

OWNERS OF MONROE BLAME CAPT. BERRY

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They Declare if He Had Kept the Two Vessels Locked All On the Monroe Could Have Been Saved.—Nantucket Owners Say That Capt. Berry Acted With Complete Regard for the Rules of the Sea.—It is the Revised Death List. 41 Passengers and 22 Crew.—Wreck Will Be Blown Up Next Week.

Norfolk, Va., Jan. 31.—Whether the loss of life in yesterday's sea tragedy when the steamer Monroe was sent to the bottom in a collision with the Nantucket might have been prevented in troubling seamen today, while a general investigation to place the responsibility has not been started.

The Old Dominion Line officials are blaming Captain Berry, of the Nantucket for at least an error of judgment. His action in signalling full speed astern, following the smash, pulled the Nantucket's bow out of the rear side of the Monroe, letting the water in. Had he simply reduced speed and kept the two vessels locked, everyone on the Monroe could have clambered on to the Nantucket, before the Monroe went down, it is said.

The Merchants and Miners' officials say that Capt. Berry acted with complete regard for the rules of the sea. They say that when the entire truth becomes known at the federal investigation the commander will be cleared of all blame.

The revised death list is forty-one. Of these nineteen were passengers and twenty-two of the crew. Two survivors are in a serious condition.

The government investigation starts Monday. Wrecking tugs are searching the sea for the bodies of those who were lost. The Monroe's forward mast is sticking out of the water, a mute evidence of the wreck. Revenue cutter officials will probably blow up the wreck next week.

Mr. Taylor, assistant general manager of the Old Dominion Line, emphatically denied that the Monroe was in the least degree unseaworthy. "The vessel was one of the most capable on the Atlantic coast," he said. "She was akered six months after building to correct some small details in construction. There was a little too much of the pilot house and she did not have to carry pigiron to ballast her. She had cement hold, just as every vessel, but it was not to make the vessel trim right."

Some Details of Tragedy.
With a sudden lurch the liner rolled over on her side. With a chorus of shrieks the unfortunate left on the sinking vessel turned, and crawling like rats, made their way over superstructures, through port holes, windows and companionways, until they rested, just out of reach of the waves on the upper side of the half-capsized vessel. Even this slippery security was not long available. With a rumbling sound the ship plunged beneath the waves, leaving her human freight afloat in the icy ocean.

Meanwhile the Nantucket, herself badly damaged, had stood by, and Captain Berry had aroused his sleeping crew. As the rays of the searchlight failed to pierce the blankets of fog, Captain Berry ordered out his life boats, and one by one they slipped away into the fog to search for the Monroe. They found only the struggling survivors afloat in the icy water, crying frantically for help.

C. H. Davids told how a trained negro standing upon the sinking Monroe asked another negro for a pocket-knife with which he proceeded to cut his own throat from ear to ear, and then fell into the sea.

E. P. Lyons, the former Richmond, Va., and Savannah, Ga., theatrical manager, said:

"The Monroe's crew behaved splendidly. There were not very many women on the ship, but they were allowed to get into the boats first. There was no effort on the part of the men to crowd. While we were in the lifeboat we picked up a man and a woman. He was holding her by the hair in his teeth and was almost exhausted when we pulled him in."

"There were many people who must have been caught in their state-rooms. The collision occurred so suddenly and the boat sank so quickly, it's a wonder that many more were not drowned. The listing of the steamer made it impossible to lower the life boats on one side of the ship, and that added to the difficulty in saving lives."

"The Nantucket stood by us, and those of us who could, climbed the rope ladder to get on board. Those who were not able to follow us were lifted aboard the Nantucket by the aid of a crane, which were placed under their own power."

"The Nantucket is the first steamer lost by the Old Dominion Line during the half a century it has been in operation. The steamer was valued at approximately \$1,000,000 and her cargo was worth more than \$2,000,000. As the Monroe was the last of the line, the loss is a heavy one."

CLAIMS AUTO.

Mr. R. L. Umberger's Auto Seized on Claim Held Against Party He Purchased It From.

How would you like to pay out a nice sum of real, negotiable coin for a nice, new five-passenger touring car, fully equipped with self-starter and all those automobilish things the agents talk about, own it awhile and then have the sheriff come along and take it?

"Rather provoking, you say?" Well, richer.
That's what happened to Mr. R. L. Umberger. This well known citizen who lives in No. 4 township and transacts business all over the globe with Concord as the center, bought a new motor car recently. It was a new 1914 model and big enough to take lots of friends to ride. (Mr. Umberger, by the way, remembers his friends despite the fact he owns a motor car) and powerful enough to bring them back. The car was paid for, a receipt of which was hereby acknowledged, etc., etc., a la court house talk. But it seems that the agent who sold the car did not happen to have one of those "receipts" of which is hereby acknowledged, and thereby hangs a tale and incidentally may produce more court house talk.

The car was purchased from McManaway's garage in Charlotte. It gave satisfaction and everything was lively until the sheriff came along Thursday with claim and delivery papers and took charge of the machine. It appears that there was a claim on this car and others by reason of the fact that money had been advanced I. M. McManaway, manager of the garage. The claim was not paid by the garage and the party who made the loan has claimed the cars.

Mr. Umberger went to Charlotte to see about the matter yesterday and to make an effort to have it adjusted.

To Protect Rural Travelers.

Chicago, Ill., Jan. 31.—Because of the large number of country folk who have been trying to outbid one another in buying the lake front park in Chicago, the suspension bridge in Cincinnati and similar bargains offered by the confidence men in other cities of the middle West, the Central Passenger Association has decided that, beginning tomorrow, no stop-over privileges will be granted by railroads on homeseekers' tickets. The principal stop-over points on such tickets have been Chicago, St. Louis, Cincinnati, Kansas City, Omaha, St. Paul and Minneapolis.

National Motor Boat Show Opens.

New York, Jan. 31.—The latest products of the boat builders, the engine makers, and the manufacturers of nautical fittings for power craft are disclosed at the annual National Motor Boat Show, which opened at Madison Square Garden today for a week's engagement. Larger, more powerful and heavier engines are displayed than ever before. They are designed for cruising power boats of the largest and most luxurious type. In addition to the engines and other fittings the latest models of speed boats are shown, and each builder has something new to display and talk about.

New Trial for Convicted Woman.

Fulton, Mo., Jan. 31.—The case of Mrs. Susan Ross, accused of the murder of her husband, will come up in court Monday for its second trial. The first trial was held last September and resulted in a verdict of guilty and a sentence of ten years in the penitentiary. This verdict was set aside and a new trial granted by the ground that there was such a radical difference between the attorneys of Mrs. Ross in conducting the defense that the woman was not given a fair hearing before the jury.

Telephone Companies to Co-operate.

Chicago, Ill., Jan. 31.—Directors of the National Independent Telephone Association met at the Hotel LaSalle today to consider a proposal by the American Telephone and Telegraph Company for an interchange of wires on long-distance toll service, with a rate of service charge to be decided mutually. It is said the proposed plan for co-operation has been approved by the federal government.

London to Hear 'Parafal'.

London, Jan. 31.—What promises to be one of the most successful seasons of grand opera ever given at Covent Garden will be opened Monday night and continued for five weeks. The season will be opened with the first performance of "Parafal" ever given in England.

Story of the Old Dominion line that the life of a passenger has been lost at sea," said Mr. Walker. "The line was organized in 1867. Seven steamers have been in operation for several years. The Monroe was the staunchest of the lot. She was put into service in 1903."

"There was life saving equipment aboard for nearly double the number of souls she carried on this trip. Under the investigation laws we are required to have 100 per cent equipment at this season of the year. He had fully that. The Monroe carried but one life over 100, and there were but 12 persons aboard her, all told."

NEWS FORECAST FOR THE COMING WEEK.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 31.—By orders of the Interstate Commerce Commission lower express rates throughout the United States will become effective Monday. At the same time reductions in rates will be made by the express companies operating in Canada. It is estimated that the average reduction in charges will be approximately seventeen per cent.

Representatives of the United Mine Workers of America and the mine owners of the central competitive district, composed of western Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois, will meet in Philadelphia Tuesday for their joint wage scale conference. It is hoped that the new scale will be agreed upon before the present agreement expires March 31, so that there may be no cessation of work in the mines.

The so-called tap line cases which were decided against the Interstate Commerce Commission by the Commerce Court will be re-opened Wednesday. These cases involve the rights and privileges of sawmill railroads to lumber camps. The litigation has been in the courts in the final decision will have an important bearing on the development of the lumber business in the southwest.

The House Committee has fixed Wednesday as the day for beginning hearings on the McKeller coal storage bill, which proposes to limit the time of storage of perishable commodities from two to six months. Produce merchants and cold storage men will be on hand to oppose the measure on the ground that its enactment will discourage production, destroy the collateral value of perishable products and increase the cost of living.

Representatives of the agricultural colleges in the far west are to meet in conference the latter part of the week at the State Agricultural College of Utah. The conference is to effect a permanent organization and discuss the standardizing of extension work and the securing of the needed State and national legislation to aid them in carrying out their work.

A memorial to Captain Scott, who perished in the Antarctic region, is to be unveiled Thursday on the Col de Lautaret in the French Alps, whither the British explorer went in March, 1908, to make a trial of the motor sleds which he intended to use in his dash for the South Pole.

Among the meetings of the week will be the annual convention of the International Association of Custom Cutters, in Washington, D. C., and a winter meeting of the National Association of Real Estate Exchanges, in Tampa, Fla.

Chicagoans to Go to Church.

Chicago, Ill., Jan. 31.—Tomorrow will be Chicago's first "Go-to-Church" Sunday, and if the expectations of the promoters of the movement are realized every church from Hegewisch to Evanston and from the western prairie to the lake front will be filled to its utmost capacity at every service. To "Go-to-Church" movement was begun by the Christian Endeavor Union early last December and later was taken up by the ministers and church organizations. During the past few weeks committees have made a house-to-house canvass of the entire city. Squads of workers have visited the factories and workshops, retail and wholesale stores, the police and fire stations and have asked the employees to attend church tomorrow. Leaders of the movement hope to fill every church in the city. At each of the services an appeal will be made from the pulpit that the observance of the Sabbath become a weekly instead of an annual event.

Southern Relief Ball.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 31.—Official and resident society in the capital; especially the southern contingent, is anticipating with keen interest the annual ball to be given at the New Willard on Monday night by the Southern Relief Society. For many years the balls of the Southern Relief Society have been among the most notable of the winter social functions in Washington. Miss Nanine Randolph Heth, president of the society, will be assisted in receiving by Mrs. Marshall, wife of the vice president, and several ladies of the cabinet circle. Miss Genevieve Clark, daughter of the Speaker, is at the head of the young ladies' committee.

New England Railroad Change.

Boston, Mass., Jan. 31.—As a part of the "unscrambling" process which the federal government insists the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad shall undergo, the operating agreement between that road and the New York Central in regards to the use of the Boston and Albany Road ceased to exist today. The agreement, which was made in 1911, provided that the New Haven might run certain trains over the tracks of the Boston and Albany Road, which is under lease to the New York Central.

School Teachers May Strike.

London, Jan. 31.—The school teachers of Herefordshire are threatening to go out on strike the coming week unless their demands for increased salaries and better working conditions are granted. The teachers have the support of the National Teachers' Union and it is said ample funds will be provided to maintain the strike no matter how long it may last.

Charged with selling liquor and with robbing a farmer of his money while in a wagon with him, Sherk Doby, a notorious young white man of the Vance Mill settlement, Salisbury, was captured last night at his home. He has been wanted for six months and had just reached his home, coming here from Virginia.

THE PONY CONTEST WILL CLOSE TONIGHT

GREAT INTEREST IS BEING MANIFESTED IN RESULT.

The Contestants Have Been Working Hard All Day.—Mr. W. S. Bingham, Mrs. Faggart and Mrs. Harris to Be the Judges.—Contest Ends at Close of Business Tonight.—Who Will Win No One Can Even Guess.

The Pony Contest will end tonight. All day today the contestants have been working with renewed energy and hopes, making a last effort to land the pony and buggy. Much enthusiasm has been aroused, and not only contestants but the public, is watching the outcome with marked interest.

The business firms conducting the contest have selected Mrs. James F. Harris, Mrs. A. M. Faggart and Mr. W. S. Bingham as judges. On account of a number of firms being open tonight the contest will not end until a late hour. This will necessitate the votes being counted Monday. Millions of votes have been cast and the count will require considerable time.

Who will win is a matter of conjecture. A number of contestants will poll many votes and the only sure thing is that some boy or girl will own a fine pony and cart as soon as the votes are counted.

GRANITE MONUMENT OVER ALLEN'S GRAVE.

Shaft Has Been Designed and Will Be Erected Shortly By Victor Allen.

Mount Airy, Jan. 30.—A splendid granite monument is to mark the graves of Floyd and Claude Allen, the famous claysmen who paid the death penalty nearly a year ago, for their participation in the Hillsville, Va., courthouse tragedy, erected by Victor Allen, the only male survivor of that immediate family, because he believes, like they, that his kinsmen died in defense of their rights and liberty. The stone, designed and just completed by James E. Wilson, of this city, is a handsome white granite one two feet in width, 18 inches in thickness, three feet high on its face and four feet high on its back. The slope between back and front represents a broken column and will bear a small marble slab presented by Richmond, Va., admirers and sympathizers shortly after the execution of the two men. The monument, on its face bears the simple word Allen, while on the sides are the names "Floyd and Claude." The slab bears an inscription in keeping with the feelings of friends when the long legal struggle for the lives of the men and the execution was fresh in their minds. The stone will be placed at the head of the double grave.

OO IT ALONE, SAYS ROOSEVELT

"No Fusion," the Progressive Leader's Message to Illinois.
At a "round-up" of members of the Progressive party of the Springfield, Congressional district Monday Raymond Robins, of Chicago, chairman of the State Central Committee, said Theodore Roosevelt some time ago authorized him to announce his unalterable opposition to any amalgamation with the Republicans. He said Roosevelt would make three speeches in Illinois in the coming campaign.

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Benson-Sumrow.

A wedding of much interest to a large circle of friends was solemnized at the home of the bride's father, Mr. F. S. Sumrow, Wednesday afternoon at 3.30 o'clock when Miss Sallie Lock was given in marriage to Mr. Merl Suter Benson. The bride is the oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Sumrow, of Mooresville, N. C. D. No. 4, and a young woman of many excellent qualities, whose winning ways have made her many friends.

Mr. Benson was reared in Cabarrus county, but is now located in Spencer where he is fireman for the Southern Railway Company. The ceremony was performed by Rev. R. W. Culbertson, former pastor of the bride. The bridesmaids were Miss Sallie Brown, of Mooresville, and Miss Jane Johnston, of Davidson. The groomsmen were Messrs. D. M. Leach and J. B. Castelow, of Spencer. The bride was attired in white voile over white silk, while the bridesmaids wore white.

An informal reception was held immediately after the marriage for the bridal party and intimate friends. The bride's going away gown was blue with hat to harmonize. Mr. and Mrs. Benson left in an automobile for Salisbury, from which place they took the train for Florida, where they will spend a few days. They will make their future home in Spencer. They received many pretty and useful presents which attest their popularity.

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DEATH OF MR. T. L. ALEXANDER

Cabarrus Veteran Answers Last Roll Call at Soldiers' Home.

Mr. T. L. Alexander, an aged citizen of this city, died yesterday at the Soldiers' Home at Raleigh, where he had been living for only a week. Mr. Alexander had been in declining health for several years. About a year ago his eye sight became affected and his sight was so impaired that he was almost blind at the time he went to the Home.

M. Alexander was 73 years of age. He was a Confederate Veteran and was a member of the Cabarrus Camp. He was a widower and is survived by several children.

The body arrived this morning on train No. 11 and was taken to the home of Mr. Ira Alexander, a son of the deceased, where the funeral was held this afternoon. The interment was made at Oakwood cemetery.

FROM THE STATE

CAPITAL TODAY

Governor Craig Names Delegates to the Corn Exposition at Dallas, Texas.—Fire Insurance Companies Authorized to Do Business.

Raleigh, Jan. 31.—Governor Craig today named 105 delegates to the sixth annual corn exposition at Dallas, Texas, February 10, through the 24th. Included in the number are Marion Petrea, Concord, Jule H. Sharpe, W. H. Sharpe, and E. I. Schoolfield, of Greensboro.

Three fire insurance companies were authorized to do business in this State, the Narragansett, of Providence, R. I.; Arkright, of Boston, and the Fitchburg Mutual, of Fitchburg, Mass.

GOVERNMENT OWNERSHIP OF RADIUM PLANTS.

Answer of Committee to Cry of More Radium From Cancer Victims.

Washington, Jan. 31.—Government ownership of radium extraction plants using ores on which the government has the exclusive right was the answer of the House Mines Committee to the cry of cancer victims for more radium. Chairman Foster introduced a bill providing \$150,000 to equip a government owned "radium refinery," asking a further \$300,000 for development work to lands in 1915. The withdrawal of radium plants from public entry was eliminated.

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WITH THE CHURCHES.

Central Methodist.
Sacrament of the Lord's Supper at 11 a. m. Preaching at 7 p. m. by the pastor, Rev. Harold Turner. Sunday school at 3 p. m. The public is cordially invited.

Forest Hill Methodist.
Services tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock, conducted by the pastor. The service will be preceded by the baptism of young children and the reception of members. The presiding elder, Rev. W. R. Ware, will preach at night, at which time the sacrament will be administered. All are invited. YOU come. PASTOR.

First Presbyterian.
Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Sunday school at 3 p. m.

St. James Lutheran, Fourth Sunday After Epiphany.
Morning service at 11 o'clock, conducted by the pastor, Sunday school at 3 p. m., Prof. S. A. Wolf, superintendent. Vespers at 7 p. m. with sermon by the Rev. Dr. E. C. Cronk, of Columbia, S. C.

Calvary Lutheran, Forest Hill.
Sunday school at 9:30 a. m., H. H. Wilkinson, superintendent. Morning service at 10:45 a. m. Afternoon service at 3 p. m. when the Lord's Supper will be administered, Pastor C. P. MacLaughlin, of St. James, in charge.

First Baptist.
Sunday school at 9:45 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. by the pastor, Rev. R. E. Brown. Baptist Young People's Union at 6:15 p. m.

Ministers to Meet.

The following letter has been sent out to the preachers residing in Concord and it is expected that there will be a full and hearty response to this call as there are matters of considerable interest to come before the association:

"The regular monthly meeting of the Concord Ministers' Association will be held next Monday, February 2, at 5 o'clock p. m., in the parlor of Central Methodist Church. Every pastor of the city is earnestly urged to be present. Sincerely,
"CHAS. P. MACLAUGHLIN,
President."

What Clark Really Said.

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 if the proposed primary had been in force in 1912."

It matters more which way one's face is set than how fast one proceeds.—Arthur Christopher Beacon.

BURLESON'S REPORT CREATES SENSATION

GOVERNMENT OWNERSHIP OF TELEGRAPHS AND TELEPHONES.

The Postmaster General Emphatically Recommends That the Government Establish a Monopoly of the Telephone and Telegraph Business.—Recommends That Congress Acquire at Appraised Value the Net Work of Telephones.

Washington, Jan. 31.—The emphatic recommendation that the government establish a monopoly of the telephone and telegraph business is contained in the report made to the Senate by Postmaster General Burleson. He recommended that Congress acquire, by purchase, at an appraised value, the commercial telephone network except farmers' lines; that Congress authorize the postmaster general to issue, in his discretion, revocable license for operation by private individuals, corporations or companies of telegraph and such parts of the telephone service as may not be acquired by the government.

The report summarizes the investigation of the departmental committee appointed to look into the matter and completely endorses the government ownership plan as advanced by Representative Lewis, of Maryland.

COURT HOUSE DONE.

Rowan's New Temple of Justice Cost \$111,000.

Salisbury, Jan. 30.—The new Rowan court house has been completed, and a portion of the furniture has been placed ready for the occupants. The building cost \$111,000, exclusive of the furnishings. It is expected the Rowan commissioners will either accept or reject the new building at a meeting next Monday. If it is accepted, the next term of Rowan court, opening February 9, will be held in the building.

New Home for Odd Fellows.

Salisbury, Jan. 30.—Work has been started on a new home for Stone Lodge, No. 273, Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Granite Quarry and the walls are now one story high. The building will be of Rowan granite, two stories high, 28x70 feet in size and will cost slightly more than \$3,000. The lower floor will be used for mercantile purposes and the second for lodge and office purposes. It will be one of the best lodge buildings in North Carolina. The order is exceptionally strong at Granite Quarry.

A religious journal says: "It is harmful to get rich too rapidly." We never thought of that before. Here's another danger to worry about and strive to guard against.

Buying Goods at our Clearance Sale is an Easy Way to Make Money

Men's Winter Suits at	1-3 OFF
Mena Overcoats	1-3 OFF
Men's Hats	1-3 OFF
Men's Winter Underwear	1-3 OFF
Boys' Suits	1-3 OFF
Boys' Overcoats	1-3 OFF
Wonderful Bargains in Good Shoes—One lot Men's \$5 and \$6 Shoes, Sale Price	\$3.98
One lot of Ladies' Shoes worth up to \$4.00, all leathers and all styles. All on table at	\$1.98
Great Reduction on all Ladies' and Misses' Coats and Coat Suits.	
Thousands of Great Bargains are to be found in our Dry Goods, Notions, Underwear, Hosiery, Corsets, etc. We are pleased to show you at any time.	

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