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FEARFUL DISASTER AT SEA.

THE STEAMSHIP RALEIGH DESTROYED BY FIRE. Several Lives Lost and Persons Missing.

From the Charleston Courier, of Friday, we gather the following particulars of the loss of the ill-fated steamer Raleigh:

One of those exciting events which sometimes occur on the ocean, and which make the landsman dread the sea, and which is in its character particularly fearful even to the distant, but which among those on the spot is a circumstance of peculiar horror, took place on Tuesday last, only a few miles from this harbor. The steamer Raleigh, a side wheel vessel of 858 tons, built at Greenpoint, Long Island, in 1865, left New York at 3 P. M. on Saturday last, under command of Capt. Charles P. Marshman, being destined for New Orleans, and having on board only a light cargo of general merchandise. The ship had about fifty-five souls all told, of which number some twenty were passengers, who were mostly in the steerage.

The voyage passed without any event of importance, until just before 12 o'clock midday on Tuesday, the 24th instant, when the alarm of the ship being on fire was generally given, causing some confusion and excitement. It was found to proceed from near the forward part of the boiler, and the combustion spread so rapidly that the ship's headway was not stopped, the smoke and flame forcing the engineers out of the engine room. The ship was placed in a position to the wind to lessen the progress of the fire, and the Captain, assisted by his officers, made the best arrangements the circumstances permitted to place the boats overboard, and have proper officers take charge of them.

The fearful progress of the destructive element prevented the carrying out of much that was ordered, and many persons jumped overboard, taking hold of such floating material as lay convenient, trusting to good fortune for succor. In this way Mr. C. W. Bartlett, Chief officer, and Mr. Gordon Young, second officer, floated about for some time on a hatchway, when they were finally picked up by one of the boats. Mr. McManvay, and his lady had much difficulty in reaching the boat, which finally saved them, and the latter in jumping from the gangway of the burning craft, got entangled in a projecting work on the side of the ship, and had a narrow escape from death. Other persons were in similar positions and have no doubt been drowned. Mrs. Bryant, a lady about 50 years of age, who was proceeding to Mobile, was drowned near the ship. The first boat that was lowered to the water was, in consequence of the head reaching of the ship and the action of the sea, capsized, and the ten persons who were in her are all thought to be drowned.

Thirty-one persons so far have arrived here from the ill-fated steamer, leaving about twenty-four missing. Of this number at least one-half are certainly drowned, and the safety of the remainder is extremely uncertain. As from most of the accounts the light arising from the burning steamer disappeared about ten or eleven o'clock on Tuesday night, their only chance would be to cling to some floating timber until the next day, when, being in the track of vessels going North or South, they might be rescued. Captain Marshman was last seen on the guards after much of the interior of the ship had been destroyed, but it is hoped that at the last moment he may have secured a hold on some floating object from which he may be rescued.

A Singular Case. The wife of Mark Goodwin, who lived at the time about five miles from Spartanburg Court-house, S. C., disappeared about five years ago and has not since been heard from. The bones of a woman have recently been found in a gully, about seventy-five yards from the house where Mark and his wife lived, and Mark has been arrested and put in jail, on a charge of having murdered his wife.

Taxation in the South. The time to which the collection of the direct tax in the Southern States was delayed expires on January 1st, but Secretary McCulloch, in answer to appeals from the South to protect them from taxation, has, it is said, responded that he does not intend to collect, unless forced to do so by Congress, and that he will appoint no collectors for that purpose.

An Aged Woman Arrested on the Charge of Murder.

The Newark (N. J.) Courier of Monday evening.

Sheriff Ward, of Sussex county, proceeded to a point on Sparta mountain, near the village of Sparta, this forenoon, and arrested and conveyed to the New York jail an aged widow woman named Lozier, on a charge of having murdered a girl twelve years of age, who had been in her employ as a servant.

It appears that about two weeks since the girl was missed by the immediate neighbors of Mrs. Lozier, and they, knowing her violent temper at once suspected something wrong. On being questioned as to the whereabouts of the girl she gave conflicting statements, telling some that "the Lord had taken her away," and others that "some rogues had persuaded her off." These improbable stories served to augment the suspicions already entertained in regard to the matter, and yesterday it was said, such facts were brought to light as warranted an investigation of the premises occupied by Mrs. Lozier, and her arrest to-day upon the serious charge of murder. It was rumored in Newton this morning that the body of the girl had been found buried in the cellar of Mrs. Lozier's house, where it is believed to have been secreted by the murderer.

The woman, who is over sixty years of age, is said to have shown but little emotion when taken into custody, and accompanied Sheriff Ward without difficulty.

A Terrible Affray.

A most shocking and heart-rending affray occurred in the usually quiet village of Yorkville on Christmas eve night, in which one young gentleman named Smith was instantly killed and another named Snyder mortally wounded by a person named Jones. It seems that at a ball given in the village, and which was attended by the most respectable and esteemed citizens of the place, a difficulty occurred between Mr. Jones and Smith and Snyder, in which Smith had his throat cut from ear to ear, dying instantly, and Snyder was mortally wounded.

We learn that Jones has given himself up and was lodged in jail.

We have heard one or two versions of the cause of the difficulty, and as they seem to be conflicting, we refrain from entering into any particulars, as the matter will be duly investigated. —Charlotte Bulletin.

Vesuvius.

Dispatches received from Naples at London, on the 24th, mention that the eruption of Mount Vesuvius is continually increasing in power and splendor. Immense sheets of white, yellow and crimson flame arise hundreds of feet above the crater, and at night the Bay of Naples is lighted up for miles. Lava is pouring down the mountain-side in immense quantities, and large stones are occasionally thrown out from the mouth of the volcano. A deep rumble, like reverberating thunder, is heard from time to time as in the bowels of the earth, and many of the people in the vicinity have left their homes, fearing an earthquake or other calamity. No such eruption has probably occurred in Vesuvius for centuries, and the spectacle is regarded as one of the most magnificent and sublime ever witnessed in Nature.

Curious.

A correspondent of the New York Times, speaking of the visitors to the Georgia Negro Convention, says: "They sought and pointed out the negro delegates as objects of special curiosity; and one individual, from South Carolina, after looking at the body of the house, asking the names of all the colored delegates and witnessing the proceedings for a few minutes, remarked as he went out: 'It does seem mighty odd, don't it, to see men sitting in a Convention in Georgia, both ends of whose hair grow in their head?'"

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