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MANY ARE MISSING

Boats Crash in the Dark and One is Lost

THIRTY NINE DROWNED

There Were Fifty-Six Persons on the Steamer—Eleven of Whom Made the Shore—Darkness and Fog Responsible for the Disaster.

London, Dec. 8.—The British steamer Hook rammed and sank the British steamer Blackburn off Sheringham today, and 39 persons are reported to be missing.

The Blackburn went down so quick that practically all on board were forced to jump.

There were 56 persons aboard the Hook, 19 of whom are still unaccounted for.

The first report said that the steamer rescued were picked up by the Hook but later advice say that they landed at Yarmouth in the Blackburn's boats and that the captain of the steamer was among them.

There were 23 passengers and 27 officers and crew.

Sheringham is a coast town in Norfolk. According to word received from there this morning, the collision occurred in the darkness.

Both were going at a fair speed. A high sea was running at the time. The rescued passengers told the thrilling accounts of the disaster.

Practically all the passengers were asleep in their berths when they were aroused by a jarring grinding noise.

The Blackburn rammed and began to settle immediately. The officers of the sinking ship displayed great heroism. Members of the crew were sent along the staterooms arousing the occupants.

The women on board displayed stoical bravery. None of the passengers had time to dress fully and all of the rescued were suffering from exposure when the boats reached the beach.

Members of the crew of the Blackburn declared that all of the boats were lowered and it was not believed that anyone was carried down with the ship. The Hook's crew reported that all the boats made off in the darkness.

A later report started the rumor that one or more of the life boats had been swamped due to overloading, but this was not credited.

The Hook's crew express the belief that the Blackburn's boats would either make the shore in safety or else be picked up by passing ships.

The weather was rough and a thick fog added to the terrors of the darkness.

The Blackburn was bound from Grimsby to Antwerp. She carried a large crew.

THE EDISON PHONOGRAPH

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200 Designs to select from. Worth up to \$2.25 each. We will close the line at 89c. each. Beginning Saturday at 9 A. M. Not before.

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THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

The retiring board of the county commissioners met at the courthouse last Monday morning.

The publication of the annual statement was given to Mr. James L. Mayo, manager of the Washington Daily News, he being the lowest bidder for same.

In the matter of the tax levied in the tenth territory of Washington township, it appearing to the board that no request was had from the lease commissioners of said district for a tax to be levied and it appearing to the board that there is now in the hands of the sheriff of Beaufort county a balance of \$121.29 to the credit of said district, and the said tax having been levied by mistake, it is therefore ordered that the tax purporting to have been levied at the June session of this board be and the same is hereby rescinded and the clerk of this board is hereby instructed to make the proper corrections in the tax books turned over to the sheriff for collection.

THE NEW BOARD

The new board of county commissioners-elect met at 2 o'clock this morning.

The new board is composed of V. H. Von Eberstein of Chocowinity; W. W. Hooker of Richland; E. F. Freeman of Washington; O. B. Wynne of Washington township; and W. M. Gaylord of Bath.

Ordered that the clerk to the board be and is hereby instructed to advertise for sealed bids to be opened on the first Monday in January for keepers of the following bridges: J. W. Aurora, Blounts Creek, Washington, Bath and Back Creek, Runge Creek and Bellhaven bridges.

Ordered that J. F. Flynn be allowed to list one acre of land in Pantego township valued at \$19 for 5 years—\$50. Amount 40c.

Resolved that J. E. Turnage of Chocowinity; T. R. Hodges, Washington; J. E. Archbell, Bath; Marcus Jordan, Long Acre; Thos. Green Pantego; and B. E. Rowe of Richland, be and they are hereby requested to meet here on Wednesday, December 28 at 10 a. m. with the county commissioners, the members of the general assembly and the members-elect, to consider a good road law.

Ordered that E. G. Bright, superintendent of the county home be allowed \$7.50 for Christmas dinner the county home.

Ordered that E. G. Bright superintendent of the county home be allowed \$10 for the month of December to employ extra help—there being so many helpless inmates.

Ordered that W. R. Cayton be relieved of school tax in the Cayton school district, his property being listed through error in his said district. Amount of relief \$1.50.

D. H. Bright constable-elect of Chocowinity township presented his bond which was accepted and he was inducted into office.

Dr. John L. Nicholson, coroner-elect of Washington, presented his official bond which was accepted. He was inducted into office.

Ordered that T. B. Silvertown of Washington township be allowed to list his poll. Amount \$2.

For satisfactory reasons the board allows Samuel F. Jackson of Washington township to list his poll and real and personal property valued at \$152. Amount of tax \$2.25.

Whereas at the July session of the board the chairman and clerk to the board were authorized to borrow the sum of \$10,000 for the current expenses of the county and they borrowed the same from Mrs. Mary P. Haugham; and whereas, the same will be due on Jan. 5, 1911.

Now, therefore, it is hereby ordered that the chairman and the clerk to the board be and they are hereby authorized and directed to negotiate a loan of \$10,000 to pay said note when it becomes due.

It appearing to the satisfaction of the board that O. M. Hooker's bank stock valued at \$2,000 was by error listed for tax twice, it is ordered that he be relieved of one tax amount \$22.40.

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BOY KILLS HIS FATHER

Wilmington, N. C., Nov. 7.—News has just been received in Wilmington of a cold-blooded murder at Veyona, near this city, of Thomas Hardinson, negro, by his 14-year-old son.

The boy was caught the night after the patrie and is in jail at Jacksonville.

The boy is said to have become enraged at his father for ordering him to remove his Sunday clothes before going to the woods with him to gather holly; that the boy returned to the house and in a few minutes overtook his father and emptied the contents of a shotgun in his breast, inflicting a wound that caused the father to die almost instantly.

The boy then fled to the woods and hid but was soon caught by a posse.

per cent except in excess of \$50,000. His compensation for any amount of over \$50,000 shall be one half per cent on receipts and one and one half per cent on disbursements.

Ordered that Ben Smaw, colored, poor allowance, be continued for the month of December.

It appearing to the satisfaction of the board that R. E. Clayton's poll is listed both in the Small school district and Richland township at large it is ordered that he be relieved of the tax in the Small school district. Amount of relief \$2.90.

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All public surveyors are also requested to be present. The clerk will mail a copy of this request to each of the above named.

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BLOW TO MILEAGE

The N. C. Supreme Court Gives a Knockout

TWO JUSTICES DISSENT

The Tribunal Upholds the Lower Court in Giving Plaintiff Damages For Being Put off Trains When He Offered Mileage at Wilson.

After He Had Tried in Vain to Get Tick on His Mileage Book—Was Pushed Aside for Cash Purchasers.

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 8.—The North Carolina Supreme Court in Harvey vs. Railroad, from Wilson county, practically dealt a "knockout" blow to the railroad mileage book regulations requiring holders to procure mileage tickets in exchange before boarding a train in its ruling just made.

Harvey is a traveling man and attempted at Wilson three or four times to procure a ticket in exchange for mileage, being stood aside each time by the agent in order that he might wait on cash purchasers of tickets.

Finally the train came without Harvey having gotten his ticket. He boarded the train with mileage which the conductor refused to accept, putting him off at the first station. He recovered \$2,500 damages.

Now the Supreme Court, Associate Justice Hoke writing the opinion, approves the judgment holding that Harvey had a right, under the circumstances to ride on the mileage. The court would not set aside the verdict as to amount of damages excessive, although Justices Brown and Walker, while concurring in the amount awarded was excessive, Chief Justice Walter Clark in an opinion concurring with Justice Hoke and Manning in the controlling opinion of the court, holds further that the requirement that a holder of a mileage book shall obtain a ticket in exchange is a breach of faith on the part of the railroads at whose instance the special session of the general assembly of 1908 was held to raise the passenger rate to 2 1-2 cents upon the proposition of the railroad companies that they would issue mileage books at 2 cents, meaning, Chief Justice Clark declares, the mileage to which the public had always been accustomed, whereby the mileage had been pulled on the train by the conductor. The Chief Justice also holds that the requirement to get ticket for mileage is unreasonable and void and becoming heretofore unknown in this state and still unknown except in this state and a few adjacent states where the principal North Carolina roads extend.

MAY FIGHT MATTER ALL OVER AGAIN

It is a notable fact that in the last general assembly a bill passed the house by a large majority prohibiting the mileage ticket requirement and that it failed in the senate by the deciding vote of the presiding officer after a tie vote of Senators.

The indications are that the question will be fought all over again during that approaching session.

QUAIL AND WINE 32 MEALS; HE WINS A WAGER OF \$700

Chicago, December 8.—George Razakles ate the last bit of a broiled quail, slipped the last of a quart of champagne, pushed back his chair and then smiled a \$700 smile as he gazed about at other diners at a downtown restaurant last night.

He had gone through a similar program for thirty-one nights preceding.

The accomplishment of his thirty-second meal of quail and wine in an equal number of nights made him the winner of a \$700 wager.

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SMALL MADE HIT W. C. T. U.

Spoke Before Rivers and Harbors Congress

SEN. OVERMAN HONORED

No Charges are Preferred Against the Raleigh Postmaster, and It is Not Known Whether Butler Will Attempt to Defeat Confirmation—Duncanites May Retaliate—North Carolina Well Represented at the Rivers and Harbors Congress—Senator Overman Becomes Member of Appropriations Committee.

Washington, Dec. 8.—The nomination of Willis G. Briggs to be postmaster at Raleigh was held up in the senate this afternoon by Senator Thomas H. Carter of Montana, who said that he had done so at the instance of Congressman Morehead.

Later in the afternoon, Marion Butler and Senator Carter were together, which completes the chain of evidence in connection with the incident.

But for the interference of Senator Carter who has on more than one occasion played smart politics for Butler on the floor of the senate, the nomination of Briggs as postmaster would have been confirmed at the session yesterday.

The North Carolina senators asked that the nomination be confirmed, having taken the initiative at the request of citizens at Raleigh, but they dropped the matter when they found that Butler had played his hand through Morehead and Carter.

No charges have been conferred against Mr. Briggs, and so far as Senator Carter was concerned he was simply playing the cards of others.

Whether Marion Butler will attempt to defeat the confirmation of Willis G. Briggs' nomination for postmaster in order to create a vacancy with the hope of obtaining the appointment of his brother, Lester, remains to be seen.

Senator Carter goes out of senate March 4th having been defeated for re-election and then Butler must look elsewhere for some one to do his work in the senate.

DUNCANITES MAY RETALIATE

In the meantime the Duncan-Adams faction may get busy and induce some Republican Senator to hold up all the appointments of the rival faction in the state. The result would be that all of the state republicans now in federal office would continue to hold on.

NORTH CAROLINA WELL REPRESENTED

North Carolina is well represented at the Rivers and Harbors Congress. Maj. E. J. Hale, who has done so much for river and harbor work in the state, heads the delegation, and is taking a prominent part in the work of the congress. Others attending the sessions are Wade Harris, editor of the Charlotte Chronicle; J. D. Chabourn, of Wilmington; J. B. Blades of New Bern; W. Thigman of Wilson; R. E. Crawford of Williamston; Dr. H. W. Lilly of Fayetteville, and Dr. L. S. Blades and J. H. LeRoy of Elizabeth City.

LIKED TAFT'S SPEECH

President Taft addressed the congress and Col. Wade Harris and other Tar Heels said they liked the speech immensely.

CONGRESSMAN SMALL MADE HIT

Representative John H. Small was one of the principal speakers of the day and it is no exaggeration to say that he made a big hit. Mr. Small caught the big convention in the right way. He pleaded for a broad spirit in legislating for the waterways of the country, urging congress to cast aside all sectionalism.

The speaker then made a plea for the inter-coastal waterway telling of its importance to the Atlantic seaboard states.

SENATOR OVERMAN HONORED

Senator Overman becomes a member of the appropriations committee, which is one of the very biggest committees in the senate. The nom-

STATE OBJECT

Our chapter of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union...

One of the most hopeful signs of our success is the interest which the business men are taking in us as a potent factor in the upbuilding of the morals in the town.

We have organized for the purpose of so stirring the finer, purer and higher qualities in every man, woman and child in this community.

There are several things to which we are giving special attention just now, which are:

- 1. The enforcement of the law prohibiting the sale of cigarettes to minors. 2. The keeping of boys under 15 from pool rooms. 3. The enforcement of the prohibition law.

These are but a few of the things which, with the support of an enthusiastic membership, backed by some of the best business men in town, we have to do in the near future.

THE W. C. T. U.

election was made this afternoon by the senate democratic steering committee and will be ratified in the senate tomorrow.

Senator Simmons, who is a member of the steering committee, was heartily for his colleague for his appointment.

At the next session Senator Overman will have to give up one of his committee assignments, probably that on military affairs.

ELECT OFFICERS

Phoenix Lodge No. 19, I. O. O. F. of this city has elected officers for the ensuing term as follows:

N. G.—D. E. Jackson. V. G.—W. H. McDewett. Treasurer—T. W. Phillips. Secretary—J. F. Thomas.

This lodge is now conferring the degrees upon a batch of candidates celebrating as if were, the recent acquisition of a new and up-to-date degree outfit.

The degree team, we are informed, are thoroughly conversant with their parts and put on the work without a book and without a break. A fine magic lantern adds greatly to the effectiveness of the work.

Sale on Ladies' Tailored Suits For Next Ten Days

We have just received quite a number of Model Suits in various colors, consisting of Serges, Broadcloths and Rough Effects. Prices ranging from \$25.00 to \$35.00. Sale price \$16.98.

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THE GEM THEATRE

Our Theatre is a source of delights—our change of bill enables you to see the latest and best in MOVING PICTURE ENTERTAINMENT.

BROTHER MAN. (Vitaphone.) ACTORS FOUNDED. (Vitaphone-Comedy.) THE SONG THAT REACHED HIM. (Dramatic.) IN THE GOLDEN HEAVEN TOWN. (Dramatic.)

SHE FORGETS HER RELATIVES

Boston, Dec. 8.—That Mrs. Eddy, head of the Christian Science church...

Three years ago, at the time of the suit by her so-called "next friends" Mrs. Eddy set aside a trust fund of \$125,000 for the benefit of the three children of her son, George W. Glover, in Lead, S. D., while later in November, 1909, she made a complete settlement with her heirs, with the understanding, it was generally believed, that there should be no contest over her will.

At this time the trust fund was increased to \$175,000, approximately \$225,000. Since the death of Mrs. Eddy her son, George W. Glover has said that he would not contest the will.

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Wilmington, Dec. 8.—Fire of supposed incendiary origin at the Carolina Beach, a summer resort, 15 miles below the city, late last night, destroyed the hotel and pavilion, the property of Capt. John W. Harper, promoter of the beach and bath houses and a two store residence owned by H. A. Cure, of this city.

The entire loss is estimated at \$15,000, with practically no insurance. It was certain that the fire was incendiary, as there were no people staying at the beach and no occasion for fires at any of the buildings. The blow is quite severe to Carolina Beach.

The season just closed was a most successful one.

TO HOLD FIRST QUARTERLY MEETING DECEMBER 25-30

Rev. J. T. Gibbs, D. D., the now presiding elder of the Washington district, will hold his first quarterly meeting for Washington station on December 25 and 26.

Dr. Gibbs and family will move to the district parsonage, this city very shortly.

CAPTURES EAGLE

Willis Foreman, colored, captured a bald eagle in a steel trap near Willow Point last Wednesday morning. He was one of the largest ever seen in these parts. He has attracted no little curiosity.

Governor Harmon's plurality has moved up to 100,377, and now it is time to stop counting.

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