

ENSIGN BUTLER

Drowned in the Hudson While Returning to Battleship,

Was Louisianian of Distinguished Lineage, With Sister Recent Arrival Here.

A grief-stricken sister in New Orleans yesterday read the first news of the death of Ensign Andes Halley Butler, the young officer of the battleship Rhode Island, in the Hudson River Sunday night. She is Mrs. J. Haldley, the wife of the chief rate clerk in the uptown freight office of the Frisco, and lives at 7918 Sycamore Street. She leaves this morning for Alexandria to join her parents and await news of the recovery of the young officer's body. When found the body will be brought to Alexandria for the funeral.

The search for the body in the treacherous Hudson waters, where the



ANDES HAILEY BUTLER.

Atlantic armada is moored for the annual visit and review by the White House crowd, continued all day yesterday, according to messages conveyed to New Orleans. Expert divers are engaged in the search around the spot where the officer went down when he accidentally stepped off a launch that was conveying him back to the Rhode Island after a night spent in New York. He was with two companions. One of them dived for him and nearly lost his life in the attempt.

Young Butler spent a year at Rugby School in New Orleans. That was in 1905, a year prior to his appointment to the naval academy. While on leave last May he made a day's visit to New Orleans en route to his home at Alexandria. He has been in New Orleans on many other occasions, and is known to many here.

He was nearing his twenty-third birthday. Born and reared in Alexandria, he was the grandson of former Governor Thomas O. Moore, and the stepson of L. A. Stafford, a prominent wholesale grocer of Alexandria. His mother, sister and six stepbrothers and sisters survive. Mr. Stafford is also a graduate of the naval academy, and spent several years in the navy. Dr. Butler, his father, died shortly after his birth.

The news cast a gloom over Alexandria and that vicinity, where the young ensign was best known. Hundreds of friends there yesterday anxiously awaited news of the recovery of Butler's body.

His sister, Mrs. Haldley, has been a resident of this city only a few weeks, coming from Houston. Mr. Haldley was also connected with the Frisco offices in Houston.