

ACCIDENT IN TURRET

Charge of Powder Explodes on Battleship Georgia.

SIX DEAD, FIFTEEN INJURED

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NEBRASKA BOY AMONG VICTIMS

Midshipman John T. Cruse of Omaha is Injured.

SON OF MAJOR THOMAS CRUSE

Father, Mother and Brother Leave for Boston Last Evening—Graduated from Naval Academy.

BOSTON, July 15.—By the explosion of a case of powder in the hands of a gunner in the after superimposed turret of the battleship Georgia in Massachusetts bay today six men were killed and fifteen injured. Not one of the persons in the turret escaped injury.

The dead: WILLIAM J. THATCHER, chief turret captain, Wilmington, Del.; FAULKNER GOLDTHWAITE, midshipman, Kenton, N. Y.; W. J. BURKE, ordinary seaman, Quincy, Mass.; O. HAMILTON, ordinary seaman, South Framingham, Mass.; W. M. THOMAS, ordinary seaman, Newport, R. I.; GEORGE E. MILLER, ordinary seaman, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Injured: Lieutenant Caspar Goodrich, New York; Midshipman John T. Cruse, Nebraska; Frank Schlapp, North Adams, Mass.; Charles Haswell, New York, gunner's mate, first class; Orley Tagland, Richmond, Minn., chief yeoman; William S. Fair, ordinary seaman, Brooklyn, N. Y.; J. G. Thomas, ordinary seaman, Philadelphia, Pa.; Edward J. Walsh, ordinary seaman, Lynn, Mass.; John O. Mallick, ordinary seaman, Cleveland, O.; John A. Bush, ordinary seaman, New York; L. O. Meeg, ordinary seaman, Berca, O.; L. Gilbert, ordinary seaman, Southwick, Mass.; John A. Fene, ordinary seaman, Trenton, N. J.; Charles L. Elich, ordinary seaman, Frankfort, Ind.

Three Injured Will Die.

Three of the injured, Lieutenant Goodrich and Seaman Fair and Walsh were in a very critical condition when brought in to the hospital, and it was announced that their injuries were probably fatal. Lieutenant Goodrich has undoubtedly lost the sight of both eyes and is terribly burned. Lieutenant Goodrich and Seaman Mallick jumped overboard immediately after the explosion with the apparent motive of ending the terrible suffering from their burns. Both of the desperate men were quickly rescued by uninjured comrades.

The accident happened while the battleship was several miles off Provincetown and the men were engaged in target practice together. The explosion of the powder in the turret of the battleship Georgia had just been taken from the ammunition hoist to load an eight-inch gun. It was seen to be burning and in an instant it exploded in the very face of the loader of the gun. No damage was done to the vessel, as the powder was not confined, and early this evening under orders from Washington the Georgia sailed back for the target grounds off Provincetown.

How the powder became ignited is not yet known, but the theory held at the navy yard is that it was set off by a spark from the smokestack of the warship. Immediately after the accident the Georgia headed for the Charleston navy yard there the dead and wounded were removed, the injured being conveyed to the naval hospital at Chelsea.

The Georgia is one of the battleships of the second division of the Atlantic fleet, which has been at target practice off Provincetown for the last three weeks. The Georgia is one of the newest battleships of the navy, having been in commission only about ten months. It is commanded by Henry Meigs.

Report to Department.

WASHINGTON, July 15.—Word has just reached the Navy department of an explosion on the battleship Georgia this morning by which seventeen persons were injured, among them being Lieutenant Goodrich and Midshipman Cruse and Goldthwaite. Cruse is seriously injured. The accident occurred while the vessel was at target practice in Cape Cod bay, Mass.

Eight-inch Charge Ignited.

The department received its information from Rear Admiral Thomas, commanding the second division of the Atlantic fleet. The message was sent from aboard his flagship, the Virginia, at sea and came by wireless telegraph to Highland Light, Mass. The telegram was as follows:

Accident on Georgia at 10 o'clock, seventeen injured, eight seriously. Eight-inch charge ignited in the after superimposed turret. Lieutenant Goodrich and Midshipman Cruse and Goldthwaite injured. Cruse seriously. None dead yet. A board of investigation is being organized to send the Georgia to the Boston navy yard at once for transfer of the injured to a hospital. Will wire the names of the injured immediately on receiving information.

The Georgia is commanded by Henry Meigs, formerly commander of the battleships, who recently relieved Captain R. G. Davenport, retired. The Georgia is one of the newest battleships of the navy and has been in commission about two months. Lieutenant Caspar Goodrich, one of the injured, was appointed to the navy from Connecticut in 1867. He is a son of Rear Admiral Goodrich, now in command of the New York navy yard.

Cruse Appointed from Nebraska. Midshipman Joseph T. Cruse was born in Kentucky and was appointed to the navy from Nebraska. He has been attached to the Georgia since October last. Midshipman Goldthwaite is from Connecticut and was appointed to the navy in June, 1883. He has been attached to the Georgia only two months.

Midshipman James Cruse, one of the seriously injured, is the son of Major Thomas Cruse, chief quartermaster, Department of the Missouri. Midshipman Cruse graduated from the naval academy at Annapolis in September last. Major and Mrs. Cruse and their son, Lieutenant Fred Cruse left Monday evening via the North-western for Boston. Midshipman Cruse was appointed to the naval academy from Nebraska by Congressman W. L. Stark of the Fourth district.

SUMMARY OF THE BEE

Table with columns for dates (1907, JULY, 1907) and days (SUN, MON, TUE, WED, THU, FRI, SAT) with numbers 1-31.

WEATHER. FOR NEBRASKA—Showers and drizzle today.

DOMESTIC. Harry Orchard was again on the witness stand in rebuttal at the Haywood trial at Boise.

Elks break all records of attendance at the Philadelphia grand lodge and are being entertained royally.

President Winchell of the Rock Island road declares at Des Moines that his road will go in for business strictly and will abolish lobby at Washington and at all state capitals.

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ORCHARD AGAIN IN REBUTTAL

Insanity May Play Part in Haywood Trial at Boise.

EFFORT TO PROVE IT IN FAMILY

Letter Received by Defense Stating that Grandfather of Orchard Was Demented Over Confessions.

BOISE, July 15.—Harry Orchard, the principal witness for the state against William D. Haywood, was called in rebuttal this morning, when the trial of the secretary of the Western Federation of Miners was resumed.

Orchard admitted that his uncle, Peter McKinney, who lived in Northumberland county, Ontario, had hanged himself while insane. He denied all knowledge of a grandfather named Patrick. This cross-examination was based on a letter received by the defense from E. F. McKinstry of Alameda, Pa.

The writer claimed that he received the information from McKinstry from Giesler Woolner, Ont., who was a neighbor of Patrick McKinney, the grandfather of Horsey or Orchard. She said Patrick McKinney was "an old style county gentleman, but he became insane and raved of crimes he had committed in Ireland. As a result his family kept him chained for years."

Lawyer and Witness Clash. William Dewey, the witness who made a confession on Saturday and other witnesses in rebuttal, testified briefly. In the last half hour of the morning session rebuttal on the claim of a conspiracy against the Western Federation of Miners between the Citizens Alliance, the Colorado Owner's association and detectives in Colorado. An interesting verbal duel occurred when Richardson, for the defense, took E. L. Sabin, a lawyer of Idaho Springs, Colo., in hand for cross-examination.

When the Haywood trial was resumed this morning Judge Wood announced that he had decided to sustain the objection of the defense to the admission of evidence of the records of the state insane asylum showing the commitment to that institution of John D. Elliott, who as a witness for the defense, testified to a long conversation which he said he had with Harry Orchard in November, 1905.

William Dewey, the witness who started the court room on Saturday by confession to participation in the Cour d'Alene riots and the attacks on the Bunker Hill and Sullivan mill, was recalled to further identify W. P. Davis as the man who handed out guns and ammunition the day the mob started for the mine. Dewey was called to the stand by the state to question him further as to his motive for testifying at this time.

Dewey admitted that he still owes the state \$20 or \$25 for supplies from the store. He said he had never been refused credit by any one. "Didn't you after testifying on Saturday say to the man who accompanied you downtown that you knew the names of at least 200 of the men who went to the Bunker Hill and Sullivan mill, but you didn't know the names of the men who were with you?" demanded Richardson.

Lawrence Gubbini, the San Francisco grocer, who testified at the street from the apartment house, was called to deny that he served a drink to a man named Rilly the morning of the Bradley explosion. Rilly, who appeared as a witness for the defense, declared Gubbini and his wife had served him a drink. Mrs. Gubbini also took the stand and denied what Rilly had said.

Charles Wayne, who lived next door to Governor Steunberger, was called to testify as to the position in the Orchard bomb had exploded, the purpose being to show similarity in the effect on Bradley and Steunberger.

C. D. Larson of the Boise Light company, who was called to the stand to rebut the theory of the defense that the Bradley explosion was caused by gas, the ignition having been through a lighted cigar. Larson declared in positive terms that gas would not ignite from any glow such as that in a lighted cigar.

In order to explode, Larson declared, the accumulated gas in a room or hallway would be so dense it would surely be detected by the smell. The force of a gas explosion, the witness said, was equal in all directions.

INDIANAPOLIS, July 15.—The eighth annual convention of the American Federation of Catholic societies held its business session today following the celebration of solemn high mass of requiem at St. John's. Three hundred delegates were in attendance, representing a membership of 2,000,000.

ROME, July 15.—The form of organization and statutes for the sisterhood of negroes and Indians, organized by Miss Catherine Drexel of Philadelphia, have been approved and authorized by the pope. Miss Drexel has been in Rome for some time past working on this project.

BOYS INJURED IN EXPLOSION

Powder in Car in Which They Were Heating Water Ignited by Cigarette.

LAROME, Wyo., July 15.—(Special.)—Burned and mutilated beyond recognition, Albert Ward, aged 15 years, of Superior, Wis., and Lester Lou, aged 12 years, of Hillsboro, Ill., are lying near death at the county hospital, victims of an explosion at Buford Saturday, when a car of black powder was ignited by a lighted cigarette and exploded with terrific force.

The two youths who were beating their way to the coast were put off a fast freight at Buford. The freight car was an empty boxcar which had been loaded with powder. Fully one inch of the deadly explosive covered the floor of the car and when one of the boys threw a lighted cigarette down, there was a blinding flash followed by a terrific explosion.

An engine was attached to a flat car, the boys were placed on the car, wrapped in quilts secured from a nearby bunkhouse, and one of the fastest runs ever made on the Union Pacific was made from Buford into this city, bringing the victims to the hospital.

Dr. McCallum and James Ballard who were summoned, found that the youths have little chance of recovery. With their hands blown to fragments, their faces literally cooked, and their bodies charred by the burning powder, there is little hope that they will survive the day. At the hospital, best medical consciousness and gave their names and addresses. "Don't tell my folks," pleaded young Lohr. "It will kill my mother." He then told of his folks being well-to-do people in Hillsboro, Ill. He says his father is a retired farmer and that he ran away from home in May, since which time he has been wandering about the country. His folks were notified of his condition.

NEW YORK, July 15.—The Lone Island sound steamer was trying to pick his way through the heavy fog on the north of Hart Island during a dense fog early today. The Shinnecock is high and dry on the shore. Two boys have gone to its assistance. Its passengers are not considered in any danger. The wind is light and the water smooth.

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ST. JOE LEFT IN DARKNESS

Supply of Natural Gas Cut Off by Washout of Pipe Line.

STORM BAD IN IOWA AND KANSAS

Des Moines River Higher Than Since 1903—Hundreds of Families Driven Out of Their Homes.

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., July 15.—The supply of natural gas in St. Joseph was cut off last night by a break in the pipe line which brings the fuel from southern Kansas and the city was without breakfast this morning, natural gas being used for fuel in practically all of the homes.

The terrific rain last night washed out four lengths of pipe in the field main at Weston, Mo., twenty miles south of St. Joseph. The pipe went out about midnight and the break had not been repaired at a late hour today. Gas is used for fuel at the electric lighting plant of the city and the streets were in darkness after midnight. Gas is also used in the typesetting machines by local newspapers and they will issue today with difficulty.

TOPEKA, Kan., July 15.—Along the Union Pacific railroad twenty miles west of here, in the vicinity of Roseville and Kingsville, at an early hour today a cloud-burst washed away bridges on Upper Soldier and Half Day creeks and weakened the railroad bed. Trains from the west are delayed several hours. Over six inches of rain fell. A Missouri Pacific passenger train was partially derailed near Effingham, Kan., and the engineer and a bridge-man hurt.

DES MOINES, Ia., July 15.—Forty or fifty families have moved from the hot, toms district of Des Moines to higher ground. The Des Moines river is higher than it has been since 1903, when hundreds of families were driven from their homes. A rise of seven feet will break the levee. This great a rise is not feared. Ten acres of lowlands are under water, but the river is stationary. The rainfall Sunday night was 3.83 inches, but lower rains up to five inches remove the possibility of general danger, unless hard rains continue for two or three days.

KANSAS CITY, July 15.—The western half of Missouri was drenched by a terrific storm last night. Reports received today indicate much damage, corn fields, bridges and culverts in the lowlands in many instances being washed out. Trains from all directions into Kansas City are delayed. At Carrollton, Mo., four and forty-one hundredths inches of water fell.

STELLA, Neb., July 15.—(Special Telegram.)—The Missouri Pacific track was washed out on both sides of town by an eight-inch rain that fell last night. There is much loss of stock and crops on low lands.

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ARMY POST IMPROVEMENTS

Meade, McKenzie and Omaha Come in for Liberal Amount of Work.

WASHINGTON, July 15.—(Special Telegram.)—General Alesha, the new quartermaster general of the army, in discussing improvements that had been agreed upon for the several posts throughout the United States during the present fiscal year, said that at Fort Meade a band barracks, drill hall and administration building would be constructed.

General James Allen, chief of the signal corps of the army, said today that with the completion of the balloon house at Fort Omaha there would be installed complete machinery for the making of hydrogen gas necessary to float war balloons, that the proposition to make hydrogen gas by the use of steam over iron filings had been abandoned and a plan adopted known as the electrolytic process, which is the plan now in use of obtaining both hydrogen and oxygen. The hydrogen will be used by the signal corps for inflation of balloons while the oxygen will be stored in receptacles to be used in hospitals and sick wards.

Promotions of clerks in the following South Dakota postoffices were made July 1: Huron, one, from \$700 to \$800; one, from \$600 to \$700. Lead, one, from \$800 to \$900; two, from \$600 to \$700. Pierre, two, from \$600 to \$700. Watertown, two, from \$600 to \$700; one, from \$500 to \$600.

CHICAGO TO GO OUT FIRST. New York Local Union is Ordered to Be Ready to Strike at Moment's Notice.

BULLETIN. OAKLAND, Cal., July 15.—President Small of the telegraphers' union, is holding a secret conference with Labor Commissioner Neill this afternoon. President Small expects to report the result to a meeting of striking telegraphers tomorrow. If the report is not favorable, a strike will be called in Chicago.

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READY TO STRIKE

Commercial Telegraphers' Grievances Reach Acute Stage.

NEILL CLOSETED WITH SMALL

Future Movements Depend Upon Result of Conference.

REPORT WILL BE MADE TODAY

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