

11 ARTILLERYMEN DIE AT TARGET PRACTICE

Explosion at Fortress Monroe, Virginia, Kills Sergeant and Ten Men of Sixty-Ninth Company.

BREACH OF GUN BLOWS OUT

General Wood and Other Officers of Army and Navy Present at Time of Explosion—Wives and Children of some of Victims Witnesses to the Tragedy—Several Officers Among Those Injured—Premature Explosion Before Breach of Gun Was Closed Cause of Accident.

Washington, July 21.—Unofficial reports are received at the war department that Sergeant Haas and nine men were killed by an explosion of a battery at Fortress Monroe today. The accident took place in De Roussey battery and was caused by the blowing out of a breach block.

Fort Monroe, Va., July 21.—Eight artillerymen are known to have been killed and others are still missing as the result of the blowing out of a gun breach of the battery De Roussey at Fortress Monroe this morning. The identified dead are:

SERGEANT HARRY HAAS, gun commander.

CORPORAL BRADFORD, gun point-

er.

PRIVATE A. J. DUFFEY.

PRIVATE A. J. SULLIVAN.

PRIVATE KING.

PRIVATE ADKINS.

The dead artillerymen were attached to the Sixty-Ninth company. The accident occurred at 10:40. The bodies of the dead artillerymen were terribly mangled. The wounded were rushed to the fort hospital.

The disaster was witnessed by a number of prominent officers of the army and navy, who were here to see the practice.

The wives and children of several of the men killed were present and saw them meet a terrible death.

The battery was under the immediate command of Serg. Harry Haas, of the Sixty-Ninth company, United States artillery. One private was blown into Chesapeake bay with the breach block. Lieutenant VanDusen sustained a broken leg and Lieutenant Hawes was injured about the face.

Were at Target Practice.

Washington, July 21.—The accident at Fortress Monroe is supposed to have occurred in connection with the coast artillery target practice, in which the shore batteries fired upon a fleet of targets towed up Hampton Roads in such manner as to be comparable to battleships. The shore guns were to be engaged in battle practice with the moving fleet, which was towed up Hampton Roads about four miles out and supposed to represent a hostile fleet sailing up the Potomac to attack Washington. According to the plans of the officers the coast artillery firing tests were to be conducted on a larger scale than had ever been attempted anywhere. It was planned to have five batteries of ten and twelve-inch guns concentrate their fire on the target fleet and demolish it quickly as possible. It was intended also to bring mortars into play.

General Wood Present.

Maj. Gen. Leonard Wood, chief of the staff of the army, had gone to see the tests and it was his first official inspection of any of the maneuvers since he assumed office a few days ago. A large number of other officers had gone from the war department to see the firing. The officers of the coast artillery here gave as their opinion, that the explosion was caused by the ignition of a charge before the breach block had been closed, and probably was caused by the wind blowing down the mouth of the gun. No official report has been received at the war department.

The Dead and Injured.

The official report to the war department shows ten men were killed in the explosion at Fort Monroe. The dead are:

Sergeant Harry G. Haas.

Corporal Charles O. Adkins and Albert Bradford.

Privates Roy Dubbey, John W. Chadwick, Cleve W. King, Alfred W. Smith, Andy J. Sullivan, James H. Turner, and H. Adey.

The probably fatally injured are: Arlie Adey and Judd E. Hogan, slightly injured.

Second Lieutenant George J. VanDusen.

Privates Orville T. Rainey, Ellsworth

ASPHALT PLANT BURNED.

Paving Company at Waterloo Sustains Heavy Loss.

Waterloo, July 21.—At about 3 o'clock yesterday morning a fire alarm was sent in from box 414 at the corner of Douglass and Mobile street calling the department to a fire in the Bryant-McLaughlin plant at \$12,000 and the loss will probably be between \$8,000 and \$10,000.

This plant is situated on Willow street at too great a distance from the fire hydrants to get a stream of water on it and the department was unable to do anything to save the plant, which was totally destroyed.

The fire started from leaking of one of the eight big kettles tanks causing an explosion which quickly ignited the place and all the buildings with the contents of this one tank were burned. The remaining seven tanks were securely covered and were saved with their contents. The plant as it stood was valued at \$12,000 and the loss will probably be between \$8,000 and \$10,000.

Hoffman, Charles E. Parks, and William Sulzberger.

One of injured dies.

Judd E. Hogan, one of the injured men, died this afternoon in the marine hospital, making the total death list eleven.

TRAIN THRU BRIDGE.

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It is generally recognized here that clauses and phraseology of the reply were specially drafted in accordance with the policy of the United States, to which China looks for backing. In accepting the Chinese note, H. Ijima, Japanese minister to China, assured the Chinese representatives that Japan did not contemplate any major part of aggression and held that time would prove that Japan was the true friend of China.

Blockade Complete in Chicago.

Chicago, July 21.—The Grand Trunk strike assumed serious proportions today when it became known that 400 loaded freight cars are lying in the yards here and can not be moved because of lack of men. An attempt is said to have been made to get 200 strikebreakers from this city. Only forty-five answered the call.

FOR MURDER OF SISTER.

Young Nebraska Man Arrested on Evidence Furnished by Hired Hand.

Wayne, Neb., July 21.—William Flegge was arrested last night, charged with the murder, on June 30, of his sister, Miss Louise Flegge, in their home near here.

The arrest is based on a confession made a hired hand. He said the brother murdered the girl in order that he might marry a neighbor girl to whom his sister was opposed.

William Elchenkamp, aged 18, the hired man, also is under great pending an investigation into his story.

Several detectives were put on the case and young Flegge put up \$500 of \$2,500 reward offered for the arrest of the murderer.

According to Elchenkamp's story, he was forced by Flegge, on pain of death, to give out the story of finding the body of the young woman when he returned from work.

SOLD SOME BAD EGGS

Railroad Official Who Disposed of Consignment Rejected by Purchasers Must Stand Trial for Violation of Pure Food Law.

Philadelphia, July 21.—On the charge of selling decomposed eggs shipped to Philadelphia from Nebraska, William J. Wilson, freight claim agent of the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company, is under bail here for a hearing Friday. The arrest was a continuation of the case in which a commission firm here was fined \$200 for selling bad eggs. The firm made affidavit it was acting for the railroad company in the matter, and that it received only a commission in the transaction. Upon the arrival of the eggs here from the west the firm to which they were consigned refused to accept them, and it is charged Wilson called in the commission firm to dispose of them. Thirty dozen were purchased by agents of the state food department, and many were found unfit for use.

ROB AS CROWD PASSES.

Burglars Loot Fort Dodge Meat Market and Private Houses.

Special to Times-Republican.

Fort Dodge, July 21.—Within a block of the central police station and adjoining the Magic theater with a crowd constantly passing, burglars entered the Rodenborn & Henry meat market Wednesday night, stole a large amount ofologna and other meats, also the change in the cash register and escaped. Several ice boxes at different homes were also ransacked during the evening. Mr. Rodenborn also suffering in this respect. Suspicion rests upon Italian laborers in the paving gang.

NOTCH IS A WISE ONE

Intimates That He Would Show Lack of Good Sense if He Should Meet Johnson in Prize Ring.

Special to Times-Republican.

Fort Dodge, July 21.—When Gotch was asked regarding Corbett's claim that he was to be trained to fight Johnson, he replied with a merry twinkle in his eye:

"In the newspaper comments on my success in the wrestling game you have probably noticed that I am credited with not only having more skill but also more brains than my opponents, and I hope that Corbett is not now trying to discredit me as to brains. I know where I belong and I trust the public will credit me with that much common sense."

Lead Dropped With Dividend.

New York, July 21.—The price of National Lead dropped 10% in the stock market, on the announcement of a reduction in the quarterly dividend to 1/2 of 1 per cent, which would make the annual rate 1/2 instead of 5 per cent.

China's Reply Delayed.

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