

OVER FIVE HUNDRED JAPANESE ARE KILLED

Powder Magazine on Big Battleship Explodes.

AFTER EXPLOSION SHIP SINKS

Fire Started from Unknown Cause and Before Officers and Crew Could Be Rescued, the Flames Reached the Magazines.

Tokio, Sept. 12.—2 p. m.—The navy department announces that the battleship Misaka has been destroyed by fire and the explosion of its magazines causing the loss of 599 lives, including men of other ships, who went to the rescue.

The fire started from an unknown cause at midnight on Sunday night, Sept. 10. Before the officers could be rescued, the fire reached the aft magazine which exploded, blowing a hole in the port side of the vessel below the water line, and causing the ship to sink.

An investigation is now being held to determine the cause of the fire.

The Mikasa was a first-class battleship of 15,200 tons displacement. She was built in England and was launched in 1902. The battleship was 400 feet long and had a speed of over 18 knots and carried four 14-inch guns, fourteen 8-inch guns, twenty 1-pounders, and a number of rapid fire guns. She had four submerged torpedo tubes.

Tokio's Police Chief Resigns.

Tokio, Sept. 12.—10:30 a. m.—The resignation of Tsunayubi Adachi, chief of police, is received with delight here as showing the conciliatory position of the government. The Joji and other local newspapers advocate the solution of the Metropolitan police situation by a new man in the position of chief. This institution was created at a time when rebellion against the early Meiji government was apprehended. A sweeping reform of the present police system is now deemed necessary by citizens of the more thoughtful class.

Great Volcano in Samoa Island.

San Francisco, Sept. 12.—Among the passengers who arrived today on the liner Sierra was J. F. Brim, a Mormon missionary from Samoa, who a few days before joining the Sierra at Tutuila visited the scene of the great volcanic eruption on the island of Savaii. The eruption was still active when he came away. The lava, still flowing, had covered a distance of 4 miles. The eruption occurred in a mountain behind the district of Matautu. About 3 o'clock in the morning of August 21, the natives and missionaries for 10 miles around were awakened by a terrific booming. Investigation showed three volcanoes on the Matautu slope in full eruption. The Safotu volcano, 20 miles away has also awakened from a long slumber and is once more in full eruption. The town of Safotu is menaced by the flow of lava.

Vessel Wrecked; Four Bodies Found.

Tacoma, Wash., Sept. 12.—A Valdez dispatch says that a three-masted vessel has been discovered ashore, bottom up, 3 miles from Kakatag beach, Alaska. Her name was not visible, but a bill for goods was found that was made out to the schooner Prosper. The wrecked vessel is apparently of foreign build, but answers the description of the San Francisco vessel of that name. Four bodies have been washed ashore. One is that of George Ferning, but the others are unknown. The steamer Excelsior brought the news to Valdez, and wired to Sitka for assistance of the revenue cutter.

Railroad Is Held Responsible.

Norfolk, Va., Sept. 13.—Juries of inquiry from Norfolk city and county who investigated the wreck of the Kingston-Greenville excursion train on the Atlantic Coast Line railway, which went through an open draw over the Western Branch of the Elizabeth river near Bruce's station, Aug. 17, when 17 persons lost their lives and 50 or more were injured, today returned verdicts holding the railroad company responsible because of its alleged negligence in trusting the train to Engineer Reig, who is said to have been unfamiliar with that division of the road.

Bride Charged with Murder.

Eiren, O., Sept. 13.—Mrs. Orrin D. Rugg, of Calumet, Okla., has been held for the murder of her husband, who died under mysterious circumstances Saturday night. Mr. and Mrs. Rugg had been married only three months. The coroner's inquest found that Rugg who was a well-to-do contractor, had come to his death by poisoning.

Killed Her Sister's Husband.

Edwardsville, Ill., Sept. 13.—While defending her sister from an attack by the latter's husband, Mrs. Josephine Masee last night shot and fatally injured Henry Sell, her brother-in-law. The two women claim Sell was abusing his wife. Mrs. Masee surrendered to the police but was not placed in custody.

ROBBER SHOTS WOMAN.

Discovered in Bedroom He is Attacked and Uses Gun.

Greenwich, Conn., Sept. 12.—Mrs. C. W. Morrell, daughter of E. C. Converse, of New York, an officer of the United States Steel company, was shot by a burglar who entered her residence here early today. The bullet struck her chin, an imbedding itself in her shoulder.

At about 2:30 o'clock a nurse who has her room on the second floor of the Morrell residence, was awakened from a flash of a burglar's lantern. She screamed and the man attacked her with the butt of a revolver bruising her arms and shoulders and breaking two of her fingers. A woman guest of Mrs. Morrell heard the screams and when she entered the nurse's room, the burglar who was still struggling with the nurse, fired a shot but the bullet went high and struck the ceiling. At this juncture Mrs. Morrell appeared on the scene and the man aimed a shot at her, the bullet taking effect as described.

The burglar dashed through the door and made his escape. Several hours later a man was arrested at the Greenwich restaurant on suspicion of being the burglar. He said he had been at the Morrell residence to see the cook last evening but he denied any knowledge of the assault.

RECORD-BREAKING EXECUTION.

Murder and Rapist Is Executed Legally in Short Time.

Auburn, N. Y., Sept. 13.—Record-breaking celerity was the only unusual feature of the electrocution of Henry Manser today in the death chamber of Auburn prison.

The witnesses entered the room at 6:05 o'clock. Manser was escorted to the chair one minute later. In another minute he had been pinioned in the chair and the mask had been drawn over his face. State Executor Davis immediately made connections with the fatal lever and 1,380 volts of electricity coursed through the body for three minutes, this was reduced gradually and then the full strength was again turned on.

Manser was dead in precisely three minutes after walking to the chair. He had not emitted a murmur, nor shown any indication of fear.

The crime for which Manser forfeited his life was committed in the little town of Scribe, 6 miles east of Oswego, near the edge of a piece of woods on Sunday, May 28, last. He waylaid Cora Sweet, a child of 12 summers, and induced the unsuspecting child to accompany him into the woods, where according to his own confession, he ravished and murdered her.

May Modify Immigration Law.

Hong Kong, Sept. 13.—Representative Chinese in discussing the Chinese anti-boycott with Secretary Taft, on Sept. 5, suggested a modification of the definition of "laborer;" the exemption of business assistants and the validity of consular certificates to be accepted as final evidence of identification. They propose the issuance of passports revised by American consuls for the admission of Chinese similar to those in use for subject of foreign governments, and they also ask for an improvement in the condition of detention sheds in America. Secretary Taft in concurring with the propositions presented by the Chinese, undertook to bring them to the attention of President Roosevelt on his return to America.

Linemen Are Electrocuted.

Waterbury, Conn., Sept. 13.—Joseph Ring, of this place, was killed, Edward Saun, residence unknown, was injured, probably fatally, and John Ross, of Waterbury, was badly burned by contact with a live electric wire at the plant of the Scoville Manufacturing company today. All the men were electricians, and were at work on the wires. A strange feature of the accident is that Ring and Saun received their injuries in rescuing Ross who was the first to come in contact with the dangerous wire. Ross received the full force of the current, but he will probably recover.

A Dead Man at the Wheel.

Honolulu, Sept. 13.—A dead man held the wheel of the schooner on her trip here from Laisan Island. He was a Japanese member of the crew and died clutching the wheel. He was found still holding it and the vessel though greatly damaged by a hurricane which is supposed to have caused his death from over exertion, reached port in safety. The schooner Woodbury was somewhat overdue and the United States boat Iroquois had been sent to look for her.

Investigating Insurance Methods.

New York, Sept. 13.—Inquiry into the methods pursued by the insurance companies was resumed today by the special session of the legislature last spring. Today's session was the fourth held by the committee. Inquiry was resumed where it was broken off by adjournment on Saturday when E. D. Randolph, treasurer of the New York Life Insurance company, disposed of assets objected to by the Prussian government.

REJOICING OVER THE SMALL DEATH RATE

New Orleans People Believe They Control Situation.

OUTSIDE TOWNS CALL FOR AID

The Federal and State Authorities Are Doing All in Their Power to Help Rural Communities—Steamer Returns Trips.

New cases in New Orleans since 9 p. m. Monday—11. Total cases to date—2,188. Deaths today—1. Total deaths—317.

New Orleans, Sept. 13.—Showers and sunshine in the day time with cooler nights continue here but contrary to expectations there is no resulting increase in the mortality which, in the past, has been heavy under such adverse meteorological conditions.

There was little change in the yellow fever situation today. Dr. Warner is impressing upon the people the necessity of guarding against indifference.

"It is true," said Dr. Warner, today, "that owing to the lectures of Dr. Koinke, the doubting Thomases, like the mosquitoes, have grown less, but one doubting Thomas or one infested mosquito can do great damage. We have not stopped it entirely. The greatest danger to my mind is the failure of physicians to recognize yellow fever and therefore I say that every citizen might promptly to report sickness whether it is in his own home or in his neighbor's. It will do no harm, and it may save many lives."

The theaters are to open here at the end of the week. Both have stock companies. A third, the Greenwall, may open a week later, if the Texas authorities will permit companies from here to enter that state and play the Texas circuit. Manager Greenwall today wrote the Texas authorities on the subject.

Excellent Effect of Death Rate.

The clean score in the matter of deaths in the preceding 24 hours has had a most excellent effect on the people of New Orleans, and in such evidence that the fever is under control to respond to the appeal of Dr. White to exert themselves to the utmost in the war against the mosquito. It is felt by the authorities not to be a matter of great difficulty to stamp out the fever, if the people will faithfully follow instructions now that the malignant character of the disease has disappeared.

Appeals continue to come to the governor and the state board of health from the country for assistance. Leeville has been in need of help and Governor Blanchard is to send money there while the wholesale merchants here have contributed a carload of provisions. Tallulah is in the throes of despondency but Dr. Chassignac and a staff of nurses are scheduled to reach there today and it is believed that the town thereafter will again take heart.

People continue to leave Lake Providence, and the authorities are making no effort to detain them because the fewer number of people who remain in the town the sooner will the disease be checked for want of material. Four new cases of fever have appeared at LaFourche crossing, where there was fever about six weeks ago, but the settlement is completely isolated and it is thought that the disease can be prevented from spreading. The Patterson situation is still serious and the community is completely out of funds.

Steamer Resumes Trip.

The steamer Frank B. Hayne leaves today for the river points. This is the first boat to leave for that section since the fever first appeared. People in the country tributary to the Ouachita river have been shut off from New Orleans for nearly seven weeks, and are in sore need of provisions and merchandise. Recently they appealed to local merchants and the board of trade for relief and the starting of the Hayne is the result. The steamer will be permitted to discharge and receive freight under such regulations as local health boards may impose.

One New Case at Natchez.

Natchez, Miss., Sept. 13.—One new case of yellow fever, that of Anna Overton, a negro, on Lincoln avenue, reported this morning. One patient near the original infection, was released from the hospital today.

One Death at Pensacola.

Pensacola, Fla., Sept. 13.—The Russian Jew, who was found in the woods yesterday near Pensacola, wet from the recent rains, covered with ants and mosquitoes and suffering from yellow fever, died at the hospital this morning. There were no new cases reported up to noon today.

Strike at Syracuse.

Syracuse, N. Y., Sept. 13.—The job printers of Syracuse refused to go to work today, the Typothetae having refused the demand for an eight-hour day. Nineteen offices are affected.

LOOKING FOR MOTORMAN.

Police Searching for Man Who Had Charge of Wrecked Train.

New York, Sept. 13.—Detectives continued to search the city during the night for Paul Kelly, motorman of the Ninth avenue elevated train, which jumped the track yesterday at Fifty-third street junction and caused the death of a dozen people and the injury of a large number.

It is feared Kelly has made good his escape. Information reached the police station last night that his sweetheart had managed during the afternoon to draw Kelly's money from a savings bank. The motorman was a strike-breaker who entered the company's employ six months ago. He came here from St. Louis.

According to some of the passengers on the ill-fated train, things went wrong with the motorman from the beginning of his trip down town. A One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street it is said he started the train with such a jerk that a woman carrying a baby was thrown down in the aisle of the first car and the baby was hurt.

Kelly came out of the motor box to see whether she was badly injured and a number of men passengers spoke to him with some roughness, which he resented. The passengers assert that the train continued its course down town with sudden stops and starts which caused much alarm long before the accident.

No additions to the casualty list were reported during the night.

There remained in Roosevelt hospital 12 injured and in Bellevue hospital five. Twenty-two others had been treated and sent to their homes.

JAPANESE ARE VERY ANGRY.

Baron Komura May Be Met With Hostile Demonstration.

Seattle, Wash., Sept. 13.—Baron Komura, the Japanese plenipotentiary, and his party may be met with hostile demonstration on his arrival in Japan, is the opinion expressed last night by the Rev. H. Kosaki, a prominent Japanese minister who arrived here yesterday to attend the meeting of the American board of missionaries.

The Rev. Kosaki says, however, that if the class of people who are responsible for the present uprising learn the true conditions of the peace settlement before the arrival of Baron Komura, that he may not be molested.

The Rev. Kosaki also states that it is the intention of his government to take up the work of enlightening the Chinese immediately and that there are present some 8,000 students from the best Chinese families attending educational institutions in Japan, some of them being young women. The minister stated that unless the Japanese receive the indemnity agreed upon as reimbursement for the expenses of taking care of the Russian prisoners that economic depression may result for a year or two. If this money is received within a short time, however, this danger will be averted.

Double Tragedy in Kentucky.

Cincinnati, Sept. 13.—As his wife sat by his bedside Eulass Morgan, a rich farmer living 3 miles from Corbin, Ky., suddenly seized a razor and cut her throat. Almost immediately afterwards Morgan drew the razor across his own throat. Physicians said that it would be impossible for either to recover. The tragedy was witnessed by two infant children of Morgan, who were found sitting in the room, calling upon their parents to speak to them. Morgan had been ill for eight weeks with typhoid fever and great despondency over his slow recovery is the cause of his deed.

NEWS TERSELY TOLD.

Telegraphic communication has been established between Caracas, Venezuela, and Bogota, the capital of Colombia.

Ex-Queen Liloukalani, of Hawaii, celebrated her sixtieth birthday on the 2d of September. A reception, attended by natives, was held at her home.

The Allen line turbine steamer Victoria was floated today at Boston, and is on the way to Quebec where she will be placed in dry dock. The Victoria ran aground on September 2.

The election disturbances at Valencia, Spain, continue. Eight prominent republicans were among the wounded during one affray. Soldiers are guarding the clubs and newspaper offices.

The work in Italy of burying the bodies of those killed by the recent earthquake, continues. In the villages tents and cabins have been provided for the temporary shelter of the homeless.

The official bulletin, issued at Berlin today announced that eight new cases of cholera and three deaths had been reported during the 24 hours ended at noon today, making a total of 166 cases and 61 deaths.

A dispatch from Athens, Tenn., says that Professor Albert Watenberger was cut to death in his school, near this place, by one of his pupils. He had attempted to chastise the boy. The latter made his escape.

It was announced today that Lazarus Frenes, banker of New York, had engaged \$1,200,000 gold in London for import to New York. The gold was in South American bars and at the present rate of exchange the transaction yielded a profit.

STATE OF WAR HAS BEEN PROCLAIMED

Caucasian Provinces of Russia Overrun By Tartars.

MANY ARMENIANS MASSACRED

Tartars Cross Border and Completely Devastate Towns, and Kill the People Regardless of Sex or Age.—The Conditions Are Terrible.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 13.—A state of war has been proclaimed in the Caucasian districts of Zangezur and Jeabrial, where Tartars are massacring the Armenians without distinction of sex or age. The country is now swarming with bands of Tartars under the leadership of their chiefs. Many thousands of Tartar horsemen have already crossed the Russo-Russian frontier and joined the insurgents in destroying Armenian villages. At the village of Minkend 300 Armenians were slaughtered. Dispatches say that mutilated children were thrown to the dogs and that the few survivors were forced to embrace Islamism in order to save their lives.

Naphtha firms are cut off from the delivery of oil fuel to shipping companies, which are now confronted with the necessity of suspending their services and discharging their employes which would result in leaving thousands with no means of subsistence. The salt works of Baskunchak have been obliged to close owing to the scarcity of fuel, and this will paralyze the fishing industry.

Agitation Growing at Batoum.

Batoum, Caucasia, Sept. 13.—There is a growing agitation among the local Mussulmans against the Christians. The authorities have seized the government's documents for safety in the event of an outbreak.

100 Killed or Wounded.

Tiflis, Caucasia, Sept. 13.—An hundred social democrats were killed or wounded today in a conflict with Cossacks at the town hall and many were trampled to death in the subsequent panic.

Two thousand social democrats forced an entrance into the town hall which was closed owing to the celebration of a religious holiday, the beheading of John, the Baptist. Revolutionary speeches were made, and the chief of police ordered the meeting to disperse. Part of those present obeyed, but the remainder refused, and some revolvers were fired. A large force of Cossacks drawn up outside the building then fired a volley into the crowd time and time again, killing 50 and wounding upwards of 70.

In the ensuing panic many persons fell and were trampled to death by their comrades and the pursuing Cossacks.

Actor Recovering from Operations.

New York, Sept. 13.—Richard Mansfield, the actor, is just recovering from the effects of two very delicate and serious surgical operations, according to an announcement by the Herald this morning. The first which was performed three weeks ago failed to relieve Mr. Mansfield and another was decided on last Wednesday, when the actor underwent a trying ordeal at the hands of the surgeons who were called to his New London, Conn., residence. Mr. Mansfield has long suffered from nervousness brought on by a grave intestinal disorder which grew steadily worse. Three weeks ago his condition became so much worse that his New London physician decided on the necessity of an operation. The second one is stated to be entirely successful, and the actor is progressing rapidly toward recovery.

Tennessee Negro Giant Dead.

Nashville, Tenn., Sept. 13.—Bud Regan, Tennessee's famous negro giant, is dead at his home in Gallatin. Regan was 8 feet, 9 inches tall. He measured from knee to heel 28 inches, knee to crotch, 31 inches. His hands were 12 inches long. He was drawn around in a wagon by two goats, his legs being too slender to support his gigantic body and enormous feet. Regan was about 35 years of age.

Placed Thistles in the Street.

Cincinnati, Sept. 13.—As an outgrowth of trouble which is said to have started when James Marshall placed thistles in the street at Van Wirt so that the children of Levy Mullen could not pass barefooted without being injured, Mullen promptly surrendered to the sheriff, saying that in self-defense he had shot Marshall, who was coming after him with a pitchfork.

Traveling Engineers Meet.

Detroit, Mich., Sept. 13.—Three hundred traveling engineers from the principal railway systems of this country and Canada are attending the thirteenth annual convention of the traveling engineers' association which was called to order here today. The convention will be in session for four days and technical papers and reports will occupy the attention of the delegates.

OBJECT TO SEPARATE SCHOOLS

Kansas Negroes Want to Attend the Schools with White Children.

Kansas City, Mo., Sept. 13.—Negro pupils were refused admission to the white high school at Kansas City, Kans., and the ward school at Bonner Springs, Kans., 10 miles distant. In both cases the negroes withdrew quietly and there was no show of a clash. In Kansas City, Kans., it is said the negroes will test the case in the courts.

The Kansas legislature last winter passed an act separating the races in the Kansas City schools, a direct result of agitation following the murder of a white boy by a negro pupil.

Bonds were voted to build a school for the negroes, and pending the erection of the structure the board of education planned to have two sessions daily at the white school, that in the morning for the white children and the session in the afternoon for the negroes. The negroes objected, preferring to sit with the whites.

At Bonner Springs the school board arranged separate rooms for the whites and the negroes, but to this the negroes objected, protesting that they would occupy rooms simultaneously with the white children.

At Bonner Springs the negro children were accompanied to school by their parents.

PRINTERS' STRIKE FOR 8 HOURS

Indianapolis, Ind., and Richmond, Va., Scenes of Walkout.

Indianapolis, Ind., Sept. 13.—The International Typographical committee and the committee of the Typothetae of this city failed to agree to an 8-hour day to commence Jan. 1, 1906, at a conference just held.

The local Typographical union has ordered all their members in this city to strike at once in every shop where the 8-hour day is not in effect. One hundred and fifty men are involved here. President James M. Lynch, of the International Typographical union, said last night:

"I have instructed unions in their respective cities to demand contracts immediately for eight hour day to commence Jan. 1. Wherever the demand for the 8-hour day to commence Jan. 1 is refused, they have been instructed to strike at once."

Strike at Richmond.

Richmond, Va., Sept. 13.—Ninety-eight of the hundred and one printers, employed in job offices in this city, walked out here because of the refusal of their employers to accede to the union's demand for an 8-hour work day on and after Jan. 1 next. The newspaper forces are not taking part in the strike.

DATE OF MEETING CHANGED.

Georgia Baptists Will Convene at Macon in November.

Macon, Ga., Sept. 13.—At a meeting of the executive committee of the Georgia Baptist convention, held here, the dates for the coming session in Macon were changed from Nov. 16 to Nov. 23, beginning Thursday and lasting through Sunday.

This action was taken because of the conflict with conventions of other southern states, Virginia, Georgia, Louisiana and Arkansas having arranged for session at the same time. There are also several Baptist associations in Georgia whose fall meetings would not close in time for the state convention on the date first named.

This action will defer the inauguration of President Charles Lee Smith, of Mercer, until Nov. 24. Dr. E. J. Forrester and Rev. W. H. Sledge were made members of the faculty to succeed the late Dr. Pollock and Dr. Harrison, resigns. Bro. Louis E. Willingham succeeds Dr. Pollocks as chairman of the executive committee. Dr. Forrester was made treasurer of the students' fund of Mercer, to succeed Dr. Ragsdale.

Valuable Hotel Property Sold.

Atlanta, Sept. 13.—J. H. Nunnally, receiver of the Marsh estate, has sold the Bowden Lithia Springs, and the hotel at Lithia Springs, together with all the property in connection with the hotel and the springs to the Robinson-Humphrey company of Atlanta. The price paid is understood to be \$200,000, and the deal will be closed as soon as the purchasers have confirmed the title to the property. In selling the property Mr. Nunnally acted with full consent of all the heirs to the estate. The Robinson-Humphrey company have not announced their plans in connection with the property, but a company will probably be organized to operate the hotel and to keep the water in its present prominent place in the market.

Miss Money To Be Sponsor.

Jackson, Miss., Sept. 13.—Governor Vardaman, having been advised by the navy department that the battleship Mississippi will be ready for launching at Cramp's shipyards, Philadelphia, on Sept. 30, has appointed United States Senator H. D. Money to take his place as representative of the state and Miss Mabel Money, granddaughter of the senator, as sponsor. Governor Vardaman will be unable to attend because of pressing business duties at home.