

IS SOLVED AT LAST.

Shells to Carry High Explosives Said to Have Been Perfected.

If Successful They Will Revolutionize the Engines of War and Make Them So Destructive as to Make War Unlikely.

Since the discovery of high explosives the military and scientific experts of two continents have been endeavoring their brains to perfect a shell to throw them, says the New York Press. An officer in the United States army has practically completed a device which perhaps will perform this hitherto impossible task.

Pierce is the officer's name, and as there are only two of his name in the regular army, one of whom is post chaplain in Fort Apache, A. T., it is reasoned that the other Pierce is the man. He is P. E. Pierce, instructor in the West Point Military academy, and second lieutenant of the Second infantry.

Every fact connected with the invention is hedged about with secrecy. It is not denied that the device is not far from actual completion. This fact alone is sufficient to set the whole scientific world agog, especially in these times of war.

It is possible that it is so far advanced that it may be tried on the Spanish front. It is known that this is hoped to be done, but so sedulously is the whole matter guarded that it is not even known where the experiments are being conducted or how far they have progressed.

The invention is a detonating fuse for a shell to fire high explosives. Such a fuse, it is believed, will advance ten years the day which it is predicted some time will come when war will no more be waged because of its very destructiveness.

The minute an American rifle bursts a shell of this kind successfully at an enemy all other shells will be as antiquated as rifles without magazines. The day that witnesses the perfection of such a shell will relegate to a position of secondary importance billions of dollars worth of ammunition stored in the arsenals of Europe. So say ordnance experts.

KISS FOR CERVERA.

Spanish Admiral Formerly a Social Favorite in the National Capital - The Story of His Pet Monkey.

It is not generally known that Admiral Cervera, the commander of the Spanish fleet, was formerly a naval attaché in Washington.

He represented the government of Spain in Washington about 15 years ago. He resided in a boarding house on Thirteenth street, and the lady of this establishment now has a good picture taken of the lieutenant when stationed here.

Lieut. Cervera was universally liked and was a close student of naval matters. He was recognized then as an unusually capable fellow.

The woman with whom he boarded told me an amusing incident of Cervera. The latter had a white monkey which he kept as a pet. A young woman who boarded at the house took a great liking to the animal and asked the lieutenant if he would part with it. Cervera replied in a laughing manner:

"I will give you the monkey if you will kiss me to-morrow in the breakfast-room before all the boarders."

He thought nothing further of the matter, but the young woman was not easily put off. When Lieut. Cervera appeared at breakfast the following morning he was accompanied by having a pair of arms thrown around his neck and receiving a hearty kiss on his cheek.

The young woman had taken him at his word and carried out her part of the compact, and Lieut. Cervera promptly turned over to her the pet white monkey.

LEGLESS BASEBALL PLAYER.

Trenton (N. J.) Boasts of a Cripple Who is a Pitcher - is in Demand.

Trenton, N. J., boasts of probably the most remarkable baseball player in the country in Herbert M. Van Cleef. He is without legs. His favorite position is that of pitcher, and he has a control of the ball that is wonderful. He is much in demand among the Trenton amateur clubs as a ball twirler, and during the summer season picks up a good many dollars in that way.

Jesus Won't Work Sundays. Samarkand has a cab service, but the Samarkanders are obliged to go on foot on Saturdays, as all the drivers are strictly orthodox Hebrews. The town authorities tried to force them to work on their Sabbath, but the appeal court has upheld the religious rights of the drivers.

To Explore the Solomon Mines. An expedition consisting entirely of women has been formed in Australia to explore the Solomon islands, the home of the fiercest cannibals known. Hitherto white men have been able to penetrate only a few miles inland.

Small Farm. A small farm has been started by a farmer of Anet, France. He has already 800,000 of these creatures, and they eat as much green fodder as two cows.

CAST FLOWERS ON WATER.

Peoria (Ill.) Women on Decoration Day Tenuously Commemorated the Lost Sailors of the Maine.

To the women of Peoria, Ill., belongs the honor of inaugurating on last Memorial day a beautiful and impressive service in commemoration of the lost sailors of the Maine and other members of the navy who have perished at sea.

After the usual memorial services at Peoria's beautiful cemetery they, at the suggestion of Mrs. Gen. John C. Black, of Chicago, drove to the lake in carriages laden with flowers and with prayer and appropriate words from Mrs. Black, amid sweet strains of music and flowing flags, cast their flowery votive upon the bosom of the waters, and pledged themselves to its perpetuation.

To no more fitting hands could this work be intrusted than to those who have accepted the trust. For not one moment have these earnest women ceased living and caring for the boys in blue since the first call for troops in 1861. Organized then as a soldiers' aid society, they made with their own hands a portion of the uniforms with which Peoria volunteers were equipped when they first went to the field.

During the war they prepared bandages and lint and sent carloads of delicacies and clothing to the defenders of the old flag. It was they who sent from Peoria "Aunt Lizzie" Aiken and "Mother Sturgis" to nurse and care for the soldier boys, and to the loving tender care of these two army nurses thousands of the old veterans living to-day owe their lives. Maintaining their organization after the close of the war, they built the monument which now occupies a place in the courthouse square at Peoria, and now, after a lapse of 33 years since the war clouds rolled away, not satisfied with their work, they are having a large and more beautiful monument made in Italy, from design presented by a Peoria artist, which they will dedicate in the near future.

Before the grand army had an existence, before a Woman's Relief corps was dreamed of the Woman's Memorial Day association of Peoria used to meet with a few of the veterans of the war and strew the graves of the dead.

TO BUILD A MANSION.

William C. Whitney Plans for a Million-Dollar Palace on Long Island.

The magnificent country house which William C. Whitney has just built on his estate at Roslyn, L. I., and to which Mrs. Whitney was moved on Tuesday, is merely a temporary home, although it cost in the neighborhood of \$250,000 to build and furnish.

He has already had plans drawn for a much more magnificent place, which he will build on the hills about three-fourths of a mile away. The new home will be the finest residence on Long Island, and the building itself will cost \$1,000,000.

As soon as this place is completed Mr. Whitney will give the house he is now living in to his son, Harry Payne Whitney, whose wife was Miss Gertrude Vanderbilt.

Mr. Whitney has bought 1,000 acres of land in the neighborhood of Roslyn. He has 60 horses now stabled on the place, which he will give to his son Harry, many of them fine thoroughbreds. It is the belief among the people at Roslyn that he intends establishing a magnificent stock farm on the land he has purchased for the purpose of breeding race horses.

NAVAL ENLISTMENTS.

Conditions Governing Them - No One Can Be Recruited in Foreign Country During War.

In answer to inquiries from United States ministers abroad, the state department has secured from the navy department and published a statement of the conditions governing naval enlistments. In brief these are that during war no one can be recruited in a foreign country; that aliens who have declared their intention of becoming United States citizens, and in exceptional cases, those who do not, are enlisted, provided they understand the English language. There is no found for paying traveling expenses before enlistments are made. If aliens are enlisted they are eligible for any position for which they can qualify, but the customs and regulations of the service have been that only men of long and continued service receive the highest ratings, and not even a citizen of the United States residing abroad can enlist in time of war without coming to the United States, unless neutrality laws are violated.

THE PROPOSED ALLIANCE.

Cardinal Vaughan Rejoices in Prospect of a Closer Union Between United States and England.

A dispatch to the New York World from London says: Cardinal Vaughan, in a letter to Mr. T. Stead on Anglo-American relations, rejoices at the prospect of a closer friendship of those who are one with Englishmen in blood, language and ideas. The letter closes: "Personally, I deplore the fact that the United States has chosen war with a weak power like Spain instead of arbitration, which was the alternative. But it would not allow such disapproval to stand in the way of the great benefits that may result from an entente cordiale between England and America."

"If the two peoples combine and encourage each other to make justice and the moral law international and universal, so far as their influence shall extend, they will end by reinstating in the world the standard which the de-Christianized civilization of modern Europe has laid low."

Important. When a woman informs you that she is simply "in love" with you, you can generally depend upon it that she has an engagement with her dreamer.

Matter of Luck. A black cat is considered a tremendously lucky possession until it upsets the lamp and you haven't a cent of insurance.

Getrich Feathers. A fine ostrich is calculated to yield \$2,000 worth of feathers.

THE DEADLY SHELL.

Effect of a 14-Cm. Explosive Missile Shown in New York.

At the Bombardment of San Juan de Puerto Rico the New York was struck by a shell at a distance of about 5,500 yards. The shell came over the stern of the ship and struck an iron stanchion three inches in thickness, which was broken short off at the point of contact. The shell went on for a distance of about 15 feet and exploded in a wooden boat, which was covered overhead. The boat was demolished, the lighter planking being badly splintered and driven downward and forward against an iron steam which. The cars of the boat were broken, and one piece was driven forward along the spar deck, but did no damage. The canvas covering of the boat was torn and rent into shreds by the force of the explosion and the splinters passing through it, and they caught fire, showing that canvas, under such conditions, will not stop splinters.

The splinters were numerous and varied, varying from the size of a pea to large pieces weighing about five pounds. The direction these fragments took was forward, downward and backward to the sides, many of them going over the ship's side, others passing through the copper ventilators and smoke pipes and doing little damage.

The fragments that went downward and forward struck about the port eight-inch waist gun, where there were 12 men stationed. One man, named William, was killed, and others, the man killed, William, was struck by a piece of shell about two inches square by one inch thick. It entered the left side of his head, the angle of the jaw, severed the blood vessels, proceeded upward and backward into his brain, probably injuring the medulla, and lodged under the skin just beneath the occipital protuberance.

Another fragment of shell of about the same size struck a man named Fattimen on the arm, about three inches above the elbow, and went through the limb, taking a backward and downward course. The femur was shattered into numerous fragments and the muscles were torn considerably in the track of the wound.

Another man was struck in the left leg by a piece of shell about one inch by one-half inch by one inch. It entered the leg about its middle on the outer side, went inward and forward, grooving the anterior surface of the tibia. The fragments of bone were taken out of the leg by the piece of shell.

There were several other minor injuries. Pieces of shell struck several men, but did no damage. One man, named Smith, was struck on his breast, and on investigation found a small piece of shell that had burned its way through his clothing and reached his skin. The fragments of the shell were all shot as was shown by burnt wood and canvas. The men injured by the shell all said they felt a burning, stinging sensation about their wounds, and in some cases the clothing was scorched.

The shell receives a great deal of heat from the friction it incurs in leaving the gun; some of this heat is lost through radiation, but the greater part is retained, more heat is developed on the impact of the shell, and still more energy takes the form of heat when the missile explodes, making the fragments of shell very hot.

A QUEER PREDICAMENT.

Admiral Miller, of the Pacific Station, Has to Utilize the Albatross as a Flagship.

A special to the New York Tribune from Washington says: Rear Admiral Miller, commanding the Pacific station, who in the absence of a flagship for the last four months was under the necessity of flying his pennant from the staff of a Honolulu hotel, and who afterward was compelled to transfer it to San Francisco in an effort to place it on some national vessel in order to comply with the naval regulations, which require him to be at least constructively afloat in order to lead his command, after Albatross for that purpose, and for the first time in history the navy department has had to go out of the regular service to find a flagship, so marked has been the effect of the Philippine expedition on Pacific coast naval affairs. In the course of a month the admiral will be able to utilize the Philadelphia as his flagship, temporarily, at least, if that vessel is not immediately ordered to Asiatic waters.

INVADED BY BUGS.

Myriads of Green Flies Take Possession of Jersey City to Discomfort of Inhabitants.

Jersey City, N. J., was invaded the other night by an innumerable swarm of green flies, or bugs, sometimes called shaded flies. They came like magic, in clouds, swarming everywhere, with green bodies and white wings and long feelers projecting fore and aft. So thickly did they spread themselves over the town that they dyed the hue of the buildings took on the color of grass. On short acquaintance the new bugs became most offensively familiar and by sheer force of numbers and impudence captured because of the carpet of bugs that spread itself over decks and tables and books. They explored the inner mysteries of typewriting machines and clogged the works; they slid down the backs of the necks of men and women and transformed school-rooms into places of slaughter, for the children had nothing to do all day but kill bugs.

Bulletin Financier.

Lundi, 29 août 1898.

COMPTOIR D'ÉCHANGES (COLONIAL) (BOURSE) DE LA NOUVELLE-ORLÉANS.

Le total de cette semaine... \$1,702,558 00... \$70,699 00

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APPECTIONS D'ESTOMAC, SANG PAUVRE, ANÉMIE, MANQUE DE FORCES, FIÈVRES ET SÛTES DE FIÈVRES. QUINA-LAROUCHE. RÉCOMPENSE DE 16,600. NEW-YORK. Fongere & Co.

Bulletin Commercial.

Lundi, 29 août 1898.

COTON. Le Coton Exchange a rapporté aujourd'hui des ventes de 55 balles et 500 à arriver.

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