

PAYING TELLER, NEWLY PROMOTED, VANISHES

Greenwich Bank's Vaults Short \$35,000, and Directors Go Into Pockets for \$25,000.

WIFE IN GRAVE DISTRESS

Officials Kept Facts from Police and Publicity Partly to Spare Young Woman Whose Husband Is Missing.

Within a month of his promotion to the place of paying teller in the Herald Square branch of the Greenwich Bank, Walter Hall, twenty-six years old, disappeared from his home in South Brooklyn, where he lived with his wife and two children, and took with him about \$35,000 of the bank's funds.

Mr. Orvis said that the police had not been told and that all publicity had been avoided in the matter, moreover, because the directors wanted to spare the teller's young wife, who is ill at her home and nearly distracted over her husband's absence.

Hall chose an opportune time to further his escape, as two days intervened, Sunday and Monday, July 3 and 4, before business was resumed and the shortage discovered.

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Directors Had to Pay \$25,000.

The directors had to pay in all about \$25,000, said Mr. Orvis. "The remainder of the shortage was covered by the \$100,000 bond which the paying teller is required to furnish, so the bank lost nothing. The sum taken was insignificant and could in no way have affected the stability of the bank, with its large capital and surplus, even if the directors had not made it up at the time. We are making every effort to find young Hall, and thought the quickest way to do it was to keep the matter quiet."

Mr. Orvis intimated that the directors now had an idea where Hall could be found and that he might soon be apprehended. It is understood that private detectives have been working on the case for some time. From all indications, the missing teller must have coolly gathered up most of the cash left in his charge after the day's business and walked out of the bank with it instead of putting it in the vaults, as he was expected to do. He did not return to his home on July 3, and his wife has not heard from him since.

Mr. Orvis said last night that young Hall had been made paying teller less than a month before he disappeared. He had been a bookkeeper in the William street branch of the bank for two years before that. The bookkeepers in the bank have no opportunity to handle money, but Hall had proved his efficiency and trustworthiness to the satisfaction of the bank officials, and they decided to put him in a place of greater responsibility.

William C. Duncan, president of the bank, was inclined to belittle the whole matter and declined to say just how much money the absconding teller took with him.

"Insignificant," Says President.

"The amount taken was an insignificant one, and has been made up by the directors," he said. "We did not even call in the police about the matter, and I believe that Hall was simply touched by the heat, and will turn up sooner or later. We have had all the hospitals watched, as we believe that is where he will eventually be found."

Mr. Duncan also said that Mrs. Hall was in a serious condition, owing to the anxiety over her husband's disappearance, and that he and the directors were doing everything in their power to help her.

The Greenwich Bank is a state bank, with its main office at No. 402 West Houston street. Its branches are at No. 123 William street, No. 260 West Broadway, No. 596 Sixth avenue, No. 874 Broadway and No. 1531 Broadway. The bank has a capital of \$500,000, surplus of \$750,000 and deposits of \$10,000,000.

The officers, besides the president and vice-president, are Clarence Poole, cashier, Frank Hammond, Harry A. Golding, Walter B. Austin, assistant cashiers, and William A. Hawes, auditor.

Among the directors are Charles M. Schwab, Lee Shubert, Charles Herbert Smith, Alexander Walker, Henry Heide, William A. Hawes, William C. Duncan and Charles E. Orvis.

"BUGS" RAYMOND'S OFF EYE

It Is Discolored—McGraw Did It in St. Louis.

St. Louis, July 21.—Arthur ("Bugs") Raymond, pitcher, and John J. McGraw, manager, of the New York Nationals, clashed here this afternoon, and the pitcher is suffering from a discolored eye as a result. When he reported at the ball park his appearance displeased McGraw, who ordered him to remove his uniform. Raymond refused, and they mixed. Raymond emerged second best. Later he removed his uniform and left the clubhouse.

MADE WIFE CRAWL TO CHURCH.

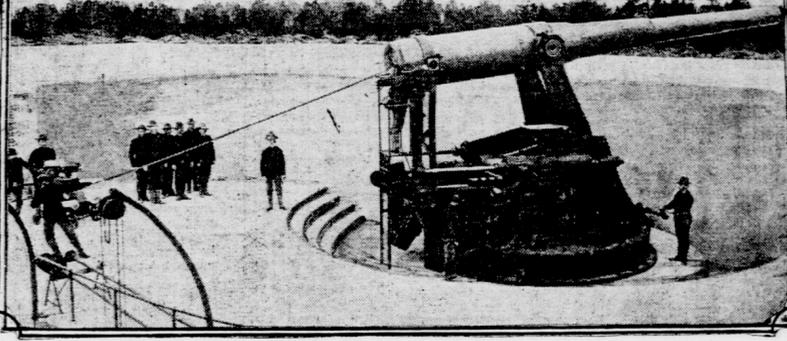
Chicago, July 21.—Because of a family quarrel in which he insisted his wife was at fault, J. Anderson, of Waukegan, today compelled her to do penance by crawling on her knees several blocks to a church and confessing she had marred the domestic tranquility.

GREAT BEAR SPRING WATER. 50¢ per case of 6 glass stoppered bottles. Advt.

WORKING A BIG 12-INCH GUN SIMILAR TO THE ONE WHICH CAUSED THE DEATH OF ELEVEN MEN YESTERDAY.



LOADING THE GUN. THE BREECH BLOCK WHICH WAS BLOWN OFF AT FORTRESS MONROE IS SEEN OPEN.



GUN ELEVATED, AIMED AND READY TO BE FIRED.

GUN CREW STANDING AT ATTENTION. GUN BEING ELEVATED AND POINTED.

AUTO CRASHES HEAD-ON INTO STEAM ROLLER

Elliot C. Cowdin and Andrew Miller Painfully Injured at Mount Kisco.

CATAPULTED THROUGH AIR

Were Returning from Racetrack When Chauffeur Turned Into Street Closed to Traffic.

As the result of an automobile accident on Wednesday evening at Mount Kisco, when their machine ran head on into a heavy steam roller, Elliot C. Cowdin, of Maplehurst, Mount Kisco, and Andrew Miller, secretary and treasurer of the Life Publishing Company, who lives in Scarsdale, were both injured painfully. The automobile was demolished. Mr. Cowdin was the more seriously injured of the two, and several stitches had to be taken in his scalp. Both he and Mr. Miller were thrown from the machine.

The news of the accident did not leak out until last night. It was learned that Mr. Cowdin and Mr. Miller were returning from the Empire City track, near Yonkers. The automobile, in charge of a chauffeur, was running through Mount Kisco, and the roadway at that point was dark and poorly lighted.

It was shortly after 7 o'clock when the automobile approached a street that is being repaired and is closed to traffic. In the darkness the chauffeur apparently did not see the piece of plank which had been stretched across the roadway. The machine did not lessen its speed as it rounded the corner leading into the closed street.

The first occupants of the car knew that something was wrong; was when the front of the automobile crashed into the heavy planking, smashing the glass wind shield of the car and sending bits of broken glass into the faces of Cowdin and Miller.

Darkness Concealed Real Danger. The collision had been so sudden and unexpected that the chauffeur had no time to shut off the power on his car, and it continued to run along the torn up street at undiminished speed. In the poorly lighted thoroughfare the men in the car did not know what had happened at first, and thought some low-hanging branch of a tree had been responsible for the breaking of the glass shield. Before the chauffeur had time to slow up the car or steer around the way of other obstacles the machine ran head on into the steam roller which was drawn up alongside the roadway.

The automobile was traveling at such speed that when it hit the forward section of the roller it reared up on the back wheels, then crashed down on the roller again. Cowdin, who was on the front seat, beside the chauffeur, was catapulted into the air, landing with stinging force on a mass of broken stone. Miller, who was in the rear of the car, was likewise thrown into the road, landing on his face. The chauffeur, owing to the grip he had on the steering wheel, kept his seat, but was cut and bruised when the car struck the roller.

Chauffeur Goes for Aid. As soon as he had shut off the power and could jump from his seat, the chauffeur ran forward and lifted Mr. Cowdin to his feet and carried him to the roadside. He then ran to Mr. Miller's side and dragged him from the road. Both men were stunned for several minutes, and, as the car was completely wrecked, the chauffeur hurried to the home of one of the local physicians and reported the accident.

In a few minutes Cowdin and Miller were placed in another car and rushed to the former's home, where they were patched up by the surgeon. It is said that Mr. Cowdin was unconscious for several hours after the accident, while Mr. Miller's injuries, though less severe, necessitated his remaining at the Cowdin home for the night.

Elliot C. Cowdin is well known among horsemen and society people in Westchester County. He has owned many blooded horses, and his son, Elliot C. Cowdin, Jr., is a noted polo player.

Andrew Miller, besides being part owner of the Newcastle stable and the importer of the famous stallion Adam, is a steward of the Jockey Club and a secretary and treasurer of the Saratoga Racing Association. He is a member of many clubs.

At the home of Mr. Miller and Mr. Miller.

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GREAT COAL CONTRACT

Bethlehem Steel Company Will Pay \$60,000,000 in 20 Years.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.] Baltimore, July 21.—What is said to be the largest single coaling coal contract ever let in the East has just been obtained by the Davis Coal and Coke Company from the Bethlehem Steel Company. It runs for twenty years, and exceeds \$60,000,000 in value. The negotiations were conducted by President Schwab of the steel company, President Bush of the Western Maryland Railroad and the Davis company. The contract will start on the completion of three hundred ovens by the Bethlehem company, and three hundred more ovens will be ordered. The minimum amount to be delivered to the steel company each year is 730,000 tons, while the maximum tonnage is 2,000,000, as required by the corporation. To fill the contract the Davis company has planned to expend \$1,500,000 on its property.

STARVING CREW FED AT SEA

Provisions of Dutch Bark Exhausted by Long Voyage.

Boston, July 21.—A famished and emaciated crew was succored by Captain Watts, of the fruit steamer Banes, which arrived here to-day from the West Indies. Captain Watts said that last Monday, in latitude 31-17 north, and longitude 70-18 west, he noticed a bark flying a distress signal from one of the yard arms. The vessel was the Dutch bark Voorlichter, bound from Curaçao, for Hamburg.

The crew was lined along the rail. The men were weak and emaciated, and their appearance showed how much they had suffered. They pleaded piteously for food, and two boatloads were sent from the steamer to the bark.

It was learned from the commander of the bark that her passage had been prolonged so long by calms that the provisions had practically given out.

KILLS FIVE NEGROES

Mississippi Sheriff Mortally Injures Two Others.

Elliott, Miss., July 21.—Five negroes were shot to death and two others were mortally wounded to-day by Deputy Sheriff "Sid" Cauley of this county. The negroes, whom he was endeavoring to place under arrest, advanced on him with pitchforks and other weapons. Several days ago an attempt was made to effect the capture of the negroes, but the arresting officer withdrew when they employed similar tactics to those of to-day.

BRYAN MAY BOLT TICKET

Nebraska Editors Predict He Will Be Found on Republican Platform.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.] Omaha, July 21.—The belief that William J. Bryan may bolt the Democratic ticket and support the Republican nominees at the fall elections is growing, and is now being discussed freely by the newspapers of the state. Bryan is making his entire campaign on the county option measure and is paying no attention to any other argument. The Democratic state convention will undoubtedly throw Bryan down and refuse to endorse this measure, and the Republican state platform will just as surely contain a county option plank.

Nebraska newspapers say that Bryan can now very easily support the Republican candidates, who will be standing on a platform containing the things for which Mr. Bryan has worked.

STUDIES HONESTY IN CHICAGO

Mr. Driscoll Inspecting Weights and Measures System.

Chicago, July 21.—Clement J. Driscoll, Commissioner of Weights and Measures of New York City, arrived to-day to make an investigation of the local methods. Mr. Driscoll held a long conference with John Kiehlender, the local inspector of weights and measures.

It is said that Mayor Gurney believes that Chicago has reached a high standard of honesty in weights and measures and wants to get the same results in New York.

TAFT MAKES PEACE AT BAR HARBOR

President to Deliver Address on Village Green to Permanent Residents.

NATIVES FELT SLIGHTED

Party on the Mayflower Sees Inquisitive Indians Rescued by Crew—Emery's Visit Delayed.

Bar Harbor, Me., July 21.—President Taft will speak on the village green here to-morrow at noon and has a chance to see the year-round residents of this famous watering place and to be seen by them. Until Mr. Taft's intention to do this was announced to-day war clouds were gathering fast between the Maine citizens and the members of the fashionable summer colony, whose plans for the entertainment of the Chief Magistrate and the members of his yachting party failed to include any concession to the village folk, of whom there are about five thousand.

The President was informed of the situation this afternoon by J. P. Bass, of Bangor, who has a summer residence here. Mr. Taft at once consented to the suggestion that he make a little speech to the villagers. The details were quickly arranged, and placards announcing the event soon were posted at every vantage point and in all except the ultra fashionable shop windows.

The selectmen, the ruling powers of the township, were inclined to be a little sulky when they first heard of the plan. J. E. Bunker, Jr., first selectman, voiced the sentiment of his associates when he declared that a telegram had been sent to the President at Eastport, and that as no acceptance of the invitation to speak had been received the "town fathers" felt there was no more for them to do, and they were through with the matter. However, they thought that as long as the advances had "come from the other side" they would be glad to have the people see and hear the President. To-night the threatened clouds had all rolled away and there was a lot of enthusiasm.

H. C. Emery, chairman of the new Tariff Commission, could not reach Bar Harbor this afternoon, and his scheduled conference with the President was postponed until to-morrow.

Social affairs and golf occupied the President's day. He had a backboard ride out to Jordan Pond to-night for a "shore supper" of lobster and other sea dainties. It was a nine-mile drive each way through a stiff westerly breeze that brought an autumn breath with it.

The most exciting incident of the President's cruise thus far was the rescue of two Indians who capsized their canoe while the Mayflower was at anchor in Passamaquoddy Bay. They had paddled out to have a close look at the President's big white yacht. Mr. Taft was on deck. The Indians stood up to have a better look, and a moment later there was a splash, an overturned canoe and two hats floating on the water.

The cry of "Man overboard!" rang from one end of the yacht to the other. The boatswain's shrill whistle piped the men of the crew to the lifeboats. The President called out for something to be thrown to the men at once.

By this time the Indians were on the surface. One clutched the canoe, while the other was making an effort to reach the Mayflower. Boats were quickly lowered and the Indians were hauled out, little the worse for their wetting. A passing rowboat took them ashore.

52.50 TO ATLANTIC CITY AND RETURN. Pennsylvania Railroad. Sunday next. Special train leaves 9:45 a. m.—Advt.

FIRE FRIGHTENS WOMEN

Three Hurt, and Meeting of Lady Foresters Breaks Up.

One hundred members of the Washington Irving Circle of Lady Foresters were badly frightened last evening by a fire which broke out in the Colonial Building, in West 125th street, where they were holding a meeting, and filled the hallways with smoke before it was discovered.

In the excitement which ensued Mrs. Jennie Spitz, of No. 119 East 97th street; Mrs. Esther Scharp, of No. 29 East 101st street, and Mrs. Anna Goldsmith, of No. 523 East 145th street, suffered lacerations of the hands from broken window glass in reaching the fire escapes.

Through the work of Charles Braun, of No. 54 West 111th street, who kept about half of the panic-stricken women calm while making their way down a rear fire escape, and of "Ben" Johnson, a negro elevator boy, who made six trips while the flames were gaining fierce headway, the rest of those at the meeting were rescued.

Eight members of the Bertha Calman Aid Society, meeting on the fifth floor, and ten of the Fraternal Conclave, 937, on the sixth floor, escaped without difficulty. The damage done by the fire is estimated at \$2,000.

BOYS PLAY WITH DYNAMITE

Three Hurt; One Dumb with Frigate; Fifth Disappears.

Dover, N. J., July 21.—Experimenting with the stuff they scraped out of a lot of dynamite cartridges, three boys, ranging in age from eleven to fourteen years, were badly hurt to-night. Two others who were with them escaped injury.

One of the boys injured is a son of Edmund Dalley; another a son of Albert Jacobus, and the third a son of Frederick Byre, who is now in Germany.

The boys emptied the contents of some of the cartridges into a bottle. Then they poured some of the dynamite out of the bottle and touched a match to it. The resulting flame fired the contents of the bottle, which was blown to pieces.

The Dalley boy was injured about the head and legs, and physicians worked over him for two hours picking particles of glass out of his flesh. It is feared that one of his eyes was destroyed.

Young Jacobus had one arm fearfully torn, and almost bled to death before the arteries could be closed up. The Byre boy had a hole torn in his left temple over the eye into which a man's finger could be laid. "Jack" Berthold, though not hurt, is so badly frightened he cannot talk. The fifth boy ran away and escaped.

When Mrs. Byre took her boy home and undressed him she found sixteen of the cap in his clothes. Had they been fired by the explosion he would have been sure pieces.

HADLEY NEEDS HARVEST HELP

Governor of Missouri Appeals to Politicians to Thrash His Wheat.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.] Jefferson City, Mo., July 21.—Governor Herbert S. Hadley of Missouri, who several months ago purchased a farm near the state capital, has been unable to get hands to thrash his fifteen acres of wheat. To-day he visited the state officials in their offices and the office seekers at the hotels and pleaded for help. Many agreed to aid him. It is said from the number that have volunteered that the wheat will be thrashed by noon, and the afternoon can be spent in recreation. The Governor offered to give his helpers an old-fashioned dinner in his log cabin, which friends erected recently at a house raising.

FATAL DEVOTION TO DUTY

British Expert Watched Each Steel Rail—Heat Kills Him.

Pittsburg, July 21.—W. H. Fernel, sent by the British government to watch the making here of seven thousand tons of steel rails for a government owned railroad in New South Wales, died to-night, a sacrifice to his close inspection of the rails. He undertook to follow each rail from the red-hot ingot to completion. His physician says the heat from the iron caused his collapse. He was forty-two years old.

RAWN DIED ON EVE OF GREAT SCANDAL

Had Twice Obtained Postponement of Illinois Central Probe.

NO DELAY IN THE INQUIRY

Cause of Death Still a Mystery—Second Bullet Said to Have Been Found in Fireplace.

Chicago, July 21.—Whether Ira G. Rawn, president of the Monon road, was killed by a burglar in his home at Winnetka last Wednesday morning, or whether, as is stated by the Chicago police, he committed suicide, railroad men asserted to-day, his death occurred on the eve of what may be one of the greatest scandals in railroad history.

Questions asked Rawn at a hearing on July 7 in the Illinois Central car repair case all were planned. It is said, by attorneys with the intent to incriminate Rawn as responsible for losses to the road. Rawn, it is asserted, knew of the purpose of counsel for the road, and had sought by every legal means to delay the progress of the examination. Twice on personal pleas he had obtained postponements, but the last effort for delay had failed, and the examination was to have been continued on next Tuesday.

Investigation a Civil One. "His death will not cause any halt in the inquiry," said Walter L. Fisher, one of the attorneys in charge of the inquiry. "It is a civil inquiry to determine the amount of money involved. The questions asked Mr. Rawn at the prior sessions naturally were in the way of laying a foundation for facts ultimately to be brought out."

For the first time since the death took place, the air of secrecy was lifted from the Rawn home late to-day, and newspaper men were summoned. On their arrival announcement was made that a second bullet, the absence of which added to the appearance of suicide, had been discovered. The bullet was found, according to C. F. Hatley, who is conducting the investigation, in the ashes in a fireplace almost in direct line of fire from where Mr. Rawn's death resulted.

Samuel H. Greely, president of the village board of Winnetka, also telephoned Assistant Chief of Police Schuetler here asking him to detail two men to aid in the investigation. A representative of the private detective agency which yesterday was repulsed at the Rawn home also was summoned to aid in the investigation.

New Theory of Shooting. A new theory as to the way Rawn was shot was suggested late to-day from the office of the private detective agency engaged by the Rawn relatives to investigate the death. The opinion was expressed that Mr. Rawn met his death as the result of an accident, and that in fact only one shot had been fired, and that from the revolver held by Mr. Rawn.

"It is likely that Mr. Rawn heard some noise in his home, and with revolver in hand descended the stairs in search of an intruder," said an official of the detective agency. "When near the bottom of the stairway, I believe he stumbled, and the revolver was discharged, the bullet entering his body, causing death."

"This would account for the fact that only one shot was heard by neighbors, and that there was no trace of robbery in the house. Mr. Rawn's relatives, knowing he descended in search of a burglar, and then finding him dead, likely assumed he had been shot by a burglar, when the death more probably was caused by the accidental discharge of his own revolver."

The Chicago police have dropped their investigation into the death of Mr. Rawn. Herman Schuetler, acting chief, said to-day that he was satisfied that Mr. Rawn had committed suicide. All the details point to suicide, according to the detectives.

The bullet hole in Mr. Rawn's night garment has been carefully examined by the police, and they said its appearance leads to the suicide belief. The hole is surrounded by blood stains, in which there are several particles thought to be powder marks. If they prove to be powder marks the police think there would be little doubt that Mr. Rawn killed himself.

While the private detectives announced yesterday that they expected to make an

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BIG GUN EXPLOSION KILLS 11 SOLDIERS

Breech Block Blows Out in Artillery Target Practice at Fortress Monroe.

HEROISM OF THE WOUNDED

One Officer Among the Six Injured, One of Whom May Die—Rigid Inquiry Ordered.

Fortress Monroe, Va., July 21.—Eleven men of the Coast Artillery are dead tonight as the result of the blowing out of a breech block in one of the big guns while the fort was engaged in target practice this morning. Six others are in the post hospital.

The exact cause of the explosion is not yet definitely determined, although a board of inquiry was appointed immediately after the accident by orders from the War Department.

The dead: Sergeant HARRY G. HESS, of Phoebus, Va., gun commander; Corporal CHARLES O. ADKINS, address unknown; Corporal ALBERT BRADFORD, Decatur, W. Va.; Private A. J. SULLIVAN, Perkins, Ky.; Private ROY DUFFY, Kenova, W. Va.; Private H. ADEY, Brandonville, W. Va.; Private C. W. KING, Dayton, Ohio; Private JOHN W. CHADWICK, Tazewell, Tenn.; Private ALFRED W. SMITH, New York; Private JUDD E. HOGAN, Geyer, Ohio; Private JAMES H. TURNER, Ripley, Tenn.

Probably fatally injured: Private ARLIE ADEY. Slightly injured: Second Lieutenant GEORGE L. VAN DEUSEN; Private ORVILLE T. RAINEY; Private ELLSWORTH HOFFMAN; Private CHARLES E. PARKS; Private WILLIAM C. SULZBERGER.

The toll of death, it is believed, would have been larger had it not been for the heroism displayed, both by the officers and men in the battery. The wounded forgot their hurts and aided the uninjured in stamping out the burning powder that threatened the stacks in which the charge for a second shot had been brought up.

The explosion took place in Battery De Russy, No. 1 gun doing the damage. The gun was in charge of Captain James Prentice, who had with him Lieutenants George P. Hawes, Jr., and George L. Van Dusen. Lieutenant Hawes had gone forward from the breech to examine the range wheel when the charge was exploded. He was thrown down and momentarily stunned, but was otherwise uninjured.

Fought Fire with Bare Hands. In the thick, heavy smoke the scene was almost indescribable. Eight men were killed outright, their bodies lying scattered around the emplacement. Under the pall the wounded writhed and moaned. Captain Prentice and Lieutenant Hawes foresaw a further sacrifice of life if the other charges caught from the smoldering sparks, and the two sent out a call for surgeons, while they attacked the fire with their bare hands.

Captain Prentice reached the emplacement first, and before looking into the extent of the damage he pushed his way through the smoke and sparks and carried out a bag of powder. He then was joined by Hawes, and the two completed the task of averting a further explosion. During this time Lieutenant Van Dusen lay crumpled beneath the gun, his leg broken in two places. He was suffering intensely, but when his brother officers sought to remove him he would not permit them to touch him.

"See to the men first," he ordered, and propped against the gun carriage, he aided in directing the work of the rescue party and the surgeons.

Bravery of Enlisted Men. Corporal Humphreys and Sergeant Brinkley, a gun pointer, also distinguished themselves. The former's head, body and arms were filled with pieces of flying concrete that had been blown from the emplacement when the explosion took place. In spite of his painful wounds he rushed to his dead and wounded comrades, extinguished their burning clothing and then hurried to the nearby encampment for water.

Sergeant Brinkley was close to the breech when it blew out. He was hurled over the right standard, and when he regained consciousness he found himself hanging by one arm from the railing of the sighting platform. Although severely bruised and suffering from the shock, Brinkley declined to go to the hospital or permit the surgeons to examine him until after they had assisted in the work of rescue.

How Explosion Occurred. "It is evident," he said, "that the explosion occurred during the insertion of the breech block into the breech of the gun, and before it had been rotated and locked in place. The safety devices on the gun are intended to make a premature discharge impossible. Just how they failed to operate probably never will be known to a certainty. Every member of the detachment who could explain it was killed."

The inquiry, however, is to be thorough. Assisting in the investigation are some of the leading officers of the army, who were present at the time of the explosion. Among them are General Crozier, chief of ordnance of the army; General Carter, assistant chief of staff; General Murray, chief of Coast Artillery, and General Bixby, chief of engineers.

The fatal accident occurred during target practice at floating targets, which were built to the proportions of battle-ship. The firing was prosecuted as nearly as possible under battle conditions, and the shooting was on a more pretentious scale than ever has been attempted before.

The moving targets were being towed up Hampton Roads about four miles out, and were supposed to represent a hostile fleet sailing up the Potomac to attack