

WARSHIP SUNK AS RESULT OF PLOT

DESTRUCTION OF BRAZILIAN CRUISER SAID TO HAVE BEEN DUE TO CONSPIRACY.

EXPLOSION IN POWDER MAGAZINE THE CAUSE

Revised Estimate Places Number of Dead at 212—Injured Number 36 and Rescued 98—Four High Admirals Among Victims.

Rio Janeiro, Jan. 24.—Developments regarding the destruction of the armored cruiser Aquidaban, sunk as the result of an explosion while at anchor at Port Jacarepaqua, near here, point to a plot possibly due to anarchists or to those who desire the restoration of the monarchy.

The cause of the disaster is now definitely known to be due to an explosion in the powder magazine of the vessel. The fatalities, however, were slightly overestimated. A revised estimate puts the list of dead at 212, either killed instantly or drowned. Thirty-six were injured and 98 saved.

Every Officer Killed. Practically every officer was either killed or injured. Among the dead are the four highest officers in the Brazilian navy. They are: Rear Admiral Jose da Rocha, Rear Admiral Francisco Calheiros da Graça, Rear Admiral Joas Candido Brazil, and Capt. Alves de Larrigo.

That so many distinguished Brazilians were on board the Aquidaban is due to the fact that a visit of inspection for the purpose of selecting a site for a new arsenal was being made by the minister of marine and his staff.

No secret was made of the trip or of the personnel of the party. The minister of marine was on board the cruiser Barroso, but lack of accommodations forced others of the party to take up quarters on the Aquidaban.

Strong Feeling Against Government. For months there has been strong dissatisfaction with existing conditions, in a measure growing out of what is considered a vacillating policy pursued by the government in its relations with outside countries. This is accentuated by a strong loyalist sentiment that pervades all classes, despite the fact that the republic is regarded as established for all time.

Anarchists, driven from Europe and the United States, have for months been gathering in this city, the government practically paying no attention to them.

It is to these two widely differing classes that the disaster to the Aquidaban is attributed. The cause was at first ascribed to the explosion of the boilers, but it now seems established from fragmentary stories told by survivors that the sinking of the vessel was due to the explosion of the powder magazine, due to an infernal machine.

No other theory could account for the quick sinking of the Aquidaban. The vessel going to the bottom within three minutes.

The deadly machine is believed to have been smuggled aboard when it was known beyond doubt that the distinguished Brazilians were on the Aquidaban during the tour of inspection.

Victims Have Little Chance for Life. The information in hand shows that none of the sailors or officers had a chance for life. The center of the big engine of war was hurled outward and upward.

Men were thrown high into the air, to fall stunned or mangled into the sea. Spars fell among the men, but most of the latter were unable to grasp at anything in an effort to keep afloat till assistance might arrive.

Others of the sailors who occupied portions of the vessel not rent asunder by the explosion jumped into the ocean and sought to swim from the shattered hull far enough not to be drawn down in the vortex produced by its sinking. So rapidly did the vessel sink, however, that few were able to make more than a few strokes.

The Aquidaban was of 4,950 tons displacement and 6,800-horse power. She was built in England in 1885 at a cost of \$1,725,000. She had five torpedo tubes.

In the Brazilian revolution the Aquidaban played a prominent part. She was torpedoed and sunk by the Sampayo and when lifted she was renamed the Vinte e Quatro de Maio. This name, however, was discarded later and the vessel given her original name.

Boasparte Extends Sympathy. Washington, Jan. 24.—Immediately upon receipt of official news of the destruction of the Brazilian battleship Aquidaban, Secretary Boasparte sent the following cablegram to the Brazilian minister of marine: "On behalf of the American navy, permit me to extend to the Brazilian navy and all others concerned the deepest sympathy for the loss of life they have sustained in the unfortunate destruction of battleship Aquidaban."

New World's Auto Record. Ormond, Fla., Jan. 24.—A new world's automobile record for the mile in 32 1/2 seconds was made here Tuesday by Marriotti in a Freak racer in the first preliminary heat for the Dewar trophy. Earp was second.

Fire in Baltimore. Baltimore, Md., Jan. 23.—Fire was discovered shortly after midnight in the plant of the Baltisgore Chrome Works, and before it was controlled about a third of the main buildings of the extensive plant had been destroyed.

Bathing in Midwinter. Erie, Pa., Jan. 23.—Official weather figures give the maximum temperature here Sunday as 72 degrees. Boys were bathing in the lake near the state soldiers' home.

She Hadn't Thought of That. "The last fish I had from you didn't seem very fresh."

"Well, mum, 'ow can you expect fresh fish from salt water?"—Stray Stories.

ENVOYS ARRIVE AT CAPITAL

IMPERIAL CHINESE COMMISSION MET BY OFFICIAL.

Distinguished Foreigners Are Studying Conditions in America—Sixty People in the Party.

Washington, Jan. 24.—The Imperial Chinese commission, sent to this country by the emperor of China to study American social, political and industrial conditions arrived here Tuesday morning on a special train from Chicago. They were met at the station by Mr. Denby, chief clerk of the state department, who will look after their comfort during the ten days that they will be in the capital. Mr. Denby was chosen for this work on account of his knowledge of the Chinese language and customs. The commission consists of about 60 people, several of whom are servants and secretaries. The leaders of the commission are Tuan Fang, the governor of the Shan Si province, and Tai Hing Tse, one of China's leading scholars. Yung Kwai, the secretary-interpreter of the Chinese legation in this city, accompanied the commission, having gone to Chicago to meet them, and the party traveled under the care of Prof. Jenks, the economist of Cornell university, who was appointed by the United States government as its special representative to receive the commission in San Francisco and look after their interests while in this country. Prof. Jenks resided for a long time in Peking, and is in close personal touch with the leading men of the Chinese empire. The party at once took the carriages which were waiting for them and drove to the Arlington, the Chinese legation not being large enough to contain room for so many guests. The members of the commission spent the morning resting from the fatigue of the long trip. In the afternoon they called upon Secretary of State Root and visited the state, war and navy departments.

BANK ROBBER SLAIN. Shot Dead While Attempting to Plunder an Institution at Fort Worth, Tex.

Fort Worth, Tex., Jan. 24.—An unsuccessful attempt was made to rob the vault of the bank at Montague, Tex., Monday morning, and as a result one of the robbers is dead, another is believed to be wounded. Early Monday morning G. W. Bradley, who has sleeping apartments in the bank building, was awakened by the muffled report of an explosion. On approaching the room where the vault is located, he was fired on by parties from within. He returned the fire, killing one of the robbers. Two of the men ran from the building and escaped, one apparently being wounded. The body of the man killed was that of Patsy Flanagan, declared by the police to be a Chicagoan. The robbers are being pursued by a posse who have trailed them to this city. No money was secured.

Steamer Sunk; Crew Saved. Boston, Jan. 24.—The loss of the steamer Trojan, of the Boston & Philadelphia line, in collision with the yanah line, in Vineyard sound last Sunday was reported here Tuesday by the Nacoochee, which arrived having on board the captain and crew of the Trojan. The accident was due to fog. The Nacoochee struck the Trojan amidships, and the latter steamer went to the bottom within three-quarters of an hour, but Capt. Thatcher and the crew of 27 men from the Trojan were taken off by men from the Nacoochee. The Nacoochee sustained only a slight damage to the boat.

Dyke Bursts. Beloit, Wis., Jan. 24.—The breaking of the dyke of the old Brooks mill, in the eastern part of the city, Sunday poured a great flood of water out against many houses in the neighborhood and made many families make a hasty retreat for higher ground or remain prisoners in their homes until relief could be taken to them. Many houses at the east end of Broad street and the tract known as Athletic park are still inundated. The loss is great.

A Lover's Crime. New York, Jan. 24.—Enraged because he was told to cease his attentions to Lillian Murphy, aged 17 years, Paul Deitz, a youth of 18 years, snatched a revolver at the girl, her brother George, 16 years old, and the mother, Mrs. Della Murphy, in their apartments on Wales avenue, the Bronx, wounding all three dangerously. The girl can hardly recover; the others may. Deitz was arrested while attempting to shoot himself.

Inaugurated. Santa Fe, N. M., Jan. 24.—Herman J. Hagerman was inaugurated governor of New Mexico at noon Monday in the presence of representatives in the presence of a large assemblage. Gov. Otero introduced Mr. Hagerman, and Chief Justice W. J. Mills, in the presence of the entire supreme bench, administered the oath of office. Gov. Hagerman made an address in which he lauded President Roosevelt.

Rockefeller Gives \$1,450,000. Chicago, Jan. 24.—John D. Rockefeller has added again to the endowment of the University of Chicago. He has just given the sum of \$1,450,000. Of this sum \$1,000,000 will go for the endowment in current expenses, and the remainder—\$450,000—will be held in trust by the university for Mrs. William R. Harper, widow of the president.

London's Masterly Tailors. There is no doubt the tailors of this country, as an entire class, stand at the head of their profession; yet this is largely due to a small majority who have thoroughly mastered their business.—London Tailor and Cutter.

An Old Story. "Have a good time at the beach?" asked Ethel.

"No; deadly dull," replied Maud.

"Only two men there."

"Well, couldn't you land one of them?"

"Oh, yes; but I was engaged to them both last summer."—Crisis-Journal.

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CRY OF "FIRE" BRINGS DEATH TO MEMBERS OF PHILADELPHIA CONGREGATION.

WORSHIPERS TRAMPLED TO DEATH IN WILD RUSH

Awful Scene Follows Mad Scramble Toward Exits—Those in Rear Leap Over Prostrate Forms of Fallen Victims—Text Suggestive.

Philadelphia, Jan. 23.—A wild panic following a loud shriek of "fire" brought death to 18 colored persons and injuries to nearly two score of others at night in the St. Paul's Baptist church, on the west side of Eighth street, between Dancy street and City street, on the night of Sunday, Jan. 23. The disaster occurred not more than 300 persons were on the second floor of the building, which with the gallery, was capable of accommodating 600 to 700. The fire was a trining one and was extinguished before the firemen arrived. The smell of smoke added to the panic and, despite the heroic work of Rev. E. W. Johnson, the pastor of the church, who tried in vain to allay the fears of the frightened worshippers, the terror-stricken people made a desperate rush to leave the church, only to be choked up on the narrow stairway. Those in the rear leaped over the prostrate forms of those who fell, and when the rush was over 18 lay dead on the first floor and stairs of the building. Death in nearly every case was due to suffocation or trampling.

A Suggestive Text. The disaster occurred while a collection was being taken up. The pastor had just concluded his sermon, the text of which was: "Why Sit We Here Un-til We Die?" Following the collection there was to have been a baptism of a man and wife. Some of the colored people, owing to the lateness of the evening, had left the church, and others were about to go. As the pastor was arranging the pulpit preparatory to beginning the baptismal service a woman in one of the front rows of the left side of the altar gave a loud shriek of "fire!" Instantly all those about her were on their feet, looking for the blaze. There were no flames in sight, but those near the pulpit smelled smoke and started down the aisle toward the pulpit.

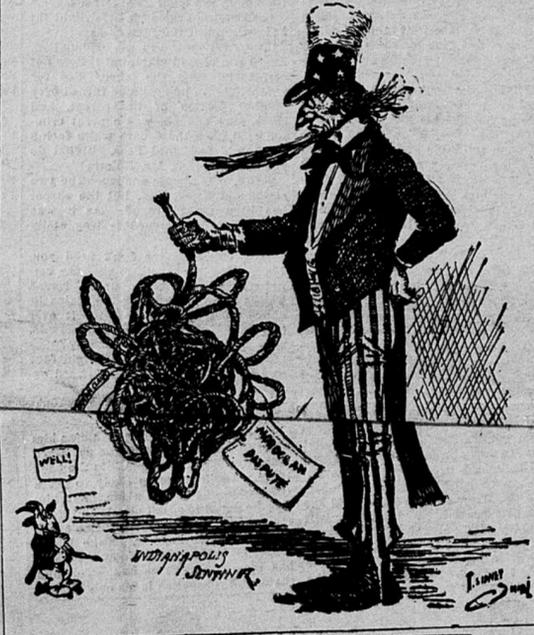
Balustrade Gives Way. The terrific crush in the body of the stairs became so great that the balustrade, which was only a frail, wooden affair, gave way. There was a terrible crash as half a hundred persons were precipitated to the floor, a distance of about ten or twelve feet. This heightened the intensity of the panic and the rush became an awful jam. The pastor of the church, a man of powerful physique and strong voice, continued to appeal to the crowd in the rear to stop their rush, but none would heed. Over the prostrate forms the crowd went, crushing the life out of those who were unable to extricate themselves.

Tillman to Speak. New York, Jan. 23.—United States Senator Benjamin R. Tillman, of South Carolina, is to be the principal speaker for the Democratic club at its first monthly dinner, on Tuesday evening of next week. The occasion, it is said, will be to mark the opening of the state fight.

Pioneer Settler Is Dead. Chicago, Jan. 23.—Eli Montgomery, who has been a resident of Chicago for 45 years, died at his winter home in Palm Beach, Fla.

Court Will Take a Recess. Washington, Jan. 24.—Chief Justice Fuller gave notice of a three-week recess of the United States supreme court, beginning next Monday.

A KNOTTY QUESTION.



AVALANCHE IN MINING CAMP

SNOWSLIDE DEMOLISHES BOARDING HOUSE.

The Dead Bodies of Six Men Are Recovered from the Ruins.

Salt Lake City, Jan. 23.—The last of the six bodies buried by the snowslide at Alta Friday night was recovered Sunday afternoon. Since communication with the mining camp has been restored it has been learned that the avalanche came about midnight. It swept a half mile before striking the boarding house and adjoining saloon. Three of the five men sleeping in the saloon managed to crawl from under the debris and snow and, attired only in their night clothing, worked for hours in an effort to reach their companions. Their feet were badly frozen. At seven o'clock Saturday morning 50 men were at work seeking the bodies, but not until noon was the first corpse recovered. The work of rescue continued without cessation until Sunday. The men who lost their lives in the boarding house are: Albert Bennett, George Claybourne, John Erickson, John Gray. Those killed in the saloon were: Jerry Murphy and William Powell.

Fatal Collision. Kent, O., Jan. 23.—Conductor E. O. Griffin, of Cleveland, was killed, Brake-man P. J. Hawkins, of Cleveland, was seriously injured about the head, and had several fingers taken off, and Engineer Watrous, of Newcastle, Pa., had his head badly cut in a rear end collision on the Baltimore & Ohio railroad here early Sunday. The cause of the accident was the omission to send back a flag from a train which had stopped a second freight rounded a curve at a speed of about 15 miles an hour and crashed into the standing train.

Revolutionists Put to Death. St. Petersburg, Jan. 23.—Dispatches from Libau and Mitau show that Gov. Gen. Sollogov continues to act with merciless severity against revolutionists in Courland caught with arms in hand or convicted of participation in incendiarism or murder. Twenty-two more persons have been tried by drum-head court-martial and shot near Libau.

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