

COMMANDER M'LEAN, WHO IS AT THE HEAD OF OUR NA-VAL FORCE IN VENEZUELAN WATERS.

Commander Thomas C. McLean as the senior officer of our naval force In the Caribbean has been watching with keen eye the doings of the Venezuelan revolutionists. He is in command of the cruiser Cincinnati, and under his orders are also the gunboats Topeka and Marietta.

as pretty a picture of a homecoming as

Yet there was a strange hesitation

among the men to come ashore, and

not come ashore with his men.

hailed by the schooner Active, of Port-

land, aleak and sinking in the rising

storm. Skipper Ireson had passed un-

noticed the signals of distress and the

cries for help as mercilessly as the sav-

'It's the fate of all men who go to sea.'

Besides, ran the false story, Ireson de-

clared that his holdful of cod, the big-

to be risked in helping other fishemen,

So the story grew, little by little, until

just as the water creeps into an opened

seam until the boat is full, it spread

far and wide, and there was shame on

Then Captain Gibbons, of the Active,

appeared, sailing into Marblehead on

the Swallow, like an apparition come

fisherman, who had ventured in a whale-

begged for help in the name of God.

men as if they were dogs. Such an act

was contrary to all laws of Christian-

ity and humanity, and he vowed he

heat the resentment against Ireson.

and the town arose in fury. A dozen

and dragged the skipper through the

streets to the central square. Others

heated a kettle of tar and brought out

The scene was a weird as a gathering

of witches in neighboring Salem. The

brawny fishemen gathered around the

silent. With cries and curses the fish-

man was thrown into it. Eager hands

seized the ropes, and over the rough

roads the inflamed men dragged their

wheelless cart and a crowd of women

and children followed, heaping their

scorn upon the man who had shamed

Toward Salem they started, to show

the witch killers how Marbleheaders

punished a coward. The bottom of the

dory broke. A cart from a neighboring

farm was seized, and the tarred and

feathered man was thrust into it, and

the mob rushed onward. But at the

Some quietly withdrew and sneaked

through the woods to their homes like

criminals. Others, more hardy, turned

the cart around, the Selectmen being

the town.

feather beds from their homes.

shame to Marblehead.

an artist ever painted.

The True Story as Given By a on land. For once, in Marblehead, lips Native of Marblehead

BRAVE MAN AND MARTYR

Not the Cruel and Hard-Hearted Skip- great black cloud. The story of the per Pictured by the Poet-An Inno- Cape Cod light she had passed and was cent Man Grossly Wronged

Did you not ask for the story of Skipper Flud Oirson, tarred and feathered age Indians passed their moaning vicfor his hard heart, lady asked the old tim to seek richer spoils. "Let them Marbleheader. Well, there never was such a man, except in the opet's mind. But there did live Capt. Benjamin Ireson, a brave man and a martyr, ac- gest for years, was too great a prize cording to the corrected annals of

Marblehead. You see how the ceaseless that cliff. It was with the same power that truth broke through a mass of the fair name of Marblehead, black lies and sin, and revealed the A host of volunteers sprang up to real story of the home-coming of the right the wrong, and two fleet fisher-Betty and her captain, Benjamin Ire- men, with gallant crews, sped to the son. This old fishing town has hung its cape on the wings of the wind, but head in shame for years because of the they returned with the sad news that wrong it did an innocent man, but to- no trace of the sinking ship could be day it's glad to acknowledge its error seen. The town, already aroused to a before the world and tell the whole high pitch of excitement by the insults truth, for confession strengthens the of the English navy to American shipsoul. I'll read you the story as I have ping, turned its fierceness upon un-

It was an October day in the year his head high and paid no heed to the 1808 that the trim schooner Betty, cold looks and sneers of his former Capt. Benjamin Ireson at the wheel, friends. came sailing home to Marblehead harbor, her hold full of fat cod from the Grand Banks, her rail skimming the water's edge and her crew eagerly to point out the murderer .He and part looking toward the wharves, where of his crew had been saved by a brave their wives and children had gathered to give them that warm greeting whose boat from his home on the cape, but joy only a fisherman knows. The silfour others had gone down with his very caps of the waves, kicked up the ship in the stormy bay. He hailed the heavy nor'-easter of the day before, Betty of Marblehead, so he declared, at were swiftly dissolving in the cold, dusk, being in a sinking condition, and dark-green waters of the harbor. The sun shone brightly over all, and it was But the Betty sailed by his imperialled



### Uncle Sam's Mail Service

requires physical and mental ability of a high degree to withstand its hard labors. The high tension to which the nervous system is constantly subjected, has a depressing effect, and soon headache, backache, neuralgia, rheumatism, sciatica, etc., develop in severe form. Such was the case of Mail Carrier S. F. Sweinhart, of Huntsville, Ala., he says:

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Captain Ireson was dumped at his own door. Then, for the first time during his humiliation, he opened his lips. He spoke without malice or anger, saying: "I thank you, gentlemen, for my

ride, but you will live to regret it." These gentle words became a curse upon the town. A-grand poet, believing the popular story, wrote verses about Iroson's ride. They were read far and wide, and the world looked coldly upon Marblehead. The townsmen began to think over in cold reason their rash act. Why had not the Captain defended himself? He surely was a brave man. Deep, penetrating through began to search for faces and after many, many years the true story was dragged to the light of day and honesty was rec-

Captain Ireson had, indeed, sailed by the sinking Active, but it was not until after he had ordered and even begged his crew to go to the rescue. He had reasoned with them to persuade them to lie by the wrecked ship until morning, when the storm would perhaps begone, and he had appealed to their honor and their pride in the fair name of Marblehead. But they had refused to listen to him and had demanded that their ship be hastened home. When they arrived they told miserable lies to conceal their own cowardice. So Captain Ireson, an innocent man, suffered cruel injustice and took upon himself great shame, hoping that he might keep clean the honorable name of his town at the cost of his own. Today Marblehead revers his memory as that of a martyr.

"This is the story of Capt. Benjamin Ireson as I have written it, lad. I have not told it with the art of the poet, but I have told it truly, and, being true, it will stand for itself."-Boston Herald,

#### Dies to be With His Master.

New York, Aug. 29.-Teddie, a valnable prize fox terrier, the pride of William Cook, a doorman, and the pet of the East Twenty-second Street Station, is dead. He leaped from a front window on the sixth floor of 320 East Twenty-second street, the tenement opposite the station house, Monday afthey did not race, like boys freed from

Cook's vacation began Monday, and school, to see who would be the first as he was going to spend it in a Long Island hotel, where dogs are not allowmet lips, but hearts did not respond to ed, the doorman decided to leave the hearts. There was a shadow somedog in the care of John Rocco, the stawhere. Perhaps the absence of Captain tion house bootblack. In the afternoon Ireson caused the shadow, for his he took Teddie to the bootblack's cheery words brightened many homehouse. Cook and Rocco took the anicomings. This time Captain Ireson did mal unp to the latter's apartments on the sixth floor, where Cook bade the After a while the shadow became a dog an effectionate good-by.

Then both men started down the Betty's trip leaked out bit by bit. Off

At the first floor something rubbed against Cook's leg. It was **T**eddie, who had refused to be left behind. Back upstairs again went the two men and the dog. This time Rocco placed the animalmal in the frant room and locked the door.

Reaching the street, Cook stood just sink or swim," said Skipper Ireson, under the window of Rocco's room above. Both looked up, and there wa Feddie on the window ledge.

"Go back!" shouted Cook, but at the sound of his master's voice the terrier jumped from the sill without hesitation. He struck the street about five feet from where Cook was standing.

The dog tried to get on his feet, and as Cook bent over him he feebly wagged his tail. Cook knelt on the street and took the dog up in his arms. He was dead.

Teddie was a valuable dog, and for the last three years had been a prize winner in his class.

#### A DEEP MYSTERY.

It is a mystery why women endure fortunate Captain Ireson, But he held Backache, Headache, Nervousness, Sleeplessness, Melancholy, Fainting and Dizzy Spells when thousands have proved that Electric Bitters will quickly cure such troubles. "I suffered for years with kidney trouble," writes Mrs. Phebe Cherley, of Peterson, Ia., "and a lame back pained me so I could not dress myself, but Electric Bitters wholly cured me, and, although 73 years old, I now am able to do all my housework." It overcomes Constipation, improves appetite, gives perfect health. Only 50c. at Burwell & Dunn Co.'s drug store.

> Cheraw, Aug. 28 .- (Special) -- Mrs. Carrie H. Bigham, of Florence, died at her home there yesterday morning.

Death of Mrs. Bigham.

would tell it to the world, bringing Mrs. Bigham was the eledest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Powe, of this The skipper's story fanned to a white place. Her remains were brought here this morning over the Atlantic Coast Line and the funeral services were held strong men rushed to the Ireson house at St. David Episcopal church at twelve today. Mrs. Bigham leaves her husband and two small children. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Kittress, of Florence, accompa-

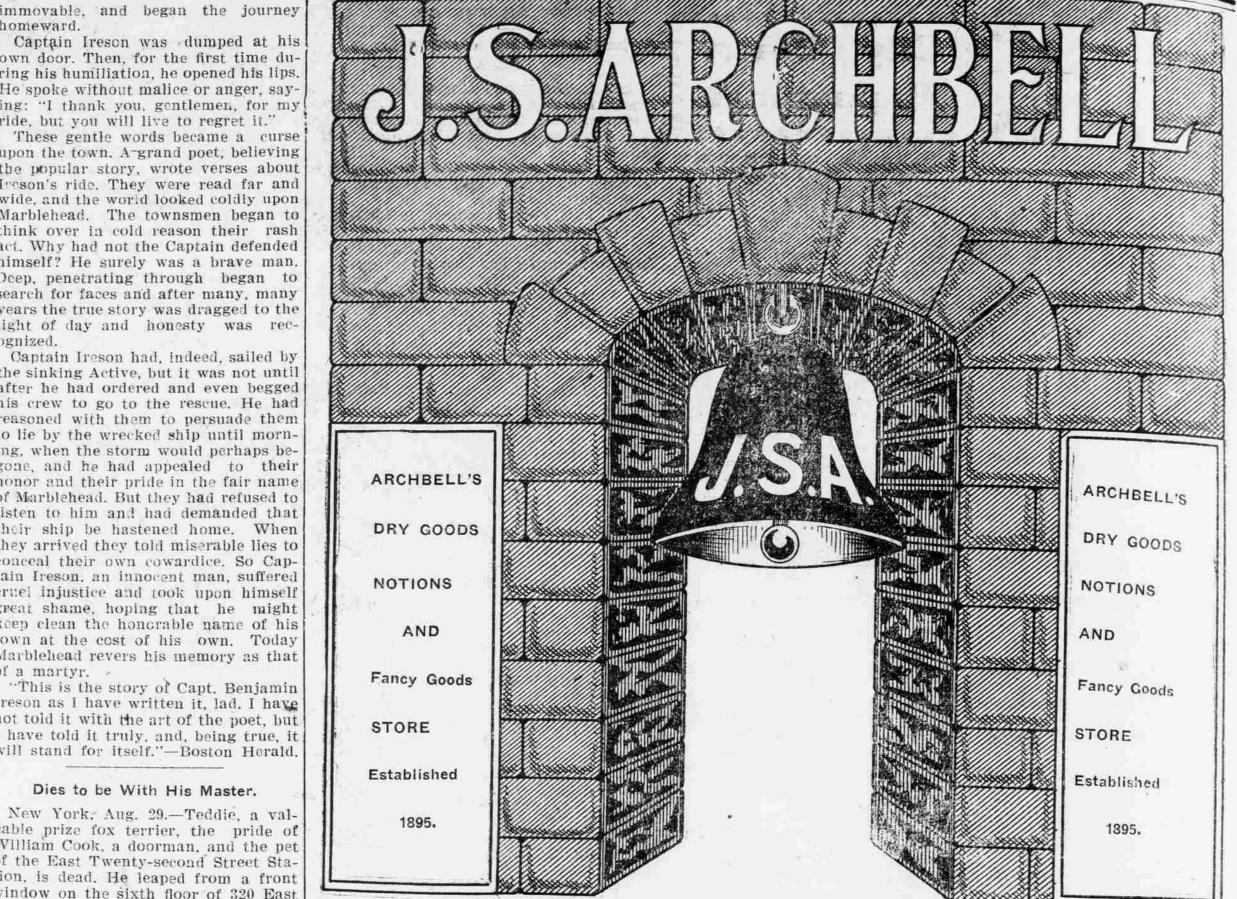
nied the remains here this morning. The election has been comparatively quiet this year. There has been considerable interest taken, and each blazing red fire and its black kettle night a large crowd collects at the and their victims, who stood calm and telegraph office to learn of the returns | One lot of very sheer white throughout the State. The election of ermen spread a coat of tar over Ire- two representatives from Chesterfield son's bronzed skin and then showered county is very much interesting the him with feathers, which were black- people of this county. Laney is leadened as they fell like snowflakes in a ing, and there is some doubt as to who pool of mud. An old dory was dragged will be in the second race for the up from Barnegat and the unfortunate House. Pollock is now standing second but Turner is pushing close, and the race will probably have to be run over between these two gentlemen.



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# Saturday and Monday 3 Among The Last Days of 3 Our Great August Sale

Today and Monday, will finish up one of the most successful month's business we have ever enjoyed in Charlotte. We have spared no effort or expense to make it so, giving to the shopping public, they say, some of the most remarkable values when there came a series of barks om ever sold in this section. We shall continue the sale for a few days longer and request all shoppers to come and secure some of these Wonderful Bargains.

# Bargain News by Which You May Save.

### Colored Lawns

200 yds fast colored Lawns, same as you pay 5c. for, Saturday and Monday at ...... 2 1-2c.

# Colored Lawns

500 yds fast colored Lawns, sold all the season for 10, 12 1-2 and 15c., Saturday and Monday at 5c.

# Colored Lawns and Organdies

500 yds very fine colored Lawns and Organdies. The lot embraces our entire line of fine goods. Regular price, 15, 18, 20 and 25c., Monday and Satur-

### White Lawns

One lot of white Lawns and remnants, worth 12 1-2 and 15c. They go Saturday and Monday

# White Lawns

Lawns, in remnants, worth 15. 20 and 25c. They go Saturday and Monday at......10c.

### Piques

One lot Pique, white ground with pink, blue and black stripes and pink dots, absolutely fast colors, 25c. valne, Saturday and Monday......10 and 12 1-2c.

# White Organdies

66-in. white French Organdie, regular 35c. value, Saturday and Monday ......17c.

#### Fine Madras

pieces very fine Madras, perfect colors, very thing for men's shirts and lads shirtwaists, value 39c., Saturday and Monday. . 25c.



#### Black Silk

1 piece 36-in. guarant'd black Taffeta Silk, never sold for less than \$1.50, Saturday and Mon-

#### Wash Silk

One lot very fine wash Silk, neat patterns, 50c. quality, Saturday

#### Muslin De Soie

4 pieces Muslin de Soi; these make beautiful dresses, in blue white, pink and green, 50c. value, Saturday and Monday ..... 25c.

#### Dress Ducks

One lot Dress Ducks, white ground with red, blue and black dots, 10c. quality, Saturday and Mon-

# Black Dress Goods

1 piece pebele Cheviot, 50-in. regular \$1 quality, Saturday and

# Medicated, Sani- 15 pairs of Ladies' very fine pure silk Mitts, in medium and long tary, Absorbent Diaper Cloth

4 pieces 18-in., Saturday and Monday at ...... 40c. 20 doz. Men's and Ladies' 10c. 4 pieces 20-in., Saturday and Mon-4 pieces 27-in., Saturday and Monday at..... 65c.

### Hosiery

20 doz. Men's, Misses' and Children's Hosiery, value 10c., Saturday and Monday at .........5c.

## adies' Beits

10 doz. Ladies' black Silk and Leather Belts, regular price 50 and 75c., Saturday and Monday, 19c.



# Ladies' Belts

20 doz. Ladies' Silk Belts, in blue, red, brown and white, 50c. value, old styles, Saturday and Monday at .....3c.

#### Ribbons

One lot of Ribbons, all good shades and patterns, at half price Saturday and Monday.

# Dressing Combs

2 gross of fine, black Dressing Combs, never sold for less than 10c. each, Saturday and Monday, 5c.

#### Hats

All Ladies' and Children's Hats at half price Saturday and Monday.

### Silk Mitts

lengths; colors, white, cream, grey, tan and light blue, worth 75c., 85c., \$1 and \$1.50. Your choice Saturday and Monday ... 49c.

### Handkerchiefs

Handkerchiefs, Saturday and 

### Soaps

Seven brands of the purest and most popular Soaps made, sold everwhere at 10c. a cake, Saturday and Monday, 3 cakes for 19c.

# Laces and Embroidery

One lot of Laces and Embroidery. regular prices 5c., Saturday and Monday ...... 2 1-2c.

