

# BLOWING UP OF THE BENNINGTON.

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MANY SERIOUSLY WOUNDED.

First Time in History of American  
Navy That a Boiler on a War-  
ship Has Exploded.

San Diego, Cal., July 21.—Broken and blackened, with her flag flying at half-mast, the United States ship Bennington lies beached on the shore of San Diego harbor. Thirty-nine of her crew lie dead in city morgues, the fate of a dozen more is as yet undetermined, and three scores are stretched upon beds of pain in various hospitals. This is the result of the explosion which wrecked the trim little naval craft and wrought such terrible havoc among her crew at 10:30 o'clock this morning.

The placid waters of San Diego bay have never before been the scene of such a disaster, and San Diego city has never before been afflicted by such scenes of death and suffering as those witnessed tonight.

Twenty-one dead bodies lie ranged with gruesome precision at Davis & Anderson's morgue. The stark forms were outlined in immaculate winding sheets, the terrible results of scalding steam upon the faces plainly showing beneath the folds. Thirteen victims were stretched upon improvised beds at Johnson & Connell's morgue, while five others were to be seen at Woodman & Bradley's. At the two latter places the work of the explosion was less in evidence. The face of every victim is scarred and seared, in many cases almost beyond recognition.

At Agency hospital tonight are many injured, suffering in almost every instance from scalded bodies. Several are expected to succumb to their injuries before the night is over.

On board the Bennington the unharmed members of the crew are working under great difficulties to reach the boiler-room and coal bunkers, where it is believed a dozen bodies are lying, wedged in the wreckage or submerged in the water which fills that part of the vessel.

CAUSE NOT DETERMINED.

The cause of the explosion, so far as ascertained, including boilers D and E on the port side, has not yet been determined. There is much talk among the crew, especially the irresponsible members, of weak and leaking boilers, but until a thorough inspection of the wrecked boilers can be made, no definite official statement is obtainable.

The Bennington, which arrived at this port from Honolulu on Wednesday forenoon, was preparing to leave port at 10:30 o'clock this morning, and only awaited the arrival of Commander Lucien Young, who had gone ashore on official business. With steam up and every precaution for sailing completed, the vessel swung at anchor half a mile off the Spreckels wharf, opposite H street.

Officers and crew stood by about, waiting the arrival of the commander and the order to leave anchor. Numerous small craft swarmed about the boat and the big ferryboat Ramona was leisurely chugging its way from the Coronado side of the bay.

Suddenly there was a deep-toned, rumbling intonation, like a distant explosion of dynamite, and the Bennington was seen to reel and shake from stem to stern, a dense cloud of white steam shot skyward and the entire upper deck appeared to lift and then settle back with a crash.

TO THE RESCUE.

Before persons on shore and aboard the moving bay craft awoke to the catastrophe enacted before their eyes, men were leaping over the sides of the Bennington. Then all were moved to action. First, a fisherman's rowboat, then the launch Maudie, and upon the Bennington Commander Young had just embarked to board his vessel, rushed to the rescue, followed by the tug Santa Fe and the government tug Do Huey. The struggling sailors, some of whom were scalded and otherwise injured by the superheated steam and terrible confusion of the explosion, were quickly taken out of the water and hurried ashore. Even the ferryboat Ramona, with her crowd of morning passengers from Coronado, turned out of her course immediately and came to render assistance.

Commander Young boarded the Bennington but a few minutes after the explosion. While there was much confusion among those who escaped uninjured, the officers had already set about to care for the injured and look for the dead. The Bennington began to settle rapidly, listing heavily to starboard. Fearing she would sink, Commander Young ordered the vessel taken in tow by the tug Santa Fe and one of the smaller craft.

TOWED TO THE SHORE.

Heading directly for the shore at the foot of H street the Bennington was run into shallow water, where she lies tonight, not more than 200 yards from the shore. She leans heavily to starboard, her bow upon the bottom and about 15 feet of water beneath her stern.

Steam still poured out of the ventilating funnels and through every aperture that gave opening from the lower regions of the ship, and it was some time before rescuers could venture below.

News of the explosion reached throughout the city within a few minutes. In response to calls, ambulances were hurried bayward from every hospital and undertaking establishment in the city. Besides these there were scores of volunteer vehicles—carriages, delivery wagons, and even more humble conveyances—surged upon the crowded and full streets. Work more than enough was soon found for all these.

An examination of the Bennington above decks did not disclose any great damage. The vessel was covered with a gray coating, the color of ashes. The escaping steam carried a gray-colored dust which smothered everything, even the sides of the vessel. There were broken gangways and displaced machinery of a minor character, but no serious damage to the main deck was visible. It was explained by those on board that the wreckage was all below, but just how serious this is will be fully determined only after a thorough examination. This cannot be made until the water has been pumped out and the vessel righted.

BOILER D EXPLODED.

Commander Young declined to make any official statement for publication. He said, however, to a reporter this afternoon 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, and added to the horrors of the catastrophe.

Lieut. Victor Blue, the man who made the perilous trip around the bay of San Diego to Cuba and reported the presence of Cervera's squadron, is attached to the Bennington. He was not aboard, however, having left Thursday morning in a train for Mare Island harbor, where it is said he will undergo an operation for appendicitis.

One of the fortunate ones was Gunnar, a little boy, colored, reported to have been a member of the Maine's crew when that vessel was blown up in Havana harbor, and escaped unhurt. He good luck on that occasion did not desert him, and he came through today's explosion without a scratch.

Arrangements for burying the dead have not been perfected, but it is thought every effort will be made to have the bodies interred at the military cemetery on Point Loma reservation, on San Diego bay. Some may be sent to the former home, should their families so request.

One of the most pathetic scenes enacted at the hospitals was witnessed at Agency sanitarium. The two men with bruised and blackened bodies lay on cots side by side. They were close friends and had enlisted together. One of them wished to see his mother and sister and he spoke feelings of them. The other, tortured with pain, cursed everything, hoping to die soon, and end it all.

"Oh, that you be serious for once," said the first victim. "Stop your swearing. Remember you have only a few hours to live, so be decent for a few minutes at least."

In an hour both were dead.

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He rushed out, to be met by a blinding, scalding cloud of steam, as it swept the vessel. Speaking of the occurrence, he said:

"I must have remained seated in my chair several seconds after it occurred, and did not know what had happened. I then rushed out and the steam, even the extreme after part of the ship, was so dense that I could not get a breath of air until I ascended the rail."

As I ran forward I passed one of our boys crawling upon his belly. There was no time to attend to individual cases—there were so many—and they seemed almost like an indistinct memory to me. About 20 of the boys were on the fore deck, all badly wounded. I called for men to man the boats, and only about 12, including officers, responded. All the rest were injured or had been driven over the side by the scalding steam.

Although I did not anticipate a great deal of danger from fire, from the nature of the explosion, I immediately had all compartments flooded. Afterward the forward magazine flooded. I called for the fire hose and was flooded to assure safety. The boat lifted sharply to starboard immediately after the explosion.

ENGINEERS ALL DEAD.

"We have no means as yet of ascertaining the extent of the number of injured. As far as can be learned, a part of the engine room exploded. It was forced apart, and it is probable that the other boilers exploded immediately afterward and the steam engine room was wrecked, liberating the steam. Every man in the engine room at the time must have met death. We cannot tell yet how great the number was, but the boiler was small, but we would have had a small boat had the ship not been so badly damaged. The ship may be a complete wreck below, however, but far as can be told at the present time."

"Four bodies are still in sight in the boiler room, under the wreckage, as well as the engine room. I have secured as many as possible. Men are now working to get a hole into the other engine room through the bulkhead."

A "JACKY" STORY.

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New York, July 21.—R. H. G. Dun & Co.'s Weekly Review of Trade will say: Hot weather tended to retard activity in many productive undertakings and postponed forward business that could be delayed without loss, but accelerated the completion of seasonal merchandise and advanced the close much nearer autumn. Confidence in the future increases with each day favorable for harvesting, and much of the winter wheat is now beyond danger, while late corn is rapidly regaining lost ground. Inquiries indicate a general disposition to provide for a large volume of fall and winter business, clothing makers are receiving liberal orders from traveling salesmen. There is comparatively little interruption from labor disputes, and the outlook in all commercial and manufacturing branches is exceptionally satisfactory for this season.

Railway earnings true for reported for July exceed last year's by 7.4 per cent. United States for same month and year in Canada, compared with 20 a year ago.

ALEXANDER-JORDAN LOAN.

Was Paid to Mercantile Trust Company.

New York, July 21.—An official of the Mercantile Trust company said today that the loan of \$65,000 made by the company to former President Alexander and Thomas D. Jordan of the Equitable society, has been liquidated. When asked how payments of the loan had been made, the trust company official said that the loan was paid by Mr. Jordan, acting for himself and Mr. Alexander as trustee. More than that he declined to say.

The regular Friday meeting of the executive committee of the Equitable society was held today. Chairman Morton had been in conference earlier with Atty. Cravath, and it is believed that the Westinghouse plan of stock transfer was discussed by the executive committee. Chairman Morton, however, declined to say anything on this point.

Most of the mystery remaining about the \$65,000 loan which the Mercantile Trust company had standing on its books to the joint account of ex-President Alexander and ex-President Thomas D. Jordan of the Equitable society, was cleared up today by investigation, has been removed, says the Times. The indorsement of the note securing the loan was, the paper asserts, made by the president of the Equitable society, who recently disposed of his holdings of stock.

Former Controller Jordan carried the \$65,000 loan to the office of the trust company, and while payment was nominally for the "trust account," the Times intimates that the check was signed by the man who endorsed the note.

COL. KREMARSKO KILLED.

Chief of Police of Helsingfors Shot by a Man Named Procopie.

Helsingfors, July 22.—Col. Kremarsko, chief of police, was shot yesterday and killed by a man named Procopie. Procopie was arrested and had been identified as an accomplice of the man who recently attempted to assassinate former Gov. Miasojedoff.

VESSEL SEWARD CABLE.

Cableship Burnside Sails Tomorrow to Begin Laying It.

Seattle, Wash., July 22.—The cable ship Burnside sails tomorrow for Alaska to begin laying the government cable between Valdez and Seward, 200 miles of which she has on board. She has been delayed on account of incomplete crew.

Maj. Glasford, in charge of the signal service bureau in this district, will accompany the Burnside to be present at ceremonies incident to splicing of cable at Valdez. He will return in about two weeks.

SOCKEY SALMON PACK.

Seattle, Wash., July 22.—Canarymen of Puget Sound concede that the sockeye salmon pack for the month of 1905 will fall considerably short of the estimate.

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