

POWDER EXPLOSION ON BATTLESHIP MISSOURI.

Five Officers and Twenty-Four Men Were Killed — Ship Was on Target Range With the Texas and Brooklyn at Practise — Charge of Powder in 12 Inch Gun Ignited from Gases, Exploded, Dropped Below and Set Off Four Charges of Powder in Handling Room — Worst Accident in the Navy Since the Blowing Up of the Maine.

Pensacola, Fla., April 13.—By the explosion of 2,000 pounds of powder in the after turret and the handling room of the battleship Missouri, Capt. William S. Cowles, commanding, 29 men were instantly killed and five injured, of whom two will die. The Missouri was on the target range with the Texas and Brooklyn at practise about noon, when a charge of powder in the 12-inch left-hand gun ignited from gases, exploded and, dropping below, ignited four charges of powder in the handling room and all exploded. Only one man of the entire turret and handling crew survived, but for a moment an efficient action of Capt. Cowles in flooding the handling room and magazine with water one of the magazines would have exploded and the ship would have been destroyed.

CAPT COWLES OVERCOME. Capt. Cowles, completely overcome by the disaster, referred all newspapermen to Lieut. Hammer, the ordnance officer. The latter gave out a statement of the explosion and its probable cause. According to him about noon, after the first pointer of the after 12-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.

TWO EXPLOSIONS. The breech was open and a dull thud gave notice of something unusual. No loud report was made, but flames were seen to lead from every portion of the turret. A few seconds later another explosion, somewhat more fierce, occurred. This was in the handling room below, where 1,900 pounds of powder, or four charges, ready to be hoisted above had ignited. Fire quarters were rounded, and every man of the crew reeling rooms were flooded with water. In less than five seconds after the first explosion two streams of water were being played in the rooms, and when volunteers were called for every man responded, eager to go into the turret and rescue the crew. Capt. Cowles, gave his commands, and but for his presence of mind and that of the officers of the ship, the Missouri would have gone down. The second explosion occurred near one of the magazines, and so hot was the fire that the brasswork of the magazines was melted.

WORK OF RESCUE. Smoke and the fumes of the burned powder made it almost impossible to enter either the turret or handling room, but officers and men, with handkerchiefs over their faces, made efforts to rescue the men inside. Leading the rescuing party was Capt. Cowles. The officers endeavored to keep him from going below, as men fell unconscious as they entered and had to be pulled out by their comrades, but, unheeding their advice, the commanding officer rushed below, followed by Lieut. Hammer, the ordnance officer and Lieut. Clelland Davis.

A DYING BLUEJACKET. Capt. Cowles caught up a dying bluejacket in his arms and carried to the deck with him. The bluejacket, with two others from the handling room, had crawled partly from their place of duty when they had been overcome. Before the fumes of the burning powder had left the turret and men were lying out the dead and dying men. Three minutes after the explosion all were on deck, and the surgeons from the Missouri, Texas and Brooklyn were attending to those not dead.

MEN LYING IN A HEAP. The 25 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 tangled them to death. Lieut. Davidson, the officer in charge of the turret, evidently had 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 burned the clothing from the bodies of the men, and the flesh hung from their bodies in shreds. The faces were mutilated by the smoke and flames only. Only one man was breathing when the turret crew was rescued, and he died a moment after he reached the deck.

ADMIRAL BARKER'S REPORT. Washington, April 13.—A full report of the Missouri disaster has reached the navy department from Admiral Barker's report.

A WAY OPEN. Many a Salt Lake City Reader Knows It Well.

There is a way open to convince the greatest skeptic. Scores of Salt Lake City people have met it possible. The public statement of their experience is proof of the like of which has never been produced before in Salt Lake City. Read this case of it given by a citizen: James M. Morris, miner, of 41 north Sixth West, says: "I followed rail-roading for months, and if the constant jarring of the train, the stooping, twisting and turning involved in such an occupation was not the primary cause of kidney trouble it certainly aggravated it when the attacks occurred. Later I had considerable annoyance in my back when I was sitting and sagging that I was unable to complete a day's work. I have been so uncomfortable in my position that to rest was out of the question, and when my rest was disturbed, I knew from the action and condition of the kidney secretions that those organs required attention, but when a man exhausts all his knowledge of medicine and standard remedies guaranteed to check such disturbances, and all his efforts are futile, he naturally becomes discouraged or is constantly on the outlook for some means to help. In this way I read advertisements about Doan's Kidney Pills and went to the F. J. Hill Drug Co.'s store for a box. If I dose or two had not helped I never would have continued the treatment, and if the treatment had not been very satisfactory I could not be induced under any consideration to publicly endorse the remedy." For sale by all dealers. Price 50 cents. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y., sole agents for the United States. Remember the name, Doan's, and take no substitute.

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AN ACCIDENT WAS FEARED. It can be stated that officials of the department for more than a week past, while rejoicing in the world-breaking records in target practise on our warships, have feared just such an accident as has occurred on the Missouri. A naval expert tonight said:

TOO MUCH ENTHUSIASM. "The Missouri accident is too appalling to discuss. But I fear that enthusiasm in making world records has led us past the danger line. In our anxiety to surpass the world in the rapidity of big gun fire, I fear, we have permitted our enthusiasm to lead us to take unnecessary risks. It got the better of our judgment. It was not enough time had been allowed to elapse between the firings. It is only recently that we had permitted the breech to be opened almost the moment the gun was fired, and in so doing there is necessarily a risk. Apparently all but three men in the handling room were killed. How narrowly the entire ship escaped destruction, and how it is realized when it is recalled that near by is the magazine, containing anywhere from 50 to 100 charges."

HOW POWDER IS PUT IN. The smokeless powder is put into the 12-inch gun in three sections, each bag or section weighing 120 pounds. Some officers say that the turrets of the Missouri had no bottoms, and express the opinion that after the accident the turrets of all battleships will be equipped with bottoms for the protection of the men in the handling room underneath.

The officers of the Missouri were especially well known in Washington. Capt. Cowles served as assistant chief of the bureau of navigation and most of the officers killed were widely known here. Both Midshipmen Neumann and Ward are understood to have been engaged to be married. It is said Midshipman Neumann was to be married to the sister of Midshipman Ward. The two midshipmen were classmates and intimate friends. At their request they were assigned to the same ship. A telegram received from Mrs. Gridley, mother of Lieut. Gridley, tonight requested that the remains of her boy be shipped to Erie, Pa.

CORRECTED LIST OF DEAD. The navy department tonight furnished the following statement, giving a more complete list of dead, with the next of kin, of the dead seamen and non-commissioned officers:

- Franks, Harry W., coxswain, residence, Buffalo; kin, John Franks, father, Listowell, Ont.
Starr, John Porter, ordinary seaman; residence, Fairmount, Ind.; kin, Caleb S. Starr, father, Fairmount, Ind.
Cole, John W., ordinary seaman; residence, Lacota, Tex.; kin, John W. Cole, Sr., father, Lacota.
Gedris, Joseph, ordinary seaman; residence, Grand Rapids, Mich.; kin, George Gedris, father, Grand Rapids.
Allison, Ralph H., residence, Philadelphia; kin, John Allison, Pleasant Hill, Mo.
Nunn, John C., ordinary seaman; residence, Bryan, Tex.; kin, Thomas C. Nunn, father, Bryan.
Hardy, J. Carlton, apprentice, second class; residence, Palmyra, N. Y.; kin, Irving A. Hardy, father, East Palmyra, N. Y.
Bastler, Paul R., apprentice, second class; residence, Hope, Ark.; kin, Thomas W. Ostler, Hope.
Rowlands, Frank T., electrician, second class; residence, St. Louis; kin, John Rowlands, father, Cleveland.
Roche, John M., landsman; residence, New York; kin, Michael Roche, father, County Kerry, Ireland.
Tobin, Robert C., ordinary seaman; residence, Roscoe, Pa.; kin, T. S. Tobin, father, Roscoe.
Kivlen, Kearney J., ordinary seaman;



JAMES J. HILL. MEN WHO ARE FIGHTING FOR CONTROL OF THE NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILROAD.

residence, Dallas, Tex.; kin, Kearney J. Kivlen, father, Dallas.
Kennedy, Joseph F., ordinary seaman; residence, Waro, Tex.; kin, William Kennedy, father, Fova, Tenn.
Bloukopulos, Jerseos, coxswain; residence, Newport News, Va.; kin, Meri Jerseos Bloukopulos, wife, Favo, Greece.
Braun, Peter Joseph, chief gun captain; residence, New York; kin, Rose Gross, mother, Cleveland.
Meyer, Charles Henry, ordinary seaman; residence, Oshkosh, Wis.; kin, Louisa Meyer, mother, Oshkosh.
Smith, August, gunner's mate, second class; residence, New York; claimed to have no relatives.
Rice, Charles, ordinary seaman; residence, Boston; kin, Anita Zelliger, stepmother, 2318 Mission street, San Francisco.
Soder, Neston, seaman; residence, New York; kin, Eric Soder, father, Gele, Sweden.
Shipman, W. L., private marine; no data at navy department.

WOUNDED NOT EXPECTED TO LIVE. Donnelly, John Thomas Joseph, ordinary seaman; residence, Chicago; kin, Patrick H. Donnelly, father, Chicago.
Moe, Orvel B., apprentice, second class; residence, Butte, Mont.; kin, A. C. Moe, Butte.
The following names appear in the dispatch, but do not correspond with the records of the bureau: J. K. Peterson, W. J. Bogard, H. S. Corbett, J. H. Mulligan, second class. Correct names have been telegraphed for.

IRRITATED AT CHINA. Japs Are Because She Does Not Enforce Neutrality. New York, April 14.—Japanese journals express much discontent, says a Times dispatch from Tokio at China's failure to enforce or attempt to enforce neutrality on the Liao river, where the district has been allowed to become a source for supplying Russia with foodstuffs, transport animals and vehicles. The papers declare that Japan seeks no favor and asks only fair play, and that China's conduct is craven and ungrateful, considering that Japan is defending her integrity.

WILLIAM AND LOUBET. Meeting Between Kaiser and President May Be Arranged. Paris, April 14.—The Berlin correspondent of the Journal stated that it is rumored in diplomatic circles there that a continuous exchange of telegrams is being carried on between the German and French foreign offices and the imperial and French foreign offices and the imperial and French foreign offices and the imperial and French foreign offices.

Josephite Conference. Kirtland, O., April 14.—At the conference of the Re-organized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, the report of the committee appointed to revise the resolutions offered by the St. Joseph, Mo., congregation, says: That in the opinion of the committee no good purpose could be served by the entry of the resolutions upon the conference records, or by their publication, since in their opinion the church should not engage in such proceedings as were outlined in the resolutions.

Cuban Congress Troubles. Havana, April 14.—The independent congressmen have formally offered to assist in securing a quorum of the house of representatives if the moderates agree to the appointment of a committee following the opening of the house to which will be referred the questions as to whether those who hold protested credentials are legally entitled to seats. The moderates are considering the proposition.

Alfonso Will Visit Berlin. Paris, April 14.—The Berlin correspondent of the Paris edition of the New York Herald says that King Alfonso will visit Berlin during the first two weeks of September next, going there from Paris.

Maj. E. W. Stone Dead. Washington, April 14.—Maj. Ebenezer W. Stone, U. S. A., retired, is dead. He served in Massachusetts regiments during the war after which he entered the regular army. Maj. Stone was the father of Surgeon E. P. Stone, U. S. A.

Palma Dines Diplomatic Corps. Havana, April 14.—President Palma gave a dinner to the diplomatic corps at the palace last evening. Those present included the ministers of the United States, Germany, Great Britain,

COMPLETELY FAGGED OUT

A painless sickness—you couldn't describe your feelings if you tried. You know you are sick but perhaps there is no special ache or pain to indicate the seat of the disease. The pale, colorless skin, muscular weakness, nervousness, fitful appetite and all-gone, tired feeling means anaemia or blood poverty, a weak, watery and innutritious condition of the vital fluid. The system is clamoring for richer and better blood; the muscles and nerves are starving for the food that the blood can no longer supply, and it is little wonder that the body grows weaker and is soon completely fagged out. You can't retain vigor and strength on poor blood. It must be full of nutrition and life-giving properties. Health is bound to decline and the system run down if its source of supply is cut off. Everything that goes to nourish the body and sustain life passes through the blood. It contains bone-making, tissue-forming material, food for the nerves, and stimulates and vitalizes all the organs of the body. It can't do this when clogged with impurities and polluted by humors and poisons, for it then becomes a source of disease instead of health, and leads to innumerable disorders.

At this season of the year the blood is most apt to break down because of the extra efforts made to throw off the winter's accumulation of poisons, and if weak at the beginning it soon gives out and the system collapses. Nearly everybody needs a good blood purifier and tonic now to help out the blood and aid in cleansing the circulation of all obstructions, and as soon as this is accomplished and the system is receiving a supply of rich nutritious blood, color returns to the skin, the nerves are again tingling with health, the appetite increases—and that completely fagged-out feeling disappears. S. S. S. contains both purifying and tonic properties, making it the ideal remedy in such cases, and being a strictly vegetable medicine doesn't shock the system or derange the stomach and digestion like Potash, Arsenic and other strong mineral compounds. S. S. S. for the Blood is known everywhere as the greatest of all blood purifiers and tonics, and for years has been used for diseases due to an impure or weakened condition of the blood. Under its tonic effects the general health rapidly recuperates, and nothing helps the appetite and promotes digestion like S. S. S. Keep the blood, the fountain source of health and life, free of impurities and in a vigorous and strong condition, and you will never experience that completely fagged-out, nervous state so common at this time of the year. If you would like medical advice or other information, write us and your letter shall have prompt attention from our physicians. Book on the blood and its diseases mailed free.

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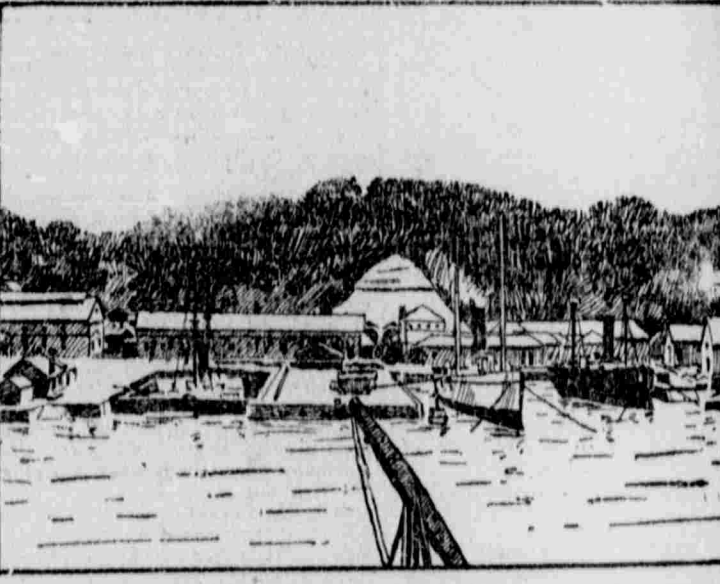
France, Spain and Mexico, with their Indies; the charges d'affaires of Belgium, China and Santo Domingo; Jacob Steiner, first secretary of the United States legation; Vice President Estevez, the members of the cabinet, its supreme court judges, the presiding officers of both houses of congress, and Senor Montero, minister of Cuba to Great Britain.

Philippine Exhibit Is Expensive. St. Louis, April 13.—Col. C. R. Edwards, chief of the insular bureau at Washington, D. C., who was called to St. Louis by Dr. W. P. Wilson, chairman of the Philippine world's fair board to investigate the charges made by the railroads for the transportation of exhibitions and material to St. Louis has departed for Washington. Col. Edwards stated that the matter was in a fair way of amicable settlement.

It is said that the cost of the Philippine participation has surpassed all expectations. What, as originally planned, was to cost \$250,000, has already approached the million mark and the total appropriation up to the present is only \$750,000. It is said that \$250,000 will have to be raised before the fair opens, and that it will require \$600,000 to carry on the Philippine exhibition, including all salaries, and at the close of the fair transport the natives back to the islands.

It is said now on good authority that at the close of the fair an investigation will be made to determine how wisely some of the funds have been expended. Dr. Wilson states that he expects an investigation and wants one. An additional \$10,000 which was not originally planned will be spent in the erection of a hospital on the Philippine space. This was recently ordered by Secy. of War Taft.

THE IMPERIAL DOCKYARD AT YOKOSUKA, JAPAN.



About twelve miles south of Yokohama is situated the town of Yokosuka, where are situated the national naval arsenal and the best dry docks in Japan. Here are great shipbuilding yards, from which many of the armored vessels that make up the Mikado's splendid navy have been launched. The harbor is landlocked. Yokosuka, which is a city of about 20,000 inhabitants, is connected by rail with Yokohama and Tokyo, besides having a hourly boat service with the former. The illustration shows a sea view of the imperial dockyard, with several of Japan's war vessels floating at anchor.

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