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39 KILLED ON U. S. GUN-BOAT

Nearly 100 Hurt. Some Fatally—There Were More Than 250 Men Aboard the Vessel at the Time, and of These 15 Sailors are Missing.

San Diego, Cal., July 21.—Twenty-eight members of the crew of the United States gun-boat Bennington were killed and four-score sailors were injured, 24 seriously at 10 o'clock this forenoon by a boiler explosion that disabled the vessel in San Diego harbor. Fifteen sailors are missing. There were more than 250 men aboard the warship when the accident occurred and many men were hurled or forced to jump into the sea by the terrible explosion, which lifted part of the deck and compelled the beaching of the ship. The Bennington, at the time of the accident, was lying in the stream just off the commercial wharf at H street. The warship had received orders from the Navy Department at Washington to sail this morning for Port Hartford to meet the monitor Wyoming and convey the monitor to Mare Island navy yard, San Francisco.

EXPLOSION TERRIFIC

Steam was up and everything was in readiness for the departure of the Bennington when the starboard forward boiler exploded with a deafening roar. The explosion was terrific. People standing on shore saw a huge cloud of steam rise above the Bennington. Columns of water were forced high into the air. A dozen or fifteen men were blown overboard by the force of the terrific explosion. Capt. Wentworth who was looking at the Bennington when the disaster occurred, says he saw human bodies hurled over a hundred feet upward. The air was clouded with smoke, which enveloped the ship. When the haze cleared away, only a few could be seen on the decks, while a number were floundering in the water. A boat was lowered from the vessel's side and most of the men in the water were picked up and taken on board.

TERRIBLE SCENES

On board the Bennington were presented terrible scenes. The force of the explosion had torn a great hole in the starboard side of the ship and the vessel was already commencing to list. A section of the upper deck was carried away from stem to stern. Blood and wreckage was distributed over the entire space, the after cabin and that part of the ship adjacent to the exploded boiler resembling a channel house. The shock of the explosion penetrated every section of the ship, blood and ashes being found as far as the stern of the captain's cabin. Great damage was done to all parts of the vessel. The boiler which exploded, it is said, was regarded as unsafe. Commander Young stated that during the recent return from Honolulu the steam pressure was kept reduced on that particular one.

THE BAPTIST PIC-NIC

The Enterprise learns this morning that Salem Street Baptist Sunday School will have a picnic some time soon. The time and place has not been fixed but it will be in a few days and at a convenient place near the city.

SHYER THAN EVER

Uncle Newt Campbell says he always was a little shy of the girls, but he is more so than ever because every one he sees now has her sleeves rolled up like she wants to fight.

RUMORS EXCITE DARLINGTON

Darlington, S. C., July 21.—"I don't know what went with the money," confessed the attorney for Robert Keith Dargan, the man whom a coroner's jury pronounced a suicide on July 11th. "We have not been able to discover much but debts. It does not seem that he had \$100 when he died."

This whole section of South Carolina is under intense excitement over the report that the supposed suicide is not dead at all and that the alleged awful tragedy of July 10th was a farce. They say that a man who was connected with the Independent Cotton Oil Company and who is now in France, carried the money away with him. The company was capitalized at \$1,000,000 and was supposed to be worth more. It was a tremendous concern. The imposing sign, hung above the first stair landing to its offices reads:

"General Offices the Darlington Oil Company, Anson Oil and Ice Company, Chesterfield County Oil Company, The Marion Oil Mill Company, Manning Oil and Illuminating Company, Farmers Cotton Oil Company, Robert Keith Dargan, General Manager."

Mr. Dargan had been general manager for years. The by-laws adopted by the directors, gave him virtually unlimited power and nobody knew much about the business except himself. At each successive meeting of the directors, even at their late meeting in June, they adopted resolutions affirming and reaffirming—their complete confidence in Dargan. The stockholders thought the big combination immensely prosperous on account of the handsome dividends they received—dividends, it is said, which invaded the capital stock.

THE COLLAPSE

Not until a fortnight or so ago was it discovered that the business was bankrupt and that its personal property in the shape of oil did not tally with the books. The big tanks at Charleston were empty and the tanks elsewhere were well nigh so. Dargan was excused from its presidency and general management. The business collapsed, carrying with it ruin to the D. J. G. ton Trust Company, the nandMcCall mercantile business and many individuals. The rearrier, Mr. Bright Williamson, says that its affairs are so complicated that it is impossible to give out yet any accurate statement.

STRANGE STORIES AFLOAT

This history, together with the report that Dargan went to Paris two years ago and had made waxen image of himself, and another that his brother Pegram had been, for several years, studying hypnotism and occult arts in the North, the fact that the coroner did not go in with his jury to view the corpse and the rumor that he said, after the burial, that he could not swear that Dargan was dead; that W. F. Dargan ordered out of the mansion two men who had come with the jury to see the body; that the grave was bricked and cemented; that there was a great effort to avoid publicity on the night of the tragedy, and other rumors and reports, too numerous to recount, constitute the basis for the widespread suspicion that it is a put-up job. So frantic has gossip grown that a telephone message went abroad last night that the grave had been opened and found empty.

WEY GRAVE IS NOT OPENED

They say that only his widow would have authority to open the grave and she does not even know of the rumors afloat. Unless the public will credit the men who say they saw the man dead, there is no way to settle the question except to go into the grave by violence or at the demand of the insurance people. What impresses the investigator is the inconsequence of the whole business on the sides.—Charlotte Observer.

FIRE AT METALLIC BED PLANT

Saturday evening about 7 o'clock fire broke out in the finishing department of High Point Metallic Bed Co. and consumed that department together with all the contents.—Loss about \$2,000 which is covered by insurance.

The building is a fire protected structure having been erected in sections with fire proof walls and automatic fire proof doors. On this occasion the fire was confined to the one section thereby preventing heavy losses. Of course the fire left to itself would have been a complete loss but by the aid of the buckets and the hose it was confined to the one section of the building. Although the fire was outside the city limits the firemen did valient work. The hose was too short at first to reach the fire but by the aid of F. M. Pickett, W. C. Jones, S. L. Davis, conductor of the shifting force and others there was soon 1800 feet of hose on the ground. Those who used the buckets until the hose arrived did good work.

The building will be repaired at once and will not seriously interfere with the business. In fact the factory will continue the work in the other departments.

TOMMY EVANS DEAD

His friends and acquaintances here were very much surprised as well as pained to learn of the death of Mr. T. M. Evans which occurred at Knoxville, Tenn., on the 21st. The news came to the city in a letter from Mr. Evans house in New York, Emil Calman & Co., to Mr. W. H. Plummer Manager Elwood Hotel which said: "We very much regret to announce to you the very sudden death of Mr. T. M. Evans, which occurred yesterday morning at the Imperial Hotel, Knoxville." Yesterday Mr. Plummer received the following telegram from the Imperial Hotel:

"Evans died Thursday night, burst blood vessel in brain, had every attention; was buried here on advice from house and relatives. Mr. Evans was traveling salesman for Emil Calman & Co., New York, and has been identified with the trade through the furniture district in the South for several years. He was a clever, good hearted fellow and all who knew him will regret to learn of his death. He was in High Point Wednesday in fact he was in the Enterprise office as well apparently as a man could be. Mr. Evans has been married but leaves no family."

MISSSES BOULDIN ENTERTAIN

The Misses Bouldin entertained quite informally Wednesday evening a delightful number of friends. The beautiful lawn presented an enchanting scene with Japanese lanterns suspended here and there amid the trees.

The arch over the driveway was very artistically and tastefully arranged. The guests lingered until a late hour, enjoying cards and many other games. Cream and cake were served and the occasion was a most happy one. We all feel greatly indebted to the charming hostess.

Those present from High Point were the Misses Harmon, Jones, Mary Ellen English; Messrs Ed Ragan, B. Harmon, C. Mattocks, J. C. Teague, Dr. A. P. Staley, L. J. Hayworth, G. S. Northey, and Mr. Amos; Mrs. J. T. Henry, Mayme Harris, and Mr. E. B. Bullard, Va.; Miss Mary Culbreth, Statesville, Mr. Bowden, Randleman, and quite a large number from Archdale and Trinity.

A GUEST.

Mr. R. C. Mullican until recently day ticket agent at Durham, goes to Greensboro as night ticket agent on the Southern.

Prof. H. Womersley, of Norfolk, Va., representing the International Correspondence School, is a guest of Mr. Lloyd Dodamead.

FIVE HUNDRED LUNATICS TO BE RELEASED

Washington, July 22.—A question has been raised as to the method of committing old soldiers to St. Elizabeth's Insane Asylum, the government asylum for soldiers and sailors, and they are brought here from all parts of the world. Judge Wright, of the District bench, holds that the authorities of the Soldiers' Home have no power to commit an inmate to the asylum without a jury trial under the laws of the locality where the home is situated.

The present method of commitment is according to the statutes framed with reference to men in the military service of the United States, which gives the government the right to act without the formality observed under civil law. Judge Wright holds that this law does not apply to inmates of Soldiers' Homes. Under the decision relatives of about 500 patients of St. Elizabeth's may secure their release at any time.

CARS NEEDED

Thirty five cars were needed this morning for furniture. Eighteen were in readiness by 10 o'clock and Capt. Brown was expecting more through the day.

BARN BURNED

The barn of W. M. Jester near Jamestown was destroyed by fire last night about 8 o'clock. This makes the second fire Mr. Jester has had.

NEW VERSION

"What did you say, John?" queried Mrs. John, viewing her full length reflection in the mirror. "I said," repeated John distinctly, "it is clothes that break the man."

AN EXCELLENT NOMINATION

Carl Schurz says the United States should be "the gentleman among nations." We nominate Helms as the lady.—Ex.

Flem Norman, of Mt. Gilead, spent Saturday and Sunday here.

ON HIS TRIAL

"Pa," asked the Senator's little boy, "what's a nemesis?" "A nemesis," my son replied the Senator, wearily, "is a female office seeker whom, in a moment of foolish kindness, you promised to assist."

EIGHT HOUSES

Union Furniture Co. commenced the erection of 8 houses today on Mangum avenue. Four 4 room, and four 6 room houses. They have all been rented.

The school park is getting to be quite useful, the cows graze there through the day and the courting couples are numerous at night.

Mrs. J. D. Mann and children left for Siler City, Saturday, for a visit of a week or so.

W. J. Laffoon on Kendall St is very sick.

In saving money the real secret is not to lose it through the hole at the top of your pocket.

A wife is the making of her husband—but the job is seldom satisfactory to all parties concerned.

When a girl turns a young man's proposal down he is apt to take it to heart because he feels sorry for her.

Some girls marry for love, some for money, and all of them marry because some silly man asks them to.

Relations are strained between the minister of the board of punishments and those other ministers who, without first consulting him, sent a memorial to the throne recommending the abolition of trial by torture.

Mr. Terry who went to his home in Richmond County on account of fever, is improving. He has typhoid fever but it is in a mild form.

Mr. A. J. Dodamead has returned from an extended visit at Craekets Sulphur Springs, Va., much improved in health.

LIVED WITH HATPIN IN HEART

Detroit, Mich., July 22.—Fred Montgomery, a waiter of Sandwich, Ont., who was taken to St. Mary's Hospital July 6th with a wound in his breast made by a hatpin, died today. At the post-mortem examination six inches of the pin were found imbedded in his heart, part of it in the man's heart. The surgeons are surprised that the man lived as long as he did.

When taken to the hospital from a lodging house, Montgomery said he received the wound by accident, declaring that a woman had lurched against him as she was pinning her hat. It is believed, however, that the man was stabbed with the pin during a quarrel. Canadian officials say that Montgomery's wife has been missing since the night of the row, and is supposed to have gone to Indian Territory.

FREMONT HAS A SCANDAL

Goldsboro, N. C., July 21.—It is reported here that J. R. Short, a merchant and real estate owner of Fremont, has been sued for a large amount of money by C. C. Teague for being intimate with the latter's wife. The report says that Short has been placed under a five thousand dollar bond. Teague was formerly a bookkeeper for Short.—Raleigh Post

MODERN BRIDES

One is in the habit nowadays of seeing brides absolutely self-possessed, almost jocose, laughing and smiling and nodding to their friends. Mothers and sisters never cry nowadays at parting.

FRENZIED FINANCE

The Farmer (excitebly)—Say, Mister Constable, I've just bin bunkered out uv evry durn cent! The Policeman (irritably)—Well don't holler to me, you come on. I ain't no magazine publisher?

ALARMED

"There's just one thing I want to say to you," began Mrs. Acrid as her better half stumbled into the room at 3 a. m. "Just one, M'ria," queried he, solicitously, "ain't you a-feelin' well?"

LET THE BOYS OFF

We are getting organized here a good military Company, soon to be one of the best if they keep up their drilling. These boys have enlisted and must attend one or two gatherings in the State during the year. No one has the authority to excuse them except the Governor. When these meetings come about don't be too hard on the boys, let them off, if possible.

A rather severe wind and rain storm visited this section on Saturday evening. For half hour the rain came in torrents. No damage was done except the prostrating of some of the corn in the cornfields in and around town.

High Point is becoming noted for its excellent livery. To be convinced of this, one has but to observe the many fine turnouts, every evening between the hours of seven and eight thirty.

SAVANNAH'S FIRST BALE

Savannah, Ga., July 23.—The first bale of cotton for this season was sold at auction at the cotton exchange. It was classed fully middling and was bought by a local agent for a Liverpool firm for 30 cents a pound, which is a new record price for the first bale in Savannah.

LITTLE BOY DROWNED

Charlotte, N. C., July 22.—Ernest Edwards, five years old, was drowned in a mill pond at Mt. Holly, near here, this afternoon. The lad was alone and the particulars of his death are not known. He was a son of Mon. Edwards.

Mr. W. H. Dixon, the new assistant superintendent of the Life Insurance Company of Virginia, has taken charge of the office here.

BOARD OF ALDERMEN

An adjourned meeting of the Board of Aldermen was held Thursday night at the Mayors office, Mayor Wrenn presiding. The following Alderman present: J. H. Millis, D. C. Aldridge, J. E. Kirkman, G. H. Kearns, W. P. Pickett, A. M. Rankin and Dr. J. A. Turner.

Mrs. Dr. Peacock came before the Board in regard to repairing the Bradshaw house in the fire limits. She stated that she was willing to sell the property provided she could get a suitable lot at a reasonable price, or that she was willing to sell the house if the city would make good any loss sustained. The cost of the house now was about \$850.00. The matter was left in the hands of the building committee.

A petition was presented from property owners asking that the oil tank of Standard Oil Co., be removed. Left over until next meeting.

Jule Ellison asked that side walk in front of his property be run straight.

Rent of the Denny building for Mayor's office was confirmed.

Committee to look into matter of Tomlinson Chair Co. blocking side walk reported that the company should make provision to avoid such trouble. The matter was left in the hands of the Mayor.

It was ordered that the sidewalks on High street be fixed as soon as practicable.

Dr. J. A. Turner resigned as a member of the Street Committee and J. E. Kirkman was appointed to the vacancy.

It was ordered that the Judges and Poll holders in May election be paid \$1.00 per day each.

George Gray was relieved of 1904 poll tax.

DEATH OF SAMUEL JORDAN

Samuel Jordan one of the landmarks of the town died at his home on South Main St. Friday morning, after a confinement of nearly 4 years, practically. He would have been 80 years old in November.

"Uncle Sammy," as the people of High Point called him, up to the time of his illness was a familiar figure on the streets here for years. At one time he was an officer of the town.

The funeral services will be conducted from Springfield Meeting House tomorrow at 10 o'clock.

HIGH POINT OVERALL COMPANY

This substantial enterprise was organized four years ago. Mr. J. H. Millis is President, and Mr. J. H. Adams is Secretary and Treasurer of the successful business enterprise known as the High Point Overall Company. During the last four years there has been a large increase in the amount of goods manufactured, and the sales are large. The product of the factory, although there is much competition from other sections of the country, shows up so well in the matter of quality of goods and workmanship, also in the lowness of price, that the company has rapidly come into prominence.

Mr. J. H. Adams the Secretary and Treasurer is a young man of solid, substantial character, of vast determination, and marked business ability. He has given the business of the company his closest attention since becoming identified with it and has succeeded admirably.

The organization and success of this company are due mainly to his efforts and those of his advisers. We have little doubt, knowing the man as we do, that others who are engaged in the same line of manufacture, will have to hustle if they keep pace with him in the procession.

This year the Company has erected another large building and organized the High Point Hosiery Mills with the same officers. This is one of the best Hosiery Mills in the State.

DELAYED

Mr. Stewart, of Michigan, who is coming here to start a factory, writes that he will be here August 1st. He was expected this week but was delayed.