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**THREE SCORE DEAD**

**EXPLOSION OF BOILER CREATES TERRIBLE HAVOC ON GUN-BOAT BENNINGTON.**

**IN ADDITION TO THOSE KILLED SIXTY OF THE CREW ARE BADLY INJURED.**

**VESSEL BEACHED IN SAN DIEGO HARBOR AS A RESULT OF THE ACCIDENT.**

San Diego, Cal., July 22.—Broken and blackened, with her flag flying at half mast, her hold filled with fifteen feet of water, the United States gun-boat Bennington lies beached on the shores of San Diego harbor. Nearly sixty of her crew lie dead at city morgues, one is missing and three score are stretched upon beds of pain in various hospitals. This is the result of the explosion which wrecked the trim little naval craft and wrought such terrible havoc among her crew at 10:30 o'clock Friday morning.

The Bennington at the time of the accident was lying in the stream off the Commercial wharf at the foot of H street. The warship had received orders from the navy department at Washington to sail Friday morning for Port Harford, where she was to meet the monitor Wyoming and convey that vessel to the Mare Island navyyard. Steam was up and everything was in readiness for sailing when suddenly and without any warning whatever, the starboard forward boiler exploded with a deafening roar.

It was immediately apparent that a terrible disaster had happened on the Bennington. The ferryboat Romona was coming across the bay at the time and her captain immediately gave orders to change the course of the boat and hurried to the assistance of the stricken warship. The tug Santa Fe, which was tied up at the Commercial wharf, the launch McKinley, the government launch Derussey, and a large number of launches and water craft which were near the scene at the time rushed to the assistance of the ship. By the time the Romona had arrived, many of the sailors of the Bennington who had jumped into the bay to escape the scalding steam had been rescued and the removal of the wounded, which had already begun, was being conducted in perfect order. Crews of the Santa Fe, Derussey, McKinley and the other boats lent yeoman aid in picking up the wounded sailors and transferring them to the shore.

On board the Bennington were presented terrible sights. The force of the explosion had blown a great hole in the starboard side of the ship and the vessel was already commencing to list. A section of the upper deck was carried away from stem to stern. Debris and wreckage were distributed over the entire ship, the forward cabin and deck in the vicinity of the boiler resembled a charnel house. Over it all hung the cloud of white steam, which drifted slowly toward the Colorado shore.

Most of the dead and injured were taken ashore, where the undertakers and physicians were summoned to take charge of the dead and minister to the needs of the living. The bodies of the men killed in the interior of the ship were mutilated almost beyond recognition. The faces of many were covered with blood and gashes. As fast as possible the wounded were hurried in ambulances, automobiles, carriages, etc., to the hospitals. It was not until late in the afternoon that the last of the bodies was removed from the boilerroom. Some of the bodies were tightly wedged in by a bulkhead. The woodwork had to be hewn away to free them.

The boiler which exploded, it is said, was regarded as unsafe. Commander Young stated that during a recent return trip from Honolulu the pressure was kept reduced during the entire passage.

**BODY LIES ON AMERICAN SOIL**

**Remains of Paul Jones in Vault on Naval Academy Grounds.**

Annapolis, Md., July 24.—In a simple vault in the grounds of the naval academy lie the remains of John Paul Jones. With the simple ceremony attending the landing of the body from the cruiser Brooklyn the naval expedition authorized to accomplish its transfer from the Paris cemetery which has been its place of repose for more than a century is completed. The formal national reception of the body with appropriate exercises is reserved until it shall be placed in the splendid naval chapel now being erected near the site of the temporary vault.

The work of the day consisted of the removal of the body from the Brooklyn to the naval tug Standish and from that to a float moored to the shore, where stalwart jacksies placed it in a hearse, which was escorted by an imposing cortege of marines, jacksies and midshipmen, in which the French nation participated with a landing party of officers and men from the French cruiser Jurien de la Craviere.

**DR. KOCH TESTIFIES.**

Defendant in Murder Trial Takes the Stand.

Mankato, Minn., July 25.—Dr. George R. Koch Monday took the stand in his own defense at his trial for the murder of Dr. L. A. Gebhardt of New Ulm, and Asa P. Brooks, the only eye witness of the crime, also was called by the defense. Their testimony was largely a repetition of the testimony they gave in the two former trials. Mr. Brooks testified in the morning and Dr. Koch in the afternoon.

**KAISER ADVISES CZAR**

**GERMAN AND RUSSIAN RULERS HOLD CONFERENCE OFF THE SWEDISH COAST.**

While Details of the Meeting Are Kept Secret It Is Known the German Emperor Went Prepared to Urge the Conclusion of Peace and Reconciliation With the Discontented Portion of the Russian People by Granting Reforms Asked.

Berlin, July 25.—The foreign office here is advised that a meeting between Emperor William and the czar took place early in the day off the Swedish coast near the island of Bjoerkoe.

Emperor Nicholas wrote to Emperor William several days ago that if, during the latter's yachting in the Baltic, he should approach the Russian shore he (Emperor Nicholas) would be pleased to meet him. The German emperor replied that he would be glad to cruise to any convenient point and the island of Bjoerkoe was suggested. It was understood that the conversation was to be entirely personal and intimate and therefore no minister from either government was to be present, although the Russian minister of marine is in Emperor Nicholas' suite. The meeting is a sequence to the correspondence that has been going on between the two emperors concerning peace, in which Emperor William urged Emperor Nicholas to take steps toward peace. Emperor William was then co-operating with President Roosevelt in seeking to bring the belligerents to a discussion of the terms of peace and in the present meeting the Associated Press is authoritatively informed Emperor William will continue to advise peace should the Russian emperor ask for his further views, and it would be very natural that Emperor Nicholas should do so as a development of the correspondence which has already taken place. Emperor William went to the meeting, as the Associated Press is officially informed, prepared to say if he were asked that he thought Emperor Nicholas could attain a full understanding and reconciliation with the discontented portions of his people only through reforms.

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**DANIEL LAMONT DEAD**

**HEART DISEASE BRINGS CAREER OF FORMER SECRETARY OF WAR TO SUDDEN END.**

Millbrook, N. Y., July 24.—An attack of heart trouble has caused the sudden death of Colonel Daniel S. Lamont, first private secretary to President Cleveland, later secretary of war and afterward vice president of the Northern Pacific railroad. The fatal illness was so brief that it startled even the medical men attending him.

Colonel and Mrs. Lamont were out driving during the afternoon and Colonel Lamont appeared to be enjoying the best of health. After dinner he complained of feeling ill and Dr. Stewart of New York, who was a guest at the house, immediately went to his aid. The physician diagnosed the case as an attack of heart failure and in spite of the heroic treatment Mr. Lamont passed away within half an hour. At his death were Mrs. Lamont and two daughters, Frances and Bessie. Several guests at the Lamont home were also present when the end came.

Colonel Lamont was fifty-four years of age.

**CHEATS THE GALLOWS**

**EDWARD GOTTSCHALK COMMITS SUICIDE IN HIS CELL IN THE JAIL AT ST. PAUL.**

St. Paul, July 20.—Edward Gottschalk, who confessed to murdering his accomplice, Joseph Hartmann, in the murder of Christian H. Schindel-decker, a West Seventh street butcher, the motive for the latter crime being robbery, hanged himself in the county jail about noon during the absence of the death watch at dinner. The condemned man used a strip of cloth torn from a bedtick.

That Gottschalk had carefully planned to kill himself before the date of his execution was evident from the success of his effort. He seemingly had the strands of his mattress plaited and formed into a noose, in readiness for killing himself at the first opportunity. He tied the improvised rope to the top bars of his cell, made a noose in the lower end and, inserting his neck, dropped nearly to his knees, slowly strangling to death while his body dangled on the floor.

**MISSES THE SULTAN**

**BOMB THROWN AT TURKEY'S RULER KILLS OR INJURES HIS ATTENDANTS.**

Washington, July 22.—Minister Leishman, at Constantinople, has cabled the state department a report of the attempt made on the life of the sultan during the zelmik ceremony. Mr. Leishman states that a large bomb was exploded just as the sultan was leaving the mosque. He escaped injury and at once drove back to the palace in the customary manner. Between thirty and forty persons were killed or wounded and a number of carriages were wrecked. The perpetrators of the outrage have not been detected.

Holds Much Devlin Paper.

City National Bank of Kansas City Closes Its Doors.

Kansas City, July 20.—The City National bank failed to open its doors during the day. The bank held paper of C. J. Devlin of Topeka to the amount of upwards of \$100,000 and the failure is the direct result of the closing of the First National bank of Topeka, of which Mr. Devlin was the principal stockholder.

The City National bank was organized in 1900 and is one of the youngest of the national banking institutions in the city. Its capital is \$300,000 and it has deposits of \$1,476,648.

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**TWELVE DIE BY FIRE**

**NEGROES WHO WERE TRYING TO STOP SPREAD OF FLAMES AT HUMBLE, TEX., PERISH.**

Houston, Tex., July 25.—The fire in the Humble oil fields, which started Sunday night, is still burning fiercely, but it remains confined to the tanks of the Texas company. While no names are ascertainable, it is believed that twelve persons lost their lives. So far as can be learned these were all negroes who were employed in trying to prevent the spread of the flames.

Forty-three mules are known to have perished. The managers of the Texas company state that the tanks contained approximately 2,500,000 barrels of oil, which was valued at about 25 cents per barrel, and that none of the oil will be saved. In addition they say that the big pumping plant at the tanks was entirely destroyed.

**BULGARIANS KILL MANY.**

Night Massacre Wipes Out Population of Two Turkish Towns.

Salonica, European Turkey, July 22.—A report received here says that a large Bulgarian band attacked the villages of Baltina and Gradeshulza, in the Morinevo district, at night, murdering the entire population indiscriminately, and that the carnage did not end until morning.

The number of victims is not known. Troops proceeded to another village in the district and, finding that the population had fled, burned the village, the inhabitants of which were suspected of having murdered thirty Turks near Doiren.

**YELLOW JACK AT NEW ORLEANS.**

Officials Hard at Work to Prevent Spread of the Fever.

Washington, July 24.—The officials of the public health and marine hospital service are working in harmony with those in Louisiana in the efforts to prevent any spread of the yellow fever from which an Italian died Saturday in New Orleans. Several cities have declared quarantine against New Orleans.

**ALBANY MINISTRY BEATEN.**

Vote of Want of Confidence in the House of Commons.

London, July 21.—The government was defeated in the house of commons Thursday night by a majority of three on the motion to reduce the membership of the Irish land commission.

On the announcement of the vote a scene of the greatest excitement was produced by the Liberals and the Irish members yelling "resign."

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