

STEAMSHIP SUNK BY UNKNOWN CRAFT OFF COAST OF VIRGINIA

Schooner That Collided With Washingtonian Left Crew of 40 to Fate—Lightship Picked Up 39 and One Was Drowned

(By the United Press) Norfolk, Jan. 26.—One man was drowned and thirty-nine others rescued with difficulty, when an unknown schooner collided with and sank the American-Hawaiian steamer Washingtonian off Fenwick Island, fifty miles from Cape Henry, last night.

The Washingtonian was proceeding slowly in the dark when the smash occurred. The unidentified schooner immediately made off. The collision tore a great hole in the Washingtonian. The crew, in a panic, manned the boats. Some jumped overboard. A few minutes afterwards the steamer foundered. The lightship from Fenwick Island rescued thirty-nine from the water. One unidentified member of the crew was drowned, according to dispatches.

Schooner Abandoned at Sea. The schooner Mary L. Baxter was abandoned thirty-five miles south of Cape Henry today. Her crew was taken off by a revenue cutter.

The Old Dominion liner Hamilton stood by to assist the Washingtonian's passengers and crew.

Survivors on Way to New York. New York, Jan. 26.—Fifty-two survivors of the steamer Washingtonian, in collision off the Virginia coast early today, aboard the Old Dominion liner Hamilton, are due here this afternoon. One sailor named Myers, a member of the Washingtonian's crew, was drowned. The Hamilton messenger that boats from Fenwick Lighthouse, rescued forty-five others.

MOVIE FILMS TAKE THE PLACE OF SCHOOL BOOKS

Cleveland, Jan. 26.—Education under forced draught, founded on the theory that "seeing is believing" and taught exclusively with motion picture films is the purpose of the latest institution of learning here.

Reading, writing, arithmetic, geography, domestic science with all its branches and many other subjects will be taught with the aid of films. Pupils will be enrolled as in other schools. Pencils and paper will be used only for examination at various intervals and all papers will be graded in the customary manner. The scheme is headed by C. G. Thompson, manager of a film service and is backed by representative business men.

SEVENTY FERTILIZER WORKERS QUIT LABOR

(By the United Press) Elizabeth, N. J., Jan. 26.—Seventy employes of the Bowker Fertilizer Co. struck today, and more are expected to walk out.

SIXTH VICTIM OF THE SAN DIEGO EXPLOSION.

San Diego, Jan. 25.—Darrell L. Varnado of Port Arthur, Texas, a fireman, died today of burns received Thursday last, when a boiler tube blew out on the cruiser San Diego. The casualty list now stands six dead and seven injured. A board of inquiry is investigating the accident.

NEWS MEN WHO KEPT THE FAITH GO FREE.

Washington, Jan. 25.—Contempt of court sentences imposed on William L. Curtin and George Burdick of the New York Tribune, because they refused to divulge sources of information of a printed story of grand jury investigations of customs frauds in New York were set aside today by the Supreme Court.

The court did not pass upon whether the men could be compelled to state the sources of their information. It sustained their refusal to testify before a grand jury on the ground that they might have incriminated themselves, despite the fact that presidential pardons had been prepared for them. The newspaper men refused to accept the pardons.

ONLY MINOR CASES ON PRESENT DOCKET OF SUPERIOR COURT

Judge Peebles Is Making A Favorable Impression—Progress of Court for the First Day and a Half Has Been Satisfactory

Judge R. B. Peebles, sitting over Superior Court here, is making a very favorable impression upon the counsel, court officers and spectators in court. The judge is making fair progress with the heavy docket, and gaining in popularity fast, although this is only the second day of his first sitting here. He is in appearance a jurist of the old school, deliberate considerate and approachable, but eminently just in serving the State as well as the defendant. His Honor's health a week or two ago was not so good as usual, attorneys state, but he appears to be recuperating nicely.

The docket is comprised by insignificant cases principally. On Monday many were continued. The absence of Representative Emmett R. Wooten had a marked effect on the docket the first day. Nearly two score cases in which the Speaker of the House of Representatives, now in the General Assembly, at Raleigh, is employed as counsel had to be continued because of his inability to attend court.

John Stanley and Lewis Lee were fined \$20 and costs for carrying concealed weapons at Monday's session. George Arthur, tried for cruelty to animals, was found not guilty. The bill of larceny against Julius Parker, a small black boy, was changed to forcible trespass, and the case was dismissed upon the payment of costs after the prisoner had plead guilty.

TODAY IS A GREAT DAY FOR BIRTHDAYS

Washington, Jan. 26.—Today is the birthday of a state library, and a senator. Michigan is the state, being admitted into the Union on Jan. 26, 1837. The library is the Library of Congress, the most complete institution of its kind in the world. Congress bought Thomas Jefferson's private library of 7,000 volumes for the use of Congress on Jan. 26, 1815. Senator Oliver of Pennsylvania is celebrating his 66th birthday. And in addition to these, the Caledonian Club and other Scottish organizations will honor tonight the memory of Robert Burns, today being his birthday.

IF THIS CANAL WON'T DO, BUILD NEW ONE, W. J. B.'S PROPOSAL

Goethal's Statement That Landslides May Prevent Naval Parade Worries Washington and Calls for Sarcasm from Secretary

(By the United Press) Washington, Jan. 26.—Colonel Goethal's admission that the Panama Canal probably will not be open for naval vessels' passage in March, owing to slides, has caused considerable anxiety in official circles. Secretary Bryan sarcastically suggests that the United States build another canal in Nicaragua or Costa Rica to guard against the present "uncertainties."

SAIL YACHT POUNDING ON DIAMOND SHOALS.

Norfolk, Va., Jan. 25.—Reports from Diamond Shoals late today where a schooner yacht was said to have stranded yesterday, are that only one mast of the vessel is now standing. She is too far from shore to make out her name and the weather is too rough for the life-savers to go out.

The revenue cutter Seminole proceeded to sea late today in response to wireless calls to assist an unknown yacht reported ashore on Hatteras shoals.

THE LARGEST HOG EVER KILLED IN THIS SECTION

Mark Sutton, Near LaGrange, Killed Fine Poland China Porker, Dressing in 700 Pounds—Another Large One Killed Near There.

(Special to The Free Press.) LaGrange, N. C., Jan. 27.—Mr. Mark Sutton, who lives about two miles from LaGrange, killed a hog last week that dressed 700 pounds net. So far, this is the largest hog ever reported killed in this section. Some time ago Mr. Sutton's brother killed a pig one year younger than this one which weighed 547 pounds. The hogs were the big bone Poland China type.

FARMER ACCUSED OF MOONSHINING, GIVES HIMSELF UP TO LAW.

Fayetteville, Jan. 25.—John Smith, prominent farmer, wanted on the charge of abetting in the operation of a whiskey still, telephoned to Sheriff McGeachy here today and announced that he was coming to the city to give himself up. He later rode into town in his automobile and surrendered to officers. He gave bond this afternoon.

STENOGRAPHERS SEEK JOBS WITH UNCLE SAM

Washington, Jan. 26.—Stenographers and typewriters for the government service are being examined throughout the country today. The entrance salary averages \$720 a year. Thousands are being examined.

BRITISH CARGO BOATS BEING CAREFULLY GUARDED

Berlin, Jan. 26.—British cargo boats in the North Sea are now convoyed by torpedo boat destroyers for fear of German submarine attack, according to announcement made by German press dispatches.

PORTUGAL'S WAR MINISTER RESIGNS.

Lisbon, Jan. 26.—Clashes with other cabinet officers over the manner of conducting Portugal's campaign in Angola, is understood to have caused the resignation of the Portuguese War Minister, General Eca. No great surprise was manifested here.

BARON JOHN A. FISHER



Admiral Sir John Fisher, First Sea Lord of the British Navy. He is in the seventies and is still hale and hearty. His subordinates, taking orders direct from him, are worked accordingly. He is considered a hard task master and strict disciplinarian, but he has the confidence of his men and the populace, even though he is not very popular. His arm of the English defense has come in for more or less criticism on account of the German raids, but the success of the British ships in Sunday's engagements have restored him in the good graces of his fellow-countrymen.

WILHELM FIFTY-SIX ON 27TH; ENGLAND EXPECTING TROUBLE

Britons Prepare Against Teuton's Celebration of the Anniversary

GERMANS FOILED IN WEST

Driven Back With Terrible Losses by British—An Attempt to Resume Offensive—Belgians Retake Trenches They Had Lost

(By United Press) London, Jan. 26.—The Kaiser will celebrate his fifty-sixth birthday tomorrow. England is prepared for a Zeppelin raid. The admiralty is silent as to Berlin's claim that two British destroyers and a battle cruiser were sunk in the North Sea engagement Sunday.

Fifty of Bluecher's Company Landed. Leith, Scotland, Jan. 26.—Fifty German survivors of the Bluecher were landed by two British destroyers that participated in Sunday's battle. Twenty-three are suffering from wounds.

Conditions in Western War Zone.

Paris, Jan. 26.—A German attack upon English positions west of Labasse and in the region from the Lys to the Oise was repulsed with frightful German losses. The Germans are attempting to resume the offensive from the seacoast south to Arras. German attacks upon Givenchy and Cuinchy have been repulsed with very heavy losses. Three hundred Germans died in an infantry attack east of Ypres. South of Nieuport the Belgians have forced the Germans to withdraw their guns from positions previously held by the Belgians. Fierce fighting in Alsace continues. The Germans are bombarding Thann, Lembach and Sennheim. German Progress Reported from Berlin.

Berlin, Jan. 26.—The Kaiser's soldiers have captured strong British positions on roads west of Labasse and southeast of Laon. They have also taken several strong French positions on the heights of Craonne. Two infantry charges drove the French from their positions. French attacks in Argonne have been repulsed. In the eastern theater the Russians have been halted in their advance upon Kielec.

BULLETINS

(By the United Press)

AUSTRIAN BATTLESHIP REPORTED SUNK

Rome, Jan. 26.—It is rumored from Vienna that an Austrian dreadnaught struck a mine off the Austrian naval base of Pola and was sunk.

BRITISH SHELL KILLS THE BURGOMASTER OF WESTENDE.

Berlin, Jan. 26.—British warships bombarded Middelkirk and Westende, killing and wounding many. The Burgomaster of Westende was killed.

AMERICAN CONSUL'S WOUNDING CONFIRMED

Paris, Jan. 26.—Benjamin Morel, American consular agent at Dunkirk, was slightly wounded in the head by a bomb dropped by a German aviator, which partially wrecked the consulate. The bomb exploded within ten feet of Morel's house.

AUSTRIAN MINISTER JOINS THE KAISER

Berlin, Jan. 26.—Baron Burian Rajecz, the new Austrian Minister, has joined the Kaiser at field headquarters, it was announced today.

TOLSON LUMBER CO. IN HANDS OF RECEIVERS.

New Bern, Jan. 26.—The Tolson Lumber and Manufacturing Company, of which L. C. Tolson, well-known in lumber circles throughout the section, is general manager, has gone into the hands of a receiver. Clyde Eby has been appointed receiver.

TO CHARGE JURY BEFORE THE EVIDENCE IS BEGUN

Novel Action of Chief Justice Berger In Special Grand Jury Probe of Roosevelt Strikers' Slaying—Investigation Commenced.

(By United Press) New Brunswick, N. J., Jan. 26.—The special grand jury probe of the shooting of two strikers at Roosevelt today. Supreme Court Justice Berger announced that he will take an unusual step in charging the jury before they begin hearing the evidence.

FOOD UP 20 PER CENT.; WAGES DOWN IN ENGLAND

(By the United Press) London, Jan. 26.—Food prices have advanced twenty per cent. in England since the outbreak of the war. The suffering among the poor is terrible. There has been wholesale reduction of salaries.

23 BLACKS DIE TO 10 WHITES IN DURHAM.

Durham, Jan. 25.—A special meeting of the board of health was held today for the purpose of hearing the yearly report of Dr. Arch Cheatham, health officer for the city and county of Durham. This report showed that the death rate for the white people of the county was 10.10 per thousand population, and that of the colored people about 23 per thousand.

CONVERTED WARSHIP LOST WITH ALL CREW

London, Jan. 25.—It was officially announced at the admiralty today that the British armored merchant vessel Vikner had been lost off Ireland with Ireland, with all hands. The vessel, it was stated, either struck a mine or foundered.

The admiralty statement says: "She has been missing for some days, and must be accepted as lost with all her officers and men. The cause of her loss is uncertain, but as some bodies and wreckage have been washed ashore on the north coast of Ireland, it is presumed that during the recent bad weather she either foundered or, being carried out of her course, struck a mine in seas where the Germans are known to have laid them."

APPEALS TO WILSON'S IMAGINATION TO TALK ACROSS THE CONTINENT.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 25.—President Wilson today inaugurated the first trans-continental telephone system by speaking directly to President Moore of the Panama-Pacific Exposition in San Francisco. With Mr. Moore, Alexander Gram Bell, the inventor of the telephone, and President Vail of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company on the wire at different points, the President extended congratulations on the achievement.

"It appeals to the imagination to speak across the continent," said the President to Mr. Moore.

SOUTH BETHLEHEM, PA., HAS DESTRUCTIVE FIRE

(By the United Press) South Bethlehem, Pa., Jan. 26.—Fire, fanned by a high wind, threatened to destroy the business section of this city today. The authorities wired for apparatus from Bethlehem and other neighboring towns. The flames were under control at 7 o'clock this morning, after the damage had reached \$50,000.

SOUTH CAROLINA A STEP NEARER TO PROHIBITION

Columbia, S. C., Jan. 25.—Without a roll-call, the South Carolina House today passed to third reading a bill designed to take advantage of the Webb law provisions giving the State authority over interstate shipment of liquor. The bill would require every one who orders liquor from without the State to secure a permit from the clerk of the court.

NEUSE RIVER STILL RISING AND LIKELY TO REACH RECORD

Old River Men Think September, 1908, Mark Will Be Equalled and Maybe Passed—Parrott's Bridge Looks the Part, "Unsafe"

Neuse river is this afternoon quietly but gradually swelling and nearing the high water mark of September 1, 1908, when the record flood occurred. The water is now still five and a half or six feet below the board nailed to a tree on the east side of the river, near Parrott's bridge, which marked the crest of the rise in 1908, but there is an immense volume of water in the stream above here which has not yet reached this point. The freshets from Sunday's rains will send the level two or three feet higher, well-versed river men say, and there are a few who are pessimistic enough to assert that the 1908 record will be equalled. All admit that another heavy precipitation within a few days would accomplish this.

Last night the river rose three or four inches. That was a considerable rise for the stream here, it is asserted by men who have watched its behavior under similar conditions before.

On the west side of Parrott's bridge from the city the roadway is blocked by several inches of water. Parrott's park is flooded in spots. All the way up the river for some miles the low grounds are flooded, and the tide has gradually crept up into fields at some places. Stock is being driven out of the swamps to high ground. One man this morning reported seeing the destruction of a flock of chickens. Half a dozen hens and a rooster were almost isolated on a little dry spot, and took no notice of the water which encircled their tiny island. He returned to the place a couple of hours later to see the last of the hens being washed off.

Parrott's bridge now looks everything that is implied by the sign which greets the pedestrian as he steps upon it from the land, "Unsafe." But the dilapidated looking old structure is not even "groaning" under the pressure of the water pouring down against and eddying around its piles. "If it continues to get up, she's apt to go this time?" was asked one of the river frequenters this morning. He granted disavowal. "Stood it before," he said.

The current is swifter than at any time in four or five years, it is said.

BELIEF IN GERMANY THAT ENGLAND LOST TWO OR MORE SHIPS

War Office at Berlin Reiterates Sinking of the Battle Cruiser—Crew of Airship Destroyed

(By the United Press) Berlin, Jan. 26.—Repeating the claim that a British battle cruiser was sunk in the battle in the North Sea Sunday, the German war office today declared that two British destroyers were sunk also, and another English ship badly damaged.

There are contradicting reports of the sinking of British battle cruisers. A German airship cruising off the coast while the battle was being fought says two British ships were sunk. Berlin papers declare the North Sea engagement was a brilliant victory for the German squadron. There is anxiety over the fate of the crew and captain of the Bluecher.

12-YEAR-OLD BOY LOSES HAND WHILE HUNTING.

Fayetteville, Jan. 25.—The twelve-year-old son of J. C. Adams of Linden, this county, accidentally shot himself while hunting near his father's home this morning, and was brought to a hospital here, where his hand was amputated.

HOUSE PASSES BILL ALLOWING WOMEN TO BE NOTARIES TODAY

With the Understanding That Governor Appoint But One Until Constitutionality Is Confirmed—Other Bills

(By W. J. Martin) Raleigh, Jan. 26.—The House debated two hours today over the Senate bill to empower the Governor to appoint but one woman under the then voted 56 to 48 for the passage of the bill, which is now ready for ratification. It is passed with the understanding that Governor Craig will not appoint, but one woman under the law until the Supreme Court has had time to pass on the constitutionality of the act. This is as a precaution against having great numbers of invalid notary instruments all over the State.

Representative Roberts introduced a bill to have expert witnesses selected by presiding judges, and compensation fixed after trial by the judge instead of allowing either side to offer experts on its own choosing as at present. Roberts also offered a bill to include women freeholders in petitions for ordering elections to provide an assessment or levy taxes on realty.

In the Senate Senators Hobgood and Weaver offered a joint bill to provide for legalized primary. All parties on a common day under the same regulations would be allowed a secret ballot.

EX-PRESIDENT TAFT FLAYS THE SOCIALISTS

New York, Jan. 26.—Before one thousand members of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, assembled at the annual banquet of the organization in the main banquet hall of the Hotel Astor last Saturday night, former President William H. Taft bitterly flayed the Socialists for their activities as regards attributing the present industrial depression to the greed of capital, says the Brooklyn Eagle. Judge Taft, who was the main speaker at the dinner and who had among his auditors men of national prominence, somewhat startled the diners by the vehemence of his attack upon Socialism and the Socialists.

"Socialism should be wiped out," said the former head of the nation. "The theory and those who advance it are a hindrance to the country. Their philosophy is wrong, and their charges that capital is to blame for the present industrial depression are altogether without foundation."

He talked at length on the persistence of the Socialists in advancing their theories and declared that the nation finally reject the Marxian philosophy in a way that cannot be mistaken.

T. R. TO LECTURE FOR UNEMPLOYED BENEFIT

New York, Jan. 26.—Col. Theodore Roosevelt lectures tonight on South America at the Metropolitan opera house for the benefit of the unemployed. He will preface his lecture with remarks upon unemployment. The Colonel visited the Municipal Lodging House recently and it was there he got the idea for tonight's lecture, he ure.

ROCKY MOUNT GETS A VA. LEAGUE FRANCHISE

Norfolk, Va., Jan. 25.—Rocky Mount, N. C., was admitted to the Virginia League today to take the place made vacant by the withdrawal of the Richmond team, which will make an effort to secure the franchise of Baltimore International League.

Rocky Mount put up a cash bond as a guarantee that the team would finish the season. There were applications from several other cities, including Lynchburg, Va., and Elizabeth City, N. C.