

A WEAK SPOT IN THE BOILER

Commander Young's Opinion of Gunboat Explosion

THE TALK OF THE SHIP

For Six Months the Sailors Had Understood That the Boilers Were Defective—The Upper Deck a Mass of Wreckage—Additional Particulars Recounted

Washington, D. C., July 22.—An official dispatch received at the navy department late tonight gives the number of dead in the Bennington gunboat disaster as follows:

Identified bodies, 4; unidentified, 5; known to be under debris, 4; total, 13.

San Diego, Cal., July 22.—Speaking of the explosion of boiler on the Bennington, Commander Young said that he believed the disaster was caused by the explosion of boiler "D," on the port side, and that boiler "B," while not exploding, had been damaged, allowing the steam to escape.

Commander Young expressed the opinion that there was a weak spot in one of the boilers, but there had been no visible defects so far as he knew. The men who were injured, including Ensign Perry, told a different story. They said that it had been the boiler of the ship for at least six months that the boilers were defective, and many of them feared for a long time that just such an accident would happen.

One of the men said that a year ago last February, while the ship was at Magdalena Bay, the engineer of the cruiser New York was sent for inspection of the boilers and he reported that they were in good condition.

While the vessel was in San Francisco last year the talk of defective boilers again arose, but no steps were taken to repair them.

The upper deck amidship presents a mass of wreckage. The smoke stacks have been blown out of place and the superstructure is bent and twisted in all sorts of shapes. The plates on the side are bulging out and leaks in a number of places are letting in the water. The escaping steam carried a gray color ash mud which smeared everything, even the sides of the vessel. It was explained by those on board that the worst wreckage was all below, but just how serious this is will be fully determined only after a thorough examination is made. This can not be made until the water has been pumped out and the vessel righted. The cit of San Diego loaded a fire engine upon a lighter and ran it alongside the Bennington where she lies beached, and it is now being used to pump out the vessel's engine room. She has a heavy lean to starboard and at least fifteen feet of water in her hull.

San Diego, Cal., July 22.—It is still impossible to give an accurate estimate of the loss of life by the explosion on the gunboat Bennington. Commander Young has asked the chief of police to arrest any sailors found without a pass, and he hopes in this way to secure a number of pointers who have failed to report. On board the Benning great efforts are being made to reach bodies in the flooded compartments. The high tide has caused the water to rise to the engine and boiler rooms.

On all sides are heard commendation of the bravery of the crew and especially of the badly injured men. The men who were able to aid the more severely injured of their comrades were quick to remove the helpless and being. At the hospitals the local doctors devoted all their time to the wounded and a large number of volunteer nurses served to give prompt relief to the sufferers. One of the physicians in attendance on the wounded, Dr. Cochrane, said: "I never saw a more patient and uncomplaining lot of men than these boys fellows of the Bennington. Hardly a groan escapes them while their terrible injuries were being dressed, and whose muscles were denuded of their skin, with the skin of their hands stripped from their wrists like a glove and ganging in shreds from their fingers ends, hold out their arms to the doctors without a murmur. I have never before seen such suffering borne with such patience and uncomplaining bravery."

The Investigation Begins
Washington, July 22.—The investigation of the cause of the accident on the Bennington is already under way and it is expected at the navy department that a report will soon be forthcoming. Captain J. E. Drake, captain of the Mare Island navy yard, who was ordered to proceed with one surgeon and three nurses to San Diego,

Tonight Captain Drake reported his arrival at San Diego and said that he would at once proceed to investigate the condition of the Bennington and make a report to the department. Orders were issued to Holden A. Evans, naval constructor stationed at the Mare Island yard, directing him to proceed at once to San Diego. He will go aboard the Bennington and make a thorough inspection of the vessel, at the same time endeavoring to ascertain the cause of the explosions which destroyed her.

Rear Admiral Gorchik, commanding the Pacific station, arrived today at Bellingham Bay, Puget Sound. He is aboard his flagship, the cruiser Chicago, and has just completed a cruise in Alaskan waters. He received his first news of the disaster at San Diego when he arrived at Bellingham Bay, and found orders awaiting him there from Washington to go directly to San Diego. He has not reported his departure, but it is probable that he will start very soon.

Rear Admiral Goodrich, commanding rival at San Diego, receive all of the information concerning the accident that has so far been gathered by the officers already there. He will have absolute control of the situation and one of his first steps will probably be the appointment of a board of inquiry. This will come after a preliminary investigation, which will practically be completed by the time of the arrival of Admiral Goodrich. In the course of inquiry after taking evidence from the officers on board the Bennington, and making a deep and thorough investigation of the accident, finds that there was negligence on the part of any one, a court martial will then be ordered. The funeral of the dead sailors of (Continued on page two.)

THE INDUSTRIAL NEWS

Meeting of Stockholders to Be Held Monday

Backers of the Republican Organization Newspaper Talking Boldly About Its Appearance Soon—Equipment Contracts, Etc.

By THOMAS J. PENCE

Washington, July 22.—Special.—Secretary Wilson of the department of agriculture has arranged to receive the committee from the American Cotton Manufacturers' Association Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Much interest attaches to this conference between the representatives of the manufacturers and the secretary for no decision with reference to the substitution of a new cotton report for the one issued June last will be made until this meeting takes place.

The backers of the Industrial News, the organization daily newspaper to be, are beginning to talk boldly about the early appearance of that paper. Monday the directors meet in Greensboro, when a formal announcement as to the future of the paper will be made. R. H. Nevel, one of the stockholders of the Industrial News, says all the contracts for the equipment, which were signed some time ago, stipulated that the machinery shall be ready for delivery by August 15.

Asheville, N. C., July 22.—Special. Politicians of the Republican persuasion are today interested in a report to the effect that the Industrial News, the proposed daily paper that has the support of the state organization, is soon to be an assured fact.

State Chairman Rollins will go to Greensboro tonight and will on Monday attend a meeting of the directors of the new company, when final arrangements will be made for the publication of the paper.

Of special interest is the fact that the editor of the proposed paper will be selected at this time, unless there is a hitch in present arrangements. In this connection the name of former Lieutenant-Governor Chas. A. Reynolds of Winston is mentioned. Mr. Reynolds is a regular contributor to the Union Republican of Winston-Salem, and is a writer as well as a politician of wide reputation.

Very little importance is attached to the report, sent out first from Greensboro and later from Washington, that Congressman Blackburn and Chairman Rollins have agreed upon a patronage program which calls for the appointment of Mr. Rollins as district attorney.

A local politician, in a position to be advised, says this latest report is simply a recurrence of the talk that has broken out periodically since the holding of the Charlotte court last December.

The Asheville district conference of the M. E. Church, South, now in session at Barnardsville in the Big Ivy section of Buncombe, is being well attended.

The conference is presided over by Presiding Elder Pyley. Reports made by the ministers of the district are most encouraging.

Lay delegates were elected to the annual Western North Carolina conference, which meets at Greensboro in November. They are: Geo. L. Hackney and J. A. Wild of Asheville, S. T. Weaver of Asheville, S. T. Hodges of Hendersonville and Dr. J. A. Reagan of Weaverville.

Reception of Body at Annapolis Monday
Annapolis, Md., July 22.—At a late hour tonight, Rear Admiral Sand, commandant of the academy, received advice by wireless telegraph that Admiral Sigbee's fleet, bearing the remains of John Paul Jones had appeared within seventeen miles of the academy wharf, and with Admiral Davis' four convoys, eight vessels in all, had dropped anchor until tomorrow morning. At 10 o'clock tomorrow the fleet will get under way and come up within a few miles of the wharf. It was about 11 o'clock this morning when the first advices were received that the fleet had passed the Capes and was in the Chesapeake Bay headed for Annapolis. It is a small brick structure with stone trimmings open at each end except a net work of iron grating that will receive the casket. It will open and the casket will be in full view at all times except during stormy weather, when storm doors, which supplement the grating, will be closed. The vault will be under guard constantly from the time the casket is deposited there Monday until it is removed a year hence to its last resting place.

BODY OF PAUL JONES ARRIVES

The Cruiser Brooklyn Passes Through Virginia Capes

NAVAL DEMONSTRATION

Interment at Annapolis Where the Ceremonies Will Be of an Imposing Character—French Warship to Participate—Distinguished Naval Officers to Take Part

Norfolk, Va., July 22.—The body of Admiral John Paul Jones, recently found in Paris as the result of a search inspired and conducted under the direct charge of General Horace Porter, former United States American ambassador to France, passed in the Virginia capes this morning on the United States cruiser Brooklyn, under Rear Admiral Sigbee, the Brooklyn having as escorts across the Atlantic from France the cruisers Galveston, Tacoma and Chattanooga.

Off this coast the fleet was met by the battleship squadron of the North Atlantic fleet in two divisions, the first being under the command of Rear Admiral Evans and the second commanded by Rear Admiral Davis. The three squadrons approached the capes together, the vessels under command of Rear Admiral Evans leading, and the Davis and Sigbee squadrons closely following.

Upon the vessels reaching Cape Henry Admiral Evans' squadron composed of the battleship Maine as flagship, the battleships Missouri, Kentucky and Kearsarge, passed into lower Chesapeake bay at 10 o'clock. Then came the Sigbee squadron. Following these were the vessels of Rear Admiral Davis' squadron, which entered the lower bay in this order: The battleships Alabama, Illinois, Massachusetts and Iowa.

The ceremonies at Annapolis will be participated in by the French cruiser Jurien de La Graviere, which was detached from the French North Atlantic squadron and sent to Chesapeake Bay to represent France at the ceremonies attending the arrival and interment of Admiral Jones' body at Annapolis.

The French cruiser, which has been at Baltimore since her arrival in these waters, will leave that city today to join the American vessels bound toward Annapolis.

The Sigbee squadron when met by the squadron under Rear Admirals Evans and Davis, was given a salute of fifteen guns from each of the home squadrons, in honor to Admiral Jones as a vice admiral.

John Paul Jones, though an admiral in the Russian navy, held no higher rank than captain in the United States navy, it was generally given the title of commodore as the commander of a squadron, and the French government, when the body was borne away from Cherbourg on the cruiser Brooklyn two weeks ago, accorded the deceased the honor of a vice admiral.

The United States government decided to follow the same course in the ceremonies on this side of the Atlantic.

Rear Admirals Sands, Sigbee and Davis and the commanding officers of the battleships of the Davis squadron, which has proceeded to Annapolis with the Sigbee fleet, will act as honorary pall bearers when the body is borne to its resting place at that point.

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The new vault is being built below the new naval academy memorial chapel. The following order of exercises was issued late this evening by Admiral Sand:

The reception of the body of the late

John Paul Jones will take place at this station at 10 a. m. Monday, the 24th instant. The honorary pallbearers will be Rear Admiral James H. Sands, U. S. N.; Rear Admiral Charles H. Davis, U. S. N.; Captain B. F. Tilley, U. S. N.; Captain E. D. Taussig, U. S. N.; Captain William H. Reeder, U. S. N.; Captain E. E. Garvais, French navy.

Fifteen minute guns will be fired by the naval academy battery, beginning when the cortege moves. Detailed instructions will be given to the commandant of midshipmen, the commanding officer of marines and the officers in charge of ships.

All officers attached to the station will attend, forming at the foot of Maryland avenue at 9:45 a. m. Uniform for officers—White service dress, white caps. Uniform for enlisted men—White dress. Uniform for marines—White undress, white caps.

The exercises will be very brief and informal. The receiving vault is only about two hundred yards from the wharf, so there will be no opportunity afforded for marching.

Late this afternoon weather conditions on the Chesapeake Bay became so bad that wireless communication between the fleet and the academy was suspended.

Raleigh People in New England

Boston, Mass., July 22.—Special. President Charles F. Meserve of Shaw University, Raleigh, N. C., and family have taken the Philbrick cottage at Squid Island, Maine, and will spend the summer at this charming little resort. Many other southerners are summering at various New England resorts. Others are from Memphis, Virginia, Nashville, Atlanta and Alabama.

MRS. WEBB-DUKE AGAIN

Additional Light Thrown On Life of the Adventuress

Woman Who Took in Brodie Duke Was Once Employed by Senator Depew's Construction Company. She Refuses to Tell

New York, July 23.—The American of today (Sunday) says that despite the fact that Brodie Duke's attorneys and detectives class his wife as "an adventuress of the most dangerous type," after tracing her record since she became fourteen years of age, George Day, a prominent New York real estate man, declared today that she was at one time the authorized representative of Chauncey M. Depew, in connection with the Depew Land Company of Buffalo.

In a sworn statement, now on file with the papers in the proceedings recently instituted by Duke for an absolute divorce, Mr. Day, who is at the head of the Ludlow-Day Realty Company, also makes mention of Alice Webb Duke's connection with Depew's land improvement scheme in which was sunk more than \$200,000 of the funds of the Equitable Life Assurance Society.

Additional sensation and mystery is added to the story by the absolute refusal of Mrs. Duke to divulge how she managed to gain the confidence of the statesman who has recently figured so prominently in the most gigantic financial scandal the country has known.

On her part she positively denies that she ever was connected with the now defunct Buffalo enterprise. When pressed, she seemed annoyed and threatened criminal prosecution for those who, she said, had been instrumental in obtaining and giving what she said was false testimony about her past life.

Mr. Day is positive in his assertion, however, that he has known the present Mrs. Duke for many years and that there can be no mistake about the statement he makes.

DE WITT AND ROUVIER

Russian Envoy Holds Conference With French Premier

Paris, July 22.—M. DeWitte called at the foreign office today and held an exceptionally conference with Premier Rouvier. It was assumed that the length of the meeting was in regard to the coming peace negotiations. However, the officials entourage declare that both ministers observe complete circumspection regarding the details of their conveyance's action. It was pointed out that the report circulated regarding the transfer of the Japanese war loans to Russia as one of the conditions of peace was entirely unwarranted and likely to endanger the prospects of a settlement. Such a transaction would arouse a protest from the investing public who subscribed to the loans many of whom consider that the transfer would be contrary to their interests. They received certain guarantees from Japan, and they fear that those given by Russia would not be equivalent.

CZAR AND KAISER CONFER TODAY

Proposed Abdication of Czar the Subject

WILHELM IS AGAINST IT

This Meeting of Monarchs One of Great Importance—Hopes of Settlement of War Through Peace Conference Are Not Augmented by Recent Developments

St. Petersburg, July 22.—The emperor sailed at 2 o'clock today on the yacht Polar Star, ostensibly for a cruise along the coast, but really it is believed to meet the kaiser in Swedish waters. He is expected to be absent five days. He will give a great banquet to the kaiser aboard the Polar Star tomorrow.

Berlin, July 22.—The meeting of the kaiser is the exclusive subject of the czar's journey. The czar expressed a desire to consult the kaiser and the Baltic Sea was selected as the meeting place, as the czar can not go to Germany nor can the kaiser go to Russia on account of the political condition. These are established facts, even in case internal events should cause the czar to delay his departure.

The Laffans correspondent at St. Petersburg says dispatches are printed throughout Germany as first rate information deserving of more credit than Russian semi-official denials. London, July 22.—The question which is being gravely considered in high Russian circles today is will Nicholas be on the Russian throne when Japan makes known her demands of M. Witte and his associates.

Put in another form the question of the hour is, has the czar gone to seek advice of the kaiser upon the momentous proposal of his abdication in favor of a regency in the hands of the Dowager Empress?

If such be the object of his message there can not be the slightest doubt as to how the influence of Emperor William will be directed. The kaiser will use his utmost efforts for these ends to induce Nicholas to resign the crown, to make an early peace and to maintain the autocracy, with the fewest possible concessions to the popular demands.

There is no man living of more masterly personality than the German emperor. Those who know both men have small doubt as to what will be the result of tomorrow's interview, which will certainly be of greater historic importance than any modern meeting of monarchs.

The imagination, indeed, is staggered by its possible consequences. It will be interesting to know what was its inception. The Laffans correspondent at St. Petersburg wires that it is due to the kaiser's initiative. The Laffans Berlin correspondent on the other hand says it is of the czar's seeking. It is the last desperate resort of a distracted monarch who feels the throne tottering beneath him and longs to escape with his life, or it is primary to another great move in the world politics by the master mind who let slip no opportunity for the aggrandizement of the erman empire.

While we await the answer to these fateful questions we may turn to the less pressing matter of the impending peace conference. An unfavorable impression has been created by M. Witte's declaration regarding Russia's peace attitude. The sole interpretation put upon it is that it is a disheartened piece of bluff intended to alarm Tokio.

The Spectator newspaper justly remarks today: "M. Witte, like all Russians, can not quite rid himself of the idea that he is addressing inferiors and that it is well to begin at home with a bluff. It is not a wise way to begin and it will somewhat shake confidence in M. Witte's capacity. He forgets that Tokio is as proud as St. Petersburg. Does M. Witte after all recent experience imagine that Japanese diplomacy is ill informed? The tone of his interview seems to indicate that half comprehension of one's enemy which is always the greatest obstacle to successful negotiations."

CHERAW IS GROWING

Business Activity of a Live Palmetto State Town

Cheraw, S. C., July 22.—Special. Last night a gentleman representing a large northern syndicate met the city council in regard to establishing an up-to-date water plant, and it now looks as though the plans would mature, in which event, within the next eighteen months the town will have a water-works system.

The board of trade has received communications from a party in Kentucky with reference to the erection

of an ice plant. An enterprise of this character should be a profitable investment here, owing to our admirable location, with railroads out in six different directions.

The building activity continues, and although there have been erected within the past three years more than one hundred and sixty buildings, the only vacant house in town today is the Seaboard Air Line passenger station, which has been completed over two months, and is still unoccupied. After promising this building for some nine months, the Seaboard failed to provide it until ordered to do so by the railroad commission. The present arrangement is positively hazardous to life and limb, for frequently in the congested space available for passengers boarding and leaving trains, people are actually rolled along between moving trains and box cars on the sidetrack. This (Chesterfield) county subscribed \$50,000 in bonds to aid in the Seaboard extension to Columbia, and was the only county along the line giving one penny to the cause, and the town of Cheraw furnishes more tonnage than any point between Columbia and Raleigh. It would seem that the powers "higher up" would appreciate these facts and endeavor to help us.

JERRY SIMPSON DYING

Famous Kansan the Victim of Attack of Heart Trouble

Rosevelt, N. M., July 22.—Former Representative Jerry Simpson of Kansas, who has been making his home here for the past few years, is dying of heart trouble. He is unable to leave his room.

IT IS YELLOW FEVER

Autopsy on New Orleans Victim Reveals Fact

Texas and Mississippi State Boards of Health Quarantine Against New Orleans—Other Suspicious Cases in Crescent City

New Orleans, July 22.—Quarantines have been proclaimed against New Orleans by the state board of health of Texas and Mississippi and the city board of health of Mobile on the ground that yellow fever existed in that city.

The Louisiana towns and a number of Mississippi towns refused to quarantine and the state board of health of Alabama postponed action until further examinations.

The Louisiana and New Orleans boards of health have had several cases of suspicious fever in the Italian quarter, known as Little Palermo, under suspicion and investigation since last Saturday and so notified the board of health of neighboring states.

An autopsy held on an Italian who died today indicated that it was yellow fever. There are five others sick with suspicious fever.

Dr. Kohnke, city health officer who has charge of the sanitary work, says that he has the matter fully in hand. "The section affected covers four or five squares in the Italian quarter. Provision was made for the disinfection of all houses in that section, the screening of all cisterns, and the killing of all mosquitoes. All the quarantines are of individuals this year and no attempt will be made to interfere with mail or with freight of any kind. As a consequence there was no depression in business here."

The local stocks have been depressed for several days. Galveston, Tex., July 22.—This city today put in force a rigid quarantine against New Orleans where yellow fever is reported. State Health Officer Tabor upon report received declared a state of quarantine last night and prohibited railways from bringing passengers from New Orleans into the state and has directed the establishment of inspection stations at every state line railway entrance on the eastern border of this state. He left today for New Orleans to thoroughly investigate and report on the conditions there. At noon today the city and county commissioners met and authorized the city and county physicians to place medical inspectors and guards at stations beyond the city limits to examine all passengers and have them made oath whether they have been in New Orleans or not. If they have they will be removed from the trains and detained five days in detention camps established at Virginia Point and Port Bolivar on the mainland. Only such freight as originates in New Orleans will be subject to detention and disinfection. All steamers or other vessels arriving from New Orleans will be fumigated and held in quarantine five days before being allowed to enter this port.

Russian Battleship Refloated
Tokio, July 22.—It is officially announced that the Russian battleship Forlana, which was sunk by the Russians in the harbor of Port Arthur upon the surrender of that fortress, was refloated today.

CONGRESS WILL MEET NOV. 10

President Decides to Call Extra Session Then

TALKING IMMIGRATION

Agent Lucas, Bearing Credentials From Gov. Glenn, Confers With Government Officials but Gets Little Encouragement—Topics of Tarheel Interest at Washington

By THOMAS J. PENCE
Washington, D. C., July 22.—Special. A special dispatch from Oyster Bay today states that the president has finally decided to call Congress in extra session November 10th. The president will have returned from his trip south by that time. Originally he had planned to convene Congress in special session October 10th, but agreed to postpone the date in order to be in Raleigh during the week of the state fair.

E. W. V. Lucas, holding credentials from Governor Glenn, has been conferring with immigration officials here with the object of diversifying immigration to North Carolina. The government is unable to co-operate in such a movement and Mr. Lucas was referred to the New York immigration officials. An interview with Mr. Lucas quotes him as saying that North Carolina can take 200,000 immigrants. "We don't want all these people at once," Mr. Lucas is quoted as saying.

"We could not place them all in a single season, but we can take such a number, if they are willing to work and anxious to better their conditions, in the next few years. We want them in groups, and neighborhood companies if possible, so that they shall not become lonesome and homesick. The whole south needs them. The labor question there grows more serious every year, and this appears to be the one solution of it."

Major Wm. B. Reynolds, U. S. A., retired, has been detailed for general recruiting service at Charlotte, N. C. for a period of two years, commencing November 1. He will relieve Captain Morris K. Barroll.

Commodore Samuel Jackson, U. S. N., retired, who was appointed assistant surgeon in the navy from North Carolina June, 1838, died here today. He was born in Pennsylvania in 1817, and had reached the grade of medical director, the highest in the medical corps.

Oyster Bay, July 22.—The Laffans dispatch to the effect that a special session of Congress would be called by President Roosevelt on November 10th was confirmed today at the executive offices.

In that session, the president, it is understood, desires to put through some legislation very much needed from the progress of the Panama canal.

By the time the extraordinary session begins the plans of Chairman Theodore P. Shonts and Engineer J. J. Stevens will be in a measure formulated and the president wishes the work to go on without a hitch for want of provisions and appropriations. The president also wishes some anti-trust and other railroad legislation put through and it is highly probable that the president ideas with regard to tariff conditions will receive attention at the session.

An earlier date would have been fixed but the president's southern trip to begin on October 19 precludes that possibility.

GUARDING AGAINST FEVER

State of Mississippi Quarantined Against New Orleans

Jackson, Miss., July 22.—The Mississippi state board of health has adopted the following order: "It having been officially announced that there are cases of yellow fever in New Orleans, La., it is therefore ordered by the state board of health of Mississippi that no passenger shall disembark from any railroad train, steamboat or other water road train, from said New Orleans until further notice."

This order goes into effect at once. The proclamation is signed by Doctor J. F. Hunter, J. R. Tackett and approved by Governor Vardaman. Inspectors will be put on all passenger trains out of New Orleans.

On the Way to North Pole

Halifax, N. S., July 22.—Peary's steamer Roosevelt arrived at Sydney at 11 o'clock tonight from New York.