

**TERRIBLE NAVAL DISASTER.**

**Five Officers and 24 Men Killed by an Explosion on the Battleship Missouri.**

Pensacola, Fla., April 13.—While on the target range this afternoon 1,600 pounds of powder exploded on the battleship Missouri, killing five officers and twenty-four men and injuring a number of others, two of whom will die.

The Missouri was on the target range with the Texas and Brooklyn at practice about noon, when a charge of powder in the twelve-inch left-hand gun exploded, ignited from gases, and dropping below, ignited four charges of powder in the landing-room, and all exploded, and only one man of the entire turret and handling crew survives.

But for the prompt and efficient work of Capt. Cowles in closing the handling-room and magazine, one of the magazines would have exploded and the ship would have been destroyed.

About noon, after the first pointer of the after twelve-inch piece had fired his string and the second pointer had fired the third shot of his string, the charge ignited. The fourth shot was being loaded and, from all indications, the first half of the charge had been rammed home and the second section was being rammed home, when gases from the shot previously fired, or portions of the cloth cover, ignited the powder. The breech was open and a dull thud gave notice of something unusual. No loud report was made, but the flames were seen to leap from every portion of the turret. A few seconds later another explosion, somewhat more fierce, occurred. This was in the handling-room below, where 1,600 pounds of powder, or four charges ready to be hoisted above, had ignited.

The twenty-five men of the turret were found lying in a heap. They had started for the exit when the first explosion occurred and had just reached there when the more terrible explosion in the handling-room occurred, which burned and strangled them to death. Lieut. Davidson, the officer in charge of the turret, had evidently given some command to the men, as he was on top of the heap of men, having fallen there after he had allowed them to pass him to get out of the turret. The bodies were hardly recognizable, the terrible and quick fire having burnt the clothing from the bodies of the men, and the flesh hung from them in shreds. The faces were mutilated by the smoke and flames. Only one man was breathing when the turret crew was rescued, and he died a moment after he reached deck.

A man named Andrews was put in jail here Saturday, on a charge of attempting to drown a man named Powers, in Deep River, the day before. It seems that he lured Powers into a boat to cross the river, ostensibly to get some blockade whiskey, and when about in the middle of the river, pushed him overboard, and would have drowned him but for the arrival of a third party. How would hanging fit a crime so diabolical as this?—Carthage Blade.

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**BIG VERDICT AGAINST SOUTHERN**

**Woman Awarded \$25,000 for Hugs and Insults Received on Train.**

Charleston, S. C., April 16.—Unless the State Supreme Court shall rule otherwise, the Southern railway will be forced to pay \$25,000 to Mrs. Sumie Franklin, of Newberry, this state, who received that verdict for an alleged outrage at the hands of men at present unknown. After a hearing at Greenville, Judge Klugh, in the Common Pleas Court, announced that he would not grant a new trial, nor would he reduce the verdict to a smaller amount. This is perhaps the most remarkable damage suit ever tried in South Carolina. Mrs. Franklin claims that some months ago, on a Southern train bound for Greenville, two men hugged her and made indecent proposals, causing mental and physical suffering. For the hugs and insults she wanted \$50,000. The conductor interfered as soon as the woman complained to him. The case will go to the Supreme Court on an appeal.

**Saves Two From Death.**

“Our little daughter had an almost fatal attack of whooping cough and Bronchitis,” writes Mrs. W. K. Haviland, of Armonk, N. Y., “but, when all other remedies failed, we saved her life with Dr. King's New Discovery. Our niece, who had Consumption in an advanced stage, also used this wonderful medicine and to-day she is perfectly well.” Desperate throat and lung diseases yield to Dr. King's New Discovery as to no other medicine on earth. Infallible for Coughs and Colds. 50 and \$1.00 bottles guaranteed by all druggists. Trial bottles free.

**Stole the Cradle.**

Burlington News.  
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This was a little cradle which was put on the show case for the purpose of allowing people to drop nickels, pennies, dimes or any amount they saw fit, for the benefit of the proposed Orphanage which will be established at Greensboro soon. There was some change in the cradle and the thief took this. Dr. Bradley says he hopes that the cradle will be returned, and we hope the Lord may have mercy on the poor devil who took the little tokens that were meant for the orphans.

**Confessions of a Priest.**

Rev. Jno. F. Cox, of Wake, Ark., writes, “For 12 years I suffered from Yellow Jaundice. I consulted a number of physicians and tried all sorts of medicines, but got no relief. Then I began the use of Electric Bitters and feel that I am now cured of a disease that had me in its grasp for twelve years.” If you want a reliable medicine for Liver and Kidney trouble, stomach disorder or general debility, get Electric Bitters. It's guaranteed by all druggists. Only 50c.

**Russia Again Plunged in Grief.**

St. Petersburg, April 14.—The official bulletin this afternoon conveying the intelligence of the loss of another torpedo boat destroyer and the accidental crippling of another battleship was almost as severe a blow as the loss of the Petropavlovsk yesterday and plunged the whole town anew into grief. The Russian word in the text of the official dispatch describing the accident to the Phobaida means either “mine” or “torpedo,” but the qualifying verb indicates something moving towards the ship. The dispatch puts an end to the idea prevailing here that there had been an engagement following the disaster to the Petropavlovsk.

Forty-five officers and men perished on board the torpedo boat destroyer Beztrashni.

Bishop John W. Vincent, of Buffalo, once head of the Chautauqua Circle, was introducing Dr. Henson of Chicago, Ill., who was to deliver a lecture to the Chautauqua audience, “on Fools.” The introduction was after this fashion: “Ladies and gentlemen, the lecture to be delivered tonight is upon fools, by one” — here Bishop Vincent was attacked by a violent fit of coughing and when he recovered breath concluded—“by one of the most noted divine of Chicago.”

“The noted divine” rose in some apparent embarrassment and responded: “Ladies and gentlemen, I am not so much of a fool as Dr. Vincent”—there he was apparently overcome by a spell of coughing and several seconds elapsed before he ended —“as Dr. Vincent would have you believe.”



ARTHUR PUE GORMAN, the distinguished Senator from Maryland. He has been prominently mentioned as the Democratic nominee for President. His friends deny the story that he is to withdraw from the race in favor of Judge Parker, of New York, who seems to be in the lead at present.

**He Gave Up.**

A darkey in Alabama was once brought into court on account of a comparatively petty offense.

When the clerk of the court began the reading of the charge, which began with the usual form, “The State of Alabama against Ezekiel Jenkins,” the culprit evinced signs of amazement and terror.

When the query was put to him, “Have you anything to say, etc., and do you plead guilty or not guilty?” the unfortunate negro stammered: “It ain't no use, Yo' Honah! I ain't guilty; but ef de whole State ob Alabama am ag'in one po' niggah, Ise gwine gibe up right now!”

**The President Contributes \$100.**

Washington April 14.—The President and Secretary of War have each contributed a hundred dollars as the nucleus of a fund for the relief of the dependents of the enlisted men who were killed on the Missouri. In a letter to the Secretary of War accompanying the check, the President said:

“Under the conditions of modern warfare, in order efficiently to prepare for war, risks must be run similar in kind, though not in degree, to the risk of battle, and these men died for their country as much as if the ship had been in action against the enemy.”

Superintendent Joyner sends out a circular containing some important information. Among other things the circular tells us that there are now 193 local districts in the State, 149 of which have been added since the inauguration of the campaign two years ago. Within this same period 1,200 unnecessary small districts have consolidated into larger districts, and 884 new school houses have been built on modern plans and are far better than those heretofore constructed. A great educational campaign is to be waged this year.

Of course, no man is good enough at the age of seventeen, but at the age of twenty-seven any old man with money will do.

A rich man wears old clothes because he can afford to and a poor man wears fine clothes because he can't.

**A Russian Disaster.**

Charlotte Chronicle.

The war news has suddenly become very interesting. The sinking of a big battleship, with a vice admiral and all the crew, only four officers being saved, and with a loss of life estimated at between 600 and 700 people, is in itself a stupendous event, whether brought about by accident, as the Russian dispatches claim, or by the guns or torpedoes of the enemy. It is a great blow to Russia and will be an inspiring event to the Japanese cause. If the ship was destroyed by a mine, it is but another evidence of the bungling of Russian engineers and navigators, for if previous accounts are to be believed a couple of smaller Russian vessels have been sunk by striking Russian mines, while a submarine torpedo boat was sent to the bottom and all its crew drowned by being run down by a steamer. It is not to the credit of the Russian government that the majority of the casualties in Port Arthur harbor so far are to be accredited to the responsibility of that government. The loss of this big ship is a staggering one to Russia.

The dispatches to-day indicate two things of interest. One is that the Japanese fleet sailed in to bombard Port Arthur and retired under the combined fire of ports and fleets and that an engagement later took place on the open sea off the port.

It is now said Lieutenant Richmond P. Hobson will contest the result of the Alabama primaries held last Monday by which Congressman John H. Bankhead defeated him for the nomination for Congress in the Sixth district by from 400 to 500 votes. He is yelling fraud.

Some men lose their hair by butting in at the wrong time.

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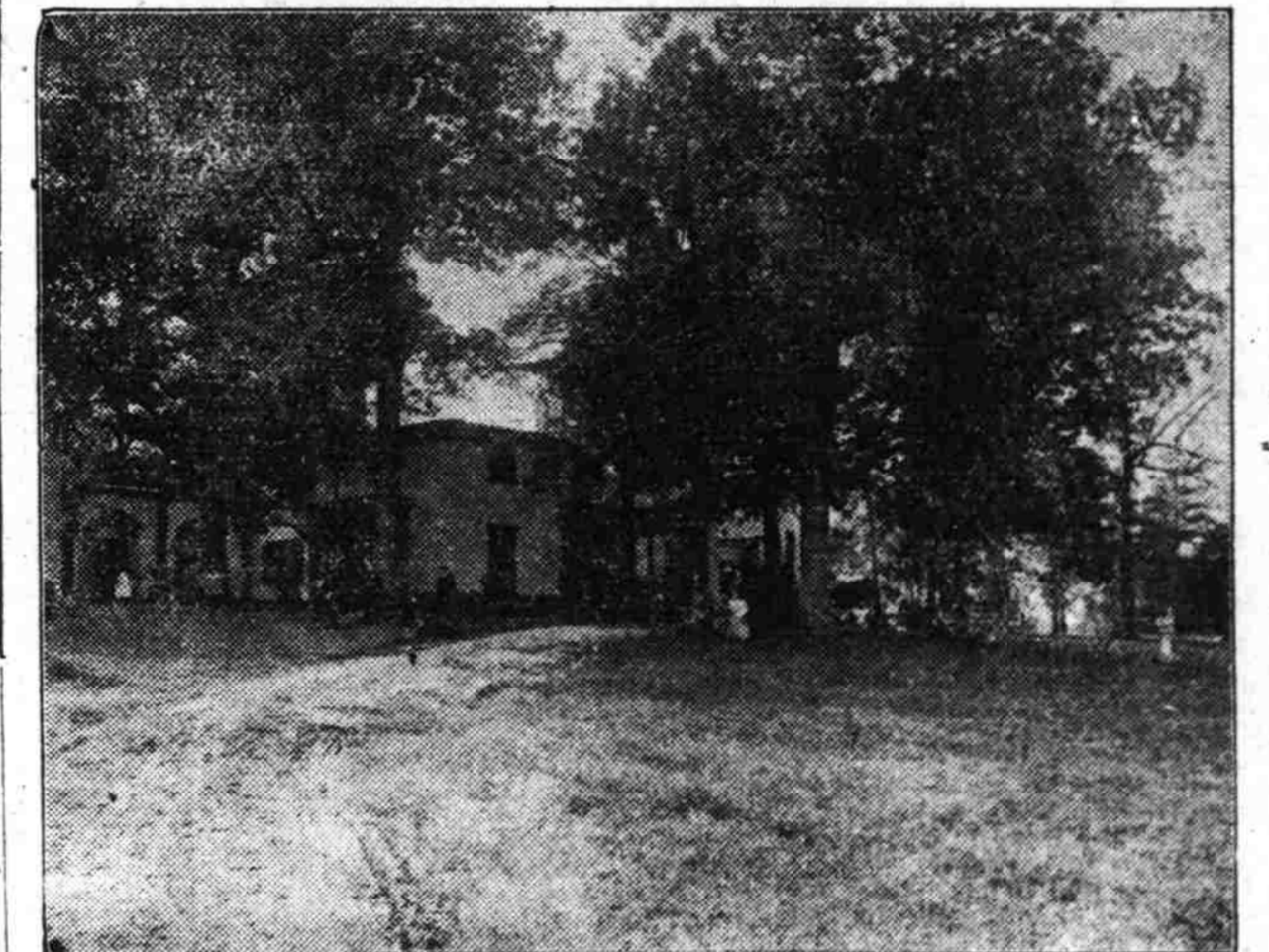
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