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Special to The Herald. NEW YORK, July 21.—It developed today that Paul Morton in his delving into the books of the Equitable society had discovered that they have been extensively tampered with, that chemicals have been employed to make the erasures and that figures have been changed within the past fortnight. This fact has been kept as secret as possible. The alterations were in the books of the office of Comptroller Jordan, who was removed by Morton. That \$885,000 loan which stood on the books of the Mercantile Trust company in the names of James W. Alexander and Thomas D. Jordan, then officers of the Equitable society, as trustees, was secured by James Hazen Hyde. He as vice president of the Equitable, it is understood, indorsed the note given by Alexander and Jordan. It is reported that Hyde had put up a large share of the amount needed to take up the obligations. It is also reported that the loan account represented in a large part payments which had been made to persons who brought blackmailing suits against the Equitable.

Attorney General Mayer is about to bring a suit in the name of the state against Depew to compel the restoration of \$100,000 which the Equitable lost in the Depew Realty company. Other suits are to be instituted against Hyde, Alexander and all others of the directors who participated in syndicate profits. While these suits are being prepared the joint legislative investigation committee will take action affecting the Equitable and all other insurance companies. The committee will be asked to recommend legislation that will make \$100,000 salaries impossible and that will keep the policy holders' money out of Wall street.

GEN. FUNSTON AND PARTY NARROWLY ESCAPE DEATH

Carriage Is Run Into by Electric Car at Monterey, but Inmates Are Only Bruised

By Associated Press. MONTEREY, July 21.—Gen. Fred Funston, commander of the department of California, his aide, Lieut. Loun, and Lieut. Cubertson Mitchell, inspector of small arms' practice, narrowly escaped death today when an electric car crashed into the carriage in which they were riding.

The party was returning to the presidio of Monterey from Hotel del Monte upon Alvarado street, and the driver turned in front of a moving car, which struck the carriage. Smith, the driver of the carriage, was thrown out and bruised up. The officers jumped.

Gen. Funston had his left leg severely bruised, but was otherwise uninjured. Lieut. Mitchell sustained severe bruises. The street car was traveling at a slow rate of speed and the gong was sounding. The driver of the carriage attempted to turn across the track when the car was almost upon him.

LILLIAN RUSSELL HURT BY FALL FROM HORSE

Has Rib Fractured but Does Not Realize It Until Three Weeks Have Elapsed

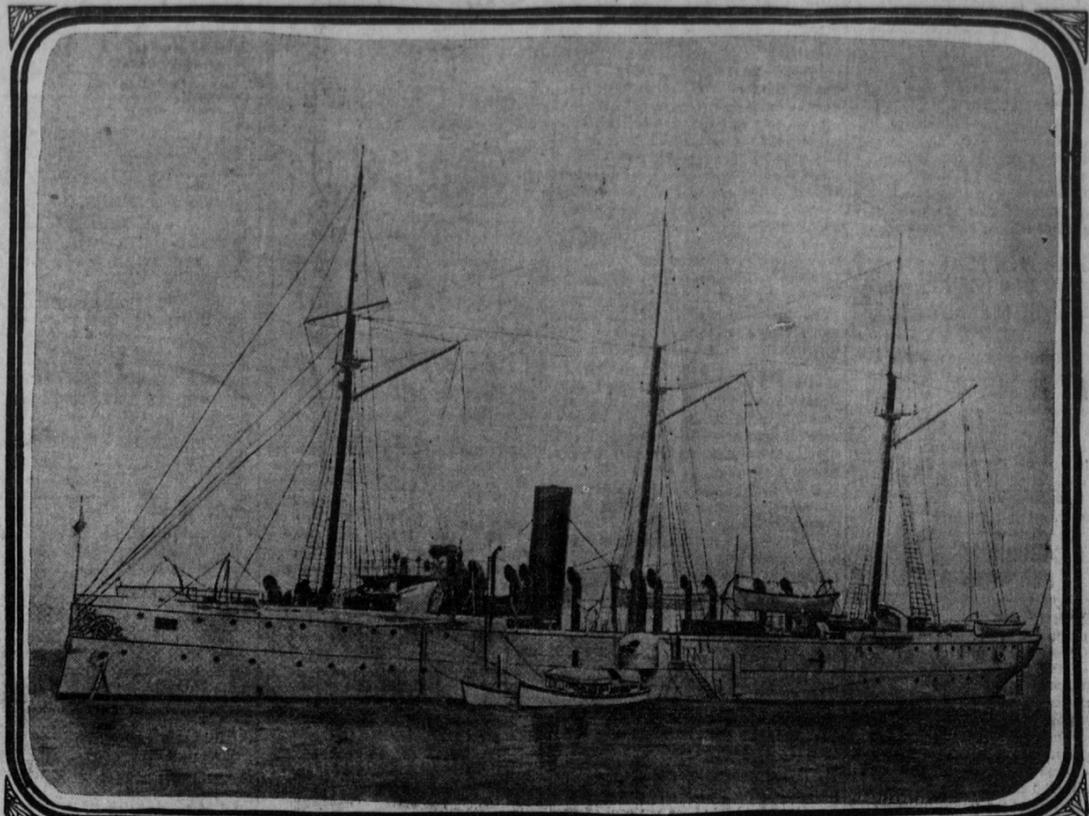
Special to The Herald. NEW YORK, July 21.—Lillian Russell, it was learned today, sustained a fractured rib while horseback riding about three weeks ago. Singularly enough she never realized how seriously she was injured until today. Then she consulted a doctor who, after an examination, advised her to return to her home immediately and remain quiet until the bone had knit.

The accident occurred while Miss Russell was out riding with friends near her summer home. The horse stumbled and threw her. She was picked up, and though a trifle dazed and bruised about the body declared she was none the worse for the mishap. Later on, however, the pain in her shoulder and side caused her to visit a doctor.

E. A. DRAKE APPOINTED ASSISTANT TO SHONTS

By Associated Press. NEW YORK, July 21.—E. A. Drake, secretary and treasurer of the Panama Railroad company, has been appointed assistant to President Shonts, who sailed yesterday for Panama. Mr. Drake will exercise all the functions of president of the Panama company during the absence of Mr. Shonts.

SAN DIEGO, July 21 (Special to The Herald).—Survivors of today's disaster declare that boiler B, which exploded first, had for some time been regarded as unsafe. Commander Young stated today that for this reason, during a recent voyage from Honolulu, the steam pressure was kept reduced in that particular boiler.



GUNBOAT BENNINGTON BLOWN UP IN SAN DIEGO HARBOR

STOPPED FROM TAKING POISON

POLICEMAN INTERVENES AT RIGHT MOMENT

DASHES BOTTLE FROM HAND

Man Who Recently Attempted to Wreck Press Tries to Choke His Wife and Then Kill Himself

Harry J. Galbraith of 656 South Spring street, who was fined \$100 a few weeks ago for attempting to wreck the press of one of the local morning papers by throwing a brass casting in the wheels of the machinery, attempted to commit suicide last evening by taking chloral.

AUTOISTS LAUGH AND SPEED GAYLY AWAY

Special to The Herald. NEW YORK, July 21.—Hurled thirty feet in the air by a big touring car speeding along the Southern boulevard this afternoon, 11-year-old Fred Bushang fell on his head and was instantly killed.

LOS ANGELES MEN GET GOVERNMENT POSITIONS

Special to The Herald. WASHINGTON, July 21.—Theodore A. Fitch of Los Angeles has been appointed a weather bureau observer. Henry W. Cole has been appointed a letter carrier at station A, Los Angeles, with Charles W. Wells as substitute.

NORWAY INSISTS ON INDEPENDENCE

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NOT A CONQUERED COUNTRY

Foreign Minister Says That Sweden Must Rid Itself of Idea That Any Other Terms Will Be Considered

Special Cable to The Herald. CHRISTIANIA, July 21.—"Norway will listen to no terms, conditions or propositions from Sweden which from the beginning do not regard this country as a sovereign state," said Johannes Lovland, the Norwegian minister of foreign affairs, this morning. "Sweden must rid itself of the notion that Norway can be dealt with as if it were a conquered country or had been guilty of treason. We are ready to negotiate regarding the realities affecting the interests of both countries, but we will not entertain proposals which pretending to safeguard the Swedish honor would violate our own."

MILLIONAIRE WANTS DEED OF GIFT TO WIFE REVOKED

By Associated Press. SAN JOSE, July 21.—Mrs. George B. McAneny, wife of the millionaire who has sued her for divorce, today filed an answer to the complain, in which he asks the court to annul the deed of gift to valuable property made by him to her in 1898. She alleges that she is sole owner of the property and is entitled to its possession. McAneny and a sheriff's deputy are holding the home premises at Lawrence today.

YELLOW FEVER IS ANNOUNCED

POSITIVE CASES FOUND IN NEW ORLEANS

WASHINGTON SENDS EXPERTS

President of the Alabama Medical Association Urges Governor to Issue Proclamation Establishing Quarantine

Special to The Herald. MONTGOMERY, Ala., July 21.—State Health Officer W. H. Sanderson this afternoon received a telegram from Acting Assistant United States Surgeon Glendon and President Bondurant of the Alabama Medical association stating that there was yellow fever in New Orleans.

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BENNINGTON MASS OF WRECKAGE, RED WITH HUMAN BLOOD

DISASTER IN HARBOR OF SAN DIEGO

City's Morgues Filled With Dead and Hospitals Crowded With Maimed and Scalded Sailors, Victims of Catastrophe on United States Warship

THE DEAD

- LIEUT. N. K. PERRY
F. W. BROWN
J. NEWCOMB
B. A. HUGHES
A. BENSEL
A. KAMERER
W. CHERRY
C. RUSHING
A. H. SCRUGGIE
C. HAGGBLOOM
R. B. CARR
H. F. SAUNDERS
E. DRESCH
J. L. BURNS
M. G. QUINN
C. J. KUNTZ
J. HILSCHER
G. BROWNLEE
F. J. GEISS
PRESTON CARPENTER
CHARLES McKEON
E. W. BRUNSON
J. HUNT
E. B. ROBINSON
J. C. BARCHUS
W. C. WILSON
C. F. NELSON
E. B. FERGUSON
L. B. ARCHER
W. G. CHAMBERS
JOHN McKUNE
C. J. EZELL
SEVEN UNIDENTIFIED

The most seriously wounded are: William Fickweiler, R. A. House, G. A. Toelly, J. M. McNanny, G. Schultz, W. F. Schaicklett, G. T. Clark, G. H. Hallett, C. Weller, D. R. McClintock, B. R. Seavey, G. Hoffman, W. Worthen and one unknown man.

Other wounded men are: O. A. Nelson, Taylor, E. Starkweather, H. E. Hise, H. N. Stewart, Brockman, F. R. Connell, A. Burg, Pfeuger, R. Savage, Knoblock, W. Hofreuter, L. A. Gries, O. D. Deidrich, R. C. Sheperd, H. C. Dean, W. Bushnell, S. Eckrem, W. M. Taylor, C. H. Miller and L. K. Strobel.

Only two officers were injured, Lieut. Perry, who afterward died in the hospital, and Ensign Leo Sahn, whose right hand was scalded. Sahn's injuries were dressed by the ship's surgeon and he did not even go to the hospital.

Ensign Lacy was almost suffocated in the first attempt to invade the boiler room. He recovered quickly, however, and resumed duty.

SCENES OF HORROR GREET RESCUERS UPON REACHING PLACE OF DISASTER

By Associated Press. SAN DIEGO, July 21.—Broken and blackened, with her flag flying at half mast, her hold filled with fifteen feet of water, the United States ship Bennington lies beached upon the shores of San Diego harbor. Thirty-nine of her crew lie dead at city morgues, the fate of a dozen more is as yet undetermined and three score are stretched upon beds of pain at various hospitals. This is the result of an 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 stirred by such scenes of death and suffering as those witnessed tonight.

Twenty-one dead bodies lie at the city morgue. The stark forms were outlined in immaculate winding sheets, the terrible results of scalding steam upon the faces hidden beneath the folds. Thirteen victims were stretched upon improvised biers at Johnson & Connell's morgue, while five others were to be seen at another morgue. At these two latter places the work of the explosion was terribly in evidence. The face of every victim is scarred and scalded, in many cases almost beyond recognition. At Agnew 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.

BODIES WEDGED IN WRECKAGE

On board the Bennington the unarmed 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.

The Bennington, which arrived at this port from Honolulu last 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 preparation for sailing completed, the vessel swung at anchor half a mile off the Spreckels wharf, opposite H street.

Officers and crew stood idly about awaiting the arrival of the commander and the order to heave anchor. Numerous small craft swarmed about the bay, and the big ferryboat Ramona was churning its way across 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.

MANY COME TO AID OF INJURED

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 row-boat, then the launch McKinley, upon which Commander Young had just embarked to board his vessel, rushed to the rescue, followed by the tug Santa Fe and the government tug Derussy. The struggling sailors, some of whom were scalded and otherwise injured by the superheated steam and terrible concussion 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 unharmed, 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 or two smaller craft. 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 fifteen feet of water beneath her stern.

Steam still poured out of the ventilators and through every other aperture that gave openings 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—hurried upon their merciful errand. Work more than enough was soon found for all these.

As early as it was possible for men to go below, willing hands were