# JAPAN SEEMS IN THE LEAD

Indications Point to the Fact That came out and made an offensive at the Islanders Will Win

THEY SHOWED REMARKABLE TACT

The Little Yellow Men Seem to Have -Russia Beaten On All Sides.

St. Petersburg, By Cable-St. Petersburg is flooded with rumors from all directions regarding the plans of the Japanese, now that the Russlau fleet at Port Arthur is unable longer to menace their troop transports.

The Associated Press, in a dispatch from Port Arthur Sunday last, gave 20 as the number of Japanese transports reported as having been sighted steaming in the direction of Yin Kow, the seaport of New Chwang. Officials of the general stan, while having no information in this respect, would not number is steaming there. They antleipated this movement at the breaking out of the war, but the activity of Vice Admiral Makaroff's fleet and the p m." large army in the vicinity of New Chwang imposed caution and, it is be-Beved, made the Japanese abandon, or at least postpone it, and caused them to continue their advance towards Manchurla through Korea and consider disembarkation and a flank move-

Vice Admiral Togo's immense superiority enables him to hold the Russian squadron in Port Arthur and Japanese transports, therefore, can safely pass through the Straits of Pe Chi Li, and attempt to land at the head of the Guit of Liao Tung, under the guns of the warships, as did General Shafter's army at Daiquiri, Cuba. If this should succeed, the Japanese will be in an excellent position to execute a flank movement on Liao Yang or that of

General Kuropatkin recently inspected New Shwang, He is familiar with the strategic position there, and disposed a strong force to contest a Japanese move at that point, and if such a move is made, it is believed he will be able to check it. Prince Hilkoff, Minister of Railroads, left St. Petersburg of Irkutsk, where he will supervise the completion of the railroad around Lake Baikal and expedite the dispatch of troops and supplies to Manchuria.

# Togo's Report.

the following cablegram from Tokio,

'Admiral Togo reports that the combined fleet as previously planned com-menced on the 11th of April the eighth attack on Port Arthur. The fourth and fifth destroyer flotillas and the four-teenth torpedo flotilla, and the Koryomaru reached the mouth of Port Arthur at midnight of the 12th and effected the laying of mines at several points outside of the port, defy enemy's searchlight.

"The second destroyer flotilla discoved at dawn of the 13th one Russian stroyer trying to enter the harbor and after ten minutes attack, sun her. Another Russian destroyer was discovered coming from the direction of Laotishan and was attacked, but she managed to flee into the harbor. On I our side there were no casualties except two seamen on the Ikazuch slightly wounded. There was no time to rescue the enemy's drowned crews, as the Bayan approached.

The third fleet reached outside of Port Arthur at 8 a. m., when the Bayan came out and opened fire. Immediately afterward the Novik Askold, Diana Petropavlovsk, Pobleda and Poltava official this year.

# Four Injured By Explosion.

Baltimore, Special.-Information just two brakemen and the engineer are take the injured to the City Hospital. from the other warships.

# Work of Sharpshooters,

St. Petersburg, By Cable.-General Kuropatkin, in a dispatch to the binwere approaching the east side of the island in three boats. The Russians allowed the Japanese to land and then fired on them. Nearly all the Japanes were shot, hayoneted or drowned and their boats sunk. The Russians sustained no losses.

# A Double Tragedy.

-Water Valley, Miss., Special. - A double tragedy occurred near this town mer, had made arrangements to elope with Miss Fanny Kimsey, when her

tack, one-third of our fleet hardly answering and gradually retiring, enthe port, when our first fleet, informed through wireless telegraph from the third fleet, suddenly appeared before the enemy and attacked them.

"While the enemy was trying to gain the port a battleship of the the Best of It Under All Conditions by us the previous evening, and sunk Petropavlovsk type struck mines laid at 10:32 a. m.

'Although another ship was served to have lost freedom of movement, the confusion of the enemy's ships prevented us from identifying her and she finally manged to regain the port.

"Cur third fleet suffered no damage, and the enemy's damage beside that above mentioned was probably slight also. Our first fleet did not reach firing

"Our fleets at 1 p. m., prepared for another attack. They resailed April 14 toward Port Arthur. The second, the also joined at 3 a. m., and 7 a. m. No enemy's ships were found outside the port. Our first fleet arrived at the he surprised if the number should turn all. The Kasauga and Nisshin were out to be correct, or even that a larger | dispatched to the west of Laotishin and made an indirect bombardment for two hours, it being their first action. The new forts on Laotishin were finally slienced. Our forces retired at 1:30

The Kasuga and the Nighin were purchased from Argentine.

#### Shot By Jealous Wife.

Pittsburg, Special.-While walking along Air Brake avenue in Wilmerding Sunday evening, Mrs. Laura Rebrach, aged 22 years, of Pitcairn, was shot and killed by Mrs. Hugh Beninger, with whose husband Mrs. Rebrach was strolling. Reninger, who first drew the fire of his wife, was shot in the leg. M:s. Rebrach and her husband were both locked up in the Wilmerding jail. Beninger's injury is merely a flesh wound. The Beningers and Rebrachs are neighbors in Wilmerding, and it is said that Mrs. Beninger was insonely jealous of her busband. He left home early in the evening for Wilmerding, and he protests that the meetings with Mrs. Rebrach was purely casual. followed her husband, when she learned whither he had gone, and when she met him in company with Mrs. Rebrach, without a word she drew a revolver and fired at her husband, aiming low. The bullet lodged in Benirger's leg. While he was protesting to his wife not to shoot again, Mrs. Rebrach started to flee down the street. Mrs. Beninger turned on her and fired. The woman fell to the ground without a moan and was dead within 15 minutes. The bullet entered the back of The Japanese legation has received her head near the ear. The tragedy was witnessed by many passers-by. When Mrs. Beninger realized what she had done she collapsed.

Aycock for Vice-President, St. Louis, Special.-Commenting upon the suggestion of Governor Aycock, of North Carolina, that a Southerner be nominated for Vice President, The Globe-Democrat says: "If the Democrats think there is no chance to win, in any case a Southern not be complimented by that act very highly, though of course it may be better to be nominated and lose than and the water rushed in. The center never to be nominated at all. A good of gravity having gone, the ship rolled Southern man to select for the second place on the ticket would be the North Carolina Governor himself. He is struction of the battleship. able, high-toned, and personally popular, that would make a good presiding officer of the Senate, if there were

How Ho Was Saved.

St. Petersburg, Special.-It is conreceived here reports the explosion of firmed that the Grand Duke Curil's ina locomotive near Marriottsville, on juries consist of burns on the neck and the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad. It is legs. A private dispatch to his father said that the conductor, a fireman and reports that the wounded officer is better. A life buoy was thrown to the reported to be seriously injured. Am, Grand Duke by which he sustained bulances have been summoned to meet bimself in the water until picked up by relief train at Camden station to one of the boats which were lowered

# The Pope Visits St. Peters.

Rome, By Cable.-For the first peror bearing Tuesday's date, says that went Monday to St. Peter's to say General Krasnalinski, on the night of mass in celebration of the thirteenth April 8th, ordered a detachment of contennial of St. Gregory the Great. sharp chooters to cross to the left The immense basilica of St. Peter's bank of the Yalu opposite Wiju. The | was filled, more than 70,000 people sharp shoolers landed on the Island of being present. The Pope was in the Samalind and surprised a patrol /of best of health. He appeared in the fifty Japanese scouts just as the latter Scolia Gestatorio, although the motion of this chair, carried on the shoulders of bearers, makes him ill. On his express recommendation the audience refrained from applause or crying out, contenting themselves with the waving of handkerchiefs.

# Senator Dietrich Not Guilty.

Washington, Special.-Senator Dietroch, of Nebraska, has been declared Thursday, Ed. Gammon, a young far- by a special committee of Congress to he not guilty of any violation of the statues of the United States or of any corrupt or unworthy conduct relating father, Jake Kimsey, appeared on the either to the appointment of Jacob sene. Gammon shot and killed him. Fisher as postmaster at Hestings, The daughter endeavored to escape. Neb., or the leasing of the building in shell will be placed on the Gammon shot her and then made that city to the United States for a the jumbo of his tribe.

#### CARNEGIE'S HERO FUND

CAMDEN

Pittsburg, Special.-It was made known here Friday that Andrew Carnegie has created a fund of \$5,000,000 ticing the enemy 15 miles southeast of for the benefit of "the dependents of those losing their lives in heroic effort to save their fellow men or for the heroes themselves if injured only." Provision is also made for medals to be given in commemoration of heroic acts.

The endowment is to be known as the hero fund and consists of \$5,000,-000 of first collater 5 per cent, bonds of the United States Steel Corporation. The trust is placed in the hands of a commission of which Chas. L. Taylor is chairman. The scheme was coinceived by Mr. Carnegie immediately after the Fiardwick mine disaster, when he summoned to New York Chas. L. Taylor, chairman, and F. Wilmot, manager, of the Andrew Carnegie relief fund, to discuss with them plans for the refourth and the fifth destroyer flotilla lief of the sufferers from this catastrophe. In a letter to the hero fund committee, Mr. Carnegie outlines the general scheme of the fund which, in his own words, is "to place those following peaceful vacation who have been in-jured in heroic effort to save human life in somewhat better positions pecuniarily than before, until again able to work. In case of death, the widow and children or other dependents, to be provided for-the widow until she is re-married and the children until they reach a self-supporting age. For exceptional children, exceptional grants may be also made to heroes or heroines, as the commission think advisable each case to be the judge on its

It is provided that no grant is to be continued unless it be soberly and properly used, and the recipient remains respectable, well-behaved members of the community. A medal shall be given to the hero, widow or next of kin, which shall regite the heroic deed it commemorates. The medal shall be given for the heroic act, even if the deer be uninjured, and also a sum of money should the commission deem such gift desirable.

The field embraced by the fund is the United States and Canada, and the

"The sea is the scene of many heroic acts," says Mr. Carnegie's letter, "and no action more herole than that of doctors and nurses volunteering their services in the case of epidemics, Railroad employes are remarkable for heroism. Whenever heroism is displayed by man or women, in saving human life, the fund applies."

### Official Version.

St. Petersburg, By Cable,-The Assoclated Press has obtained what is practically the official version of the sinking of the battleship Petropavlovsk great extent the mysterious features of that vessel's destruction. This version

"Retiring before the advance of a suerior Japanese fleet, which was not fighting its progress, the Russian squadron approached the entrance to the harbor. It was shortly after 8 o'clock in the morning, and most of the officers and crew were at breakfast on the flagship. Vice Admirel Makaroff was eating breakfast in his cabin and the ward room was crowded with officers surrounding the tables. On the Lieut, Von Kobe, Capt. Jakovleff, commanding the vessel, and two other officers were on watch, examining the narrow entrance preparatory to enter-

ing it. "At about 2 o'clock there was a terrific explosion of the boilers, followed a few seconds later by a detonation from the well-stored magazines.

"All information tends to prove that a mine was responsible for the de-

"The scene below will never be scribed, as, so far as is known, not a single person between decks succeeded any chance for his party to elect that scalded the men on deck indicated what must have been the character of the death met by those in the engine room. The men on deck were thrown in all directions, those falling into the water swimming and grasping the wreckage, to which some of them were

> "The remainder of the squadron immediately stopped and lowered small boats, and the torpedo boats steamed as quickly as possible to the rescue of the survivors. The escape of Grand Duke Cyril and Lieut. Von Kebe was nothing short of miraculous. The force of the explosion sent Grand Duke Cyril flying across the bridge, and the base of his skull struck on an iron stanenion. Fortunately he did not lose consciousness. Believing that the ship was about to sink, he clambered hastily down its side and boldly plunged into the water. He succeedde in reaching a piece of wreckage, to which he clung The Grand Duke was in the water about twenty minutes before he was picked up by a torpedo boat. Liest. Von Kobe was also found swimming and was picked up. Capt. Jacovicti was thrown against a stanchion with

such force that he was killed. "Grand Duke Cyffi's injuries were Besides receiving a blow on the neck, his legs were burned and he suffered a serious shock. He was taken mmediately to a hospital, where his injuries were attended to. He will remain there for three days, and then will be brought to St. Petersburg.

# Glant Lobster Found.

The grand patriarch of the lobster tribe was recently brought to Gloucester, Mass., by the crew of the schooner Ella M. Goodwin.

White engaged in hanling their trawls off shore two of the crew brought him to the surface firmly hooked. He was nearly two feet long and weighed 13 pounds. One of the crew has removed the meat and his shell will be placed on exhibition as

# PARKER IS ENDORSED LIVE ITEMS OF NEWS.

A STORMY SESSION WAS HELD

National Convention.

Albany, N. Y., Special.-The Demo ratic State convention was called to order in Harmanus Bleeker Hall Monday afternoon. Great confusion resulted from orders which had been given to keep the doors closed until the last moment. The result was that when the doors were opened at three minutes before 2 o'clock the crowd burst in with a yell and a rush In three minutes the top gallery was filled with a stamping and shouting mass of men and boys. In the galleries were a number of Hearst bancomments was maintained by the gal in the hall was tremendous. The aisies were filled with a scrambling crowd, demanding seats at the ratio of about three persons to one seat. The police were all but helpless. Hats were smashed, efething torn, faces scratch-

tested seats was referred to a committee and recess was taken until

When the doors of the convention opened at 6:45 at night there was a rush that swept before it ushers, door tenders and police. The word had gone forth that there would be a fight on the floor of the convention and within a few minutes the balcony, gallery and stage were jammed. The police ejected hundreds of people who had pre-empted the delegates' seats. It was not until almost 9 o'clock that the convention was called to order. Senator McCarren

When Judge Parker's name was platform, and Senator Grady offered the candidates selected by the nation

The convention selected the follow Edward Murphy, Jr., of Troy; George Ehret, of New York, and James,

as the State's candidate for President. had been predicted, being allowed to name a delegate at large, Mr. Ehret, and an alternte, and one of the two electors at large, Harry Payne Whitney, the other being John T. Wood-

in addition to instructing for Parker, compels the delegation to vote as

#### Arrest of Leaders. Houston, Texas, Special .- Sheriff

Lipscomb and his posse arrested Aaron Tucker Pinckney, brother of Congressman Pinckney. The sheriff eluded the enraged citizens and has landed his prisoners in jail at Houston for safe-

# Damage to the Missouri

Washington, Special.-Rear Admiral Capps, chief constructor of the navy, who, while in Pensacola, made an investigation of the damage to the Missouri, has made a verbal report to the Secretary of the Navy, which indicates that the damage to that vessel as a result of the recent explosion, are con fined almost wholly to the electric motors in the vicinity of the explosion that the wiring, panels, instruments etc., in the turret proper, will require renewal, and that all motors will re quire overhauling as a result of dam age either from fire or water. The rammer to the left-hand gun also is seriously damaged, likewise the left hand ammunition car and attings

# Above the Danger Line.

Washington, Special.-The Weather

Many Matters of General Interest in

Short Paragraphs.

Down in Dixie.

Richmond and seriously injured him.

cided to run for Governor of

of the negroes cut his throat.

A dynamite cap blew up a boy in

Judge W. II. Mann has definitely de-

ville, Tenn., was discovered, and one

Congressman Harry C. Woodyard

was renominated by the Republican

A mob of negroes near Newport News

with burglary, but officers rescued him-

battleship Missouri, near Pensacola,

At The National Capital.

The General Deficiency Appropria-

tion bill carries an item of \$4,000,000

for pensions, a part of which is to pay

pensions under the order issued re-

In the Senate the bill for the goy

ernment of the Panama Canal zone was

considered. Mr. Morgan (Dem., Ala.)

he bill amending the law relating to

Indications are that Capt. Richmond

P. Hobson has been defeated by Con-

gressman Bankhead, in the Alabama

A sharp exchange of words took place in the Senate between Messrs,

Teller (Dem., Col.) and Hopkins (Rop.

The McCall investigating commit-

tee reported that it found no evidence

to implicate members of Congress in

The Senate passed the postoffice ap-

Mr. Robinson (Dem., Ind.) made a point of order in the House alleging

breach of confidence by the conferees

on the Indian appropriation bill, but

At The North,

Hearst delegates to the Democratic

The Democratic campaign in the

About two-thirds of the Massachus-

etts Democratic delegation will be for Richard Olney, but W. R. Hearst will

get 6 to 10 votes as the result of the

The New York Republican conven-

tion chose Senators Platt and Depew,

delegates-at-large, and "directed" them

The motion of E. H. Harriman and

Winslow S. Pierce to intervene in the

settlement of the Northern Securities

liquidation decree was taken up before

the United States District Court at St.

Governor Peabody, of Colorado, de-

lared that Adjutant General Bell and

Captain Wells, of the militia, would not

appear in court as ordered and would

ignore the writ of habeas corpus in

Senator W. A. Clark, of Montana,

sailed from New York on a six-month

Lolite Armour left New York with

cruise in the Mediterranean for his

her parents on her way to Vienna,

where Dr. Lorenz will give her les-

Charles Albert Beecher, friend of Lincoln and who aided in obtaining

a commission in the army for U. S.

From Across The Sea

The funeral of ex-Queen Isabella of

Colonel Marchand, the hero of Fasho-

ia, resigned from the French service.

o 61, sanctioned the employment

The House of Commons, by 270 votes

Caricatures of President Roosevelt

and Miss Alice Roosevelt, by name on

the stage, were stopped by the Berlan

The Russian battleship Petropavlovsk

was wrecked by striking a mine at Port Arthur. Vice Admiral Makaron

and over 600 of her crew being killed.

Prince Hugo Hohenlohe was married

to Mme. Helga, a circus rider, in Ber-

in.
It is reported that fighting between

the Russians and Japanese has begun

Extraordinary precautions have

Premier Maura was stabbed in the

breast at Barcelona by Joaquin Miguel

Artao, an anarchist youth, but was not

The House of Commons reassem

bled and Premier Balfour gave notice that he would bring up the Thibet

The Reichstag reassembled and

Chancellor Von Bulow in a speech dis-

Miscelleneous Matters.

The Knights of Columbus of the

United States presented to the Catholic University a check for \$50,000 to en-

low a chair of American history in the

It is thought likely a new and mor

It is believed the proposed naval demonstration in the Mediterranesh by the United States is almost at the Sultan of Turkey.

will be negotiated with Chica

treaty affecting immigration

University.

cussed Germany's foreign policy.

along the banks of the Yalu river.

guard against a surprise.

Grant, died at Marysville, Ohio.

Spain took piace in Paris.

he Moyer case.

gons in walking.

to vote for the nomination of Roose

caucuses held there Tuesday night.

West was inaugurated at the Iroquois

State Convention in Connecticut were

the point of order was overruled.

chosen in New Haven,

Club banquet in Chicago.

any unlawful postoffice transactions.

attacked the Panama policy of the ad

cently by Commissioner Ware.

the Philippine Islands.

primaries, for Congress.

propriation bill.

Twenty-six men were killed by an

district convention at Parkersburg.

explosion in the after turret of

New York Democrats Meet in Convention and Adopt Platform

The Chairman Indicated That Parker Should Be the Selection of the

ners and a running fire of shouts and lery. The crush before the doors and

ed and feet trampled in the rush. Order was finally secured and former State Senator George Raines, of Monroe county, was introduced as chairman, and he delivered a speech to the convention. He discussed national issues, and referred to the leadership of New York Democracy. Without mentioning his candidate by name, he referred to Judge Parker as "one whose Democracy has never

After the roll call the matter of con

port of the committee on platform. mentioned in the platform the audience rose to the occasion, with the exception of the Tammany delegates, and cheered loudly, but not long, Mr. McCarren moved the adoption of the a minority amendment providing that the delegation here elected is left free to take such action at St. Louis as a majority thereof may consider piost likely to insure the success of

ing delegates at large to the national convention: David B. Hill, of Albany; Ridgeway, of Brooklyn. As alternates it selected C. N. Bulger, of Oswego; N. W. Carlyl Ely, of Buffalo; C. H. Ackerman, of Brooklyn, and

Francis Burton Harris, of New York. The delegates were instructed by a vote of 301 to 149 for Alton B. Parker Tammany was not treated as badly as

The platform adopted is brief and

Bureau issued the following special river forecast: The Mississippi river is 3.9 feet above the danger line at Memphis and falling; it is 45.8 feet, 0.8 foot above the danger line at Vicksburg, and will reach a stage at Vicksburg of about 47 feet within a week, At New Orleans the river is 0.2 feet above the danger line, 16.0 feet, and rising slowly with a prospect of 16.5 to 17 feet by April 26th.

#### ROMINENT PEOPLE.

ble., Edward has his face set against ong dinners of numerous courses, and as declared war on dinners of more than six courses.

Sir Samuel Montagu has placed at the disposal of the Lotadon County council \$50,000 for workingmen's cot ages at Edmonton.

M. Pierre Decourcelles' deama, "La Baillonnee," which has just been pro duced in Paris, is one of the greatest necesses of the season.

Pope Prus has normed the Venice A plot made by five negro convicts to blow up the State prison at Nash-Municipal Council that he will be gird to contribute to the funds for the re construction of the Cympanile,

William Buchanan, our Minister to Pahama, was born on an Ohio farm, and is now fifty-one years old. From 1891 to 1900 he was Minister to the Argeniine Republic. Dr. Robert S. MacArthur, of New

threatened to lynch a black charged York, has been chosen by Chancellor Day, of the Syracuse University, to deliver the baccalaurente sermon for that institution on June 5. Mestag, the emment Dutch marine

painter, has presented to the Dutch Government, for the nation, a princely collection of art objects. The entire collection is valued at \$600,009.

Mrs. Mary McIntyre, of Holt County, Mo:, is a grandinughter of William Montgomery Blair, who was a staff officer of Anthony Wayne and helped at the rushing at Stony Point.

Paderewski, the planist, in order to show his disapproval of the Prussian Government's Pollsh policy, has forbidden his new opera "Manru" to be produced in the German theatre of The House had under consideration

William Mort Keyley, of Washington, lown, has been libbored by the University of Chicago with a degree of cum lande," having graduated from the institution, it is said, with the highest honors ever received by a law graduate from a Western school,

#### LABOR WORLS.

Albany, N. Y., union tailors will subbill a new scale of wages.

British India now employs over 1, 600,000 foople in its cotton industries. The Western Filmt Glass Workers' Union has again joined the American Rederation of Labor.

The union label has been discarded by thirty typolesale clothing manufacturers of Rochester, N. Y. English workmen in the engineering and collied trades are but moderately

employed at the present time. Copper mines in Michigan have in creased in number from less than 7000 in 1893 to more than 14,000 in 1903. In January and February the mem-

bership of the order of Railway Clerks

of America increased 1220 in mem-The engravers of America are organheadquarters of the organization will probably be in New York

The Musicians' Union of Toronto, Canada, is aid to be the largest organiztion of the kind in the dominion, The membership is about 500.

February returns of the English boil-Governor Odell and ex-Governor Black ermakers and the fron shipbuilders show a total of 9559 meprices on the funds, as against 10,352 in January, It is said that the attempt of Suily,

the American "Cotton King," the cotton market has cut down the wages of the English cotton spinners \$2,000,000 a week. Muskegon, Mich., union carpenters

have agreed with local contractors to arbitrate all differences in the future. the wage is to be 321/2 cents an Lear, with an eight-hour day. Returns from the local trade unions and from branches of the amalgamated bodies show a general increase

# NEWSY GLEANINGS.

England.

A monster oil well has been struck just south of Upper Sandusky, O. Thus far all levees on the Mississippl near Memphis, Tenn., have withstood

Quarry owners in Montpeller and Barre, Vt., have locked out 1800 ggante cutters. It is claimed that the total cost of he British army this year will be

£140,000,000. Census bureau reports show that 254,945 acres of land were under irrigation in New Mexico in 1902. An extensive deposit of coal, acces-

sible to the Pacific Ocean, has been found near Controller Bay, Alaska. Ore unloading barges on the Lakes will be lower this season because of the cut in wages of the shovelers. Deaths of bables from convulsions

have decreased nearly sixty per cent. in the last three decades in Chicago, 111. The season's catch of fish among Alaskan Indians have been so small

hat they will have to be supplied with food. It was decided that there is no pun-Ishment in Colorado for fraud at special elections such as the recent harter election in Denver.

Fifty of the largest postoffices in the United States showed a net ducrease of thirteen per cent, in receipts for March over the same month last A committee of three was appointed

by the City Councils of Buffale, N. Y. o investigate President Smith's assertion that \$200,000 had been spent llegally. Count Kapnist, the Russian Ambassador to Austria-Hungary, in an inter-

view on the Macedonian question says to is convinced the Slav races and States will not move while Itussia Is busy to the Far East.

# To Ald Escaped Prisoners.

In Siberia the houses in every viltage upon the main street facing the road have little windows with shelves about six feet above the ground, and on these shelves the inmates place whatever food they have to spare. This is a custom handed down from a former period to aid escaped prison ers, the shelves being placed at that height so as to prevent dogs from getting at the food.

A Charge of Powder Iguites Setting Off 1,600 Pounds

#### NAVAL DISASTER AT PENSACOLA

The Presence of Mind and Prompt Action of Captain Cowles Saves

Pensacola, Fla., Special.-While on the target range Wednesday afternoon 1,600 pounds of powder exploded on the battleship Missouri, killing: five officers and twenty-four men and injuring a number of others, two whom will die.

The Missouri was on the target

range with the Texas and Brooklyn at practice about noon, when a charge of powder in the twelve-inch left hand gun exploded, ignited from gases, and dropping below, lenited four charges of powder in the handling room, and all exploded, and only one man of the entire turret and handling erew survives. But for the prompt and efficient work of Capt. Cowles in closing the handling room and magazine, one of the magazines would have exploded and the ship would have been destroyed. Capt. Cowles, completely overcome with the disaster, referred all newspaper men to Lieut. Hammer, the ordinance officer. The latter gave out a statement of the explosion and its probable cause. According to him, about noon, after the first pointer of the after twelveinch piece had fired his string and the second pointer had fired the third shot of his string, the charge, ignited. The fourth shot was being loaded and from all indications, the first half of the charge had been rammed home and the second section was being rammed home, when gases from the shot previously fired, or portions of the cloth cover, ignited the powder. The breech was open and r dall thud gave notice of something unusual. No loud report was made, but the flames were seen to leap from every portion of the turret. A few seconds later another explosion, more florce, occurred. This was in the handling room below, where 1,600 pounds of powder, or four charges, ready to be hoisted above, had ig-

Fire quarters were sounded, and every man of the ship responded, izing an international union. The eager to go into the furrets and resone the crew. Capt. Cowles gave ence of mind, together with the officers of the ship, the Missouri would have gone down. The second explosion occurred near one of the magagines, and so hot was the fire that the brass-work of the magazine, was melted. Smoke and the fumes of the burned powder made it almost impossible either to enter the turret or handling room, but officers and men, with handkerchiefs over their faces, made efforts to rescue the men inside Leading the rescuing party was Capt. Cowles (the officers endeavoyed to keep him from going below, as I men fell unconscious as they entered, and had to be pulled out by their comrades); but, unheeding their advice, the commanding officer rushed below followed by Lieut. Hammer, the ordinance officer, and Llout. Cleveland Davis. Capt. Cowles caught up a in the number of unemployed among dying blue-jacket in his arms and the machine-tool makers throughout transferred him to the deck. The blue-jacket, with two others from the handling room, had crawled partly from their place of duty when they had been overcome. Before the fumes of the burning powder had left the turret, officers and men were in, lifting out the dying and men. Three minutes after the explosion all were on deck and the surgeons from the Missouri, Texas and Brooklyn were attending to those not

The twenty-five men of the turret were found lying in a heap. They had started for the exit when the first explosion occurred and had just reached there when the more terrible explosion in the handling room had occurred, which burned and strangel them to death. Lieut. Dayidson, the officer in charge of the turret, had evidently given some command to the men, as he was on top of the heap of men, having fallen there after he had allowed them to pass him to get out of the turret The bodies were hardly recognizable, the terrible and quick fire baying burnt the clothing from the bodies of the men, and the flesh hung from them in shreds.

The faces were mutilated by the smoke and flames. Only one man was breathing when the turret crew was rescued, and he died a moment after he reached deck.

The dead: Lieut. W. C. Davidson In charge of the twelve-inch turret; In charge of the twelve-inch turret; Innign E. A. Welkert, U. S. M. C.; Lleut. Thomas Ward, Jr., division officer; J. K. Pederson, boatswain mate, second class; W. Bougard, or dinary seaman; J. Blexaputlan, Cox-swain Charles Rice, Seaman J. C. Hardy, apprentice, second class; J. Kivlin; Seaman J. Gadris; Ordin ary Seaman J. F. Rolands; Electri cian (second class) H. B. Franks, Coxswain J. P. Starr, Ordinary Sea man J. C. Nunn, Seaman N. Soder Seaman C. H. Meyer, Ordinary Sea man P. R. Castler, Approntice (860; ond class) R. H. Allison, Ordinary Seaman R. C. Tobin, Ordinary Same men J. J. Mulligan, Landsman Cole, Ordinance Sergeant A. Smith Gunner's Mate (first class) W. B Shipman, Private Marine P. J. Brown Chief Gunner's Male J. F. Ordinary Seaman J. M. Ros The injured are: J. E. Knight

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