

WHO IS THE JONAH?

Another Serious Accident on a Naval Vessel.

A CARTRIDGE EXPLODED PREMATURELY ON THE MAINE ON TUESDAY, BUT THE NEWS WAS CLOSELY GUARDED—SEVERAL SAILORS WERE BADLY INJURED—THE EXPECTED MANEUVERS WILL PROBABLY START TO-DAY.

Charleston, S. C., Feb. 10.—A serious accident on board the battleship Maine yesterday was kept quiet until to-day. This was rendered possible by the fact that the ships are some sixteen miles away from the city and out at sea.

While a crew consisting of First Sergeant Wagner and Privates Senman and Harvey were loading a one-pound gun of the Maine's secondary battery with a one pound calibre cartridge the cartridge exploded, injuring First Sergeant Wagner on the right hand, tearing the flesh from the bones. Part of the shell struck Hardin in the leg and has not yet been extracted. The men are painfully rather than seriously hurt. Senman was injured about the face.

The Indiana and Massachusetts have not yet joined the fleet. It was learned to-day that the maneuvers are to begin at once and the Dolphin, which it was thought yesterday had gone, is probably to act as a blockade runner. It may be that her first attempt to get into harbor will be made to-night.

This morning a committee of citizens in charge of Collector Bryan called upon Admiral Bunce to learn his pleasure regarding the entertainments which are to be given by the city of Charleston.

It is, of course, impossible to obtain definite information as to the plans of Admiral Bunce; but it is thought the dispatch boat Dolphin is now engaged in an attempt to run into Charleston harbor undetected by the fleet. The Dolphin sailed southward Monday evening, and it is said that Lieutenant Clover, who is in charge of her, was instructed by the admiral to make the attempt to run the blockade.

The searchlights of the squadron were kept flashing across the sea until late last night, but the Dolphin did not put in an appearance. The ships held their positions of inactivity all day, the men on the various vessels engaging for several hours in exercising their secondary batteries. Towards midnight, and in response to them the Amphitrite, Marblehead and Columbia moved further out to sea and to the southward. The stretch of water covered by the battleships is thus extended for a distance of more than ten miles.

From the steeples of St. Michael's Church to-night the flashlights of the warships may be observed as they cast great paths of light up and down the coast and out to sea. It is supposed that the fleet is engaged in an effort to detect the Dolphin. Neither the Indiana nor the Massachusetts joined the fleet to-day, though it is said that both vessels are expected to coal at Port Royal to-morrow.

The Newark, which has been engaged on police duty at the mouth of the St. John's river for some time, is now coaling at the same place. This has given rise to the rumor that the Newark will join the fleet off Charleston to-morrow. Mayor Smith and a committee of citizens visited Admiral Bunce on the flagship New York at noon to-day and extended the privileges of the city to the fleet. The admiral, his staff, and the senior fleet officers were invited to attend a banquet of the chamber of commerce to-morrow, to meet Secretary Herbert and attend a reception to him on that day.

Admiral Bunce expressed his gratification at the attention shown, and said he would endeavor to accept the invitations. All the ships in the territory that can enter the harbor will do so before the Secretary's arrival, and it will be made convenient for the officers to accept the hospitalities tendered. The admiral would not say much of the details of the blockade, but said he anticipated a most instructive and valuable season here.

TOO MUCH INTERFERENCE.

Washington, Feb. 10.—The collector of customs at Jacksonville has informed the Secretary of the Treasury that an application had been filed in Judge Locke's court for an injunction restraining the collector and captain of the United States revenue cutter Boutwell from interfering with the movement of the alleged filibuster Danntless. The Boutwell is lying at anchor near the Danntless and is under orders not to allow the filibuster to leave port. The hearing on the application was set for to-morrow, but Attorney General Harmon has notified Judge Locke that the Government could not be ready at so early a date and asked for a postponement, which will likely be granted.

BEAT ALL RECORDS.

Washington, Feb. 10.—Torpedo boat No. 6 surpassed all records in the American navy to-day on her official trial near Newport. Commodore Dewey, chairman of the trial board, telegraphed the Navy Department as follows: "Made very satisfactory speed trial. Five runs, once one hundred mile course, gave average approximate speed 28.3-4 knots."

A WESTERN BLIZZARD.

St. Cloud, Minn., Feb. 10.—Throughout the central and northern part of this State a blizzard is raging and all trains coming from the West are delayed.

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Paine's celery compound is used by physicians in their own homes as well as prescribed to patients suffering from nervous diseases, sleeplessness, neuralgia, rheumatism and a "run-down" condition. It is within the reach of every one.

UNITED STATES COURT.

Many Cases Came Up for Argument at Richmond Yesterday.

Richmond, Feb. 10.—The United States circuit court of appeals reconvened this morning, with Chief Justice Fuller and Judges Goff and Brawley on the bench.

No. 149—Thom, receiver, etc., appellant, vs. Norfolk and Carolina Railroad Company, appellee; appealed from the district court for the eastern district of Virginia. Petition for a rehearing filed by appellee.

No. 187—Roshorough, petitioner, appellant vs. South Carolina Railroad Company et al., appellee; appeal from circuit court of South Carolina. Appeal for hearing by appellee.

No. 200—Wm. W. Patton, plaintiff in error, vs. Southern Railway Company, defendant in error; appeal from circuit court of the western district of North Carolina. Case argued by Theo. F. Davidson for plaintiff in error and by Geo. F. Bacon and Charles Price and submitted for defendant in error.

No. 209—Newman and others, plaintiffs in error, vs. Virginia, Tennessee and Carolina Steel and Iron Company, defendant in error; in error to the circuit court of the western district of North Carolina. Case argued by Charles A. Moore for plaintiff in error and by Alfred S. Barnard for defendant in error, and submitted.

This is an action of ejectment brought by the defendant in error to recover certain lands described in the complaint.

There were two cases against different defendants, of whom the plaintiff in error was one. The cases were consolidated and tried before Judge Simonton and a jury at the June special term of the circuit court for the western district of North Carolina at Asheville. The controversy is as to the title to the land described in the grant of the State of North Carolina to William Cathcart, dated July 20, 1796, describing 61,000 acres, but containing an exception therein of 2,000 acres.

SHOULD BE MADE HERE.

Washington, Feb. 10.—Consul Grinnel, at Manchester, England, has sent the State Department a statement of the large amount of cotton yarn exported from his consular district the past year to the United States, aggregating nearly 1,300,000 pounds. Much of this, which includes a great variety of "counts," is of the finer qualities used by manufacturers of small fine wares and electrical and other wire covers and shows just where the American spinners are losing a market which they might find very profitable. The table shows 322,996 pounds of rovings, 131,429 pounds of two-seventies, 120,617 pounds of two-sixties, 97,559 of two-hundreds, and less amounts of sixty specified varieties.

NEGRO MAN FOUND DEAD.

A negro man named Stokes Hairston was found dead Saturday between Pulp and Dennis on the Winston-Salem division of the Norfolk and Western road. It is thought that he was drunk, and while on his way home Friday night fell off his horse and was drowned by the heavy rain.

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THE OFFICIAL REPORT.

It May Cost \$50,000 to Repair the Damaged Brooklyn.

Washington, Feb. 10.—According to the official report from Naval Constructor Linnard of his examination of the cruiser Brooklyn, after her bottom was exposed in the League Island dry dock, that vessel's injuries are more serious than at first reported and it will probably take three weeks to remedy the damage at an expense which may reach as high as \$50,000.

Divested of technical details, the report shows that the horizontal keel plates are badly bent up on both sides of her vertical keel from the frame No. 50 to No. 61 and on the port side to No. 70. The keel is probably not materially injured. Strake "A," starboard, from No. 30 to No. 60, is bent in from one to four inches. Strake "C," on port side, is completely broken through, the frames being bent in from 6 to 12 inches. Strake "B," on port side, is slightly bent for a short distance. Strake "A" is the course of plates alongside the keel plates and "B" is next course above. As the frames are four feet apart it appears that the hole broken through on the port side is 100 feet, long extending from beyond the forward boiler compartment under the bow magazine to the floor of engine rooms.

No action has been taken by the department towards fixing the responsibility for the accident by a court of inquiry.

THE REJECTION APPROVED.

Rome, Feb. 10.—The Cuban committee of Italy held a meeting here to-day and voted their approval of the action of the New York Cuban committee in rejecting the reforms offered to Cuba by the decree recently signed by the queen regent of Spain. The committee also wired to the French Cuban committee expressing the hope that the latter would co-operate with the other Cuban committees to the end of delivering Cuba from Spanish rule.

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FIGHTING FOR BUSINESS. Steel Rail Makers Cutting Their Prices Heavily.

New York, Feb. 10.—The Evening Post of this evening prints the following:

An interesting account of the direct causes which precipitated the rupture in the steel rail pool, at Pittsburg yesterday, was given to-day by a person familiar with the situation. Representatives of two of the largest mills met in Chicago on Monday to agree upon rates governing business in a particular section of the country and decided upon \$20 as a basic price for certain transactions. Just at this time some large contracts came into the market, and one of the concerns interested was offered profitable business at a lower figure.

Rumors of cutting in various directions were current at the time, so the tempting offer was accepted, and an order aggregating many thousands of tons was taken at a price said to be in the neighborhood of \$17 a ton. This necessitated, of course, the withdrawal of one concern from the pool, and hostilities were at once begun as soon as the transaction had become generally known.

Orders were taken in this city yesterday at a basic price of \$20 for railroad steel, and local agents of some of the largest concerns are said to be anxious to do as much business as possible while an open market prevails. It is not possible at this time to tell just what effect prevailing prices will have upon outstanding contracts.

Within the last few weeks contracts amounting to more than \$1,000,000 have been made by some of the railways at prices averaging \$23 or \$27 a ton, and although some of the contracts are binding at those figures, it is thought likely that many orders will be delivered at a lower rate by mills anxious to hold the patronage of good customers. Whatever settlement is reached, however, losses are inevitable.

The present situation, it is thought, will not disturb immediately the market for street car rails and the large contracts recently given by local companies are not likely to be affected.

THE BREAK IN STEEL.

Orders for 200,000 Tons of Rails Placed Since Friday.

Philadelphia, Feb. 10.—The dissolution of the steel rail pool was the dominant theme of discussion in the iron and steel trade to-day.

Luther F. Bent, chairman of the executive board of visitors of the Pennsylvania Steel Company, said to-day that the first effect of the break in prices had been to abnormally increase business, and orders for nearly 200,000 tons of steel rails at the \$20 rate had been received by eastern companies since Friday last, the contracts being divided between the Pennsylvania Steel Company, the Lackawanna, Cambria and Bethlehem companies.

The contracts, Mr. Bent believed, would not have been executed before June or July if the cut had not taken place. Asked whether he thought the cut would extend beyond the \$20 basis, Mr. Bent said:

"That is a question which will largely depend upon the attitude assumed to-day by the Illinois Steel Company. If it fails to adjust matters it will be no surprise to me if rates further decline."

BIG ORDER FOR RAILS.

New York, Feb. 10.—The Illinois Central Railroad Company, taking advantage of the recent break in the price in the steel mills, has placed orders with different mills for 50,000 tons of rails for delivery during the year 1897. Of these orders it is understood 45,000 went to the Illinois Steel Company.

CONVENTION NOT POPULAR.

The Richmond correspondent of the Petersburg Index-Appel in yesterday's paper has the following damper on the proposed convention:

The advocates of a constitutional convention are becoming firmly convinced that the proposition will not receive favorable consideration at the hands of the voters in May unless an organized effort is made in that direction. It would not be surprising if there should be a conference of the leading convention advocates before long to decide upon some plan of action.

THE USUAL RESULT.

Havana, Feb. 10.—Official reports received to-day give the details of many skirmishes, but state that no serious encounters have taken place recently. According to the reports, the insurgents, as usual, were completely defeated in all their skirmishes, losing seventy of their number dead and four taken prisoners, while the Spanish lost only twenty-seven wounded, among them a colonel.

SENTENCED TO DEATH.

Houston, Tex., Feb. 10.—Alexander Terrell, the negro who outraged Mrs. Jackson, a white lady, in the outskirts of the city last December, pleaded guilty to the charge this morning and was sentenced to death. The officers who escorted Terrell to the courthouse and subsequently to the jail, were followed by a large crowd, but no demonstration was made.

STANDS AT THE HEAD.

Aug. J. Bogel, the leading druggist of Shreveport, La., says: "Dr. King's New Discovery is the only thing that cures my cough, and it is the best seller I have." J. F. Campbell, merchant of Safford, Ariz., writes: "Dr. King's New Discovery is all that is claimed for it; it never fails, and is a sure cure for consumption, Coughs, Colds. I cannot say enough for its merits." Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds is not an experiment. It has been tried for a century, and to-day stands at the head. It never disappoints. Free trial bottles at Missie's Pharmacy, 109 Jefferson street.

Light and Love.

The women have a quarrel with Edison. They won't let him invent an illuminated night keyhole. They don't want their husbands, when coming home late from their clubs, to slip in and up stairs and catch them asleep when they want to make believe they have been sitting up waiting for them all night.—Exchange.

The two principal German fortresses on the Baltic sea are at Konigsberg and Danzig. Central Germany has three first class fortresses—Spandau, Magdeburg and Kustrin; on the French frontier, Metz and Strasburg, and on the Belgian frontier, Cologne and Coblenz.

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St. Nicholas Day in Holland.

In some houses the little children who go to bed early put out their shoes and stockings and find them crammed with presents in the morning. Others have to play a game of hide and seek for their presents, which the father and mother have hidden in the most mysterious manner and in out of the way places. In a great many families, however, Dec. 5 is celebrated by sending and receiving parcels in the evening of that day. "Parcels" must be taken here in a very broad sense. The servant who has to answer the bell is obliged to bring in whatever is put into her hands or before her and consequently is often heard to giggle behind the door of the room in which the whole family is assembled. Then in walks—nay, is put—a most extraordinary looking gentleman or an old lady or a queer animal, consisting chiefly of wood or of linen filled with sawdust, in which the present, sometimes one of very small dimensions, lies concealed. Funny little rhymes often accompany the parcels, and generally much good natured teasing is contained in the poetical lines. The patience of some people is often sorely tried by a parcel consisting of a big ball of very fine cotton, which has to be unwound to get at the present.

THE NEW PRESIDENT.

New York, Feb. 10.—The attendance at the national bicycle show in this city was fully up to the average of previous days and the returns show that up to tonight 60,000 people have visited the exhibition. Boards of trade interests to-day centered in the election of officers for the ensuing year, and L. Janford, of Elyria, Ohio, was elected president unanimously. For a time it seemed as if the board would decide against any further exhibitions, and A. G. Spalding introduced a resolution to that effect, but it was finally amended so that the new board of directors were left free to act as they may see fit. The newly elected president is about 38 years old, and has been identified with the bicycle business for the last eight years. Previous to entering the bicycle trade he was cashier of the First National Bank of Elyria.

NEVER REACHED JAIL.

Augusta, Ga., Feb. 10.—A special to the Chronicle from Saluda, S. C., says the first outrage committed in that county took place Sunday afternoon about five miles from town. The negro was captured, but he never reached the jail, and those who are supposed to know most are saying nothing. Saluda is one of the new counties recently organized.

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