

BONAPARTE TAKES UP INVESTIGATION

Will Go to Bottom of Bennington Disaster.

MORALE OF NAVY AFFECTED

Hopes of Saving Ship—Captain Drake Reports to Department—Will Plug Hole in Bottom.

Secretary of the Navy Charles J. Bonaparte returned to Washington today, and at once took hold of the investigation to determine the causes of the Bennington disaster.

He sent for Assistant Secretary of the Navy Charles J. Darling, who has been at the head of the Navy Department and has been looking after the details of the Bennington accident during Mr. Bonaparte's absence. Together they went over the situation thoroughly.

Secretary Bonaparte would not express any views with regard to the accident. He made it clear that he fully realized its gravity as affecting the morale of the navy, and that he was determined to get to the very bottom of the matter, with the possible result of recommending changes affecting the engineering department of the navy.

President Vitiably Interested. It is thought likely that President Roosevelt, who has always been closely in touch with naval subjects, and possesses a store of technical knowledge, surprising even to experts, will communicate with Secretary Bonaparte on the desirability of making an investigation on certain lines.

There is evidently a determination on the part of the high officials to anticipate the President's wishes in the matter of a searching investigation. An unwonted activity is noted in naval departments, which are liable to be held accountable for the accident.

The Navy Department is not overlooking the fact that one important result of the explosion of the boilers hitherto considered impossible by engineer officers, will be to cause a general feeling of uneasiness to spread throughout officers and crews of the ships of the navy. A large number of ships have boilers as old, or older than those of the Bennington.

It is expected that the applications for transfer from the older ships to those newly equipped will be greater than ever.

Condition of Old Ships.

Naval officers scoff at the reports that all the older vessels of the navy are in bad shape because the appropriations of Congress have been devoted entirely to the equipment of the new craft. In certain quarters, it is said, however, that an investigation will disclose the fact that practically all the older vessels have badly worn, if not defective, machinery and that they have been skimped for proper repairs.

The steam log of the Bennington, on the cruise from Honolulu to San Diego, which would give the record of the pressure on the Bennington's boiler, has not been received at the Navy Department. Hope that the gunboat Bennington will be saved to the navy. The department received a telegram from the department from Capt. Franklin J. Drake, commander of the Mars Island, arrived today. Captain Drake says he found the vessel lying easy on a mud bank with her stern deck awash at high water. He expects to plug the hole in the bottom made by the explosion and to stop minor leaks so that the gun boat can be refloated.

All unnecessary equipment, mounts, ammunition and guns, with the exception of the main battery will be taken off and sent to San Francisco.

Heroes' Graves for Bennington's Dead

The Navy Department has received the following dispatch from Commander Lucien Young, of the Bennington:

"San Diego, Cal., July 23. "Secretary of the Navy, Washington, D. C.:

"Attended funeral of dead from Bennington this afternoon with naval and military honors at National Cemetery under control of Fort Rosecrans post, Point Loma. Officers and crew of Bennington and garrison, Fort Rosecrans, attended.

"Forty-seven bodies interred with graves properly marked for future identification, and such monument as may be decided upon."

Funeral—A. H. Saunders, A. H. Schreger, R. L. Savage, William Kenyon, W. W. Wright, M. G. Chambers, J. Ezzell, G. Hunt, E. D. Robinson, Thomas Burr, F. G. O'Neil, L. B. Oviatt, H. F. Smith, E. Carpenter, D. C. Archer, F. W. Brown, L. J. Gauthier, C. E. Roshing, G. T. Clarke, W. C. Wilson, J. Golka, R. A. House, S. W. Pollock, W. M. Parrish, K. F. Morris, W. E. Grant, W. Chantry, C. H. Stevens, C. H. Taylor, M. Mosher, M. G. Quinn, E. A. Hughes, C. Haggblom, W. Strub, G. Bruns, E. B. Bostwick, F. DeCourtan, H. Hilscher, E. C. Hoffman, C. J. Kuntz, J. McCone, C. Nelson, C. P. J. W. C. Wilson, E. E. Johnson, two unidentified and D. N. Holland.

Thousands of the people of San Diego attended.

Report of Disaster Sent to the President

In response to a telegram from the President, Acting Secretary of the Navy Charles J. Bonaparte has sent the following official report of the disaster to the Bennington to Oyster Bay:

"Your telegram received. Accident on the Bennington caused by small leak in boiler, which was about to be repaired when the boiler burst and was forced astern through its bulkhead, coming in contact with a second boiler, which was also forced through its bulkhead, both boilers exploding with two close explosions. There was no noise, ship rided from stern to stern with scalding steam, soot, and ashes; many men blown overboard; others jumped overboard for air, many of whom were drowned. Survivors comfortably quartered in army barracks; wounded are scattered about in three hospitals; those but slightly wounded in private residences.

"Latest reports from commanding officer gives forty-five dead identified, eleven dead unidentified, forty-eight wounded, a number of whom will die, and seventeen missing; total number on board 190.

"Captain Drake, with surgeons and nurses sent from Mars Island, arrived today. He has been given full authority to employ doctors and purchase such medical supplies as may be necessary. Everything is being done to care for the wounded. Arrangements have been made for the burial of the dead with full military honors in the military cemetery at Fort Rosecrans tomorrow. Commanding officer reports that he has requested Protestant and Roman Catholic clergy to read services over the dead.

"Later and fuller particulars are expected in the morning, which will be transmitted to you by wire at once."

SCENES ABOARD THE ILL-FATED UNITED STATES GUNBOAT BENNINGTON



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WANT WEEKLY INSTEAD OF MONTHLY REPORTS

Cotton Manufacturers Expected to Make This a Point With Secretary Wilson.

Whether a supplementary cotton crop acreage report for June is to be issued will probably be decided upon this afternoon at the conference between Secretary Wilson and delegates representing the cotton manufacturers of the South. The representatives of the cotton manufacturers met at the New Willard this morning and conferred with Richard Cheatham, secretary of the Southern Cotton Growers' Association for the purpose. It was understood, of determining upon what lines to follow in their conference this afternoon.

Their Position Explained.

When asked as to what would be the nature of the conference with Secretary Wilson Mr. Miller said: "Our mission here has been misrepresented to a great extent. We, representing the cotton manufacturers of the Atlantic States, are in harmony with the Department of Agriculture, and accept the decision of the department on the June cotton report as final. What we want, however, is to be officially informed just what the facts in the case are, and as yet we have received no official information of the conditions as they now exist.

"I cannot speak further for the committee, but I understand that one of the subjects to be discussed with Secretary Wilson will be a plan to abolish the monthly cotton crop condition report and to adopt a weekly report. The weekly report will be based upon the probable yield per acre and not upon the per cent. basis, as is now in vogue."

"I personally favor the adoption of the weekly report plan, as it would materially eliminate any possible 'leaks' in the future, and would be of great interest to both the manufacturers and producers of the staple crop of the South. It would also, in a great measure, prevent the fluctuation of prices that are occasioned by the issuance of the monthly crop report. I do not hesitate in saying, however, that I believe the majority of cotton manufacturers favor the adoption of the weekly report.

Have the Same Interests.

The cotton manufacturers are also of the opinion that in order to obtain the best possible results in compiling the crop statistics a much larger salary should be paid the statisticians, and claim that to be the best safeguard against future leaks.

The delegation called at the department this afternoon and immediately went into conference with Secretary Wilson.

The personnel of the delegation is: F. M. Miller, jr., of Charlotte, N. C.; S. B. Tanner, operator of the Henrietta Mills, Henrietta, N. C.; George H. Hiss, president of the Rhodes-Hiss mills, Charlotte, N. C.; J. W. Connor, of the Connor Manufacturing Company, Philadelphia, and C. B. Bryant, secretary of the weekly report.

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Secretary of the Cotton Manufacturers' Association. T. J. Hickman, of the Grant Mills Manufacturing Company, of Augusta, Ga., telegraphed both Secretary Wilson and President Miller that he was unable to attend this meeting.

TWENTY-FIVE CHILDREN IN TWENTY-NINE YEARS

Mother of Remarkable Family Is Dead in Pennsylvania Town. Two Sets of Twins.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., July 24.—Mrs. Samuel P. Swartwood, the mother of twenty-five children within twenty-nine years, died last night at her home at Mountain Top, near here. There were but two sets of twins in all this number.

Of the twenty-five, eighteen are now alive, and several are married, there being twelve grandchildren. Mrs. Swartwood was married when fourteen years old, and the first baby came fourteen months later. This was in 1872, and during all the years since then she has not known the time when she did not have a baby to care for, except during the last few years, for the last baby came five years ago.

Mrs. Swartwood, always contented, said it was easier to raise a large family than a small one, and that her children were a great joy to her. Her husband is an engineer on the Jersey Central Railroad.

DEATH RECORD.

- Blackwell, Charles H., 46, 49 Pierce st. n. w.
- Campbell, John, 62, 1218 2d st. s. w.
- Cobb, Coby, 18, Reform School, D. C.
- Collins, Martin E., 3 mos., 629 3/4 st. n. e.
- Davis, Samuel, 65, Wash. Asy. Hosp.
- Dodd, James, 32, 259 4 1/2 st. s. w.
- Egerton, inf. of Alfred A. and Mattie, 7 days, 3204 10th st. n. w.
- Fowler, Frederick A., 5 mos., 467 B st. s. e.
- Gaskins, Sallie, 17, Garfield Hosp.
- Gibson, James, 1 month, 418 9 st. at n. w.
- Grant, Jane, 49, Freedman's Hosp.
- Higgins, Helen, 9 days, 2706 K st. n. w.
- Jackson, Samuel, 28, 1112 Connecticut ave.
- Johnson, Henry, 16 mos., 1323 B st. n. e.
- Kidwell, Ellen, 27 days, 1316 6th st. s. w.
- Kinsell, James C., 29, 1006 17th st. n. w.
- Lewis, Spencer, 26, Wash. Asy. Hosp.
- MacNamara, Fred, 25, Gov't. Hosp. Ins.
- Manamo, Aubrey, 6 mos., Children's Hosp.
- Mitchell, Mary F., 25, Gov't. Hosp. Ins.
- Nest, Samuel, 38, 1st and E. s. w.
- Onley, Mahel B., 1, 563 A st.
- Powers, Wm., 42, 63, 1725 Conover st.
- Rea, Robert, 62, 1310 V st. n. w.
- Simms, Edible, 5 mos., 1222 20th st. n. w.
- Snider, Henry, 28, 323 Pleasant st. s. w.
- Spring, Edward C., 52, Geo. W. Univ. Hosp.
- Thompson, 25, R. H. bridge, 1 1/2 st. s. w.
- Wilderberger, Mary E., 81, Chittenwood, Terra Cotta, D. C.
- Wainley, Columbus, 1, 403 3d st. s. w.
- Ward, Eleanor, 4 mos., 1028 20th st. n. w.

FRANK WASHINGTON SHIELDS HIS ASSAILANT

Knocked down and kicked on the head several times, Frank Washington, colored, thirty-eight years old, was injured about the scalp about 11 o'clock Saturday night. He did not go to the Emergency Hospital, however, until yesterday morning at 7 o'clock. Surgeons at the institution found that his wounds were serious, and upon learning from the patient that he had been assaulted while on his way home, they communicated with the police of the Fourth precinct station. When questioned the first time Washington, who gave his address as 235 Willow Tree alley southwest, said he knew the name of the party who assaulted him. When the police arrived at the hospital he became reticent, and said he had never seen his assailant before nor could he describe the man who did the kicking.

JAPAN'S PEACE ENVOY REACHES CITY OF CHICAGO

CHICAGO, July 24.—Baron Komura, Japanese plenipotentiary to negotiate peace with the envoys of Russia at Portsmouth, N. H., arrived in Chicago with his suite at 9:40 o'clock this morning in the private car of James J. Hill. He was met by local Japanese and a committee of citizens appointed by the acting mayor. Because the baron telegraphed ahead that after weeks of travel he was fatigued, his reception was a surprise. The visitors were driven to the Auditorium Hotel.

HOMER'S ADVENTURE.

In competing in a flying match from the Channel Islands, a valuable homing pigeon was driven by rough weather into the Bay of Biscay. It sought refuge in a yacht and was captured by the crew, who took it to Cowes. Here, on being liberated, it returned to its owner at Bedworth, Leicestershire, carrying a slip of paper which recorded its extraordinary experience.—London Chronicle.

ENGLISH CHURCH RAPS DIVORCES

No Remarriages Where Grounds Are Statutory.

RESOLUTION IS ADOPTED

House of Convocation Would Remodel English Marriage Law—Chancellor Smith's Proposition.

LONDON, July 24.—The conscience of the Church of England, which has never been easy on the subject of remarriage of divorced persons, has become peculiarly sensitive of late. At the latest meeting of the members of the house of convocation the other day there was a wonderful consensus of opinion in condemnation of the manner in which some clergymen give assistance to such marriages.

A prominent London minister, Chancellor P. V. Smith, moved that the English marriage law ought to be so amended as to preclude the remarriage in church during the lifetime of the other party to a divorce on statutory grounds.

Remarriage a Scandal.

"The remarriage in church," the chancellor said, "was a scandal and was opposed to all Christian faith and morals and church law." He greatly regretted the continued growth of divorce cases in all classes of society, and urged that something ought to be done to make the remarriage in church impossible of persons who had been guilty of misconduct and persons who had been divorced.

Another clergyman, Dr. Pulager, went even further. He said he held marriage to be indissoluble. His desire was that such steps should be taken as would preclude all marriage after divorce.

Cases of Innocence.

He knew that cases would be referred to where young and innocent girls found themselves married to men with whom they found it impossible to live after marriage.

It was bad enough to have a divorce court and a divorce list which was growing longer every year, but to permit remarriage in church of even innocent parties was terrible. He was firmly opposed to it.

The resolution of Chancellor Smith was adopted by an overwhelming majority.

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