

TANKER SAN LANBERTO STRIKES WATER TODAY AT CAROLINA SHIPYARD

Ninth Vessel Produced By Local Plant to Be Launched At 2:15 P. M.

Promptly at 2:15 o'clock this afternoon the wedges will be knocked from under the keel of the 9,200-ton steel oil tanker, San Lanberto, on the launch ways at the Carolina shipyard, and the giant craft will glide into the waters of the Cape Fear river, the ninth vessel launched at the shipbuilding plant of the George A. Fuller company.

With the going overboard of the San Lanberto, the Fuller company will have launched approximately 90,000 tons of mercantile marine since the yard was established here a few years ago. Mrs. E. de Goyler, of New Jersey, who is to sponsor the San Lanberto, will arrive in the city this morning at 1 o'clock. She will be accompanied by a party of about 15 persons, representing the Eagle Oil Transport Co., Ltd., of London, England, for whom the tanker is being built, the George A. Fuller company's main officers in New York city and a number of specially invited guests. The party is traveling in a special Pullman car attached to the regular Coast Line train. At the union station the party will be met by local officials of the Fuller company and will be carried on a sight-seeing trip about the city and county.

At 12:30 o'clock the sponsor party and local officials of the Fuller company will be served a luncheon at the Carolina yard. At 1:30 o'clock the party will go to the sponsor's stand at the bow of the San Lanberto and await the hour set for the launching. After the ship has gone overboard, Herbert J. Carr, resident director in New York of the Eagle Oil Transport company, will present Mrs. de Goyler, the sponsor, with a gift from the owners of the tanker.

As was announced some time ago, the San Lanberto will be launched with steam in her boilers. However, the ship will not be propelled to the cutting dock under her own steam. The services of tugs will be required. After the steamer has been moored, the sponsor's party will board the ship for an inspection. After this the party will visit the Cape Fear Country club. They will leave the city at 7 o'clock this evening.

Expected in the party this morning are: Herbert J. Carr, resident director of the Eagle Oil Transport company in New York city; Mrs. E. de Goyler, of New Jersey, the sponsor; Mrs. Herbert J. Carr, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Hopkins, Mrs. R. A. Mestros, Mrs. J. T. Ryder, Sidney P. Carr, Mrs. C. W. Hayes, Miss Helen Brooks, Lorenzo C. Dilks, of the George A. Fuller company, accompanied by Mrs. Dilks, D. H. Cox, John W. Hamilton and George Murray.

Native of Wilmington May Succeed Mr. Dean

Rev. Wm. J. Gordon Preaches At Church of Good Shepherd Tomorrow

Rev. William J. Gordon, a native Wilmingtonian who was ordained at St. James' church in 1907 and who is now rector of the associated Episcopal congregations at Leaksville and Spray, has been tendered the rectorship of the Church of the Good Shepherd, whose rector, Rev. Frank Dean resigned a short time ago to assume his new duties as city chaplain.

Rev. Mr. Gordon arrived in the city yesterday, and will conduct services at the Church of the Good Shepherd tomorrow morning and night. He is a nephew of former Mayor Joseph D. Smith, and has many relatives in this city. He has been rector of the Episcopal churches at Leaksville and Spray for about ten years.

He entered the University of North Carolina in 1899, and was a student there for six years. Later he attended Swamc, and afterwards graduated from the Episcopal Theological school at Cambridge, Mass.

He started his ministerial work at Williamston, N. C., where he served an Episcopal congregation for three years and a half. He continued his duties at that place until assuming charge of the rectorships at Leaksville and Spray.

Rev. Mr. Gordon has not yet decided whether or not he will remain in Wilmington, although he has many friends here who hope that he will return home and continue his duties here.

THREE WHITES AND NEGRO BREAK JAIL AT WARSAW

Police headquarters yesterday received notification from Warsaw that yesterday morning three young white boys and one negro man escaped from the town jail and had stolen a Ford touring car in which they were headed towards Wilmington. The white boys were described as being about 20 years of age and dressed in Uncle Sam's sailor uniforms.

The police were also notified yesterday of a robbery which occurred Friday morning at Wallace, a short distance from Warsaw. A pressing club was entered and four suits of clothes and two suit cases were stolen. Local officers are inclined to believe that the four men who broke jail are the ones who stole the four suits of clothes at Wallace.

TO IMPROVE DELIVERY OF MAIL IN THE CITY

Senator Lee S. Overman, yesterday notified Secretary James H. Cowan, of the chamber of commerce, that the post office department had granted the request made by the local chamber some months ago for an extension of mail delivery service in the southern section of the city. It is understood that the extension of service will be perfected by Postmaster Green, carried out on routes which will include Fourth street to Willard, and also Greenfield street.

DECK HAND PAINFULLY HURT ABOARD THE GENERAL WRIGHT

R. B. Thomas, white, deck hand on the government tugboat General Wright, was painfully injured yesterday afternoon shortly after 3 o'clock when his thigh was caught between two heavy timbers aboard the Wright, which was moored at the government yard on the Eagle Island shore. Mr. Thomas' thigh was badly shattered. He was placed aboard a boat and brought to the foot of Market street, and taken to James Walker Memorial hospital.

FEE BILL HEARING TODAY; FIGURES TELL THE STORY

Statistics Obtained By The Star Show How County Has Gained in Revenue Under the Salary System—Opponents of Fee Bill Will Have Opportunity to Present Case At Meeting Today

By arrangement with Senator Burgwin, opponents of the proposed fee system will be given an opportunity to present their objections today, 12 o'clock at the chamber of commerce rooms. The public is invited and all those who have views on the subject should attend the hearing. A committee of the Kiwanis club will be present and the Women's Democratic League will be represented by its president, Mrs. Cuthbert Martin, and others.

The Star is able to present statistics showing salaries paid to 120 officers, the amounts in the form of fees taken in, by them, and the difference in terms of loss or gain to the county. These figures cover the situation beginning December 1, 1914. All fees are collected by the officers as they did prior to this date, and are paid into the "salary fund," out of which the officers' salaries are drawn. The figures showing the total net result after balancing the collections against the salaries are as follows, in terms of gain or loss:

Table with columns: Year, Gain, Loss. Rows for years 1914-1920 showing financial trends.

Total gain to county, \$11,346.47. The following figures show the gains and losses with respect to the three chief offices of the county, the collections of which consist entirely of fees. The loss and gain indicate the difference between earnings from fees and salaries paid to officers and clerical help:

Table for CLERK SUPERIOR COURT with columns: Year, Gain, Loss. Rows for years 1914-1920.

Net gain to county, \$6,844.55.

Table for SHERIFF with columns: Year, Gain, Loss. Rows for years 1914-1920.

Net gain to county, \$9,331.87.

Table for REGISTER OF DEEDS with columns: Year, Gain, Loss. Rows for years 1914-1920.

Net gain to county, \$330.62.

Table for SALARIES with columns: Clerk, County juvenile court, Commissioners on inheritance tax, Sheriff, Recorder, City Auditor, City juvenile court.

Total, \$3,329.98.

The auditor and recorder do not receive fees but they are paid salaries out of county funds.

The bill which Senator Burgwin has introduced is understood to make no change in the fees to be collected, but to arrange them so far as the clerk of the superior court and the sheriff are concerned, so that they shall receive all of the collections which their offices make. This means that such differences between their collections and their salaries which are already indicated have been profitable to the county, will go directly into the pockets of the sheriff and the clerk of the court.

BURNS ARE FATAL TO LITTLE CRANMER GIRL

Dies From Injuries Received Thursday Afternoon

Little May Webb, Cranmer, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. J. B. Cranmer, died early yesterday from the effects of burns received the day before while she was at play with her dolls. When, in an attempt to light a candle in her playhouse, the child's clothing was ignited. She was fatally burned before the flames could be subdued. Her mother and Mrs. Webb, her grandmother, went to her rescue on hearing her cries, both being painfully burned about the hands and arms. Mrs. Webb is said to have suffered severely.

The funeral service was held yesterday afternoon, Bishop Darst and the Rev. Mr. Wheeler officiating. Burial will be made at Windsor, N. C., today.

A. C. L. DISPROVES CLAIM OF EXCESSIVE CHARGE

Lyman Delano, executive vice-president of the Atlantic Coast Line railroad, has announced that recent investigations made by A. C. L. officials of the freight rates charged by the Coast Line for the movement of fruits from points in Florida to northern cities have disproved the allegations made by Florida fruit growers that the rates were such as to throttle industry.

The investigation into the matter by railroad officials was a very extensive one. Figures were compiled showing exactly what was charged by the Coast Line to move a single orange and a single grape fruit from the most southern point reached by the Coast Line in Florida to New York city and Cincinnati, Ohio.

The results showed that in shipping oranges crates and in carload lots from this point in Florida to New York city or Cincinnati the actual freight charges were approximately one-tenth of one cent per orange and approximately one-half cent per grape fruit.

Explains Deferment Of Y. W. C. A. Building

Mrs. Ruark Among Principal Speakers At Annual Meeting Last Night

An explanation by Mrs. Robert Ruark, first vice-president of the Young Women's Christian association, of the present status of the proposed new Y. W. C. A. building was a distinct feature of the annual membership meeting of the association held last night in the gymnasium of the association building at 114 North Fourth street. An interesting program had been arranged for the occasion and it was thoroughly enjoyed by the large number of members of the association present.

Mrs. Ruark went deeply into the plans for the new building. She said that after the property on Fourth street, upon which the present association building is situated, had been sold, and the Second street property, upon which the proposed new building is to be erected, had been purchased, the directors of the association decided that this would not be an opportune time for a canvass to raise funds to erect the building.

It was explained that a much larger building than was at first planned would be needed for the future growth of the association and therefore it had been thought best to wait probably two years before putting on the campaign for the building funds. Mrs. Ruark stated that recently the association had secured a long term lease on the Hanson building, at Front and Walnut streets, and besides the cafeteria, which will be located there, the offices and club rooms of the Y. W. C. A. will be located at that place until the new building has been erected. In addition to these headquarters the building on the Second street property will also be used.

A prominent speaker last night was Rev. W. A. Starnbury, pastor of Grace Methodist church, who said the officers and members of the association a high compliment upon the great work being accomplished. He said that he felt that the church was the real mother of the Young Women's Christian association and declared that it was an organization that the church should be proud of.

At the conclusion of the business session a delightful social hour was spent. Features of this was a violin solo and vocal solo by Mrs. J. D. Edwards, who was accompanied on the piano by Miss Jessie Mercer. The Girl's Reserve club sang a number of songs and gave some club yell.

Each of the association secretaries, in short talks, gave an interpretation of the association work as covered by the departments.

Storm Damage Puts A Stop to Dredging

Plant of Henry Bacon Seriously Crippled By Heavy Blow On River

Major J. R. D. Matheson, army engineer in charge of the local district, who returned yesterday at noon from a short business trip to the New Bern office, announced that the damage done to the plant of the suction dredge Henry Bacon by the fierce storm Wednesday night and Thursday morning will amount to several thousand dollars and will cause the dredging operation of the Bacon to be suspended for some time.

Official reports which came into the engineer's office yesterday were to the effect that not only was practically every one of the pontoons, which support the pipe-line of the suction dredge, shallow water, blown helter skelter up and down the river from Reeves point where the dredge was moored, but many of them were sunk and some could not be raised. Besides the pontoons, two scows, necessary for the operation of the Bacon, were sunk and one was blown to sea. Tugs and barges secured yesterday.

Major Matheson said yesterday that the Bacon was at one of the most dangerous points on the lower Cape Fear river when the storm struck. The captain of the Henry Bacon reported that when the wind was at its height everyone aboard the dredge expected that the big boat would be torn to bits, moorings and blown ashore. The wind, however, and the Bacon was not injured.

When the storm wrecked the pontoon pipe-line of the Bacon to such an extent that operations had to be stopped, the dredge was engaged in removing a shoal that had formed at that point in the river channel.

WINDOW SMASHERS GET JEWELRY, VALUED AT SEVERAL HUNDRED DOLLARS, STOLEN FROM THE PAWN SHOP OF CHARLES FINKELSTEIN'S, ON SOUTH FRONT STREET, SOME TIME BETWEEN 1 AND 4 O'CLOCK YESTERDAY MORNING, WHEN A GLASS OF A DISPLAY WINDOW WAS SMASHED. INCLUDED IN THE HAUL WAS SEVERAL PIECES OF GOLD MONEY, WATCHES, RINGS, AND DIAMONDS. THE ROBBERY BEING DISCOVERED ABOUT 4 A. M. BY THE POLICE.

Another window, that of a negro cafe on Market street, between Front and Water, was broken and a number of pies and cakes were stolen.

REPARATION IS BEGUN AT WAVE-SWEPT BEACH

Damages Substantially as Reported Yesterday Morning

A survey made yesterday of the damage wrought to the cottages on Wrightsville Beach and to the beach itself, during the storm Wednesday and Thursday, revealed the front section of the Hanover Inn down on the ground; the cottages owned by Louis E. Hall, is razed and foundations of a number of cottages have been battered away by wreckage from the remainder of the old Seashore hotel pier.

On account of the nature of the damage to foundations, it was impossible to obtain an accurate estimate of the extent of the property damage.

The sand dunes between the Carolina Yacht club and the Oceanic hotel, which have always been regarded as one of the strongest bulwarks against storms, have been eaten away by the waves for a distance averaging fifty feet to the inland. There was much speculation among those visiting the beach yesterday, as to whether or not time and tide would replace the dunes removed by this recent storm. The removal of the sand dunes was viewed with some apprehension by a number of old residents on the beach.

The suburban traffic to and from the beach was completely stopped this morning, and electric lights were burning on the beach last night. Some time will be required, however, before telephone communication with the city will be reestablished because of the broken cable on the trestle over the Banks channel. Telephone service between the city and Harbor Island was not impaired by the storm.

The front section of the Hanover Inn, reported in yesterday's Star as swaying in the wind, fell to the ground Thursday night. An open gap in the roof and sides resulted.

The sea side pier of the Carolina Yacht club was completely broken away, the wreckage from the larger pier having battered down eleven of the twelve staunch concrete pillars upon which the club's pier rested. The club's veranda to the south was undamaged, and it is now standing on three supports.

The Irving cottage, recently purchased by Louis E. Hall, is a mass of debris. The upper story, almost intact, is on the ground and is resting against the next cottage, the property of N. B. Rankin. Several pillars of the Rankin cottage have been dislodged by the weight of the Irving cottage.

Two cottages belonging to Mrs. S. A. Schloss and located near Lumina were slightly damaged, the greater damage of the two being the one nearest Lumina. The porch and a portion of the building. The Hanover Sea Side club house is slightly damaged.

CONTINUANCE IS GRANTED IN CASE OF COLEMAN

Recorder George Harris, yesterday afternoon granted a continuance in the habeas corpus proceeding which William Coleman, white, of this city, has brought against his wife, for the custody of five-year-old Walter Coleman. Recorder Harris stated last night that he granted the continuance because the defendant had the papers before her only about an hour before the case was called for trial and consequently her attorney, W. M. Bellamy, has not sufficient time to prepare the case.

STORM DELAYS TRIAL OF ONSLOW DEFENDANT

Pierce Fails to Arrive for Hearing in City

Although the case of Bessie Pierce, the young Onslow county white man, charged with transporting whiskey to Wilmington, was docketed for trial before Recorder George Harris yesterday, it was announced by the recorder that due to the storm the defendant has not been able to reach the city from his home at Ferris Ferry, and therefore he postponed the case until Friday of next week.

It was during the trial of Pat Risley, Luke Cannady, George E. Wood, T. C. McInerney, O. C. Jones and M. C. Jones, who were charged with transporting liquor into the city, that Recorder Harris issued a warrant for Pierce. He was arraigned on two charges, but released under bonds totalling \$1,200. It was declared at the time of the arrest of Pierce that he was the ring-leader of the young men who were said to be transporting booze from Onslow county into Wilmington.

In court yesterday Recorder Harris placed Willie Summerest, a Camp Bragg soldier, under a \$500 bond for appearance here on February 1, for trial on a charge of the theft of an automobile.

EIGHT THOUSAND DOLLAR FIRE IN DAWN OF ROSEMARY

(Special to The Star) TARBORO, Jan. 28.—The opera house at Rosemary was destroyed by fire Wednesday evening together with two stores, the estimated loss being \$80,000. The opera house was of brick, in the heart of town, and valued at \$30,000, property of J. E. Dobbin, who is reported to have had \$18,000 insurance.

The first floor was occupied by Mr. Dobbin and O. F. Garris, the latter's loss being valued at \$20,000 with no insurance, while the stock of Mr. Dobbin is a complete loss. The origin is not determined but the fire is thought to have started upstairs in the opera house.

HANSON-ELLIS BOUT IS DECLARED A DRAW

Referee's Decision, Halting the Battle, Was Final—Match Thrown Out

Referee John Heracle's ruling governing Thursday night's match between Hanson and Ellis which was halted at midnight without either having gained a fall, given in writing today, throws the bout out of the series which is being wrestled for a purse of \$1,000, and puts the two men back where they were prior to the match—Ellis with one match to his credit and Hanson with only a zero on his side of the ledger.

Heracle's ruling on the match is that there was no winner, that his decision rendered at midnight and calling off the bout, stands and that neither man accomplished anything through their work which extended over a period of three hours and 23 minutes, breaking all known records. The referee's decision, given in writing today and bearing his signature reads:

"I, John Heracle, referee of the Hanson-Ellis series of matches, being wrestled here, do rule there was no winner of the match wrestled at the Academy on the night of January 27, 1921. I called the match at midnight, declaring it a draw, according to Queensbury rules. The match was a draw and there was no winner."

Since Heracle was declared the official referee and since the contract gave him absolute power in running the matches Hanson, even after coming back on the mat and gaining one fall was obliged to be governed by this ruling. Following Heracle's statement Promoter Cates issued the following:

"I regret very much that complications that tend to mar one of the prettiest matches ever staged here arose at a critical time but I was and am powerless to change any decision that might be made. When the men went back on the mat I was under the impression they were going to finish the match as a one fall affair and that the winner of that fall would be the winner of the match. It appears, however, that I was mistaken. As a result of this I paid Hanson the door receipts. I have nothing to do with any disposition that may be made of this money. But I want to assure fans one thing: Nothing like this is ever going to happen again. I will take care of all imaginary blue laws in the future."

Hanson and Ellis meet again on the Academy mat Tuesday night of next week, February 1.

LOCAL NOTICE TO MARINERS

South Carolina—Beaufort river—Port Fremont wharf light moved January 15, 100 yards 84 degrees. The light is suspended from an arm on a white post on south side of wharf.

FT. LAUDERDALE HOST TO PARTY OF HARDING

President-Elect Plans Fishing Trip After Today

MIAMI, Fla., Jan. 28.—The houseboat Victoria on which President-elect Harding is cruising down the Florida coast, tied up tonight at Fort Lauderdale, about 30 miles above Miami, and is expected to complete her southward voyage to this port tomorrow. Miami is the southernmost point on the Victoria's schedule, but after a short stop here Mr. Harding will transfer to a faster boat for a trip to a fishing ground to the southwest. He will remain there in seclusion for several days before beginning his return cruise to St. Augustine.

In her sailing today through the tortuous passages of the lower Indian river the Victoria, halted several times by obstructions of the channel, had to wait several hours for the draw-bridge. With her arrival at Fort Lauderdale, however, her troubles were practically over, and she probably will dock here about noon tomorrow to put her distinguished guests ashore for a game of golf.

An elaborate reception originally was planned here for the President-elect and his party, but after consultation with him, officials of the local committee announced that his visit would be celebrated only by a display of flags and other patriotic emblems. It is now expected that tomorrow's call here will be more or less perfunctory, but Miami business men still hope that he will make a longer stop on his way back from his fishing trip.

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