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STEAMER MONROE SINKS; 47 LIVES LOST

Fearful Marine Disaster Off The Virginia Coast Steamer Nantucket Proceeding in Dense Fog Rams the Monroe--Latter Sank in Ten Minutes--Thrilling Rescue of 86 Persons From Icy Waters -- Terrific Scenes on Board Lost Ship.

By Associated Press. Norfolk, Va., Jan. 30.—Forty-seven persons were rescued today when the steamer Nantucket, bound for Norfolk, ran aground and sank in ten minutes off the Virginia coast. The steamer Nantucket, a 1,200-ton vessel, was carrying 47 passengers and crew. The ship was struck by the larger steamer Monroe, which was proceeding from Norfolk to New York. The collision occurred in dense fog. The Nantucket was holed and sank in ten minutes. The Monroe was damaged but did not sink. A rescue operation was carried out by the crew of the Monroe and other nearby vessels. Eighty-six persons were rescued from the Nantucket. The bodies of the missing were not recovered. The cause of the collision is being investigated.

TO SELL WABASH RAILROAD AT FORECLOSURE

By Associated Press. St. Louis, Mo., Jan. 30.—The sale of the Wabash Railroad at foreclosure was authorized today by Federal Judge Adams. The decree of foreclosure was handed down on motion of the Equitable Trust Company of New York which as trustee holds \$41,900,000 in bonds of the Wabash. The motion was submitted with the announcement that a plan of reorganization had been made satisfactory to the trustee and the receivers. The decree directs that within twenty days the Wabash shall pay to the Equitable \$4,222,621 as interest on the first mortgage bonds from July 1906 when the road first defaulted in interest payments.

The City of Montgomery Fog Bound.

By Associated Press. New York, Jan. 30.—The city of Montgomery of the Old Dominion line was among the steamers fog bound in New York harbor until noon today. Down the bay and in the lane to the ocean the suspension of traffic was absolute until noon. The City of Montgomery fog bound. The ship was delayed for several hours due to the dense fog. The captain reported that the fog was very thick and that the ship was unable to proceed.

THE DAY IN CONGRESS.

By Associated Press. Washington, Jan. 30.—Foreign relations committee recommended renewal of all pending arbitration treaties. House: Began debate on Burnett literacy test immigration bill. Representative Stanley testified at the judiciary committee's hearing on trust bills. Louis D. Brandeis urged uniform accounting for corporations before the commerce committee. Secretary Daniels continues testimony before the naval committee. —Daisy Hill, a colored woman, was locked up this afternoon for alleged larceny of two skirts and a purse from the Belk Bros. department store, where a sale has been on all week. She was arrested by Officer Bradley, after a lively chase for her up a stairway and down the elevator.

TO RATIFY ARBITRATION TREATIES

By Associated Press. Washington, Jan. 30.—The senate foreign relations committee today voted to recommend immediate ratification of general arbitration treaties with Great Britain, Japan and other nations—twenty-five treaties in all. These have been pending for re-ratification since last summer. The vote in favor of the treaties was 11 to 2, with four senators absent. Senators O'Gorman, democrat, and William Alden Smith, republican, voting in the negative. Affirmative votes were cast by Senators Bacon, Stone, Shively, Hitchcock, Williams, Swanson, Pomerene and Smith of Arizona, democrats; Lodge, Root and McCumber, republicans. The committee took up the treaties immediately after the conference with President Wilson last Monday night. The treaty with Great Britain was held up last summer because of fear that its ratification would force arbitration over the section of the Panama canal exempting American coastwise vessels from tolls. President Wilson's attitude on this question is generally accredited to be that this provision is a violation of the Hay-Pauncefote treaty and congress intends either to repeal the clause or suspend its operation pending negotiations. The California alien land question was involved in the Japanese treaty but the administration view that this controversy practically is at an end settled the minds of the majority of the committee in so far as the general arbitration treaty was concerned.

CLARK DISCREETS TALK OF PRESIDENCY.

By Associated Press. Washington, Jan. 30.—Speaker Clark declared today that nothing in his Baltimore speech last night could be considered as indicating that he had figured on being a presidential candidate in 1916 or any time in the future. "The only thing I said about the presidency," said the speaker, "was in reply to the flowery introduction of the toastmaster. I said that if all that the toastmaster said was true I ought to be president today and would be in force in 1912. I praised President Wilson's handling of the Mexican situation."

THE WEATHER.

Forecast for North Carolina: Rain tonight, colder in interior; Saturday, colder and generally fair. Variable winds becoming north and probably increasing.

News "Want Ads" Bring In the Scads

(L. LAMAR LEDWELL, JR.) There was a young merchant named Timothy Brown, Whose store was much nicer than others in town. This fact made him dizzy; While others were busy, His clerks were all idle, and this made him frown. But now things are different—he uses "Want Ads." To tell all the buyers the latest of "wants." His store is so busy At times he is dizzy The News' "Want Ad" column has brought in the "scads."

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MORE ROASTS FOR FEDERAL JUDGE SPEER

By Associated Press. Savannah, Ga., Jan. 30.—W. W. Lambdin, a well known attorney of Waycross, Ga., was the first witness called today before the congressional committee investigating charges of official misconduct against Federal Judge Emory Speer. The witness was asked by Chairman Webb of the congressional committee to give an account of the bankruptcy proceedings against the Beach Manufacturing Company of Baxley, Ga. Mr. Lambdin was an attorney in this case. The witness testified that early in 1912, Max Isaacs resigned as referee in bankruptcy at Brunswick, Ga., and shortly afterward the partnership of Isaacs & Heyward was announced. Mr. Lambdin called attention to the fact that Heyward was a son-in-law of Judge Speer. "In rapid succession," the witness continued, "three large concerns were thrown into bankruptcy, namely the Beach Manufacturing Company, the L. Carter Company and the Gray Lumber Company. While local courts were associated in these cases, Isaacs and Heyward always took the lead and the general impression was that they had the favor of Judge Speer. "These bankruptcy cases, which appeared to be unjustified, threw a great shock into the commercial world of South Georgia and business generally became apprehensive. The witness declared that Judge Speer appointed a receiver for the Beach Company without going through the usual procedure. About a year before the Beach Manufacturing Company was thrown into bankruptcy," the witness said, "a bankruptcy petition was filed against it, but this petition was denied. At that time Heyward's law firm was associated with counsel for the defendant company. On cross-examination Mr. Lambdin said that at the time the Beach Manufacturing Company was put into the hands of receivers there were forty or fifty unsatisfied judgments outstanding against it and by agreement the company had for a time passed the interest on its bonds. Mr. Lambdin's testimony in regard to the manufacturing company discussed the advisability of asking Judge Speer to disqualify himself in the case because of his relationship to Heyward. "Before we arrived at a decision," the witness declared, a Mr. Talley brought us word that Judge Speer would put the lawyer who filed such a motion in jail. The witness said that later during the investigation a representative of the department of Justice began a probe of the situation and Judge Speer wrote a letter disqualifying himself from further connection with the case.

INJUNCTIONS WERE DISSOLVED.

By Associated Press. Kansas City, Mo., Jan. 30.—Injunctions against John T. Barker, attorney general of Missouri, preventing him from proceeding with suits to recover \$24,000,000 excess freight and passenger charges made by railroads while the Missouri rate cases were in litigation, were dissolved today in an opinion by Federal Judge Smith McPherson. The criminal injunction brought by railroads to prevent enforcement of Missouri's two cent passenger and maximum freight rate laws also was dissolved, in accordance with the recent decision of the United States supreme court upholding the laws. In addition the court held the \$10,000 bond put up by each railroad in 1905 when the state rate laws were enjoined has no reference to those persons who have paid excess rates or passenger fares and they can recover whatever is due them. More Postmasters. By Associated Press. Washington, Jan. 30.—The president today made these nominations for postmasters: Mississippi—Eddie E. McCormick, Yazoo City; Lizzie Dillon Oldenburg, Winona; Amos K. Porter, Boyle, Louisiana—John B. Sewell, Badwin; James M. Underwood, Farnville; James H. Leggett, Oakdale. South Carolina—Joshua L. Young, Warre Shoals. Virginia—William E. Ramsey, Gretna. Alabama—W. B. Jones, Camden; Randolph St. John, Sylacauga. Georgia—Thomas C. Spivey, Eatonton; W. T. Thurmond, Commerce. Florida—O. K. Paxton, Jr., White Springs.

Seaboard Train Crashes Into A. C. L. Train At Pembroke

SAYS "BOOZE FIGHTERS' HEAD LABOR UNION

By Associated Press. Indianapolis, Ind., Jan. 30.—That Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, was "gloriously drunk" at the Seattle convention of the federation was the charge made by Duncan McDonald, of Illinois, at the convention of the United Mine Workers of America today. During the prolonged cheers, "liar," "slanderer," were hurled at McDonald by Gompers, who sat on the platform. "I am glad Mr. Gompers is here so I can say what I want to," said McDonald in beginning his reply to the speech made yesterday by Mr. Gompers. "I said there were booze fighters in charge of the American Federation of Labor and I'll prove it. At the Seattle convention I had a room with my wife at a hotel next to the room reserved by the resolutions committee. The next Saturday night we could not sleep for the noise made by a bunch of drunks in the next room. "I appealed to the clerk of the hotel and the noise grew louder. Then I went down to the hotel office and the night manager called Jim Duncan on the telephone and told him they were disturbing all on the floor. "The noise grew fiercer and I finally knocked on the door of the room and was asked to come in and have a drink. When the door was opened there sat Gompers at the head of the table gloriously drunk and with a bottle of booze in his hand. "The statement threw the convention into an uproar and it was some time before order was restored. Gompers Denies Charge. Mr. Gompers followed McDonald and denied the charge of drunkenness. He declared the statement "libellous, untruthful, vicious, slanderous and without any form of honor." Mr. Gompers left the hall to take a train.

RIOTOUS SCENES AT OPENING OF PARLIAMENT.

By Associated Press. Cape Town, Jan. 30.—Riotous scenes marked the opening today of the parliament of the Union of South Africa. It was apparent that General Louis Botha, the premier, and his cabinet ministers, would be promptly called upon to justify their iron handed methods they adopted in dealing with the recent strike, particularly the deportation of ten labor leaders. Viscount Gladstone, governor general, said the declaration of martial law had been an "imperative duty." General Jan Christian Smuts, minister of defense, gave notice that he would move a bill to indemnify the government for all its acts under martial law and to prohibit the return of the deported men, thus raising an equally hot bar to the efforts of the labor representatives to move the immediate discussion of the "surprising" deportation of citizens without trial. Labor members tried to debate "the crime of kidnapping citizens," but the speaker refused to allow the motion.

REBEL MOVEMENT ON A BIG SCALE.

By Associated Press. Juarez, Mexico, Jan. 30.—Rebel movements toward Torreón began on a large scale today. The bulk of the main army had camped at Escobedo, more than half way southward from Chihuahua, and more troops were joining them from the states of Durango and Coahuila. Rebels were reported drawing in from the eastward to attack Saltillo and cut off the federal communication from Monterrey. General Villa proposes to put practically his entire army against Torreón. The federal garrison is variously estimated at from 5,000 to 10,000 while the rebel strength exceeds that number. Black Hander Weakens. By Associated Press. New York, Jan. 30.—Angelo Sylvester, reputed leader of a black hand gang that terrorized the East Side, lost all his bravado today and persuaded the court to postpone his sentence until he could see the district attorney. He was reported today Sylvester wanted to confess. The police believe that Sylvester can give evidence that will enable them to catch other members of the gang; responsible for nearly a hundred bomb explosions. —Mr. L. B. Padgett of Greensboro, state secretary of the Missionary Laymen's Conference, is in the city today in conference with Mr. J. B. Fox and others in winding up the details of the conference held here in the fall.

President Harahan Gives Out List of the Injured Passengers—The Cause of the Wreck is Being Fully Investigated—Trains Crash at Pembroke.

Two Coaches of The Coast Line Train Were Derailed—Dr. James of Laurinburg is in Charge of The Injured—Seaboard Engineer the Most Seriously Injured.

By Long Distance 'Phone. Laurinburg, N. C., Jan. 30.—Seaboard Air Line passenger train No. 14, from Wilmington to Charlotte, ran into Atlantic Coast Line train No. 79 at the crossing of the two roads at Pembroke at 7:40 this morning. Two of the coaches on the A. C. L. train were derailed. It is said that the dense fog made it difficult for the Seaboard train engineer to see the Coast Line train, which was standing on the tracks and it is also said that his brakes failed to respond when he did see it. Several persons were injured, the most seriously injured being Engineer Charles Shafer, of Hamlet, of the Seaboard train. He was badly bruised about his head and body. The hospital here rushed out Dr. James and nurses and at 3 o'clock this afternoon the injured had not been brought here. W. D. Dixon, chief of police of Pembroke, who was standing on the platform when the collision occurred, was injured by a falling ladder knocked down by the collision. Others reported injured are: William Freeman, of Lumberton; Tom Ford, of Hope Mills; Mrs. Rosabel Cartwright, of Laurinburg and Mrs. N. J. Emanuel, of Latta, S. C. Allen Perry, colored, of Pembroke, was also injured. It is said that the injured, outside of the Seaboard engineer, were on the Coast Line train. Another Account. Norfolk, Va., Jan. 30.—President Harahan of the Seaboard Air Line Railway, gave out a statement of the wreck today. He said two coaches of the Atlantic Coast Line train were derailed and the following passengers slightly hurt: Tom Ford, and Miss Laura McLean, Hope Mills, N. C.; Miss Nancy Emanuel, Lamar, N. C.; Miss Rose L. Cartwright, Laurinburg, N. C.; Newsboy Resinaw, of Charleston, S. C.; W. M. Freeman, address unknown, and Engineer C. A. Shafer. The cause of the accident is being fully investigated. Dr. James of Laurinburg, is in charge of the injured people with everything possible being done for them.

PIEDMONT FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY HAS ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the Piedmont Fire Insurance Company was held yesterday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock in the offices on South Tryon street, at which time a review of the business of the year was given into, showing that the year had been a prosperous one with the company. The capital stock of the company is \$100,000 and a net earned surplus beyond all liabilities of \$183,365.31. The assets on December 31, 1913, amounted to \$295,293.94 compared with \$365,997.54 for 1912. The reserve for unadjusted losses for 1913 are \$4,198.82 and for unearned premiums \$107,722.81. The capital stock of the company is \$100,000 and it has a net earned surplus of \$183,365.31, which gives a surplus as regards policyholders of \$283,365.31. The following officers and directors were elected for the ensuing year: Directors: Messrs. J. T. Anthony, Henry M. McAden, B. D. Heath, C. Valera, V. H. Belk, A. L. Smith, Eugene H. Chisholm. Officers: Messrs. Henry M. McAden, president; B. D. Heath, vice president; A. L. Smith, secretary; Eugene H. Chisholm, manager.

FEATURE COMMITTEE BUSILY WORK ON FEATURES FOR TWENTIETH

The feature committee of the board of directors of the Mecklenburg Declaration Society met this morning in the office of the Greater Charlotte Club and conferred about several features which it is proposed to put on during the Twentieth of May celebration. Several of the operators of moving picture theaters in the city were present by request of the committee to consider several propositions among them one to show moving pictures of the main features of the celebration. The feature committee is busily engaged in several schemes that will make the spectacular part of the celebration one long to be remembered. A system of street fairs and carnivalistic stunts of various kinds are being considered and the committee is looking into the proposition of several carnival and show companies who wish to have charge of the amusement side of the celebration.