

Charles S. McLane

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Fatal Casualty at the Navy Yard

We are pained to record another fatal accident at our Navy Yard. Yesterday afternoon, at the battery, whilst experimenting with a large thirty-two-pounder, which had been fired several times, the gun suddenly burst, and instantly killed Mr. Charles S. McLane, a gunner in the United States Navy. It is supposed that a fragment of the gun must have entered his head, as the upper part was shockingly mutilated. The deceased was a valuable officer, and generally esteemed. Several other officers narrowly escaped injury. The gun was not cast at the Navy Yard. It was loaded only with the ordinary charge, and the Coroner's Inquest, in their verdict, express the opinion that every care and precaution was used by those who had charge of the battery, and that no blame whatever is attributable to any person.