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SAILORS TELL OF FURIOUS BATTLE FOR LIFE WITH MAD PACIFIC WAVES

SHIP IS DESTROYED

Crew of Tuscan Prince Makes Way to Barren Coast of Village Island.

ENDURE THE COLD

Seattle, Wash. Feb. 17.—A story of a long battle through thick fog and heavy seas that culminated in shipwreck on the barren coast of Village Island, of a long wait in bitter cold and driving snow before rescue finally came was told by survivors of thhe wrecked steamer Tuscan Prince on board the coast guard cutter Snohomish today. Their story was flashed into Seattle by radio as the Snohomish neared the entrance of the The strait of Juan de Fuca on her way to Port Angeles, where the shipwrecked men were to be landed late tonight.

The Tuscan Prince bound from San Francisco to Seattle with a cargo of pig iron and coke struck a reef at Village Island near Ucluelet, at 3 o'clock Thursday morning. At that time, according to officers, the reckoned position was in deep water somewhere south of Cape Flattery.

An unknown northwesterly current and a series of soundings which when applied to the chart gave a wrong position, were blamed by them for the error in reckoning which resulted in disaster.

The Tuscan Prince hove to until daylight to make navigation less hazardous and menaced by huge seas, struck without warning. There was a brief call for help by radio, then a great wave smashed over the side and put the wireless set out of commission. In ten minutes the vessel was stranded and had broken in two. The first wave had carried away the propellor and rudder.

Grinding on the rocks, the steamer crashed over a ledge and wedged tightly. Seas broke over the decks, carrying away the weather boats. Captain Milders ordered rockets and flares sent up but they were not seen. One of the port boats was launched, but it was dashed ashore almost immediately and destroyed. Its one occupant, a seaman, was saved by being thrown on the beach by the waves.

The seaman carried the line ashore. A heavier line dragged to a vantage point by means of the first one, enabled those who so desired to abandon the wrecked vessel.

The men managed to bring with them as they left the vessel a quantity of food and water and fires were lighted and then without shelter they prepared to wait for rescue.

Their island prison was 100 yards long, and 50 yards wide, bush covered.

"There were 70 trees," said the message from the Snohomish.

Day finally came and at low tide a detail went back to the ship for more provisions. Their rations were limited to one biscuit and two ounces of canned meat each day. The suffered badly from exposure for they had little clothing.

Snow was melted to furnish more water.

The day, they said was heartbreaking. Once as mall boat appeared and the crew hoisted signals and shouted until their voices were hoarse, but without avail. The boat passed by.

Some time during that night the lights of what appeared to be a large ship shone through the darkness. Rockets and flares were sent up, but although they burned brightly the ship gradually drew away and disappeared. It was the derelict Nika, drifting by with flames smouldering in its hold, the aftermath of a fire that had destroyed it the day before off the Washington coast.

On Friday the men had about given up hope, as the day were on without sign of ship or boat. Late in the day a surf boat appeared. The men had been seen and rescue was at hand.

The surf boat, from the life saving station at Mamfield, and the Snohomish, summoned by a report that a Japanese fisherman had sighted the stranded vessel, had hurried up the coast for a point near Clo-Ose, where the 32 members of the crew of another steamer, the Santa Rita, wrecked in the same gale that brout destruction to the Tuscan Prince were likewise huddled together on the beach waiting for rescue.

By nightfall last night 14 of the Tuscan Prince's complement of 43 officers and men had been transferred to the Snohomish. Darkness made further work hazardous and the others remained on their island for the night. They were taken off today.

Then the Snohomish steamed for Clo-Oose where at noon the Santa Rita men were taken aboard. They had previously been brought out to the cutter Algonquin from the beach in small boats through the surf. One was badly injured.

We're Making Progress Anyway—

They've found the germ that causes the flu—

And now if they can only find the germ that causes a wife to shoot her husband, the one that causes motorists to run down pedestrians and the one that causes bootleggers to sell their victims wood alcohol our chance of living to be as old as Methusaleh is going to be greatly improved.—Ex.

RADIO WILL BROADCAST STATE HIGHWAY ORDERS

A radio receiving station in each district office to receive information and instructions from headquarters in Raleigh is being planned by the State Highway Commission it is announced.

Arrangements have been made with the North Carolina State College to use its broadcasting station at 11 o'clock each morning and 7:30 each evening to handle the highway department's matters to engineers.

After making a study of the possible use of radio in giving instruction and other material information to the hundreds of workers thruout the state, the department decided to have the receiving stations in each district and to urge resident engineers everywhere to install sets so that they may be in daily touch with the main office.

Important information relating to the condition of various highways also will be broadcast for the benefit of tourists and travellers, it was stated. These bulletins it was indicated, will be published in the daily newspapers.

Officials pointed out that North Carolina would be one of the first states in the Union to adopt this method of communicating with its highway department employes.

Closer cooperation and better and more rapid transmission of messages are expected to result from the program it was stated while it was added that later it might be possible to establish broadcasting stations in most of the districts. Government aid, it was understood, will be asked to carry out the plans.

The receiving stations are expected to be installed in each of the districts by March 1.

THE BILL THAT MADE TOWN BIGGER

Corporate Limits of Boone Extended by an Act of the Legislature. —The Bill ....

The bill to make Boone' a bigger town which passed the General Assembly last week is being reprinted in full so that those who are familiar with the landscape in this vicinity will know just how much territory the act gives the municipality:

The General Assembly Do Enact:

Section 1. That the corporate limits of the town of Boone, Watauga County, North Carolina be and the same are hereby extended so as to include the following territory: Beginning on top of the Lovill Pinnacle and runs thence a southern direction to the Lovill spring on the south side of the highway; thence in a southern direction to the top of the first ridge; thence in a southeastern direction to the top of a ridge above Walter Earp's house; thuece east and with the main top of the ridge to Ed Farthing's southwestern corner, thence down on the same ridge in an eastern direction to the Linville River Railway, thence in a north direction with the road to the W. S. Whiting Dummy line or logging road, thencein a northern direction with said Dummy line or logging road to Will Coffey's house, so as to include said house, thence in a northern direction to the first trestle on the Dummy Line near the large trestle, thence in a western direction to a spring above Joe Hardin's house near an old building, and in a western direction to a sharp curv in Junaduska road near Gus Horton's thence in a western direction to the beginning.

Sec. 2. That the Aldermen of the town of Boone Watauga county and their successors in office are hereby authorized empowered and directed to ascertain and determine hte north and south center line across said town according to population, and to expend for improvements the same amount of money on each side of said line.

Sec. 3. That all laws and clauses of laws in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.

Sec. 4. That this act shall be in force and effect from and after its ratification.

TRIPLE WEDDING AT SOLDIERS HOME

BILOXI, MISS.—The Jefferson Davis Soldiers' Home at Beauvoir, near hear was in gala attire tonight, preparatory for one of the greatest events in its history tomorrow when three Confederate Veterans the youngest 79 years of age and three widows of Confederate veterans the youngest 72, will be marreied at a triple wedding ceremony.

Four couples were to have been married but one of the brides to be was called away by the illness of a son, and the luckless prospective bridegroom will be forced to assume the role of spectator instead of occupying one eighth of the center of the stage.

UNCONVINCED

Bishop Bloomfield confesses that as a county curate he thought very highly of a sermon he had preached on "Atheism" and was so imprudent as to ask a farmer with whom he had walked from church how it struck him. "Well sir" he replied, "for all you did say, and no doubt it was very clever, I still believe there is a God." —Boston Christian Register.

WIPE OUT KU KLUX SAYS THOS. EDISON ON 79TH BIRTHDAY

THOS. A. EDISON PASSES ANOTHER MILESTONE

Electrical Wizard Starts on first Lap Towards his 77th Birthday.

West Orange, N. J. Feb. 15.—Thomas Alvah Edison, electrical wizard, started on his first lap towards his 77th birthday Monday by receiving hundreds of messages of congratulations from all parts of the United States and entertaining several guests at his home and answering questions of newspaper men on domestic and world affairs.

Briefly the famous inventor thinks the navy is a "closed corporation," the Ku Klux Klan should be wiped out, the British debt refunding scheme is all right; the French are right in occupying the Ruhr, the Germans are bad losers and the British good sports; Coue isn't a fake, and seems to be in earnest; booze will not be a critical issue at any time and America should be sober; the newspapers print too much scandel and "politicians makek suckers out of the publishers;" business conditions are shaping nicely; college men don't know what's going on; newspaper men "would have to be a bunch of nuts" to understand what his "contrivances' are all about; the American girl is fine—none better," and the helicopter is good in the field of invention.

Mr. Edison also wants the world to know that he likes the movies pretty well. When the newspapermen were nearing the end of their interrogations the inventor gave them a pointer on how to spend their time.

"If you want to spend your time valuably, why don't you write about what's being done for the sick. Get a story about the Rockefeller institute. Learn who is effecting cures and let the people know about it."

Mr. Edison awoke early this morning, arranging his program for the day, and at noon he took up that part of his birthday program which he likes best—shaking hands with the men who aided and encouraged him during the days when he was experimenting with his inventions. These old friends came from all parts of the country. They banded together years ago, calling themselves the "Edison pioneers" and resolved to make a reunion each year of the "chief's" birthday.

Lately, according to his associates, he has developed a desire to leave his laboratory and question persons seeking jobs in his facories, something he never did in former days. The inventor insists that everyone seeking employment should submit to questioning concerning his or her qualifications for the work desired.

It was this which prompted him to prepare the famous questionairre which he hands to all job seekers.

Associates of Mr. Edison say the only changes time is making in him is an increased whitening of the hair. He continued steadfastly to refrain from arcencing his hours for sleeping or eating according to the division of light and darkness. Hunger and fatigue do not annoy him when he gives himself to a problem.

The great inventor attributes his amazing power of physical endurance to the fact that his life had been absolutely free frm dissipation of any kind. It is a source of much pride birthday anniversaries that his prolonged labors have never been buoyed up by the slightest artificial stimulant.

At his home in Llewellyn Park Mr. Edison's birthday was observed very quietly. His desk was piled high with greetings from all parts of the world.

MR AND MRS. McDOUGAL ENTAIN YOUNGER PEOPLE

Saturday evening February 17 a crowd of young folks were delightfully entertained at the beautiful home of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. McDougal. The living room was never more elier and to add to its loveliness a great fire burned in the wide old fashioned fireplace.

After playing a number of games and listening to some delightful music with Miss Hazel Carriger at the piano, and James Dula at the Edison the hostess brought in some weiners which they proceeded to toast over the glowing coals. Different kinds of candy was also served during the evening, and never was a repast more enjoyed than this one.

Late in the evening Messrs Dallas Cottrell and Baxter Linney rendered some beautiful selections of music which were greatly enjoyed by all, after which each girl received a small corn cob pipe as a souvenir, and each boy a lovely little pink powder puff.

All too soon the young people found htey must disperse before the clock announced Sunday morning so they reluctantly departed each one declaring they had never enjoyed themselves better.

Those present were Misses Ruth Cottrell, Eula Hodges, Ruth Bennett, Nellie Coffey, Hazel Carriger, and Messrs Baxter Linney, Dallas Cottrell, James Dula, Byron McBride, and Hubert Coffey.

Trust men, and they will be true to you; treat them gently and they will show themselves great.—Emerson.

MANY ARRESTS UNDER DRY LAW

Second Drive for Rum Hounds in the City of Washington Nets More than Eighty Offenders ...

Revenue Agent as Detective in City

Man Who Had Previously Led the Local Police in Successful Raid Again Spots the Hooch. .....

Washington Feb. 17. — Through the magic strains of "when Johnny Comes Marching Home Again" from the strings of a violin in the hands of J. L. Asher, Washington's versatile revenue agent who for a week has been assaying the role of a modern pied piper of Hamlin, more than eighty alleged bootleggers have been uncovered recently and were arrested today after raids conducted simultaneously in every section of the capital. More than fifty-six individual raids were conducted netting in addition to the prisoners 3,000 gallons of liquor of all sorts.

Switching his disguise from Ashcart driver and coal deliverer by means of which he recently collected evidences for more than sixty raids netting as many arrests, Asher last week donned the shabby but gay clothes of a wandering minstrel selected a harp playing companion from the detective squad, George Bauer and from their limited assortment of old time melodies played their way into the hearts of Washingtonians and onto the trails of bootleg whiskey

Whiskey and Wine

A store room full of pint bottles and demijohns of whiskey and wines collected by the minstrel revenue agents was sorted last night by prohibition chiefs and police and orders given the raiders for their drive today.

All afternoon the patrol wagons ran hurridly between the fast traveling squads of raiders in the various police precincts, carrying prisoners to the station houses, while government trucks hauled in the gallons of confiscated liquors.

At one of the busiest station houses during athe afternoon stood Asher clean shaven and well dressed, an apparently neutral onlooker, calmly identifying the prisoners, not one of whom to all outward appearances recognized him whatever.

Their fingers worn by their efforts on the violin and harp, Asher and Bauer in their quest for evidence later switched to a grind organ and monkey arrangement. Again they went into other sections as hucksters the wagons making it more convenient to carry their ever increasing stock of evidence while cabbage and potatoes covered the whiskey and wine most conveniently.

Collects Much Evidence

In his new garb Asher went several times over the same route he travelled recently in collecting evidence for the raids a week ago. His disguise however was complete and in several instances he obtained evidence from alleged bootleggers arrested at that time.

Asher who came to Washington was unknown among the underworld here until news of his connection with recent gigantic series of raids. Since police have been kept busy side tracking agents of bootleggers attempting to "get a line on Asher."

Asher tells of many instances in his wanderings last week of the bootleggers discussing in his presence "this Bobcat Asher" police are guarding him closely and it is thout he will be sent to another section of the country now.

Lieutenant O. T. Davis and Washington Prohibition chief Ruby directed the raids. More than fifty police and twenty revenue agents took part in the clean up, leaving headquarters in twelve automobiles.

HEAVY MACHINERY ARRIVES

The heavy machinery for the new plant of the Watauga Furniture and Lumber Company arrived last week and is now in place, but the owners decided there were several other pieces they were in need of, and on Monday morning Mr. W. H. Gragg and the company machinist Mr. J. S. Barlow left for Cincinnati, where they will purchase the remainder of the needed machinery for the large plant.

ROMANCE ENDS WITH MARRIAGE ON RHINE

COBLENZ Feb. 16.—Miss Ianthe Virginia Stone, daughter of Colonel David L. Stone, American Ambassador on the Rhineland commission and Lieutenant Mark A. Devine of the cavalry of San Francisco were married here last night. The wedding was the culmination of a romance that began two years ago when the Lieutenant went to the rescue of Miss Stone when she was thrown from her horse. Lieutenant Devine is a crack horseman and the winner of many prizes at exhibitions that have been held in the Rhineland while the American trops were here.

Farmers to the number of 3,629 were induced to secure and plant 178,830 bushels of improved seeds last year by farm agents of the extension service.

BOWIE RAILROAD MEASURE PASSED SECOND READING IN THE HOUSE BY DECISIVE VOTE OF 61 AND 43

Last minute news as the forms go to the presses tell of the passage of the Bowie Measure on third reading with a vote of 65 to 48.

Vote Followed two hour Speech in a Four Hour Session.

IS GREETED BY APPLAUSE

Raleih Feb. 19.—Calling the last name on the roll at eight minutes till midnight the house of representatives tonight passed on the second reading of the Bowie bill for the Redemption of the Lost Provinces by a vote of 61 to 43.

The vote came after Representative Bowie of Ashe County, author of the measure, had spoken in its behalf for nearly two hours, and the result was greeted with a burst of applause from the floor of the house and from the galleries.

The bill occupied the major portion of a four house session of the house while on the other side of the ancient capitol the senate passed on third reading of the bills which proposed amendments to the constitution to limit the bonded indebtedness of the state to five per cent of the taxable valuation of property, and making any sinking fund law passed at this session irrepeable.

Bowie Stirs House

Representative Bowie started the lower branch with an impassioned plea in behalf of the people of Ashe, Alleghany and Watauga counties, who, he said, were without adequate means of transportation, who desired to get their crops to North Carolina markets, and who were entitled to redemption at the hands of the legislature by that body providing means by which a trunk line of railroad could be established.

He cited the history of the course of civilization from earliest times to the present day, touched upon the early railroad building in the state, told of how the people in the west had rallied to help the residents of the eastern section to obtain harbor facilities and railroad transportation in time past and pleaded that help on his measure should now be rendered in justice to the people in the west.

Mr. Bowie told how distance from the middle west could be cut down by the proposed rail route, said freight rates would be lowered, and urged the entire support of the house in accomplishing this aim.

Amendments Killed

His speech met with little debate at its close. Several members questioned him on technicalities. Representative Deaton of Catawba offered an amendment to make the State's stock holdings in the proposed short line [illegible] and of Barnet [illegible] amendment to strike out all references in the bill to any other [illegible]. Both amendments were voted down before final action on the bill was taken. The measure will come before the house on third reading tomorrow.

"INFLUENCE WITH AMERICA" SAYS LLOYD GEORGE

London Feb. 19—Former Prime Minister Lloyd George today during debate in the house of commons today, declared the French action in the Ruhr was a repetition of the psychological blunder the Germans made in 1914. He asserted that it was essential that America should participate in the solution.

He contended that what really mattered was to get America in with or without the League of Nations action. He did not believe that France, however obsessed, could refuse an offer made by two of the greatest powers on earth that had saved her from being in the position Germany was occupying today.

"I entreat the Government," concluded Mr. Lloyd George, "to take the initative first by approaching the United States and then with them approaching France. Then I believe that both together will be able to surmount the difficulty."

In the course of his speech the former premier said it was impossible for the reparations and restoration program to succeed without America. The Americans, he commented, had the world's gold locked in their chests, and were suffering from indigestion and surfeit. They had a normal responsibility he contended They had shared in the war and helped to break up Germany. Their president had signed the peace treaty and although the senate had rejected it, that action was not on the ground of reparations, but because it was unable to accept the league of nations.

The Americans had morally accepted the whole position he argued.

County agents in North Carolina conducted 23,165 crop demonstrations on 70,973 acres last year.

Farmers in 275 communities bought cooperatively 15,703 tons of fertilizer at a cost of $1,225,199.00 thereby saving $59,818.00 according to reports from county agents.

HUNCH WARNS THE HUSBAND

Former Patient at Oteen Had Hunch to Look Under Wife's Bed—Finds Instruments of Death.

Asheville, Feb. 19.—Levi Ernest of Phoenix, Arizona, a veteran of the World War and at present a patient in the government hospital had a vision of accompracy to bring about his death and acting upon it looked under his wife's bed and found a letter from Charles L. Gish Avalon, N. C., containing a powder give her husband according to statewhich the writer told Mrs. Ernest to ments of postal authorities who investigated the case as reported by Ernest and today caused the arrest of Gash on a charge of sending poison through the mails with intent to kill.

Ernest was a patient at Oteen hospital, near here until September 12, 1922, and it was during his stay there that Mrs. Ernest and Gash are alleged to have become acquainted.

The note introduced in the preliminary hearing before United States Commissioner Vonno Gudger here today and alleged to have been written by Gash, reads:

"Clara, my plan was to give him the poison that I sent and told you to when he had a bad spell of asthma, then we could live happy the balance of life and people would think he died with asthma. Darling, burn this up the moment you read it if you love me."

Gash was bound over under a $2,000 bond to the next term of United States district court.

The arrest was made by Claud V. Brown, postal inspector who with postal inspector Keyes of Chattanooga, Tenn., handled the investigation.

C. C. Demarree, city bacteriologist, of Asheville, who analyzed the powder contained in the package alleged to have been found under Mrs. Ernest's bed stated at the preliminary hearing that he found it to be bichloride of mercury, a quantity, in his opinion, sufficient to kill.

A letter, alleged to have been received by Gash yesterday morning was read at the hearing by Inspector Brown, was in terms of endearment. Another letter alleged to have been written in October by Mrs Ernest to Gash forbid him to write her again and stated he had "caused enough trouble."

Gash was released under bond furnished by his brothers [illegible] nished by his father and stoutly maintains his innocence.

ITEMS FROM THE TRAINING SCHOOL

(Too late for last issue)

President Dougherty of the Training School left on the 12th for Raleigh to look after some school interests.

At this writing Prof. Rankin is seik with influenza but it is hoped he will be out in a few days.

Several new students entered at the beginning of the spring term.

The Boone Chamber of Commerce on the evening of the 13th enjoyed a luncheon at the Critcher Hotel. A large number of ladies and out of town friends were present as invited guests. Mr. Chas E. Brading Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce of Johnson City was present as a specially invited guest. Prof. I. G. Greer of the Training School acted as toast master. Mr. Van Doozer on the violin with Mrs. A. E. South at the piano gave most excellent music for the occasion. The following made three minute speeches; Prof. J. M. Downum on Cleaning and Beautifying Boone; Messrs W. R. Gragg and E. H. Hann representing the Baptist and Methodist Sunday Schools respectively; Professor Smith Hagaman County Superintendent of Public Instruction spoke on the general interests of our county friends; Hon. E. S. Coffey was speaker for good roads Mr. Brading delivered the address of the evening, which was full of sparkle, wit and sense; The Chamber was delighted to have him as well as the other guests present. At the close Hon. F. A. Linney in his usual happy style delivered to Mr. Brading a large Watauga Cheese to be presented to the Johnson City Chamber of Commerce. It was a delightful occasion and all were pleased to have invited guests present. At the close a committee was appointed consisting of Mrs. E. S. Coffey, Mrs. McG. Anders Miss Pearl Hodges, Mrs. Smith Hagaman, and Messrs Johnson, A. E. South, and J. M. Downum to suggest plans for making Boone a place of beauty.

J. M. DOWNUM.

Twenty eight hog feeding demonstrations with 348 hogs are being conducted by County agent Dukes of Robinson County. He will have four cooperative carlot shipments to make in March.