

STEAMER TEXAS BLOWN UP

American Vessel Strikes Mine at Entrance to the Gulf of Smyrna and Is Wrecked.

140 LIVES ARE LOST WHEN CRAFT FOUNDERS

Passing Through Mined Field, She Deviated From the Course Indicated by Pilot Boat.

Smyrna, April 30.—The steamer Texas, belonging to the Archipelago American Steamship company, struck a mine at the entrance of the gulf of Smyrna last night and sank.

Constantinople, April 30.—Ninety passengers out of 156 aboard the Texas when she was blown up at the entrance of the Gulf of Smyrna last night were rescued, according to a report reaching here.

ISMAI DENIES ATTEMPT TO REINSURE TITANIC

Witness Indignant When Questioned on This Point by Senator Smith.

Washington, April 30.—The senate investigating into the Titanic disaster entered its final stages today. J. Bruce Ismay, managing director of the International Mercantile marine, owner of the Titanic, was recalled by Chairman Smith.

WOMAN ATTORNEY WAS IN BANKRUPTCY COURT

Mrs. A. M. Fry of Bryson City Seemed Familiar With Legal Technicalities.

The first woman lawyer ever appearing in a case in this city, so far as the members of the local bar can remember, is Mrs. A. M. Fry of Bryson City.

Although her duties were not very arduous in the case today, yet she showed herself to be "mistress" of the situation and won the admiration of the members of the Asheville bar who were present at the hearing.

Mrs. Fry read law for some time in the office of her business in Bryson City and then took a course at the University of North Carolina, where her ability was quickly recognized.

She took the examination to be admitted to the bar before the supreme court last fall and was among the number to receive a license.

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SURVEY OF STATE FROM THE CAPITAL

P. J. Oliver Elected Wake Democratic Chairman—Raleigh Waterless.

Gazette-News Bureau, The Hotel Raleigh, Raleigh, April 30. Percy J. Oliver, a prominent young lawyer of Apex and Raleigh, was yesterday afternoon elected chairman of the Wake county democratic executive committee.

Raleigh's water supply was entirely cut off yesterday afternoon as the result of the blowing out of a joint in the 14-inch main leading from the pumping station to the standpipe.

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ARE NOW VERY ANXIOUS TO SETTLE POLL TAXES

Estimated That 1200 Have Paid in Four Days, and Still They Come.

The explanation, of course, is that tomorrow is the last day when a man can pay his poll tax and be allowed to vote in the elections this fall.

Mr. Crowell says that some are apparently rising up out of the ground to pay their poll taxes as a great many have come into pay that have not before been listed.

SUES TITANIC OWNERS

Mrs. Louis Robbins, Widow of Wreck Victim, Files Action in Admiralty Court.

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FLOYD ALLEN PUT ON TRIAL

Jury Is Being Selected Which Will Determine Fate of Carroll Courthouse Assassin.

OVER 100 WITNESSES NOW AT WYTHEVILLE

Wife of Accused Man One of the Spectators—Prisoners Are Under Heavy Guard.

Wytheville, Va., April 30.—Floyd Allen was before the bar in circuit court here this morning to be tried for his life for the part he played in the Hillville courthouse tragedy on March 14.

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TAFT IS SNOWED UNDER IN HAYWOOD COUNTY

Roosevelt Almost Makes Clean Sweep in Primaries—News of Waynesville.

Waynesville, April 30.—J. H. Singleton, a Haywood farmer who was in town recently, said that last year he raised 254 bushels of corn on seven acres of land, using only four loads of stable manure.

Capt. J. H. Payne, who is supervisor of track laid on the Pigeon River and Sunburst railroad, spent Sunday with his family here.

G. N. Hanson has been given a position with the southern railway at Washington and will leave for that place May 1.

M. J. Owenby has leased the Bonny Castle for this year.

V. M. Curlee of the Washington Post staff is spending a few days here.

Harrison Clark and Oliver Davis of Deserham township have been lodged in jail for whiskey selling.

ROOSEVELT CLOSES MASS. CAMPAIGN

He and Taft Spend Busy Day Working for the Primary Vote.

Pittsfield, Mass., April 30.—"If you vote for Mr. Taft you vote for these men," said Colonel Roosevelt here last night after referring to Senators Lorimer, Penrose, Gallinger and Guggenheim.

At intervals the colonel received reports of the president's speeches and in the latter part of the day he entered upon a long distance debate by retorting to Mr. Taft's statements.

Colonel Roosevelt said the president had asserted that the colonel was stirring up class hatred.

Between speeches he found time to prepare a rejoinder to President Taft's statement in regard to the harvester trust case.

Mr. Taft in his speech today announced that he was trying to stir up class hatred and excite discontent.

On the contrary, I am advocating action which will be the most effective kind of antidote to class hatred.

It is not yet known whether any of the civil cases will be reached at this term.

It is almost certain that the case of the Kamwaha Hardwood company, which has been transferred by Clerk W. S. Hyams to the trial docket, will be heard at this term.

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MAY BREAK UP HARVESTER CO.

In Its Suit Today Government Asks That a Receiver Be Named.

18 MEN ARE NAMED RESPONSIBLE HEADS

Department of Justice Will Rush Case Against Great Corporation to the Highest Court.

St. Paul, Minn., April 30.—Suit against the International Harvester company charging it with being a monopoly in restraint of trade and asking that it be dissolved was filed by the government in the federal district court here today.

The petition in equity named seven corporations and 18 individuals as being the responsible heads of the \$140,000,000 Harvester corporation and sets forth charges that the defendants control the majority of trade in harvesting machinery in the United States.

It asks that a receiver be appointed. Washington, April 30.—The department of justice today announced that the anti-trust suit against the Harvester company will be expedited as much as possible.

Attorney General Wickens will file a certificate of expedition, which will have the effect of removing the case to the United States Circuit court of appeals for the eighth circuit.

U. S. DISTRICT COURT WILL CONVENE MONDAY

For Trial of Civil and Criminal Cases—May Continue for Two Weeks.

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HEARSE SHIP REACHES PORT

LOSS IS \$500,000 IN WINSTON BLAZE

Tobacco Warehouse of the R. J. Reynolds Company and Contents Burned.

Gazette-News Bureau, Greensboro, April 30. Three and a half million pounds of leaf tobacco were burned last night in Winston, when a large tobacco warehouse of the R. J. Reynolds company was destroyed.

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BIG THRONG ON DOCK TO IDENTIFY BODIES

Preparations Made for Removing Remains of Victims of Titanic Disaster From the Cablesheet.

Halifax, April 30.—While the city's church bells tolled and British flags fluttered at half mast, the cablesheet Mackay-Bennett steamed slowly into Halifax harbor this morning.

As soon as the ship was sighted down the harbor, canvas curtains shielding coffins and embalmers' tents on the pier were lowered.

Following the Mackay-Bennett's arrival it was announced that the total number of bodies aboard was 190.

Her own flag at half-mast the death ship docked slowly. The after deck was stacked with coffins and men with stretchers came aboard and the work of removal began quickly.

Among the bodies brought by the Mackay-Bennett is that of Isadora Strauss. The cablesheet searched 30 square miles near where the Titanic sank.

Relics of the Titanic dotted the sea over an area of 30 miles square.

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