

Would the Italian Suit the Southern Farm?

Who will work the lands of the South in the future and make the world's supply of cotton? This is a question that the negro will not do it, and the white population already in the South that can or will go to the fields is not large enough to do it.

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The faithfulness of a true woman to an unworthy man is often pathetic—it were better that her heart were hardened and she could forget. Some months ago a travelling man, one Bishop, forgetting a true wife at home, sought company in the house of a father in Charlotte who objected to his presence, and who in defending his rights was shot to death in the presence of his own family and in his own home by Bishop.

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If North Carolina were chaff full of men of the mould of ex-Judge A. C. Avery of Morganton, she would have none too many of the kind. A wise man sometimes changes his opinions, but a fool never, says the proverb. But Judge Avery is a man who, when reason dictates a change, does change, and then has the courage to express his convictions after they have been carefully and conscientiously formed upon the evidence.

"Since that time the ever recurring negro problem has been brought to the front by President Roosevelt's dictation of a plank in the Republican national platform. This plank pledges that party, if it should have control of both houses of Congress and the executive department, to enact a law that will reduce the representation of North Carolina to six members of the House."

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SEVEN HUNDRED DROWNED.

A Danish Emigrant Ship Goes Down on the Rocks and Almost the Whole Load of Passengers is Lost.

London, July 3.—Over 700 Danish and Norwegian emigrants bound for New York are believed to have been drowned in the North Atlantic on June 28. Out of nearly 800 souls on board the Danish steamer Norge, which left Copenhagen June 22, only 27 are known to be alive and for the rest no hope is held out.

The vessel's eight boats were swung over the sides rapidly and the women and children were put into them first. There was a heavy sea running, and in lowering the boats all but two of them were smashed.

The Norge quickly began to go down by the head. Eight boats were lowered and into these the women and children were hurriedly put. Six of these boats smashed against the side of the Norge and their helpless inmates were caught up by the heavy seas.

One of the survivors said that when he got on deck the Norge was half submerged and was rapidly sinking lower in the water. Half mad with fright the survivors all struggled for places in the boats. They fought their way to the big lifeboat and an officer showed in the six women and the girl and then told the men to get in.

"In the sea by this time was a mass of struggling men, women and children gasping and choking from the effects of the water. They tried to get in the already overloaded boats, but were beaten off with oars. The boat went clear of this seething mass and just as she drew away the Norge went down."

The following account of the wreck was given by another survivor: "We were waiting for the call to breakfast when there was a violent bump. Then another bump, and I rushed on deck. I saw at once that something serious had happened, and I made a dash below to gather up my belongings."

"Scores were rushing on deck and the hatchway was crowded with emigrants. They were launching boats and rushing into them, but there was no time."

"Four or five were in the boat into which I got, and we cleared the ship. Luckily for us, in our party was the only seaman from the Norge who escaped, and he was able to navigate our little boat."

"We saw two other boats capsize, owing to the heavy weather and because no one could navigate them."

"We made straight away, and when we last saw the Norge, a large number of emigrants were on the deck. Captain Gundel stood on the bridge. Dozens of passengers had jumped into the sea. They wore life belts, but were drowned before our eyes."

"After 24 hours the Sylvia bore down and picked us up. About 700 persons must have been drowned."

The Norge sailed from Copenhagen, June 22. Rockall, the islet on which she struck, is about 200 miles west of the Hebrides. It is a dangerous reef, with a rock about 75 feet above water.

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