

300 PASSENGERS ARE ON BURNING STEAMER

Which is in Pacific Ocean, Two Days From Shore—'Very Bad Fire' Raging, Says Wireless Message.

LIFE BOATS ON STEAMER LOWERED

Was Formerly Huron and Was on Her Maiden Voyage From Los Angeles to Hawaiian Islands.

(By the Associated Press.) Los Angeles, Oct. 12.—With some 300 passengers aboard the Los Angeles Steamship Company's new steamer the City of Honolulu, was reported by wireless today after two days off shore from this port on the return trip of its first voyage between Los Angeles and Honolulu.

The City of Honolulu is a shipping board vessel of 17,500 tons and was allocated to the local company for six months trial for service between this city and the Hawaiian Islands. It left here September 23 with more than 300 passengers, mostly tourists and it is believed a number of these were returning on the vessel.

Ship Going to Rescue. San Francisco, Oct. 12.—Life boats were being lowered at 7:30 this morning by passengers on the steamship City of Honolulu which is afloat in the Pacific Ocean according to a wireless message received today. The message received here was addressed to the steamship Enterprise, which was in latitude 32 17 north and longitude 136 12 west. The message said the Honolulu is "lowering boats now."

Twelve minutes before the Honolulu sent word that the boats were lowered she sent out a second S. O. S. call. The message repeated the previous position of the burning steamer as latitude 31 07 north and longitude 131 40 west.

In addition to its S. O. S. call the Honolulu said a "very bad fire" was raging on the vessel and immediate help was asked.

The Mission Navigation Company, owner of the steamship Enterprise, based from Honolulu to the mainland, said the vessel was rushing to the assistance of the burning liner and hoped to reach her before 11 o'clock.

Abandoned Boat. San Francisco, Oct. 12 (By the Associated Press).—Fire sweeping the steamer City of Honolulu was beyond control at 10:10 a. m. today and the ship was being abandoned by the captain, chief engineer, first officer and radio operator, the last four aboard the vessel, a radio dispatch received here today said.

The last message from the ship said: "Captain and gang leaving ship. Goodbye to you all."

The steamer Enterprise, nearest of three vessels to the Honolulu, had not reached the burning craft when the final message was received.

The message indicated, according to the Federal Telegraph Company which received it, that all the passengers and crew had taken to the life boats.

The radio operator said he and the three officers were the last to remain aboard and that they were leaving.

Thirteen minutes before the passengers began to leave the burning vessel the boats were lowered, the Federal Telegraph message stated.

The City of Honolulu is the converted German liner Frederick der Grosse III.

THE RATE HEARING

W. G. Womble, Rate Clerk of N. C. Corporation Commission, on the Stand. (By the Associated Press.) Asheville, Oct. 12.—Carriers' proposals for freight rate revisions in Southern territories from points beyond the Ohio river west of Pittsburgh and Buffalo would deny North Carolina wholesalers and jobbers the privilege of competing with Virginia dealers within ten miles of the Carolinians' own cities. This was the position taken at this morning's sitting of the Interstate Commerce Commission by W. G. Womble, rate clerk of the North Carolina Corporation Commission, whose case was opened yesterday afternoon. Mr. Womble was on the stand this afternoon when recess was taken.

Examined by Commissioner A. J. Maxwell, of the North Carolina Corporation Commission, Mr. Womble continued his fight against the Central Freight Association carriers' proposals by explaining the mass of documentary evidence presented to the commission yesterday. He referred to the fact that the railroads made a rate structure for North Carolina 35 or 40 years ago and maintained that it has never been satisfactory. He declared his position that Central Freight Association proposed schedule would work great hardships on industrial and commercial life, and pointed out that the railroads whose lines traverse this state derive much greater income from their North Carolina mileage than they do from their systems as a whole.

In support of his contention that the railroads' ideas concerning revision do not take into consideration North Carolina's greatness as a revenue producer, Mr. Maxwell testified that 64 per cent of the cotton mills in the South are in the Carolinians, and that North Carolina has a greater number of such mills than any other state in the union. To Massachusetts was accorded the distinction of leading all other states in number of spindles, fifty-three per cent of the cigarettes made in the United States are produced in this state.

Mr. Womble presented an exhibit showing that a billion dollars is invested in manufacturing enterprises in North Carolina, with an annual output of three-fourth billion dollars in value.

MEMORIAL SERVICES FOR THE CONFEDERATE DEAD

These Services Featured the Morning Session of U. D. C. Meeting at Wilmington. Wilmington, Oct. 12.—Memorial services in honor of its members who died during the last 12 months took the chief place today in the program of the three-day anniversary meeting of the North Carolina division United Daughters of the Confederacy.

The convention, which will be brought to a close tomorrow, had another busy day today after disposing of a mass of routine business yesterday, paying a visit to old Fort Fisher, the "Gibraltar of the Confederacy" in the afternoon and attending a pageant "Dixie Victrola," given last night by the Children of the Confederacy.

Decorate Confederate Graves. Wilmington, Oct. 12.—A lengthy discussion of a proposal to have a monument to the State's Confederate dead erected at Gettysburg occupied the greater part of the morning session of the silver anniversary convention of the United Daughters of the Confederacy here this morning.

The graves of Mrs. W. M. Parsley, founder of the U. D. C. in this section, Geo. Davis, attorney general of the Confederacy, and Gen. James J. Metts, commander of the North Carolina Division of the United Confederate Veterans were covered with wreaths and flowers this morning during the annual memorial exercises.

The memorial services were conducted by the chaplain, Mrs. E. E. Reeves, in the annex of the First Clifford Haycraft church, after which the graves of the Confederate dead in Oakdale cemetery were buried beneath a mass of flowers.

SCHNEIDER COLLAPSES

Suffered a Nervous Breakdown After the Grilling to Which He Was Subjected. (By the Associated Press.) Sumnerville, N. J., Oct. 12.—Raymond Schneider, detained as material witness in the Hall-Mills murder case, today collapsed in the Sumnerville County Jail. A physician who worked on him for half an hour before he revived, said he was suffering from a nervous breakdown after the grilling he has been subjected to.

It was Schneider's accusation that Clifford Haycraft was the slayer of Rev. Edward Hall and Mrs. Eleanor Mills in mistake for another couple that led to the arrest of Haycraft on a charge of murder.

AGREEMENT REACHED

Whereby Price of Anthracite Coal Is Fixed at \$25 a Ton at the Mines. (By the Associated Press.) Washington, Oct. 12.—An agreement which is expected to result in fixing maximum prices of anthracite coal by "independent operators" at \$25 per ton at the mine, has been reached between the Pennsylvania authorities and the Fuel Distributor Spens, representing the Federal government. The agreement announced here today by Chairman of the Pennsylvania Fuel Commission is regarded by officials as insuring immediate reduction in the prices now asked, thus removing a rate discrepancy which has been the cause of complaint in all consuming territories.

An ink known as "lovers' ink" was once sold in Paris. It was guaranteed to fade away in less than a month, so that letters written with it soon became worthless evidence. Later its sale was stopped by the police.

THE BIG ELEPHANT AGAIN IN CUSTODY

Topsy Was Recaptured Last Evening in the Cape Fear Swamp Across the River From Wilmington.

IS IN A HIGHLY NERVOUS STATE

No Attempt Will Be Made to Reload Her Until She Recovers Her Composure, Her Keeper Says.

(By the Associated Press.) Wilmington, Oct. 12.—Topsy, the big elephant that escaped from a circus Monday night, terrorizing citizens living on the outskirts of Wilmington and causing several thousand dollars damage to property, is again in the custody of her three trainers.

Topsy was recaptured last evening in the Cape Fear swamp across the river from Wilmington. She is now at Cedar Point, a village located between the Cape Fear and Brunswick rivers. The trainers announced that no attempt will be made to load the elephant on the railway car until she recovers her composure. They say she is in a highly nervous state and must be petted and accorded the tenderest treatment for some time. Topsy is chained to heavy stakes at a quiet place near a railway siding and is being fed all the peanuts and other delicacies her appetite calls for.

On Monday night a pack of dogs followed the herd of elephants to the railway yards where they were being loaded for shipment to Fayetteville. The barking of the dogs infuriated Topsy and she became very nervous. As she was being led into the car someone fired a pistol. This settled it with Topsy and she abandoned the show. The big elephant backed down the gangplank and under the dogs who lost no time in seeking cover.

Topsy tore down fences, knocked down back porches to several houses and then arrived at the Union Dye Works. It is claimed she burst open the door to the works and went inside, and caused much damage. The dye works company has started a suit for \$5,000 damages. Several other law suits have been entered as a result of Topsy's rampage.

The elephant was recaptured Tuesday night but escaped two hours later as she was being loaded in a flat car. Topsy swam the Cape Fear river and spent yesterday enjoying jungle like freedom of the Cape Fear and Brunswick swamps. She was recaptured last night.

WENT 70 MILES AN HOUR WITH THE USUAL RESULT

Car Bearing Barney Oldfield's License Wrecked and One Man Killed. (By the Associated Press.) New York, Oct. 12.—An automobile in which the police found a California driver's license bearing the name and photograph of Barney Oldfield, early today crashed into a tree on Riverside Drive, instantly killing one of the occupants and seriously injuring two others.

The police are searching for the fourth man who was thrown from the car and disappeared before his identity could be learned.

The dead man was Jos. S. Degenon, of New York. The injured were Edward S. O'Donnell and Edward McKee, chauffeurs, both of whom were rushed to the Knickerbocker Hospital and later locked up on a charge of homicide.

MUSCLE SHOALS LEASE IS RENEWED FOR ANOTHER YEAR

Alabama Power Co. Gets It Under the Same Terms as Heretofore. Washington, Oct. 12 (By the Associated Press).—Renewal for another year of the lease under which the Alabama Power Company operates the government electrical generating steam plant at Muscle Shoals, Ala., was announced today by Secretary Weeks.

The contract was renewed on the same terms as contained in the original negotiation, a settlement which Secretary Weeks said was necessary "to enable a number of cotton mills and other industries in the Southern States, including North and South Carolina, to continue operations and which otherwise would have been compelled to close down or materially curtail production because of disrupted conditions in the coal and transportation industries and lack of developed hydro-electric power."

According to the Royal Geographical Society, the most traveled woman of today is Mrs. Charlotte Cameron, of Edinburgh. She has just returned from a protracted sojourn in the South Sea Islands. In 1910 Mrs. Cameron covered 10,900 miles in South Africa. Later she completely circumnavigated the Dark Continent and penetrated portions hitherto unknown even to explorers and scientists. During the past five years she has been in Alaska, South America, Australia and the South Seas.

One Australian clergyman has officiated at eleven thousand marriages, which works out at one a day for thirty years, including Sundays.

COL. ALBERT COX TALKS TO CONCORD ROTARIANS

Says We Should Help to Organize Politicians—To Have Joint Meeting With Kiwanians.

Short talks by Col. Albert Cox, member of the Raleigh Rotary Club, and Bill Jenkins, were high lights in the weekly meeting of the Concord Rotary Club Wednesday. Col. Cox, who presided, declared that the creation of neighborhood is really what Rotary seeks. "The question, 'What is Rotary?' he said, 'brings up the question 'Am I my brother's keeper?' The cardinal principle of Rotary is neighborliness, having part in the pleasures, activities and life of our fellowmen."

Col. Cox also advised his hearers to take part in politics, which he termed is "the business of government." "It is the duty of everyone, he thinks, to take interest in politics and have a hand in this business of government. The first duty of a man, he said, is to his family, second to his profession and next to politics. It is an obligation that each should do his part to see that the government is properly managed and that the right men are chosen as its managers."

People are prone to say "politics is too dirty for me," Col. Cox continued, and he answered this plea by declaring that "politics is no dirtier or cleaner than the voters in the community want to make them." The people should exercise their right to vote and change rules of government that need changing, just as they change men.

Bill Jenkins talked briefly on "What Makes a Rotarian." Bill declared that men are not elected to Rotary on account of their money, or their social standing or their political standing, but on account of their merit and the possibilities they offer for the future. By meeting together once each week the members of the club are thrown into closer association, they learn to know one another better, and this creates greater interest in one another.

And this interest, Bill said, tends to bring to the light qualities in men that many times were never known, for the man never sees or knows an opportunity to develop them. Rotary, he concluded, "cares nothing for money, social standing or political standing. It recognizes merit."

President Maury announced that the club will hold a joint meeting with the Kiwanis Club at the Y on Friday evening at 7 o'clock to discuss the Y. M. C. A. The meeting will take the place of the regular meeting next week. The boys' work committee announced that a boys' meeting will be held on Tuesday night, October 24th, at 6:30 p. m., at which many of the high school and employed boys of the city will be the invited guests of the club.

With Our Advertisers.

H. B. Wilkinson, in a new ad. today, gives you something to think about if you want furniture. Read new ad. When you gather your harvest take your money to the Citizens Bank & Trust Company. It will be safe there. Crowell's Plant Farm on or about November 1st will have 25,000 trees of all kinds. Put in your order now, new ad. today advises.

Avoid vexation and trouble by getting a range made by recognized experts. Cole's Down Draft Ranges work perfectly—always. H. B. Wilkinson. The Great Atlantic and Pacific Tea Co. is offering special bargains for one week in a new ad. you will find some of the bargains.

Saturday will be "Candy Day" at Cline's Pharmacy. See new ad. for particulars. Efrid's Fall Opening Sale. Efrid's Fall Opening Sale begins Saturday morning at 8 o'clock, and complete stocks of Fall and Winter news will be offered at bargain prices.

The company has a page ad. in this paper today, setting forth some of the many bargains, which will be offered during the sale. It will be to your interest to read the ad. mark the goods you especially want, and be on hand when the sale starts Saturday.

Men's and boys' suits and overcoats, coats and brasseries, hosiery for all ladies' shirt waists, ladies' coats, suits and dresses and everything in dry goods will be offered at a big savings during the sale, says the new ad.

Mr. Doughton's Appointments. Hon. Robert L. Doughton, member of the Federal House of Representatives from this district, will speak in the court house tonight. His other appointments in this county are, as follows: Mr. Pleasant, Friday evening, October 13th, in auditorium at eight o'clock. Kannapolis, Saturday evening, October 14th, at eight o'clock.

At The Theatres. Gladys Walton is playing the leading role in "The Girl Who Ran Wild," at the Piedmont. Anita Stewart again today is the star at the Pastime in "The Woman He Married."

Owen Moore is being shown at the Star today in that big feature, "Reported Missing." Tucker Trial Postponed. (By the Associated Press.) Taylorsville, Oct. 12.—The trial of F. A. Tucker and other men accused of having taken part in the alleged kidnapping of S. L. Jenkins, Winston-Salem merchant, which was set to come up here this morning was postponed until this afternoon.

At the foot of Niagara Falls, the surface of the water is 20 feet higher in midstream than at the sides, owing to the pressure of the water.

NEGRO ELECTROCUTED IN THE STATE PRISON

Melver Bennette Confessed He Was Guilty of Attacking Woman, for Which He Gave Up His Life.

NINE WOMEN SAW EXECUTION

He Maintained He Was Not Guilty Until This Morning.—One Woman Spectator Fainted.

Raleigh, Oct. 12 (By the Associated Press).—The woman he attacked looking on Mr. M. E. Bennette, negro, was electrocuted in the State prison here at 10:30 this morning. "Tell them I am guilty," he said as he was being strapped in the chair. Nine other women saw the execution, one of whom fainted.

Three shocks of one minute each were required to produce death. Bennette said he maintained that he was not guilty of the capital offense until this morning, but admitted that he had attacked the woman. As he was led into the death chamber he was mumbling something.

"What is he saying?" asked the woman whom Bennette was charged with attacking. "Tell them I am guilty," replied Bennette, never lifting his eyes to meet those of the woman who was accompanied by her husband and mother-in-law.

The farmer's little wife, quite pretty and still in her teens, was a bit pale during the execution, but showed no other emotion. When she and her husband were passing out of the death chamber she smiled and the Associated Press representative asked her if it had taken place met her approval.

"Yes, sir," she said. "It certainly did." "He got just what he deserved," said the husband.

The little death chamber was packed like sardines, the crowd being interspersed with women here and there. When the switch was administered the flesh on one leg of the negro was scorched slightly, causing some smoke and one woman spectator swooned, but on account of the sun she did not fall. She was rushed to a window and quickly recovered after receiving fresh air.

Bennette was convicted at the September term of Wake Superior Court on a charge of attacking the wife of a well known farmer six miles north of Raleigh. He was serving a 30 days sentence on the county roads for vagrancy when he attacked the woman. He was a trustee and had but one more day of his sentence to serve when he was arrested.

No concerted effort was made to get executive clemency for Bennette yesterday morning. The Governor got a letter from Bennette in which he made an individual plea for clemency. He denied the capital charge but said he took hold of the woman and she broke away from him and ran.

Student Government Succeeding at Trinity.

Rurham, Oct. 12.—The honor system of student government was adopted for Trinity college at a mass meeting of students in Craven Memorial hall Tuesday morning. Under this system students are placed upon their own honor as to conduct while in class and engaged in general college life. The system has worked with success in leading educational institutions of the country. The adoption of the honor phase of student government is a broadening of the student government organization created at Trinity at the opening of the session.

Officers and council members of the organization have entered upon their duties with a seriousness of purpose that is accomplishing its purpose. Six members of the sophomore class have already been called before the organization to answer to charges.

A movement to secure regulations for members of the freshman class have been formulated. The regulations are very broad in nature and include general attendance upon college athletic games staged at home, remaining in chapel until the other classes have passed out of the building, staying off the grass.

Members of the Trinity student body elected to start the organization in its initial year are: president, J. L. Jackson, South Bend, Ind.; Vice-president, Mike Bradshaw, Jr., Durham; Secretary and treasurer, J. D. Secret, Canton; representatives from the senior class, Tom Bradley, Newnan, Ga.; T. B. Ashby, Mount Airy; representatives from the Junior class, J. B. Harris, Albemarle; Carl King, Charlotte; representative from the sophomore class, G. B. Caldwell, Jr., Monroe.

Greece Will Sign. Paris, Oct. 12 (By the Associated Press).—Greece had decided to sign the Mudania armistice covenant and evacuate Thrace, according to the conditions stipulated in that document, the French foreign office was officially notified today.

Cocaine first obtained recognition as a medicinal drug about thirty-five years ago, and the commercial supply was derived from leaves of the wild coca plant of Peru. Now the shrub is cultivated extensively in Java, which will export this year about 4,000,000 pounds of the leaves.

MARRIAGE OF INTEREST HERE THIS EVENING

Miss Nan Cannon Will Become Bride of Mr. W. W. Stringfellow, of Anniston, Alabama.

A marriage of wide interest in North Carolina and Alabama will be solemnized here this evening at 6:30 o'clock when Miss Nan Cannon, one of Concord's most prominent women, will become the bride of Mr. W. W. Stringfellow, of Anniston, Alabama. The wedding will be solemnized at the home of the bride's brother, Mr. J. A. Cannon, on North Union Street.

The wedding will be characterized by its simplicity. There will be no attendants, and only relatives and a few intimate friends of the contracting parties have been invited to witness the ceremony. Among the out-of-town guests will be Mrs. J. A. Cannon, Mrs. A. B. Rowe and Mrs. J. C. Patton, of Charlotte.

The ceremony will be performed by Rev. Mr. Opie, Episcopal minister of Red Springs. He will be assisted by Rev. Jesse C. Rowan, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of this city. After the ceremony the bridal couple will leave for Anniston in their automobile. They expect to reach their Alabama home some time next week.

Miss Cannon is a daughter of the late David F. Cannon, and her family is one of the most prominent in North Carolina. Mr. Stringfellow is connected with a variety of business interests in Alabama, and is one of the most prominent men of his State.

Y. M. C. A. Planning Open House in Near Future.

At a meeting of the membership committee of the Y. M. C. A. held at the Y last night definite plans were completed for the "Open House" party which will be held about the latter part of this month. The special event to which the large Y membership is looking forward to is the year-round use of the swimming pool which at this time is being rushed to completion by a group of carpenters. It is figured that in another week or ten days all of the carpenter work and the installation of the necessary equipment for heating the room and the water will be in place and then for one grand dip the year round.

The directors have been considering the advisability for some time of enclosing the pool, made possible through a special fund set aside for that purpose some time ago. The directors felt that there was need of some feature which would appeal to the entire membership twelve months in the year. The ever increasing numbers that visited the pool and partook of its cooling and invigorating depths during the summer gave the solution. When the secretary announced at a recent meeting of the Board that no less than 1,000 people had participated, all agreed that the swimming pool was the season in the spring the directors said "swimming it shall be." Everything necessary to make the pool a center of attraction will be installed. With the room properly heated and the water heated by live steam and kept to a temperature of 70 degrees there will be located at the Y one of the most popular health centers to be found anywhere. Previously scores of children and adults joined the Y purely for the swimming advantages and the directors believe that this will meet the evident demand.

To give the entire city an opportunity to see the Y in action as soon as the pool is completed "Open House" will be held, the exact date of which will be announced later. Swimming events will be staged, class gymnastics will be put on in the gym and an opportunity given to the entire community to see a cross-section of the Y program. An orchestra will be on hand to dispense the light and airy fantastic and it will be a regular joy night throughout.

Once the swimming pool is completed water sports will form a major part on the Y schedule and events with competing teams of boys and girls will be staged at regular intervals.

Massachusetts Motoring Cost Exceeds Farming Income.

Boston, Oct. 12.—The automobiles of Massachusetts are apparently consuming an amount equal to the wealth which citizens of the State take from agriculture and the fisheries, said Henry F. Long, Commissioner of Corporations and Taxation, speaking in the Tax Collectors' Association today. Massachusetts has been prosperous in the last decade, he said, but her expenditures have kept pace with the money coming into her pocket.

"We have spent until it hurts," he added. "Let us not spend till it breaks."

Answering the Housing Problem. "HOUSE SOLD AND NO PLACE TO MOVE TO; JUST CAN'T FIND A PLACE TO LIVE." YOU CAN find a place to live—A BETTER PLACE to live than you've given any consideration to—YOUR OWN HOME. OWN YOUR HOME. For twenty-five years we have been leading money on weekly and monthly payments under a plan that leads to home ownership, and today CONCORD has HUNDREDS of home-owners who are not concerned about renting problems. YOU, TOO, CAN BE INDEPENDENT of the landlord. The way to do it is to take out some shares in Series No. 50 of this OLD RELIABLE BUILDING LOAN ASSOCIATION NOW OPEN and let us help you. COME IN AND LET US TELL YOU ALL ABOUT IT. Cabarrus County Building Loan and Savings Association. Office in Concord National Bank

HEAR R. L. Doughton AT THE Court House Tonight at 8 O'clock