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BIG OCEAN CATASTROPHE RIVAL TITANIC DISASTER

Steamship Volturmo Burns in Mid-Ocean With Terrible Loss of Life--Wireless Calls Brings Many Other Vessels to Scene But Raging Storm Prevents Total Rescue--144 Perish in Sea and Flames

London, Oct. 12.—The latest account of the disaster to the steamship Volturmo, burned and abandoned in mid-ocean Friday morning, confirm that the loss of life will be limited to about 136.

The Carmania, first of the rescuing ships to reach the burning steamer, arrived off Queenstown this morning, but owing to the gale, proceeded direct to Fishguard, where she is due to arrive at 11 a. m.

A graphic story by the solitary survivor aboard the Carmania was received by wireless and presents a terrible picture of the horror, the panic and confusion aboard the burning liner. Walter Trintepohl, a German, who tells the story, however, is clearly suffering from the stress of illness and his awful experience and his story is too incoherent to be accepted in every detail.

Captain Lost to Leave.

Most important, if true, is his denial that two boats got away from the Volturmo. According to the accounts Captain Inch was the last to leave his vessel, which was still burning late Friday night and was a danger to navigation.

Forty of the 230 persons lost from the lost steamship Volturmo in mid-Atlantic were in the two boats which succeeded in getting away from the burning vessel and which without doubt were swamped. The majority of the other persons who lost their lives were in four boats which were smashed against the steamer's sides in attempting to launch them.

All this occurred before the arrival of the Carmania and the other liners summoned by wireless calls for help.

Thrilling Story.

The Carmania with one lone survivor of the Volturmo aboard found it too rough to stop at Queenstown and is proceeding direct to Fishguard. From that survivor, however, comes a thrilling story of the struggle for the boats, the death of those who went over the sides and his own desperate fight for life.

Arthur Spurgeon, a passenger on the Carmania, in a wireless dispatch, gives a vivid description of the race of the Carmania and supplements his story with that of the survivor, Walter Trintepohl, a German, who saw to the Carmania and was rescued in an exhausted condition.

Since being taken aboard the Carmania's hospital threatened with pneumonia. He told his story to Mr. Spurgeon before he became seriously ill, but owing to his exhausted state and his broken English, his account of the disaster was somewhat incoherent.

Coming to New York.

Trintepohl had been employed at Barcelona and took third-class passage on the Volturmo to secure a position offered him in New York.

"All went well," said Trintepohl, "until 6 o'clock Thursday morning, when the fire alarm sounded. We were aroused and told to go on deck, as fire had broken out in the hold. On assembling, life belts were handed around and much time was occupied in fastening them. We were told that the fire soon might be quenched, but the captain thought it wise for all to have a belt as a precaution.

"The fire frightened the children, who cried bitterly. There were many babies in arms. The fire grew worse. We saw things blazing down below. About 10 o'clock there was a cry to lower the boats.

"The captain behaved splendidly. So did the officers, who were English. I am sorry to say that the crew, who were Germans and Belgians, behaved very badly.

"The people rushed about wildly and the crew seemed to think they ought to have first place, and instead of ordering the passengers they made the panic worse.

"The first officer took charge of the first boat, but although he wanted the women and children saved first, a majority of those who entered the boat were members of the crew.

"This boat was smashed against the ship's side. Just as it reached the water it broke in two and all in it were drowned.

"Meanwhile, attempts were made to lower the second boat. I cannot say who was in charge of this, but I do know that after the chief steward had thrown provisions in, he jumped in himself. There were more men than women and children in this boat. It

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SPECIAL SESSION ADJOURNED MONDAY

North Carolina Legislature Adjourns After Three Weeks Session—Some Important Measures Passed.

Raleigh, N. C., Oct. 13.—The gavels of President Daughtridge, of the senate, and Speaker Murphy, of the house, fell simultaneously at 8:28 o'clock tonight, as the voices of these two presiding officers rang out through the legislative halls and the corridors of the state house, declaring the 1913 extraordinary session of the North Carolina general assembly adjourned sine die.

Busy Evening.

The senate had held quite a busy evening session while the house waited more or less hilariously the pleasure of the upper branch for final adjournment. The senate finally adjourned the ever-present Caldwell calf bill, prohibiting the sale or shipment of calves, dead or alive, under one year old to slaughter for veal. As finally ratified, it applies to Caldwell, Alabama, Alexander, Ashe, Avery, Burke, Cabarrus, Caldwell, Cherokee, Clay, Cleveland, Durham, Franklin, Gaston, Graham, Guilford, Henderson, Hoke, Lee, Lincoln, Madison, McDowell, Mitchell, Robeson, Rowan, Rutherford, Moore, Sampson, Wake, Warren, Wilson and Lenoir counties.

The extraordinary session of the legislature just adjourned, that was called for the specific purpose of taking action for the settlement of freight rates and passing upon constitutional amendment proposals to be submitted to the people for ratification at the next general election, passed 497 acts and 19 resolutions, the great bulk of them bearing on local matters in every section of the state.

Principal Acts.

The principal acts of really statewide interest are the resolutions accepting the proposal of the interstate carriers for settlement of the interstate freight rates, more particularly from the west and east, the passage of the bill to reduce interstate freight rates and provide for special commissions to investigate allegations or any railroad companies that the rates prescribed are confiscatory; providing for a rate expert and additional clerical force for the corporation commission, the act carrying the constitutional amendment proposals to be submitted to the people; an act to work convicts on public roads instead of on railroads for stock in roads built, after present contracts with railroad companies are completed; provision for the completion and opening of the state school for feeble-minded at Kinston, and supplementary appropriations for a number of state institutions.

Power Case Settled.

Welch Galloway, one of Brevard's legal lights was the guest of W. P. Whitmore last week. He, Judge Murphy of Asheville and W. A. Smith of this city were attorneys for the plaintiff in the case of W. P. Whitmore vs. Cascade Power Co. This case which has been pending for nearly three years was compromised and judgment taken by consent, the plaintiff recovering all he demanded in his complaint, which was one-third of the common stock in said Cascade Power Co., to be issued on a total basis of \$30,000.

Special Meetings First Baptist Church.

Dr. Jno. Jeter Hurt preaching in these meetings delighted a large congregation on Tuesday night.

He will preach each night for at least ten days. Good interest is already developing and it is safe to predict a most interesting and profitable series of meetings. A preliminary song and prayer service begins each evening at 7:30 o'clock. Everybody is welcome.

Rev. John Jeter Hurt who is assisting Rev. K. W. Cawthon, is pastor of the First Baptist church at Durham and is one of the most successful of the younger pastors of the Southern Baptist Convention. He is also a class friend of Mr. Cawthon having been to college together for several years.

Shipman Believes A Local Aspirant Has Good Chances

Interviewed Secretary Of War In Interest Of C. E. Wilson Hendersonville Aspirant For Panama Zone Job.

Hon. M. L. Shipman, commissioner of labor and printing was a visitor to Hendersonville last Thursday en route to Raleigh from Asheville where he presided at one of the sessions of the fair on "brotherhood day." He had just returned from Washington where he went in the interest of C. E. Wilson of Hendersonville who is an aspirant for the post of Director General of Posts and Collector of Customs for the Panama Canal Zone. Mr. Shipman called upon the Secretary of War in company with Senators Simmons and Overman. He stated to the Democrat man that he believed Mr. Wilson's chances for receiving the appointment are acceptably good. That both senators and the governor and practically all of the congressmen of the state are for him and that if he is not appointed it will be because North Carolina has been already given so many big places. While in Washington Mr. Shipman called upon Col. W. H. Osborne, commissioner of internal revenue and was assured by him that the examinations for deputy collectors, etc., would be modified if the Overman resolution for any reason became ineffective.

Sulzer's Accusers Trying Flim Flam Game on Governor

Impeachment Court Wants More Charges Preferred Against Accused Before That Can Reach Verdict.

Albany, October, 14.—The possibility of an indefinitely long delay in reaching a verdict as to the guilt or innocence of Governor William Sulzer today loomed up at his impeachment trial here. This was suggested when counsel for the impeachment managers asked that the court recommend to the assembly the bringing of a new article of impeachment in the event the testimony of Duncan W. Pack, superintendent of public works and Henry L. Morgenthau, ambassador to Turkey, should not be found to be revelant to any charge contained in the present articles.

Whether this testimony was relevant to article four, which charges the governor with suppression of evidence before the Frawley investigating committee, today was the subject of debate in executive session and undecided when adjournment until tomorrow morning was taken. The executive session will be continued tomorrow and on the result of the court's deliberations will depend the question as to whether it will at once proceed to vote or await the action of the assembly in the question of bringing the suggested new article of impeachment.

OBVIOUSLY PERTINENT SUGGESTIONS AND FACTS

What Has Resulted From a Progressive Campaign in St. Petersburg and the Same Thing Applies Here.

Last year six million dollars worth of St. Petersburg real estate was sold—mainly to visitors in that wonderful city.

In five years real estate values in St. Petersburg have jumped from one to six million dollars.

Three years ago St. Petersburg invested \$250,000 in street improvements and in city parks.

Their total investment to date along this line is \$500,000.

They estimated that the visitors left one million dollars there last year.

This was during the time it took the aforesaid visitors to spend six million dollars for real estate.

Building sites in St. Petersburg that once sold for \$500, before they made these improvements, are now selling for \$10,000 to \$20,000.

They have "Lengthened the Season" in St. Petersburg, to 13 weeks. That's what the Greater Hendersonville club intends doing for Hendersonville.

They stand for paved streets, city parks, civic improvements and civic progress in St. Petersburg.

So does the Greater Hendersonville club here.

The same methods that made St. Petersburg, rich and powerful will operate to make Hendersonville rich and powerful.

Civic improvements, of which paved streets is the most important, and civic unity, which means the Greater Hendersonville club, are the methods to be adopted.

Knights Of Pythias Have Fall Meeting

The regular meeting of the local lodge Knights of Pythias was held Monday evening and was well attended. A review of the work of the lodge during the past year showed it to be in a flourishing condition. Prominent visitors at the meeting were W. W. Willson state Deputy of Raleigh, J. C. Sales District Dupty of Fletcher and H. M. Roberts of Fletcher. The visiting Knights entertained the lodge members with addresses which were thoroughly enjoyed.

WESTERN CAROLINA FAIR WAS SPLENDID SUCCESS

Fine Exhibits of Products of Land of the Sky--Enormous Attendance During Four Days--Great Advertisement For This Section--Brotherhood Day and Bryan Attract Many--Shipman and Willcox Preside.

GERMANY MAY TAKE HAND IN MEXICO MIX

United States Learns of Intention of Germany to Send War Vessel to Mexican Waters.

Washington, Oct. 13.—Germany's decision to dispatch a war ship to Mexican waters attracted wide attention in official circles here tonight. No intimation had been received here of Germany's intention and President Wilson was informed only by press dispatches of the action.

No formal comment was made on the incident but it was apparent that the Washington government was not displeased. The sending of a German war ship is in line with the policy of other European governments which had vessels cruising off the Mexican coasts from time to time during critical moments of Mexico's internal strife.

Significance of Action.

Significance was attached to the action by official Washington, however, because it was accepted as indicating that European powers who previously had recognized the Huerta government—among which were Germany and Great Britain—now saw evidence of Huerta's inability to compose the situation.

POPULAR YOUNG MATRON PASSES TO HER REWARD.

Wife of City Business Manager Justice Dies at Patton Memorial Hospital After Brief Illness.

No severer shock was ever given the people of Hendersonville and community than that occasioned by the announcement of the death of Mrs. Ethel Marie Justice, wife of Geo. W. Justice, which occurred about 4:30 Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. Justice had been ill for more than a week and had been removed from her home on North Main street to the Patton hospital for treatment. Her illness was not known to be vital and her husband and friends had expected that she would be about again in a short time. A turn for the worse came Monday night and early Tuesday morning it became apparent to the attending physicians that death was imminent. Messages were sent to relatives in South Carolina and they hastened to her bedside but some of them arrived too late to find her alive. Members of her family however, including her husband, mother, father and mother of Mr. Justice and brother, were with her when the end came. The deceased was but 28 years of age and well known here, having lived in Hendersonville since her marriage about four years ago. Her former home was Waterloo, S. C., where she was the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Henderson.

Surviving her are her husband and infant son, Samuel Marion Justice aged about two years, her mother, three sisters and two brothers. The funeral service was held at the First Baptist church of which Mrs. Justice was a member and formerly sang in the choir, at 4 p. m. Wednesday afternoon. The service was conducted by Rev. K. W. Cawthon assisted by Rev. A. I. Justice. The officiating clergy men paid tribute to the beautiful character and many noble qualities of the deceased and the choir rendered several appropriate hymns in a most feeling manner. The interment was in the new section of the Oakdale cemetery. The pallbearers were: Brownlow Jackson, S. Y. Bryson, A. Ficker, J. T. Wilkins, T. L. Durham, C. S. Fullbright.

Throughout the evening and morning preceding the funeral, the Justice home was crowded by friends who had come to pay a last tribute to the beloved young woman who had been called to her reward so early in life. Many floral offerings sent by friends from near and far, testified to her popularity. At the church service a tremendous crowd attested their regard for the dead woman. The Democrat extends its deepest sympathy to the bereaved ones.

W. F. PATTON, Chairman.

Mr. Shipman Presides.

State Commissioner of Labor and Printing M. L. Shipman acted as the presiding officer at the morning meeting, presenting Dr. L. B. McBrayer, who introduced the secretary of state. Mr. Shipman referred to the growth of this section of the state within the last few years and expressed the belief that holding a Western North Carolina fair annually will mean much to the future of the western counties of North Carolina.

Mr. Shipman Said:

Ladies and Gentlemen: This is a very pleasant service I have been asked to render the management of this great industrial organization and my good brethren of the various fraternal orders represented here. I consider it not only a pleasure, but an honor, as well, to have my name associated with a movement which will write a new and memorable chapter in the industrial progress of Western North Carolina. I can but believe that this mammoth exposition is the forerunner of permanent annual series to be held in this beautiful and progressive city, which has long been the home of pluck, perseverance an actual achievement.

If any evidence were needed of the size and significance of the event, sufficient the mere statement that it has brought here today the foremost orator of this age, who comes to rejoice with us in the realization of the dream of half a century. The community spirit which now exists amongst the good people of Western North Carolina is beautiful to contemplate. It had its origin right here in the city of Asheville, when some of her public spirited business men conceived the idea of organizing the Greater Western North Carolina Association about two years ago. The work of this Association has been a success from every viewpoint and we all feel a pardonable pride in the fact that it initiated and put through a great exposition that we are privileged to behold upon this auspicious occasion. We are delighted that the enterprising citizens of Asheville and Western North Carolina have accomplished such a beginning for a movement which must mean a vastly multiplied price means in exploiting the wonderful resources of the "Land of the Beautiful."

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The Best Way to Build a City is Through Co-operation!

The Best Way to Secure Co-operation is Through the Commercial Organization—The Greater Hendersonville Club