

BATTLE OF THE KEGS.

FIRST TIME THE TORPEDO WAS USED IN THE WORLD'S HISTORY.

Bushnell's Invention Did but Little Damage at That Time but it Can Well be Claimed as the Father of All Modern Submarine Warfare.

It is a long step in the development of invention from a tiny tea-kettle... to the modern submarine torpedo boat...

And as the idea of the locomotive was first taken from the domestic kettle, so that of the torpedo was developed from the common beer or herring keg.

"The Battle of the Kegs" was fought Jan. 7, 1778, in the Delaware River, when four Britishers were killed and several others wounded.

The Hon. Francis Hopkinson, the father of the author of "Hail Columbia" and of "Columbus all the Present Hour," and who was himself a national bard of no small fame...

The soldiers flew, the sailors, too, And scared almost to death, Sir, Wore out their shoes and spread the news Running till out of breath, Sir.

"Arise, Arise!" Sir Erskine cries: The rebels, more's the pity, Without a boat are all afloat And ranged before the city."

The royal band now ready stand All ranged in dead array, Sir, With stomach stout to see it out And make a blood day, Sir.

Such feats did they perform that day, Among those wicked kegs, Sir, That years to come, when they get home They'll bay and boast and brag, Sir.

The unusually sober, and dignified Philadelphians were like Indians around a ghost dance that day. When the alarm of the first explosion spread the whole city was in confusion.

The kegs were charged with gunpowder and had a wad of wood separating the explosive and a charge of stones and scrap iron overhead which was just far enough below the surface to effect concealment...

Wife (time, midnight): "Hark! Husband! Wake up! I hear the rustling of silk and the clank of chains." Husband: "You do? Horror! Then the reports are true. I was told the house was haunted."

However, Bushnell's invention was tried with greater effect against King George's Man-of-War Cerberus. While this vessel was lying at anchor some of the seamen observing a line towing astern, and thinking it a mere fishing line commenced vigorously hauling in, feeling confident that they had nothing but a line of fish on the hook...

Captain Symonds' report concludes thus—"The mode these villains must have taken to have swifter the ship was to row off on the stream a considerable distance leaving one of their infernals on shore and floating the other end at the distance of the line. From the quantity we have got aboard, nearly 70 fathoms, and what the men saved, which was upwards of 150 fathoms more, there must have been nearly 300 fathoms in all.

Such was the first use and the first official report ever made upon the torpedo in submarine warfare.

Man Is Condensed Air. Liebig, the greatest chemist of the century, writes: "Science has demonstrated the fact that man, the being who performs the greatest wonders, is formed of condensed air and solidified and liquid gases; that he lives upon condensed as well as uncondensed air; and that, by means of the same mysterious agent, he moves, or causes to be moved, the heaviest quaint little egg-men to accomplish weights with the velocity of the wind."

"But the strangest part of the matter is that thousands of millions of these tabernacles of condensed air are destroying each other in pitched battles, using implements which are but other forms of condensed air, the material of which they themselves are formed or composed."

"Chemistry supplies the clearest proof that man is—to all appearances, at least—composed of materials identical with those which compose the structural being of the ox or the dog, or even the lowest animal in the scale of creation."

The Oldest City in the World. Damascus is probably the oldest city in the world, and is estimated to be about 4,200 years old.

A Virginia woman who owns a little land has gone into the business of raising sheep. She spent \$25, paying \$3 a head for ewes, and then turned her flock into her pasture land. She raised what she could care for on her land, selling the rest as soon as they were of marketable age.

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Wife (much relieved): "Oh, is that all? I was afraid Fido had broken loose, and was tearing my new ball-dress."

Dramatist—They're yelling for me in front. I've never made a speech in my life; what shall I say? —Say You've a wife and three kids dependent on you; throw yourself on their mercy, somehow.

The New State Guard.

Governor Hastings is giving all the time possible to the consideration of the most practicable scheme to form a provisional national guard in the absence of the military which has so long and effectively protected the interests of the State from disturbances of its peace, but was unable to give any information as to the policy that would be pursued in the establishment of the proposed guard.

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Others Will Applaud Him

It is not to be presumed that Admiral Dewey was disrespectful to the German Consul at Manila in his manner of refusal to allow German transports to enter that harbor with provisions and other supplies.

A Shrewd Woman.

A Virginia woman who owns a little land has gone into the business of raising sheep. She spent \$25, paying \$3 a head for ewes, and then turned her flock into her pasture land.

The Truth for Once.

"Goshdurn you and your old grocery!" shouted the man who had backed up against the fresh paint. "Didn't you see that sign, 'fresh paint!'" asked the grocer.

Another New Trick.

A sharper has put up a new trick on farmers, and he has been operating successfully. He claims to be an agent for the U. S. government authorized to buy horses for the army.

A return presented in the Dominion Parliament gives the Indian population of Canada as 99,364, and they are scattered through all its provinces. Nearly three quarters of the whole number belong to some religious denomination, the Catholics numbering 41,813, the Anglicans 16,139 and the Methodists 10,203.

Old Glory Hangs High.

Across the mountain at Reedsville, in Mifflin county, an American flag 27 feet wide and 40 feet long was suspended between two peaks of the blue mountains, at an elevation of 400 feet, by means of a wire cable 1,500 feet long.

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Weekdays. Daily. Flag station.

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