WESTERN DEMOCRAT, CHARLOTTE, N. C.

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| buaning of a steamboat. <br> Most of our readers have already been informed of the burning of the steamer North Carolina on the Chesapeake Bay, between Norfolk and Baltimore, on the night of the 28 th of January. We copy the following particulars of the sad affair from our exchanges : |  |  |  | Eagle gives ent burning of | hope is deceitf |
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| The stearer had goten about 80 miles on hee in |  |  |  |  |  |
| way from nearly opposite the Potomac river, equi distant between the Virginia shore (Northumberland anty) and a small island lying in the Chesapeake |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Bay. The first alarum was given about hal-pasttwelve oclock, when most of the passengers had tretive to their births, little dreaming of danger.retired to |  |  |  |  |  |
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| retired to their births, little dre, leaving the inference that the fames were conmunicated by the解 |  |  |  |  |  |
| upsetting of a can of turpentine, which substance soon blazed out, setting the wood work on fire. The made to subdue the fire. |  |  |  |  |  |
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| The efforts which were made to subdue the fire, (under the direction of her able Commander, Capt. Jas. Cannon,) were found utterly futile, and the |  |  |  |  |  |
| (under the direction found utterly futile, and the boats, of which there were six, were lowered to the |  |  |  |  |  |
| water in safety, and the most of the passengers. there being twenty-nine, were safely embarked therein. Two persons were lost. One was the |  |  |  |  |  |
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| ure to the keen cold wind, which blew with great force. The survivors reached the s about in the |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Light Boat in safety, after wandering about in the fog for several hours and were subsequently taken off by the steamer Locust Point, and brought to Willoughby Point Sunday morning, where they |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Willoughby Point Sunday morning, where they were taken off by the steamer Georgia and brought up to Norfolk and Portsmouth. |  |  |  |  |  |
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| time the alarm was given until it was only a few were compelled The fire burnt towards the stern and very soon filled the upper saloon with dense |  |  |  |  |  |
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| and very soon filled the upper saloon with dense amoke and flame. It was not long before the only munication between fore and aft was through abin About twenty minutes after the |  |  |  |  |  |
| the lower eabin. About twenty minutes after the alarm the upper saloon coumenced falling in. What made it very fearful was, that those ${ }^{\circ}$ n the fore and aft of the deck could only communicate |  |  |  |  |  |
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| with each other by going down below, which it was very dangerous to do as the wood work around in the cabin was burning. |  |  |  |  |  |
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| the machinery in the lower cabin was burning: Captain Cannon acted nobly; after having stood |  |  |  |  |  |
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| and a light. He was the last to leave his burning vessel, and had almost to be forced into the boat |  |  |  |  |  |
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| The Captain lost $\$ 350$ in gold of his own money and all his wardrobe. His heroic conduct will never be forgotten. |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Purser Parks, after the fire broke out, regardless of personal safety did all in his power to save the |  |  |  |  |  |
| lives of the passengers, and inspire them with the courage he himself po.sessed. He gave his atten- <br>  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| of the ladies who had to leare their shoes and stockings in their retreat, and he was heard inquiring if all the ladies were safe when the boats bid farewell to the ill-fated steamer. |  |  |  |  |  |
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| The coolness and bravery of the Engincers contributed much to the miraculous escape of those on board. <br> Mri Chamberline, the agent of the Adams' Ex- |  |  |  |  |  |
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|  It was impossible to sare the mails. Mr Wil. |  |  |  |  |  |
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| son did s.l he could to render assistance to the pas-sengers. Uncle Sam need not complain for by a sengers.mere accident$\$ 200,000$ of Government funds which were to have been brought down in the |  |  |  |  | Will come forrarad dand avail themelves of the ent |
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| $\begin{gathered} \text { North Carolina, were detained } \\ \text { The Lest. } \end{gathered}$ <br> -Two uniortunate persons perished in the flames. |  |  |  |  |  |
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| tend the funeral of a member of his family. He had a state room (No. 17) very near where the fire broke out, and not being aroused by the noise, perished in the merciless flames. The passengerssay that be was an elderly gentleman of polished say that be was an elderly gentleman of polished |  |  |  |  |  |
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| manners and ay have caused him to sleep on in the midst of the fearful tragedy which was being enacted around him. A passenger informs us that |  |  |  |  |  |
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| when he last saw him he was reading his bible. The negro Steward who perished was named |  |  |  |  |  |
| Isaac Waters. He had retired for the night, and being tired and generally a sound sleeper, was overtaken by the flames and was doubtless smoth |  |  |  |  |  |
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| ered and burned. <br> A Thrilling Scene. |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Mr Crapon his wife and infant were sleeping in th:s part of the saloon. After the fire had made fearfol progress, and nearly every soul had left the aft |  |  |  |  |  |
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| of the boat, Mrs Capron awoke and aroused her husband. He jumped up and attempted to open the door of his state-room, the smoke and flames drove him back. |  |  | exceed 1000 copics of each volume, passed its 3 d reading. |  |  |
|  |  |  | Black and White.-We find in an exchange |  |  |
| With great self-possession he jumped out of the window and helped his babe (of 12 months) anh |  |  |  |  |  |
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| rier. Possessed for the time with extraordinary |  |  |  |  |  |
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| left on the hurricane seck and started olo lannchher, but found that she was fastened below. -Having left his coat in his room he had no knif, to cut the ropes, so he was obliged te them. The moments seemed like centuries. He at length succeeded in loosing the ropes and ascending, shovedthe boat in.to the water. As soon as she fell she filled and drifted under the guards. Not despairing of reaching the boat, he threw his child intothe water to keep from injuring it in the descen: and biding his wife to remain until he returued, he plunged after the child to put it in the boat. He had no sooner jumped in than his wife followed his example, in her fright not heuring hist rc-quest. He succeeded in reaching the boat with h's ehild, and placing it safely on board, he started to return to his wife, when he saw a female strugglingin the water to keep herself from drowning.in the water to keep herself from drownimanity prompted him to rescue her before returning for his wife whom he now. felt was safe. Judge o he resurprised her to be his wife who had followed bim |  |  |  |  |  |
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