

BIG STEAMER COMPLETE LOSS

No Chance For Arroyo, Foundered on Portsmouth Island—Tug Jones Brings News of Disaster—Refused Assistance.

Things of the complete loss of the big British steamer Arroyo, which foundered on the beach at Portsmouth Island, near Ocracoke, last Sunday night, while bound from Santiago, Cuba, to Philadelphia, laden with 10,000 tons of iron ore, were brought yesterday morning at 10 o'clock by the tug Alexander Jones, Capt. W. A. Sanders, which returned to port from the scene of the disaster, after all hope of saving the steamer had been abandoned. Undoubtedly this is the most destructive of the many marine casualties along the North Carolina coast during the severe winter months. The Arroyo was lying broadside on the beach, burdened with her heavy cargo, and rapidly filling with water when the Jones started back to port Wednesday afternoon. According to the helmsman, Capt. Sanders the last hope of floating the vessel was gone yesterday when a northeast storm prevailed throughout the day.

The steamer on her way up the coast, ran out of her course, and the captain being unable to take observations on account of dense fog for three days, miscalculated the distance and speed he had made with the vessel and gives this as the reason for the steamer going ashore.

The tug Alexander Jones responding to her assistance reached the scene at 3 o'clock Tuesday morning, going a distance of about 150 miles from Cape Fear bar. Capt. Sanders boarded the Arroyo at daylight and found that her crew and captain had abandoned her. Preparations were being made to attempt to float her, when the captain and his crew which had been transferred to the Ocracoke Life Saving Station during the night returned to the vessel and again took possession at the same time refusing assistance from the tug.

Capt. Lawrence had communicated with his owners in Glasgow, by cablegram through Beaufort, and was awaiting reply before he would be willing to make any attempt to float her with the assistance. When she went ashore she was drawing 25 feet of water.

The crew remained with the vessel throughout Tuesday and Wednesday and with high seas running on the latter day she sprang a leak. The tug during the meantime had stood by to offer assistance, but the condition of the vessel Wednesday afternoon indicated a complete loss and when the Jones left her there was some six feet of water in her hold.

Capt. Sanders related an interesting story of the plight of the big steamer and stated that on account of her cargo of iron ore and her position on the beach, there was little hope for her from the time she went ashore. He had a right to claim the vessel when he found her abandoned early Tuesday morning, but the captain protested that he had only abandoned her for a time, fearing a storm during the night, and Capt. Sanders made no effort to take possession.

The steamer is owned by Harrison & Co., of Glasgow, and is valued at several hundred thousand dollars. The captain had only recently taken command and it was his first trip in the Arroyo. It is understood that he had only held a master's license for about five months. The Arroyo came to this port some two seasons ago and received cargo of cotton from Messrs. Alexander Sprunt & Son. She was 2,207 tons in register and was 20 years old, having been built at Glasgow, Scotland, in 1890. She had a crew of 32 men, the majority of whom were Chinamen.

LARKIN CO'S. UNIQUE EXHIBIT.

Has Attracted Hundreds of Wilmington Ladies—Closes Saturday.

The unique exhibition of the products and premiums of the Larkin Co., of Buffalo, N. Y., at 112 1/2 Front street, over Struthers' cigar store, has attracted hundreds of the ladies of Wilmington and has proven intensely interesting to all. The visitors have been enthusiastic, as the display is remarkable in many ways. The exhibition is in charge of five representatives of the company who take great pleasure in showing the products and premiums to all visitors. Nothing is sold in the showroom, the display being brought here for the express purpose of giving Larkin customers and friends in this vicinity an opportunity to see a complete line of Larkin products and nearly a thousand Larkin premiums. Souvenir samples are given adult visitors. This company sells its products direct from its factories and include laundry and toilet soaps, perfumes, toilet and pharmaceutical preparations, pure food specialties, paints, varnishes, notions and a variety of other home needs—over 325 in all. Naturally the moving of this remarkable display from city to city is a huge undertaking as the premiums consist not only of hundreds of small articles, but of large pieces of furniture. All ladies of the city are cordially invited to visit the showrooms today and tomorrow.

FINALLY ACCEPTS A TOW.

Tug Sea King Brings Anglo-Australian Over Bar to Southport.

The British steamer Anglo-Australian, Capt. Lewis, which remained a few miles off the Cape Fear bar since last Sunday, awaiting favorable weather to make port, was towed in yesterday by the tug Sea King, Capt. Williams, and brought to Southport, where she will be lightered today and will probably come up the river this afternoon.

For several days Capt. Lewis refused to allow the tug to bring the ship across the bar, but the prevailing fog at high tide every day caused him to finally accept assistance. It is understood that a portion of her cargo was lightered Wednesday night, and she was probably drawing a few feet less water yesterday.

The steamer, it will be recalled, went ashore last Saturday when Capt. Lewis thought it unsafe to make another attempt, until a portion of her cargo had been discharged.

WILL FORM LOCAL PEACE BODY

Important Meeting Tonight Under Auspices of Chamber of Commerce—The General Public Invited to Attend.

Under the auspices of the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce there will be held tonight, in the rooms of the Chamber, on North Front street, a meeting of great significance and far reaching importance, having as its primary object the formation of a Wilmington branch of the American Society for the Judicial Settlement of International Disputes, an organization that has the endorsement of some of the most prominent men in America.

The meeting will be held at 8 o'clock and the general public, including ladies, is most cordially invited to attend and hear the important matter discussed by prominent speakers, including Mr. Theodore Marburg, of Baltimore, secretary of the society recently formed in the Monumental City, Mr. Marburg, one of the leaders in the movement, is a prominent business man of Baltimore and a most pleasing speaker. He is well posted on almost every subject one could mention and his remarks in explanation of the object of the society will prove of great interest to those who compose its audience tonight. He has been in Wilmington several days and recently held a conference with a number of representative citizens with reference to the important movement. The meeting tonight is the outgrowth of that conference.

The object of the society, briefly stated, is to establish a permanent court of justice for the settlement of international disputes. The movement has been endorsed by President Taft, Senators and Congressmen and many other prominent men of the country. Mr. Marburg has received many strong letters of endorsement and the following are extracts from some of the more recent ones: "Washington, D. C., Feb. 15, 1910.

"ALEXANDER GRAHAM BELL." February 12th, 1910.

"There can be no good reason why most, at least of the international disputes should not be passed upon officially, instead of vi et armis; and your association should be the means of much good.

"WILLIAM RENWICK RIDDELL." Justice of the King's Bench Division of the High Court of Justice, Ontario.

Many leading newspapers of the country have given endorsement, among them being the Baltimore Sun, which said editorially in a recent issue:

"The settlement of international disputes by judicial adjudication instead of war would mark an advance in civilization of incalculable benefit to mankind. This will be the aim of the American Society for the Judicial Settlement of International Disputes, which was organized in Baltimore last night. Among the members of the society are distinguished in the profession of the law, in diplomacy and in the field of education. It is the purpose of the society to conduct a vigorous campaign of education and to spare no effort to convince the people of the United States that the settlement of international treaties by a judicial tribunal is desirable and not impracticable. If, said Mr. Theodore Marburg, the United States can succeed in getting one other nation to join it in organizing a court of this sort, there is no doubt that the other nations will come to realize its usefulness.

"At this time, when European nations are entering into the business of militarism, taxing the people oppressively for the maintenance of enormous standing armies and the construction of European dreadnoughts, the society organized in Baltimore has a fitting and a most timely appeal to the world for the abolition of war, and the abandonment of preparations for war. The settlement of international disputes by a judicial tribunal without sacrifice of national honor or loss of dignity and prestige by the nations, is a most desirable and a most humane spirit and high intelligence doubts this. If the great mass of men can be persuaded to accept this view, there will be an end of war at no remote period. Among the nations which peace advocates encounter and have not yet been able to overcome are the conflicting interests of nations based upon greed, aggression and the innate pugnacity of the average man. Man has been a fighting animal from the earliest period. Hence governments have had no great difficulty in filling the ranks of their armies and in obtaining abundant food for powder. But our civilization has now reached the stage when the general average intelligence is greater than ever before, when the spirit of philanthropy is more in evidence than at any other period, and when war of a great scale is more costly and destructive than ever before. A campaign of education conducted on these lines may have practical results. In any case, the American Society for the Judicial Settlement of International Disputes has a noble and helpful aim in view—and it ought to have the cordial support of all men who believe in settling international troubles by reason instead of by brute force."

STEAMER FROM GERMANY.

Herman Wedel Jarlsberg Arrived Yesterday—Others on the Way.

Requiring some 30 days in her trip across from Germany to this port, the Norwegian steamer Herman Wedel Jarlsberg, Capt. Olsen, arrived yesterday and is one of the number of the fleet of steamers from that country bound here with kaitin. The steamer left Germany on the 21st of January and on the 28th stopped at Sunderland, where she remained a few days. She encountered some rough weather in her trip which caused her to be a few days overdue.

CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION

Schloss, Bear & Davis Company to do a General Livery Business.

A certificate of incorporation of the Schloss, Bear & Davis Company, granted a charter Wednesday by the Secretary of State, was received at the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court yesterday morning. As stated in The Star's Raleigh letter yesterday morning, the company is chartered to do a general livery business and to deal in machinery, tools, implements, etc. The principal place of business will be at 208 and 210 Market street, and the livery business conducted at this address by Mr. S. J. Davis and the sales stables business of Nathan Schloss & Co., on Dock street will be taken over by the new company. The capital stock of the company is \$7,500 divided into 75 shares of \$100 each and subscribed for as follows: Nathan Schloss, 25 shares; James R. Bear, 25, and Samuel J. Davis, 25.

Bladen Extension.

Yesterday afternoon's Fayetteville Observer says: "President John A. Mills, of the Raleigh & Southport Railway, says that much of the route of the extension of his line through Bladen county has been fixed and as soon as the remainder is completed by the engineers, work will begin on the construction of the line from Clarkton to Fayetteville, via Elizabethtown."

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LONGFELLOW'S BIRTHDAY

Exercises in Grammar Schools This Morning in Celebration of Natal Day of the Great Poet—Presentation of Picture.

The birthday anniversary of Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, one of America's greatest poets, will be observed in Union and Hemenway schools with appropriate exercises at 9 o'clock this morning. Sunday, February 27th, is the anniversary of the birth of Longfellow, but as this is the last school day of the week the exercises will be held today. Very attractive programmes have been arranged at both schools.

The most interesting feature in connection with the observance at Hemenway will be the presentation by the children of the school a handsome picture, "The Village Blacksmith." The picture has already been hung on the wall of the auditorium and will be unveiled this morning immediately after Miss Eva Farmer's division of the fourth grade children recite the poem, "The Village Blacksmith." This makes the sixth picture given to the school by classes, individual members and entire school, and they are all works of art. A special effort is being made at Hemenway to decorate the hall and in this the children are taking a very keen interest. The several classes will respond to the roll call this morning by reciting one of Longfellow's poems or verses. Similar exercises will be held at Union school. Longfellow, who was born Feb. 27, 1807, in Portland, Me., where as a boy, he learned to love, "This beauty and mystery of the ships, and the magic of the sea," wrote many poems that appeal especially to children and it is quite appropriate that his birthday anniversary should be annually observed by the grammar schools of Wilmington. Longfellow was of a family of culture and social importance. His father was an eminent lawyer, a graduate of Harvard. The poet graduated from the rustic college of Bowdoin, which offered him a professorship in literature, with the privilege of European travel and study to prepare himself for the work. He spent three years abroad, mastering several languages, and in 1834 he was offered the chair of modern languages in Harvard, but went abroad for another year, for the study of Scandinavian languages, returning to America in 1836 and settling at Cambridge, where he remained until his death some 50 years later.

The programmes at the schools today will probably include some sketches of the life of Longfellow as well as a presentation of some of his best works.

FAYETTEVILLE STREET RY.

Northern Capitalists Looking Over the Field—Mr. Skelding.

Yesterday afternoon's Fayetteville Observer has the following: Mr. William A. Law, president of the Merchants' National Bank, of Philadelphia, and Mr. Robert Haines, of the banking firm of Haines & Bishop, New York, both of whom are largely interested in the Fayetteville Consolidated Railway & Power Company, are in the city today, looking over the property of this company in Fayetteville and the suburbs and at Manchester, where the hydro-electric power plant of the company is located. Mr. A. B. Skelding, general manager of the Consolidated Railway & Power Company, of Wilmington, was here yesterday, for the purpose of giving Messrs. Law and Haines expert advice as to the value of the property, and plans for its development. This company is at present in the hands of a receiver, Mr. W. D. McNeill, and it is surmised that Messrs. Law and Haines are now investigating the property with a view to purchasing it when sold, or paying off the indebtedness and re-organizing the company. These two prominent financiers are greatly impressed with Fayetteville, and the great future that looms up for her.

HUSBAND SLASHER TRIED.

Magistrate Binds Eugenia Hunter Over to the Recorder's Court.

Probable cause being found Justice Harris yesterday at noon bound Eugenia Hunter, colored, over to the Recorder's court to answer the charge of assault with deadly weapon upon her husband, Robert Hunter, "nickel party" Tuesday night. Hunter was severely cut in the struggle with his "better half". A case against him for assault with deadly weapon on his wife was dismissed, it appearing that the woman received the small cut in her hand when her husband attempted to wrench the knife from her. In default of bond the negroess went to jail to await Recorder's court today.

SPECIAL MEETING TODAY.

Chamber of Commerce Called to Consider Several Important Matters.

President J. A. Taylor has called a meeting of the Chamber of Commerce for 4 o'clock this afternoon in the rooms of the organization on North Front street for the consideration of several important matters, one of which is with reference to the rate of water being considered by the administration at Washington. President Taft, it is stated, desires some changes made in the bill and some of these will affect rates on water transportation. There will also be a discussion relative to the proposition to move the offices of the Chamber and a committee will probably be appointed to report at a later meeting. All members are expected to be present.

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MOST SEVERE OF WINTER

Northeast Storm Accompanied by Driving Rain All Day Turned to Sleet at Night—Another Warning is Issued.

A northeast storm, accompanied by a driving rain all day yesterday, last night began to develop into sleet with a falling temperature, rounding out one of the most disagreeable days of the entire winter. From all sections of Eastern Carolina came reports of sleet during the day and Wilmington was exceedingly fortunate that it escaped until night and even then with only a slight fall and freeze.

The cold wave predicted by the Weather Bureau began to make itself felt before day yesterday morning and by 8 o'clock, following a balmy, sunshiny day, the thermometer registered 40 degrees. The rain storm developed a little later and continued incessantly all day, a fall of 1.44 inches having been recorded up to 8 o'clock last night when the mercury was only one degree above freezing. Before 10 o'clock the rain had turned to sleet and it was exceedingly unpleasant "under foot". Reports of sleet began to come in early during the day, this extremely unpleasant weather conditions extending as far down this way as Magnolia, down the W. & Y. for some distance this side of Fayetteville, and up the W. C. & A. for some distance this side of Florence, S. C. At Fayetteville the sleet began early yesterday morning and when the train passed there yesterday afternoon at 6 o'clock there was a fall of two inches with the storm still in progress. Wire trouble was reported from several sections in this part of the State.

Last night the Weather Bureau gave warning at 9 o'clock of another northeast storm from Wilmington to Norfolk with indications for high northeast winds along the North Carolina and Virginia coasts. The forecast for North Carolina, received from Washington last night, is fair today and tomorrow with rising temperatures, moderate brisk winds Saturday.

WILL BE TRIED TODAY.

Three Cases Against Robert Graham, Col., Who Assaulted Officer.

Robert Graham, colored, who made an attack on Deputy Sheriff W. H. Howe in the Finkelstein pawnshop Wednesday at noon, will be given a hearing before Justice Harris at 3 o'clock this afternoon on three charges—assault on the officer, larceny of two guns from Mr. Louis Skinner, and aiding and abetting in the larceny of a pistol from Harlee Boufarah, who conducts a store on Front, between Market and Dock streets. Officer Howe has retained Wm. J. Bellamy, Esq., to prosecute the assault case. Graham is accused of breaking into the boat house of Mr. Skinner and stealing two guns, one double barrel and one single barrel, and is also charged with having aided another negro in stealing a pistol from Boufarah. It is stated that Graham and another negro entered the store of Boufarah and asked to see a pistol. After inspecting the weapon Graham's companion drew a pistol from the store with which Graham is said to have prevented Boufarah from following or giving an alarm.

AT GRACE CHURCH TONIGHT.

Mr. H. W. Malloy Will Address Epworth League on Missions.

In the Sunday School room of Grace Methodist Church tonight Mr. H. W. Malloy will deliver an address on the important subject of missions at the invitation of the Epworth League of the church under whose auspices the meeting will be held. Mr. Malloy is deeply interested in the subject and he will speak with great earnestness, telling of the impressions he gathered at the several missionary meetings he has recently attended in different parts of the country. He is chairman of the Co-operative Committee for this district. The meeting will be held at 8 o'clock and all members of the church and of other churches of the city are invited to attend.

ODD FELLOWS' RALLY

Meeting Tonight Preliminary to Membership Campaign in March—Several Addresses Followed by Social Session.

Preparatory to the membership campaign which will be inaugurated by all the lodges of the State March 19th, Hanover Lodge, No. 145, I. O. O. F., has arranged for a big celebration tonight in the Odd Fellows' building, corner Third and Princess streets. The main object of the rally is to arouse greater interest in the approaching membership campaign. The arrangements for the meeting have been completed by the committee, composed of Messrs. E. N. Penny, R. C. Spooner and A. F. Walton. Messrs. M. W. Jacobi, W. L. Smith, J. T. King and H. O. Craig, members of other local lodges, have been invited to be present and address the gathering. Following the addresses, light refreshments will be served and cigars passed around, after which the Odd Fellows will go to the Delmonico Cafe,

MOTHER'S FRIEND

A LINIMENT FOR EXTERNAL USE. One of the most valuable qualities of Mother's Friend is that it safe-guards the future health of the mother. It is a liniment to be applied externally to the body, the use of which lubricates the muscles and tendons, softens the glands and ducts, prevents lumps forming in the breasts, and relieves the pain, nervousness, nausea, and other troubles from which so many expectant mothers suffer. When Mother's Friend is used regularly it fits and prepares the system for an easy and natural consummation of the term. Women who massage with this great liniment are always saved much suffering when baby comes, and recover more quickly, and without ill effects. Mother's Friend is sold at drug stores. Write for our free book for expectant mothers. THE BRADFELD CO., ATLANTA, GA.

where they will have supper. This meeting will be one of great interest to the Odd Fellows of Wilmington, all of whom are cordially invited to attend. Hanover Lodge has a membership of 170 at present and it is hoped to increase the list to at least 200 during the campaign in March. March 19th is the birthday anniversary of the late Chas. M. Busbee, Esq., of Raleigh, who was Past Grand Sire of the order in the United States, having occupied at one time the highest office in the order. The various lodges of the State decided to observe his birthday by inaugurating a special membership campaign, which will extend over several days. During the period the lodges of Wilmington expect to greatly increase their numbers. Read Star Business Locals.

Advertisement for Vulcan Gas Heaters. Features include: 'Don't Dress In the Cold', 'The New "Vulcan" Gas Heater will warm the bed room in a few moments.', 'The Heater With the Red Cone', 'The Gas Co. Sells Them'. Includes images of the heaters.

Advertisement for C. W. Polvoigt Company. Features include: 'FOR \$3.98 THE C. W. POLVOIGT COMPANY 50c Yd.', 'The Store That's Always Busy', 'To Those who Contemplate Buying Their EASTER GOODS'. Includes images of Easter goods.

Before the rush is on, we will offer this week some "Extra Specials" of NEW GOODS---received the past week---read each article carefully, then come and make your selections.

Fashion says, "Foulard Silks for Spring of 1910." New Coat Suits for Spring are now ready for your inspection. For 69c a yard you can buy a regular \$1.00 Foulard Silk, in all the new colors and designs. Trimmings to match. For 85c a yard you can buy our regular \$1.00 and \$1.25 Foulard Silk, good heavy quality in all the latest colors. Trimmings to match. For \$1.09 a yard, you can buy our 36-inch Foulard Silk, worth \$1.50 a yard, in six different colors and designs. Trimmings to match. Japonika Silks in all the new shades for Spring stock.

Spring are now on display, 27 inches wide, the price, per yard, .35c. New Lingerie Shirt Waists are in and prettier than ever, from .98c to \$5.00. On display in Suit Department.

New Embrodeirs, New Laces, New Trimmings, New Trunks, Suit Cases and Bags, New Wash Goods, New Linens, New Neckwear.

The C. W. POLVOIGT CO. Sole agents W. B. Kabo and Gussard Corsets—Priestley's black Dress Goods.

Advertisement for R & G Corsets. Features include: 'R & G CORSETS Model B67 is very popular.'