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HE NOW GOES TO THE PEN

FEIGNED INSANITY. WAS SENT TO NORFOLK HOSPITAL.

HIS WIFE A NORFOLK GIRL

After it was discovered that he was merely shamming in the insane hospital, Ed. E. Kaiser was tried and convicted.

Ainsworth, Neb., May 28.—Special to The News: A special term of district court was held here this week and a number of minor matters were disposed of, Judge Westover presiding.

Ed E. Kaiser pleaded guilty to the charge of running off mortgaged property and was sentenced to one year in the penitentiary.

There have been some eight or ten such cases in this county within the past year—all young men. The matters have all been settled and the cases dismissed. It was thought that this was becoming entirely too common and an example was made of Kaiser. He had gone to Idaho. When he was brought back he was so badly scared that he feigned insanity so well that the commission was deceived and he was sent to the state hospital for the insane at Norfolk. There, after a time, it was discovered that he was only feigning and he was brought back here for trial.

The trouble falls heavily upon his young wife, a Norfolk girl, who is the mother of a very young babe.

CORN IS ABOUT ALL PLANTED

Fruit in Eastern Nebraska Will Be Rather Plentiful.

Omaha, May 28.—Corn is practically all planted in Nebraska and the early planting is out of the ground and doing well, according to the crop and soil report of the Burlington. On the low ground on some parts of the Wyoming division the seed has been washed to the surface, but on the whole corn has a most favorable start. Reports are all favorable concerning winter wheat. All spring grain, of which oats is the most important, is doing well.

The first crop of alfalfa is about ready to cut. It will be a little short in some places owing to the frost.

In the eastern part of Nebraska there will be considerable fruit, much more than seemed possible during the week of frosts some time ago.

Convict Labor Problem.

Lincoln, May 28.—The state board of public lands and buildings must take up the convict labor question June 3. So far no bids have been received and it is predicted that the labor will be allotted to the Lee broom and cluster company the present holder.

NEW HAMPSHIRE DEMOCRATS

Bryan Supporters Elect Delegates at Large to Denver Convention.

Concord, N. H., May 28.—The Democrats of New Hampshire met in state convention, adopted a platform of party principles and elected four delegates at large to the Democratic national convention at Denver. The platform calls for an immediate revision of the tariff and demands that the currency laws "be so amended that there shall at all times be enough money of undoubted security in circulation to meet all legitimate demands at reasonable rates." An attempt to insert in the platform a resolution favoring the presidential candidacy of William J. Bryan was defeated by a most pronounced majority, but the Bryan supporters were victorious in electing as delegates at large the men on their own ticket.

NORTHERN BAPTISTS END SESSION

Rev. Batten Sounds Warning Against Campaign of Liquor Men.

Oklahoma City, Okla., May 28.—With a discussion of "the present progress in temperance reform and a reasonable social policy for a Christian people," the last session of the Northern Baptist conference came to an end. Declaring that sentiment on the temperance question had changed much during the past year, and sounding a warning of the tremendous campaign against prohibition now being carried on by "Hessians of the dastardly traffic," Rev. S. Z. Batten of Nebraska said that the coming year will see a reaction unless the churches block the advance of the liquor men. Other clergymen also spoke. Many delegates are unable to leave because of washouts.

Incendiary Fire in Chicago.

Chicago, May 28.—One man was probably fatally injured, two others were seriously hurt and many families were driven to the street by a fire which totally destroyed the \$100,000 plant of the Standard Sash and Door company at 5815-5822 Center avenue. Two men, who gave their names as Victor Altman and Joseph Brown, were arrested near the scene on suspicion of having set fire to the building.

Missouri Pacific Carmen Strike.

St. Louis, May 28.—Five hundred carmen employed on the lines of the Missouri Pacific and Iron Mountain system in Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska, Colorado, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Louisiana and Texas are on a strike as a result of the failure of the conference between General Manager Sullivan of the Missouri Pacific and a committee representing members of the Brotherhood of Railway Carmen.

BALLOT BOXES ARE REOPENED

Recount in Hearst Contest Begins in New York City.

New York, May 28.—The actual counting of the ballots cast for W. R. Hearst and George B. McClellan for mayor in the last election for that office in this city in November, 1905, was begun after a delay of more than two years. The contents of two ballot boxes were counted in the presence of a justice of the supreme court and resulted in a net gain by W. R. Hearst of twenty-seven votes in the two precincts the votes of which were counted. There are 1,540 precincts in the greater city. Mayor McClellan's plurality over Mr. Hearst in the original count was 3,478. The votes in one of the boxes counted, which showed a net gain of fifteen votes for Mr. Hearst, had been the subject of a complaint before the grand jury. A Socialist watcher at the polls alleged that the vote Hearst and McClellan had been tampered with. On the original count, Hearst had 163 and McClellan 156 in this box.

Justice Lambert, before whom the recount is being made, said he would now on the count would proceed more rapidly. Counsel for Mr. Hearst said he believed the recount would be completed within six weeks.

CONGRESS QUITS FRIDAY

PRACTICALLY ASSURED SESSION WILL THEN END.

LAST DETAILS UNDER WAY

The indications are that Congress will wind up the business of the present session on Friday and go home for good.

Washington, May 28.—Members of congress practically agreed today that the present session would come to a close tomorrow.

Today was given over to finishing detailed work in many departments, the emergency currency bill occupying most of the attention of the senate.

It seemed practically assured that Friday will bring the present session to an end.

GREAT DAY FOR CUPID.

Three Couples Yield to His Influence Near Valentine.

Valentine, Neb., May 28.—Special to The News: Cupid got busy yesterday and started three couples out on the sea of matrimony. Miss Fowler and Mr. Hollenback, both of the North Table, were married at the bride's home. At Crookston at 11 o'clock in the morning Laura Overman and Arthur Graef were married by the Methodist minister at that place. Last evening Susie Claybaugh and Wm. Hoffman, both of Crookston, were united by Rev. Conell at the Methodist parsonage.

GENERAL STEPHEN D. LEE DIES

Commander-in-Chief of United Confederate Veterans Succumbs.

New Orleans, May 28.—General Stephen D. Lee, commander-in-chief of the United Confederate Veterans, died today.

WHITMORE MURDER TRIAL

Prosecution Develops Startling Testimony in Closing Its Case.

New York, May 28.—In closing the state's case against Theodore Whitmore, charged with killing his wife, Lena, the prosecution developed startling testimony. Frederick W. Elliott of Auburndale, Mass., swore that two days after the body of Mrs. Whitmore was found in the swamp near Harrison, N. J., he wrote two letters to Mrs. Whitmore's sister, Mrs. Schmitter, at the instance of Whitmore and signed them "Lena." The contention of the prosecution is that Whitmore sought to convey by these two letters to Mrs. Schmitter that her sister was still in life.

Elliott further testified that the day after the finding of the body, he and Whitmore visited the home of Mrs. Little Pechler, in Brooklyn, where Whitmore got from Mrs. Pechler his wife's check book, George Dickinson, with whom Whitmore is said to have been enamored, was another important witness for the state. She said that she saw Whitmore at his home the day before the body of Mrs. Whitmore was found and that Whitmore, with whom she had been intimate, asked her if she would like to have his wife's clothes.

Alexander Simpson, counsel for Whitmore, will seek to establish an alibi for his client.

HIS SUICIDE ALL FOR NAUGHT

Soldier Kills Himself, Supposing Woman Had Ended Her Life for Him.

St. Louis, May 28.—Wrongly believing himself to be the man for love of whom Mrs. Grace Jackson, a young widow, attempted suicide by drinking water in which matches had been soaked, L. Feager, a soldier at Jefferson barracks, committed suicide in his mother's house with carbolic acid. He drained the bottle of acid in his mother's presence and died soon afterwards. Mrs. Jackson is recovering. She declared that while she was on friendly terms with Feager, he was not the man she loved.

FISH FALL FROM CLOUDS

PECULIAR FEATURE OF STORM IN ROCK COUNTY.

SEVERE WIND AND LIGHTNING

A Severe Storm Passed Over Bassett. Outbuildings and Chimneys Were Blown Down—Crops, Uninjured, Looking Fine.

Bassett, Neb., May 28.—Special to The News: A very severe wind and electrical storm passed over Rock county Tuesday night, killing some stock and blowing down outbuildings and many chimneys. The storm had a threatening aspect and high up in the clouds tornadoes seemed to be forming.

Rains Small Fish. The air was filled with dirt and debris and a myriad of small fish fell as though some pond had been sucked up.

The storm in no way injured the crops, which are looking fine at this time.

Corn is up nicely.

WIND STORM NEAR AINSWORTH

Looked For a Time Like Real Twister Was Forming.

Ainsworth, Neb., May 28.—Special to The News: There was something of a storm in this vicinity Tuesday night. The wind blew a fitful gale and for a time it looked like a genuine twister was forming right over Ainsworth. But it soon broke and the danger passed. However, the wind did considerable damage. The barn of Henry Sawle, north of town, was demolished and several horses injured. A number of small buildings of various kinds were blown down and more or less damaged. Walt Williams, in town, lost a valuable cherry tree, the finest in his yard. John Salzman's windmill was struck by lightning, as was also that of Frank Lehn. Henry Schurman's new barn south of town was damaged considerably. A number of people sought the safety of caves.

Death of J. H. Gordon.

Ainsworth, Neb., May 28.—J. H. Gordon, an old soldier who lived south of town, was buried here yesterday afternoon, the funeral being attended by a large number of sorrowing friends. He formerly lived at Plainview and a number of friends from that town were here to attend the funeral.

UNITED PRESBYTERIANS CONVENE

Semi-Centennial Celebration of Denomination Begins.

Pittsburg, May 28.—The semi-centennial celebration of the United Presbyterian church opened in this city, the scene of the birth of the denomination. The celebration will be a leading topic before the general assembly of the church. Addresses and other features in commemoration of the jubilee anniversary will be interwoven with the business sessions of the assembly during the remainder of this week. While no subject has been set for action on the subject, it is certain that much attention will be devoted to closer relations or actual consolidation of the United Presbyterian and Presbyterian churches. It is not probable that decisive action will be taken at this year's meeting. The opening meeting in Exposition Music hall was attended by nearly 2,500 persons.

Rev. Dr. M. Russell of Westminster college, New Wilmington, Pa., presided and announced the result of the efforts to collect \$2,000,000 for church work by the close of the semi-centennial. While the subscriptions fell short of the mark, much gratification was expressed over the result, which was as follows: For debts, buildings, etc., \$618,157; for boards, institutions, etc., \$662,433; total, \$1,280,590.

Texas Instructs for Bryan.

Fort Worth, Tex., May 28.—The friends of Senator Bailey controlled the state Democratic convention, which finished its labors here, from the time the convention was called to order until adjournment. A platform was adopted declaring for Bryan first, last and all the time and containing many of the features of the Nebraska platform written by Bryan this year.

Receiver Gets Oklahoma Railroad. Pauls Valley, Okla., May 28.—The Oklahoma Central railroad, operating from Lehigh to Chickasaw, a distance of 180 miles, has been placed in the hands of a receiver. Radical legislation, which prevented the sale of the road and then blocked a loan of \$300,000 already arranged in Philadelphia, is stated by President A. D. Carter to be the cause of the road's bankruptcy.

Five Picked Up at Sea.

Avalon, Island of Santa Catalina, Cal., May 28.—Captain A. Crist of the launch Zeus of Avalon and C. E. Hoolan, seaman on the United States converted cruiser Buffalo, were drowned and E. F. Easton, wife, two small children and colored nurse were rescued by the Buffalo on the high seas, after drifting helplessly for two days in a small launch.

Judge Thomas M. Macon Dead.

Denver, May 28.—Judge Thomas M. Macon, who died at his home in this city of apoplexy at the age of seventy-eight, read law with Abraham Lincoln at Bloomington, Ill., for a time.

WOOD PULP REPORT IS IN

MAJORITY AND MINORITY RECOMMENDATIONS MADE.

MAJORITY ASKS MORE TIME

Minority Would Have Duty on Wood Pulp Abolished at Once—The Six Members Have Been Looking Into the Cost of Paper.

Washington, May 28.—The six members of congress forming the special committee appointed to investigate the wood pulp situation and the cause of the existing high prices in paper, made their reports today.

There was a majority and a minority report. The majority report recommends that no action be taken until the committee has further time to investigate.

Acting purely upon the evidence, the committee agrees that there is no combination in restraint of trade, although there are suspicions of one.

The minority report urges immediate action in reducing the tariff.

SIoux CITY HAS FLOOD

PERRY CREEK RISES TWENTY FEET IN SHORT TIME.

20 FAMILIES MOVED IN BOATS

The Sudden Rise Was Due to a Cloudburst—The Rise of Twenty Feet Occurred Within the Period of Three Hours—Panic Followed.

Sioux City, Ia., May 28.—Perry creek, a stream flowing through the western part of this city, rose twenty feet in three hours this morning and overflowed all along its path.

The Perry creek district was the scene of a panic as a result of the flood and twenty families were removed in boats. There was no loss of life.

The sudden flood was caused by a cloudburst.

TO REORGANIZE MILITIA

PRESIDENT SIGNS BILL APPROPRIATING TWO MILLIONS.

THROUGHOUT UNITED STATES

A Commission of Five Men Will Have Supervision of the Reorganization. These Five Will Consult the Secretary of War About the Work.

Washington, May 28.—President Roosevelt today signed a bill appropriating two million dollars for the reorganization of the militia of the United States.

The work will be under the supervision of a commission of five men, who will consult with the secretary of war about the manner of going about the reorganization.

KITTRIDGE IN GREGORY

SILENT SOUTH DAKOTA SENATOR IS SPEAKING THERE.

SENTIMENT THERE IS FOR HIM

Senator Kittredge Arrived in Bone-steel Wednesday Night and Has Been Speaking Ever Since at Various Points on Rosebud.

Herrick, S. D., May 28.—Special to The News: U. S. Senator A. B. Kittredge is now holding meetings in Gregory county, and much enthusiasm is being manifested. The big, silent senator arrived in Bonesteel on the noon train May 27, and immediately set out for Lucas in the big touring car of W. A. Peoples. The roads were found to be too heavy from the recent rains to make the trip in time for the scheduled meeting. The trip was therefore abandoned and a new date set for a meeting at Lucas on the afternoon of May 29. A rousing meeting was held at Gregory on the evening of the 27th. Today he spoke at Dixon, Dallas, Carlock and Burke. Tomorrow he speaks at Herrick and Fairfax and in the evening he will address a large audience at Bonesteel. W. J. Bryan will also speak in Bonesteel tomorrow night. It is generally conceded that Senator Kittredge will carry this county.

U. P. MACHINE SHOPS CLOSE.

Men Are Laid Off at Grand Island. Believe They'll Return June 1.

Grand Island, Neb., May 28.—Special to The News: An order was today posted at the Union Pacific shops temporarily shutting down the machine and blacksmith shops. It is believed the men will be put back again about June 1.

Twenty men were also ordered to be transferred to the North Platte shops as a result of the fight waged by engineers to have the heavy repairs and their long lay-overs at that point.

The order does not affect the car shops or other departments.

WORK ON CURRENCY BILL

SENATE GOT BUSY ON EMERGENCY MONEY MEASURE.

DEMOCRATS WON'T BLOCK IT

Only Fifteen Democratic Senators Remain in Washington—After a Conference They Stated That There Would be No Filibustering.

Washington, May 28.—The senate went to work today on a financial bill, to provide emergency currency.

Only fifteen democratic senators remain in the city and they indicated after a conference this morning that there will be no filibustering to prevent the passage of the measure.

Washington, May 28.—An emergency currency law is assured. The currency question held its place as practically the only subject of consideration at both ends of the capitol and when both houses adjourned the compromise bill, which was drafted by the Republican conferees, had received the sanction of the house and had been presented to the senate, where it will also be passed when the vote is reached. The conference between the Republican representatives of the two houses resulted in a complete agreement, which, being later presented as a matter of form to the Democratic conferees, was presented to the house. It was discussed for one hour and passed by a vote of 166 to 140. The house had no sooner recorded its verdict in favor of the bill than it was hurried over to the senate, with the announcement of the approval of the house. The conference report was read and, after the reading had been concluded, Aldrich announced that, after routine business, he would move to take up the report and continue its consideration until it was disposed of.

Democrats Do Not Confer.

In reply to a question by Culberson, Aldrich stated that the Democratic conferees of the senate and the house had not conferred in the conference report. Deep interest attaches to the probable course of the bill in the senate, as also the length of time that may be required for its consideration by that body. The Democratic senators decided upon a conference as the best means of affording an opportunity for an exchange of views without binding any one.

Practically the only point remaining unsettled is when the vote will be taken. No one doubts that the report will be adopted and the bill carried.

As the situation now appears the time of voting and the consequent final adjournment of congress depends largely upon one man, and that is Senator LaFollette. So far as they have spoken the Democrats are inclined to permit final action after comparatively brief consideration. They simply desire opportunity to enumerate what they believe to be the objectionable features of the new bill and also to point out the supposed inconsistencies of the Republican leaders.

LaFollette in Opposition.

Senator LaFollette refused to outline his probable course, further than to say that he would vote against the new bill. He was in consultation with Democratic leaders at different times during the day and his bearing was such as to lead to the conclusion that if the Democrats would agree to fight the measure he would assist them.

Senator Aldrich does not expect to speak on the bill beyond making a brief statement. Some of the Democratic senators are preparing to charge him with having abandoned his opposition to asset currency, and he said that he might make some announcement of his position in that respect.

"As a matter of fact," he said, "this bill comes nearer providing government money than we have ever had. The government is to issue it upon securities it approves and the power of the treasury officials is absolute."

The opinion was expressed by Aldrich that the whole bill is more than half "faith cure" and that, he added, is just what the country needs.

"The temper of the senate seems to be better now than when the senate passed the bill in the first place," said Aldrich. "Even Democratic senators who are disposed to vote against the bill are anxious to get home, and it may be possible to adjourn tomorrow."

MORE "RELICS" AT LAPORTE

Hogs Bring Up Bones of Human Arm on Gunness Farm.

Laporte, Ind., May 28.—Several hogs wallowing in the pond at the edge of a lot on the Gunness farm, near here, brought up a bone of a human arm. The finding of the bone has convinced Sheriff Snitzer that other bodies have been buried beneath the mud at the bottom of the pond. The entire shore will be gone over with long rakes in an effort to bring any bodies the water may excrete to the surface.

Atlantic Fleet at Tacoma.

Tacoma, May 28.—The Atlantic battleship fleet completed another leg in its memorable cruise and anchored in the blue depths of Commencement bay, the thirteenth inland water of Puget sound, 20,000 people looking down from the precipitous amphitheater extending from Point Defiance to the center of the city. There was no point of vantage not covered with an admiring throng.

THE CONDITION OF THE WEATHER

Temperature for Twenty-four Hours.

Forecast for Nebraska.

Condition of the weather as recorded at 8 a. m. today.

Maximum 74

Minimum 56

Average 65

Barometer 29.60

Rainfall .80

Chicago, May 28.—The bulletin issued by the Chicago station of the United States weather bureau gives the forecast for Nebraska as follows: Generally fair tonight and Friday, preceded by showers east portion tonight. Cooler tonight generally.

YESTERDAY'S BASEBALL RESULTS

American League—Philadelphia, 6; Detroit, 4; Washington, 8; Cleveland, 2; Boston, 3; Chicago, 2; New York, 2; St. Louis, 7.

National League—Chicago, 0; New York, 1; Cincinnati, 3; Brooklyn, 2; Pittsburgh, 2; Boston, 5.

American Association—Minneapolis, 1; Kansas City, 7; Louisville, 4; Indianapolis, 9; Columbus, 3; Toledo, 0; St. Paul, 5; Milwaukee, 6.

Western League—St. Louis, 5; Des Moines, 1; Pueblo, 7; Omaha, 10-6; Denver, 3; Lincoln, 2 (12 innings).

TORNADOES IN OKLAHOMA

TEN PERSONS LOSE THEIR LIVES IN SEVERE STORM.

SEVERAL ARE FATALLY INJURED

Hundreds of Head of Cattle Killed and Much Damage Done to Property in Alfalfa County—Vast Acreage of Crops Destroyed.

Wichita, Kan., May 28.—Ten dead, twelve injured, several fatally, hundreds of head of cattle killed, a vast acreage of crops destroyed, ruin and desolation are the results of a series of tornadoes that visited Alfalfa county, Oklahoma.

The dead: Guy Hutchinson and baby, Peter Rudy, wife and two children; Mrs. Elliott, Mrs. Parker and baby, R. C. Atchison.

The injured: Fred Parker, fatally; Mr. Wares, fatally; Daniel Deas, fatally; Rev. R. D. Cox, fatally; Mrs. Frank Lee and baby, fatally; William S. McDonald, Della V. McDonald, Mrs. Waters, Edith Cox, aged seven; Ethel Cox, aged nine; Ada Cox, aged seven.

The storm seemed to enter the county from the west, north and northeast simultaneously. Every obstruction was leveled. The scene of the devastation presents a sickening aspect. The McDonald family, living near Ingersoll, sought safety in a cyclone cellar. This was unroofed and the occupants buried under debris.

The baby of Mrs. Guy Hutchinson has not been found. It is believed the wind carried it some distance or that it is buried in the ruins of the home.

Prague Struck by Wind.

Prague, Neb., May 28.—This town was visited by a tornado about 1:30 a. m., doing considerable damage to houses and outbuildings, but no lives were lost. Those suffering the most damage are T. V. Simunek, Charles Kastl, J. C. Wolf, Anton Pop and Cap Pop. The storm traveled eastward. Reports from the country indicate that extensive damage was done along the path of the storm for a long distance.

DYNAMITE PLOT CONTINUES

Three Buildings Built by Chief Witness in Graft Cases Blown Up.

Oakland, Cal., May 28.—Three dwelling built by James L. Gallagher, former president of the San Francisco board of supervisors and chief witness for the prosecution in the San Francisco graft cases, were wrecked by dynamite. The explosion shook the neighborhood, smashed windows of nearby dwellings and played havoc with interior furnishings.

Neither Gallagher nor any member of his family was near the scene of the explosion. John Rawlins, a watchman, was knocked over by the shock.

Operator Admits Blame.

Washington, May 28.—District Attorney Baker made public the report on his investigation into the matter of the insertion of the word "not" in the telegram sent by Representative J. Sloat Passet of New York to State Senator Cassidy at Albany regarding the vote on the then pending anti-trust track legislation. The report holds that the telegram was not altered, but that a telegraph operator, Julian E. Timmerlake, admits causing a false telegram to be made and wired to Mr. Cassidy by inserting the word "not" in transmitting by wire the original message sent from the house corridor at the capitol. The report holds that the crime of forgery was committed.

Four Killed in Mine Explosion.

Lisbon, O., May 28.—In a mine explosion at Salinesville, near here, three men were killed outright and one man was killed by a falling pipe after he had been dragged out of the mine by the rescuers.

Farman Makes Long Flight.

Glout, May 28.—Henry Farman, the French aeronaut, made two flights of 1,500 meters in his aeroplanes. This is the greatest distance yet accomplished in a straight line.

TURRET STANDS HARD TEST

BIG GUN FAILS TO PUT IT OUT OF COMMISSION.

FIGHTING MAST STANDS FIRM

Real War Demonstration in Hampton Roads Results in Victory for Turret Construction and Newly Designed Battle Mast.

Old Point Comfort, Va., May 28.—The biggest naval gun, the heaviest projectile and the highest explosive known, combined with close range and deadly aim, were allowed to work their full havoc on the turret plate of the monitor Florida. The result is declared to be a victory for turret construction and this notwithstanding the eleven-inch hardened steel plate was blackened and broken, the seams of the turret sprung and the rivets and screws loosened and twisted. It was not five minutes after the terrible impact that the finely balanced mechanism of the turret was being worked with perfect ease and the twelve-inch gun on the left side was trained at will. Inside the turret where stand the gunners and gun crew the havoc was much less apparent than from the outside. Examination showed that of the many delicate adjusted instruments for fire control, sighting and operating the turret, few, if any, were out of working order.

"If this had happened in battle the Florida would be fighting yet," said one of the rear admirals, with enthusiasm. Then followed a futile attempt to destroy the newly designed fighting mast on the stern of the Florida. After five shots of the guns had gone through it the mast stood firm.

"Forty shots would not bring it down and no enemy would waste ammunition and time shooting at it," was the expert comment.

It was predicted that all new ships will be equipped with battle masts of this design.

Every Naval Bureau Represented.

The story of the "shooting up" of the Florida by the Arkansas, however, is not contained in the technical statement of results. It was an event in which the keen edge of expectation was not dulled by the realization. Rear admirals and brigadier generals, together with their juniors, scurried under protected decks and then hopped out again as quickly to look for the damage done by the boom and roar they had felt and heard. Every naval bureau was represented, likewise the ordinance and artillery of the army. The scene of the real war demonstration was Hampton Roads.

The Florida, which has been in the hands of experts for some time, presented the appearance of a resigned martyr. She lay with her nose pointing out through the Virginia capes. Most striking in her appearance was the "leaning tower" on her stern, the woven military mast, resembling a huge waste paper basket.

Just 342 yards on the inside of the Florida lay her sister ship, the Arkansas. The distance looked cruelly close as the big guns on the latter ship prepared to take unerring aim. At 10:42 the "big noise" came, two crashes so close together that it sounded like one. The twelve-inch projectile had hit its target. It was a crash, a flash and a cloud of yellow smoke quietly drifting away over the top of the Florida. What was not so quiet was the sound of the explosion. The right hand gun there was what looked like a hole. The officers went to the