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THIRTY-SIX MEN PERISHED AS RESULT OF COLLISION BETWEEN TWO BIG SHIPS

Big British Steamer Crashed Into Torpedo Boat Destroyer, Cutting Her in Half—Many Lives Were Lost.

Lieutenant Middleton Perished With Others—Twenty-two Men Were Rescued After Desperate Fight For Their Lives.

By Associated Press. Portsmouth, Eng., April 3.—Thirty-six men, including Lieutenant Middleton, commander of the torpedo boat destroyer Tiger, lost their lives off the Isle of Wight last night between that vessel and the British cruiser Berwick.

The night was very dark and the Berwick was steaming slowly. When the destroyer attempted to cross the big cruiser's bow she was caught amidships and cut in half with knife-like precision, sinking almost immediately.

The deck crew, who were dressed in heavy oilskins and boots went down with the vessel, not having time to free themselves from these heavy encumbrances.

The 22 men who were rescued, most of whom were engineers and stokers, and having on light clothing, were able to keep themselves afloat until the boats from the other ships, which were immediately launched, picked them up.

Sea Dotted With Men. Small naval vessels were in the midst of the attack on their bigger consorts when the disaster occurred. The entire fleet was under masked lights, and in darkness. The destroyer was cut in two as if she had been made of paper. The forward half sank instantaneously and the sea became dotted with struggling men.

Most of them, however, sank before help could reach them. The Tiger had a compliment of 59 men.

New Rate of "Shoo Fly." Raleigh, N. C., April 3.—An agreement has been reached between the Seaboard Air Line and the corporation whereby the "Shoo Fly" train, now making a round trip daily from Weldon to Raleigh, will run from Norfolk to Raleigh and return, 58 instead of 95 miles. The Raleigh-Norfolk section is believed will yield a revenue. The present run is claimed to have an average loss of 13 cents a mile.

Secretary Taft In Chicago

Chicago, Ill., April 3.—Secretary Taft has a busy period of forty-eight hours before him, if he fulfills all the engagements mapped out for him by the Chicago reception committee. The secretary of war arrives in the city early this evening from Columbus. He will be taken at once to the Auditorium, where he is to deliver an address on the Philippines at the annual banquet of the Baptist Social Union.

The moment he is through his speech he will be whisked over to the great dining hall of the Congress Hotel across the street, and will appear as chief guest of honor at the Appomattox Day banquet of the Hamilton Club.

Mr. Taft's speech will be informal, and it is expected that perhaps he may overlook his vow now to talk politics in any of the "favorite son" states and that he may speak on the national situation.

Secretary Taft will have distinguished fellow speakers at the Hamilton Club banquet.

Governor Wilson, of Kentucky, is to speak on "The South's Part in the Government of the Country," and Governor Fort, of New Jersey, will respond to the toast, "Grant."

It is a significant fact that the names of both of these governors have been mentioned in connection with the vice presidential nomination on the republican ticket.

Tomorrow Secretary Taft will be entertained at a luncheon at the Press Club, and during the afternoon he will receive his friends and admirers at the Hamilton Club.

He will close the day, according to present arrangements, with an address at a banquet to be given under the auspices of the Commercial Club.

Prominent Doctor Commits Suicide. Special to The News. Greenville, S. C., April 3.—Dr. Norwood K. Vance, son of Major J. K. Vance, and brother of Mrs. J. W. Gray, Mrs. M. Norwood and Mrs. A. L. Du-bank, of this city, committed suicide Tuesday night in a room in the Kimball house, in Atlanta.

The body was not found until 9 o'clock yesterday.

A Disastrous Fire Visits Lynchburg

By Associated Press. Lynchburg, Va., April 3.—One of the most destructive fires in this city in 20 years occurred when four factories, three of them tobacco plants, and four negro dwellings were consumed, with a total loss of \$225,000, insurance \$175,000.

The fire raged during a 20-mile wind and the firemen were powerless to cope with the blaze. The factory of the Norfolk and Western Overall Company and three tobacco factories, occupied by W. G. Donington of Farmville, in which more than a million pounds of tobacco for the Austrian and Italian trade were stored, were the business buildings destroyed.

The loss on the tobacco factories being \$115,000, was fully insured. A number of small fires were started on "Diamond Hill" by flying embers and a large number of citizens spent an hour and a half protecting their property with buckets and garden hose.

It is believed the fire was of incendiary origin. Donington is a heavy buyer in Kentucky, which gave rise to the report that "Night Riders" might have been concerned.

The Farmer Boys Play Davidson Here Tomorrow

The first game of college baseball in Charlotte will be played here tomorrow afternoon when the fastest team in the state, Davidson and A. & M., will fight for honors. The boys will arrive in the city tomorrow morning.

Davidson will be strongly supported by local fans and it is probable that the student body will come down to cheer their team on to victory. Though the former boys will not be without rooters for living in Charlotte are a large number of alumni of that institution.

Both nines are made up of good material with several of last year's stars. This being the first game of the season and because of the local interest a big crowd is expected to witness the contest.

Rev. Holyrod New Pastor

Greenville, S. C., April 3.—Rev. R. L. Holyrod succeeds Rev. Mr. Harley as pastor of St. Paul's Methodist church. Mr. Harley recently resigned to take the superintendency of the Anti-Slavery League in this state.

The new preacher is a fine old man, an orator and is already popular here, having preached in Greenville some time ago at special services.

Big Distillery Was Burned

Damage of Nearly Million Dollars Done by Fire in Large Distillery—Great Quantity of Liquor was Consumed.

By Associated Press. Peoria, Ill., April 3.—Fire which started in a mill at the Corning & Company's distillery was still raging at 2:30 o'clock and indications were that the entire plant, including two immense bonded warehouses, elevator, cattle yards and storehouses would be entirely wiped out.

The damage so far is placed at between \$750,000 and \$1,000,000. Several explosions occurred, endangering the lives of the firemen.

Soon after the fire started 50,000 gallons of spirits in the still plant were consumed. Shortly after the first explosion, 3,000 head of cattle stampeded and ran at large in the railroad yards.

Many Pilgrims in Rome

Rome, April 3.—The approach of Holy Week finds Rome rapidly filling with pilgrims representing the Roman Catholic Church throughout the world.

Owing to the celebration of the papal sacerdotal jubilee this year the number of pilgrims is expected to be the largest in many years. A big pilgrimage is organizing to come from France, and to its members the Pope will deliver an address concerning the conditions of the Church in France.

Another pilgrimage, large in size, is now on its way from the United States, and to it the Vatican authorities will pay special attention.

Still other pilgrimages are expected from Germany, England, Austria, Hungary and other countries of Europe.

On account of these pilgrimages Holy Week will assume unusual splendor in the Eternal City, because the Pope will himself officiate in the Sixtine Chapel, and Cardinal Rampolla in the Vatican Basilica, of which he is the archpriest. It is expected that both shrines will be crowded with foreign visitors. In fact, there is already an unprecedented demand for tickets of admission.



ROOSEVELT—"Young Man, In Baseball, As In Politics, Its the BIG STICK Work that Counts!"

EGYPTIAN COTTON GROWN IN PARTS UNITED STATES

By Associated Press. Washington, D. C., April 3.—After years of unsuccessful efforts to introduce Egyptian cotton into the United States, the bureau of plant industry of the department of agriculture reports that promising results have been secured in New Mexico and Arizona.

Several millions of dollars worth of Egyptian cotton is annually imported into the United States and it has been the desire of the department to develop its cultivation in this country.

Dr. Webber, now of Cornell, experimented with the Egyptian plant in South Carolina and northern Georgia, but the climate in those sections proved too severe.

Hybrids cultivated by Dr. Webber also were unsuccessful. It is still believed, however, that the plant can be successfully cultivated in northern Florida and southern Georgia.

The experiments of Dr. Carson, of the department of agriculture, in the Colorado river basin, within the past few years have proven successful, as much as 900 pounds of lint having been secured from one acre last year.

Egyptian cotton, while not as valuable as the best grades of Sea Island cotton, is considered more valuable than the inland specimens of Sea Island and upland varieties.

Safe Crackers Successful. By Associated Press. Norfolk, Va., April 3.—Burglars blew open a safe in the post office at Princess Anne Court House, Va., last night and secured \$500 in cash, stamps and registered mail. No clue has been found.

Rally at Barnes' Store. There was a rally of the Anti-Safecracker forces at Barnes' store last night. A league was formed. Messrs. Justice and Tye spoke.

Germany Gets Eight Years

Special to The News. Judge Webb today sentenced Hardin Germany, who was convicted of sending an infernal machine to Mr. Casser Conc, to eight years in the penitentiary, saying that he had renitted two years because Germany gave Mr. Conc warning.

When the sentence was pronounced Germany fell headlong to the floor in an apparent dead faint. The physician in attendance said nothing was the trouble except that Germany was a morphia fiend, and needed the drug. He recovered quickly.

MR. ELBERT L. SHERRILL DEAD. Aged Man of Catawba County Goes to His Long Home.

A telegram last night to Mr. Junius P. Sherrill announced the death of his father, Mr. Elbert L. Sherrill, at the home of his son-in-law, Mr. C. L. Turner, at Momba Heights, in Catawba county.

Mr. Sherrill left for that place on the early train accompanied by his wife and child and Mr. C. W. Hunt. Mr. Sherrill was past eighty years of age, and it was not known here that he was ill till the news of his death came. The interment will be on Saturday at Rehoboth church, near Terrell post office, by the side of his wife, who died about 20 months ago. Deceased was highly respected in his community.

Frost Tonight. At 3 o'clock this afternoon a telegram was received at the local weather station from Washington, D. C., reading as follows:

"Frost probable tonight in North Carolina and interior of South Carolina and Georgia."

The Funeral Bishop Lomax

Throngs of People Crowd The Little Church which Cannot Come Near to Accommodating Grief-Stricken Colored People

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Five of the big appropriation bills are yet to be disposed of, and as the fighting order of the minority is to compel action on selected measures by blocking all action, neither minor bills nor debates of any length must be allowed to consume the time remaining.

Mr. Williams, leader of the minority, denies that the affair was in the nature of a filibuster. He declared that the democrats were not filibustering, but "are intent upon a serious and highly commendable effort to force the republicans to do one of two things; either pass certain measures which most of them are personally in favor of and which the republican president has urged, or suffer themselves to be recorded openly and individually as opposed to them."

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This he would have had to do next Monday. The woman was his second cousin, invited him to spend the night at her house rather than drive a long way in the night to his own home. No one else was there. Late at night she telephoned the police at Dover to come and arrest Arnold. They found him asleep. He denied the charge. The woman had a grudge against him and had boasted to get even on old scores. Now she joins in the request for a pardon on the ground that he has "suffered enough."

Governor Glenn says he had been on the jury he would not have convicted Arnold. The order is that he pay \$300 costs in the case because he deserves to bear punishment for the position he was in, having no moral right to be where he was.

Another pardon by the governor is to Robert Wall, who has served nine of twelve months sentence from Union county, for stealing a bicycle. Seven applications for pardons were refused. Chas. Paul, serving 4 years on the Craven roads for receiving stolen goods; John Gordon, 4 years on the roads of Forsyth, for murder in the second degree; Solomon Thompson, 5 months on the Union roads, for retailing; William McLean, 2 years in the penitentiary,

Noted Divorce Suit Opens

By Associated Press. New York, April 3.—David McClure, referee appointed to hear the case of Mrs. Alfred G. Vanderbilt, who has brought action, believed to be for absolute divorce, has begun taking evidence.

The first witness called was Howard Kemper, who was valet of Cornelius Vanderbilt. The principal question at issue is said to be the amount of alimony to be paid by Mr. Vanderbilt. It is reported that he has consented to the payment of the lump sum of \$1,500,000, and that if this is accepted as satisfactory his defense will be of a passive character, otherwise the action will be actively contested.

WILLIAMS SAYS DEMOCRATS NOT FILIBUSTERING

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FORESTRY OFFERS AS FINE A FIELD TO THE MODERN YOUTH AS ANY CALLING OF TO-DAY

CHARLOTTE MAN'S IDEA ADOPTED

L. C. Page & Co., of Boston, Quick to See the Value of Mr. Stone's Advertising Placard for Mr. Durham's Book, "The Call of the South." Fully in sympathy with the spirit of the book itself is the display in Stone & Barringer's store window today of Mr. Robert Lee Durham's powerful novel, "The Call of the South." The books are displayed in profusion in the window—they make the third installment which the firm has received, and they are going like "hot cakes," as the other two batches went. Many calls from smaller towns in the south are coming in.

A high compliment is paid Stone & Barringer in the adoption by L. C. Page & Co., the great publishing house of Boston, which is handling the novel, of a design for a huge placard which he has in his display-window. It is simply two great strips of color—black and white, or, of course, sharply contrasting, and with no semblance of a blend. Across from the white to the black strip a trumpet is sounding forth "The Call of the South." The publishing house has adopted this design for part of the stationery it uses in connection with Mr. Durham's book. Mr. Page wrote to Mr. Stone, complimenting him upon his apt idea.

A blue-coated trumpeter is sounding the alarm in the display-window and the original drawings from which Mr. Roth's illustrations were made are to be seen.

Dr. H. F. Chreitburg, of Monroe, says of the book, "It is the best thing on the race question which has yet been written." Dr. Chreitburg also said that the speech of Senator Rutledge would do credit to the south's most illustrious senator.

Mr. O'Callahan Here. Mr. M. P. O'Callahan, formerly manager of the Central Hotel in this city, is spending a few days here en route to his home in Washington, D. C., from Hot Springs, Ark., where he was manager of a hotel during the season just closed. Mr. O'Callahan managed the Ocean View Hotel, near Norfolk, Va., last season and he will probably take the management again this season.

Crittendon Circle Elects Officers. At a recent meeting of the Crittendon Home Circle the following officers were elected: Mrs. A. B. Washburn, president; Mrs. W. W. Hagedorn, first vice president; Mrs. H. H. Straub, second vice president; Mrs. I. W. Faison, secretary; Miss Eva Liddell, treasurer, and Dr. Annie Alexander, physician.

To Sell Jewelry Stock. Special to The News. Raleigh, N. C., April 3.—At a meeting of the creditors yesterday afternoon it was decided to sell the Tucker bankrupt jewelry stock on April 16. The firm failed a couple of months ago.

For Benefit Of the Child. Dr. A. J. McKelway and Others Spoke at Meeting of National Child Labor Committee—The Subjects Discussed.

By Associated Press. Atlanta, Ga., April 3.—The first business session of the annual meeting of the National Child Labor Committee was devoted to reports of the state and local committees.

This was followed by a discussion covering the subject, "What is a Good Child Labor Law?"

Mr. A. B. Roberts, of Pennsylvania; Mr. Everett W. Lord, secretary for New England of the National Child Labor Committee, and Dr. A. J. McKelway, secretary for the southern states, were the principal speakers at the morning session of the committee.

"Child Labor and Education," was the subject for the afternoon meeting.

BUGGY AND CAR COLLIDE. Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Grimes and Baby Considerably Bruised.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Grimes and baby, of No. 608 West Seventh street, sustained severe bruises in an accident late yesterday afternoon at the corner of North Tryon and Eighth streets. They were driving in a buggy on the right side of the street going north when they crossed the street crossing street, crossed the car tracks to go into West Eighth street. When about midway across the east track a northbound street car struck the buggy throwing all three occupants to the ground.

Both Mr. Grimes and baby were also considerably bruised.

from Cumberland county, for manslaughter; Mary Lippis, serving a term on the Craven county roads, for keeping a disorderly house; G. L. Norman, 12 months on the Cumberland public roads, for obtaining goods under false pretense, and Frank McKeithan, 6 months on Robeson roads, for retailing liquors.

At the conclusion of the address Mr. Lee called for volunteers and there was promptly upon his feet a stranger, a gentleman from Pennsylvania, he said, with a ready wit and a thoughtful speech, who added a word of commendation to the placard of the evening for the trees. He was given liberal applause, as well as the other speakers.

The Tree as a Civilizer. Forests have made nations great, said Mr. Mills and the nations which have stayed great have been the nations which have perpetuated their forests. The nations which have failed exist. The nations which have neglected have been nations which have failed soon better days. No nations have so sadly neglected their forests. The civilization of Germany, a leader in everything scientific, of Switzerland, and of Japan, is due to their care of their forests. "A tree is the most Continued on page 2"