

# OVER ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY MISSING

## Probably All Were Killed By the Explosions on the French Battleship at Toulon—Admiral's Narrow Escape.

Toulon, March 12.—A terrible disaster occurred here this afternoon, when the powder magazine on board the French battleship Jena blew up, resulting in the death of Capt. Adgard, her commander, Captain Verbock, chief of staff of the Mediterranean squadron, and from 75 to 80 bluejackets, and frightfully injuring Rear-Admiral Manceon and hundreds of others.

Naval circles are aghast at the catastrophe, and the public is stunned, coming as it does so soon after loss of the French submarine Lutin, in which 16 men perished.

Practically the entire afterpart of the Jena was blown to pieces. The bodies of the victims were hurled through the air by a succession of explosions and the panic-stricken workmen at the arsenal fled from the dock for their lives. Scores of the men aboard the Jena jumped either overboard, or to the stone quays, and sustained serious injuries.

The primary cause of the accident was the explosion of a Torpedo.

Why this instrument exploded is unknown. The crew was at its full strength, being composed of the rear-division, 24 other officers and 530 men. The magazines had been replenished recently, and contained many tons of both smokeless and black powder.

As well as a number of charges for torpedoes. The crew of the Jena had finished their midday meal only a short time before the explosion, and had dispersed to various parts of the vessel. Most of the men were engaged in work connected with the approaching departure of the warship, but quite a large party had been detailed to attend a lecture which was being given forward.

The explosion came without warning. The first detonation was extremely violent and shook the vessel fore and aft. It was followed by other shocks. The crew were thrown into a condition of panic. They rushed wildly either forward or backward, and many were hurled into the water. The men forward who had been attending the lecture clambered over the bulwarks and jumped down, some of them to the dock, and others to the stone quays. Many of these sustained fatal injuries. The hundreds of men below deck were

Enshrouded in Blinding Smoke, and while they groped their way toward the exit, suffocating fumes caused many of them to fall unconscious.

In the meantime the explosions had become more frequent, and the afterpart of the Jena caught fire. Shells and charges of explosives in the magazines continued to explode and masses of metal were hurled into the air to fall everywhere about the docks and the arsenal. These flying missiles demolished the torpedo shed, the engine works and the pump house nearby, and were a serious menace to the lives of those who made their way toward the ill-fated battleship to begin the work of rescue.

Despite the danger many heroic efforts were made to render assistance, but for the most part in vain.

The Jena Was Adrift. It is declared that for forty minutes the authorities were unable to discover the keys with which to open the locks which flood the drydock, and which merge the ship, but when they did finally open the docks the water rushed

ed onto the Jena and the explosions came to an end.

Then amid clouds of dense smoke the search for dead and wounded was begun. The lower decks were littered with the pieces of

Shattered and Torn Bodies, while the surrounding water was dotted with human fragments dripping with blood. It will be impossible to ascertain the exact number of killed and wounded until to-morrow, when a roll call will be held as many of the men were completely blown to pieces, while others were incinerated. Many of those who escaped death suffered severe injuries, and becoming insane they rushed frantically about the vicinity of the drydock until they fell exhausted. The arsenal authorities organized an ambulance corps without loss of time, and soon a long procession of injured men were on their way to the hospitals.

After the first explosion squads of workmen and sailors approached the scene

At the Peril of Their Lives, and as they neared the Jena's dock, they could dimly observe, through the dense smoke, human figures flying constantly in the air. Then followed further explosions on the doomed vessel, which presented a terrible spectacle, as the flames and falling debris to wring their hands with horror. Suddenly blackened forms with haggard eyes rushed madly through the lines.

Toulon, March 13.—Minister of Marine Thompson arrived here to-day from Paris. The roll of the battleship Jena, on which the fatal explosions occurred yesterday, was immediately called. Four hundred and seven men replied to their names. Those of the crew who are unharmed are quartered temporarily in the naval barracks. Twenty-four officers and engineers are also reported safe. Besides these 44 of the crew are lying in the hospitals seriously injured.

As the officers and crew numbered 630, it will thus be seen that 156 are not accounted for, but the naval authorities consider it most probable that a large number of them have sought refuge with relatives or friends in Toulon. The entire town is in deepest mourning. Crowds are gathering at the arsenal and dock waiting the announcement of the names of the dead. Hundreds of dispatches asking for details of the disaster have reached naval headquarters here.

Although the belief continues to prevail that the number of missing will be reduced, no sailors or others have reported their safety.

The minister of marine upon his arrival here consulted the port admiral, after which he proceeded to the scene of the disaster.

All around the Miasma dry dock were strewn pieces of shells and the store, sheds and other buildings were pierced in many places.

Fire hose played all night on the unburned portion of the battleship Jena, whose interior has been completely flooded. The after part of the battleship is destroyed.

The officers' cabins are in ruins. One of the officers who escaped said that Admiral Manceon owed his life to the fact that the ports of his cabin were open, thus permitting the suffocating gases to escape.

The Jena was a turret ship of 11,881 tons displacement and 15,500 horsepower. The vessel was armed with a belt from 6 to 13½ inches of steel, four 12-inch guns, eight 6-inch guns, eight 4.3-inch, sixteen 1.5-inch and about twenty smaller caliber guns. The vessel was estimated at over eighteen knots, and she carried 530 officers and men. The Jena was the flagship of Rear-Admiral Manceon. Capt. Adgard was the chief of staff and her commander was Capt. Adgard.

conducted by Dowie at the grave of his daughter Esther, including the same scriptural readings and prayers. Coupled with these was the singing of the songs Dowie sang upon his deathbed, "Joy Cometh in the Morning," "Joy to the World," and "Lead, Kindly Light."

Deacons Samuel, Chad and Morris, who were with Dowie in his last night on earth, were called upon to relate incidents of those hours. Deacon Morris declared that the "First Apostle" was delirious at any time. He said he was merely "talking in his sleep as he had done every night for weeks," and that fever or any of the other symptoms of delirium failed to appear.

The meeting closed with declarations from almost every one present that they would remain in the present body until Dowie's will reveals whom he chose as his successor. Then they will flock to his support. Many expressed the belief that this will be Overseer Bryan, now in South Africa.

Arrangements for the formal services of Thursday continue to show a conciliatory desire to have the Overseer William H. Piper, head of the faction in Chicago that revolted from Valva after his victory, has been asked to sit upon the tabernacle. The one with Deacon Speicher, head of the Chicago party remaining true to Dowie. The eulogy will be delivered by V. V. Barnes, of the "Volva" faction. The funeral promises to be spectacular.

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# STORMY SCENE AT CITY HALL

## MAYOR MORLEY MAKES A STRANGE RULING

### Liquor License By-law Provokes Considerable Heat and Friction in the Aldermanic Camp.

(From Tuesday's Daily.)

The Liquor License By-law which came up before the city council last night was productive of a nugatory discussion, although considerable warmth was introduced into the proceedings. The abridgement lay, not so much in the matter of making a strenuous effort to transact some business, but rather in a strange ruling on the part of the Mayor with regard to an amendment—a ruling which is unparalleled in civic affairs.

The clause of the by-law which gave rise to the discussion and the subsequent amendment was as follows: "Every holder of a license in the city of Victoria, under sub-section 1 of schedule 'A' of the Revenue By-law, 1900, No. 321, shall, on the second Wednesday in June of each year, apply to the board for an order of renewal, which shall apply for the next ensuing year. It shall be a sufficient compliance with this regulation if such application is made in writing signed by the applicant and forwarded to the clerk of the municipal council, on or before the first Wednesday in June in each year. Provided always that the board may, before the last Wednesday in May of each year, be authorized to grant a license, requiring him to attend the court of licensing commissioners to be held on the 2nd Wednesday of each year, on which the application for renewal of his license. Any such notice shall contain short particulars of any objection intended to be urged against the license, and the applicant shall be notified to be present at the court of licensing commissioners to be held on the 2nd Wednesday of each year, on which the application for renewal of his license.

# FLOODS IN PENNSYLVANIA.

Pittsburg, Pa., March 13.—Dispatches from all sections of western Pennsylvania to-day report heavy rains last night and rapidly rising waters. In the Connersville region the streams are said to be rising at an alarming rate. Dunbar is in danger and several buildings have been washed away. In Allegheny county the streams are raging torrents. Pittsburgh is always ready preparing for a flood of twenty feet.

# COMEDIAN AVERTED

Chicago, Ill., March 12.—A comedian performing on the stage, As it was scenes of women and children were crushed.

While the performance was in progress there was a flash and the theatre was in darkness. The audience rose to its feet and made a rush for the doors, fainting women, screaming children and shouting men aroused the crowd to an excited frenzy. In the midst of the whole panic Albert Washington, a comedian, appeared on the stage with a candle in his hand and began making jokes on the thunderbolt. His words soon pacified the audience.

# COUNCIL TO TRANSACT MUCH BUSINESS

Proposed Changes in the City Hall Offices to Take Place Immediately.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

Despite the determined effort which is being made to amend clause 3 of the new liquor license by-law out of existence, it is probable that it will in substance be retained. It is explained that there is no intention to compel all license holders to submit to a hold-up. As matters at present stand, the council has no power to compel violators to respect the law, so say those interested. If the present by-law can be amended so that licenses will expire on a certain day, but only those who have flagrantly violated the law will be notified to show reason why their licenses should not be taken away, it is probable that no opposition will be offered.

Another clause which will probably be amended is that requiring saloons to be of a uniform height of five feet. As one of the aldermen put it, "That's all right if all saloons were on a level with the street. As things are at present, it simply means taking the business away from the good houses and giving it to the low class places. A better way would be to allow the saloons to be drawn during hours when liquor may be legally sold, but to compel all bars to be open to public gaze during prohibited hours."

His Worship the Mayor declined to discuss Aid. Fell's statement as published. If this by-law does not take effect, the council will have to draw up another by-law, viz., the incinerator by-law and the Rockland avenue by-law, will come up for consideration.

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# PASSING OF LANDMARK.

Former Methodist Church to Go Under the Hammer To-Day.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

One of Victoria's oldest landmarks, the old Methodist church at the corner of Broad and Pandora, popularly known as the Art gallery, was under the hammer of the auctioneer this afternoon.

The corner stone was laid by Sir James Douglas on August 15th, 1858, about six months after the arrival of the first Methodist missionaries to the coast.

The services in connection with the laying of the corner stone were conducted by Rev. Ephraim Evans, D. D., of Winnipeg, assisted by Revs. Edward White, of New Westminster, B. C., and Ebenezer Robson, of Forts Hope and Yale, Wesleyan missionaries, and the Rev. Wm. Clarke, of Victoria, Congregational missionary.

It was the first Protestant church erected in the colonies. The trustees were Rev. E. Evans and Messrs. John T. Ridwell, Charles Dodd, John Cooper, Henry W. Thain, Robert Eford and Richard King.

Of those present at the laying of the corner stone only one survives, the Rev. E. Robson.

It is the intention of Mr. Lee, of Lee & Fraser, one of the stewards of the Metropolitan Methodist church, this morning to get possession of the memoranda which were enclosed in the corner stone of the old church.

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## DELEGATION WAITING ON ASSOCIATION

### Opposed to Taking a Point Out Work Day

A delegation from the Tourist Association of Victoria waited on Monday to bring facts to show why the proposed point out work day should be made a referendum. The delegation consisted of A. W. McCord, J. E. Wilson, C. E. Gray, Phil R. Smith, John Nelson, Dr. T. Williams, Herbert Kennerly and Herbert C. A. W. McCord, in making the point out work day a referendum, the Tourist Association is not in favor of the proposed point out work day. The Tourist Association is not in favor of the proposed point out work day. The Tourist Association is not in favor of the proposed point out work day.

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Refusing to accept conciliatory measures offered by Gladstone Dowie, in the form of a share in the last rites over his father's body, Deacon J. W. Cutter and his six assistant deacons chosen by Dowie, as the ecclesiastical rulers of his church in Zion City, held formal services, which they said were the only possible ceremonies under the Christian Catholic Apostolic church in Zion.

Deacon Cutter had persuaded five of his authorized assistants, Deacons Crawford, Snelling, Chad, Gotschalk and Brauna, to hold to their original stand. In spite of a drizzling night, his residence was crowded, mourners thronging places on stairs and window sills.

Under these conditions, with every person present who had been a follower of the "First Apostle" in life and death, the services had a deep religious tone that made them unusually impressive. The services were modelled upon those

# TRAVEL TO YUKON.

People Are Starting North Earlier Than Usual This Year.

Travel to Dawson will be heavier than usual this year. The White Pass & Yukon route is in receipt of many inquiries as to rates and facilities for getting into the northern country. The trails are in good condition at present and the people are starting earlier than usual this year. The winter in the north has been exceptionally hard, but spring is opening up well. Beginning next week daily stages will leave White Horse for Dawson. Business men at Dawson report that they have a better trade last winter than they have had for several years.

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TRAIN WRECKED.

Fort William, March 11.—A heavy train of colonists was wrecked a few miles east of Scrieber on the C.P.R., at 11 o'clock to-night. It is reported that five persons were killed, and several injured. Details as to the cause, and the exact nature of the accident, have not yet been ascertained owing to the wire trouble east of here. Wrecking trains were sent from Scrieber and here to the scene of the accident.

# COMEDIAN AVERTED

Chicago, Ill., March 12.—A comedian performing on the stage, As it was scenes of women and children were crushed.

While the performance was in progress there was a flash and the theatre was in darkness. The audience rose to its feet and made a rush for the doors, fainting women, screaming children and shouting men aroused the crowd to an excited frenzy. In the midst of the whole panic Albert Washington, a comedian, appeared on the stage with a candle in his hand and began making jokes on the thunderbolt. His words soon pacified the audience.

# COUNCIL TO TRANSACT MUCH BUSINESS

Proposed Changes in the City Hall Offices to Take Place Immediately.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

Despite the determined effort which is being made to amend clause 3 of the new liquor license by-law out of existence, it is probable that it will in substance be retained. It is explained that there is no intention to compel all license holders to submit to a hold-up. As matters at present stand, the council has no power to compel violators to respect the law, so say those interested. If the present by-law can be amended so that licenses will expire on a certain day, but only those who have flagrantly violated the law will be notified to show reason why their licenses should not be taken away, it is probable that no opposition will be offered.

Another clause which will probably be amended is that requiring saloons to be of a uniform height of five feet. As one of the aldermen put it, "That's all right if all saloons were on a level with the street. As things are at present, it simply means taking the business away from the good houses and giving it to the low class places. A better way would be to allow the saloons to be drawn during hours when liquor may be legally sold, but to compel all bars to be open to public gaze during prohibited hours."

His Worship the Mayor declined to discuss Aid. Fell's statement as published. If this by-law does not take effect, the council will have to draw up another by-law, viz., the incinerator by-law and the Rockland avenue by-law, will come up for consideration.

It is understood that in the estimates last week \$18,000 was voted for the renovation of the north end of the city hall. At least the assessor and building inspector are to be put up stairs. City Engineer Topp is to have enlarged quarters. The present drafting room growing number of settlers, the company will have to supplement its rolling stock considerably. It is said that without laying a mile of new construction this year the Canadian Northern will have all it can do to raise its rolling stock and general equipment to meet the requirements of its present mileage.

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