

## Chicago Tragedy Follows Just Twelve Years After Greatest Water Disaster

At Least 26 Lives Lost When Sudden Squall Capsizes Pleasure Boat; 812 Died in Former Accident

**FROM SAME CAUSE**  
**Rush of Passengers to Port Side of Ship Brought Disaster; Many Heroic Acts and Thrilling Rescues**

Chicago, Ill., July 29.—(AP)—A sudden off-shore squall that passed in a few seconds to leave the lake as smooth as a mill pond capsized a small pleasure steamer late yesterday, carrying at least 26 of the passengers, mostly women and children to their deaths. The tragedy came almost 12 years to a day from the date of Chicago's greatest water disaster, the sinking of the steamer Eastland with a loss of 812 lives. The two resulted from the same cause—the rush of passengers to the port side of the ship.

Fifteen of yesterday's victims were children—nine boys and six girls—ten were women and one was a man. Some 75 women and children and half a dozen men were thrown into the water when the vessel—the Favorite—toppled over, but 50 or more were saved. Some in a thrilling rescue by William Hofnauer, millionaire yachtsman who chanced to be cruising by in his large yacht, the Doris, when the storm broke.

While divers searched the lake bottom near the scene for more victims, derelicts lifted the craft late last night as flood lights were played on the tragic picture. The last five bodies were found as the ship came to the surface, seven hours after the Favorite foundered.

It was a gay crowd of excursionists that left Lincoln Park aboard the vessel in the late afternoon for the two-mile run to the municipal pier.

A two-piece negro orchestra—banjo and mandolin—strummed "I'm Looking for a Four Leaf Clover," children scampered along the decks and their elders hung over shoreward rails admiring the Chicago skyline.

Suddenly when a mile out, a rain storm broke and with it came a gust of wind out of the North west. As the captain, Arthur Olson, who has sailed the lake 18 years, sought to head his boat into the wind, the passengers rushed to the portside away from the driving rain. The boat dipped sharply and as the lake water rushed over the decks, turned over.

Children, with candles and popcorn still clutched in their hands, fought to free themselves, but the weight of chairs and other encumbrances on deck held them under. Some were thrown free of the boat and many of these grabbed up belts and rafts as the steamer righted itself and sank until all but the roof of the superstructure was submerged.

Twenty-one bodies were recovered before the steamer was raised to be towed ashore. The others were found after the craft was brought to the surface.

The five members of the crew escaped and these, all experienced sailors saved many from drowning by tossing life preservers and rafts to those in the water. The Favorite's two lifeboats also were unharmed and into these clambered a number of the survivors.

When the tragedy sped along the lake front, a popular resort for swimmers and small boats put out to the rescue. The first to reach the scene was Mr. Hofnauer's yacht Doris. Hofnauer and his companions saved a number of persons.

Today a triple inquiry into the accident was under way. One was by a local committee, the others investigations by Michael Hughes, chief of police and State's Attorney Robert M. Crews. Olson and his crew were arrested shortly after the tragedy.

Out of the sudden disaster came acts of heroism and devotion. Olson, at the wheel of the boat leaped through a cabin window into the water, turning back to drag several of his passengers from the boat. Pulling himself along the sides of the boat he also cut away preservers, tossing them to persons floundering near the steamer. His daughter Katherine, 9, also assisted several children to gain rafts or boats.

Lee Sobata, an Army officer, whose hand was mangled, told of throwing four children into a boat. Sobata related his experience as his hand was being dressed:

"I got four kids and a woman. The boat was full of water and we could not get any more in. A girl started bawling out with a straw hat. 'Favorite' went down she lit—'and he swooned."

Nepal Helton, 18, of Hugo, Oklahoma, visiting in Chicago, dragged two little girls through a

## Postoffice Sleuths Nab Messenger In Edenton

Thomas Knight, colored messenger employed in the Edenton postoffice, will be tried at the October term of Federal Court here on a charge of robbing the mails, as the outcome of a coup by Postoffice Inspectors, Sylvester and Perdeman, whereby they claim to have caught Knight red handed in the theft of marked money from a decoy special delivery letter Wednesday.

Knight was brought before United States Commissioner J. P. Thompson, waived preliminary hearing, and was put under \$1,000 bond for his appearance at the October court. He gave bond and was released pending trial.

Besides the theft charge, he is accused of having made a false report of the delivery of a special delivery letter entrusted to him.

After continued complaints of the alleged non-delivery of valuable mail matter, Postmaster M. E. Elliott, of Edenton, got in touch with District Postal Inspector Himmelwright, with the result that Inspectors Sylvester and Perdeman were placed on the case.

The two inspectors made up a decoy special delivery letter in Fayetteville, enclosing in it a \$5 bill and four dollar bills, all marked. They addressed it to one Marjorie Hixon, a fictitious individual, in Edenton, and accompanied the letter on its journey from Fayetteville to its destination.

In Edenton, the letter was turned over to Knight for delivery. In due course he returned to the office and upon being questioned, said the letter was for one Mary Jenkins, of Suffolk, and that he had delivered it to her brother.

Knight was promptly searched, according to word from Edenton, and the marked money found on his person. He is said to have admitted that he had destroyed the letter.

Edenton folk express surprise over the incident, from the fact that Knight had been regarded generally as entirely trustworthy. His bond was signed by himself and by Will Chilton, colored an Edenton undertaker.

**LATOUR UNCONSCIOUS WITH GUN BY HIS SIDE**  
Washington, July 29.—(AP)—Senior Francisco Sanchez Latour, Guatemalan minister to the United States, was found unconscious with a bullet wound near his heart early today in the study of the legation and is believed to be in a dying condition at the emergency hospital.

The minister was alone when the shooting occurred and beside him was found an old fashioned revolver which he kept in a drawer of his desk. He had been studying the archives of the legation at the time of the shooting.

His wife declared that the shooting must have been accidental and said he was not in ill health nor had any financial worries, she however, asserted the recent drowning of representative Crumpacker of Oregon, a close friend, in the San Francisco harbor had been preying on the minister's mind.

Latour, who became minister here five years ago was involved last October in a court action filed by his wife's divorced husband to gain possession of letters said to have been exchanged between the minister and Senora Latour before she had been divorced.

The divorced husband, James Armstrong of Washington, in his suit, which was against a lawyer who had kept the letters said he wished to gain possession of the letters to take action for the removal of Latour by the Guatemalan Government.

**WELFARE CLUB HAS DONE A FINE WORK**  
Hertford, July 29.—The Welfare Club, with Mrs. G. E. Newby, president, met Thursday afternoon at the Welfare Club House.

These good women with the aid and co-operation of the Town Fathers, have recently made the cemetery into a place of beauty instead of a picture of neglect.

Their remodeled club home is also an achievement of which they are justly proud and is decidedly an asset to the town.

**ONLY ONE CASE OF INFANTILE PARALYSIS**  
Winston-Salem, N. C., July 29.—(AP)—Only one case of infantile paralysis has been reported in North Carolina since January 1, according to the State board of health at Raleigh, and that case is in Winston-Salem.

The case reported was that of Linwood Smith, a small boy of 134 North Broad street. Dr. R. L. Carlson, city health officer, states that the case is mild and probably will not reach serious proportions.

The report from the State Board of Health stated that infantile paralysis is more dangerous from a morbidity rather than from a mortality standpoint.

## TALE OF QUAKE IN INTERIOR CHINA IS JUST LEARNED

Scenes of Death and Terror Described in First Detailed Account to Come Out of the "Wild West"

**TEN THOUSAND DEAD**  
**Moving Mountain Completely Wrecked City: Throughout Quake Area Untold Suffering**

London, July 29.—(AP)—Scenes of death and terror are described in the first detailed account to come out of the "wild west," of China of the great earthquake which occurred in Kansu Province on May 23. The details, telling of the complete destruction of cities, towns and villages, with a casualty list estimated at 100,000 show that the disturbance may be classed among the most terrible catastrophes of all time.

Monsignor Buddenbrook, Vicar Apostolic of the Sui Mission at Lanchow, Kansu, gave the details in a letter, an outline of which has been sent to the Westminster Gazette by its Shanghai correspondent. It says that in Lanchow alone, at least 10,000 were killed while a moving mountain completely wrecked the city of Tumen-Tee.

Scores of worshippers at mass in the church at Sui-Ang were overwhelmed by the sudden collapse of the edifice as subterranean rumblings were heard. Priests worked for hours administering the sacrament to the dying and carrying the injured to places of safety. No house in Sui-Ang escaped damage, and in each dwelling there were dead and dying.

Throughout the earthquake area the populace suffered untold miseries.

Monsignor Buddenbrook says that at some places, great fissures appeared in the earth, from which a bluish black liquid spouted. Late in June a report reached Shanghai that a very severe earthquake had ruined the greater part of Lanchow, in the northern part of Kansu Province, near the Mongolian border on May 23. This was the date of which seismographs of three continents recorded a heavy earth shock. Calculations by the United States Coast and Geodetic Survey in Washington were that the remote province of Kansu was the scene of the disaster.

Seven years ago Kansu was rent by a terrific earthquake which, although little advertised, took a toll of more than 100,000 lives. That disturbance had been followed in the National Geographic Society bulletin, brought death and destruction through the movement of mountains, tremendous landslides and the carrying away of villages by a deluge of loose earth. The earth opened up in many places swallowing houses and camel trains.

**LAST MINUTE APPEAL BEFORE GOV. FULLER**  
Boston, July 29.—(AP)—A last minute appeal from the widow of one of the men slain in the South Braintree murder for which Nicola Sacco and Bartolomeo Vanzetti were sentenced to death today, was before Governor Fuller today.

Mrs. Sarah Berardelli, whose husband Alessandro was killed when an armed band shot down Frederick Parmenter, the shoe company paymaster he was guarding, telegraphed from her home in New Haven, Connecticut, that she hoped the governor would free the two prisoners.

The message was made public by the Ascor-Vanzetti defense committee which through the seven year fight to free the two internationally known radicals had expended hundreds of thousands of dollars in their behalf.

In the meantime, the condemned men carried on their hunger strike at the state prison which today entered its thirteenth day. Both men were described by friends as showing unmistakable signs of their long fast. They were said to be weak and listless.

**MOUNTAIN GIRL HAD NEVER SEEN A NEGRO**  
Winston-Salem, N. C., July 29.—(AP)—A very interesting development has followed the printing of an article a few days ago in a local paper about a mountain girl now on a visit to Kernersville who saw a negro for the first time in her life when she got to Kernersville, and who had never eaten ice cream, seen a train or a town until a kind hearted school teacher invited her on a visit to this section of the country.

The article was read by officials of the Mountain Park School. The letter was sent to Kernersville where it was handed over to the teacher mentioned, and it now appears that newspaper articles will be one of the means of bringing opportunity to the door of a heretofore much neglected little mountain girl.

## SWEETS MOVING FROM CURRITUCK IN LIMITED WAY

Yield Declared to be Excellent, But Prices at Opening of Season Below Last Year's Levels

**GROWERS HOPEFUL**  
**Dealers Predict Quotations Will Remain Near Present Status As Other Sections Clean Up**

Currituck County's annual movement of sweet potatoes, one of the principal truck crops of the section, is beginning on a small scale this week, with prospects of bulk shipments by the middle of the part of next week.

The yield is declared to be excellent this year, but growers are somewhat concerned over the relatively low prices the potatoes are bringing at the opening of the season, as compared with other years.

The first bulk shipment to pass through Elizabeth City, 17 barrels in all, was consigned by former Sheriff R. L. Griggs, of Point Harbor, on Tuesday. It was handled through the Carolina Potato Exchange, a growers' co-operative organization, and went to Philadelphia. Returns from the shipment had not been received up to today, according to R. C. Griggs, of the staff of the exchange.

At the opening of the sweet potato season last year, sweets were bringing \$14 a barrel, as compared with \$8 this year. The lower price this season is ascribed to heavy shipments from Florida, Georgia and Alabama. The crop from those growing regions is expected to be cleaned up by the latter part of next week; and that circumstance lead potato brokers here to the opinion that there should be no material weakening in the market to affect the Currituck crop.

Last year, Currituck's sweet potato crop bordered upon failure from the standpoint of yield, largely by reason of exceedingly dry weather during early growing season. Potatoes were damaged somewhat by similar conditions this year, but this is declared to have been offset largely by recent heavy rains and hot weather. Though it is estimated that plantings are at least ten percent below last season's a substantially larger yield is expected.

Dixing was in progress on a limited scale in Currituck today and shipments through Elizabeth City tomorrow are expected to reach 100 to 200 barrels. The bulk of the crop is shipped here by boat, and thence by rail to the Northern and Western markets.

As in the case of Irish potatoes grown in this section, most of the sweets are sold at the loading points, instead of being shipped to dealers and sold on commission, as was the case until recent years. Many buyers are scheduled to arrive here and in Currituck in the next two weeks, in anticipation of heavy dixing operations.

With an exceedingly successful Irish potato season just behind them, Currituck truck growers are hopeful of a substantial profit on this year's crop of sweets as well as the crop of Irish potatoes that was not broken until this season.

**Rotary Program Is "Different" And Much Enjoyed**  
A program that was different was enjoyed by the Elizabeth City Rotary Club at the weekly luncheon at the Southern Hotel Friday, with Rotarian Zim Wasoner in charge.

The innovation, for instance, was different in that it was pronounced by all Rotarians in concert instead of by one alone; the menu was different, because it began with the salad, and ended with the meat course. The speeches were different because every member of the club was called on instead of two or three to whom special topics had been assigned and because, too, each Rotarian was asked to tell how he might be different to the advantage of Rotary.

Even the music was different, the club essaying numbers that had never been tried before. And at the conclusion everybody admitted that it was a good program. Having had a part in it, as Zim Wasoner suggested, one could hardly think otherwise.

Among the visiting Rotarians was Lloyd Griffin of Edenton.

**HELEN WILLS WINS**  
Manchester, Mass., July 29.—(AP)—Miss Helen Wills of Berkeley, California, defeated Miss Helen Jacobs of the same town 6-1, 6-2 today in the finals of the Essex County Club invitation tennis singles.

## Dead Man Had Long Been Sought By Authorities

Wilmington, July 29.—(AP)—Department of Justice officials today discontinued their search for Guilford Grenier, former paymaster of the U. S. Coast Guard who has been sought for three months on charges of defalcation. The body of a man found near Goldsboro yesterday was identified definitely as that of Grenier.

In response to a message from the Department of Justice, officers in Norfolk giving a description of the man sought, Sheriff W. D. Grant, advised that the body was that of the man for whom the agents held a warrant.

Grenier's body will be buried at Goldsboro today, to remain there for 30 days when it will be disinterred and conveyed to his home in Massachusetts for burial. His widow said, No inquest will be held as the coroner of Wayne County attributed death to alcohol poisoning.

Mrs. Grenier has been a resident of Carolina Beach near here for the summer.

**Neighborhood Row Is Aired In Court**  
Differences between neighbors in the Simonds Creek section, culminating in an encounter at Eureka Church Tuesday night, caused the appearance of L. M. Luton in recorder's court Friday morning.

Mr. Luton was charged with having assaulted T. M. Hollowell, of that community.

According to the testimony, Mr. Luton approached Mr. Hollowell at the church door, and asked him not to talk about "his folks."

"They need to be talked about," Mr. Hollowell is said to have replied, whereupon Mr. Luton struck him.

On the stand, Mr. Hollowell admitted having made a remark about Mr. Luton's wife, who died a few weeks ago, to the effect that he guessed "she wouldn't show no more of her ignorance."

Mr. Luton was required to pay the court costs.

In passing judgment, Trial Justice Sawyer remarked that he thought all would get along better if they would think more, and talk less.

**ANOTHER WILL CASE TO BE BITTERLY ARGUED**  
Goldsboro, July 29.—(AP)—Eastern North Carolina is slated for another bitterly contested will case. No sooner had the smoke of a legal tilt at Washington, N. C., cleared away, than relatives of a late Goldsboro resident began negotiations to contest his widow's right to his fortune, valued at a figure between \$150,000 and \$200,000.

Suit was on record in Wayne County Superior Court today against the widow of the late James M. Wood, real estate holder, named sole heir to the Wood estate. Ten nephews and nieces of the late Mr. Wood allege his widow had herself made sole heir by "undue and improper influence."

The seek to break the will, further alleging Mr. Wood was not of sound and disposing mind and was not competent to make a will, from the time it was made until his death.

The case is expected to be called for trial at the August 22 term of court.

The widow is now Mrs. R. P. Uzzell, of Goldsboro, having married again about two years ago.

**GETS SUSPENDED TERM**  
A suspended sentence of four months on the roads, conditional upon his payment of the court costs and the adequate support of his wife and children, was imposed on Oliver Green, colored, in recorder's court Friday morning on a charge of having assaulted his wife, Maud, with a knife. It appeared that the couple had quarreled over alleged attentions paid the wife by another negro.

**HOME FROM HOSPITAL**  
Alvey S. Midgett passed through the city Thursday en route to his home in Rodanthe, where he has been requested to return for a rest, having been in a hospital at Wake Forest.

Mr. Midgett was a summer school student at Wake Forest and liked by all his colleagues. They regret his leaving school and hope for a speedy recovery.

**DIES AT SHANGHAI**  
Raleigh, July 29.—(AP)—The News and Observer in a copy-righted dispatch from Shanghai today says that John W. Shoenfield, of Westfield, former naval officer and lawyer, who was the center of an international controversy shortly after the Spanish-American War, died of heart failure Wednesday.

Shoenfield, while in the Navy, captured Los Palmar, an island of the Philippine Archipelago, from the Dutch, still disputed between America and Holland, the paper says.

## Special Train Carrying Vice President Dawes Starts Through Trestle

Newland Merchant Hurt As Truck Hits Tree

Crashing into a large oak tree when he lost control of his truck while passing another car on the Newland Highway, some ten miles from this city, T. D. Jones, Newland merchant about 50 years old is in the Elizabeth City Hospital for treatment of a double fracture of the right leg, below the knee. He was reported resting comfortably early today.

The accident occurred late yesterday afternoon. Mr. Jones, on his way home in his truck, with about half a dozen 300-pound cakes of ice and a number of watermelons loaded in the back. He met a southbound motorist in front of the Lucian Hinton place, and in passing, according to his own account of the crash, the other car struck the rear left hub cap on the truck.

This deflected his course, causing him to crash squarely into an oak tree at the side of the road. The force of the impact was so great that the entire motor of the truck was forced back into the cab. The wrecked machine was towed to the L. B. Perry Motor Company's establishment here last night, and was viewed by dozens. Many marvelled that the occupant could have escaped alive.

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The trestle which gave way spanned a drainage ditch which carried about 18 feet of water. The wooden structure crumpled beneath the impact of the heavy locomotive. The engine was completely submerged.

Messages from the scene of the accident stated that the train was running at a slow speed due to the weakened condition of the road bed as a result of the floods which have swept the territory. This fact alone, officials of the railroad declared, probably averted wrecking of the entire train.

The train, derailed over another road, was expected to reach here about 9 o'clock.

**HERTFORD ROTARIANS HAVE LIFE GUARD ON DUTY AT THE BEACH**  
Hertford, July 29.—The Hertford Rotarians have done a fine thing for the children and young people this summer in roping off a safe section of the Hertford bathing beach and putting a life guard in charge.

Every afternoon from three to six, Charles Johnson dons his bathing suit and takes charge, keeping an eye on all, from the little fellows who have to stay inside the ropes to the more skilled swimmers who go out to the diving board.

**PAVED HIGHWAYS LEAD SLIGO NEW IMPORTANCE**  
With the opening of the new Sligo-Moyock road, the community of Sligo, situated strategically at the junction of main highways leading to Elizabeth City, Norfolk and Point Harbor, is taking on renewed activity. It indicates that it may become in time a rival of Moyock for the honor of being the most important community in Currituck County.

As first evidence of the forward movement of Sligo, two filling stations are being erected in the triangle formed by the junction of the concrete roads. One is being built by H. G. Crisp, and the other by G. S. Payne. Mr. Payne runs a general store at Sligo. The two filling stations, together with the land on which they are situated, will represent an investment of close to \$10,000, according to Mr. Payne.

Before the days of hard surfaced highways in Northeastern North Carolina, Sligo was an isolated community, with a dirt road, Purgatory Road, probably so named because motorists passing over it under any but ideal weather conditions could count confidently upon being stuck in the mud somewhere along the way.

**Glad to Get Back to Hertford Again**  
Hertford, July 29.—Having had rather an exciting collision with another car in Raleigh, Lucullus Newbold of New York is glad to be back in Hertford again. Accompanied by Mrs. J. R. Jarvis of Hertford and Mrs. Charles Wright of Currituck County, he had been to Batesburg, South Carolina, to see his sister, Mrs. Carl Winslow, who with her two children returned with him. After a night's delay in order to determine the injuries to the car, they reached Hertford Wednesday evening.

The are having a family reunion now at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. K. R. Newbold.

**POTATO CROP GOOD IN WASHINGTON COUNTY**  
Plymouth, July 29.—The Irish potato crop in this county has turned out to be better than the most optimistic earlier reports indicated. Numbers of farmers of this section have been enjoying the prosperity brought by the early crop of the potato.

Prominent farmers discussing the matter agreed that the current crop has yielded twice the amount as last season. Statistics show that \$94,943.00 was realized from the Irish potato crop last year. Conservative estimates reached by interested parties reveal that nearly \$140,000 was received from the sale of the "spud" in Washington county this season.

**HOLD BANK HEARING**  
Plymouth, July 29.—A hearing was held this week in the matter of the defunct United Commercial Bank, of this place, which became insolvent in 1925, with A. D. McLean of Washington as referee.

The Branch Banking and Trust Company, with headquarters at Wilson, was appointed as receiver, sometime ago.

W. B. Cox, cashier of the defunct bank, was cross-examined for two days. Decision is pending a further probe of the matter.