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Frightful Loss of Life Results From Bursting of a Defective Boiler on Board.

NEARLY 100 BURT, MANY FATALLY |

There Were More Than 250 Men Aboard the Vessel at the Time, and of These 15 Sailors Are Missing-The Accident Occurred in the San Diego, Cal., Harbor Just Before the Vessel Was Scheduled to Leave.

San Diego, Cal., Special.-Twentyeight members of the crew of the United States gunboat Benningwere killed and four-score sailors were injured, 24 seriously, at 10 o'clock Thursday forenoon by a boiler explosion that disabled the vessel in San Diego harbor. Fifteen sailors are missing. There were more than 250 men aboard the warship when the accident occurred, and many men were hurled or forced to jump into the sea by the teriffic explosion, which lifted part of the deck and compelled the beaching of the ship. The Bennington, at the time of the accident, was lying in the stream just off the commercial wharf at H street. The warship had received orders from the Navy Department at Washington to sail this morning for Port Hartford to meet the monitor Wyoming and convey the monitor to Mare Island navy yard, San Francisco.

EXPLOSION TERRIFIC.

Steam was up and everything was in readiness for the departure of the Bennington when the starboard for-ward boiler exploded with a terrific roar. The explosion was terrific. People standing on 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 terrific explosion Capt. Wentworth, who was looking at the Bennington when the disaste curred, says he saw human bodies hurled over a hundred feet upward. The air was clouded with smoke which enveloped the ship. When the haze cleared away, only a few could be seen on the decks, while a number were floundering in the water. A boat was lowered from the vessel's side and most of the men in the water were picked up and taken on board.

board the Beanington were presented terrible scenes. The force of the explosion had torn a great hole in the starboard side of the ship, and the vessel was already commencing to list. A section of the upper deck was carried away from stem to stern. Blood and wreckage was distributed over the entire space, the after cabin and that part of the ship adjacent to Wash the exploded boiler resembling a Edw charnel house. The shock of the explosion penetrated every section the ship, blood and ashes being found as far as the stern of the captain's cabin. Great damage was done in all parts of the vessel. The boiler which exploded, it is said, was regarded as unsafe. Commander Young stated that during a recent return from Honolulu the steam pressure was kept reduced in that particular one.

List of the Dead. San Diego, Cal., Special.—Saturday night's summary of casualties aboard the gunboat Bennington, in San Diego gives a total of 60 dead and 50 injured, six probably fatally. A number of men are still missing, some of these may be dead, and probably a dozen of the injured will die of their wounds. Following is an official list of known dead, with ages, occupation and place of birth or enlistment:

Wesley M. Taylor, 28, seaman, At-Bert A. Hughes, 19, seaman, Clarksville, Ark.

May Hinder Peace Progress.

Paris, By Cable.—Emperor Nicholas cruise in the Gulf of Finland to meet

Emperor William is the subject of much momment in the press. Certain

newspapers express the fear that the

German Emperor will influence the

Russian Emperor over Far Eastern matters and will hinder the carrying

out of the peace programme, while others are of the opinion that Emperor

William will seek to estrange Russia

Ensign Newton K. Perry, 26, Colum-

Andrew Kamerer, 25, fireman, Londonville, O.

Joseph Newcomb, 27, seaman, Bos-

Harry Mosher, 25, fireman, Newark, Wilbur W. Wright, 32, steward, home unknown. Michael G. Quinn, 31, fireman, Kil-

kenny, Ireland. Clyde Haggbloom, 25, Leadville,

Kirley F. Morris, 24, fireman, Owens Warren Parls, 36, coal passer, Lansing, Mich.

Wm. C. Wilson, 19, seaman, German-town, Cal. Stephen W. Pollock, 24, coal passer, Honesdale, Pa. Emil Dresch, 24, seaman, Newark,

Wm. Staub, 21, fireman, Bridgewater, John L. Burns, 20, seaman, Chi-

Glen Brownlee, 24, seaman, Galveston, Texas. Wm. I. Cherry, 24, blacksmith, Salem,

Walter G. Grant, 23, coal passer, Chicago.
John Goika, 18, seaman, Milwau-

John McKone, 23, fireman, Leadville, Edwin B. Robinson, 23, seaman, San Francisco.

Charles O McKeen, 25, coal passer, Pueblo, Col. Charles J. Kuntz, 20, seaman, St. Louis.

Saunders, 19 seaman, Springfield, Mo. Jodie W. Loveland, Col. Kempton, 18, seaman, Robert B. Carr, 18, seaman, Den-

Harry F. Smith, 23, seaman, Harrisonville, Mo. Preston Carpenter, 20, seaman, Ara-Robert L. Savage, 23, seaman, Waco,

Texas. Leroy B. Archer, 20, seaman, Fowler, Don C. Archer, 19, seaman, San

rancisco Richard T. House, 21, seaman, Coloado Springs, Col. Albert H. Schoregge, 21, seaman, New

Ulm. Minn John C. Barchus, 22, seaman, Clarinda, Iowa. L. J. Guthries, 25, seaman, New

York. Matthew G. Chambers, 23, seaman, Lewiston, Idaho. Frederick M. Brown, 26, machiist, San Francisco.

Josiah Ezell, 27, seaman, Waco, Texas. Frederick J. Geiss, 29, coal passer,

Cincinnati. Claude H. Stevenson, 23, seasan, San Francisco. Emile C. Hoffman, 25, blacksmith,

San Antonio, Texas. Joseph Hilscher, 24, fireman, Seattle, Edward B. Ferguson, 36, chief ma-

chinist, San Francisco. Elmer U. Brunson, 20, seaman, Chi-Four unidentified men of the new who joined the Bennington at draft.

San Diego. Seven men, names uncertain, known to be in flooded compartments of the vessel.

Thomas Burke, machinist.

Joseph Hunt, oiler. George L. Clarke, chief machinist. C. W. Brockman, gunner. Unidentified number of men still missing.

San Diego, Cal., Special.-Forty-seven of the gunboat Bennington's dead were buried Sunday in a common grave in the little military cemetery on the crest of the promotory of Loma, high above the waters of San Diego Bay on the one side, and within sound of the booming surf of the Pacific on the other. Without the crash of drum of sound of brass, without pomp or parade, yet with simple impressiveness all honor was paid to the nation's

Telegraphic Briefs.

Having been acquainted with the recklessness of certain chaffaurs, an wner of a residence at the corner of two streets in England has pasted upon the outside of his house this placard: "Motor car drivers are requested to leave this house where it

President Roosevelt has ordered a full investigation of the affairs of the

Mine Superintendent Shot by Drunken Man.

Bristol, Va., Special.—A special from Big Stone Gap, Va., says: "This afternoon at Irondale, about five miles east of this place, Jasper Abshire shot and fatally wounded A. M. Hall, superintendent of Kelly and Irvines mines Mr. Hall is still living, but the physician says he cannot live but a short while, Abshire was drunk and rowdy and was asked to leave. He short walle. Abshire was drunk and rowdy and was asked to leave. He refused and Hall lead him to the commisary door and let him go, whereupon he shot Superintendent Hall three times in the breast. Abshire was disarmed, but not arrested. A posse went from this place this evening to ap-

entire Department of Agriculture.

Fireman E. G. Hopp makes the first statement as to the cause of the accident. He says that shortly before the explosion one of the boilers was found to be leaking badly, and the boiler-

Fireman's Story of the Accident,

maker was sent for to repair the damage. Before the latter came the explosion occurred. Hopp saw men all about him killed outright and he himself was stunned for a moment. The dead were given a military burial Sunday afternoon at the military reservaday afternoon at the military reserva-tion at Point Loma. Services were held af 2 o'clock on the Point, and launches will convey across the bay the living officers and men able to at-

NORTH CAROLINA CROP BULLETIN

Conditions For Past Week as Given

Out by the Department. The North Carolina section of the climate and crop sevice of the department of agriculture, issues the follow inging official bulletin for the past

week: From July 17th to 20th, inclusive, the weather was generally dry and very warm. The mean temperature for the State at large was 81 degrees, or nearly 4 degrees daily above the nor-mal maximum temperatures above 90 degrees, and reaching as high as 96 to 98 degrees occurred at most stations during the middle of the week. This period was quite favorable for farm work and for the progress of crops, although, coming so soon after heavy rains, it tended to fire or scald som crops on thin, sandy uplands. On the 21st showers occurred nearly every-where, which were heavy in only a few places with minor damage to crops. The remainder of the week was show ery. Too much rain continues to be received in a few countles, chiefly in the extreme west. On the whole the weather was favorable, and caused considerable improvement in crops, besides giving farmers an opportunity to finish laying by, which is about completed everywhere, except as regards late cotton and some young corn. The is in good condition, except lowlands which are too wet. Cotton continues to do fairly well

and looks thrifty, especially on dark lands; plants are making too much weed, which will make the crop late; it continues to bloom, but is not fruiting well in the east, though plants seem to be well loaded with young bolls in western counties; damage to cotton by shedding, rust, boll worm and lice is reported by comparatively few correspondents. Generally corn is doing well, though the yield will be below the average; a little old corn on sandy land was fired; young corn is thrifty, except that injured in bottoms by flooding. In some western counties, account of excessive moisture, corn is tall and thin, but seems to be earing well; much grass is in the crop in places, especially in the west. Some odder on old corn is ready for pulling. Tobacco is generally in fair condition, except that portions were injured by rains which caused weedy growth; dry weather caused considerable improve ment in the growing crop, and made curing easier; cutting and curing will be general within a week. Peanuts, sweet potatoes, field peas and gardens were benefitted by the period of dry weather. Some turnip and rutabaseeds have been sown and are coming up nicely. Oat harvest is nearly over i nthe exereme west, in which section oats and wheat were considerably damaged in shock by wet weather; threshing wheat continues with good yields in only a few counties. Some week, but the season has not generally been favorable for this work, though very favorable for the growth of the crop. Apples and peaches are ripening rapidly, but there is much complaint of

fruit rotting and falling from the trees. Rains reported: Nashville 0.30. Goldsboro 1.12. Lumberton 0.82. New Bern 1.10, Weldon 1.60, Hatteras 0.20, Wilmington 2.00, Pomona 1.00, Moncure 1.08, Angier 2.00, Raleigh 3.35. Greensboro 2.34, Asheville 0.50 and Charlotte 0.80.

Rogers Out on Bond.

Raleigh, Special—Monday afternoon ne case of the State vs. Policeman the case of the State vs. Isaac W. Rogers for shooting Deputy United States Marshal John C. Dockery came up before Justice Separk, many persons being present. The first motion was made by J. C. L. Harris, of council for Rogers, that he be admitted to ball. The second motion was by S. G. Ryan for the State that the warrant under which Rogers had been comitted be amended so as to show secret assault, which is a graver offense than that with which he would have been charged on account of Dockery's condition being improved. As to the first motion counsel for the State held that a preliminary trial should be gone into in order that the court know at what amount the ball should fixed. W. B Jones, representing State, argued that ball should be \$10,-000, as that could show that it was a secret assault and laying in wait. S. G. Ryan, representing the Dockery family, assisting the State, said that these motions were a surprise to him; that he thought the case would merely be continued and that the State was not ready to go into a preliminary hearing because of the absence of their most material witness, James H. Pou. He asked for a postponement of the hearing. Harris said that the preliminary hearing was not asked for; only bail was wanted, and that they could have the preliminary hearing at any time cared for it. He added that he had seen Dockery twice and he seemed to be out of danger. The only witness introduced was Dr. Herbert A. Royster, who said that Dockery was sitting up two-thirds of the day and that his temperature and pulse were normal; that one builet had been located over the shoulder blade and that his condition was good; and I consider him, as far the bullet wounds were

Ryan called the counsel for defendant de for consultation. Justice Separk announced that he would allow the warrant to be amen ed to charge secret assault, and he then fixed the ball at \$5,000. He set the time for the preliminary hearing Tuesday, August 15, at 11 o'clock, Rog-ers quickly gave bond, signed by him-self and C. B. Ray, Henry E. Litch-ford, E. V. Denton, N. B. Broughton and

concerned, as out of danger, and that

what he said was without consultation

with other physicians. At this point

counsel for the State and Attorney

COMMITTEE IS HEARD

The Matter of Cotton Statistics Gone Over Carefully

CONFERS WITH SECRETARY WILSON

Representatives of American Cotton Manufacturers' Association Hold Conference With Secretary Wilson and Assistant Secretary Hays, Ralative to Issuance of New June Crop Report.

Washington, Special.-The committee of the American Cotton Manufacturers' Association had an hour's conference with Secretary Wilson and Assistant Secretary Hays Monday afternoon. After the mill men had taken their departure from the Department, a statement was issued, announcing that the question of issuing a new report on acreage was to be taken under consideration by the statistical board and that a final decision will be reached Wednesday.

The statement follows:

"The Department of Agriculture has determined that the statistical board shall meet Wednesday, July 26, to consider whether revision of the June cotton acreage should be made from existing data or from a new inspection, and to make public their findings or estimate at 12 o'clock on that date or the earliest convenient date hereafter.

In addition to President Miller, the other members of the committee of manufacturers present at the confer-ence were: T. A. Blythe, president Lincoln Manufacturers' Association, Philadelphia; Geo. B. Hiss, president Rhodhiss Mills, Charlotte: J. W. Cannon, president Cannon Manufacturing Company, Concord; S. B. Tanner, president Henrietta Mills, Henrietta, and C. B. Bryant, secretary Manufacturers' Assoclation. Mr. T. J. Hickman, of the Grant Mills Manufacturing Company, of Augusta, Ga., telegraphed both Sec-retary Wilson and President Miller that he was unable to attend .Very im-portant was the suggestion, advanced y the visiting committee, that the Department issue a weekly, in place of the monthly, report. The committee is unanimous in the opinion that the weekly report would tend to prevent flustrations in the price of cotton and would result in a steadier market. It was pointed out that cotton rose 1 cent in 5 minutes on the strength of the last report, resulting in a situation demoralizing to large purchasers of spot cotton.

Just how Secretary Wilson and Mr.

Hays accepted this suggestion for the abolition of the monthly reports is not known. Chairman Miller declined to discuss what took place at the conference, and referred the many newspaper who called him over the 'phone at his hotel to Assistant Secretary Hays, The committee agreed, before leaving the Department, that Mr. Havs should make public what took place. Evident-Mr. Hays was not impressed with this assignment as mouth-piece of the conference. He talked rather vaguely about the conference and only in gen eralities. There is good reason for belleving that several matters of much mportance to growers and manufacturers of cotton alike were considered and that a statement reciting in detail these subjects may be made public later. All of the members of the committee had their lips sealed, and would not even discuss this phase of the situation. The members felt that the task of making public such matters as should be given the public having been left to Secretary Hays, it would be dis-

courteous for them to discuss what took place. Assistant Secretary Hays said, in speaking of the conference: "As I understand, the committee came here to ascertain the facts with reference to the cotton situation and that the desires of the manufacturers are for making the government reports as stable as possible. The attitude of the committee with reference to the issuance of a new report on acreage was neutral. I believe many of the manufacturers are owners of cotton and they are also buyers. They did not take sides. They presented no facts bearing on the scandal, and that subject was not considered

"The committee's object is to secure an accurate report and one that will establish confidence. I have no hesitancy in saying this is what they will

Prior to the conference Mr. Miller and the members of the committee had an interview with Richard Cheatham, secretary of the Southern Cotton Growers' Association. They discussed the cotton situation at some length.

Telegraphic Briefs.

The world's largest dynamite explodon was set off Saturday afternoon at Portsmouth, N. H., and was fired by the daughter of the superintendent in charge of the work of removing the most dangerous menace to river navi-gation on the New England coast. Forty-five tons of dynamite were used in the explosion.

It is rumored that the Czar has sent word to General Linevitch that he will furnish him any amount of men and ammunition he may deem necessary for attaining an ultimat victory. This action indicates that Russia is not sincere in her expres-sions of a desire for peace.

WILL BE A LARGE CROWD PRESENT

The Governor to Address Great Gathering of Negroes. Fayetteville, Special.-The education-

al and industrial mass meeting of the colored people of the upper Cape Fear section, which Governor Glenn, by invitation, will address on Friday, the 25th of August, promises to be one of the most notable and important gatherings of the race since the civil war. The most prominent and influential colored men of this city and the surrounding country are deeply interested in the movement, and Prof. E. E. Smith, superintendent of the State Colored Normal School, in the interests of which he is canvassing a tier of ten or twelve counties, is "killing two birds with one stone," working everywhere, with his usual energy and devotion to his race, to arouse interest in the approaching event. At a large meeting of negroes in Gray's Creek township Saturday a resolution was passed thanking Governor Glenn for acceptance of the invitation and pledging every effort to give him an audience of 10,000 colored people.

Run Over and Killed.

Wilkesboro, Special.-Nelson Bumgarner, a deputy sheriff, residing in Reddies River township, was passing through town last Friday with a steam threshing machine. As he was passing George Parsons, who was going in an opposite direction with a load of lumber, Bumgarner blew the whistle twice and the horses were scared, ran away, threw Parsons off he wagon and passed over his chest. He was promptly carried to Dr. White's hospital, where he received prompt attention, but dfed in about an hour. He was a very poor man and leaves a wife and five children who were dependent upon him for a living.

Gaston Farmers' Institute.

Gastonia, Special.-A farmers' instiute for Gaston county will be held in the court house at Dallas Friday, August 4th. The morning session will begia at 10 o'clock and the afternoon session at 1:30 o'clock. A question box will be open for the discussion of questions pertaining to farming. Mr. C. O. McQuarrie, of Florida, will discuss crop rotation. Dr. Tait Butler will discuss how to use corn stalks and cotton seed to get most out of them. Prof. W. F. Massey will discuss the farm labor and Mr. McQuarrie will dis-

Steel Rails Shipped.

Winston-Salem, Special.-The first shipment of steel rails for the interurban rallroad between this city and High Point will arrive here via the Norfolk & Western from Pittsburg, Pa. A gentleman who is in a position to know says that this car load of steel rails will be sent to High Point to be used on the end of the line. He also stated that the entire lot had been purchased and would be shipped within the next few weeks.

Tar Heel Topics.

It is asserted by persons who profess to know, that the Atlantic and North Carolina Railway will not only build two miles of trestle between Morehead City and Beaufort, but will build another from Beaufort to Shackleford Banks and construct a railway along the latter to Cape Lookout, and make a coaling station there on a spacious harbor, known as "Book of Cape." where it is proposed to have a harbor of refuge.

The Catawba County News says: A lunar rainbow was witnessed here Sunday night, a sight never seen before by a good many persons. A heavy shower fell about 9 o'clock and the moon, about full, came out clear, shining on a bank of clouds in the west. making a perfect bow, only there was little or no color in it.

The fire department of Elizabeth City won the first prize in the steaming contest at Winston-Salem and Newbern the first in the long-distance contest. The second prizes in each were won by the same two teams, Newbern, the former, and Elizabeth City, the second.

The State Association of Veterinary Surgeons is in session in Concord this week. There have been seven or eight applicants for license.

Concord Times: County Surveyor Long, of Cabarrus, left Tuesday morning to continue the survey of the Mecklenburg and Cabarrus line. He is being assisted by Mr. J. B. Spratt, surveyor of Mecklenburg. They began work at Mr. Bob Wallace's. The suveying corps is composed of eight men.

Concord Times: The G. W. Patterson Company's cotton mill, in No. 1 township, was again sold last week to Messrs. J. P. Yount and E. P. Shrum, of Newton, who will operate the mill. These men are practical mill men and have been very successful in the mill business. Mr. Fred Yount will be manager of the mill.

INDEMNITY WANTED

High Japanese Official Declares That Russia Must Foot the Bills

THE VIEWS OF BARON KOMURA

Confident That Peace Will Be Successfully Negotiated at the Coming Conference - The War is Costing Japan \$1,000,000 a Day, But She Does Not Desire Peace at Any Price.

New York, Special.-That Japan will demand an indemnity of Russia in the negotiations for peace, and that war will be declared at an end at the conclusion of the negotiations at Portsmouth, N. H., next month, is the belief of Baron Komura, head of the Japanese peace delegation, who arrived here today, as voiced by Aimar Sato, whe is the official spokesman 'for the Baron on this mission. Mr. Sato in an interview said:

"I am confident that peace will be successfully negotiated by the appointad delegations. The Japanese will be guided by moderation, and no excessive demands will be made, but the sentiment in Japan and Russia is for peace, and in the interest of humanity and prosperity there must be peace. The cost to Japan, however, has been very great. On both sides the loss in men has been 570,000. Russia losing 370,000 of these. The war is costing Japan \$1,000,000 a day, and there is a feeling that there ought to be an in-

Asked as to the probability of an armistice, Mr. Sato said that probably would be among the first questions the plenipotentiaries would consider. Bas-ing the form of the negotiations on previous treaty negotiations, Japan will make the demands for Russia's consideration, he said.

The peace terms, while held inviolate

by those who know their text, were formulated by the Emperor of Japan and his council. Mr. Sato was asked if in the flush of victory the Japanese people would not feel entitled to more than any treaty would allow, and he replied:

"The Japanese are not so gentle as to abide by any decision we may make, but theh pay great respect to the offi-ces of President Roosevelt and his acts have done a great deal to emphasize th need of peace.'

Of the future of China, Mr. Sato said: If the central government could work in harmony with the district or provincial governments, China would ecome a great power, but at present that seems to impossibble."

Japan's attitude toward China was most friendly, said Mr. Sato, and while maintaining no moral Monroe Doctrine over the empire, she felt that it was more or less under Japan's protection, This protection, by way of illustration, Mr. Sato said, was "not so strong over China as that of the United States over

South America."
Mr. Sato said that while a desire for peace was the sentiment of Japan, it was not a desire for peace at any price. "Japan is in a very prosperous condition at present," he said, the war taxes do not fall heavily upon the peoule yet. There has already subscribed \$250,000,000 to a new internal loan, and our prosperity is further indicated in the success of our foreign

The question was put to Mr Sato as to any possibbility of conflict with the United States in the future, as suggested by some of the American press the outbreak of the war, and Mr. Sa-to asked what could bring about such a conflict. When it was suggested that Japan might covet the Philippine Islands, he laughed heartily, and replied that Japan woud not have the Philippines as a gift, even though a bonus accompanied the gift.

Baron Komuro and his party arrived

from Chicago and proceeded at once to . e Waldorf-Astoria, where they will be quartered until his departure for Portsmouth. There was no demonstration beyond the presence of a few Japanese merchants and members of th Nippon Club.

Accused of Embezzlement.

Richmond, Va., Special .- A Gordonsville, Va., special says that J. W. Lockwood, who was president of the Bank of Orange, which falled for \$30,000 and paid 15 cents on the dollar, was arrested on a train at Gordonsville and taken to Orange, charged with embezzling \$5,-000 of the bank's funds. A warrant was also issued, the special says, for New ton Lockwood, a brother of J. W. Lockwood.

Patrick Hopes for New Trial.

New York, Special.-The notice of stay of execution of the death penalty on the order granted by Judge O'Brien to Lawyer Albert T. Patrick, under sentence of death for the murder of the aged millionaire, william M. Rice, was not served until Wednesday on the lawyer, who is confined in the death house at Sing Sing prison. Patrick laughed when the notice was given him and said: "I knew it would come. It is only what I expected.' He expressed confi-dence that in a short time he would secure a new trial and ultimately his