

FORTY-FOUR MEN ON WARSHIP KILLED

Premature Explosion Takes
Awful Toll As Gun Turret
Is Wrecked.

MANY WOUNDED

Associated Press Despatch.
San Pedro, Calif., June 12.—Three officers and 41 men of the battleship Mississippi, were swept to death at 11:45 a.m. today on the San Clemente fleet drill grounds off this port when a shell in one of the 14-inch guns of number two turret exploded prematurely, according to semi-official information given out from the U. S. S. New Mexico, flagship of division four, of the fleet.

Nearly a score more were injured by the flareback that carried the terrific charge through the breach of the gun instead of out through the muzzle.

The gun crew were preparing to fire as one unit the great sea fighters' powerful broadside, when a sailor called for the electricity to be turned on for the charge.

The switch was thrown on to ignite the shell before the breach was locked, and in another minute the interior of the turret was littered with dead and dying.

Turret on Fire.
Ensign H. D. Smith from the U. S. S. New Mexico, was the first man to enter turret 2 following the explosion. Upon entering the turret, Ensign Smith took with him an air hose which immediately caused flames from the burning debris to shoot forth. After flooding the turret with water, he was able to enter. All the men were dead at that time, their faces swollen and puffed almost beyond recognition by the intense heat.

Identification marks on the clothing was still discernible.

Three-quarters of an hour elapsed after the fire in turret No. 2 was observed from the quartermaster's deck before entrance into the red hot chamber containing the charred bodies of the entombed men could be made by Ensign Smith. Had the turret, which was revolving at the time the explosion on the battleship Mississippi occurred, remained in the position in which it was at the time of the explosion, the hang fire from the left gun would have gone into the center of the city of San Pedro, wounding about the same number.

When the gunner's hand guiding controls was wrenched away by the explosion, the guns kept revolving and stopped as they pointed directly aft. Thus fortune probably saved the lives of many citizens and the destruction of much property in San Pedro.

Summer Makes Strong Bow As Mercury Steals To 82

Summer made up for its tardiness by a vigorous announcement of its presence yesterday. At one point, the thermometer reached 82 degrees, the highest this year. The Home Bank depositors weren't the only people to be encouraged, the mercury spelt glowing hope for purveyors of summer garments and stung hats.

Trade in these two directions has been moving this season very slowly indeed, according to reports. Light summer frocks for women, usually making their first appearance on or about May 24 were little or none at all in evidence until yesterday.

WEDDINGS

MCDONALD-McELHONE.

St. Mary's Church, La Salette, was the scene of a very pretty wedding on Tuesday, June 10, 1924, when Kathleen Emma, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John McElhone was united in marriage to Francis A., eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas McDonald. The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. F. Maloney.

The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a lovely bridal dress of white crepe de chine with a flowing veil held in place by a dainty wreath, and she carried a bouquet of lily of the valley. Her only ornament was a string of pearls, the gift of the groom. She was attended by Miss Mabel Jones of Brantford, who was attired in a gown of pearl georgette with hat to match. Her bouquet was of pink roses and carnations.

Mr. Thomas McDonald was his brother's best man.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held at the home of the bride's parents where the guests, numbering fifty, enjoyed wedding dinner. The house was tastefully decorated for the occasion with spring flowers.

The groom's gift to the bride was a pearl and onyx ring, and a pair of gold cuff links to the best man.

The happy couple will spend their honeymoon in London, Port Huron and Detroit. The bride travelled in a navy suit, sand hat, and blouse and squirrel choker.

Among the guests were Mrs. J. E. McCarthy of Toledo, Mr. and Mrs. John and Marion of Brantford, Mrs. J. Mann, Misses Ethel and Melvina Mann, Mr. James Graham, Mr. Murray Godbold of Toronto, Mrs. D. Burke, Mrs. W. Maloney of Woodstock, and Mr. and Mrs. Phil Kirwin of Mount Elgin.

EDMONDS-MADEBY.

A pretty wedding took place at Wellington Street Methodist Church, Wednesday afternoon, at 1 o'clock, when Miss Dorothy Madeby, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Madeby of this city, was married to Hugh Edmonds, also of this city. The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, wore a gown of ivory beaded crepe with an embroidered tulle veil, arranged with

Men a week ago dared the weather by bringing out their straw hats, but these could hardly be considered a necessity up to yesterday. The Palm Beach suits have not yet arrived.

The bright sun this morning encouraged a general belief that summer had come at last, and although rain has been prophesied, more were inclined to believe that the weatherman was wrong again. Straw hats were no longer a subject for jest and street curs at 9 o'clock disgorged scores of business girls with coats and furs discarded, confident of the season in cool summer dresses.

A bandeau of orange blossoms. She carried a shower of Ophelia roses and sweet peas. Miss Mabel Venus acted as bridesmaid and was gowning in mauve canton crepe, with a picture hat to match, and she carried a bouquet of Sunset roses and sweet peas.

Little Miss Dorothy Venus acted as flower girl, wearing a frock of pale blue silk and carrying a basket of carnations and sweet peas. Mr. Earnest Woodburn, an uncle of the bride, acted as best man. Following the ceremony a wedding luncheon was served at the Hill Street Sunday School. The groom's gift to the bride was a cabinet of ivory, to the bridesmaid a silver mesh bag, to the best man cuff links and the little flower girl received a gold pin set with pearls. Mr. and Mrs. Edmonds left later on a short honeymoon to Cleveland.

BERNARD-HICKS.
A quiet wedding took place at the home of Mrs. E. R. Hicks, Wharncliffe road, on Wednesday, June 11, at 6 o'clock, when Nora Gertrude, daughter of Mrs. Hicks, was united in marriage to Orville Henry Bernard, also of London. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Mr. Agnew, of Ridout Street Methodist Church. The bride wore a pretty gown of sand crepe trimmed with shadow lace, with slippers and hose to match. A corsage of Sunset roses and lily of the valley completed her costume.

Miss Vera Hicks was her sister's bridesmaid and Mr. Norris Wilson acted as best man. Lilacs and roses were arranged throughout the rooms and following the ceremony a wedding dinner was served. Mr. and Mrs. Bernard will reside at 122 St. Julien street, this city.

SMIDY NAMED FREE STATE MINISTER TO WASHINGTON

Associated Press Despatch.
Dublin, June 13.—Professor Timothy A. Smiddy of Cork has been appointed minister plenipotentiary of the Irish Free State at Washington, it was announced in the Dail Eireann today by Desmond Fitzgerald, minister of foreign affairs.

GAS FROM SEWER IS NOT DANGEROUS

Dr. Hill Clears Up Doubt At
Meeting in Health
Institute.

PURIFIED AIR

That sewer gas does not bring disease into households was the chief point brought out by Dr. Hill, dean of the Institute of Public Health, last night. Civic officials, members of real estate and plumbing organizations, together with citizens interested in plumbing bylaws, attended. The meeting was held at the Institute of Public Health.

Dr. Hill spoke of the subject of the non-relation of plumbing to public health. Three points were taken up: the first, to do away with the misconception of sewer gas bringing disease; second, the mistake of loading the board of health with the installation of plumbing; third, that some of the regulations are unnecessary, and do not prevent disease.

Plumbing relates to everything that brings the water into the house and takes it out again, stated Dr. Hill. Sewage is outside the house, and the sewer is practically all water, the solid part being only one part in two thousand.

Ordinary Air.
Sewer gas was explained as the air in the sewer, that in reality was ordinary air that was forced by draft into the sewer. It blew in from the street and was germ laden when it entered and when it left the sewer, through a manhole, it had been cleansed of most of its germs by contact with the damp walls of the sewer, and had discharged most of its impurities into the sewage moving through the pipe.

The speaker read passages from standard works on hygiene and health, to show that sewer gas, once a "bugaboo" feared by our forefathers, is not now feared by sanitarians from public health.

In the transmission of sewage there is no danger to public health. There might be a danger in the accumulation of sewage at the destination of the sewage, stated Dr. Hill, who added that the future will develop plumbing along simple lines that will do away with traps and vents.

The speaker pointed out that the supervision of plumbing was not a matter that belonged to the board of health, whose business was to study people, not plumbing.

Dr. Hill felt that if the matter of public safety regarding plumbing was given over to the board of health, then some might reasonably expect that body to be responsible for the public safety where defective electric fixtures were concerned, or escaping coal gas from heating systems; that the board of health

had to do with visible things, germs and disease being carried about.

Bylaw Read.

The plumbing bylaw was read, where it called for pipe lines that would permit an easy flow of sewage without right angles or obstructions. It was pointed out that the traps defeated the very purpose of a clause "against" right angles. Dr. Hill's opinion was that one good trap and vent only in a house were necessary. As for sewer-gas men who worked in sewers were just as healthy as men employed in the same class of work.

Following Dr. Hill's address was a discussion concerning the use of glazed tile inside and outside buildings. Engineer Neave spoke of the trouble caused by poorly cemented joints in tiling.

In answer to a question of inspection, Engineer Neave spoke of proper inspection as the cheapest part of building in the fact that it was good insurance. A two dollar inspection might save \$200 in bill repairs.

It was moved by Mr. Hyatt that a committee be appointed to be present at the special meeting of the board of health Tuesday night. In seconding the motion Mr. Stinchcomb submitted that a revision of the plumbing bylaw be drafted and submitted to Dr. Hill for his opinion.

Dr. M. Parsons moved a vote of thanks for his valuable advice and address, which cleared up doubtful points.

PUBLISHERS RETURNING FROM PRESS CONVENTION

Canadian Press Despatch.
Winnipeg, June 13.—On the last day of the trans-Canada tour centered about their annual meetings in Vancouver, members of the Canadian Press and the Canadian Daily Newspaper Association, passed through Winnipeg this morning over the Canadian Pacific Railway en route east. A visit to the head of the lakes tomorrow morning is all that remains of the formal program.

GIRLS GRADUATE IN DRAMATIC ART

Miss Leona Kirkwood and Miss
Ruth Tanner Heard in
Attractive Program.

Many flowers were showered upon Miss Ruth Tanner and Miss Leona Kirkwood, who appeared last night at the Central Collegiate Institute in their graduation recital. Both artists have been studying dramatic art for some time under the direction of Miss Topley Thomas and have always been received with interest whenever they have made public appearances.

Last night's program was a difficult one, but one which was handled skilfully by the artists of the evening, who presented a most attractive appearance in their white graduation gowns. Assisting was Miss Hilda McMillen, who was heard in several enjoyable vocal numbers, with Miss Dorothy Robson acting as accompanist. Miss Laura Kirkwood, pianist, was another clever artist of the evening. The presentation of diplomas to the graduates by Miss Topley Thomas was a happy feature.

Miss Leona Kirkwood gave as the opening number a brief little talk on "Some Aspects of Dramatic Training." Her voice, rich and resonant, lends itself to the art which she has chosen to study. Her powers of dramatic interpretation were seen in the rather heavy number which followed, "The Weaver's Wife," by Marjorie Pickthall. Miss Kirkwood read the poem with dignity and restraint, yet it lacked nothing in her interpretation of the tense passages.

John Massey's, "Trade Winds" and Noyes' "Lavender" were other effective numbers on a program which was all too short.

Miss Ruth Tanner is also a clever exponent of the dramatic art. A delicacy of feeling is noted in everything which she undertakes. There is a whimsical touch which is most attractive. "Blind Moore of London," by Noyes, was one of her finest numbers, beautifully read to the accompaniment of music played on the violin by Miss Edith James—old English folk tunes, which formed a delightful setting for the poem. "Quality Street" was a humorous number by J. M. Barrie and was received with delight by the audience. Miss Tanner was also heard in an attractive group of poems.

REPUBLICAN DELEGATES ARE HEADING FOR HOME

Cleveland, Ohio, June 13.—Most of the two thousand delegates and alternates who attended the Republican national convention were on their way home today or were ready to start after a needed and welcome full quota of sleep.

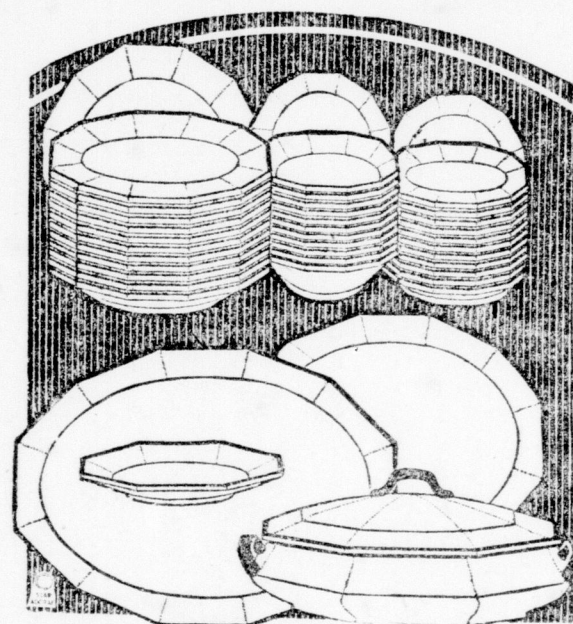
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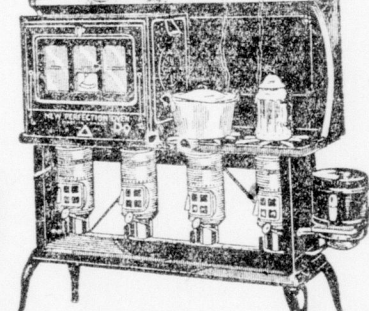
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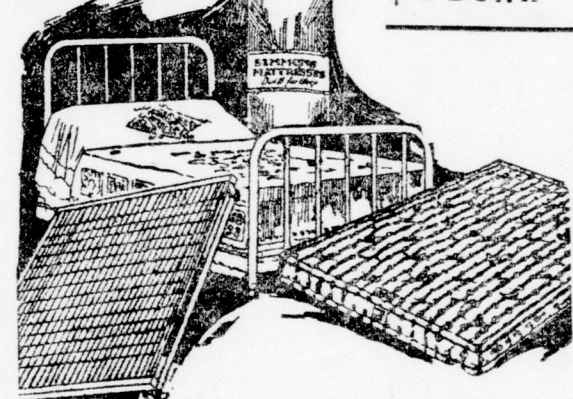


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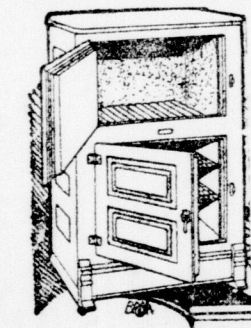
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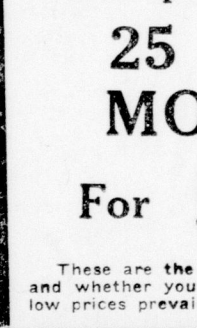
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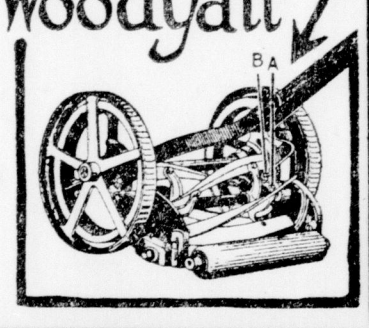
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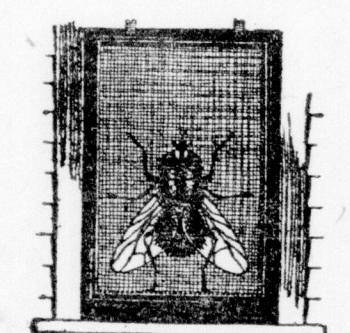
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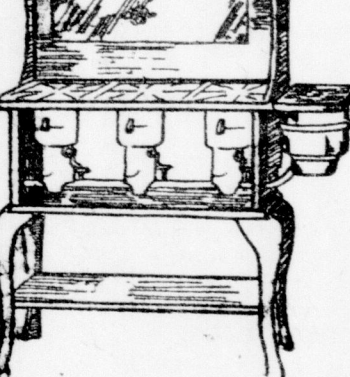


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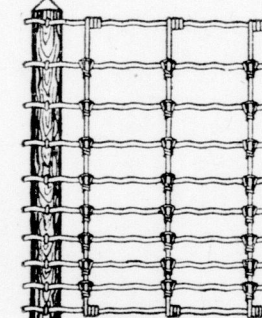
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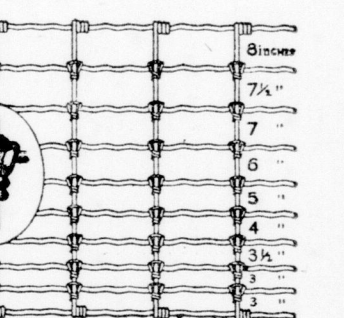
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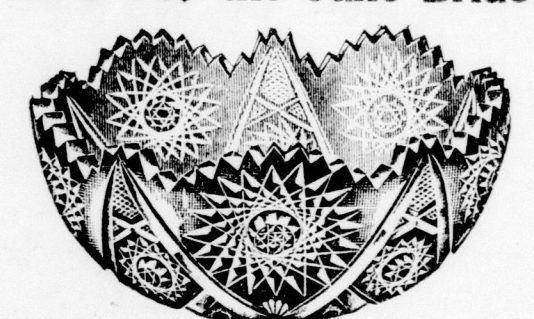
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