

RAISING THE MAINE OF PLOT TOLD BY A

RECALLS STORY NAMELESS WITNESS

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Taking Sailors' Bones From Mud Incased Wreck Goes On.

WITH each new ton of mud pumped from the mystery laden wreck of the United States battleship Maine...

been consistently in favor of the outside mine theory, though it is admitted that such a mine might have been laid by Cubans as likely as by Spaniards.

Among the queerest echoes from the naval board inquiry held on a light-house tender just after the disaster, none presents a better field for the inquisitive than the story of the nameless witness.

As the chief basis for the exterior mine theory is the opinion of officers who were attached to the Maine, their stories of conditions aboard are being recalled by old navy men, most of whom have read the testimony and re-read it many times.

Every other person who testified at that investigation was required to give his name and station and answer detailed questions as to his capability. The nameless witness, who appeared at the fifth day's session on Feb. 25, was permitted by consent of the judges to remain inognito.

The latest dispatches from the scene of the wreck seemed to uphold the original belief. In the mass of twisted metal was found recently a curved piece of steel. Engineers say it is probably a portion of the flat keel of the Maine, and Ferguson, the naval constructor in charge of the examination, says that adjacent plates and beams are undoubtedly from the vicinity of the keel.

Questioning this witness, who apparently was a foreigner, presumably a Spaniard or Cuban, the judge advocated:

Practically all the water has been pumped out of the cofferdam, so that the wreck incased only in mud, with dots of remaining water here and there. The bow structure is mostly exposed.

The witness insisted upon the accuracy of his story, but did not know the names of the officers. One seemed to be a lieutenant; another was of rank at least as high as major and wore a belt indicating that he was on a general's staff.

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How He Happened to Tell. "He was talking with a friend in the Cafe St. Nicholas after this occurrence," replied the interpreter, summarizing the witness' answer.

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Many False Trails. The testimony of the nameless witness was but one of many pointers toward the trails that yielded nothing definite. That the naval court decided the explosion to have been caused by a submarine mine was due to the testimony of experts regarding the vessel's condition prior to the blast.

The raising has proceeded far enough to show that the Maine's after bulkhead is practically uninjured. The question of building a bulkhead and floating out the stern section is still under discussion, but the engineers hesitate on account of the corroded condition of the deck beams and other structural members not protected by overlying mud.

2 p. m. yesterday, was late and the switch engine was on the main track by mistake. The special was running at reduced speed.

Cuming County Soaked. West Point, Neb., Aug. 21.—This section was visited again with a two-inch rain on Friday and a considerable precipitation on Saturday.

WANTS THAT PANIC PROBED. Senator Owens intimates somebody got rich out of the deal. Washington, Aug. 21.—An investigation into causes leading up to the panic of 1907 and the benefits secured from it by any persons or corporations, was asked in the senate resolution offered today by Senator Owens of Oklahoma.

A CLARK PROVES FATAL. Omaha man who broke neck in shallow water, expires. Omaha, Aug. 21.—Harry B. Hunsicker, the real estate man who had his neck broken on July 12 when he dove into shallow water at Courtland beach, died at 9:15 o'clock at Clark hospital.

Stage Scenery. Walter Prichard Eaton, the dramatic critic, believes modern dramas are too elaborately staged. In "The Question of Scenery" in the American Magazine he says:

After all, it was not the Elizabethans who were stupid because they could enjoy the drama on a bare stage. It is we who are stupid because we cannot enjoy the drama unless the stage is littered with realistic scenery.

Madison County Campaign Costs. Madison, Neb., Aug. 21.—Special to The News: The following persons have filed their expense statements with the county clerk for the recent primary election:

Men Are Beaters. Every man is the center of perpetual radiation like a luminous body. He is, as it were, a beacon which entices a ship upon the rocks if it does not guide it into port.—Amiel.

Authorities Believe Man Wanted for Tecumseh Crime Going East. Ogden, Utah, Aug. 21.—E. E. Hesse, wanted at Tecumseh, Neb., for the murder of his wife and stepdaughter, is thought to be going east. It was learned that a conductor on a passenger train leaving Salt Lake City last Wednesday afternoon saw and recognized Hesse. It is believed he is headed for Chicago.

Laasod by Indian, Then Shot at. Valentine, Neb., Aug. 21.—Special to The News: A traveling salesman, selling enlarged pictures around here for the last week or two, had quite an experience as well as a narrow escape from getting shot by a drunken Indian by the name of Pete Neisse.

Democrat Vote in Republican Primary. Bassett, Neb., Aug. 21.—Special to The News: The following county officials were nominated: Republican—County clerk and clerk of the district court, M. Spain; county judge, E. A. Thomas; sheriff, J. S. Kelly; treasurer, C. M. Anderson; superintendent of schools, Charles Ammon; coroner, Dr. E. M. Farquhar; surveyor, J. J. Carlin.

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for a special reception in the auditorium, at which there will be extemporaneous speeches and dancing. From the way the crowd is entering into everything that is proposed, they will be a tired but happy throng when it becomes time for the homegoing.

Norfolk Drops Fast Contest. Battle Creek 4; Norfolk 1. The whirlwind pitching for Fox for Battle Creek won for that aggregation the game from Norfolk Sunday afternoon by a score of 4 to 1.

Norfolk's playing was good, but the record of eleven straight games could not last and the locals reluctantly gave up in the last inning.

Valentine Beats Crookston. Valentine, Neb., Aug. 21.—Special to The News: Valentine crossed bats with Crookston here at the baseball park and it proved to be a good game, ending in a victory for Valentine, score being 8 to 9.

Winside Beats Allen. Winside, Neb., Aug. 21.—Special to The News: Winside defeated Allen here yesterday in a good game of ball. The game stood 2 to 0 in the ninth inning and Winside had twenty-one men out when they made three runs, saving the game.

Stuart Team Wins. Stuart, Neb., Aug. 21.—With the score of 6 to 4 and two men out in the ninth inning, Stuart won from Emmet with three clean hits. This makes three games Stuart won last week, having won two from Bassett on Wednesday, score 3 to 2 both games.

Rain in Missouri. St. Joseph, Mo., Aug. 21.—Copious rains throughout northwest Missouri last night and today have vastly benefited the corn crop and pastures. Farmers say the corn crop is now assured.

Antelope County Primary Results. Neligh, Neb., Aug. 21.—Special to The News: The official canvass of the vote of Antelope county was completed Saturday afternoon. There were 783 republican votes cast in the county and 288 democrats and 88 peoples' independent.

WILSON ENDORSED. Members of Nebraska Jacksonian Club Urge Bryan to Support Him. Omaha, Aug. 21.—The Jacksonian club of Nebraska passed resolutions endorsing Hon. Woodrow Wilson, governor of New Jersey, for the presidency of the United States and made public a communication from the club to William J. Bryan, in which the latter is asked to lend his assistance to the popular movement for Woodrow Wilson.

Union Pacific Lets Out Men. Omaha, Aug. 21.—When 2,500 of the Union Pacific employees reported for duty this morning they found notices awaiting them that their services will not be needed. In other words, the Union Pacific Railroad company will this week lay off 2,500 people now in its employ.

Neligh Sees Not a Flight. Neligh, Neb., Aug. 21.—Special to The News: On account of the heavy rain Saturday morning that continued from 2 until after 4 o'clock, President C. L. Watters, Secretary W. W. Cole and Treasurer J. W. Spirk, officers of the Neligh racing association, called off the entire program that was postponed from Friday.

These men acted in conjunction with the business men who were on the guarantee, and it is sufficient to state that their action was wisely taken. Although they have been criticized beyond measure in not pulling off the events Saturday afternoon, not only did the extra rain of Saturday morning prevent the management from completing the race program, but some of the horsemen came in for a little notoriety and protested Park Wood, the horse entered by Mrs. Mary E. Kimball of Chief River Falls, Minn., in the 2:13 pace, that in their estimation was absolutely certain of first money, and this they did not approve of.

And for the second and good reason, the much talked of biplane that failed to fly, came to pieces in sections where it was fastened together with glue on account of the moisture Friday afternoon, Friday night and early Saturday morning. As was stated by one of the assistants that the woodwork connections of the machine actually seemed to melt before their eyes. It was a disheartened bunch in that tent Saturday morning, and upon receiving word from Mr. Watters that the program was called off, immediate preparations were made in packing the biplane for shipment.

Whereas the flight was to be made this week. A game of baseball between Orchard and Elgin was played at Riverside park in the afternoon that drew a good crowd. The purse was for \$75, and after the third inning there was no question but that Elgin would easily be the winner. The only score Orchard managed to get was given them by Umpire Fred Forsberg. He claiming that Elgin's pitcher made a balk, and as a player was on third with two out, advanced the runner home. Following is the score by innings: Orchard..... 0 0 0 0 0 1 0-1 Elgin..... 0 0 2 1 5 0 0 x-8

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Old Landmark on Rosebud Reservation is Moved to Town. Burke, S. D., Aug. 21.—Special to The News: This week the work of moving the Sacred Heart church to Burke has begun, and it is expected that within a few days the edifice will occupy the fine block set aside for that purpose in this city.

The Sacred Heart church is an old landmark in this country and the old timers are strongly attached to it as their spiritual haven in the years when this, which is now a garden spot of the Rosebud country, was an Indian reservation and many miles from a white habitation. For these sentimental reasons a few of the old timers even made some objection when the project of moving the church was first broached, but these objections have given way to the arguments of material welfare, and the congregation is now working untidely to get the building to town as soon as possible.

The church was erected in 1901 by the Jesuit Missionary society on eighty acres of land given to them by the government for that purpose. The work of moving this and if the church was moved has delayed the project somewhat, as eighty acres of fine Rosebud land is no small financial figure, and it is hoped that in the future the land may be disposed of and the proceeds used for the erection of a school near the church in Burke. The church was built in a beautiful valley two miles south of the present location of Burke, and many of the first homesteaders in 1904 were astonished when they mounted the divide to see a large church edifice in the valley so far from any other signs of civilization. Much of the material for its erection was hauled by wagon from Armour, which was then the nearest railroad point, and men came for many miles to do their share in helping to erect their house of worship.

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