

BLAST CLEAR PORTSMOUTH HARBOR

Pull-and-Be-Damned Point to Be Dynamited.

BIG ENGINEERING FEAT

Destruction of Rocks Will Greatly Improve Port—Big Concussion Anticipated.

Preceding the meeting of the peace envoys of Russia and Japan at Portsmouth, N. H., the United States Government is to attempt an engineering feat in Portsmouth harbor which will shake the town to its foundations.

Fifty tons of dynamite will be used to blow up a huge ledge of rock jutting out into Portsmouth harbor. This ledge is known geographically as Henderson's Point. It is one of the most famous on the coast of Maine and New Hampshire.

"Pull-and-Be-Damned" Point. Sailors have another name for it, because of the extraordinary effect it has on the tide racing into Portsmouth harbor. To them it is known as "Pull-and-Be-Damned Point."

Many naval officers in Washington can testify to the almost irresistible sweep of the current around the jutting promontory. It was for this reason that the Navy Department called upon its most expert engineers to plan the task of removing the point altogether.

A firm of contractors undertook to blow the rock skyward. The explosion will take place July 22.

With a deafening roar that will make Portsmouth and surrounding towns quake, and possibly, but not probably, do more injury by concussion than any explosion in recent years as well as cause a possible disturbance of nature, the blast will dispose of three acres of rock.

To Miss Foster. The honor of setting off the blast, the most remarkable ever heard of and one that will attract thousands of engineering experts, geologists, and spectators from all parts of Maine, New Hampshire, and Massachusetts, will fall to Miss Edith Foster, the charming young daughter of Superintendent O. A. Foster, who is in charge of the work.

The young woman will be safely protected in a specially erected stand, where a small button connecting a powerful electric battery with the electric charges of the dynamite will be placed, which she will press at the order "Fire" by her father.

For the past three years hundreds of men have been employed in drilling holes in the mammoth ledge both above and below the water, in anticipation of the event of blowing up the reef to make Portsmouth harbor, now one of the most dangerous along the coast, one of the safest and easiest harbors to enter.

The entire ledge, covering an area of more than three acres, has been honey-combed with holes drilled by massive steam and electric rock drills. Holes sixty feet deep have been bored within a few feet of each other all over the surface, and other holes, ranging from twenty to forty feet, have been drilled beneath the water.

Each Hole Loaded. Each hole will be filled with long sticks of waterproof dynamite, and each stick of dynamite will be loaded with powerful electrical exploding caps.

From each of these caps wires will be led to the electric battery on shore. There all wires will be connected, and when the electric button is pressed by Miss Foster one powerful current of electricity will set off the entire blast.

If the blast is successful the engineers in charge of the work say that the entrance to the harbor will be at least 400 feet wide and at least thirty-five feet deep, making the harbor safe for the heaviest vessels afloat any time of the day or night.

In anticipation of the great detonation, the authorities in Portsmouth and many of the surrounding towns have notified the residents that the explosion would take place on that day, July 22. While the authorities do not expect any disastrous results, there is a great possibility that glass may be broken for miles around.

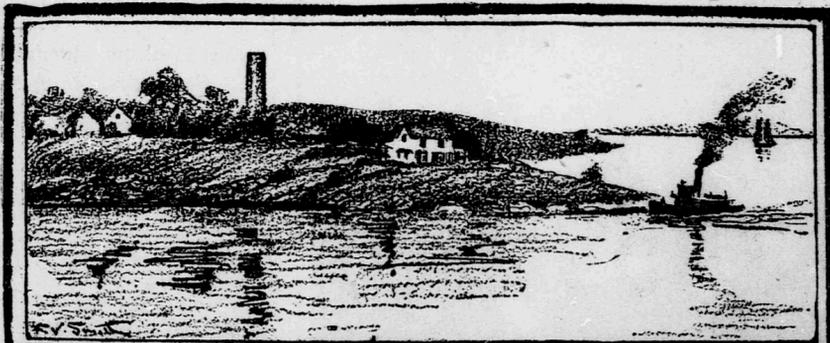
Following the blast, the work of dredging will begin, and the contractors say that the work will be completed January 1, 1906. The whole harbor will be dredged and all the large rocks torn off by the blast will be removed.

The contractors will receive \$749,000 for the work.

The dynamite used will be transferred from New York to Portsmouth by rail and water, and will be kept out in a safe place in the harbor until the contractors are ready to use it.

The day will be a holiday in Portsmouth, and already active preparations are being made by all railroad and street car lines for the transportation of the thousands of curious spectators who will go to Portsmouth to witness the explosion.

FIFTY-TWO TONS OF DYNAMITE WILL CLEAN OUT A NEW HAMPSHIRE HARBOR ON JULY 22



Henderson's Point.

FIRST REGIMENT WELL OFFICERED

Capable Men Named to Commands.

GETTING READY FOR CAMP

No Delay Anticipated in Pitching City of Tents on August 2—Sinking Two Wells.

General Harries' sudden reorganization of the separate battalions of the District militia into the First Regiment came as a great surprise to National Guardsmen.

The appointments which he recommended to the Secretary of War, however, have been expected and looked for ever since Colonel May and Lieutenant Colonel Ross were deposed by the commanding general.

Major Charles Ourand, now colonel of the First Regiment, is one of the most competent soldiers and popular men in the Guard. The First Regiment is to be congratulated upon having such a man to succeed Colonel May.

A Thorough Soldier. Major Reichelderfer, selected as lieutenant colonel of the command, is also a thorough soldier and a strong favorite with the boys in the First Regiment. He has for several years commanded one of the battalions of the command.

If General Harries had taken a year to select the most capable and soldierly man in the Guard for adjutant of the First Regiment, he could not have done better than he did in naming Captain Robbins, an aide-de-camp on the general staff. There are few better trained men in the Guard.

The real work falls on the newly chosen officers, who are charged with the duty of resurrecting the old First Regiment and stirring up enthusiasm. It is expected that within the next week Colonel Ourand will hold a regimental drill and review.

To Outline Policy. He intends to outline his policy to the other officers and to solicit their hearty co-operation in bringing the disrupted, but recently rejuvenated, organization up to the excellent standard of the past.

General Harries stated several weeks ago that he would not reorganize the First Regiment until after camp. He intended to take the various battalions to camp as separate organizations composing a provisional regiment.

After thinking the matter over, he concluded that it might mix up affairs at the annual outing and that not so long ago the First Regiment was reorganized for that reason he decided to reunite the separate organizations.

Getting Ready for Camp. The camps are changing around the Center Market armory. Uniformed men wearing heavy blue shirts with captees swung over their shoulders, are amusing themselves by strumming or beating a tattoo on the top of a mess kit with the heavy, rough looking army knives, forks and spoons with which they will be eating in two weeks.

These are busy times around the armory. The musicians, both members of the brigade band and corps of field musicians, are polishing up their instruments, sorting out their uniforms and mending their lung power.

Prof. McLean, who has charge of the band, has arranged for a series of concerts in front of General Harries' tent at camp. The general public will be admitted, and scores of benches will be provided to accommodate visitors.

Sinking Artesian Wells. Workmen are busy sinking two new artesian wells on the fields on the summit of Bolivar Heights, near Harpers Ferry, W. Va., where the camp is to be held from August 2 to 11. Major Edward Neumeier says the old wells which they will be eating in two weeks will be filled when the boys go to camp. These, with the new wells, will provide an ample supply.

All provisions, tents, cooking utensils, and other camp paraphernalia have been ordered or gotten ready for use. There will be no delay in establishing camp as soon as the men reach the camp site. The tents, cots, poles, and other things will be ready for the men by the time they have "blasted" over the two miles of hill.

A VINDICTIVE REPLY. Mrs. Wilkins Freeman, the novelist, recorded an singular woman of forbidding aspect at a tea.

"You would hardly believe," she said, "that I was once engaged to a beautiful girl. And she was as vain and selfish as she was beautiful. She jilted three desirable young men in two years. She had, I suppose a good time while her beauty lasted. Now her beauty is gone and she is alone in the world—a hard, cruel old woman with a bitter tongue. And if she once triumphed over men, men now, if they are vindictive and cruel enough, may triumph over her. One of the men she jilted was sufficiently cruel and vindictive for such a triumph. She met him a few years ago and said: 'Let us meet, will you or your brother who proposed to me when I was a girl?'"

"I don't know, madam," the man answered. "Probably it was my father." —Chicago Chronicle.



She Will Explode the Giant Charge.

OPEN PORTS MAY NOW BECOME A REALITY

Consular Representatives Chosen for Mukden, Dalny, and Antung, Before the War, Will Soon Begin Duties Assigned to Them.

There is now a prospect that the three "open ports" in Manchuria to which the United States sent consular agents just prior to the breaking out of the Russo-Japanese war will be thrown open to trade at an early date.

Commercially, this is the United States' chief interest in the conclusion of peace between Russia and Japan.

Two of the ports, Dalny and Antung, are tiny villages, but Secretary Hay devoted considerable attention to having them named as consular points, believing their location especially good in the great future development of Manchuria which he anticipated.

Mukden is, of course, one of the principal cities of that region, and its name has become known all over the world since the Russian and Japanese armies have grappled in Manchuria.

The three consular representatives, whom the United States had appointed to take up their posts at Mukden, Antung, and Dalny by agreement with Russia, sailed for the East in the midst of rumors of war, but the conflict that has been in progress since that time was not expected.

The first news that Consuls Davidson, Cheshire, and Morgan got when they reached China was a message from this Government ordering them to stop there. War had been declared, and the Russian and Japanese governments refused to protect foreigners in the war zone. Since then these consuls have occupied a unique position with the State Department. Nominally they were the commercial representatives of this Government in Manchuria, but the war made it impossible for them to assume their duties. The State Department has detailed them to various points in China, making use of them in any way possible.

The indications are now that the unusual conditions regarding Mukden, Antung, and Dalny will be removed. With the probable condition of peace it may be possible to open up Antung and Dalny even before the treaty is signed.

It is said that the State Department is fully alive to the importance of immediate developments in Manchuria in a commercial way, and that when Russia and Japan conclude to end the war the department will at once direct its attention to securing commercial representation in the ports which Manchuria will open to the world.

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HUXLEY SURPRISED THEM. The late Prof. Huxley, during one of his lecturing reminiscences, Huxley related a personal incident. He was visiting a friend with whom he had animated discussion on a recent scientific discovery in which they were both deeply interested.

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This Common House Fly Makes Nine Centuries

Not Years, But Miles—Travels in Envelope From Chicago to Washington—Arrives Well and Able to Aerate.

George Ambrose, a mailing clerk in the Library of Congress, and, incidentally, the crack third baseman of the Library team, opened a letter from Chicago yesterday when a large, black, everyday fly flew from the envelope.

That the insect could travel the nine hundred miles between Washington and the Windy City and escape death by mashing in the many canceling machines it had to pass through between here and there was the wonderment of all the clerks in the office.

The fly came securely sealed in a big envelope containing an application for copyright for a piece of vocal music from Joseph E. Bowles, of 86 La Salle street, Chicago, Ill.

When Ambrose opened the envelope the Windy City fly hopped out, stood on the table a moment, stretched himself, shook its wings, got its bearing,

and flew away to make the acquaintance of Washington flies. Ambrose made a desperate effort to catch the bewildered creature, but it was too fast for him.

He said, after his experience, that he had tried to catch many flies while playing ball; this was the first time he had ever tried to catch one off the bat nine hundred miles away.

It was reported that the piece of music was entitled "Come, Fly With Me," but as information of this kind cannot be given out by the copyright office, the rumor could not be confirmed.

The experience of this Windy City insect will probably be recorded in the histories of fly-omen as one of the greatest trips a fly ever took.

From the common stock yards of Chicago to the palatial halls of the Library of Congress is quite an experience even for a common house fly.

RUNAWAY WAS CAPTURED JUST IN NICK OF TIME

Policeman Miller Stopped Wagon in Which Children Were Riding Before Train Struck It.

Swaying to and fro, a market wagon with a foam flecked horse attached, came dashing down the Fourth street about 1:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon. As the vehicle drew near the railroad tracks, and the whistle from an approaching train sounded screams of terror came from three small children huddled in the rear of the wagon.

At that time Policeman Miller, colored, lit the street and snatched at the horse's bridle. Falling, he caught the rear end of the vehicle and swung inside. He made his way to the front and taking the reins brought the team to a standstill a short distance from the railroad tracks, along which a train was coming at full speed.

Those in the wagon were Harry Thompson, a twelve-year-old boy, who was driving; his sister and two little cousins.

Grocery came to the city to get some groceries for John Hurley. Later he went to the home of his aunt, at Massachusetts avenue and Third street. He was to wait there until his father, William M. Thompson, who works in the Government Printing Office, called for him. While at his aunt's home he played with his two small cousins and his sister, who accompanied him. The little girls wanted to take a ride so they were loaded into the back of the wagon and Harry whipped up the horse, and then followed the runaway.

The terrific speed of the horse may be imagined when it is remembered that Miller started after the team at F street, got on the wagon in the middle of the square, and stopped the horse at H street.

MISS ALICE ROOSEVELT WAS LEFT BEHIND

HONOLULU, July 15.—Returning from Waikiki, Miss Roosevelt, Mrs. Dubois, Senator Newlands, and Congressman Longworth, who were guests of Sheriff Brown, were too late for the steamer Manchuria, which had already left the wharf.

They were taken out on a tug which was carrying a large number of citizens to bid the party farewell and were transferred to a launch in the open sea and then carried to the Manchuria.

JOHN SCHIDLOWSKA STILL IN CHICAGO

CHICAGO, July 15.—Proof that John Schidlowska, accused of the murder of his wife, Marianne, near the Arlington golf links, Boston, was in Chicago and may still be in the city, was found today in the notation of a berth reservation made at the Santa Fe offices.

It is known that Schidlowska was in this city yesterday and secured the berth reservation on a Santa Fe train bound for Los Angeles. The Santa Fe officials, however, declare that he did not take the train.

EXPLOSION IN ARSENAL CAUSES DEATH OF FOUR

Victims Were Hurled in All Directions by Force of Concussion—Several Badly Injured.

OTTAWA, Ontario, July 15.—A violent explosion occurred at the Dominion Cartridge Company's big arsenal at Brounburg, Quebec, where government ammunition is made. Four men, Stephen Carruthers, John Martin, Thomas Charlebois, and Napoleon Larmare, were killed, and several badly injured. A loading plate in the detonating room caused the explosion. The men were hurled in all directions.

The flash exploded several other detonating machines, causing much damage.

OTTAWA, Ontario, July 15.—A storm of almost cyclonic fury swept this city about midnight, bringing death and leaving ruin in its wake. Caught in the sudden gale the high brick wall of the former Hoover and Town Manufacturing Company's building crashed down upon the two adjoining houses, killing four of the inmates, and wounding five or six others. The dead are: H. White, W. Steinhoff, and two sisters named Reilly.

The injured—F. Bennett, A. F. Glasshill, J. Steinhoff, Combes, J. Anderson, and D. Ferguson.

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CENTRAL HIGH'S PUPILS PROTEST

Petition Against Transfer of Principal Wilson.

HARD PUZZLE FOR BOARD

What to Do With Swartzell Is New Question With Which It Is Confronted.

Following the announcement yesterday afternoon at the District building of the Board of Education, chairman that J. Holdsworth Gordon, chairman of the Board of Education, would call a meeting of that body the early part of this week, probably Monday or Tuesday, considerable liveliness was manifested among those interested in defeating the proposed transfer of E. M. Wilson, principal of Central High School.

Prominent among the steps yesterday afternoon was the forwarding to Mr. Gordon of a petition signed by several hundred pupils and patrons of Central High School, protesting against the proposed removal of Mr. Wilson.

The petition will be laid before the board by Mr. Gordon when it meets. It is now realized by members of the board that they are called upon to settle a matter of great import to the schools of Washington. This is evidenced by the fact that a meeting of the body has been called in midsummer, a most unusual procedure, and that, too, when several members are out of town. It is hoped that they can all be assembled by tomorrow or Tuesday at the latest.

Swartzell a Puzzling Factor. It developed yesterday that the meeting was called as the result of a letter sent to President Roosevelt by Eimer E. Payne, a prominent newspaper man of this town, and the President's prompt forwarding of the communication to Commissioner Macfarland.

As was related in The Times yesterday, it can be announced on the highest authority that there is now no chance of Mr. Swartzell being made principal of any of the high schools of Washington, and the puzzle now before the board, it is thought, is what to do with Swartzell.

In a resolution passed by the board in June, it was announced that the board ought, under the existing conditions, to give Mr. Swartzell a position of importance equal to that of the principalship of Eastern High. How this can be done without transferring him to a principalship in some other school of the District is yet worked out.

It is up to the board hard, according to The Times' source of information on the subject.

It has even been suggested that the board will pay homage to the popular clamor against Swartzell and take some step which will be in effect to demote him.

Text of Petition. The petition forwarded to Mr. Gordon by the Central High pupils reads as follows:

J. H. Gordon, President Board of Education, Washington, D. C.

"Dear Sir: We the undersigned pupils of the Central High School respectfully petition you to make no change in the principalship of our school. We take this action after learning of the suggestion of your board to move E. M. Wilson from the Central to the Eastern High School.

"The excellent discipline at the Central School, the attachment of the pupils to the school, and their contentment in their school life, are matters which we trust are well known to you. This is largely the result of the loyalty and respect which we hold for Mr. Wilson.

"We wish to call your attention to the fact that because of the absence of many of the pupils from the city, and because many of those in the city do not know of this petition, the number of signatures appended to it is necessarily small, and in our judgment does not fully express the interest of the Central High School pupils in this matter.

"Hoping this will meet with your approval and again requesting that no change be made at the Central High School, we respectfully sign our names.

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