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ONE DOLLAR A YE

### ANOTHER SEA DISASTER.

#### Burning of Steamship in Mid-ocean Caused Loss of 136 People and Endangered Hundreds More—Story of the Fire.

Another sea disaster thrilled the world Friday when the steamship Voltorno, en route from Rotterdam to New York was burned in mid-ocean, while a raging storm prevented the ship that had come to the rescue from taking the people off the burning ship.

The Voltorno sailed from Rotterdam October 2 from New York. According to the official statement, she carried 22 first cabin passengers, 538 second and a crew numbering 96.

The rescue ships reached the scene of the disaster in plenty of time to save all, but for hours stood by the blazing vessel, impotent because of the storm, to reach the agitated men, women and children crowding the after part of the ship, a stone's throw away.

All night Thursday the lifeboats made a desperate effort to get alongside the Voltorno but the waves beat them back again and again and not until the storm abated at daylight Friday did the rescuers succeed in removing the survivors from the doomed ship. Even now the fringe of one of the most thrilling tales of the seas is available. Exactly how the rescue was effected is not known.

The Voltorno was well equipped with boats, sufficient the agents say, for 1,000 people, but the hoisting gear or lack of boat drill, or panic among the passengers, prevented the successful employment of them. The rescue ships were unable to lower life boats, but apparently most of the boats launched from the Voltorno were smashed or upset and the occupants drowned.

### GIVES VIVID DESCRIPTION.

Arthur Spurgeon, a passenger on the Carmanita, in a wireless dispatch, gives a vivid description of the face of the Carmanita and supplements his story with that of the survivor, Walter Trinitaphol, a German, who swam to the Carmanita and was rescued in an exhausted condition. He has been in the Carmanita's hospital, threatened with pneumonia. He told his story to Mr. Spurgeon before he became seriously ill, but owing to his exhausted state and broken English, his account of the disaster was somewhat incoherent.

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

"All went well," said Trinitaphol, "until 5 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 lifeboats were hard to launch 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 belts as a precaution.

### FIRE GREW WORSE.

"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 quieting the passengers they made the panic worse.

"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, which did not go down, for it was broken against the ship and all were drowned. Three other boats were put out aft. The fourth officer was in one of them, but I cannot say which one. All was confusion. The ropes broke and the occupants were thrown into the water and drowned or killed.

"When the captain saw what had happened he cut the cable of the other boats so that they could not be lowered.

"We were glad when we saw the Carmanita come.

### CHILDREN DREW REVOLVER.

"The men rushed up from below refused to go back. The captain saw his crew and drove them away but soon after the fire was spreading, they were obliged to abandon the deck.

"As soon as the Carmanita was sighted the captain made all the women and children get on one side and the men to the other side. He had a thought to have the bridge and go off because it was too hot. Women wept, shrieked, laughed and became hysterical.

"We had not thought of food but in the afternoon we considered it better to get something and went to theitchens, which we found deserted, made coffee and helped ourselves to biscuits and beef. But the most of the passengers refused to eat.

"We saw rafts sent from the Carmanita but nobody told us to jump in. In fact we knew not what they were there for. About 4 o'clock the

decks aft began to get very warm, then hotter and hotter. We did not seem to feel the heat.

"When shown his boot with the sole half burned through Trinitaphol said:

### BETTER TO JUMP.

"After the explosion I thought it better to jump, for I am a good swimmer, and an English passenger and one of the crew said they would accompany me. I jumped first; they followed me but I never saw them again.

"I made for the German ship but they did not hear me. Then I came towards the Carmanita and shouted 'help, help,' and was saved by aid of the searchlight. I was about an hour in the sea and became half unconscious. I know not how I was got out.

"During the day five sailors and one steward fell into the fire and were burned to death.

"I know nothing more. I came away because it was too hot to stay any longer and I feared the whole ship would blow up.

### Father Objected to Baby's Prayer.

White Plains, N. Y., Oct. 13.—In testifying that his wife was cruel to him, Arthur William Barber, a New York lawyer, said in Mrs. Barber's application for a separation from him that she had taught her daughter, three years old, to repeat this prayer nightly:

"Pray God, bless grandmother and spare her to me. Pray God, bless mother and spare her to me. God, make daddy a better man."

Mr. Barber said he objected to the last line.

Mrs. Barber testified that every day of her four years of married life she had made notes "of all the cruel and mean things my husband did to me," she had the notes, covering scores of pages of paper with her, and was willing to read them to Justice Mills.

"Why did you keep daily notes of the unkind things you say your husband did?" Justice Mills asked.

"To relieve my feelings."

"Did you keep notes of any kind things which your husband did?"

"No. I did not have to relieve my mind of those things."

Mrs. Barber added that her entire married life had been one of trouble and worry, and she said her husband was responsible. Mr. Barber retailed by testifying that his troubles resulted from "too much mother-in-law," that his wife's mother continually interfered with his family affairs, and that she had won his wife's affections from him.

When asked about his wife's charge that he had beaten her, Mr. Barber replied:

"My wife said that I was the scum of the earth, and I said that I must be or I would not have married her."

### County Fair November 22nd.

At a public meeting in the court house last Saturday a county fair association for the current year was organized and the date set for the fair—November 22nd, Saturday.

Mr. T. J. W. Brown was elected president, L. E. Higgins secretary and treasurer, C. E. Rushing, T. F. Dillon, and J. M. Tomberlin, committee of arrangements. A committee for soliciting premiums was appointed as follows: Buford, S. A. Latham; Jackson, J. R. Eason; Stanley Wilson, R. B. Cuthbertson; Vance, J. P. Boyd; Goose Creek, W. H. Helms; New Salem, G. W. Smith, Sr.; Marshville, J. S. James; Lanes Creek, S. E. Bell; Monroe, B. C. Ashcraft. Town committees: Monroe, T. P. Dillon, Mrs. J. A. Stewart, Mrs. G. B. Caldwell, Mrs. Ruby Moore; Waxhaw, Henry Collins; Miss Pearl Rodman; Mineral Spring, M. M. Winchester; Wingate, J. W. Hives; Marshville, J. S. James, Mrs. J. L. Green, Mrs. B. H. Griffin; Unionville, T. L. A. Helms; Indian Trail, J. F. Thompson, Mrs. J. W. Kallings. All the committees are expected to meet next Saturday at ten o'clock in the courthouse.

Those engaged in the meeting expect to have a fine fair.

### Marriage Announced.

Correspondence of The Journal. The engagement of Miss Bessie Lewis of B. Jones High School and Mr. Charles C. Williams, formerly of Galloway, now of Charlotte, has been announced. The wedding will take place on Wednesday, Nov. 5, at 7 o'clock in the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Hamp. The bride is the daughter of Mr. Charles C. Williams, a very popular and well known citizen.

Mr. Williams has been the result of an accident. Miss Nellie Redigan of St. Paul, Va., is in a hospital in Washington growing a new one, but at the suggestion of the lady's finger of her left hand, and surgeons believe one of the most difficult operations ever performed in Washington will be entirely successful. Miss Redigan's finger was split and the flesh sewed into place over the wound. The finger bone forming the bridge of the nose.

President Wilson has decided to appoint H. M. Phillips, a newspaper editor of Beaufort, N. C., to be ambassador to Russia and Mayor Brand Whitlock of Toledo, O., to be minister to Belgium.

### STATE NEWS.

Mr. Crawford Leutz went to a circus in Salisbury Monday and is short a pocket book containing \$200 in cash and \$300 in notes.

W. Columbus Preston, an employe at White Oak Cotton Mills, near Greensboro, came in contact with an electric wire in the engine room of the mill and died from the effect of the shock some hours later.

In order to accommodate its patrons, the express company has opened a special office in Charlotte for the distribution of liquor and beer shipped from other states.

Mrs. Chloë Crump of Lenoir attempted suicide by shooting and the wound may prove fatal. Married twice and both husbands had deserted her. The last description was too much.

Jess Hayes, a negro sent to the State prison from Robeson county, about a month ago, to serve two years for larceny, drank concentrated lye while in the Robeson county jail, prior to being sent to the State prison, and this week died from the effects.

In Durham Wednesday two negro boys, Paul Fulford and Geo. Roberts, were walking along the streets when, without any warning, Roberts raised the gun he was carrying and shot the top of the other boy's head. Roberts is in jail. The boy he killed was from Goldsboro and was his guest.

Ethel Messer, 12 years old, spent the night at the home of her brother-in-law, Carmel Howell, a Haywood county farmer. About 2 o'clock in the night the girl passed through the room occupied by her brother-in-law and entered the room where he slept. Howell, who seemed to have burglars on the brain, was aroused by the noise and fired. The ball entered the girl's thigh, inflicting a serious wound.

Attorney General Bleckett has ruled that under chapter 170 of the acts of 1913, the positions of committee for rural schools and boards of trustees of State schools and colleges and sub-text book commissions shall not be deemed offices within this State under the constitution, and therefore a man can hold any of the positions named without in any way interfering with his right to hold any other public position or office.

### Trinity College News.

Correspondence of The Journal. Trinity College, Oct. 6, 1913.—Last Friday was Benefactor's day at Trinity College and was observed as a holiday. At 8 o'clock P. M. President William A. Webb of Randolph-Macon College, Lynchburg, Va., delivered an address on the subject, "Dante and his influence on English Literature." The list of those who had made contributions to the college during the past year was read. It was a long and interesting one, but the Duke and the General Educational Board of New York gave a large portion of the increase in the resources of the college during the past year.

The Student's Conference of the North Carolina Young Men's Christian Association closed its session Sunday afternoon. There were enrolled here 148 delegates from the various colleges of the State. The conference was a good one, there being present some of the best men connected with the Student's Y. M. C. A. The conference began on Wednesday October 1.

The "Quill Club," which is composed of the newspaper correspondents of the college, was recently re-organized. New officers were elected, and a constitutional committee was appointed to draw up a constitution for the organization. The officers elected were: President, F. B. Brown, of Raleigh; Vice-President, D. W. Holt, Mebaneville; and Secretary-Treasurer, R. A. Stamey, of Greensboro. This club is a mutual aid society for the reporters of the various papers.

Mr. Charles Louis Townsend has been elected instructor in French and German, and has begun his work. He is a first honor graduate of McGill University of Montreal, Canada. He taught for several years in the high schools of Canada, and since 1910 has been a graduate student of Harvard University.

In a fit of religious mania at Liverpool, Eng., Wednesday, a youthful church worker, William McDougald, ran amuck with a loaded revolver and killed three of his fellow church workers. He then committed suicide. McDougald paid a round of visits to the residences of his colleagues in the church work just after midnight and shot them down in turn, afterward battering their heads with a bludgeon.

The American minister to the Dominican Republic, Jas. W. Sullivan, has induced the warring factions in that country to sign a peace pact and the revolution headed by Gen. Horacio Vasquez against the government of Provisional President Sotillo is ended.

A specialist, eye-sight specialist, will be in his office the latter part of the week—Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. Call and see him if you have trouble with your eyes.

### Sudden Inspiration.

"That's a nice looking fellow who's just come in," said the young man who was dining with his best girl, "is he a friend of yours?"

"Yes, indeed, I know him well," touched the maiden.

"Shall I ask him to join us?"

"Oh, George," said the girl, blushing, "this is so sudden."

"Sudden? What do you mean?" he asked in surprise.

"Why—why, that's our young minister."—Ladies' Home Journal.

### Holl Rot Doing Much Damage.

Mr. R. F. Krimminger, one of the best farmers of the Cool Springs section of Lanes Creek township, came to town Saturday and brought a stalk of cotton infected with anthracnose, or boll rot. Last year Mr. Krimminger thinks that his loss from the disease must have been a hundred and fifty dollars. This year he planted seed that he had secured in South Carolina where he was informed there was none of the disease, and along side of this field he planted some other seed that his son sent him from the Waxhaw section. In this latter patch the disease was worse. The disease is well distributed in that section, and indeed in other parts of the county. Mr. H. C. Smith, another gentleman of Lanes Creek, was in The Journal office later and told of his experience. He will try to get rid of it by seed selection. About the same time, Mr. W. W. Funderburk of Buford was also in the office and reported it on his farm. For the benefit of our readers we again publish the notice of this disease sent out by the Agricultural Department, telling how to treat it. Every farmer should send a postal card to the department for the bulletin referred to.

### ABOUT THE DISEASE.

The spots on the boll grow to about one-half an inch, are brown, and covered at a certain stage with a pinkish coating. Affected bolls open prematurely, and the lint rot or is of inferior grade. Wet weather favors the disease. The loss sometimes reach 75 or even 90 per cent of the bolls.

It is a fungous disease, and fortunately does not spread far during a season because the reproductive spores in the pinkish masses are sticky and depend largely on spore-carrying water rather than on wind for their dissemination. The disease is carried over winter or introduced into new localities, chiefly through internally infected seed that have developed in slightly affected bolls. No satisfactory seed treatment is known. The fungus may remain alive on the old stalks during the winter, and such should not be planted in the same field the next year unless it has been fall or winter plowed to bury stalks.

To avoid the disease, do not plant contaminated seed. Safe seed of any variety can be secured from a moderately infected field if it is picked up, partially from stalks that have no diseased bolls, and that stand a few feet away from affected stalks. If only a small amount can be secured, plant it in a special plot from which a large amount of clean seed can be had the year following. Be careful to have gins well cleaned if they have been used for diseased cotton.

Fortunately the disease is rather restricted as yet, but it is increasing at a dangerous rate. It is first brought into new localities in seed-crown elsewhere. Growers are warned not to buy any cotton seed for planting unless reliably assured that it is free from disease. Take immediate steps to free your farm of this disease by the seed selection method. Get your neighbors to do the same. Full information about this and other important farm crop diseases is contained in Bulletin 182 of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, Raleigh, N. C.

Attempts on members of the Senate banking and currency committee and efforts to force action by the committee on the administration currency bill, were severely condemned in an informal executive session of the committee Wednesday night. In the same connection President Wilson denied over his own signature, in the Washington Post, a story quoting him as saying that those who do not support him are not Democrats.

President Wilson is now planning for anti-trust legislation to be enacted at the regular session of Congress, which begins in December, and in preparation for that work he is discussing the matter with Senator Newlands, chairman of the interstate commerce committee, and Chairman Clayton of the House judiciary committee.

Frank Stump, postmaster at Stillwater, Saratoga county, N. Y., aroused at 3 o'clock in the morning by the sound of an explosion in the postoffice, about 100 feet east of his residence, took his rifle and fired at random through a window by the side of the safe, instantly killing an unknown man who was attempting to rob the safe. Two robbers stationed on the outside ran away after firing on the postmaster.

The Treasury Department has deposited in national banks \$30,493,000 of the proposed \$50,000,000 of government crop moving funds. About \$19,500,000 more will be put out during the next few weeks. Of this amount North Carolina has received \$1,200,000.

At the request of the county commissioners of Anson, Representative Thomas of that county has had passed by the legislature a bill taxing wagons which bear lumber one cent per thousand for each mile hauled. The lumbermen said that this was a discrimination, but the commissioners took the view that nothing else runs a road so quickly as lumber wagons and that they ought to pay for the privilege.

### Death of Mr. George W. Redfeare.

Mr. George W. Redfeare died at his home in Monroe about 2:30 Sunday afternoon. He had been going down in health for a long time. He was 67 years old at his last birthday in August, and up till a few days ago had continued to get up and about a little whenever he wished. An old soldier comrade, Mr. Trull, came to nurse him a couple of weeks ago. He remained conscious till the last and died in great peace. He is survived by his wife, who is a daughter of the late Capt. McCauley, and three sons, Messrs. Charles, Neil, and Albert Redfeare, and one daughter, Mrs. Madge Benson. All were at home at the time of his death, except Mr. Neil Redfeare, who was away on a long business trip and could not be located in time. Mr. Redfeare also leaves two brothers, Messrs. Charles S. and A. C. Redfeare of Peachland, and three sisters, Mrs. Rebecca Billingsley, Mrs. Elizabeth Thomas, and Mrs. Josephine Ballard all of Anson county.

The funeral was held at the residence on Monday evening by Rev. Mr. Swain of the Episcopal church.

Mr. Redfeare was born in Anson county, three miles south of Peachland. When just a lad he joined the Confederate army as a junior reserve in Judge Walter Clark's regiment. Immediately after the war he located in Monroe and went into the mercantile business with his brother-in-law, Mr. J. M. Thomas. He went to Texas and spent a year, coming back old and weary, and was employed by his associates in the county.

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### Death of Mrs. Charles E. Dexter.

Mrs. Charles E. Dexter, who was Miss Caroline Parker, daughter of Mr. J. D. Parker, died suddenly at her home at White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia, last Saturday afternoon. The news was a great shock to the hundreds of friends and acquaintances of the popular young woman in Monroe. It has an unusual gloom of sadness upon the town. The remains were brought to town last night and taken to the home of Mr. J. J. Parker, her father's house being dismantled preparatory to building week. The funeral was held from the Episcopal church at eleven o'clock this morning.

The deceased was one of the most beautiful and beloved young women ever reared in Monroe and a timely death in her 24th year. She was born in 1888, and was happily married to Mr. Charles E. Dexter April 1. She is survived by her husband, two brothers, Messrs. J. J. Parker and Sam Parker, a sister, Mrs. J. E. Brown, of Mr. Sam Parker, who lives in North Carolina, and Mrs. Jesse, who lives in the State.

The pall bearers were Messrs. T. P. Dillon, Hinde, A. M. Shack, John H. Weldon and Patrick Kelly. The services were held in the Episcopal church at eleven o'clock this morning.

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