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BOILER EXPLODES ON GUNBOAT BENNINGTON

BETWEEN FORTY AND FIFTY KILLED OUTRIGHT

HORRIBLY MANGLED CORPSES

The Wounded, Wrecked, Broken and Scalded Almost out of the Semblance of Humanity, on All Sides

San Diego, Cal., July 21.—A boiler on the gunboat Bennington, now lying at anchor in the harbor, exploded at 10:30 this morning. The entire ship was blown up, so that she is seen to be listed heavily. First reports are that 60 men are killed and over 100 injured. Dozens of dead and wounded are being brought ashore.

Captain Lucien Young reports at 11 o'clock that every man on deck was injured by the explosion. Between 40 and 50 were killed. The ship settled rapidly after the explosion, and is now being towed from mid-stream to the wharf by tugs. Every available wagon on the water front was called upon to bring the dead and wounded to the morgue and hospitals. There are 28 at one hospital and seven dead at the morgue.

Captain Lucien Young and Commander Verne were on shore at the time of the accident. Lieutenant-Commander John Calvin Leonard was executive officer, and the lieutenant-commander was Victor Blue, of South Carolina. He is said to have been in the hospital at Mare Island undergoing an operation. The ensigns were Chas. T. Wade, Newman K. Perry, Jr., Midshipmen Leo Shan and Lindsay H. Tracy, paymaster, Chas. Morris, Jr.

The Bennington was a gunboat of the third class, and sister ship to the Yorktown. She was of 1110 tons burden, twin screws, with six guns in her main battery, and carried 176 men.

One of the most frightful disasters in the history of the American navy, almost rivaling the blowing up of the Maine, and the horror at Samoa occurred at 10:30 o'clock this morning, when one of the boilers on the gunboat Bennington, which had just arrived to tow the crippled Wyoming back to Mare Island navy yard, blew up, blotting out the lives of between 40 and 50 of Uncle Sam's sailors, and injuring all

the other men on the vessel at the time. The only man to escape, so far as known, was the commander, Captain Lucien Young. Practically the entire inner portion of the little fighting craft was blown out. Immediately after the shocking explosion the Bennington listed badly and began to settle. Tugs hurried to her assistance, and she was towed from the stream to the wharf.

The explosion was plainly heard and felt throughout the city. Along the water front the buildings shook. A great column of water was hurled into the air, and the fact that a terrible accident had occurred was quickly realized. Immediately every available craft in the harbor made for the crippled ship, and the work of picking up the dead and dying from the wreckage began. All around lay mangled corpses and moaning sailors, some injured beyond hope of recovery, their legs and arms shattered, chests and faces scalded. Some, maddened by pain, sought to hurl themselves into the water, but were restrained. Others begged the rescuers to kill them, so intense was their suffering. As speedily as possible the dead and injured were transferred to waiting boats and hurried to the shore, where those who were killed by the awful blast were conveyed to the morgue, and the injured taken to the various hospitals, word having been previously sent to the latter institutions to prepare for the reception of many wounded. The water front was lined with vehicles and wagons of all sorts, which had been impressed into the service.

Each took its quota of living and dead and hastened to the morgue or hospital. A hurry call was sent throughout the city for physicians and nurses, and practically every physician and professional nurse, and scores of volunteer nurses, responded. The scene on

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WHERE THE SLOCUM BURNED

Steamer Circus With a Sunday School Excursion Aboard Runs Aground

New York, July 21.—The steamer Circus, with a Sunday school excursion from Olivette Memorial church aboard, ran aground on the east side of Riekers island at 11 o'clock this morning. It is reported that the boat is leaking, but those aboard are in no danger. A steamer has been dispatched to take off the excursionists. The scene of the grounding is near that of the Slocum disaster.

Washington, D. C., July 21.—The navy department expects that the squadron escorting the remains of Admiral John Paul Jones will arrive tomorrow unless there is a mishap. The squadron under Admiral Sigbee will be met at the Capes by a battleship squadron under Admiral Evans, a cruiser squadron under Admiral Brownson, and the French cruiser Jurien de la Graviere. These vessels will form the escort up the bay to Annapolis, where the remains of Admiral Jones will tomorrow be deposited in the temporary vault, with full military honors. They will be placed in the new chapel for their final resting place as soon as it is completed.

The new chapel, a central feature of the reconstructed naval academy group of buildings recently ordered by congress at a cost of many millions, rises on the water front with a massive dome for its inspiration, the architecture of the whole being not unlike the Hotel d'Invalides of Paris, in which rest the remains of the great of the nation's naval heroes.

Japs in Saghalien.

Tokio, Japan, July 21.—An imperial ordinance was issued this morning authorizing the appointment of non-commissioned officers from reserve conscripts, also converting those of sundry source rank into privates of the fighting rank.

A dispatch from Otaru says the Russians defeated at Dalng were 500 strong, with six field guns and three machine guns. They offered a desperate resistance. The cannonade began at 6 o'clock in the morning of July 7th, and the second line of the Russian defenses was not taken until the following morning. The Russian guns were captured.

Admiral Near Home.

Newport, R. I., July 21.—The government torpedo station here has received a wireless message from the squadron of warships conveying the remains of Paul Jones from France. The message says the squadron will arrive off the Chesapeake capes Saturday. There were no incidents on the passage.

Wife Secures Divorce.

Mrs. Dolly Lentz was granted a divorce from her husband Joe W. Lentz by Judge Galloway this morning. Mr. Lentz failed to appear, so the testimony of the plaintiff was taken, and the petition for divorce granted through default on the part of the defendant.

Won't Play in Our Yard.

Shanghai, China, July 21.—The boycott on American goods is now effective although all running contracts will be allowed. All schools and colleges in this section will discard American.

There is a true saying that it is lucky to get married in July, but in order to make the occasion doubly propitious, the ice cream should be ordered from

Zinn's

FIFTY TONS OF DYNAMITE

Seventy Thousand Tons of Rock Blown out of Portsmouth Harbor by it

Portsmouth, N. H., July 21.—The last section of Henderson's Point, containing about 70,000 tons of rock, will be blown up with fifty tons of dynamite at high tide tomorrow. It will mark the conclusion of one of the most difficult engineering feats ever accomplished, and will open the way for large warships to the Portsmouth navy yard. The work was begun three years ago, and 500,000 tons of rock has been taken away. There is just one big section left, which the contractors have arranged to remove by the use of dynamite, one of the largest explosions ever attempted.

There have been drilled in the last remaining section of rock about 300 holes, anywhere from fifty to eighty feet deep. These have been filled with the explosive, and will be exploded by three circuits with a powerful electric battery many yards away. All of the buildings in the immediate vicinity have been removed. The nearest building left standing is the big naval hospital, from which the inmates were removed today.

CHICAGO STRIKE ENDS

Chicago, July 21.—Following the calling off of the teamsters' strike by the teamsters' joint council, the strikers broke ranks today in a wild stampede for work. In most cases the conditions imposed by employers was the hiding of the union button. Out of 5000 men who quit probably not more than 1500 will be taken back within the next few days. The employers held a meeting today, and adopted rules to govern the conduct of employees, which will be one condition on which the strikers are taken back. The strike cost 21 lives, and \$15,000,000 in money, and 500 were injured in the rioting.

Chicago, July 21.—Anna Teller, aged 30, committed suicide at noon in the Illinois Trust Savings Bank, after having withdrawn her savings. The shot created a panic among the bank patrons. The cause is unknown.

Mines Mules to Go.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., July 21.—The Delaware and Hudson Coal Company has completed a mammoth electric power plant, and next week will begin the operation and illumination of all its collieries in the northern part of this city by electricity. The small locomotives will give way to the motor cars, and the mine mules will be a thing of the past. The company has given the electric device a systematic trial and the result was entirely successful.

French Is Released.

Cleveland, O., July 2.—After his release from the jail at Akron, Chas. W. French, the railroad promoter accused of securing money under false pretenses, came to this city. French intimates that he suspects a large railroad corporation is behind his arrest. He expects to return to the Pacific coast, where he is projecting a mammoth steel plant at San Diego, and a railroad from city to Chicago by way of Denver.

High Against Low Church.

Cleveland, O., July 21.—Rev. Frederick Lloyd has recalled his acceptance of the election as Episcopal bishop coadjutor of the diocese of Oregon, on the ground of the continued opposition of four leading clergymen who objected to him as a "high churchman." Dr. Lloyd is now at his home in Washington, Pa.

Williamson Trial Begins.

Portland, July 21.—The second trial of Congressman Williamson, et al, for land fraud conspiracy began today.

ROW IN HOUSE OF COMMONS

The Ministry Defeated in Irish Land Bill, and Liberal Papers Call on it to Resign

London, July 21.—After half an hour's session this morning the house of commons adjourned until Monday to await the government's decision regarding its future course, in view of the defeat of the ministry last night in the bill to reduce the appropriation for the Irish land commission. It is believed in well informed circles the Balfour ministry is not likely to resign, and that the government will be sustained by its normal majority on the vote Monday. Conservative papers today urge the premier to hold onto the office at any cost, while the liberal papers are shrieking at him to get out. It is reported in lobby circles about the house of commons that at a meeting of the cabinet this afternoon it decided to resign. The rumor has no confirmation.

Alabama Baptists.

Sheffield, Ala., July 21.—Sheffield has capitulated to an invading host of Baptists, who are here from every nook and corner of Alabama for their annual state convention. The three day's programme calls for addresses and sermons by a number of noted Baptist divines and laymen, in addition to the transaction of the usual amount of routine business relating to the affairs of the denomination of this state.

WORSE THAN WILLIAMS

Police Weaving a Web Aroned Carlton Charged With Murdering Five Wives

New York, July 21.—After having been cross-examined by Inspector Gross, Eleanor Van Dwyer, Frederick B. Carlton's mistress, attempted suicide today by trying to jump from a window in the inspector's room at police headquarters in Brooklyn, but was prevented by Gross. The woman was arrested at the instance of Anthony Comstock, charged with violating a section of the penal code, forbidding the exposure or sale of certain photographs. The authorities believe the woman tells facts of sensational interest concerning the man suspected of poisoning his wives will be brought tonight. Carlton was arraigned today in the Brooklyn court house, charged with larceny.

The Bruisers Ready.

San Francisco, July 21.—Britt and Sullivan took things easy today, indulging only in short walks. Both men are down to weight. The betting continues ten to four on Britt.

Bully for Sig.

Norfolk, Va., July 21.—Sigbee's squadron got into wireless communication with Cape Henry at 11:15 a. m. today.

Chicago Markets.

Chicago, July 21.—September wheat 88@90%; corn 55 1/2 @56; oats 29 1/2 @29 1/2.

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All our black lace hose, beautiful designs, regular \$1 value, special **65c**.

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Women's shirt waist suits at exactly **HALF PRICE**

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New all silk petticoats, \$10 value, special **\$7.65**

Plaid grey, all wool, homespun skirt, special **\$4.95**

Lace and embroidered robes at **SPECIAL PRICES**

Embroidered brilliantines \$1 and \$1.25 values, special **85c** yd

Novelty suitings, 50c, 65c and 75c values, special **39c** yd

Pure linen suitings, 50c and 60c values, special **38c** yd

Silk mgll, voiles, etc., 50c and 85c values, special **33c** yd

Dainty turnover collars, special **19c**

Men's \$3.50 Oxforas, special **\$2.65**

All men's clothing, no reserve, at following prices:

\$10.00 values now	\$ 7.00	18.50 values now	13.50
12.50 values now	9.00	20.00 values now	15.00
15.00 values now	10.50	22.50 values now	16.50
18.50 values now	12.50	25.00 values now	17.50

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