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THIRTEEN HUNDRED LIVES LOST.

Largest Ship in World, Titanic, Crashes Into Iceberg and Goes Down With Cargo of Human Freight—Most Appalling Marine Disaster in History of the World.

The most appalling marine disaster in the history of the world occurred early Monday morning when the White Star Line steamer Titanic crashed into an iceberg off the Grand Banks of Newfoundland and went down with 1,302 of her passengers and crew. Most of the 868 persons who were placed in the ship's boats and were later rescued by the steamer Carpathia were women and children. Many persons of note, among them Major Archibald Butt, President Taft's military aide, and Col. John Jacob Astor, are among the missing. The Titanic was a floating palace, the largest and finest vessel afloat, built at a cost of \$10,000,000. She was on her maiden voyage from Liverpool to New York. The architect of the Titanic, in speaking of the disaster, said, "Everything that could reasonably be thought of was done . . . in regard to the arranging of the bulkheads and other details to minimize the risk of ordinary accidents", but the force of the collision with the iceberg was such that the seams of the hull and watertight compartments, constructed so that it was thought to be impossible to sink the ship, were opened and the ship sank about four hours after the collision, which occurred about 10:30 o'clock Sunday night. A searching investigation by the House of Congress into the sinking of the Titanic was provided in a resolution offered Tuesday.

The Titanic sunk in two miles of water. Among its passengers were millionaires whose combined wealth reached staggering figures; and she was carrying from London to New York an invoice of diamonds to the value of \$50,000,000.

SCHOOL FOR INDIANS.

Senator Simmons Secures Appropriation of \$25,000 for School for Indians at Pembroke—School Will be Maintained by Federal Government.

Washington Special, 17th, to Wilmington Star.—It remained for Senator Simmons, who has already secured millions of dollars in appropriations for North Carolina, to secure the first Indian appropriation for the State.

The senior Senator today secured an amendment to the Indian appropriation bill, appropriating \$25,000 for a school for the Indians of Robeson county to be located at Pembroke. The Indians now have a small school building which cost about \$2,500. The school will be under government control, and after being built will be maintained by the Federal government.

Delayed Honor Paid to John Paul Jones.

Washington, Dispatch, 17th.—The grim-visaged statue of John Paul Jones, the first great commander of the American navy, moulded to show him as he stood on the deck of the "Bon Homme Richard" in her terrible fight with the "Serapis" off the coast of England more than 120 years ago, was unveiled here today. After more than a century of apparent indifference, honor was paid to the memory of that Scotch-American who spread terror throughout England when she was mistress of the sea and taught the world that the 13 colonies had a right to a place among the nations.

On a "Dishrag-Limber."

Some young fellow, white, whose name has not been learned, was taken off the Seaboard east-bound passenger train here yesterday morning drunk. The fellow was on what might be called one of these "dishrag-limber" drunks. He was drunk some. Conductor Cullin Jones took the young man off the train and asked Dr. T. A. Norment, who was at the station, to take charge of him. The patient was soon restored to sobriety, and he made his departure at once for other parts.

ESCAPED CONVICT CAUGHT

Negro Arrested Here Two Weeks Ago Proves to be Alex. Gilmore, Sentenced to Penitentiary for 10 Years From Cumberland in 1898, and Who Escaped in 1905.

A one-armed negro who came to town two weeks ago with Downie & Wheeler's circus and who was arrested by Chief Redfern as he was trying to beat his way out of town with some shoes that had been stolen from a box car at the Seaboard station, giving his name as Archie McLean, proves to be none other than Alex. Gilmore, who escaped from the State penitentiary May 13, 1905, after serving from January, 1898, on a ten-year sentence from Cumberland county for burglary. The reward of \$50 offered for his capture will go to Chief of Police H. H. Redfern, who captured him and by a little detective work secured enough evidence to convince him that the negro was wanted somewhere for crime and got a confession. Chief Redfern learned that the negro joined the circus at Americus, Ga., and that there he secured a large number of hats which he sold to the showmen, and he wrote to the chief of police of Americus. When he got a reply to his letter Mr. Redfern told "McLean" that he knew about his theft at Americus and other things and the negro opened up and told all about himself, gave his right name, and that he escaped from the State penitentiary. He said that he was in Raleigh a few weeks ago and that he talked to the gatekeeper at the penitentiary and asked about some men he knew in the prison, but the keeper, who was the same man who was there when he escaped, did not recognize him, which he attributed to the fact that he had lost an arm since leaving the prison, in a wreck two years ago between Raleigh and Wilmington. A letter from the prison authorities to Chief Redfern confirmed Gilmore's statements. Deputy Warden G. C. Hayes, of the State penitentiary at Raleigh, arrived this morning for Gilmore and will take him to the penitentiary tonight.

BLOOMINGDALE BATCH.

Farming Week—Good School and Sunday School.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Bloomington, Apr. 15.—The farmers of this burg are almost ready to plant cotton and set out tobacco. Most of them have planted corn and some have replanted it.

The school at Bloomington this session was one of the best that has ever been taught here and the best since Prof. J. P. Price was principal. We hope that we will have our teachers again next year, if possible. The free school was out a week ago and one of the teachers left for her home last Monday, but Miss Mary E. Powell, the principal, is now teaching one more month.

Sunday our Sunday school collection was \$2.91 and the number present was 116. Just 12 months ago the collection was 80 cents less and the number present was a lot smaller than now. We have a pretty good Sunday school now.

Uncle Dock.

Appeal for Funds to Aid Flood Sufferers in Mississippi Valley.

Washington Dispatch, 17th.

An appeal on behalf of the Red Cross for funds to aid the flood sufferers in the Mississippi Valley was made to the public today by President Taft, who is President of the society. The President states that "conditions there are so acute as to require immediate resources far in excess of those now at command."

In the appeal for relief money, the President states that the condition of suffering and destitution in the districts inundated by the Mississippi have assumed an intensity and magnitude which demand prompt help. The 25,000 persons temporarily homeless and dependent, he says, will soon be threatened with epidemics unless prompt measures of protection are taken.

SOME COUNTY AFFAIRS.

County Physician and the Tax Refund—"It's None of the People's Business, But—"

To the Editor of The Robesonian:

In looking over the proceedings of our honorable board of county commissioners, session first Monday in April, I notice the name of Dr. B. W. Page appearing on the county payroll for \$208.33, to cover cost of service for the month of March as county physician; also a bill for \$32.50 for vaccine points for said "county doctor." These we suppose to be used on tramps, hobos and loafers, at the expense of the county. Wire nails should be used on the aforesaid bunch.

This county physician is another product of the county commissioners. A new county officer at the insignificant salary of \$2,500 per, and it is a well-known fact that the commissioners disregarded the tax-payers of Robeson county in creating this new office. We should like for the board to inform us, through The Robesonian, the specific duties of a county physician, and if it would not be asking too much (of course it is none of our business), would Dr. Page or the board, publish an itemized statement of what has been done, and where it has been done, to the amount of \$208.33 (vaccine points in stock) during the month of March or such as is covered by said \$208.33. Bearing in mind that Dr. Page is a servant of the people, we think it but fair that we should know whether the commissioners have made a good or bad investment for us. If the county expends \$208.33 each and every month for the service of a doctor and we do not get that amount of benefit, with a small margin for interest on our money, it seems to me—or, to be more definite, the commissioners have made a mistake. To come down to brass tacks and cold facts, "most of us common country folks" think we did not need a "county doctor," but of course the commissioners knew we did not know what we wanted.

I have tried to ascertain the sentiment of the tax-payers of this section. When approached on the subject some cuss—deacons and church members shake their heads and grit their teeth. Another little item could not help but notice. To be sure it does not amount to much—very insignificant—just a trifling matter. E. J. Britt, county attorney, fee in case of Frank Gough vs. county, \$100, and expenses in the case, \$15.17. It occurs to me, this case of Mr. Gough against the county originated from an excessive and illegal tax levy, especially on the poll, and I understand the county is now refunding 85 cents to all poll-tax payers that can show that they have paid \$2.85 for poll tax for 1911. It seems that the county is liable to have to make a refund on real and personal property taxes. I further understand that the commissioners fixed the tax-rate after the new appraisal in 1911. It seems that the board did not know any more about the constitution than the county attorney. I don't think the commissioners are at fault in this matter, but it does seem that with the counsel of an ex-Senator, some one has fallen down. Now to get into the nutshell shape: the county got sued; Mr. Britt, an able attorney, defended her; the county got "licked"; had to refund 85 cents on the poll and pay our county attorney \$115.17 to try to get her out of a hole that he was paid to keep her out of—as attorney to the commissioners. "It's a shame to take the money."

E. Wheeler Stone, McDonald, N. C., April 12, 1912.

[The Robesonian does not agree with Mr. Stone in what he says about the county superintendent of health. We believe that the creation of that office was a wise move and that it can be made of incalculable benefit to the people of the county. The vaccine points have been used to vaccinate many school children, and any citizen of the county who desires to be vaccinated may have the work done by Dr. Page free of charge; and if any "tramps, hobos and loafers" have been vaccinated, so much the better: it will keep them

RED SPRINGS BUDGET.

A Delightful Concert by Davidson Glee Club—Personal Mention.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Red Springs, Apr. 16.—Dr. R. D. McMillan has just returned from a professional trip to Baltimore.

The Davidson College glee club made our town a visit last weekend. This club is composed of 14 talented and musical young men who are students at Davidson. The boys arrived Saturday evening and were entertained by kind friends in town. Sunday morning the choir in the Presbyterian church was composed entirely of the glee club. On Monday evening they appeared on the stage of the college auditorium. The program was just long enough, divided into three parts, and was thoroughly enjoyed by the large audience gathered to hear it. The orchestra gave the opening number, "Spartacus Overture," which was fine. The glee club, composed of ten boys, was especially good. Their voices were true and strong and blended beautifully. The selection "The Mill" was greatly appreciated. The quartette then sang "De Coppalo Moon" and this was perfect, as the four good male voices could not make it otherwise. The leader of the orchestra, Mr. Bishop, gave two beautiful solos, first, "I love you," and also one with accompaniment by the orchestra, playing softly. Mr. Cartledge delighted the audience with a solo, and was called back and gave a catchy little encore. Space will not permit mention of all the numbers but the "Davidson Medley," of original composition, must not be omitted. This was a song full of college spirit and just to hear it made one feel as if he had a part in that active life. It was truly a stirring song, especially to the old students here, who felt as if they had again visited their alma mater. The climax to the evening's program was the selection "Beautiful Doll," played by the orchestra and the chorus was sung by the glee club. A perfect storm of applause followed this. At the close the Davidson and S. P. C. yells were given.

Dr. B. F. McMillan left Tuesday morning for Dunn to attend the meeting of Presbytery at that place. Rev. H. M. Dixon is also attending this.—Miss Zula Rankin, of Fayetteville, attended the concert at S. P. C. Monday night.—Dr. J. L. McMillan is spending this week in Philadelphia on professional business.—Mr. Will Townsend, a student at Chapel Hill, spent several days of last week here on a visit to his parents.—Mr. Gus McLean, of Lumberton, spent Sunday and Monday in Red Springs.—Mr. Cooper, of Fayetteville, spent Monday night in town, attending the concert at the college Monday evening.

A Runaway.

There was some excitement on Elm street yesterday afternoon between 4 and 5 o'clock when Dr. H. T. Pope's horse, hitched to a buggy and standing in front of the Pope drug store, became frightened at an automobile and ran away. There was no one in the buggy, and the horse ran up Elm to Seventh and thence across to Chestnut and down Chestnut to the court house square, where it was caught. The shafts were broken off the buggy, an axle bent and the top was damaged somewhat.

from spreading smallpox, and of course "tramps, hobos and loafers" are rather more prone to spread the disease than anybody else. The Robesonian would be glad to publish from Dr. Page or the commissioners a statement showing the work that has been done and what it is proposed to do, in order that Mr. Stone and others who doubt the wisdom of paying a salary of \$2,500 the year for this work may have a clear idea of its aims and purposes and the probable benefits to be derived. We are glad Mr. Stone brought this matter up. There should be no objection to turning the light of full and free discussion on this or any other question that has to do with the spending of the people's money. —Editor.]

CLEAN-UP DAYS.

April 23, 24 and 25 Set Apart by Mayor White—All Citizens Urged to Clean Up Their Premises and Make Lumberton a Town Sanitary and Beautiful.

I have set apart Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, April 23, 24 and 25, as Clean-up Days, and earnestly request every citizen of Lumberton to make this the greatest clean-up week Lumberton has ever seen. Clean up, pick up, rake up those yards, both front and back, examine every part of your premises for old rubbish, tin cans and other eye-sores. I appeal especially to the ladies to enter into the spirit of the occasion and do your part and do it well. If the city officials can help do not hesitate to call on them, as they will be only too glad to co-operate with you in any way possible. Let's get together and make Lumberton the most sanitary as well as the most beautiful town in North Carolina. The town will remove all trash placed on the streets on the above days.

A. E. White, Mayor.

A Distinguished Visitor Here.

James A. MacDonald, L. L. D., editor and proprietor of the Toronto Globe, the leading newspaper of Canada, spent yesterday in town, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. McLean. Dr. MacDonald is one of the most learned political economists in Canada, his paper being the leading organ of the party. It was largely through his efforts that President Taft negotiated the reciprocity pact with Canada, which was later rejected by the Canadian electorate.

Dr. MacDonald is an enthusiastic Scotchman, and visited Red Springs, Fayetteville and Lumberton in search of information concerning early Scottish settlers. His grandfather served under Cornwallis, in his campaign through this section of the Carolinas, during the Revolutionary War.

Dr. MacDonald goes today to New York, where he and W. J. Bryan will deliver addresses at the great Laymen's Convention.

Dr. McDonald came over from Red Springs with Miss Eloise McGill, publicity agent of the Presbyterian College; Miss Katie McNeill, daughter of Sheriff and Mrs. E. C. McNeill, who is a student at the college; and Mr. Chas. E. Zedaker, in Mr. Zedaker's automobile, and the party returned to Red Springs yesterday afternoon.

New Store Building Nearing Completion.

Mr. A. Weinstein's new store building, Elm and Fourth streets, is nearing completion and Mr. Weinstein says that he hopes to move into the store next month, probably about the first. Mr. Weinstein will occupy all of the first floor with his drygoods business and will rent all of the second floor, which is cut into 10 rooms, which will probably be used for offices. Dr. A. C. Tebeau has rented one of the two front rooms, with an adjoining room, and Mr. C. M. Barker has rented the other front room with an adjoining room. Mr. Barker will use his rooms as real estate offices. Mr. Weinstein is having the building fitted up with waterworks and it will be modern in every respect.

Preliminary Work on Elm Street Paving Begins.

The work of taking the necessary measurements, etc., for the paving work on Elm street, from the Seaboard tracks to Sixth street, began this morning, and a force of hands will be put to work breaking dirt tomorrow. The machinery has arrived and the work will be pushed to completion as soon as possible. It will take about 30 working days to complete the job. This is the beginning of perhaps the greatest improvement ever made in Lumberton. Mr. Robt. G. Lassiter of Oxford has the contract for the paving, which will be Bermudez asphalt.

For any pain, from top to toe, from any cause, apply Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil. Pain can't stay where it is used.

LOCAL BRIEFS

—Midling cotton today, 11 cents.

—License has been issued for the marriage of Louise Butler and H. E. Carter.

—Wilmington Star, 18th: Mr. F. C. Branch, of Lumberton, has taken a position as bookkeeper for the Cape Fear Oil Co.

—Mr. Chas. M. Prevatt returned this morning from Atlanta, Ga., where he spent a day or so purchasing stock.

—Mr. A. W. McLean will deliver a literary address before the literary societies of Antioch high school tomorrow evening.

—County Auditor and Mrs. A. T. Parmele returned yesterday morning from Richmond, Va., where in a hospital Mr. Parmele had been undergoing treatment for about two weeks. His condition has been greatly improved.

—Speaking about roads, good and bad, Mr. R. M. N. Stephens says that he saw a man go out of town one day this week with 10 bags of kaint on a one-mule wagon, indicating that he must have had a good road to travel over.

—Mr. A. W. McLean is having his handsome residence on Chestnut street repainted; and Mr. C. M. Fuller is also having his residence, Sixth and Chestnut streets, repainted, which is adding greatly to the appearance of these beautiful homes.

—The condition of Mr. S. A. Edmund, who was stricken with paralysis Sunday, his right side being affected, is considered somewhat better today. He will probably be confined at the Thompson hospital, where he was taken immediately after the stroke, for some time.

—Practically all of the merchants of the town have signed a petition agreeing to close their stores at 6 o'clock during the summer, beginning May 1st, for the benefit of their employees; and beginning on the same date the City and Lumberton barber shops have agreed to close at 7:30 o'clock p. m., Saturdays excepted.

—Mr. Howard McLarty, manager of the Lumberton drug store, returned Tuesday evening from Monroe, where he had been with home folks since Saturday. He had been sick for several days, which was the reason for his trip home. He returned very much improved.

—Rev. C. H. Durham, pastor of the First Baptist church, will preach the annual commencement sermon of the Lumber Bridge public high school at Lumber Bridge Sunday. The commencement exercises will continue through next Wednesday. At 11 o'clock Wednesday morning the literary address will be made by Prof. M. C. S. Noble, of the State University.

—The Lumberton Gun Club had a shoot yesterday afternoon at the club's grounds in North Lumberton. This is the first shoot the boys have had this season and they had with them yesterday Mr. Robins, representative of the Peters Cartridge Co., and Mr. Chandler, of the Smith Cottrell Co. At this meet Mr. R. H. Crichton, a member of the club, made the highest score, 23 out of 25.

—Rev. C. H. Durham, pastor of the First Baptist church, who will preach the annual commencement sermon of the Lumber Bridge high school at Lumber Bridge Sunday morning, will return in time to occupy his pulpit here Sunday evening, and his subject at this service will be "The Wreck of the Titanic." Some one will fill Mr. Durham's pulpit Sunday morning, though it is not not certain who it will be.

—Miss Lizzie Caldwell, who has been confined at her home, Eight and Water streets, for about two weeks on account of injuries sustained in a fall at R. D. Caldwell & Son's store, is not improving fast. About two weeks ago, while waiting on a customer, Miss Caldwell was tripped up by a rug on the floor and fell, but at the time did not think she was hurt much. The injuries sustained are not thought to be serious.