

LESSONS FROM THE GREAT WRECK

Two Strong Sermons Delivered

SOME IMPORTANT LESSONS WERE OUTLINED

Rev. Dr. White at the Presbyterian and Rev. H. C. Moore at First Baptist—Lazhe Congregation Present at Both Churches—Remarks Made Strong Impression.

Lessons from the recent great disaster of the Titanic were given to two congregations Sunday in Raleigh churches and the remarks by the preachers made a strong impression on those who were present.

Rev. Dr. White's remarks in part were as follows: "Suppose ye that the Gallileans were sincere above all Gallileans, because they suffered such things; I tell you nay, but except ye repent ye shall all likewise perish."

"That was the Lord's comment concerning two catastrophes in which many met a sudden and violent death. It gives us a cue to a right understanding of such events. It is hard for us to interpret an occurrence like this, and rather dangerous to attempt it. We are not now in position to know or to say what were God's intentions in it."

The pastor then outlined four lessons we may learn from this wreck that has shocked the world, looking as some of these lessons that we must learn not to impugn the goodness of God; the magnitude of God's greatness and man's littleness; good out of evil and the lesson given by the Lord, himself.

"Last Sunday," the pastor concluded, "while husbands and wives, fathers and children were being rent apart in anguish and agony unpeakable, you were sleeping sweetly and comfortably in your bed, when morning dawned a poor woman and children were suffering and shivering and perishing in the icy Atlantic, and you rose up in peace and health and comfort, and another whole week had been added to your unprofitable life."

At First Baptist Church, Rev. Hight C. Moore, who occupied the pulpit at this church in the absence of the pastor, spoke on the subject, "The Message of Misfortune," and pictured indeed some great lessons.

He began his remarks with a brief history of the existence of the Titanic from the time it left the dock on Wednesday, April 10th, until it struck the iceberg Sunday night, sinking in less than three hours and carrying to death over 1,500 souls and many millions of treasure.

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ness the cities of Sodom, Samaria, Babylon, Nineveh, Jerusalem. But this is not always the case. For suffering may be preventive as well as punitive; it may be reformatory as well as retributive; it may be an opportunity rather than a calamity. Job's three friends prodded him with the uncomfortable doctrine that some sin he had committed was responsible for his suffering while he at the time an outcast on the ash-heap, protested his integrity. The laws that the turbulent Gallileans whom Pilate slew at Passover in the very precincts of the Temple mingling their blood with that of their sacrifices, must have been greater sinners than any others resident in the city or attending the feast. And they also said the same of the eighteen workmen upon whom the tower of Siloam fell as they were repairing or erecting it. But Jesus, in the presence of these disasters, removed discussion from the sphere of the speculative to the practical, and declared: "I tell you nay, but except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish!"

So this awful calamity may or not be traceable to some perversity or iniquity in those who suffered in the city or on the shore when the Titanic went down. But beyond a question it was on the divine side shot through with moral purpose and out of it our human side wholesome lessons should be learned. Otherwise, our interest in it degenerates into merely viewing unconcernedly a scene on the stage or seeing without emotion a moving picture thrown on the screen. Or, on the other hand, worse, it voices into the realm of stark stoicism or black despair.

So misfortune always means a message to men. It is the finger of God pointing upward. It is the handwriting on the shore when the Titanic sank of stone to instruct, and sometimes upon festal walls to pass sentence. It is the oral word of Jehovah speaking to us now in tones of thunder and now in the still small voice.

Let us, then, interpret the fate of the Titanic and think of the moral mission of this sunken monarch of the sea.

SEVERAL ENTERPRISES

Wadesboro to Have Electric Railway; Other Charters Issued Yesterday.

The following charters were issued yesterday: Wadesboro Street Railway Company; to manufacture street railway cars, railroad cars, automobiles, etc., to manufacture power for lighting and manufacturing purposes and to operate street railways, etc.; authorized capital \$125,000 with \$25,000 subscribed for by Charles E. Johnson, Raleigh, and Jas. A. Hardison, Thomas F. Jones, B. T. Bennett, Jr., H. W. Little, U. B. Black, F. M. Hightower, Fred J. Cox, C. W. Thomas and R. B. Medley.

Blood Brothers Company, of Southport, Brunswick county, general merchandise; authorized capital \$25,000, with \$10,000 subscribed for by R. C. Hood, of Greensboro, and E. Hood and E. B. Northrop, of Southport.

Sanford Commercial Club, of Sanford, to operate and conduct a social and literary club; the corporation has no capital stock and the incorporators are E. A. Griffin, R. M. Jones, W. H. Beck, W. A. Monroe, and K. R. Hovey.

Citizens Bank of Highlands, of Highlands county; authorized capital \$20,000, with \$10,000 paid in by J. E. Hood, W. H. Venters, G. B. Whitfield and others.

The Wadesboro Manufacturing Company, of High Point, changes its name to the Oliver Company. George Perry is president and O. Arthur Kirkman is secretary.

The South Carolina National and Provident Association, of Spartanburg, filed an amendment to its charter.

Weather Bureau Bulletin. Washington, D. C., April 22.—The indications are that during the coming week temperatures will average above the normal in the Southern and Eastern States and near or below the normal with frosts over the Middle West. The Rocky Mountain and plateau regions. The weather during the week will be unsettled with well distributed precipitation over the greater part of the country. A disturbance and its associated weather system will sweep over the Western States Tuesday. It will cause general rains the first part of the week in the region west of the Mississippi. A disturbance will sweep over the Western States Tuesday. It will cause general rains the first part of the week in the region west of the Mississippi.

pointee of Governor Kitchin, and a great friend of his. Assisting him in the presentation of the plaintiffs' case was Mr. A. P. Kitchin, brother of the Governor, and they were further assisted by Messrs. Hinshaw & Hinshaw and Armstrong and W. B. Jones, of the local bar. These attorneys are closely identified with the Kitchin candidacy for the Senate, and there was not a man who observed the situation who did not comment upon it. Governor Kitchin has no more zealous supporter than Captain Hinshaw, the representative of the

Another striking figure in the case is Captain Rhyne. The gentleman is as handsome as General Lee and has been many times pointed out as the Confederate chieftain's double. He was an illuminating witness and as his testimony was given there was but little else to follow.

Judge Brazor then took the matter under advisement. He did not find any disagreement in matter of fact, and it is now one of law. It wasn't a thing, therefore, for the jury and it was excused without doing the telegraph company a wrong. Judge Brazor will probably give his opinion today.

Many Compromises. The number of compromises was large. There were no big cases. The case against the Norfolk Southern, brought by L. M. Oden, was compromised, but there was a condition that the defendant would not be compelled to pay the witness fees of the plaintiff, though the Norfolk Southern was non-suited.

R. D. Godwin against the Bryant Lumber Company, had a non-suit, but Jake Dorsett against the two telegraph companies were compromised so far as the Postal was concerned, the costs being paid and no witness fees charged up to it.

For Mary Bryant, C. A. Sparks, administrator, compromised a case against the Carolina Power and Light Company, with \$250 as the verdict, the costs added to it.

Leo D. Heart, administrator, against the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company for \$693.82. G. Chamblee vs. W. G. Moss & Company received a judgment for costs and in the case against J. M. Eddins, the plaintiff paid the costs of \$15.55.

On the day and there was nothing else to do. It is hoped to do as well today. There has been a change in some matters. Instead of the cases that were to have been tried against the city, the chief and Mayor J. B. Wynne being called the second week of this term, they will not be tried until the special term. There is no great case to be heard this week.

HEAVY DOCKET POLICE COURT Judge Watson Yesterday Handed Sixteen Drunks, Fourteen of Which Were White Men; Great Preponderance of the Drinking is on the White Side

In Judge Watson's court yesterday, there sat the biggest number of spectators who have yet faced the trial justice in the new courtroom. It was full and there was a heavy percentage of defendants. They had also been full most of them.

A most imposing and disgraceful lot of drunks and disorderlies was that yesterday. It was the heaviest lot made in a long time. In the great art of getting drunk, the whites are showing marvelous superiority. They have been outdoing the blacks in respect many weeks. The black man is a great imitator, but he appears to have wearied in the undertaking. Either he is becoming too poor to patronize the local blind bar, or is too poor to buy from Richmond, or he is gradually quitting. The black man doesn't fill that court docket like the whites one does.

Sometimes ago several job lots of these desperats were retained in a group of 15. It was a white, 5 were black. Again an accumulated jag of seventeen found 11 whites, 4 blacks. Of a lot of 25 drunks turned in one portion of a month, 17 were white. Yesterday's court of 17 drunks found 15 of the white race. Not a few of these were whizzing Sunday instead of going to church or staying at home.

There is no explanation for it. The native temperance people declare that they are receiving notice from the drinkers and the sellers that they are going to keep up their work. Judge Watson finds the offenders but they nearly always come up and pay the money. Many are diligent, but the great bulk appears to be a swarting body. And there are several charges of retailing in this

Judge Watson let off Charles Jackson, an old man who said that he is a Confederate soldier and has been at the Soldiers Home, though voluntarily leaving when he could work. The old man declared that this was the first time that he had been arrested. He was charged with being drunk and with using profane language. Judge Watson will result in a fine and costs.

That case was against Sherwood (col.), who was charged with being drunk and with using profane language. He also pleaded guilty and asked for a continuance and it was given him. He also pleaded not guilty to being drunk and using profane language. Judge Watson will result in a fine and costs in each

George Fleming, white, Foy Wilson, white, John Thaxton, white, William Barber, white, all of whom were disposed of as fast as Judge Watson could say "55 and costs." Each time the crowd laughed. Judge Watson said: "If you are laughing get out of here with you and teach you how it feels to laugh on the wrong side of your mouth at another's misfortune." It stopped.

case and there was somebody "to stand for that. Higgs might have escaped had his victim been brought in. The description of his face convicted him.

James Hardy, white, was taxed 1 and costs for the same. Higgs is a H. Turber and Harry Lassiter were called and failed, both forfeiting their bonds. Judge Watson ordered their arrest and told the chief to put Turner under a \$100 bond to insure his trial. Ed. Abrams, white, took \$5 and costs as punishment for being drunk.

Elmore Gill was up for being drunk and disorderly and carrying concealed weapons. The fact that in his favor. He made no effort to conceal the big gun, he seemed to want to show it and use it. Judge Watson took the view that there was no effort to conceal the weapon and fined him \$5 and costs in the two cases.

Attorney Charles U. Harris helped his client materially by proving that Gill is sometimes drunk and sometimes half drunk. And when at his best, Gill gives oceans of trouble to the officers.

Ed Emery paid \$5 and costs for being drunk and H. T. Lee was taxed the same for the identical offense. He was bound over in a bond of \$100 on a charge of retailing. J. C. Lassiter was given \$5 and the trappings for being drunk.

DeWitt Hunter was not tried for larceny but the case was continued. Besides his case that of Robert Kelley and Will Wilson did not come up for trial though they were there. Several cases are to be heard this afternoon and there will be another busy court.

The first few months of Judge Watson's court saw a notable decrease in the drunks. People congratulated him upon it. He went vigorously after this species of outlawry and indecency. Particularly did he shorten the Monday matinee performance. He will doubtless find a way to break up some of this wholesale housing.

Many people, not in sympathy with prohibition, except as it applies to law obedience, believe that the way to stop it is to bear down upon repeated offenders. A small fine first, a heavy one next, a still heavier one the third and finally a road sentence. That it will work, is not to be doubted.

PURE NAME SOCIETY. Organized in Clayton to Prevent Gossip and Scandal.

(Special to News and Observer.) Clayton, N. C., April 22.—The members of the Saint Joseph's Catholic Church at Clayton, on April 21st met and organized a society to prevent gossip and scandal among its members. The organization is to be called "The Pure Name Society." Every member talking gossip and scandal that detracts from another's good name is to be fined five cents for each offense and made to retract or apologize for same to parties offended. If a pure word cannot be spoken for a person then keep silent, is enforced.

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THE CALENDAR ON OPENING DAY

First Lot of Cases Go Off; Action Against the State Prison Was Heard Yesterday; Interesting Line Up of the Attorneys and Plaintiffs and Defendants

The best start made in many a court moon was that of yesterday when Judge Stephen C. Brazor cleared the civil calendar for the first day and had a few minutes to rest at the close of the day.

A large number of compromises went to record and not a few were made non-suits. These are not necessarily off. They can come again and make new places on the docket. It to have clear bill of health the first day is luck, especially in the light of the time taken up in the first case.

This was an action against the North Carolina State Prison, wherein H. Hoffman and brother ask for damages of \$54,15 in shipment of peanuts. The facts are brief. The Hoffman brothers had bargained for 10,000 bushels of peanuts raised on the State farm. They were to be sold for \$12,500 and had been paid for. They could not handle them white they asked for them, and the prison farm management was asked to store them until the time of delivery. In the meantime, Capt. J. J. Laughlin, boss was asked for 400 bushels to be delivered at a certain hour to train at a certain place. The peanuts went, the train was not there. Half came up and injured the peanuts. The Hoffmans set up a claim, and it was resisted.

The Legal Line-up. The case presented about the most interesting legal and political lineup that has been seen in a long time. This action was begun sometime ago. Capt. J. J. Laughlin, superintendent of the State Prison, and his case in the hands of Aycock & Winston, the lamented Governor Aycock then being a formidable candidate for the United States Senate. Assisting was Mr. T. H. Calver, then Corporation Commissioner E. L. Travis, an ap-

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