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STORM HORRORS IN NEW ENGLAND

Wreck of Schooner Davis Palmer Discovered Near Home Port.

12 MEN IN WATERY GRAVE

They Were Last Seen Celebrating Christmas at Sea—Other Wrecks Reported—Another Tidal Wave at Chelsea, Mass.

Boston, Mass., Dec. 28.—The wreck of the five masted schooner Davis Palmer was located today just outside of Devil's Back buoy, north of Commissioner's Ledge, at the entrance to Broad Sound, Boston harbor. The big vessel lies submerged, but the mastsheads project from the water. It is thought that the Palmer touched a shoal spot early Sunday morning, the seas during the terrific storm sweeping the decks clear and carrying the crew of twelve men to their death. The Palmer was bound from Newport News for this city with a cargo of coal and carried a crew of twelve men. The vessel lies in the channel and is a dangerous menace to other vessels. The loss of the Palmer became known yesterday when wreckage bearing her name was found on Pull Beach.

The probability of further loss of life in the recent storm became apparent this afternoon when Captain Kemp, of the tug Ariel, arrived with the report that he sighted the three top masts of a large schooner which lies one and a half miles northeast of the Gas Buoy on the Graves Ledges in the outer harbor. Nothing was seen by which the vessel could be identified.

Another Wreck Reported.

Boston, Mass., Dec. 28.—The discovery today of the wreck of the five masted schooner Davis Palmer, which sank with 12 men Sunday morning at the entrance of Broad Sound was followed by the reports of another wreck in the outer harbor. This second victim of the great storm, which swept New England Saturday night and Sunday was reported by Captain Kemp, of the tug Ariel, who asserts that he saw three masts of a schooner projecting above the water near the shoals known as the "Graves."

Although Capt. Kemp locates the vessel three miles east of the wreck of the Palmer some marine authorities think that he may have been mistaken in his bearings and that he saw the Palmer's masts.

DAYS' DOINGS IN RALEIGH

Young Man Ill in Cuba—Increase of Illicit Distilling—New Charters Granted—Course in Road Building.

(Special Star Correspondence.) Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 28.—A cable gram to the family here this morning from Havana, Cuba, is to the effect that Hubert C. Thompson has so far rallied from an operation for appendicitis in the Cuban capital as to be considered out of danger. His condition had been critical several days. He is a son of John W. Thompson, of this city, one of the State's best known men, and is in Cuba representing The Henry Clay & Bock Tobacco Co.

For the United States District Court which will be convened here January 4th by Judge H. G. Connor, there are now 107 entirely new cases awaiting trial, about 100 of the number being cases in which illicit distilling or selling whiskey without a license is charged. Revenue officers say that the increase in illicit distilling in all parts of the State is remarkable. The time and they can't anything like keep up with the reports of the whereabouts of blockade stills that are coming in to the officers. It is said that the department is up against the necessity of increasing the raiding forces.

An amendment for the charter of the Robeson Supply Co., Tarboro, changes the name to The Robeson Ruffin Co. George Howard is president. The Davis Drug Co., Concord, received a charter today, capital \$10,000 by L. A. Brown, Ernest Porter and others.

Two requisitions from Governors of other States were honored today by Governor Kitchin. They were for Alfred Ramsey, wanted in South Carolina, for breaking into a freight car now in jail at Dallas, N. C.; and I. C. Parrott, escaped from a sentence in Tennessee for felonious assault, now in jail at Asheville.

Early in the new year there will be held a meeting of the executive committee of the North Carolina State Fair at which the full reports of Secretary Joseph E. Fogue and Treasurer S. L. Rottler will be presented and a final determination probably reached as to whether there is to be a two weeks exposition for 1910 in celebration of the semi-centennial of the State Fair.

The final arrangements have been made for the practical course in road building to be provided in connection with the Winter Course for farmers at the A. & M. College, the road building course to continue for two weeks beginning January 13th. It will be held under the direction of Prof. W. C. Riddick, of the chair of civil engineering, and W. L. Spoon, State road engineer. The course is to cover location of roads, drainage, width and grade, surfacing, repairing, road drains and the general economic problem of building and caring for roads. There is to be no charge made for the instructions given in this course and the effort will be to induce road supervisors, overseers, county commissioners and others interested in road building to attend from all sections of the State.

Fifteen cases for drunkenness in the police Justice's court this morning, coming over from Christmas. Judgment was suspended by Justice Stenach in all except one case. In that a fine of \$5 was imposed because the fellow, not content with imbibing too freely, carried his excessive celebration into his home where he destroyed the furniture and children by breaking up furniture and making a "scene" in other ways. Justice Stenach announced that beginning January 1st no prisoner arraigned for drunkenness will get off with less than a \$5 fine.

ONCE WANTED DEAD OR ALIVE

Strange Career of New Senator Just Appointed From Mississippi.

LINCOLN MURDER CONSPIRACY

Federal Government Suspected Senator Gordon and Offered Reward of \$10,000 for His Capture. Was Saved by Yankee

Memphis, Tenn., Dec. 28.—The News-Scimitar today says:
"Sought at one time by the federal authorities under a \$10,000 reward for his capture dead or alive, for his alleged part in the conspiracy that resulted in the murder of a President of the United States, and now appointed as a member of the highest executive body of that country, is the strange experience of Colonel James Gordon, of Okolona, Miss., who has been named Senator by Governor Noel, of Mississippi, as a successor to the late Senator A. J. McLaurin.

"Colonel Gordon was one of several Confederate leaders suspected of being in conspiracy with J. Wilkes Booth to kill President Abraham Lincoln. He escaped arrest and probably death, only by the intervention of a Yankee Yankee colonel with whom he had crossed swords in a fight in Virginia.

BAD FOR TWO RACES TOGETHER.

One Communicates Its Diseases to Other—Tuberculosis and Hookworm.

Boston, Mass., Dec. 28.—"It is an unnatural biological condition to have two closely allied species of animals living side by side in the same area," said Dr. Charles W. Stiles, of the United States Public Health Service, at the Hospital Service, in an address on the hookworm problem before the American society for the advancement of science tonight.

WEST VIRGINIA'S OBLIGATIONS.

Old Dominion is Suing Her for \$50,000,000.

New York, Dec. 28.—An argument bristling with ante bellum history and later incidents of the Civil War in Virginia and West Virginia, involving a claim of \$50,000,000 on behalf of the State against the latter State was heard today before Charles E. Littlefield, as special master in equity of the United States Supreme Court.

GRAFT OUR NATION'S BANE

Startling Declaration of Supreme Court Justice of New York—Forty Per Cent. of Public Money is Stolen.

Troy, N. Y., Dec. 28.—"The age of patriotism has yielded to the age of commercialism. Upmost in the human mind today is not the Stars and Stripes, but the dollar mark."

"It is greatly to be regretted that no public enterprise can be projected and consummated without this appalling loss, called 'graft.' Graft is not necessarily an illegal expenditure of money, but it is that unnecessary, wasteful use which characterizes the construction of every public welfare.

CAUSE OF AURORA BOREALIS.

Vanderbilt Professor Claims to Have Made New Discovery.

Boston, Mass., Dec. 28.—Neon, a newly discovered gas, is the cause of the aurora borealis, according to a statement made today by Dr. W. L. Dudley, head of the department of chemistry of Vanderbilt University, of Nashville, Tenn., before the division of physical and inorganic chemists.

OUTLINES.

The Memphis News-Scimitar publishes the curious story that the Federal government once offered a reward of \$10,000, dead or alive, for Col. James Gordon, just appointed United States Senator from Mississippi, because of an alleged connection with the conspiracy to assassinate President Lincoln. Gordon was saved by a Yankee colonel with whom he had crossed swords.

TWO OF VICTIMS ARE DEAD.

Georgian Who Shot Wife and Her Mother Will Die.

Macon, Ga., Dec. 28.—Mrs. Martha Exum who was shot by her son-in-law Edward B. Alfred last night, died today, the bullet which entered the neck, resulting in complete paralysis of the body. This is the second death resulting from injuries inflicted by Alfred, his wife having been shot and almost killed at the time he shot Mrs. Exum and himself. Doctors tonight gave out the statement that Alfred's deputy sheriff who has guarded him since he was sent to the hospital was relieved from duty this afternoon the surgeons stating that death would be the law from its cause.

THE EDUCATORS IN CHARLOTTE

Southern Educational Association Begins Interesting Session.

N. CAROLINA'S FINE RECORD

During Year School House Has Been Built for Every Day in State—Prominent Educators Talk. President Eliot.

Charlotte, N. C., Dec. 28.—The Southern Educational Association convened in its initial session in Charlotte today. Although the attendance at the preliminary exercises was rather meagre, the numbers of visitors increased rapidly with the passing of the hours. Addresses were delivered morning and evening in the auditorium of the Presbyterian College.

STOCK EXCHANGE SCANDAL.

Committee Investigating Suspicious Deal in Rock Island.

New York, Dec. 28.—Without delay, the Stock Exchange committee today began its investigation into the causes which sent Rock Island common stock soaring for an advance of 30 points yesterday and then dropped the stock back again to its starting point, causing a squeeze of the shorts.

ICE GORGE AT PITTSBURG.

River Traffic Tied Up at Pittsburgh and Navigation Closed.

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 28.—With tons upon tons of ice piled high against the piers of bridges spanning the Ohio river here and at points below, Pittsburgh traffic has been entirely abandoned and rivermen are preparing to cope with one of the worst ice packs ever experienced in the local harbor.

JERSEY CORPORATION BANKRUPT

Receiver Appointed for Southern Public Service Corporation.

Camden, N. J., Dec. 28.—Vice Chancellor Leaming today appointed James Calloway, of Atlantic City, receiver of the Southern Public Service Corporation, incorporated under the laws of New Jersey to build railroads in South Carolina and Georgia. The company is capitalized at \$1,500,000. The receiver was appointed upon application of Ludwig & Co., an engineering concern, which claims that the company is insolvent.

BAD DAY FOR W. G. BROKAW

Divorce Trial Getting Next to Him. Wife's Counsel Wring From Him Some Racy Facts—Was Awfully Jealous.

New York, Dec. 28.—W. Gould Brokaw had a bad day of it on the stand at Mineola, L. I., today. He had previously testified of his attitude of fairness toward his wife, who is suing for separation with alimony of \$60,000 a year, but today under skillful cross-examination by her lawyer, he was forced to admit that he had accused her in a letter to his mother-in-law of loving another man, drinking too much port wine and of smoking cigarettes. He also admitted that his secretary, Byford, had assisted him in breaking down the door of his wife's bedroom on one occasion.

Brokaw was in an irritable mood and forgetful of details. The pretty plaintiff, however, was in as light humor as her husband was dark.

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RANK VANDALISM IN NEW YORK.

Madison Square Garden to Be Demolished—Will Spoil Horse Show.

New York, Dec. 28.—Madison Square Garden erected at a cost of \$3,000,000 has been sold to a real estate syndicate and will be torn down and replaced by a modern office building, according to a report in reality circles today. The property has been on the market for some time at \$5,000,000. Demolition of the Madison Square Garden would mean a serious loss to the National Horse Show, where the event is held annually.

THE YEAR 1910.

With the beginning of the year 1910 The People's Savings Bank at Front and Princess streets, begins a New Interest Quarter. If you make your deposits with this bank now (The "People's" Bank) you will receive credit for your interest in Three Months, (April 1st.) de 28-31

PEACE PROPOSAL IN NICARAGUA

Revolutionary Leader Will Not Accept Proposition of President Madriz.

MADRIZ WILL FIGHT ESTRADA

Believed That New President's Intentions Are to Trick Revolutionists. American Warships Relieve Starving Soldiers.

Cordoba, Mexico, Dec. 28.—Jose Santos Zelaya declared tonight that he is still president of Nicaragua, although he may never go back to that country to enjoy the privileges of the office. Madriz, he asserted, is only a provisional president and that he (Zelaya) has not relinquished the executive office.

Asked about the conditions imposed by the British government in reply to his request for asylum aboard the British cruiser Sherwater, Zelaya admitted that he was told he could board her only with the understanding that he was to agree to leave Nicaragua forever. These conditions, he said, he declined to accept.

YELAYA NOT PRISONER.

Cordoba, Mexico, Dec. 28.—Jose Santos Zelaya denied tonight that he was a prisoner in the hands of the Mexican officials in any sense of the word. He stated emphatically that such was not the case and that he was free to go where he chose.

He said he believed Secretary Knox was now realizing the injustice of his attitude toward him and that he had never understood why the Secretary should have molested him.