

WEIGHT FRAUDS IN ICE TRADE TO BE HALTED

Official Mystified by His Own High Bill Intends Investigating.

When the matter of short weight in ice alleged to be practiced by the wagonmen of the large and small ice companies on the public was called to the attention of one of the high officials of the District government, he looked puzzled as he pulled his check book from his desk.

Had Ordinary Refrigerator.

Asked what amount of ice he received daily, he could not say, but said that his refrigerator was the ordinary family size and could not possibly hold over sixty or seventy pounds. It was pointed out to him that if his ice box had a capacity of 100 pounds and that amount was supplied daily, the bill for two months of thirty days each would have been only \$24.00.

Ice by the Pound.

It has been suggested in the office of the sealer of weights and measures that this annoyance in short weight of ice can be avoided if purchasers will ask for their ice by the pound and not as so many cents' worth. For instance, the retail price of ice of all the companies is 40 cents a hundred. If you want 5 cents' worth of ice, tell the wagonman that you want twelve and a half pounds of ice; if you want 10 cents' worth ask for twenty-five pounds; if you want 15 cents' worth ask for thirty-seven and a half pounds; if you want 20 cents' worth ask for fifty pounds.

Sealer Haskell's Opinion.

In his report of the complaint filed with the Commissioners of the short weight in ice, Sealer of Weights and Measures Haskell says today: "The matter of the inspection of the sale of ice has received the attention of this office daily in connection with the regular work, and frequently has been given special attention and the close supervision has resulted in noticeably improved conditions."

Possibility of Prosecution.

"If a person inquires the price of ice per 100 pounds and the seller names the price of say 40 or 50 cents per 100, and the customer asks for 20 or 25 cents' worth and does not receive fifty pounds the fellow would be liable to prosecution."

GINGER ALE EXPLODES: YOUTH'S ARMS CUT

By the explosion of a bottle of ginger ale shortly before noon today, Taylor Hartford, seventeen years old, employed at the Metropolitan Hotel, was painfully cut on both arms and wrists. He was taken to the Emergency Hospital.

THE WEATHER REPORT.

There have been local showers over all districts east of the Rocky mountains, except in New England and the Gulf States. West of the mountains the weather was fair, except in Washington. Temperature changes were small.

TEMPERATURE

9 a. m.	77
12 noon	82
1 p. m.	83
2 p. m.	82

SUN TABLE

Sun sets today	6:25
Sun rises tomorrow	4:16

TIDE TABLE

High water today	11:51 a. m.
Low water today	6:24 p. m.
High water tomorrow	12:21 a. m.
Low water tomorrow	6:50 a. m.

HARPERS FERRY, Va., July 16.

Potomac muddy and Shenandoah clear.

KILLS HERSELF AFTER READING HER TESTAMENT

Miss Nellie Castle Turns on Gas in Aunt's House.

"So that ye come behind in no gift, waiting for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ: "Who shall also confirm you unto the end, that we may be blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ."

Gas Flowing From Jet.

Gas was flowing from a jet directly over the young woman's head, and both windows had been closed and the door locked. Depute Coroner Glazebrook gave a certificate of death by suicide.

Love Affair Denied.

"She never went out at night, and I am positive there was no love affair," said Mrs. Fulmer. "My niece was a member of the First Presbyterian Church, and took an active interest in all matters connected with the church. She seemed happy when she went to bed last night, and had never mentioned that she intended killing herself."

TELEGRAPH FIGHT STILL CENTERS IN SAN FRANCISCO

NEW YORK, July 16.—San Francisco still remains the crucial point in the struggle between the telegraph operators and their employers. The local union was still holding itself today ready to go out at a moment's notice and the leaders were only waiting the word from the Western city to call out all their men from the New York offices of the Western Union and possibly the Postal company also. The strike will be delayed until it is absolutely sure that affairs in California cannot be settled without trouble but it was said today that just as soon as the operators feel that there is no hope of peace they will call the men here out.

INQUIRY BEGUN INTO THE CAUSE OF EXPLOSION

Investigation of the cause of the explosion on the Georgia was begun at 10 o'clock this morning by a board of inquiry under orders from the Navy Department.

ALCOHOL IN SODA? NO, SAY DRUGGISTS

Leading Washington druggists stand pat on one proposition—that the only place to buy cooling beverages containing from 2 to 4 per cent alcohol is at a regularly licensed beer garden and not at the Washington soda fountains. They emphatically deny the statement published this morning that soft drinks sold in this city sometimes contain a larger percentage of alcohol than beer does.

Dozen of Battleship Georgia's Wounded Are Hovering Between Life and Death

UNITED STATES BATTLESHIP GEORGIA

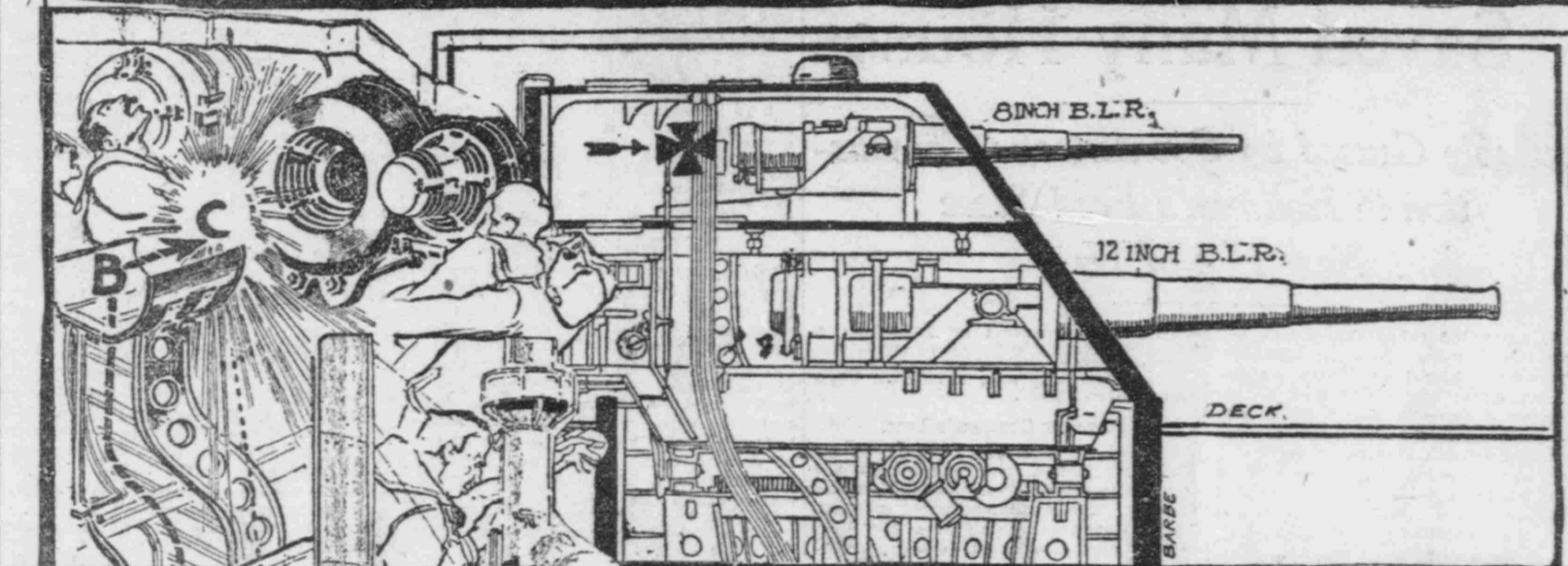
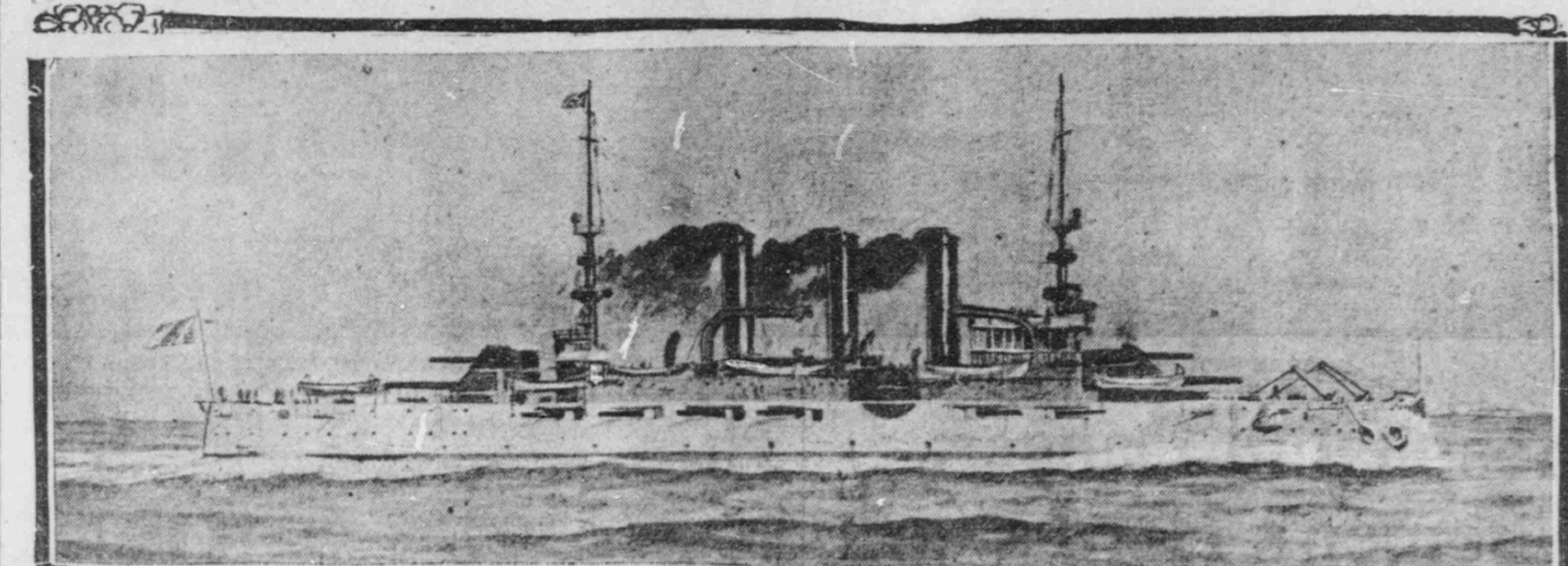
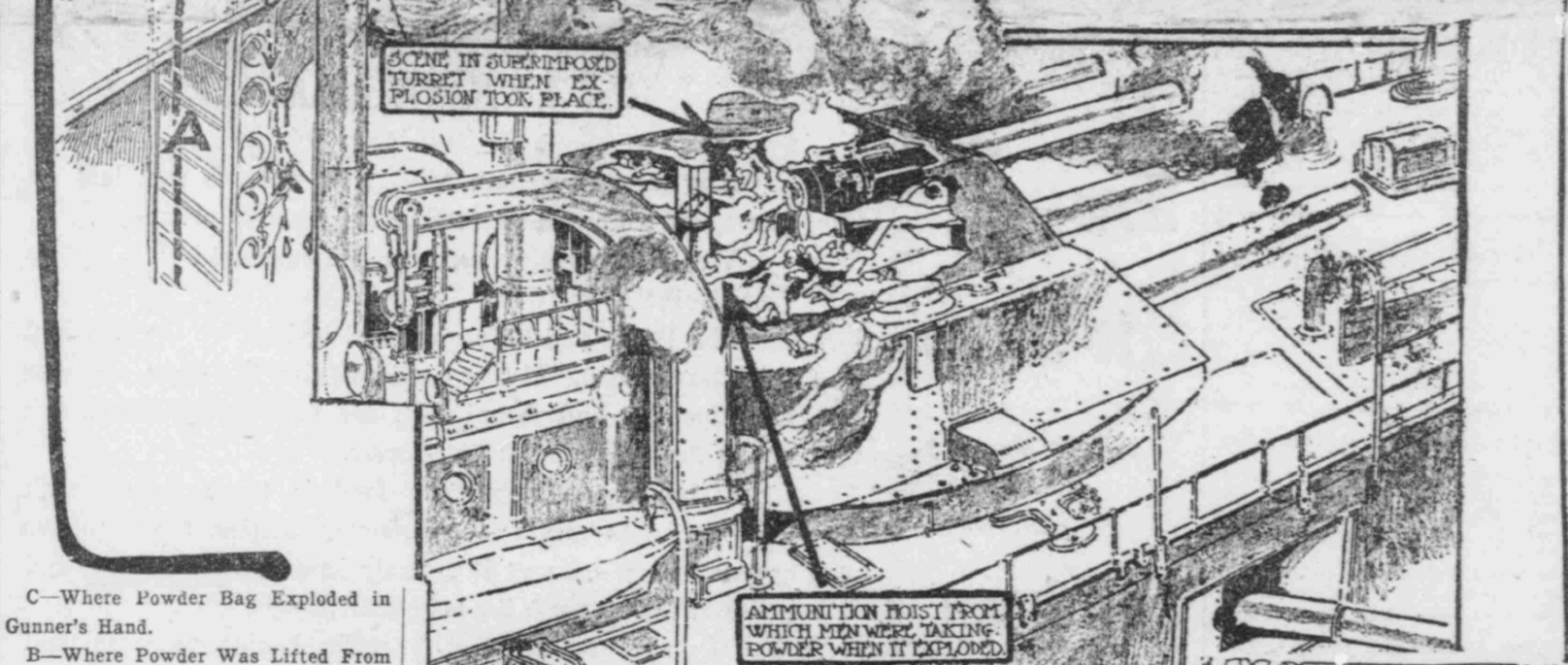


DIAGRAM OF AFTER TURRET OF THE U. S. S. GEORGIA SHOWS WHERE CHARGE WAS IGNITED.



Diagrams Showing Cross Section Views of the Big Turrets on the U. S. S. Georgia and How the Disastrous Explosion Took Place.

Alarming Record of Disasters on American Warships.

The board consists of the captains of the battleships comprising Admiral Thomas' division of the Atlantic fleet—namely, Capt. Seaton Schroeder, of the Virginia; Capt. Richard Wainwright, of the Louisiana; Capt. Charles T. Bowditch, of the Rhode Island, and William Kimball, of the New Jersey. Capt. Henry McCrea, of the Georgia, which is also attached to this division, is presumed will not serve.

Four times within four years have catastrophes mown down the men who daily duty carried them to and fro near the big guns of the ships of the United States navy. After each catastrophe, the department thought all precautions possible had been taken to prevent further loss of life. That belief has been effectively shattered by the deaths on the Georgia yesterday.

At the Navy Department today it was said that nothing definite has been heard as to the cause of the explosion on the Georgia. Some naval officers pool-pool the theory that the Georgia's explosion was caused by a spark from the ship's funnel flying through a port hole and falling on the 100-pound charge of powder a man held in his hands. Others utterly at sea about what could have caused the calamity, say that it may have been due to such a spark.

CONSPICUOUS DEEDS OF HEROISM ON BOARD BATTLESHIP GEORGIA

Midshipman Kimball held his breath, clapped his cap over his face, and beat out flames from his comrades' clothes.

Chief Yeoman Orly Tagland threw his body on that of Lieutenant Goodrich to save that young officer.

A seaman sprang to magazine hatch and closed it, saving ship and giving his life.

Chaplain Carlton first reached the turret and offered aid to Midshipman Cruse. "I'm all right," said that terribly injured hero. "Look after the others."

The injured having been discharged

List of Dead Now Numbers Eight, With More Likely.

Many Deeds of Heroism Shown By Victims of Explosion.

Awful Scene in the Turret Described by Midshipman.

THE DEAD

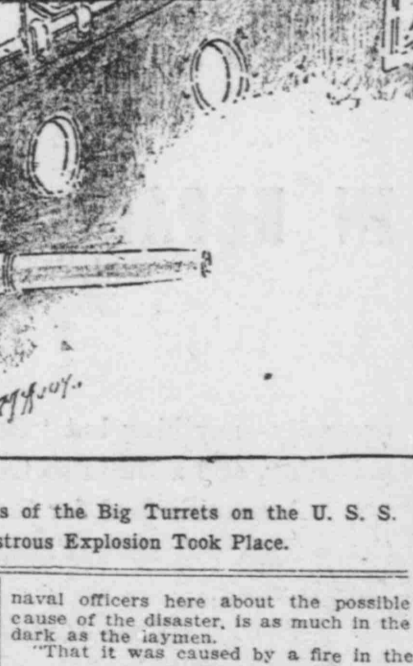
- LIEUTENANT GOODRICH, New York.
- MIDSHIPMAN GOLDTHWAIT, Hopkinsville, Ky.
- WILLIAM J. BURKE, seaman, Quincy, Mass.
- WILLIAM M. THOMAS, seaman, Newport, R. I.
- GEORGE MILLER, ordinary seaman, Memphis, Tenn.
- WILLIAM M. THATCHER, chief turret captain, Wilmington, Del.
- GEORGE G. HAMILTON, ordinary seaman, South Framingham, Mass.
- WILLIAM F. PAIR, seaman, Brooklyn, N. Y.

List of Wounded And the Injuries

- The list of injured from the explosion on the battleship Georgia, together with the condition of each, as furnished to the Navy Department, is as follows:
- Midshipman Cruse, hand and face; serious.
- John Aruthur Bush, seaman; face, arms and chest; fatal.
- John Allan Fone, seaman; arms, back, neck and face; probably fatal.
- James Patrick Thomas, ordinary seaman; face, arms, chest and back; serious.
- John Malek, ordinary seaman; face, arms and back; serious.
- William Francis Pair, seaman, whole body burned; fatal.
- Edward Joseph Walsh, seaman; arms, face, chest and shoulders; serious.
- Frank Schlapp, boatswain's mate; back, chest, arms and face; serious.
- Louis Muse, ordinary seaman; arms, face and chest; serious.
- Orly Tagland, chief yeoman; arms, face and back; serious.
- Samuel Louis Rosenberger, ordinary seaman; arms, face and back; serious.
- Harold Lean Gilbert, seaman, two-thirds body burned; serious.
- Charles Levi Eich, ordinary seaman, right hand and both sides of face; favorable.
- Charles Hansel, gunner's mate, forehead and left arm; favorable.

BOSTON, July 16.—More names are yet to be added to the list of dead from yesterday's explosion on the battleship Georgia.

Midshipman James T. Cruse and Seaman Edward J. Walsh are already dying. It is a question whether Cruse can survive until the arrival of his father, Maj. Thomas Cruse, who is hurrying to his son's bedside from Omaha, Neb.



CAPT. HENRY MCCREA, Commanding the Battleship Georgia.

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