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GUNBOAT WRECK KILLED SCORES.

Boiler Explodes on Bennington With Fatal Results.

Death List so Far 56—Practically Every Man on board at Time of Disaster Was Either Killed or Badly Injured.

San Diego, Cal., July 24.—As a result of a frightful explosion of one of the main boilers of the United States gunboat Bennington at San Diego harbor shortly before noon today, 33 bodies are at the morgue and between sixty and seventy more are in the hospitals, many of whom will die. The total deaths will probably be nearly sixty. The warship was badly shattered, a great hole being torn in her stern, and it has been beached to prevent sinking.

The explosion is believed to have been in the boiler, which for many months had been regarded as weak, though an inspection a year ago resulted in a favorable report. The ship was up stream preparatory to towing the Wyoming to Mare's Island. Every man on board was either killed or seriously or slightly injured.

Commander Young and Surgeon Peck of the Bennington were ashore at the time of the explosion. Lieut. Yates being in charge at the time. He was badly scalded and is reported to have died. Lieut. Wade was the only officer on board who is believed to have not been seriously injured. Lieut. Sabin was badly burned about the hands. Two other officers were injured but how serious is not known.

The Bennington is a sister ship of the Yorktown and Concord, having the same dimensions, tonnage and armament. The length is 230 feet, breadth 39 feet mean draft 14 feet displacement 1,700, speed 16.2 knots. It has a battery of six-inch rifles and eight guns of a smaller calibre. It takes rank among the efficient little cruisers designed for special service in shallow water. The vessel cost about \$490,000 and had a complement of 16 officers and 181 men.

The Bennington at the time of the accident was lying just off the commercial wharf, everthing in readiness for the departure when the starboard boiler exploded with a deafening roar. The explosion was terrific. People on the shore saw a huge cloud of steam rise above the Bennington. Columns of water were forced high in the air. A dozen or fifteen men were blown overboard by the force of the explosion. Captain Wentworth, who was looking at the Bennington when the explosion occurred, says he saw human bodies hurled over one hundred feet upward. The scene on the Bennington was terrible. The force of the explosion tore a great hole in the starboard side and the vessel began to list. A section of the upper deck was carried away from stem to stern. Blood and wreckage was distributed over the entire ship, the after cabin and the part of the ship adjacent to the exploded boiler

resembled a charnal house.

San Diego, Cal., July 22.—To night's summary of casualties due to the boiler explosion yesterday aboard the gun boat Bennington in San Diego Bay gives a total of 57 dead and 54 severely injured, total 110.

A number of men are still missing, some of these may be dead and probably a dozen of the injured will die of their wounds.

SICKENING SHIVERINGFEVER of Angue and Malaria, can be relieved and cured with Electric Bitters. This is a pure, tonic medicine; of especial benefit in malaria, for it exerts a true curative influence on the disease, driving it entirely out of the system. It is much to be preferred to Quinine, having none of this drug's bad after-effects. E. S. Munday, of Henrietta, Tex., writes: "My brother was very low with malarial fever and jaundice, till he took Electric Bitters, which saved his life. At Crawford Bros., J. F. Mackey & Co. and Funderburk Pharmacy drug stores; price 50c, guaranteed."

To Be Sold At Auction.

Cor., of The Observer.

Rock Hill, S. C., July 20.—The Chicora Mill property will be sold at auction in New York July 25th. This mill, and four others located in different parts of South, composed the Southern Textile Company, with a bonded indebtedness of \$6,000,000, which is in the hands of receivers. The Chicora Mill was once owned by the Cohens, of Charleston, and Sam Friedheim, of this city. The building and plant was recently fitted with new machinery and had a new equipment of looms. The product was woven goods and yarn. The mill itself was built many years ago by a pioneer in the cotton industry of the south. About 1880 Col. A. H. Hutchinson erected the building and put the mill in operation.

It was one of the first to turn out woven goods of this kind in the South. The plant now stands upon eight acres of land in the heart of the town and has 24 tenement houses erected on the premises.

Wm Early Shot His Wife Thinking Her a Burglar.

Birmingham, Ala., July 21.—William Early, checkweigher of the Sloss-Sheffield Steel and Iron company at Coalburg, shot and fatally wounded his wife last night, thinking her a burglar. Mrs. Early had gone to the back porch to get the baby some water. As she returned, Mr. Early thought a burglar was entering, and reached for his pistol, firing the fatal shot half awake.

CASTORIA.
The Kind You Have Always Bought
Beware the Signature of *Wm. D. Mitchell*

Will build Ware House.

Special to News and Courier.

Rock Hill, July 19.—It is almost a certainty that a cotton ware house will be built here by the time the crop begins to come in. The farmers Association of this section has the matter in consideration, and is deeply in earnest. At the meeting a day or two ago they appointed a committee to raise funds by subscription. It is expected that this committee will be able to raise \$2,000 by the day of the annual meeting the first week in August.

Cherokee's Condition Under Prohibition.

Senator Butler Describes the Improvement Since the Dispensary Was Voted Out—It is Better in Every Way.

Special to The State.

Anderson, July 20.—Col C F Crayton, who is taking a most active part in the fight against the dispensary in this county, recently wrote to Senator T B Butler of Cherokee county, and requested him to give a true statement of the conditions existing in the county since the voting out of the dispensary. Mr Butler's reply is as follows:

"Dear Sir: Your letter of the 2nd of July came while I was in the midst of court, hence my delay in answering same.

"You ask me how we like it over in Cherokee county since the dispensary was voted out, and a true statement of the conditions before and since the dispensaries were closed.

"It is needless to tell you the condition before the dispensaries were voted out, for conditions are somewhat similar where liquor is sold. I may add that we had three dispensaries, two liquor and one beer, and I may also add that they were conducted by good men, and in my judgment sold according to the law, but the opposition here was not to the manner in which our dispensers conducted the dispensaries but to effects of the liquor that was sold. Drunkenness could be seen here almost every day, our police court was constantly trying cases of 'drunk and disorderly,' but that has ceased and only in rare instances can one see a man under the influence of liquor. Our criminal courts were always augmented by the fact that in almost every instance every case, from assault and battery to murder, was directly attributed to liquor. Within one year before the dispensaries were voted out, five white men (in three cases) were tried for killing their man, other white men, and whiskey was back of it all, the direct and controlling cause.

"I might mention other instances of the evil effects of the liquor, but every one is familiar with it. But as to the conditions since the dispensary was voted out here: Our police court has not the old familiar cases of 'drunk and disorderly' to dispose of. It has practically ceased. Our streets are clear of the drunk en, reeling men; our roadways are free from drunken brawls; our people are happy and have more money to spend for something to eat and to wear—in fact the difference is so great and noticeable, and results so beneficial, that any one who has doubts as to the proper way to vote on the question would never hesitate if they could really see us as we really are, but when the time came would vote 'no dispensary' and as often as an opportunity presented itself. In round numbers \$100,000 was spent in this county for liquor annually, and out of that amount a very small amount came back to the taxpayers; so you will see that, at least, with a very liberal allowance for purchases that may be made elsewhere, \$95,000 of the \$100,000 is here among a sober people.

"A strong moral sentiment of our people, active and vigilant police officers, magistrates who aid in the enforcement of the laws, a sheriff always determined—a 'blind tiger' cannot operate in this county any length of time. In short, the moral condition of our people is infinitely better than it was when we had the dispensaries.

"There was one thing noticeable in the vote against the dispensary, the largest percentage of the vote was cast by the mill operatives and the farmers, and so many have told me since that the beneficial results to them were beyond measure.

"The above is a brief statement of the conditions here and I feel safe in saying that if another vote was to be cast on the same subject on similar circumstances, the vote against the dispensary would even be greater than it was here in last November, and then it was five to one.

"With good wishes for success in your undertaking, I am,

"Yours very truly,
Thomas B Butler."

A GRIM TRAGEDY.

is daily enacted, in thousands of homes, as Death claims, in each one, another victim of Consumption or Pneumonia. But when Coughs and Colds are properly treated, the tragedy is averted. F. G. Huntley, of Oakland, Ind., writes: "My wife had the consumption, and three doctors gave her up. Finally she took Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds which cured her, and to-day she is well and strong." It kills the germs of all diseases. One dose relieves. Guaranteed at 50c and \$1.00 by Crawford Bros., J. F. Mackey & Co. Funderburk Pharmacy, druggists. Trial bottle free.

Spartanburg Young Man Held for Killing Father.

Spartanburg, July 21.—The coroner's jury in the case of Mull, who died here recently from injuries, tonight returned a verdict to the effect that he came to his death from a blow delivered by some instrument unknown to them, in the hands of Adolphus Mull. Adolphus Mull is the son of Aaron Mull and is in jail.

Col Daniel Lamont Dead.

Poughkeepsie, N. Y., July 23.—Col Daniel Lamont, Secretary of War under President Cleveland, died at 9:15 this evening at his country residence, at Milbrook, Dutchess county, N. Y., after a brief illness. Heart failure was the cause of death.

Col. and Mrs. Lamont were out driving this afternoon and Col. Lamont appeared to be enjoying the best of health. After dinner he complained of feeling ill and Dr. Stewart, of New York, who is 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 he was Mrs. Lamont and two daughters, Frances and Bessie. Several guests at the Lamont home were also present when the end came.

Sound kidneys are safeguards of life. Make the kidneys healthy with Foley's Kidney Cure. Sold by Funderburk Pharmacy.

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South Carolina News.

Specials to The State.

Negro Shot From Ambush.

Newberry, July 21.—Charlie Gillam, a negro living in the silver Street section eight or nine miles from town, was shot from ambush last night about 10 o'clock and was found dead in front of Mr. W. W. Spearman's gate this morning.

The man was coming home in a wagon by himself when the tragedy occurred, and statements differ as to how many shots were fired. Two loads of bird shot went through the abdomen, either one of which would have been fatal. The mule attached to his wagon carried him from the scene of the tragedy to Mr. Spearman's house.

The coroner's jury were not able to get very much evidence this morning. So far there is no clue as to the guilty party and the investigation may continue for several days.

Child Killed by Lightning.

Lake City, July 21.—During a thunder storm this afternoon lightning struck the dwelling of W. R. Jordan, one of Lake City's best citizens killing his 4-year-old daughter instantly. Lightning also killed two fine mules at the King warehouse. The mules belonged to Jeff D. Harlston of Johnsonville.

Wedding at Bethune.

Bethune, July 21.—Mr. B. M. Bruce, secretary of the Stevens Mercantile company of Bethune, and Miss Lillian Truesdale of Lugoff, were married yesterday afternoon at the residence of the bride, Rev. C. C. Herbert of Camden performing the ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. Bruce will make their home here.

Death in the jail.

Spartanburg, July 22.—Hose Miller, colored, convicted at the January term of sessions court of assault and battery and sent up to the chaingang for three years, and who was recently pardoned by the governor on account of his physical condition, he being a sufferer from consumption, died at the county jail yesterday.

A Brakeman Killed.

Chester, July 21.—Edward Cauley, a white brakeman on a freight train on the Southern railway, fell between two freight cars here today and received such horrible injuries that he died in two hours. He was 28 years old and leaves a wife and one child. He came here recently from Augusta.

Lightning Destroys Church.

Bishopville, July 21.—The colored Baptist Church here was struck by lightning and burned to-day, at 3:30 P. M. There was no insurance.

TWO BOTTLES CURED HIM

"I was troubled with kidney complaint for about two years," writes A. H. Davis, of Mt. Sterling, Ia., "but two bottles of Foley's Kidney Cure effected a permanent cure." Sold by Funderburk Pharmacy.

Foley's Honey and Tar
For children, safe, sure. No opiates.

Speegle's Shortage Continues To Grow.

More Startling Developments in the Greenville Investigation.—Asserted That Ex-supervisor Received \$1,200 From Paris Mountain Water Company on Personal Account.

Special to The State.

Greenville, July 22.—The most startling disclosure yet made by the commission investigating the supervisor's office was made public this afternoon when it was stated that Ex-Supervisor J. E. Speegle received \$1,200 from the Paris Mountain Water company in 1904 for an immense job of work done by the convict gang on the reservoir on Paris mountain, which he deposited to his personal account in one of the banks of the city and subsequently made personal draft on this amount.

The cashier of the bank has testified to the fact, and the voucher received by the water company from Speegle as supervisor has been received by Mr. Patton from General manager Daves office in Philadelphia. There have also been several pairs of mules sold besides other county property of which there is no record of payment having been made in the records of the office.

SPOILED HER BEAUTY.

Harriet Howard, of 209 W. 34th St., New York, at one time had her beauty spoiled with skin trouble. She writes: "I had Salt Rheum or Eczema for years, but nothing would cure it, until I used Bucklen's Arnica Salve." A quick and sure healer for cuts, burns and sores. 25c at Crawford Bros., J. F. Mackey & Co's, and Funderburk Pharmacy, drug store.

Mr. R. K. Dargan's Insurance.

Darlington, July 22.—It was stated here today that Mr. R. K. Dargan's insurance amounted to about \$50,000 though the exact figures could not be learned. It is known, however, that he carried \$25,000 in one company and \$5,000 each in several others. According to a will made some years ago it seems that all of his insurance will go to his wife.

NO FALSE CLAIMS.

The proprietors of Foley's Honey and Tar do not advertise this as a "sure cure for consumption." They do not claim it will cure this dread complaint in advanced cases, but do positively assert that it will cure in the earlier stages and never fails to give comfort and relief in the worst cases. Foley's Honey and Tar is without doubt the greatest throat and lung remedy. Refuse substitutes. Sold by Funderburk Pharmacy.

No woman who is true to her sex is afraid of the man she is married to.

But few men ever live long enough to realize their own unimportance.

Some men do good deeds for publication and not as a guaranty of good faith.

Probably more men would drink soda water if it weren't for the name of the stuff.

It is usually the man who doesn't know the secret of success who is willing to impart it to others.