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SUPER-CANNON WAS PATCHWORK

Giant Gun Used for Long-Distance Shelling of Paris No New Invention.

Was 122 Feet Long, Weighed 318,000 Pounds and Threw Projectile Weighing 264 Pounds a Distance of 75 Miles.

Paris. — The super-cannon with which the Germans began shelling Paris, March 23, 1918, was just pieces of old, worn-out guns put together, instead of a startling new invention, according to American army officers, who were permitted recently by the Germans to visit some of their huge armories.

It was actually just a neat bit of patchwork that startled the world when the terrific explosions began detonating in the streets of the city of Paris, although the verdict at that time was unanimous that the Germans had invented a marvelous new cannon.

Naval Gun Was Foundation.

To begin on the super-cannon, the Germans took a worn-out 15-inch naval gun, 56 feet in length. It was bored out and a very heavy tube with an inside diameter of 8.3 inches was inserted, with about 40 feet of it projecting beyond the end of the original gun. Over that another hoop was shrunk and locked to the forward hoop. There also was a patch of 19.7 feet, which was attached at the muzzle of the gun.

The bore of the gun was treated to a uniform rifling, the lanes and grooves which impart a rotary motion to the projectile. The six-meter section of the gun at the muzzle, however, was unrifled, probably designed to steady the projectile and defeat its slight tendency to "tumble" or yaw and fall to travel directly to its mark. Such "tumbling" is caused by the conflict of two forces, one spinning the projectile to the right, the other sending it forward. Such a force had to be obliterated as the shell had to travel upward 24 miles on its arc in order to cover the horizontal distance of 75 miles.

Clever Expedient to Prolong Life.

The life of the giant gun, which was 318,000 pounds in weight and 122 feet long, under the heavy pressure of its high velocity projectile was very limited. But when the Germans found the span of the gun amounted to only 50 pounds they hit upon a clever expedient. They bored out the 21-centimeter tube, which was very thick, to 24 centimeters, and later to 26 centimeters, giving it just so much more life at each caliber, with only a change to larger ammunition required. The shell hurled by the cannon weighed 264 pounds and was 19 inches in length.

COLLISION BRINGS NEW STAR

Explanation of Recent Phenomenon Is Given by Prof. Charles C. Conroy of Los Angeles.

Vallejo, Cal.—The new star in the constellation Cygnus, lately reported through Harvard observatory, was produced by a collision in the heavens between a large comet and a comparatively dim sun.

This is the information given out by Capt. Thomas J. J. See of the naval observatory at Mare Island, from Prof. Charles C. Conroy of Los Angeles.

The star forms a corner of the parallelogram of Alpha, Gamma and Delta Cygni, Captain See said he had been advised. At present it is of the second magnitude and the magnitude may be expected to increase for several days, but will die down in the course of a few months, he reported.

Catch Blue Lobster Off Shore of Massachusetts

Nantucket, Mass.—Capt. Sylvia of the steamboat Sankaty was presented with a rarity—a blue lobster. A fisherman brought him ashore, much elated over his rare find, and handed him over with some pomp and ceremony. The freak was a deep, rich navy-blue in color, instead of the customary green, but, boiled, he turned red, just the same as his ordinary brother.

Choked Girl by "God's Orders"

Moss Point, Miss.—Louis Smith, shipyard worker, killed his four-year-old daughter, Luia, by strangling her to death. Passers-by, witnessing the tragedy from a distance, held him until he was placed under arrest.

Smith told the officers that he had been ordered by God to kill his daughter, and now that he had carried out God's wish, he was ready to die himself. The man is believed to be mentally deranged.

That Fifteen Million



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MEXICO TRIES FARM COLONIES

Government Takes Action to Satisfy the Land Hunger of the Peasants.

Mexico City.—To satisfy the land hunger of the Mexican peasantry, the government is establishing farm colonies in the states of San Luis Potosi and Guanajuato.

Other settlements will be founded as soon as these first two are completely launched.

In these colonies, the small proprietors will live like the Mormons in Chihuahua and Sonora—each community having its own streets, market, garden, mixed school and moving picture theater. Apportionment of the adjacent farm lands will be made so that each petty landholder will literally have his own "row to hoe," thus obviating one of the greatest causes for the many recent uprisings that have occurred in Mexico. Each farmer will be furnished with agricultural implements and seed.

These farms will be nontransferable in any form, whether by mortgage, sale or exchange. They may be inherited, however, and are to be free from taxation.

It is planned to establish the proposed communities near railroad lines, so that the products will find ready markets.

THIS TOWN LIKES AMERICA

All Men in Spanish Village Plan to Emigrate to the United States.

Madrid.—Every man in the village of Huerta Pelayo, in the province of Guadalajara, has decided to emigrate to the United States, according to Pedro Martinez Embil, the town clerk, who appeared at the American consulate with 25 companions to secure visas for passports.

He declared the mayor of the town would have decided to go to America had he not been aged and infirm. The families of the emigrants will follow as soon as the men are settled in America.

The number of emigrants from every village and township of the province of Salamanca is increasing daily, recent strikes in the mining districts having caused large parties of workers to decide to leave the country.

Separated for 41 Years, Then Kiss and Make Up

When Mrs. Mary Walrad and Charles L. Walrad, each seventy-six years old, met at the Soldiers' home at Leavenworth, Kan., recently, it was the first time they had seen each other in 41 years. It was also the first time Walrad had seen his daughter since she was five months old. Mrs. Walrad lives at North Miami, Okla. She and her husband separated in Joplin, Mo., in 1879. Three weeks ago Walrad located his wife, the meeting was arranged, they kissed and made up and will live together again.

MONEY PROBLEM IS UNSOLVED

German Reichsbank Director Says Nobody Can Predict When Improvement May Be Expected.

Berlin.—All the currency theorists in the world would be unable to give a definite, positive answer to the question when an improvement might be expected in Germany's huge paper circulation, Director Von Glasenapp of the Reichsbank has told the Associated Press correspondent.

The bank statement showed that the paper in circulation July 15 totaled 53,447,000,000 marks. This was a decline of 198,000,000 marks as compared with the previous week.

"We shall certainly do all in our power to prevent further undue inflation of currency," he said. "As for Germany, there are only two ways and none other will avail. They are expressible in two words—work and thrift. Increased production will benefit both exchange and exportation. From that and a nation-wide return to frugal habits alone is an improvement in the paper money situation expectable."

HELD DEAD, RETURNS RICH

Dentist Surprises His Maryland Relatives After 23 Years' Absence in Alaska.

Cumberland, Md.—Dr. Thomas McElfish, dentist, who left for Alaska 23 years ago and was given up for dead, surprised relatives by appearing, a vigorous, wealthy man.

Doctor McElfish at one time practiced in Martinsburg, W. Va. He went to Alaska with Mr. and Mrs. C. Gilpin Lashley in search of gold. The Lashleys soon returned.

Doctor McElfish prospected and accumulated wealth, which was lost in an investment. Since then he has acquired a fortune in trapping. He is so enamored of outdoor life that he has pitched a tent near Flintstone, where he will remain several weeks before returning to Alaska.

One Shot Was Enough.

Stearns, Ky.—Scott Tate, substantial citizen, surrendered to authorities at Whitley City, telling them he had killed Bill Calhoun at Indian Head. Tate was released on his own recognizance. Reports from Indian Head say that Calhoun appeared at a mine tangle, commanding every one to shell out all their belongings. He is said to have emphasized his demands by promiscuous shooting. Tate fired once, the ball striking Calhoun in the temple.

Butted Into Pigsty.

Montgomery, Pa.—While gazing with pride at his pen of fast-fattening hogs and dreaming fond dreams of juicy hams during the coming winter season, Gustav Stoney of near Montgomeryville was awakened from his reverie when a goat butted him over the rail of the pigsty among the pigs. The porkers crawled all over him and Stoney and the pigs gave grunts, squeals and yells. Finally Stoney's son came to his father's rescue. He chased off the pigs and Stoney, the elder, emerged from the pigsty. He was cut and bruised.

Large Barn Destroyed Loss Above \$5,000

One of the worst fires of recent years was the destruction Monday morning of the feed and storage barn of Mr. Winfield Hoots of near Enon when three horses, one mule and two cows were burned to death.

The fire was discovered about three o'clock Monday morning by a young son of Mr. Hoots and when they arrived at the barn the top was ready to tumble in and it was impossible to save a single thing from the burning structure.

Besides the live stock which lost their lives in the flames Mr. Hoots and his son Guy Hoots had in the barn a Republic truck, five and a half barns of tobacco, one reaper, one drill, two two-horse wagons and harness, a harrow, some hay and feed and several large stacks of wheat straw stacked in the rear of the barn was burned. The loss is around \$5,000 with no insurance.

Mr. Hoots is almost certain his barn was set on fire but is at a loss to understand who did the dirty work. He says the straw was set at the back end first and then the east end ignited. The fact that the wind was favorable saved his granery and large touring car and perhaps his house and store.

The friends of Mr. Hoots sympathize with him and his son in their heavy loss, and it is hoped that the culprits who caused it will be brought to justice for their crime.

In Memoriam.

Mary were the hearts that were saddened when the news came that on Aug. 23, God in his all-wise Providence sent his death angel and removed from his earthly home our beloved brother, Paul Brown, beloved son of Mr. Frank Brown. He was a devoted christian, a loving son and brother, a true and faithful friend and none knew him but to love him. He will be sadly missed in his home, his church, Sunday School and Young People's Union, but we must all bow to the will of our Heavenly Father and say, "God's Will be Done." Our loss is his eternal gain. We must not grieve for him, knowing that his earthly cares are over and he is safe on that other shore where there is neither sickness nor sorrow. Therefore be it resolved: That we thank our Heavenly Father for this exemplary life so deserving of competition; for this lovely Christian life to this church and Sunday school which is commended to all as one worthy to follow and for his Christian character so resplendent in its beauty. And be it further resolved: That a copy of these resolutions be placed upon the records of this church, a copy be furnished the family of the deceased also a copy be published in the county paper.

Edgar Bell
Tom Miller
Rnby Steelman
Leora Burgess
Esther Fleming
Committee.

One Retort Sarcastical.
Marion, Ind.—Mrs. Charles Bevan inserted an advertisement offering to trade her five children for poodle dogs, so that she will not be compelled to leave the dwelling in which she lives. The horse was sold to a bachelor, who informed Mrs. Bevan she must leave or get rid of the children.

New York Explosion Is Yet A Mystery

New York, Sept. 21.—The explosion in front of J. P. Morgan & Co., office last Thursday 57 seconds after 12 o'clock is still a mystery. The total dead now stands at 35 and the number injured 300.

Experts examining the entire situation say that it was undoubtedly the work of Red Anarchist, and that the deadly bomb was carried to the spot on an old rusty red wagon, drawn by an old brown horse. Parts of the horse and wagon were picked up over the street.

A mass of human debris has been cleared from the street, including several pair of shoes, some containing human feet as the leg was blown away by the force of the explosion, a number of hats, coats, etc.

Several clues have been traced down but none have netted any criminal to date. The loss to the Morgan office, the sub-treasury, the assay office and other buildings will be about three million dollars.

Mrs. W. L. Kelly Dies.

Mrs. Charlotte J. Kelly, wife of ex-Sheriff W. L. Kelly died at her home Monday afternoon, after an illness of several months. Mrs. Kelly was 70 years and 3 days old. Before her marriage she was Miss Stimpson, daughter of the late Thomas Stimpson.

Besides her husband the deceased is survived by one daughter Miss Hemans Kelly, two brothers Mr. Pleas Stimpson of Pfafftown and Rev. Hamp Stimpson of Virginia and one half brother Mr. J. B. Stimpson of Smithtown, and one sister Mrs. Rebecca Simmons of Courtney.

The funeral was conducted from the home Tuesday afternoon, followed by services in the Baptist church were conducted by her pastor Rev. A. L. McClenden of Winston, assisted by Revs. Robinson and Gearty of this place. The body was laid to rest in the town cemetery.

Many beautiful flowers were offered which were carried by six little girls. The pall bearers were Messrs. W. A. Hall, Isaac Shore, W. E. Rutledge, M. W. Mackie, C. E. Moxley and J. T. Reece.

Mrs. Kelly had been a member of the Baptist church for many years and was a good christian woman. She was loved by all who knew her and will be greatly missed in this town.

A Complete Plantation For Sale

150 acres sandy loam, clay subsoil all under wire fence, nearly one million feet of pine and oak timber, four horse farm under cultivation and especially adapted for tobacco, cotton and corn, one eight room dwelling, two tenant houses, good barn, good new tobacco barn, telephone, daily mail and on a gravel road.

Owner leaving on account of age. A wonderful opportunity and a close price if sold soon. If interested wire, phone, or write immediately.

J. I. Knight,
Carthage, N. Car.

Mr. Linney Issues Statement

To Republican Voters and Law Respecting Citizens of North Carolina.

It is the opinion of competent legal authority that the Absentee Voter Law is in violation of the constitution of the State and will be so declared by the courts before the election.

It is a known and sworn-to fact that under this law brazen frauds have nullified and destroyed the integrity and purity of the ballot and thousands of our soldier boys and other citizens were defrauded of their votes by forging their names without their knowledge.

The Republican State Executive Committee has employed counsel in the persons of: Judge W. P. Bynum, Judge R. C. Strudwick, and Attorney Sidney S. Alderman.

These lawyers have been authorized and directed to proceed immediately, and to the court of final appeal if necessary, to have removed from the books this illegal and iniquitous provision of the present Election Law.

The expense of this litigation will be heavy and will not be less than \$3,500.00 by conservative and competent estimate. This is a mere pittance in comparison with the benefit accruing to every law respecting citizen and to the fair name of our State.

The Republican State Committee appeals to the Republicans and to those citizens of the State who believe that the sanctity of the ballot is the only guarantee of a free, lasting and economical government of and by the people to make possible this all important undertaking and to carry it on to successful conclusion.

The suit has been instituted and the Republican State Committee most earnestly asks you to aid in carrying it on.

Will you send at once to Frank A. Linney, State Chairman, Greensboro, N. C., just as large a contribution as the importance of the undertaking merits? One subscription of \$500.00 from a patriotic State Republican is already in hand. Immediate response is all important and it is believed your cooperation will have vital bearing on the result, and place in office honest officials honestly elected.

Yours very truly,
F. A. LINNEY, Chairman.

GIRL SAVES PREACHER'S LIFE

University Student Sucks Blood From His Leg After Attack of Rattlesnake.

Chicago.—Miss Frances B. Holstein, a student at the University of Illinois, earned her scholarship and a Carnegie medal by methods quite out of the ordinary. She saved the life of Rev. Benjamin W. Soper, pastor of a small church in Florida, by quick thought and action after he had been bitten in the ankle by a large rattlesnake, one of the lazy, highly venomous type so frequently met with in Florida.

Miss Holstein was one of a party which included Rev. Mr. Soper, Bishop Cameron Mann of the Episcopal diocese of Florida, and others who were enjoying a picnic near Coconut Grove. Rev. Mr. Soper was bringing a pail of water from an adjacent spring when he was struck by the rattlesnake. Bishop Mann immediately killed the snake, but Miss Holstein gave her attention to the wounded man, whose ankle was swelling enormously.

Twin Pastors Puzzle.

Greensburg, Ind.—For the good of the church, Rev. Ovis Martin and Rev. Otis Martin, twins, hereafter will preach in different conferences. Because their congregations were unable to tell them apart, they have been separated by order of the presiding bishop of the M. E. church.