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GREAT BLAST TEARS TO BITS

Many Men May Have Been Killed by Explosion at Mare Island Navy Yard

INQUIRY NOW BEING CONDUCTED

Government Admits That Many Have Been Injured— Various Reports As to Number of Dead-Cause So Far Not Made Public

FIVE REPORTED KILLED.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, July 9 .- Five men * * were killed and 31 injured in an *

on San Francisco Bay, were destroyed signed on as American citizens. by an explosion this morning. Whether any lives were lost has not been

Twelve of 15 magazines were badly damaged by the explosion, the force of which broke thousands of windows in Vallejo, half a mile away. Fire started in the wrecked buildings and desperate to other buildings, where explosives

were wrecked. Whether any men were officials at Vallejo said about 200 men were employed in or near the buildings wrecked, but whether these men had explosion was not known.

The explosion occurred at 7:44 a. the Southern Pacific freight sheds in NEUT. AMBASSADORS m. The concussion was terrific. At Vallejo, two miles from the scene, doors were torn from their hinges. Among the injured were: Lieut. C. Bird, U. S. Marine Corps and two other men, residents of Pasadena, who were passengers on the El Capiton, a flying glass. Although the boat was in mid-stream about two miles from the scene of the explosion all the doors

and windows were blown out. Orders that no person be allowed to leave Mare Island were issued by Captain Harry George, commandant of the navy yard. No official announcement was made as to the number of cas

Many Reported Killed. Vallejo, Cal., July 9.-A report that

eight men had been killed in the black powder storehouse explosion at Mare Island navy yard, was received in Vallejo this morning. Navy officials admitted that great numbers of men had been injured.

Fire at the Mare Island navy yard, as a result of an explosion in a storehouse, has been brought under control. Officials have started a search of the wrecked buildings and it was announced that nothing officially would be given out until the extent of the casualties and damage had been determined.

HAWAIIAN MILITIA ANXIOUS GO TO FRONT

(By Associated Press.) made by 3,00 Hawaiian militiamen, ac-

sugar and rice needs.

"Our men want to get into the fight right away," said Mr. Kalanianaole, who expressed the hope today that the department would immediately TO TRAIN OFFICERS order the militiamen into the Federal service

EARTHQUAKE SHOCK FELT AT ROME

The Crew Was . Landed . On . Island Off French Coast

(By Associated Press.) London, July 9.—The American steamer Massapequa was sunk on Saturday by a German submarine The crew was landed at the small island of Sein, off the French coast 28 miles southwest of Brest.

The Massapequa, 3,193 tons, was * explosion which wrecked two * armed with guns manned by naval accommodations for 6,500 men, will be * storehouses at the Mare Island * gunners. She was built in 1893 at ready for occupancy by August 1, ac-* Navy Yard today, according to * underland, Eng., and owned by the cording to present prospects. the commandant's report to the W New York and Porto Rico Steamship! Major Seth Williams, of the Marine from the United States for France, ings are nearly completed, and 2,000 with a general cargo. She was com- men can be accomodated now. The San Francisco, July 9.—Two store- manded by Captain A. H. Strum, and camp includes barracks, mess halls, houses at the Mare Island Navy Yard, had a crew of 31 men, of whom 10 power house, base hospital and other

AMATEUR CONTEST ON MIDLOTHIAN LINKS

(By Associated Press.) Chicago, July 9.—Kenneth B. Edwards, of Chicago, with 72 strokes for efforts were made to prevent its spread the 18 holes, led the elimination BOMBS DROPPED o other buildings, where explosives round of the Western Amsteur Golf restored.

Several buildings, used as sleeping by Club today. Perry Adair, of Atsorptions of Suppliers for detections of Suppliers. quarters for detachments of gunners, lanta, made the course in 40-39-79 while Tom Prescott, of Atlanta, took in these buildings is not known. Naval | 41-39-80. Francis Outmet, of Boston, former open and amateur champion, took 40 for the first 9 holes, while D. E. Sawyer, champion in 1906, took 42 for the outward journey.

(By Associated Press.) lin and forwarded by the Exchange bombs on the Krupp factory). ferry boat operating between South Telegraph, Emperor William invited A semi-official German statement Vallejo and Vallejo Junction. They the neutral ambassadors and minis- received here from Muenster Westsuffered from shock and were cut by ters to a conference on Saturday.

TAKE VILLAGES.

* (By Associated Press.)
* Petrograd, July 9.—Several vil-*
* lages and more than 7,000 men * * have been captured by the Rus- * * sians, west of Stanislau in Ga * * licia, the War Office announces.

ix Hundred and Eighty-Seven Thousand the Number to Be Selected.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, July 9.—Unofficially, it was indicated today that 687,000 is the number of men to be selected for the first National War army from the twice that number of names will be drawn, as the number of exemptions to be allowed is estimated at 50 per cent. Next Saturday is understood to have been tentatively fixed upon as the date for the drawing, although no announcement has been made by the provost marshal general's office.;

MARINE CORPS CAMP ALMOST READY

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, July 9.—The marine raining camp at Quantico, Va., consisting of approximately 250 buildings with.

buildings. . Only 50 men will be quartered in each building as a precaution against possible spread of contagious

It was also stated that the Port Royal, S. C., camp will be prepared within a week to accommodate 9,000 men. All buildings are completed.

(By Associated Press.) 40. (The official French statement own hands.

London, July 9.—According to re- of Saturday night said one French ports reaching Rotterdam from Ber- airplane raided Essen, dropping

phalia says: SITE FOR A SECOND

CAMP ENTIRELY IN GEN. WOOD'S HANDS

The Seaboard Office Force In Richmond Strike for Increase of Salary

(By Associated Press.)
Richmond, Va., July 9.—Twenty-six Washington, July 9.—Urgent pleas clerks, comprising practically the to be sent to France to join the Am- entire force, went on a strike at the erican forces in France are being Seaboard Air Line Railway freight Department it was said today that all cording to J. Kuhio Kalanianaole, office this morning. The business of the papers, urging the location of a Hawaiian delegate in Congress, who the office was immediately suspend- National Guard camp at Wilmington, is urging favorable action by the War ed. The strike has been referred to have been forwarded to Major General the railway's chief offices in Norfolk Leonard Wood, commander of the

to furnish much of the United States' increase of 10 per cent. Was granted, Senator Simmons called sugar and rice needs. effective July 1. This was not satist tary Baker this week and urged that tioned as the possible successor of factory to the clerks.

FOR MERCHANT FLEET

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, D. C., July 9.—Six addi-American mercantile marine are to be ager of the street railway, at Wilming-opened today. The locations are Atlon, and Clayton Grant, Esq., an attorlantic City, Cape May, Philadelphia, ney of Wilmington, called on Senator peace without cash indemnity. During air at 6 o'clock this morning, from the awakened by an earth shock which shock which shock which shock it are to the heat star to be taken to shook the whole of Rome early Sunday morning. Many people dressed, others left their home. Many people dressed, others left their home. As a shook which the war prince von Buelow has spent aviation neid at Ashodra, a subura, be required to maintain and expend and flew in one hour and 25 minutes, existing schools and stations, to estimate the stations and the purchase of name and the purchase o left their homes, fearing a second putation and a few studies of the kind shock where their homes, fearing a second putation and a few studies of the kind later made an effort to obtain an appearance of necessary Report and second putation and a few studies of the kind later made an effort to obtain an appearance of necessary Report and second putation and a few studies of the kind later made an effort to obtain an appearance of necessary Report and putation and a few studies of the kind later made an effort to obtain an appearance of necessary Report and putation and a few studies of the kind later made an effort to obtain an appearance of necessary Report and putation and a few studies of the kind later made an effort to obtain an appearance of necessary Report and putation and a few studies of the kind later made an effort to obtain an appearance of necessary Report and putation and a few studies of the kind later made an effort to obtain an appearance of necessary Report and putation and a few studies of the kind later made an effort to obtain an appearance of necessary Report and putation and a few studies of the kind later made an effort to obtain an appearance of necessary Report and putation and a few studies of the kind later made an effort to obtain an appearance of necessary Report and putation and a few studies of the kind later made an effort to obtain an appearance of necessary Report and putation and a few studies of the kind later made an effort to obtain an appearance of necessary Report and the necessar shock. There was no damage nor vio- to men with good nautical experience. Skilled in the technique of manage. Secretary Baker's office it was said him back when the time came to ar burn camp was abandoned because and kite balloons. now being built.

Washington Advised As to That Today

ALL PAPERS SENT TO THE COMMANDER

Senator Simmons Urges Anather Cantonment for North Carolina But Has No Preference-Secretary Resets Decision With General Wood

(By George H. Manning.) Washington, July 9.-At the War The question of food supply, it is said enters into the problem of what disposition is to be made of the Haw-

ficials to select the most advantageous treasury. point, if he could succeed in having it

brought to North Carolina.

Made By Head of Industrial * Training School at Durham

REPLY TO SAME Department's Canning Bulletin to Be Reprinted-Good Work By Raleigh Wom-

GOVERNOR BICKETT'S

Raleigh, July 9.—Governor Bickett, replying Saturday to the open letter of Dr. James E. Shepard, of Durham, a telegram sent to 17 Governors of the Union, calls upon colored leaders

an's Club

other States. Governor Bickett does not put just that way, but he uses the troubles of a Western State as illustration of providing for the War Department's Royalist Movement Work of the South's capacity to treat the negro better than the sections which have no race issue. Dr. Shepard, the session was executive. The genwho is president of the National eral explained that the 22,625 aircraft Training School, sent out Thursday a desired and engines for them would telegram asking Governor Bickett to cost approximately \$363,000,000, and make for the negro an appeal and to the rest, \$276,000,000, would be necesask people in communities where sary to man the air fleets and provide crimes are committed to refrain from

Governor Bickett by noting the in others, are expected to appear before crease of lynchings "of a helpless the committee later on, and Chairpeople North and South, in many in- man Dent hopes to report the bill to stances for trivial things, are having the House the last of this week. a depressing effect on a people who love their country and who are loyal and true to the flag." He observes ELECTION TOMORROW whites and that no danger of a negro's escape could justify a mob's action. "The negro is asking for a right to live and hope," br. snepard declared.

Governor Bickett accepts the invitation to speak a word against the mob and says what is in his mind The Governor says: "July 7th, 1917.

Dr. Jas. E. Shepard, "Pres, National Training School, "Durham, N. C.

Amsterdam, July 9.- A frontier cor. and cowardice. The white people are respondent of the Handelsblad reports under a peculiar obligation to refrain that 5 persons were killed and sev-from violence of any sort against the eral houses were destroyed during colored people of the land. Up to the bombardment of the German city this time there has been no mob vioreported for work at the time of the 42. Guy Miller, of Detroit, also took of Essen, home of the great Krupp lence in the State of North Carolina works, Friday night. A correspond-during the present administration, ent of the Telegraaf says bombs and I am earnestly endeavoring to were dropped on the Krupp works promote good feeling between the and that reports of damage inflicted races, and sincerely trust that our INVITED CONFERENCE are conflicting. Estimates of the people under all circumstances will number of attackers vary from 15 to refrain from taking the law into their

"It is my opinion that the people of and disorder that have prevailed in election. some sections of the country, and I earnestly hope that the people of this State will not only sustain, but improve the reputation for decency, peace and respect for the law that they now enjoy.

"The riots in St. Louis are simply cumulative evidence that after all the South is the best place for the black man. In the South the negro is recognized as a legitimate factor, and there has never been any disposition to interfere with his industrial activ- Deputy Sheriff of Onslow Had ities. The South understands the ne-Wilmington Delegation In gro and is ever ready to give him intelligent aid and sympathy.

"I see in today's papers that Mr. Samuel Gompers, president of the charges that negroes have been induced in large numbers to leave the North and West in order to "break (Continued on Page Six)

Prince Von Buelow Mentioned Among Those Spoken of For the Place

(By Associated Press.) change in the Berlin chancellorship clared the order acted entirely Senator Simmons called on Secre- may be expected. Among those men- defense of his own life. a National Guard cantonment be locat- Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg, it ed in North Carolina, in additiona to names Prince von Buelow, former the camp located at Fayetteville. He chancellor; Count von Hertling, Badid not urge any particular point in the varian prime minister, and Count von State, leaving it to the department of Rodern, secretary of the imperial

Mr. A. B. Skelding, general man-conferences recently with Austro-Hun-quietly accomplished today. Twentypointment with Secretary Baker. Ast position in the expectation of calling was made without accident. The Ash- sary aircraft, seaplanes, dirigibles striking a mine north of Amelan Skilled in the technique of manage. The shock was especially felt at Avezzano which was practically destroyed in the earthquake of January, 1915.

Skilled in the technique of manage bakers office it was said the government was unable to obtain additional land needed without payor could render greater services on according to a Harriage peace, with the idea that he dispatch. The members of the crew with the government was unable to obtain the government was unable to obtain additional land needed without payor could render greater services on according to a Harriage peace, with the idea that he dispatch. The members of the crew with the government was unable to obtain additional land needed without payor could render greater services on according to a Harriage peace, with the idea that he dispatch. The members of the crew with the government was unable to obtain the government was unable to obtain additional land needed without payor could render greater services on according to a Harriage peace, with the idea that he dispatch. The members of the crew with the government was unable to obtain the government was unable to obtain additional land needed without payor could render greater services on according to a Harriage peace, with the idea that he dispatch. The members of the crew the could render greater services on according to a Harriage peace, with the idea that he dispatch. The members of the crew the could render greater services on according to a Harriage peace, with the idea that he dispatch. The members of the crew the could render greater services on according to a Harriage peace, with the idea that he dispatch. The members of the crew the could render greater services on according to a Harriage peace, with the idea that he dispatch. The members of the crew the could render greater services on according to a Harriage peace, with the crew the could render greater services on according to a Harriag

Washington, July 9.-James 4 Gerard, former Ambassador to Germany, has resigned from the * * diplomatic service and returned * to private life. His resignation ? * was accepted some time ago, * * though the fact was not allowed * * to become known until today.

Urged On House Committee By Advocates of This War Measure

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, July 9.—Brig.-Gen. Squier, chief signal officer, and other millions registered June 5. Probably to bring back their refugees now in army experts, appeared today before the House Military committee to advocate immediate action on the bill

great aviation program. At the request of General Squier

for ammunition and supplies. Secretary Baker, some of the Dr. Shenard began his message to French officers on duty here, and

OF ELKS GRAND RULER

(By Associated Press.) Boston, Mass., July 9.—This city was given over today to the thousands of delegates and visitors to the annual convention of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. The grand lodge session will be formally opened tonight with James R. Nicholson, past grand exalted ruler, presiding.

Chief interest today lay in the contest for the office of grand exalted ON KRUPP VVORKS the sentiments expressed is your tell hurs. Va. and John W. Stevenson, of there was bombarded by an airplane partial of July 4th. For a mob to Fulion, N. V. The election will be vesterday.

LONGSHOREMEN UNION IN ANNUAL SESSION

(By Associated Press.)
Toledo, O., July 9.—With 200 delegates present from the United States, Mexico, Cuba, Canada, South America and Central America, the annual convention of the International Longshoremen's Union began here today. President T. V. O'Conner, of Buffalo, said that a policy of support of President wilson will be outlined. The union in-North Carolina, white and black, are cluded 60,000 members, mostly dock law abiding and humane. We have men. Richard Butler, of New York, been exceptionally free from the riots is opposing President O'Connor for re-

IN SELF DEFENSE

To Kill Negro He Had Arrested Sunday

Jacksonville, N. C., July 9.—That American Federation of Labor, Deputy Sheriff John R. Gurganus acted in defense of his own life when he, last night, shot and killed Winslow South and go to sundry cities in the Hassell, a negro, was the verdict of the coroner's jury.

Hassell, a negro of 40 odd years of age, was reported to the sheriff's office yesterday as having run a promnent farmer for some distance, threatening to kill him and finally cut the Secretary Daniels Asks Confarmer's finger off with a razor. The white man, J. G. Morton, at once reported the matter to the sheriff's office and Deputy Gurganus went to make the arrest. The negro was located at Catherine Lake, 10 / miles from here, but when told he was unthreatening to cut and shoot him. He fired the fatal shot.

SQUADRON FLIGHT OF ARMY PLANES

to have been the longest squadron Count von Hertling has had several flight of army airplanes so far was

Gateway to Lemberg Seems

German Agents—The Suc-

cess Short-Lived

(By Associated Press.)

Peking early this morning announc-

ing the abdication of Hsuan Tung, the

young Emperor who was put back on

the throne by General Chang-Hsun, i

corroborated by a cablegram received

today from Reuter's correspondent

Chang-Hsun, depressed by the fail-

ure of his attempt to restore the

an edict announcing his addication.

strategic positions in the southern

and western outskirts of the city, and

Germans at Work.

Tokio, Friday, July 6 (Delayed).-

According to reports reaching Tokio.

Palace Bombarded.

REVOLT THREATENED

Madrid, July 9 .- The government

yesterday decided that the present

time was inopportune to summon Par-

liament. The question was consid-

of a number of Catalonian senators

would be considered a seditious act.

PREPARING TO DEFEND

General Chang Hsun, head of the im-

perialist forces, is provisioning the

Forbidden City and strengthening its

defenses. This indicates that in the

event his troops are defeated at Feng

Tai, near Peking, the last stand will

be made there. The 13th division ac-

companied by artillery is leaving Pe-

king for Feng Tai.

The Republican forces

settlement.

German agents.

It appears that General

London, July 9.—The dispatch from

Austro-German Attacks Fail to Shake Off Russians North of Stanislau-Teutons Attacks French in West But Without Success-Russian Cavalry Pursuing Retreating Germans

(By Associated Press.) New and powerful blows are being struck by the Russians in Galicia. Apparently they have been on the Austro-German line west of Stanislau, south of Halicz, as today's offimonarchy, tendered his resignation to cial report from Petrograd not only the Emperor, who thereupon issued reports important gains for the Russians in the Stanislau area, but clares the Russian cavalry is pursuing the retreating enemy. This pursuit already has reached the Lukva river. there is very prospect of a peaceful Halics, the gateway to Lemberg from the south, seems doomed to fall unless the Russian onslaught the movement to restore the Manchu quickly stopped. A Russian push dynasty in China is being aided by northwest from Stanislau would rein Halicz being hemmed in on three

The renewed Russian onslaught, in large callbre pieces. The total R sian captures of men in the pres remarkable offensive is mounting idly and now is in excess of 25,

North of the Stanislau area General Brusiloff is holding fast to his new ly won positions in the vicinity of along converging railway lines. Also tro-German attacks here have falled to shake the Russian possession of this valuable terrain.

rest. Attack after attack is be such drive last night at Pantheon

Meanwhile such trenches as the Germans were able to retain after their repulse of the attack of Saturday night in the Aisne region were wrested from them in greater part

The sinking of the American steam er Massapequa, of 3,193 tons, on Saturday, by a German submarine of the French coast, is announced. Her crew was landed. She was bound from the United States to France with a geenral cargo.

BEING BUILT UP GERMAN TERRITORY

gress for Forty-Five Million Dollars For It

(By Associated Press.). Washington, July 9.-Congress was asked by Secretary Daniels today to der arrest he advanced on the deputy, appropriate \$45,000,000 for naval aeronautics in addition to the times on the officer when the deputy amounts carried in this year's appropriation bill. The navy is working Rodolph Duffy, a prominent attor- out a considerable air program of its refusal of the railroad to grant a the naming of additional cantonments of Berlin, says it is rumored that a new, eyewitness to the shooting, demilitary aircraft project of the Defense Council.

"The navy is making efforts," Mr. Daniels said today, "to build up an (By Associated Press.)

Chicago, July 9.—What is believed patrol the waters off the extensive coasts of the United States and our insular possessions and also to cooperate with naval forces abroad in turned safely.

"The \$45,000,000 recommended will

Doomed As Brusiloff's Men Assail Germans THOUSANDS OF MORE

PRISONERS TAKEN

London, July 9.—Reuter's Pekin

BY CATALONIANS Brzezany and near Koniuchy, where his troops are well placed for a conered at a cabinet meeting on request tinuation of the drive upon Lembe and deputies. They declared that if the government did not immediately

summon Parliament they would call There is little but local fighting upon the members to meet in Barcelona, July 19. The government dealong the British front in northers cided yesterday that if the deputies France, but farther down the line the Germans are giving the French little and senators held the proposed extraordinary meeting at Barcelona it launched by the Crown Prince in des perate attempts to shake the French from their positions along the Chemin-des-Dames. There was another THE SACRED CITY but, like others that have preceded it, the effort was unsuccessful. Peking (Via Tien Tsin), July 9 .-

> by a brilliant counter offensive started by the French.

ALLIED AIRPLAINS ON

Berlin (Via London), July 8.—(Per Wireless Press) .- One German air plane was lost in yesterday's raid on London, and a British plane was slid down over the city, it is announced

The announcement also says military damage was done by the asrial attacks on Friday night on German towns. The statement follows: "On Friday night, in addition to bomb dropping near the front, there were encounters in German territory. Enemy aviators dropped more than 100 incendiary bombs in the Westphalian industrial region, on Treves and No military damage was caused. On enemy airplane fell into our hands. London, July 9 .- Royal naval airplanes carried out a raid Saturday air force of sufficient size to operate as scouts from naval vessels, to natrol the waters off the extensive tacked by an enemy formation, bomb were successfully dropped on obj tives and all the British machines

GERMAN SUBMARINE DESTROYED MY MINE

(By Associated Press.) London, July 8.—A German torpe