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CAISSON EXPLODES.

THREE SOLDIERS ARE KILLED AND
SEVERAL WOUNDED.

The Accident Occurred in a Camp of
Artillerymen at Chicago — Probably
Caused by Friction—Buildings Riddled
In the Vicinity and Many Persons
Struck by Flying shot.

CHICAGO, July 17.—A caisson attached
to a Hotchkiss gun in charge of Battery
F, Second artillery, exploded at the corner
of Grand and Oakwood boulevards. Three men
were killed and 15 were injured.

At Oakwood and Grand boulevards the
Hotchkiss gun with its caisson was in the
rear of the command, when suddenly the
ground shook with a fearful explosion and a
burst of flame and smoke shot from the
caisson.

A storm of bullets flew in every direction.
Windows were shattered for blocks
around and people walking on the side-
walks were thrown down.

When the smoke arose eight heavy artil-
lery horses were lying dead on the
ground, their carcasses nearly torn to
pieces. All around lay dead and wounded
men.

The brownstone home of Mrs. Devlin at
Oakwood and Grand boulevards was par-
forated by several bullets which passed
through the walls. Glass was shattered
and walls and ornaments on the interior
were torn and broken.

The cause of the explosion is not pos-
tively known. It is supposed that a fuse
worked loose from one of the cartridges
and the powder ground between the brass
shells in the caisson ignited and exploded
the mass.

The body of one of the artillerymen,
who was riding on the caisson of the gun,
was literally blown to pieces. Portions of
his body were picked up at a distance of
300 yards from the scene of the explosion.

The three dead bodies were taken to
Robinson's morgue, 5457 Lake avenue.

The troops left Brighton park for a long
march around the city to exercise the
horses. They were in command of Captain
David of Troop F, Third cavalry, and
consisted of Troop F, Third cavalry, 40
men; Troop E, Sixth cavalry, Lieutenant
Tate, 40 men; platoon of Battery F, Second
artillery, two guns, Lieutenant Gayle,
20 men; Troop B, Seventh cavalry, Captain
Varum, 40 men. The men marched in
this order. Everything went smoothly
and there were no incidents until the com-
pany marching south on Grand bou-
levard was just crossing Oakwood bou-
levard.

Then a terrific explosion occurred. The
men on the caisson, supposed to be Dono-
van and Doyle, were literally blown to
pieces and others were thrown many
feet by the violence of the concussion.

Four of the horses drawing the caissons
fell in their tracks, shot through and hor-
ribly mangled, while three others were
blown 50 feet ahead against the trees of
the boulevard, dying instantly.

The caisson was blown to atoms, not a
piece of it larger than a man's hand being
found. The boulevard looked like a
battlefield.

There was a quick series of explosions
after the first report and shrapnel shot
rained among the trees on the boulevard
and pierced the surrounding dwellings.

The walls and roofs of the dwellings
showed the terrible effect of the missiles.
Upturned shells of the rear part of the
caisson lay strewn over the ground.

With the explosion came great confu-
sion of the troops and for a moment the
men and officers seemed powerless to
move. To this was added the fright of
the occupants of the surrounding houses,
who ran screaming from their dwellings,
only to be sickened by the sight in the
street. It was some little time before the
two dead artillerymen could be found.

One of them, mangled beyond recogni-
tion, had been supposed to be Doyle, had been
blown over a board sign 35 feet high and
was found in a vacant lot behind it. One
leg and arm were gone. The other man,
supposed to be Donovan, had been thrown
about 300 feet diagonally to the right and
was found in a vacant lot near the Lake
Shore tracks. Joseph Gaynor was found
near where he was struck.

General Miles was not in his office when
the news of the explosion was brought in
over the telephone. His chief of staff,
Captain Madsen, said: "We have just
heard of the explosion, and that three of
the men were killed outright and six
others were wounded, several of them
badly, and that six of the horses were
killed."

The battery was Company F, Second
artillery, commanded by Captain Vose.
The day following its arrival from Fort
Belvoir it was sent out to Colonel Gordon's
camp at Western avenue, Winona. As
the camp in Chicago, the battery was
taking its daily practice march when the
explosion occurred. It is impossible to
tell how it occurred. The supposition of
a military man is that the friction of the
shells in the caisson by a hard jolt explod-
ed a shell.

"Could it have been possible, for any
one to have placed, any dynamite in the
caisson?" was asked.

"It could have been possible, but hard-
ly probable. The vigilance of the troops
in the camp would render it impossible
for any evil-minded person to have con-
trolled anything in the caisson, especially
here in Chicago, where more than usual
watchfulness has been observed by the
troops."

The damage to residential property in
the neighborhood of the accident is estimated
at about \$10,000, General Miles said.

"I take no stock in the theory that
dynamite had anything to do with it."

The greatest precaution is always taken
about the ammunition. Each shell is
locked by a Yale lock especially made for
the government. There are no keys in
the battery that will unlock any, but the
chest to which it belongs, and I do not
believe there is a key to Chicago that will
unlock any of our artillery shells. The
ammunition is most carefully packed under
supervision of an officer. Every day
it is examined. This caisson was inspected
last evening. All of the shrapnel were
locked after and the screw plugs exam-
ined and tightened."

Strike Visually. Open.

SACRAMENTO, Calif., July 17.—The strike
is virtually over here. Several hundred
shopmen who walked out with the
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WASHINGTON, July 18.—Frank Zim-

merman of California has been appointed
United States vice consul at Berlin to suc-

ceed Abbott, resigned.

taking back any of the leaders of the
strike but accepts all who were forced
out. He is also obtaining some new men.

Grand Trunk Office at Howard.

CHICAGO, July 17.—Officials of the
Grand Trunk road have announced that
\$500 will be paid for information leading
to the arrest and conviction of those who
caused by friction—Buildings Riddled
In the Vicinity and Many Persons
Struck by Flying shot.

One shoveler known.

ARTAGO, O. July 17.—All the one
shovelers and dock men who have been
on strike for a week returned to work.
The demands made by the men were not
accepted by the various companies.

Knight's Return to Work.

CHICAGO, July 17.—All the operatives in
the Fraser & Chalmers works, who struck
the other day under Sovereign's order,
have gone to work.

PRESIDENT'S ACTION UPHELD.

Prize. From an Able Exponent of the
Constitution.

WASHINGTON, July 18.—In view of artic-
les that have been uttered in certain
quarters on the legality of the course pur-
sued by President Cleveland in using fed-
eral troops, notably in Chicago, not to
preserve the peace but to execute the de-
cree of the federal judiciary and keep in
operation the provisions of the interstate
commerce law, the following letter from one
of the most able exponents of the con-
stitution in the land has been peculiarly
timely.

Mr. Axton, Mich.

President Grover Cleveland:
However Sir—Now that the great crisis, in
which your official intervention became ne-
cessary, has clearly shown to be a failure, I
feel it to be owed to express my unequalled
satisfaction with every step you have taken in
 vindication of the national authority and with
the restoration of law and order, which has
followed or which is now in progress.

The caution and deliberation with which
you have proceeded are, I think, worthy, like
the accompanying firmness, of highest praise,
and I am specially gratified that a great and
valuable lesson in constitutional construction
has been settled for all time with remarkably
little bloodshed.

You are the Attorney general also have won
the admiration of the country, not for this
action only, but for all time, and that God
may bless you for it in the sincere prayer of
Your obedient servant,

THOMAS M. COOTER.

More Fighting at Oswego.

STRAUDAU, July 18.—An Oswego special
says: "A fight occurred near the Standard
Oil company's yards between a gang of
longshoremen and several mounted men.
Police were sent to the scene, but before
they reached there the union men escaped.
The Forty-first separate company of Symmes
has been ordered to be ready to proceed
to Oswego if required and are held in
the armory equipped for immediate de-
parture. At a late hour, however, every-
thing was reported quiet and it is not ex-
pected that the Symmes company will be
needed.

Comments the President's Action.

ROCHESTER, July 18.—At a well atten-
ded meeting of the Flower City Democracy,
resolutions were adopted commanding
the wise action of the administration in
relation to the recent labor trouble in
Chicago.

Murder in a Household.

ROCKAWAY, July 18.—Gwendolyn Blakemore,
a patient at the state hospital for the
insane here, was killed by Mary McClellan,
18, another inmate. Both women were
brought to the laboratory. An attendant heard
them struggling and screaming and enter-
ing the room found the McClellan woman,
who is about 40 years old, bludgeoned
to death. Mrs. Blakemore, who was 77 years old. The
old lady lingered several hours and died
of consumption of the brain, due to her injuries.
Mrs. McClellan's mother is in
sanity and is confined at the Willard asylum.
Mrs. McClellan has been placed in
solitary confinement.

Cattle Condemed to Death.

ONEIDA, N. Y., July 18.—The farmers
in this vicinity are greatly agitated by
the announcement that Dr. Henderson of
Syracuse has condemned to death 28 head
of cattle on the farm of the Oneida Com-
munity. Limited. Dr. Henderson noted
under the directions of the state commis-
sioner and reached his decision after re-
peated tests for tuberculosis. It is feared
that many animals here are afflicted with
the disease, and there is much alarm
among milk producers and consumers. Among
the full-blooded cattle killed nine were
Holstein, two Ayrshire and one
Guernsey.

Chinese Smugglers Sentenced.

PORTLAND, Ore., July 18.—C. J. Mullikin,
ex-special agent of the treasury department,
who was convicted of conspiring to
illegally land Chinese in the United
States, was sentenced by Judge Bellinger
to one year in jail and to pay a fine of
\$5,000. P. J. Bauman, another conspirator,
was sentenced to six months' imprisonment.

Van Nostrand Discharged.

ALBANY, July 18.—Commander John
C. Shultz of the State Guard, Army of the
Republic, has approved the findings of the
panel of commissioners at which Judge Rea-
son was president and W. H. Glancy
judge advocate, and pronounced W. H.
Van Nostrand is dischargably discharged
and dismissed from the Grand Army of
the Republic.

Syracuse Graduate Resumes Issues.

STRAUDAU, July 18.—Elmer Hutchinson,
20 years old, who graduated with honors
in the class of '94, Syracuse University,
has been declared insane and was taken
to the state insane asylum at Dugdenburg. He
has been ailing mentally for some time.
Overwork is thought to be the cause of his condition and it is believed he
will recover.

Police Demand Four Whales.

NEW YORK, July 18.—News has been
received from the Arctic whaling fleet
June 2, 1894, up to which time the total
catch was five whales, the steamer Orca
having taken two whales, the schooner
Rosario two and the bark Mermaid one.
The balance of the fleet, 31 vessels, being
clean.

Whalers in Northern Seas.

WANAMAKER, July 18.—A dispatch re-
ceived at the Marine hospital bureau,
through the state department, announces
an outbreak of cholera at Danzig, in
Northern Prussia. No details are given.

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