

**Japanese Ship With Crew of Dead Men Found After Drifting Across Pacific**

Seattle, Wash., Nov. 1.—A gruesome mystery of the sea was unfolded here today with the arrival of the liner Margaret Dollar, which picked up off the Washington coast an 85-foot Japanese fishing smack that apparently had drifted more than 3,000 miles across the Pacific ocean, with the lifeless bodies of two of its crew as the only cargo.

The two Japanese, whose bodies were found in the sleeping quarters of the 100-ton craft, were apparently

the survivors of a crew of more than 12, in the opinion of Captain H. T. Payne, master of the Margaret Dollar. What happened to the others may remain a mystery, but Captain Payne believes that they leaped overboard when the food and water supplies became exhausted.

Discovery of a pile of bones on the derelict craft added further horror to the mystery. Whether they were of human beings could not be determined by the Margaret Dollar's crew.

"In my opinion, the two men aboard had been dead for at least a month," said Captain Payne. "I should judge that it took more than

100 days for the vessel to drift across the ocean, and I am sure that it did just that. The empty water coals and food tins indicate that the boat was caught in a storm and that most of the crew ended their own lives or succumbed to a possibly worse fate."

A packet of weather-browned documents found in the cabin of the craft was turned over to the Japanese consul for translation in an effort to shed further light on the mystery surrounding the derelict.

The world's biggest pig, weighing over a half a ton, is insured for \$25,000 and has traveled 35,000 miles to exhibitions and fairs.

**BONDS FROM SOUTHERN STATES ARE DEMANDED**

It Appears From New York Financial Article That Securities Are of the Best.

Raleigh, Nov. 1.—North Carolina bonds hushed about "from hell to breakfast" as one of the outraged citizens of the state recently remarked when he heard of the latest assault on the state's credit on account of the carpet bag papers, are going well and Governor McLean hadn't any pleasanter thing to mediate today than the Saturday morning story in the New York Times.

Under an honest-to-goodness slug-head, the biggest of them all carried an account of the keen competition in the money markets for bonds offered by southern states. His excellency thinks there is glory enough to cover the whole south. But he is especially pleased with the two paragraphs on North Carolina. They say, headlines and all:

Credit of states and their municipalities rising with northern investors.

Legal limitations vary. Investment market influenced by industrial development and growth of population.

Keen bidding which has marked the sales of bonds by southern states and municipalities has brought retail prices of these issues to a point where they very closely approximate the market for similar obligations of northern communities. It is only comparatively recently that southern municipal bonds have found a ready market with northern investors. Southern communities now guard their credit as jealously as do northern municipalities, and as a result they obtain high prices for their bonds.

A patent example of this is the low rate at which the state of North Carolina has been able to borrow. The state, which began its \$115,000,000 highway program in 1921 paying more than five per cent, sold an issue of four per cent bonds last spring, and has an additional issue of four under option to the bankers. Not only has North Carolina been enabled to construct a highway system which has few equals in any state in the United States at a reasonable cost, but also to do it without a drain on the state's finances.

Under the North Carolina law a sufficient sum is set aside from automobile and gasoline taxes to meet the payment of the interest and serially maturing principal of all highway bonds of the state. However, the provision for special revenues for the payment of the highway bonds gives additional security, but in no way detracts from the unqualified pledge of the full faith, credit and taxing power of the state to pay the principal and interest of the bonds.

Concerning which, Governor McLean is moved to remark: "The article in the New York Times giving favorable mention to the status of North Carolina bonds was very gratifying to State Treasurer Lacy and myself. The most encouraging feature of the situation is that North Carolina bonds are definitely upon a four per cent interest basis. It is not our intention in future to sell any bonds bearing a higher rate than four per cent. Recently when we were in New York we were pleased to learn that the \$10,000,000 sold last spring on a four per cent basis have just about been absorbed by the market. We had not intended offering any more bonds for sale any time soon. We are keeping in touch with the market, however, and will watch with interest the trend of the market between now and January 1. Fortunately our finances are in such condition that we are not compelled to sell bonds until we know that the market conditions are so favorable that any offering made will be absorbed at the new four per cent rate which has been established for North Carolina securities."

At the wedding an old Quaker said to the bridegroom, "I think thy bride has shown more judgment in her choice than thee has." The young man was somewhat concerned for the feelings of his bride until the old man added, "Because thy good qualities are somewhat hard to discover and hers can be seen at a glance."

"When the tourist arrived back home he fell on his face and kissed the pavement of his native city." "Emotion?" "No, banana skin."—London Tit-Bits.

**Executor's Notice.**  
Having qualified as executor of the estate of G. C. Welch, deceased, late of Surry County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 20th day of Oct. 1928, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.  
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