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## TERRIFIC EXPLOSION ON BOARD UNITED STATES GUNBUAT HURLS THIRTY-NINE SOULS TO ETERNITY AND INJURES 100

A Tangled Mass.

vessel probably will have to be dis-mantled to repair the injuries, if in-

Licut. Yates, executive officer la

of the disaster was in the aft cablu

He rushed out, to be met by a blind-

swept the vessel. Speaking of the oc

"I must have remained seated i

curred and did not know what had

happened. I then rushed out and the

team, even at the extreme after part

of the ship, was so dense that I could

"As I ran forward I passed one of

not get a breath of air until I

no time to attend to individual cases

as there were so many. About 30 of

the boys were on the foredeck, all se

verely wounded. I called for men t

man the boats, and only a dozen mer

including officers, responded at that

The navy department has received a

eport to the effect that Lieutenant Vic-

terday suffering from an acute attack

List of Dead

Washing on, July 21 .- The navy de-

All of the rest were in-

my chair several seconds after it oc

ing, scalding cloud of steam

currence, he said;

ascended the rall.

moment.

of appendicitis,

our boys crawling along.

deed the warship is not a total loss.

The ship's interior works are

Disastrous Catastrophe Overtakes Seamen in San Diego Harbor---Human Bodies Were Thrown a Hundred Feet in the Air by Force of Explosion----Hardly One of 260 Escaped Bodily Injury

## **DEFECTIVE BOILER SAID TO BE CAUSE OF TERRIBLE ACCIDENT**

Terrible Scenes Presented on Board the Bennington ----Blood and Wreckage Covered all Parts of the Ship----Section of the Upper Deck Completely Torn Away----Shock Penetrated Entire Vessel

San Diego, Cal., July 21 .- Twenty- covered with blood and ash s. Some of the bolles may never be identified. For eight members of the crew United States gunboat Bennington long time the hot steam prevented 100 saflors access to the space between decks, were killed and nearly were injured, some fatally, at 10 where most of the dead bodies lay, o'clock this foremon by a boiler ex- and it was not until late in the afteralosion that disabled the vess I in noch that the last were removed from San Diego harbor. Fifteen sallors are, the bolk r rooms. Several bodies were missing. There were more than 250 so tightly wedged in by a bulkhead men aboard the warship when the ac- that the woodwork had to be hewed cident occurred and many were hurled away to free them. or forced to jump into the sea by the terrific explosion which lifted part of the deck and compelled the beaching tangled mass of machinery, and the

Was Lying in Harbor.

The Bennington at the time of the off the Commercial wharf at H atree!; secident was lying in the stream just warship fmd received orders from the navy department at Washington sati this morning for Port Hartford to meet the malor Wyoming and convey the monoor to Mare Island navy yard, San Francisco, Steam was up and everything was in read-iness for the departure of the Bennington, when the starboard forward boiler exploded with a deafening rout. The explosion was terrific. People standing on the 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 explosion. Capt. Wentworth, who was looking at Bennington when the disaster occurred, says he saw human bodies hurled over a hundred feet upward. The air veloped the ship. When the haze jured, bilinded or had been thrown cleared away only a few men could be seen on the decks, while numbers were lowered from the vessel's side and tor Blue, one of the officers of the Benfloundering in the water. A bout was most of the men in the water were mington, was taken to the hospital yespicked up and taken on board.

#### Terrible Scenes.

On board the Bennington were presented terrible scenes. The force of the explosion and torn a great hole in the starboard side of the ship and the vessel was already commencing to partment tonight received the following list. A section of the upper deck was telegram from Commander oung, of the carried away from stem to stern. Bennington: Blood and wreckage was distributed at At 10:15 o'clock this morning, while over the entire ship, the after cabin making preparations for getting under and that part of the ship adjacent to way, with all hands at their stations. the exploded boiler resembling a charnel house. The shock of the exploded, forcing the boiler astern in contact with boiler A, which was also forced astern and exploded. The follower furnace of boiler B exploded, forcing the boiler astern in contact with boiler A, which was also forced astern and exploded. The follower furnace of boiler B. as far as the stern of the captain's lowing are the cisualties. Dead: Great damage was done in all J. Newcomb, boatswain's mate, secarts of the ship.

The boiler which exploded, it is man; G. Brown ee, seaman; A. Benzel, parts of the ship.

said, was regarded as unsafe. Commander Young stated that during a recent return trip from Honolulu the steam pressure was kept reduced in that particular boiler.

See Shound class; A. Kammerers, fireman, second class; W. W. Wright, coal passer; C. Hagghlett, coal passer; E. O. Dredge, coal passer; th. R. Partish, coal passer; F. J. Geiss, coal passer.

He then beached the ship at high tide. G. A. Tolley, chief gunner's mate; F. A. Hurried to Rescue.

Brown, machinist's mate; J. McNanney, The ferry bon; Ramons, which was fireman, first class; C. C. Chultz, coal crossing the bay at the time of the passer; P. Carpenter, ordinary sea-accident, changed its course and hur-ried to the aid of the stricken war-U. T. Clark chief machinist's male; M. ship. The government launch General C. Chambers, seaman; Ensign Sahms DeRussey and a large number of oth- hand badly burned. per launches and water craft which were about at the time also rushed to the assistance of the Bennington. By the assistance of the Bennington many of the saliors of the Bennington who had jumped into the Bennington who had ju bay to escape the scalding steam had assistance of tug I beached her on East

cen rescued by small craft.

The removal of the wounded from Every assistance has been given by the ship was conducted in perfect or- the people here and all doctors in the

the ship was conducted in perfect order. The crews of the DeRussey and the other boats aided in picking up the wounded sallors and transferring them to shore.

May Never be Known.

The bodies of many of the men taken from the wre ad interior of the ship week mediated almost beyond recognition. The faces of many were well need assistance. Soon as further

Request d pariment to notify nearest relatives. "(Signed) YOUNG."

#### **BOILERS WERE SAID TO BE IN BAD CONDITION**

Washington, Jul ington had four cylindrical straightway boilers, commonly called locomotive gunboar bollers. Each boiler was 17 feet and 9 inches long and 9 feet and 9 luches in diameter. They were niginally designed to carry 160 pounds of steam in cruising. The boilers were In the department, but were re-tubed in 1903-04. The admiral of the Pa- port on her errand today effic fleet in October, 1964, reported to the navy department that the boilers NORTH CAROLINA vere in need of repairs, but that the epairs were not urgent.

of the ship, received at the depart-ment about the same time, was that the bollers generally were in poor condition, but that the internal conditions of the boilers were good. In Jury: May last the Benning on was sent to the Mare Island navy yard, where temers to put her in cruising condition. It is stated at the bureau of steam 1904. engineering that there has be a nothing in the reports coming to the departmens to show that the boilers the were in an unsafe condition.

#### BENNINGTON HAD JUST RETURNED FROM CRUISE

San Francisco, July 21.-The B nlington is a sister ship of the Yorktown and Concord, having the same dimen-sions, tonnage, speed and armament. She has a length of 230 feet, breadth 36 feet, mean draft four en feet, diser calibre. The Bennington takes rank signed for special work in shallow water. The vess I's keel was laid in 1888, and she cost \$490,000. Her complement is sixteen officers and 181 men.

The Bennington left this port about Iowa, three months ago and went to Hono-July 7 she sail d from the Hawaiian port and went to San Diego, arriving there on Wednesday last. When she sailed from Honolulu she was under orders to go to San Diego and there M. Lacy, of Palestine, Tex, fill her bunkers with coal and thin Paymaster Charles Morris, Jr., was proceed to Panama, calling at numerous ports along the Central American is Col. Charles Morris, U. S. army, stacoast. She was to take the place of the monitor Wyoming as station ship

Wimbledon, the chamthe Ameri-American Prirraentadves. A. Larned, were beaten in the singles, they making English heaves -- AND THEN THE PRESS WIRE

sailed from San Piego only the day before the Bennington arrived at tha port on her way to San Francisco. The monitor when near Post Harford dropped one of her properties and became almost unmanageable She made he ford and the Bennington, then at San Diego, was ordered to go to the ald of the disabled monitor and to tow her to this port. It was expected that the gunbout would sail from he southern

## OFFICER ESCAPED

Washington, July 21 - Following are sketches of officers of the Bennington, mately before the wires gave out several of whom, however, es aped in-

tucktan, who was ashere at the time porary repairs were made on her boil- of the explosion, had been in command of the Bennington since November 14

> hospital ashere at the time, joined Bennington August, 1904, serving since as navigator and executive offi-He is a native of North Carolina and was appointed from South Caro-

was born in Maine. His mother, Mrs. A. R. Yates, lives in Wat rville, Me. Ensign Charles T. Wade was born in New Jersey. His next of kin is Charles N. Wade, father, Hackettstown, N. J. Ensign Newman K. Perry, Jr., was born in South Carolina, November 26, placement 1,710 tones, speed 16.5 knots. 1880, and was appointed a naval cadet derived from engines of 3,436 indicated from the Fourth district of South Carohorse-power. She had a batter of six lina, S ptember 9, 1897. He was promotsix-inch rift s and eight guns of small- ed to ensign June 7, 1965. He joined the Bennington as a watch and divisamong the efficient lit le cruisers de- ion officer on March 9, 1963. His wife, Mrs. Newman K. Perry, lives at Stockbridge, Mass.

Ensign Leo Sahm was born in lowe His father, P. Sahm. lives in Dubuque,

Ensign Lindsay H. Lacy was born it ulu as station ship at that port. On Texas Murch 11, 1882, and appointed naval tadet from Tixas in September, 1898, promoted to be ensign on February 3, 1963, and joined the Bennington on March 2, 1963. His father is AV.

born in Rhode Island. His next of kin tioned at San Francisco. Past Assistant Surgeon Peck is one

of those who escaped by being ashore The Wyoming had been at the port of He joined the Bennington last April will be tried on the same charge.

# WENT "DEAD"

At Two O'clock This Morning the Associated Press Reports Ceased

RECENT STORMS SUP-POSED RESPONSIBLE

#### Funny Noises and Thought He Had 'Em

countain section, and severe electriand it being the only wire available. this city was cut off from telegraphic ommunication with the outside work very full and complete account of the horrible disaster to the gunboat Bensington at San Diego had been recrived, with possibly the exception of

few details. The electrical disturbance nost peculiar effect on the telegraph instruments attached to wire running no this office, producing a hur buzzing sound which could ard all over the office, and entirely off the telegraph signals, uni finally the wire became entirely life ess and remained dead up to the time of going to press. Thus it was imnternational tennis match at Wimledom, further than the bare fact tha Holcomb and Larned, the Americans had been defeated in the singles, the wire failing in the middle of the item The telegraph operator said he heard "noises like a fiddle," but the rest of the force said he "had 'em again."

# RAWLINGS FOUND

Valdosta, Ga., July 21.-The Jury it the case of Milion Rawlings, oberged with the murder of the Carter children, commenda ion to mercy at 8:45 clock tonight. Rawlings was in court wh . the verdict was read. For the first time since he has been on trial he showed evidence of th terrible strain under which he bus been labor-

The court took a recess until Mon day, when Jesre and Leonard Rawlings

### GETS LIMIT FOR ASSAULT ON PARK

Judge Declares He Would Give Bomford 20 Years II He Had the Opportunity

Tampa. Fla., July 11.-Harry Bomford, who seriously shot Capt. C. L. Park, when surprised by the latter in MANY STATES WILL his home with his wife, was today sentenced by Judge Gordon to one year in the county jail, the maximum penalty for aggravated assault. entencing Bomford the Judge stated Telegroph Operator Heard that the Jury would have been Justi- All Travelers Must go to the fled in convicting him of assault with intent to murder, in which event the pourt would have given him the max-imum penalty under that charge-20

#### TRIED TO KILL THE SULTAN OF TURKEY

Abdul "the Damned" Came Near Getting His Passports gers and household goods. to the Pearly Gates

Brussels, July 21 .- A telegram to the etit Bleu from Constauthople says: bomb was exploded in the courtyard of mosque, close to the sultan. His majerty was not injured, but several members of his suite were killed or injured. Several arrests have been mad

#### BLACK KID" GIVEN A REPRIEVE AT LAST

Starke, Fla., July 21.-The negro Starke, Fla., July 21,—The negro Mobile, Ala., July 21,—Quarantine mown as "Black Kid," who was to against New Orlean was put on this have been hanged here today, was re- afternoon about 3:45 o'clock and quarelegram to the governor stating the belief that he was not sane. The goy-ernor postponed the execution in or-tion was tre result of the discovery of ernor postponed the execution in order to make possible an investigation

### AMERICAN YACHT **GETS THE SECOND**

Dorval, Quebec, July 21.—The American yacht Manchester, the chall-nger for the Seawanahaka cup defeated the Alexandra, the Canadian defender, in the second race of the series today The Manchester's time was 28 minutes and 52 seconds better than the Alexan-

### PARLIAMENT NOT TO BE DISSOLVED Arrangements are being made by

that Premier Balfour has d cided to remain in office until the end of the session and to dissolve parliament in October. No authoritative statement, however, will be made until Monday, and in the interval this decision may be modified.

#### THREE FAST HEATS PACED AT WINDSOR

leats of the year were pacid today at Windsor, in the 2:06 page. It was the be of an interesting nature. last day of the Windsor harness races. Will adopt resolutions thanking Hazel Patch won the three-heat race, Southern on behalf of the city making her last two miles in 2:96% and erecting the handsome new sta Anadrosis, the Cleveland pacer, took welfare of the city.

the first heat in 2:06%.

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## YELLOW FEVER IN N. ORLEANS

Traces of the Dread Disease are Found by Two Mobile **Physicians** 

SEND INVESTIGATORS

Detention Camp for Five Days on Trial

New Orleans, July 21.-Drs. Goldval and Moore of the Mobile board of health came here today on the invitation of the Louisiana board of health to investigate two cases possessing symptoms of yellow fever, and gave it as their opinion that it was yellow fever, with the result that the Mobile board of health immediately put on a quarant)ne against passens

There will be on quarantine against merchandise, as the shipments of that will be under the regulations of the onference of southern health boards. The Texas and southern health boards will have representatives here tomor-

service has been ordered here to take charge of a detention camp which will be located at Avondale, where travclers can go and remain five days, and hen with a certificate of non-infecions will be admitted to any city,

Up to date there has been no autop sy, and until that has been held the cale board of health will not make

#### Mobile Takes Action

leved, the physician having sent a antine inspectors were placed on all south-bound rains leaving this city for yellow fever in New Orleans by three physicians sent there to investigate

## ELKS TO OPEN THE NEW DEPOT

LOCAL LODGE WILL HAVE TOTA. BLE FEATURE TO SOCIAL EVENING TUESDAY.

General Traffic Manager Hardwick is

Take Part.

Arrangements are being made by orable their social evening next Tuesday by assisting at the opening London, July 22.—It is understood at that time in connection with the trolley ride already planned. A committee consisting of Dr. Calloway, Dr. Glenn and Mr. A. Whitlock has been appointed to confer with Supt. Ram-seur in regard to this matter and the plans will be completed within a short time. The plan as it now stands is for the Elks to go on their special cars, together with their in-vited guesets, to the new station and there stop for a sufficient length of time, to take part in the ceremonies attending the formal opening.

It is expected that General Traffic

Manager Hardiwck will be in the Detroit, July 21.—The fastest three program. The program has not yet leats of the year were pacid today at been fully completed, but promises to showing the interest they do in the

Winter Park, Fla., July 21.—President Blackman of Rollins college has received from Andrew Carnegic an offer of a \$20,000 library and an administrative building for the college.

Green Cove Springs, Fla., July 21.—Reuben Reed, colored, was hanged here today. On the gallows he conferred the murder of which he was convicted, and in addition conferred murdering a white man.

#### BLACK SANDS OF THE PACIFIC COAST ARE FOUND TO CONTAIN MANY MINERALS

Portland, Ore., July 21.—Experiments conducted in the blagk sands amen to the mines and metallurgy building at the Lewis and Clark exposition already have demonstrated the wonderful value of the black sands of the Pacific Northwest, a mineral source which up to a short time ago was of undetermined importance. The experiments are besundant of the producted by Prof. Robert H. Kich-purpose: large manufacturing in the same purpose: large manufacturing of the same purpose: large manufacturing in the Lewis and Clark exposition are found in many places on the pacific seaboard and are valuable by the pacific sea

importance. The experiments are being conducted by Prof. Rob. rt H. Richards, dean of the department of mining and metallurgy of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and Fred H. Horton, an instructor at the same institution. Dr. David T. Day chief of the bureau of mining and mineral resources of the United States geological survey, is supervising the investigation.

The black sands which are being ex-may also be discovered.



EVER THINK ABOUT THIS?

No. 1—If you knew some one was putting poison in the town reservoir you'd come on the jump to stop buildn't you?

No. 2—But when you know that some one puts poisoncus adultarants in your food———

No. 3—You sit right up and feed not only yourself, but your family with it.