

# BENNINGTON ON A REEF

## Narrow Escape of the Gunboat While in the Eastern Seas.

# SHE RAN UPON A MASS OF CORAL

## Some Exciting Experiences With Hostile Natives Just Before the Accident Occurred—A Bombardment.

In a most interesting letter given exclusively to the Star, William G. Martin, of the crew of the U. S. gunboat Bennington, now in the dry dock at Hong Kong, tells of some exciting experiences that vessel had in her recent cruise in the Southern Seas.

Mr. Martin's letter is dated at Hong Kong May 11, and was written to his cousin, Mrs. Benjamin Crockett, of Kingston, Kitsap county, this state.

In it is told in detail, possibly for the first time, the particulars of the mishap to the gunboat, which sent her to the shores of China for repairs.

Mr. Martin writes: "We sailed from Manila for Iloilo April 21 with mail and orders for the ships down there, then to cruise around Penang Island. We arrived at Iloilo April 25, after anchoring over night off a place called San Jose. A stay of three days was made at Iloilo. We next stopped at Anim, where we sent a whaleboat ashore under a flag of truce with the president's proclamation in regard to the islands.

"The natives as a rule were quite friendly and they lined up in large numbers on the beach when the boat landed.

"Within 50 feet of the landing place there were a number of trenches in which were armed men, but they made no move to fire on the boat. They expressed a willingness to lay down their arms providing the rebels at Manila did likewise. Or if the Americans would put soldiers there to protect them from other rebels they would willingly lay down their arms.

"Our whaleboat held up three small schooners anchored in the harbor. The papers of one of them were not made out properly, and she was ordered to remain where she was while the Bennington went up the coast a couple of miles to San Jose to look after several other schooners. This little vessel did not do for thinking we were out of firing distance she set all sail and started out. Two six-pound shots soon brought her to a standstill. A launch then towed her up to the ship. We next sent our boats in to San Jose and brought off three of the rebel officers. They were taken on board the Bennington and their captain promised to send out the three schooners in the harbor at high tide. We were to take the vessels to Iloilo, get them under American register and return them to San Jose.

"Instead, however, of sending off the schooners the natives dug two lines of trenches and next morning were ready to give us a

warm reception if we attempted to touch them.

**Bombardment Begins.**  
"At easy firing distance we then commenced to shell them, to set them on fire or sink them. One was burned and the remaining two were soon sent to the bottom of the sea. One hundred and seventy odd shots were fired by us, but the Bennington's guns were not turned on the trenches. A few people were possibly killed by shots that went high and struck the town. The people fled in terror when we commenced firing and the town was almost deserted.

"To our surprise the natives did not fire upon us, although they had about 500 men in the trenches and their rifles will, I was told, carry about 2000 yards.

"The Bennington next took the schooner that had tried to escape from us, to Iloilo, and we returned over the same course.

"When we passed San Jose the rebels were still working in the trenches, but as they were not working on their vessels we did not interfere with them.

**An Accident Occurs.**  
"During our cruise around Anim island we met with a mishap which nearly ended the Bennington's career.

"On the afternoon of May 2 we were steaming at the rate of 11 miles an hour past Sapien bay, when a grating sound told us that we had struck either a rock or a reef. Fortunately it turned out to be a coral reef, but we were going at such a rate that we ran right up on it and got stuck hard and fast. As the tide was falling, all that we could do was to shore the ship up so that she would not roll over.

"The following day all hands had to work very hard to get the Bennington lightened so that we could pull her off at high tide. We loaded twenty tons of ammunition into the small boats and threw about 50 tons of coal overboard. At high tide we managed to get off with the help of the engines and two steam anchors.

"Had we struck a rock it would have been all up with us. As it was the bottom plates were badly sprung making it necessary to remove six and to put in eleven new ribs. It will take three weeks in dry dock to repair the bottom alone.

"We went direct to Manila from Sapien bay and reported to the admiral. He ordered us to discharge our ammunition and to go to Hong Kong for repairs, where we are at present. About 60 Chinese are now working on the ship's bottom."

Mr. Martin is a well known Washington state boy.

of ore 10 feet in width. Some of the assays have reached \$101.62.

The property of the Pearl Gold Mining company is doing well. There are two ledges, the largest of which is from eight to twelve feet wide and the other five feet in width. The ore assays 41 per cent. tin.

Better ore is now coming out of the Princess Maid mine at Republic. Work will soon be resumed on the old shaft. When the level of the tunnel is reached a drift will be run to connect it with the one that was started from the tunnel.

Advice from Republic state that a contract has been let to run a tunnel 150 feet to tap the ledge on the North Star mine at a depth of several hundred feet.

Work on the Surprise mine and shaft at Republic is being pushed rapidly. The ore in the shaft is increasing in value.

News from Loomis states that several of the mines of the Palmer mountain district have made rich strikes.

## THE NEW FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

An event of considerable interest was the recent dedication of the new edifice of the First Baptist church, at Fourth avenue and James street.

The church was organized in 1879, when an excellent edifice for that period was erected. During the pastorate of Rev. J. G. Burchett, steps were taken to build a modern structure. An additional lot was purchased, but the panic which came

soon afterwards, not only prevented building, but left in its trail a heavy church debt on the property already secured.

When the present pastor, Louis S. Bowerman, came from the city of Boston to take up the work, the debt amounted to \$18,500. This was by persistent work, finally reduced to \$600.

In July 1907, the erection of the present modern and commodious edifice commenced. The church has dimensions of 113 x 57 feet. The style is Gothic, and the height of the building 50 feet, there being no high towers. The entrance to the building is large, and the stairways are broad and easy. The reception hall is a splendid feature of the building.

The auditorium is 56 x 62 feet, with the pulpit in the corner, and choir seats to the left of the pulpit. The seats are of oak, and are placed in a circular position.

The windows are of cathedral glass, and everything in connection with the edifice is inviting and in excellent taste. The basement or street

level contains a large room 36 x 49 feet, used for prayer meetings and for social purposes. Careful attention has been paid to the heating and ventilation of every part of the church. The total cost of the edifice was nearly \$12,000.

The dedication services were held on June 4, when Rev. L. C. Barnes, D. D., of Pittsburgh, Pa., officiated. The "thank offerings" on this occasion practically paid all outstanding bills. The present membership of the church is a little over 300.

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Both gentlemen are going north to see about the development of some mining property which the company owns at Ketchikan. The property consists of six claims, which were located last fall. Recently a large strike has been made on these claims in which a vein of fine gold quartz was discovered, the ore of which assays from \$100 to \$200 per ton.

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## A BATTLE WITH VICIOUS DOGS

### St. Louis Boy Has a Terrible Encounter.

### A Greyhound and a Bull Terrier Nearly Kill a Boy Before He Was Rescued.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., June 23.—On a cot in the city hospital, his face and head covered with bandages, is little Louis Girard, aged 10 years, the victim of a vicious attack Tuesday afternoon by two dogs, one a bull terrier, the other a greyhound.

Louis was bitten in about twenty places, the most serious wounds being located on the right leg, left arm and the head.

If hydrophobia does not develop the hospital physicians say he has a chance to recover.

The boy bears his sufferings bravely.

"I don't want to cry," he says, "but sometimes I can't help it. I'd like to get well, 'cause I have to work and mamma needs all the money I can earn."

Louis is the chief support of his mother. He peddles sulphur matches, and was so engaged when he encountered the savage dogs. Both of the dogs are ferocious and the boy had just opened the gate of the house at 2421 O'Fallon street when one of them sprang toward him.

The little fellow dropped his basket on the sidewalk and started away. He had not gone ten feet when the greyhound panted his teeth in the lad's trousers and held him fast.

The boy called aloud for help. No one was near. As he raised his arm to beat off his powerful antagonist the bull terrier came running toward him. An instant later the boy was lying prone on the ground. With a growl that little Louis may never forget the dogs began to attack his body. They ripped away his coat with their sharp teeth and as Louis rolled over they caught him between the legs. He shrieked from the terrible pain.

Several passersby were attracted to the scene, but none of them dared interfere.

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## WEALTH OF INDEX MINES

### Western Washington Showing Rapid Development.

### An Interesting Resume of Mining Operations in the Country Tributary to Seattle.

It is only within the last year that the mineral resources of Washington have attracted the attention which they deserve. Scarcely 12 months ago, Republic, east of the mountains was practically unknown. Today it is one of the established camps of the state. Two months ago Index, a little town on the Great Northern railway on this side of the mountains, came to the front. Today it is the center of the Western Washington mining district. In importance it is an easy rival of the Mount Baker district. Located as it is on this side of the mountains, Seattle has taken a deep interest in it from the first.

Anthony Corcoran, of the firm of Eshelman & Corcoran, has just returned from a trip to Index.

"The wealth of the mines there is very great," said Mr. Corcoran to a Star reporter today. "The miners themselves are surprised at the great richness of the ores. I talked with a mining man from Omaha the last night I was at Index. He was looking over the properties there in the interest of certain capitalists. He was pleased with the prospects and will invest large sums of money."

"Another man I met was a Mr. Russell, of Tacoma. He was looking over the ground preparatory to locating a smelter. He decided upon a location and the smelter will undoubtedly be built at once.

"The Wilbers have built a suspension bridge across the south fork of the Skykomish to reach their property. The span is about 275 feet long and it is strong enough to use for pack animals.

"The Sunset Mining company is building a tramway from its property to the town of Index. The company already has out over 5000 tons of ore.

"There are several good business openings at Index. One thing especially needed is a hotel. Men were there sleeping on the ground and in tents. A bakery and restaurant also would do a good business.

"There is a demand for laborers, who can get \$2 a day, and carpenters \$3 to \$3.50. Miners are wanted and all men can get work that are likely to go there.

"It is the opinion of practical mining men that there are mountains of good copper ore there. When this fact is thoroughly demonstrated there will be an unlimited amount of capital seeking investment at Index."

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ASOTIN, Wash., June 23.—The breaking of the first of the new irrigation canal which, in the future, will furnish water for Asotin, occurred Saturday. This new enterprise is one inaugurated by the Asotin Land and Water company, a corporation of Asotin and Lewiston capitalists, and when completed will not only furnish additional water privileges to the newer and old towns of Asotin, but will also place under the converting influence of water that portion of the townsite of Asotin known as the W. H. Reed tract, purchased from that Tacoma gentleman nearly three months ago. This new purchase contains nearly one hundred acres, and is very desirable land. And when platted and placed on the market in lots and blocks, will certainly find ready buyers. The new canal will be two and a half or three miles in length and will receive its water supply from Asotin creek, about a mile above the present town, making its entrance from the south side. It is anticipated the new canal will be completed and water returned in by September 1.

## BISHOP HURST MOVES AWAY

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 23.—John F. Hurst, Methodist bishop of Maryland and chancellor of the American university, whose recent separation from his wife caused a sensation in church circles, today removed his effects from the handsome Massachusetts avenue home, the wedding presents of the late Mrs. Francis H. Root, of Buffalo, to her daughter, the bishop's wife. The house is for sale and it is rumored that Senator Clark, of Montana, will purchase it for \$100,000.

Some members of the board of trustees of the university believe the bishop's domestic troubles have unfitted him for the chancellorship, and they may act at the August meeting of the board.

4th July Decoration Day, Bunting, Westoning, Denny-Corvett Co., Istav.

## BULLET IN THE BRAIN

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., June 23.—By means of the X rays, the surgeons at the German hospital yesterday located a bullet in the center of the brain of John Witt. The man has shot himself a week ago while cleaning a pistol, and it was not until yesterday that the bullet could be found. The wound is so close to the brain that it is impossible to remove it, but the doctors hope that the wound may heal.

Witt feels no pain and seems to have perfect control of his faculties, but the injury has paralyzed the right side of his face.

## MINING NEWS.

The Lorna Doone mine at Republic is down 100 feet. The ore being produced assays \$18 per ton. The shaft has been crosscut at the 50-foot level at a point where it is 46 feet wide.

The Delta mine at Republic has reached a depth of 75 feet. Samples of ore taken out assay \$56.47, \$56.60 and \$126.

The mines of the Waconda group at Republic are doing well. An assay was recently made on ore taken from the new shaft which developed near \$300 per ton.

The Bodie shaft at Republic is 125 feet in depth. It is being extended down on the foot wall.

Some fine ore is said to be coming out of the Morning Glory mine. At the point where the winzes are being sunk the ledge is thought to be about 15 feet in width. Some of the ore is sprinkled with free gold.

Rich ore was recently struck in the Wehe mine on Palmer mountain at Loomis. Assays made on the ore give good gold values.

Reports from the Insurgent mine at Republic are encouraging. The air shaft is down a depth of 215 feet. The shaft is sinking upon a fine body

## DANGER FROM HIGH WATER

ASOTIN, Wash., June 23.—Snake river is rising rapidly, and its waters cover the roadbed in the lower places along the river between this place and Lewiston. Those accustomed to traveling this road still go to and fro, but with continuous hot weather all travel along this thoroughfare will be shut off entirely.

By using the Asotin ferry, however, a good road may be opened from Lewiston by opening two or three gates. Owing to the tardiness of the warm weather, it is believed the water will now come with a rush, and if it does the people of Asotin have great fear for Lewiston's safety.

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