

VICTIMS OF THE DISASTER BURIED

47 DEAD INTERRED IN A COMMON GRAVE

THOUSANDS PAY LAST HONORS

Ceremonies Are Simple, Without Guns or Music—Profusion of Flags and Flowers Cover Coffins

to the steep hills and the rough roads it was found impracticable to use hearses or even dead wagons, and the bodies were stacked in heavy express wagons and other vehicles of every-day commerce.

There were bands of music to stir the people with doleful melody—everything was quiet and business like. The task was too big to be hampered by any of the usages of ordinary funerals. Forty-seven men were to be buried, and to bury them it was necessary to haul them ten miles up steep hills and along dusty roads.

Flowers and Flags And so there were only flowers and flags. But there was a striking display of these. Every casket bore a beautifully executed wreath of asparagus ferns, white carnations and immortelles, thoughtfully sent by the San Diego commercial bodies. Every one of the plain black stained caskets was draped with the national emblem, and the plain commercial utility of the dead wagons was disguised under the folds of the national colors.

Hundreds of other vehicles stirred the choking dust of the ten-mile road throughout the forenoon, all making for the same point, while every craft that could be had brought hundreds across the five-mile stretch of bay, unimpeded by the precipitous heights to be scaled, climbed five hundred feet to the crest of the ridge. In this way the soldiers from Fort Rosecrans came, toiling up the steep foothills, their striking full dress uniforms giving color to the dull gray hills. After them came the naval reserves and still later the survivors of the Bennington.

Capt. F. J. Drake, commander Lucien Young of the Bennington and members of his staff, Capt. Ed. Scott, commanding Fort Rosecrans, Capt. Rolfe of the same post, Mayor Sehon of San Diego and members of the executive and legislative branches of the city, were hauled around the steep hills in ambulance wagons from Fort Rosecrans.

Buried in Deep Trench The deep trench in which the bodies were placed, in two rows, feet to feet, is sixty feet long and fourteen feet wide. It was finished but a few minutes before the arrival of the first load of bodies.

Around it were drawn up in long lines the artillery company from the fort, seventy-five strong, on the west; the naval reserves, bearing armsfull of flowers on the north; the Bennington survivors on the east and the Universal Brotherhood on the west. Just outside the simple picket fence enclosing the burying grounds gathered the public in solid masses on all sides. This was the setting for the most impressive spectacle—the culminating scene of San Diego's week of sorrow.

Without a moment's delay, the work of fitting the coffins from the wagons and making them in the trench was carried on. Shiphates from the Bennington performed this sad duty. Squads of six came forward from the ranks in rapid succession, lifting the caskets gently, entered the trench at the head and deposited the bodies as directed by Lieut. Tobin, who checked them and saw that the boards placed at the head of each was properly marked and numbered. In just one hour and fifteen minutes the last body had been deposited in the trench. The work of caring for the unfortunate men, which began last Friday morning, was completed.

Blessings for the Dead It only remained for the representatives of the church to pronounce final blessings for the dead. Rev. J. A. M. Richey, rector of St. Paul's, read the Episcopal burial service, the twenty-first psalm and repeated the Lord's prayer. He closed his impressive duty by casting a handful of earth upon the coffins.

Venerable Father A. D. Ubach of the Catholic church attended by two censor boys, then stepped forward. In a rich and resonant voice he read the service to the dead, blessing them with water and incense.

Believing all was over, many turned to go. There was yet to come, however, the most impressive incident of the scene. Commander Young of the Bennington stepped out from the group of officers at the head of the trench and raising his hand commanded instant attention. In a deep, gruff voice—the voice of a typical sailor—he said: "Capt. Scott, commander of Fort Rosecrans, and his successors: I commit to your tender care the bodies of our unfortunate shiphates and patriot dead. May their graves never be forgotten by the hand of affection. May there rise above this, their last resting place, marble slabs to mark the place as sacred to the nation's care and may the morning sun ever kiss the green sod above their dust, emblematic of our love and affection."

"I accept the sacred trust of the honored dead," replied Capt. Scott. There was many a furtive tear brushed from mistleined eyes by this simple but impressive scene.

most along the double file of soldiers at the head of the grave. Another command and every gun was pointed over the long rows of caskets. In quick succession three sharp volleys crashed noisily. Out of the ranks stepped a bugler and with impressive deliberation the solemn, quavering notes of the last bugle call over the dead sounded far out over the bay, waking the echoes far down among the rugged rocks below.

The crowd turned and walked away. The naval reserve boys cast their flowers upon the coffins. Thus they buried the Bennington's dead.

Will Erect Memorial

While the government will place headstones over the graves of the Bennington victims buried at Fort Rosecrans the people of San Diego purpose to give them a memorial in a more conspicuous locality. The plan is to erect a handsome monument, suitably inscribed, in the city park. The naval reserves have started a subscription in that behalf, and already a considerable sum has been pledged. It is not doubted that ample funds will promptly be raised to carry out the patriotic undertaking in a fitting manner.

A careful compilation of casualties was made by the Associated Press at 9 o'clock tonight and is as follows: Buried in military cemetery at Fort Rosecrans today, 47; dead now in morgues awaiting shipments to relatives, 10; dead in fire room of Bennington, still unrecovered, 2; total dead, 59. Injured at various hospitals, 50. Missing, 16. Grand total, 125. Of the injured at hospitals seven or eight are expected to die.

Forty-nine bodies were taken to the cemetery today but two were brought back upon telegraphic orders for shipment, which reached here after they had been started for the cemetery. Ensign Perry's body has been embalmed and will be shipped to the naval cemetery at Annapolis.

Names of Additional Dead The following names are to be added to the list of dead, the first four having been taken from the fire room of the Bennington, and whose names have not appeared among the list of injured heretofore published: D. N. Holland, fireman. M. Conway, fireman. C. E. Rushing, fireman. Frank de Courton, oiler. N. M. Frickwilder.

Holland and De Courton's names were incorrectly sent last night. Frickwilder's name should be erased from the injured list. This changes the list of dead to sixty and injured 49, but does not alter the grand total of 125. Captain Drake has appointed the usual boards in cases of accidents to carry on the work and make investigations. All the members are members of the Bennington's crew and there is no special significance attached to this action.

The formal investigation will be made by Admiral Goodrich upon the arrival of the Chicago. Naval Constructor Evans, Lieutenants Mitchell and Larimer, Surgeons McCullough, Kindeberger and Means, have been ordered to report to Captain Drake. They come from Mare Island. Lieutenant Whitten of the tug Fortuna has been ordered to report to Captain Young for duty on the Bennington.

Captain Drake said tonight that the Bennington will be stripped of all her armament and equipment, except the main battery, and towed to Mare Island for repairs provided she is raised and it is deemed safe to start on the voyage northward.

DRAKE MAKES STATEMENT

Says Boilers are Not High Explosives Caused Accident By Associated Press. SAN DIEGO, July 23.—Capt. F. J. Drake of Mare Island navy yard, who was ordered here by the navy department immediately after the explosion on the Bennington, consented to make a statement to the Associated Press this evening, the first he has made for publication regarding the catastrophe. He was asked if he had read the opinion of Rear Admiral Rae, chief engineer of the navy, as telegraphed from Washington, concerning the cause of the explosion.

"Yes," he replied, "I have read it. It is, of course, based upon supposition. I can state there were no high explosives on the Bennington, and therefore the theory of high explosives as the cause is disposed of. The accident was due to the boilers, the exact nature of which has been fully and correctly described by Capt. Young.

"It was one of those unfortunate accidents that may occur at any time and for which no satisfactory explanation can be made. Accidents will occur in spite of every precaution that may be taken. Railroads have accidents, yet they neglect no precaution."

"But, captain, is not the explosion of a boiler in a naval vessel a most unusual accident?" was suggested.

"Yes, it is unusual—very unusual, indeed," he replied.

"Will you say anything regarding the condition of the boilers, when they were last inspected and whether any report was made of defects recently?"

"The condition of the boilers of the Bennington was known in the department at Washington. Report was made and is on file in the department regarding their condition, and it is not necessary for me or Capt. Young to say anything about that matter."

Capt. Drake said that he believes the Bennington will be floated within a short time, probably within forty-eight hours.

"We are making rapid progress in pumping out the water, using a six-inch centrifugal pump, which has been placed on the lighter alongside," he said. "From what we know at present there is no serious damage to the hull. The water came in through the blow pipes at the bottom, which were broken off when the boilers were displaced.

FOUND DEAD UPON FLOOR OF HIS HOME



W. C. KRUGER

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EPILEPTIC DIES WHILE IN FIT

IS FOUND DEAD AFTER FIVE DAYS

FAMILY IS AWAY FROM HOME

Alone and Unattended, Man Passes Away in Parlor of His Residence Body Being Discovered by Neighbors

Lying on the parlor floor of his home with his face buried in sofa pillows, the body of William C. Kruger was found by Detective Quin yesterday afternoon at 1218 Colton street in a state of decomposition. How long Kruger has been dead or what was the cause of death cannot be determined, although it is believed that he died Tuesday night.

George Reed, a neighbor, said he saw Kruger Tuesday evening. Reed gave the man the money to buy a meal. At that time Kruger was intoxicated and later in the evening he was heard to return home.

Late last evening, Dr. George Campbell performed an autopsy on the remains and found that there were no signs of violence on the body. Dr. Campbell said that Kruger died in an epileptic fit.

About two weeks ago Mrs. Kruger and her children went to Glendale for an outing. Mrs. Kruger was notified of the death of her husband yesterday afternoon and came to Los Angeles.

Kruger leaves a life insurance policy and some property. His remains were removed to Breeze Brothers' undertaking rooms where the inquest will be held this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock.

SPANISH WAR VETERANS WILL CONVENE TODAY

Second Regular Encampment of the Department of California to Be Held

By Associated Press. SAN JOSE, July 23.—Sixty delegates, accompanied by 240 members of the order and 500 friends, representing twenty camps, arrived in this city this morning for the second regular encampment of the department of California, United Spanish War Veterans, which convenes in business session tomorrow and will continue till Tuesday evening.

The visitors were met by a reception committee from the local camp and escorted to Agricultural park, where a monster barbecue had been prepared. Judge Advocate Allen Bryant of this city was chairman of the day.

Tomorrow morning the encampment will begin in earnest. Among the questions up for discussion are some involving preference of veterans over civilians in government positions; the advance of veterans to government hospitals and the change of the organization's colors from red and yellow to blue and gray.

When these questions are disposed of the assembly will proceed to the election of officers. Henry E. Curson of San Francisco is the likely candidate for department commander.

With the veterans are forty-five women delegates, representing four auxiliaries, under the head of the department president, Cora A. Merritt. They will convene at the same time as the veterans and follow the same proceedings as the parent organization.

CALLS ON ROOSEVELT

Paul Morton Visits President at Oyster Bay

By Associated Press. OYSTER BAY, July 23.—Chairman Paul Morton of the Equitable Assurance society was a guest today of President and Mrs. Roosevelt at Sagamore Hill.

Mr. Morton arrived at the president's home from New York last evening. He returned to New York this afternoon. As a former cabinet officer and a close personal friend of the president he visited him to obtain a brief rest from his labors in connection with the readjustment of Equitable affairs. Assurance is given that his visit was not of serious public significance.

OFFICIALS FIND NO CLEW TO WOULD-BE ASSASSIN

By Associated Press. CONSTANTINOPLE, July 23.—Three commissions are inquiring into the attempt on the life of the sultan on Friday, but they have not yet been able to find the slightest clew either to the author or the origin of the outrage.

The majority of the victims were coachmen and twenty-seven hack coaches were blown to pieces and fifty-five horses were killed. Eye-witnesses describe the scenes after the explosion as heartrending, with men and horses lying dying around. A hole two yards wide was made in the ground by the explosion of the bomb.

NOTABLE WOMAN LECTURES ON 'NATURE OF HUMANITY'

Mrs. Charlotte Perkins Gilman will deliver a lecture upon "The Nature of Humanity" at Simpson auditorium tonight. Mrs. Gilman attracted much attention by her lectures at the Venice assembly by the original position she occupies upon questions of social and domestic economy, and is a lecturer of international fame. N. O. Nelson, the millionaire profit-sharing manufacturer of St. Louis, will preside at the lecture.

OIL TANKS AFIRE LIVES IN PERIL

MANY MEN MAY HAVE DIED IN THE FLAMES

Blaze in Texas Fields Not Yet Under Control and Millions of Barrels Are Destroyed

By Associated Press. HUMBLE, Tex., July 23.—Fire started today in a tank belonging to the Texas Oil company, caused by lightning striking the oil. The fire was held under control all afternoon but began to spread tonight. At 10:30 o'clock tonight 11 of the 18 great tanks were ablaze and over 1,000,000 barrels of oil consumed. Fifty men are surrounded by the flames and their fate is unknown. One hundred teams are known to be cremated and a number of families have been burned out of house and home.

At 1:20 o'clock this (Monday) morning the fire was still beyond control, all the tanks of the Texas company having caught. Loss of life among the men handling the tanks is reported but cannot be verified this morning. There will be considerable loss of property. The side that of the oil which in itself may run up to three or four million barrels, worth \$250,000 per million barrels.

At 2 o'clock this morning there was still no confirmation of any loss of life in the fire. The 12 tanks of the Texas company are all ablaze and the entire lot will be consumed.

Little rivulets of burning oil are running toward the oil field proper but a heavy rain has been falling and an electric storm raging, the water serving to keep the derricks from burning. The workmen have all fled from the field. The town itself is filled with refugees.

GRAND JURY MAY INDICT OFFICIALS

WASHINGTON, July 23.—The grand jury of the District of Columbia will tomorrow take up the allegations that there has been juggling in the cotton crop statistical reports of the department of agriculture, with a view to possible indictment or indictments.

This action is the immediate result of the recent disclosures in the department which culminated in the dismissal of Edwin S. Holmes, the associate statistician.

The announcement that the grand jury would meet to consider the subject was made in a statement issued by United States District Attorney Morgan H. Beach tonight.

Tomorrow's meeting is in pursuance of a call issued by the district attorney July 20, and is to consider, among other things, "certain criminal practices alleged to exist and to have existed in one of the executive departments."

Mr. Beach absolutely declined to admit which one of the departments this statement had reference to, but it is known that it relates to the department of agriculture.

PASADENA HEN IS EVICTED BY RATTLER

Special to The Herald. PASADENA, July 23.—The story of a rattlesnake taking possession of a setting hen's nest comes from North Lake avenue. The family of C. W. Siefert were aroused by the unusual cackling of the excited hen, and when members went to the chicken house they were surprised to find a rattler coiled upon a nest of eggs and the hen making frantic efforts to dislodge it. The rattler was promptly dispatched.

Didn't Know Him

Sidney Dillon, one-time president of the Union Pacific, arrived one night at a station where there had been a washout. Several trains were stalled there, and the passengers were subjecting the telegraph operator to all sorts of annoyance by asking questions. President Dillon went to the chicken house they were surprised to find a rattler coiled upon a nest of eggs and the hen making frantic efforts to dislodge it. The rattler was promptly dispatched.

AMUSEMENTS

ORPHEUM An Extraordinary Bill Commencing Tonight MAX FIGMAN AND ADELAIDE MANOLA COMPANY in "Catching a Husband;" GODFREY AND HENDERSON in "A Daughter of the Gods;" HARPER, DESMOND AND BAILEY, Colored Entertainers; FREDERIC VOELKER, America's Most Distinguished Violinist, Assisted by MRS. VOELKER at the Piano; ZAZELL AND VERNON COMPANY in Comedy Pantomime; SCHEPP'S DOGS AND PONIES; ORPHEUM MOTION PICTURES; SPECIAL ATTRACTION, THE HAZARDOUS GLOBE, Circling the Interior of a Transparent Globe With Lightning Rapidly on a Motor Cycle. PRICES—10c, 25c, 50c. Matinees Wednesday, Saturday, Sunday.

GRAND OPERA HOUSE MAIN ST., Between First and Second. THE FAMILY THEATER—THE ULRICH STOCK COMPANY IN Lighthouse by the Sea Heroin on New England's rock bound coast. Matinee Sunday, Tuesday, Saturday, 10c and 25c. Evenings, 10c, 25c, 50c. Next Week—"QUEEN OF THE WHITE SLAVES."

MOROSCO'S BURBANK THEATER SIXTH and MAIN Phone 1270 PACKED TO THE DOORS AT BOTH PERFORMANCES YESTERDAY. Turned 'em away last night. The Best Company and the Best Plays in America for the Money TONIGHT—ALL WEEK—MATINEE SATURDAY—TONIGHT

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BELASCO THEATER BELASCO, MATYER & CO., Proprietors Phone 1313; Home 327 Commencing Tonight—Mary Manning's Great Big Laughing Triumph.

The Stubbornness of Geraldine Presented by the full strength of the Belasco Theater Stock Company. EXTRA—Second and Positively Last Special Matinee Next Wednesday, July 26, of Ibsen's Great Play ..Ghosts by..... Harry Mestayer.. and his own company. Seats now selling. Regular Belasco prices.

SIMPSON AUDITORIUM MONDAY, JULY 24TH, 8 P. M.—CHARLOTTE PERKINS GILMAN, America's most gifted woman, will speak on "THE NATURE OF HUMANITY," under the auspices of New Century Club, N. O. NELSON, of St. Louis, will preside. Admission 10c and 25c. Reserved Seats 50c. For Sale at Pacific Music Co. and at Box Office.

CHUTES Monday Afternoon GRAND OPEN AIR CONCERT BY DONATELLI'S ITALIAN BAND. VISIT THE CAVE OF THE WINDS, LAUGHING GALLERY, HOUSE OF TROUBLE, JAPANESE BALL GAME, ETC. TRY A RIDE ON THE ROLLER COASTER, CIRCLE SWING, MINIATURE RAILWAY. ADMISSION 10c. NOTE—NO BAND CONCERT THIS EVENING.

PORTSMOUTH IS IN READINESS PERFECTS PLANS FOR PEACE CONFERENCE TO ENTERTAIN DIPLOMATS Both Japanese and Russian Missions Are Expected to Immediately Discuss Subject of Armistice KOMURA REACHES ST. PAUL Japanese Envoy Leaves Twin Cities for Chicago

By Associated Press. PORTSMOUTH, N. H., July 23.—Preparations for the peace conference are progressing rapidly and satisfactorily and by August 5, the day on which the plenipotentiaries are expected to reach Portsmouth from Oyster Bay on board the Mayflower and the Dolphin, all will be in readiness for their reception.

The Washington government and the state of New Hampshire are co-operating in the effort to make the surroundings of the conference as hospitable as possible, and are receiving generous assistance from the people of Portsmouth and the adjacent village of Kittery, Me., where the navy yard is located, and Newcastle, N. H., near which the plenipotentiaries will have quarters in Hotel Wentworth.

Before leaving for Washington Mr. Pierce had a conference with Admiral Mead, commandant of the navy yard, regarding the details yet to be arranged in connection with the reception of the missions and the sessions of the conference.

The tentative program provides that the plenipotentiaries shall land at the navy yard and go immediately to the office of the commandant officially to pay their respects, the arrival of the two missions being heralded by the firing of an ambassadorial salute for each mission.

Will Discuss Armistice The navy general store, while architecturally a plain building of brick and steel construction, has just been completed and is admirably suited for such a meeting place. It has an imposing entrance finished in stone and leading up from this to the second floor is a broad stairway. The entire second floor will be given over to the plenipotentiaries and as much of the remainder of the building as may be needed.

Two states will share the honor of being connected with the great meeting for each day the plenipotentiaries will come from New Castle, N. H., to Kittery, Me., for their meetings. But the scene of contact will invariably be on the Maine side of the river.

The envoys will be taken to the navy yard when the weather is fair in launches to be supplied by the navy. Automobiles and carriages will take them around through Portsmouth, a distance of about five miles, when the weather is not propitious or when they prefer this trip to the ride by water. It is not expected that sessions will commence much before 2 o'clock in the afternoon, if that early, as the arrangements provide for noonday breakfast for the Russian mission.

From an authoritative source it is learned that both missions expect that the question of an armistice will be the first subject broached. The Japanese will insist that this be for a limited period and will, it is believed, suggest that one month, in their opinion, will furnish adequate time for the conference to complete its work. The signing of this treaty will, it is expected, form the first chapter of the negotiations.

ST. PAUL, July 23.—Baron Komura, the Japanese envoy to the Russo-Japanese peace conference, arrived in St. Paul at 2:45 this morning over the Great Northern railway. Although no official welcome was accorded the baron and his party, they were greeted at the station by several hundred people, including among whom were city and state officials and prominent St. Paul business and club men, beside a large number of Japanese residents of the twin cities. The party left at 8:40 tonight on the Burlington road for Chicago.

FRANCE TO AID RUSSIA M. Witte Satisfied With Position Taken by Ailly By Associated Press. PARIS, July 23.—As a sequel to the conference between Premier Bruvier and M. Witte at the foreign office on Saturday the Russian peace plenipotentiary held an extended conversation with M. Nelloff, the Russian ambassador, after which a special courier left for St. Petersburg, having dispatches for the emperor.

M. Witte appears to be satisfied with M. Rouvier's assurances that France will adopt every possible means to assist her ally to reach a satisfactory arrangement. The friendly relations of the French government with Great Britain will undoubtedly play a prominent part when the period for a direct exchange of views begins. It is believed that this was the chief point discussed during the conversation at the Quai d'Orsay, but until the lines are defined on which the negotiations will be conducted France can only promise to use her influence for the best interests of her ally.