahead see perils in this new "American invasion."

With the understanding that the retail liquor dealers of Coos County, outside of Marshfield, will close their doors, Judge Hamilton decided to suspend judgment in the local option cases until an opinion is received from the Supreme Court. Coos County gave a majority for local option at the last election, but since then Marshfield has adopted a new charter, which the "vets" claim will preclude the operation of prohibition. This matter, however, comes up for a hearing before Judge Hamilton for a ruling on this particular issue. Local option has been enforced in Myrtle Point since its passage, and Coquille City closed up this week.

The torpedoes in most common use in war are designed to move horizontally through the water. There has been much talk about missiles of a similar character that could be dropped from flying machines or balloons. The trouble with that plan of warfare is that a well directed shot would disable the airship before it could do any harm. Still another form of torpedo is described by the Stockholm correspondent of "The London Times" (engineering supplement). It was invented by a Swedish army officer, Major Uge, and is meant to fly through the air, being self-propelled, like a submarine torpedo. However, the power is supplied to the propeller, not by compressed air, but by a tiny wheel of the turbine type (inside the shell or case) which is in turn actuated by the gas produced by a burning power.

All the numerous messages of congratulation which are still pouring in upon him for his great achievement are doubtless welcome to the President, as they are abundantly merited, but none, perhaps, seem more appropriate or more indicative of the highest and truest estimate of his work than that from the Norwegian committee which has in charge the Nobel prize "for the work of peace." It is a reminder that, above all commercial, political, diplomatic and other material considerations, the President has done a great work "for the peace of the world and for humanity." Concurrently with this grateful message comes from another source an intimation that the Nobel Peace Prize will next year be awarded to the President. For that there can, of course, be no convincing authority. It is not certain that the existing committee will continue its functions in the awarding of next year's prize and if that were certain it would manifestly be most improper for the committee to announce its award thus in advance. But no authority other than common sense is needed for the assumption that such an award is neither impossible nor improbable, and that if made it would receive the general approval of man, kind.

Attacked by a Mob and beaten in a labor riot, until covered with sores, a Chicago street car conductor applied Bucklen's Arnica Salve, and was soon sound and well. "I use it in my family," writes G. J. Welch, of Tekonsha, Mich., "and find it perfect." Simply great for cuts and burns. Only 25c, at Chas. I. Clough's drug store.

Poet and Reporter.

Bill Johnson kicked his old mule, Kit; She didn't like that kick a bit. She craned her neck and looked around; Kerbang! Bill's sleeping in the ground. An ice cream social will be held Upon the lawn of Grandma Weld. The cream will be, now I surmise, Real good and free from bugs and flies. Ed Wilson's still a courting Flo, They should have wed some years ago. Mart Miller wants to learn to waltz. It's too bad his left leg stringhalts. Frank Brown is now the dad of twins, His face is covered o'er with grins. Old Grandpa Blake is poorly now, And so is Teasdale's dark red cow. Fred Smith is painting up his place, While Sue, it's rumored, paints her face. That's all the news I have to-day; Drop in folks, when your downtown way. We'll hit the cider kegs some wacks, Good bye, yours truly,

BATTLE AX.

Maud Muller and the Rooster.

Maud Muller on a summer's day. Set a hen in a brand new way. (Maud you see was a city girl.) She covered a box with tinsel gay. Lined it snugly with new-mown hay, Filled it nicely with eggs, and then Started to look for a likely hen. Out of the flock she selected one, And then she thought her work was done; It would have been, but the stubborn hen Stood up and cackled "Ka-doot," and then Maud Muller came and with pained surprise Looked coldly into the creature's eyes, Then tied his legs to the box. "You bet," Said She, "I know how to make you set." But still it stood worse and worse Shrieked forth its wrongs to the universe. Turned over the box with the tinsel gay And ignominiously flapped away. Then a bad boy over the barnyard fence Te heed, "Say, Maud, there's a difference 'Tween hens, you know, and it is that One says 'Ka-doot!' and one 'Ka-dat!'" Then Maud recalled that the ugly brnte She had tried to set had said "Ka-doot!" And ever since that historic day She blushes in an embarrassed way. To think of the hobble she made once when She tried to set a gentleman hen. —Exchange.

Novel Wireless Telegraph System.

One of the less known systems of wireless telegraphy is that devised in co-operation by two Englishmen, Sir Oliver Lodge and a Mr. Murihead. As yet it has only been tried on a limited scale. Just now one of the railroad companies in England is making experiments with it. Several corporations of this class have boats running from their termini across the English or Irish channels, or in other directions. They have occasion to need advices concerning the approach of these vessels while yet invisible, on account of distance and fog, and thus see a way to use wireless telegraphy. The experiments with the Lodge-Murihead system are being made by the Midland Company at Heysham, North Lancashire, the steamer Manxman taking part in them. A short, rather technical description of the plant on land is given by "The London Electrician." One novel feature of the apparatus is that there is no connection with the ground. Supported by insulators three feet above the ground is a network of wires, called a "capacity surface." The "upper aerial" is a similar construction, and is held in position by four masts at a height of eighty feet. All stays have been insulated carefully to prevent damp effects. The spark gap is divided into five parts. Choking coils are inserted in the primary of the sparking coil to prevent arcing, and the five parts of the gap are shunted by condensers. The steamer Manxman has been fitted with similar apparatus. Both equipments are tuned to give a wave length of about five hundred yards.



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