

BRITISH BATTLESHIP IS DESTROYED

SEA-FIGHTER BLOWN TO ATOMS, ONLY 14 OF CREW SURVIVING DISASTER

GERMAN SOLDIERS ON DUTY IN TRENCHES.



Photo by American Press Association.
Note iron cross on breast of soldier in foreground and others plucking chickens.

Between 700 and 800 Men's Lives Are Snuffed Out in Marine Disaster When British Warship Bulwark Is Destroyed by Mysterious Means.

WAVES QUICKLY SWALLOW GREAT FLOATING FORTRESS.

Sheerness, Eng., Nov. 26 (via London)—The British battleship Bulwark was destroyed by a terrific explosion as she lay off here this morning. There are only 14 survivors from the crew of 700 or 800 men who were aboard. The explosion is believed to have occurred in her forward magazine. Whether it was caused by accident or design is a question to be determined by the commission which has been appointed to investigate. In the opinion of naval men it was an internal explosion that put an end to the battleship, which for 12 years had done service at home and abroad, and lately had been doing her part in guarding England's shores. There was no great upheaval of water such as would have occurred if she had been torpedoed or struck by a mine. Instead the ship was enveloped in smoke and flames and when this had cleared nothing could be seen but wreckage floating on the water.

Wreckage Is Hurdled Distance of Seven Miles

Houses in towns seven and eight miles were shaken by the explosion, and even before men on ships anchored nearby could reach their own decks the Bulwark had dis-

appeared. The neighborhood was strewn with an enormous amount of wreckage, while pieces of ship were thrown six or seven miles onto the Essex shore. Considering the size of her navy England has been singularly free from disasters of this character. Nevertheless when the French warship Jene was destroyed by an internal explosion in 1907, all cordite ammunition was taken from all the British ships and carefully examined. Refrigerators were installed in the ships to keep the powder cool.

The Bulwark, which was one of the older ships cost, 1,000,000 sterling (\$5,000,000.)

Story of an Eye-Witness to the Disaster.

London, Nov. 26—The loss of the battleship Bulwark, according to a Central News dispatch received here, was a tragedy. I don't know whether the other boats rescued anyone. One man we saw was dead. The disaster was the result of an accident."

Another eye-witness said that when the explosion occurred a great volume of flame and smoke shot into the air. The ship seemed to split in two and then keeled over and sank. She disappeared in less than five minutes.

"We Will Win," Joffre.

Paris, Nov. 26—An interesting story comes through from the north relative to Gen. Joffre. The French commander in chief, who is directing the movements of all the allied armies, has his head-

quarters in a school house seventy miles behind the firing line. It is in a quiet, peaceful little village and few soldiers are to be seen in the neighborhood. Gen. Joffre works 12 hours a day and is in robust health and excellent spirits. His convictions are summed up in the following words: "We will win."

ed this evening from Chatham was due to an accidental explosion while ammunition was being loaded on the warship.

An eye-witness who was on a ship a short distance from the ill-fated Bulwark said:

"I was at breakfast at about 10 minutes to 8 o'clock this morning, when I heard an explosion and I went on deck. My first impression was that the report was produced by the firing of a salute from one of the ships, but the noise was quite exceptional.

"When I got on deck I soon saw that something awful had happened. The water and the sky were obscured by dense volumes of smoke. We were ordered at once to the scene of the disaster to render what assistance we could.

Vessel Vanished Immediately After Explosion.

"At first we could see nothing, but when the smoke cleared away we were horrified to find that the battleship Bulwark had gone. She seemed to have entirely vanished from sight, but a little later we detected a portion of the huge battleship showing about four feet above the water.

"We kept a vigilant lookout for the unfortunate crew, but saw on-

Judge Telford Passed Judgment on Offenders Monday.

Judge Telford held the weekly motion court on Monday morning and disposed of a large number of motions and arguments that grew out of the September court business.

Ralph Graff pleaded guilty to a charge of fornication and bastardy preferred by Fannie Hadfield, and was sentenced to pay costs of prosecution, a fine of five dollars and \$25 lying-in expenses, as well as \$5 per week to the prosecutrix for a period of five years for the maintenance of the child.

Sherman McDermott pleaded guilty to defrauding a boarding house keeper and was paroled on his agreement to pay the bill and costs, under conditions that he

would be sentenced upon failure to comply.

Evan Thomas pleaded guilty to having committed assault and battery upon his wife and was paroled on his promise to treat her properly, refrain from the use of intoxicating liquor and pay all costs

Apples from the Far West.

Mrs. Henri George, of Spokane, Wash., formerly Miss Eva Stumpf, of this place, in writing to Mrs. Craig Stumpf here, says, "The box of apples Jim (Craig's heir) will receive by express is from John (the new arrival in the George home) and shows four varieties of our wonderful apples—'Spitzenburg,' 'Grimes Golden,' 'Jonathan' and 'Delicious.' The very biggest is a 'Delicious' and for any one you would pay in a

New York hotel 75 cents. This is the week of the National Apple Show. We took it in last night and saw a wonderful display of fruit. The apples we are sending you will keep a long time, so don't hurry to eat them."

Our friend Craig is a great apple eater and it is not to be supposed that he will heed the last sentence in his sister's letter."

Must Pay for "Juice."

The residents of Rossiter must pay for electricity consumed. Heretofore the Clearfield Bituminous Coal Company furnished light at a flat rate and the lights were burned day and night. The lighting has been taken over by a new company and meters installed.

Advertise in The Patriot.

Street Car Collision.

Owing to very slippery rails a creekside and a Clymer car collided about 10 o'clock Thursday morning on North Sixth street.

Slippery rails and unable to control the brake was the reason given by the motorman, who together with the passengers of both cars, were very well shaken up.

Motorman Kier, of the Clymer car, seeing that a collision was inevitable, jumped back from the motorman's box. The breaking of the glass and the splintering of the wood was heard for several blocks.

It seems that some of the employees of the Traction Company either do not care to abide by the company's rules or are negligent.

Does the company not enforce its regulations toward their employees as to distance, speed and time?

Let us hope this will be the last accident.

Johnstown Man Pays A Forty-Year-Old Debt

E. H. Griffith, of Marion Center, has received the third and last payment on a very old debt from a man now residing in Johnstown. About forty years ago a resident of Marion Center was overcome by misfortune and was unable to pay his debts. He left to work in Johnstown, walking almost the entire distance to that town. He owed Mr. Griffith a bill and the Marion Center man long ago lost trace of the man. He had forgotten about the bill until a few months ago, when the debtor, now a very old man, walked into Mr. Griffith's store, told who he was and made a first payment on the bill. He later made a second and finally the last payment. The Johnstown resident said he had never been able to pay the bill until now.

Gypsy Postoffice Robbed

At an early hour last Saturday morning the postoffice at Gypsy, this county, was robbed.

The thieves succeeded in blowing up the safe, which not only tore up part of the building, but secured several hundred dollars' worth of stamps, one hundred and seventy-five dollars in cash and a number of checks.

Mr. Tyger is the postmaster and proprietor of the store.

Mr. H. B. Hamilton, postoffice inspector, of Vandergrift, went over Monday to investigate.

There is no light on the robbery yet.

Postoffice Robbed.

Punxsutawney, Nov. 24. — The postoffice and store of the Mahoning Supply Company at Helvetia was robbed of more than \$500 in merchandise, money and stamps in one of the most daring robberies in some time in this section. Nitro-glycerine was used by the burglars, who entered the building by removing a pane of glass.

Five Are Held for Murder at Greensburg.

Ernest Reeping, John Showalter, Walter S cott, Thomas Shaffer and Edward Bluskey were held by a coroner's jury for the murder of Isaiah Wedge, of Ridge, whose body was found in the bed of a wagon drawn by two unguided horses on the streets of Latrobe. The five men went to the scene of the crime in an automobile, all confessed, and after drinking much beer determined to hold up the first person that passed that way with robbery for the motive. Wedge was the victim and all say that Reeping, a youth of twenty-three years, fired the fatal shot.

H. B. Marshall and The Lyric Minstrels.

The presentation of the Lyric Minstrels, made up mostly of our home talent, was well patronized Thursday evening.

The program which was arranged and directed by Harry B. Marshall, was for the benefit of the Belgian sufferers.

In raising the curtain the audience faced a pyramid of players, both musicians and black-face, the last mentioned were the ones who for a short time puzzled somewhat the audience with their unfamiliar faces.

W. P. Walker was the main attraction, who not only proved himself as an all around man, but an excellent basso singer.

Some one remarked, "Where is Geo. Leydie? He is supposed to have white trousers?" Nobody knew him until he sang, "If I Should Meet You Face to Face."

Lawrence Vogel put forth all his feelings in singing, "Dat's Music to Me." In fact, they all did good work, and showed frankness in their comic singing and acting.

Harry Marshall is to be congratulated not only as a leader, but for working faithfully and enthusiastically in putting these young men on the platform to show our home folks that Indiana can do a few things by putting forth a little effort.

Indiana Countians High Up in Politics.

Dr. Work, of Colorado, was not the only native of Indiana county, who lost out by a narrow margin in the western states for a seat in the United States Senate. Ex-Judge Black was defeated by Senator Jones, who was re-elected, in a very close fight in Washington. Logan J. Long, a son of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. T. Long, of the Central Hotel, Indiana, was elected to the general assembly from Franklin county, Washington.

New Automobile Firm in Indiana.

The Arrow Motor Company is the name of a new automobile firm in Indiana, whose garage will be located in the building just at the rear of the Clawson Hotel on Water street. Charles Huey and Frank Moorhead, proprietors of the Indiana Newstand, have purchased the interest of Ira Jobe, of the firm of Widdowson & Jobe, and have already taken charge of the business.

Lead Pencil Cause of Serious Injury

Inez Braugher, little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Braugher, of Marion Center, while running up the steps of the H. J. Thompson home, struck a sharp pointed lead pencil in the lining of her coat with one leg and drove it into the fleshy part of the other leg, near the knee. About an inch and a half of the lead pencil was broken off in the leg. An operation was necessary to remove the pencil and a very serious wound is the result.

Former Indiana Normal Star Captain of U. of Maine Team.

"Dutch" Ruffner, former Indiana Normal football player, captain of one of the most successful teams in the history of that school has been elected captain of the University of Maine team at Orono, Me. Ruffner played a sensational game at tackle for three years at Indiana. For the past three years he has been playing with the Maine team. Ruffner's home is at Arcadia.

Mason Held On Murder Charge

Tells Almost Improbable Story of Death of His Brother-in-Law

SAYS HE INTENDED TO END OWN LIFE

Accident or murder is the question that confronts Indiana county authorities in the death of John Roof, aged 40 years at Homer City, last Monday evening. Roof was shot and was later run over and badly mangled by the Pennsylvania passenger train on its last trip south that evening. As none of the train crew knew that a man had been run over until informed of the accident by the county authorities, the story of Samuel Mason, a brother-in-law of the dead man, who is in the county jail on a charge of murder, is the only explanation of Roof's death.

Mason lives at Strangford, near Blairsville. He and Roof married sisters by the name of Starry. Mason declares that he has been having domestic trouble and he came to Homer City Monday morning to talk matters over with Roof. They spent the day together, Mason intending to return to his home that evening.

According to Mason, he and Roof were standing near Roof's home along the railroad track, near the incubator works Monday night. Mason had been drinking and reciting the story of his domestic troubles to Roof, his brother-in-law. Mason drew a revolver and, remarking to Roof that he would end his troubles pointed the weapon at his head. Roof made an effort to secure the gun and in the scuffle that followed it was discharged, the ball striking Roof. Mason declared that he ran for aid for the injured man and that during his absence Roof staggered upon the railroad tracks and was hit by the southbound train, which passed a moment after the shooting.

Returning to Roof Mason "discovered the accident" and notified the authorities. A warrant was issued by Justice of the Peace Weir and his arrest followed. Mason was brought to the county jail by Constable Griffith late Monday night.

Residents of Homer City tell a different story, however. They declare that a shot was heard just as the train passed and allege that Roof either fell or was pushed in front of the train during a scuffle.

Roof was employed in the mines at Homer City and leaves a wife and five children. Mason says Roof had not been drinking previous to the accident.

Coroner H. B. Buterbaugh held an inquest Tuesday, at which a verdict was rendered holding Mason responsible for the death of his brother-in-law. Mason has a wife and three children.

Diphtheria Closes School.

The Cross Roads school in Center township has been closed indefinitely as the result of the prevalence of diphtheria in that district. Nine cases of the disease are reported.

Injured Autoist Still Unconscious in Hospital

I. E. Kerr, who was injured when his automobile went over a 25-foot embankment near Rossiter Junction, remains unconscious at the Adrian hospital, where he was taken following the accident. There are several contusions about his head and the doctors are con-

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