

PASSENGERS STATE MEMBERS OF CREW OF SENECA DRUNK

Persons Taken From Vessel Near Miami, Fla., Describe Conditions on the Vessel.

HIGHEST PRAISE FOR CAPTAIN

It is Charged Members of Crew Took Life Belts Before All of Passengers Had Them.

New York, May 18.—(AP)—Seventeen of the passengers of the Clyde liner Seneca, who were among those taken from the steamer when it went aground at Miami, Fla., Sunday morning, upon their arrival here today signed a statement charging that some of the crew were under the influence of liquor.

The signed statement also charged that members of the crew donned life preservers ahead of the passengers, thereby causing much concern to the women on board. Although the statement criticized members of the crew, the Seneca's commander, Capt. B. W. Leek, was highly praised.

A special train of Pullman cars brought 195 of the Seneca's passengers to the Pennsylvania terminal.

F. A. Edwards, of Brookline, Mass., gave newspaper men the statement which read in part: "We are undressed being passengers aboard the SS. Seneca, bound from Miami to New York, leaving May 15 at 4 p. m., hereby certify that the following statements are true in the affairs of the Seneca being in a sinking condition the night of May 15 and 16, and passengers being removed in life boats, to-wit:

"No. 1. Liquor sold openly on the Seneca. "No. 2. A portion of the ship's crew under influence of liquor. "No. 3. Men were taken ashore in large tubs while many ladies were forced to use small life boats.

"No. 4. Many members of the crew were in life preservers ahead of passengers, causing much concern to ladies.

"After reading the statement, Mr. Edwards said: "What do you mean when you say a portion of ship's crew under influence of liquor?"

"Writers and bell-hops," he replied. "No. 4. Many members of the crew were in life preservers ahead of passengers, causing much concern to ladies. Elbert B. Pip, traveling passenger agent of the Clyde Line, who returned with the party, when informed of the charges, said it was impossible to stop drinking among the passengers.

He said the Seneca never was in danger; that she went aground in only seven feet of water, and that there were any number of passengers who had spoken to who had praised the captain and crew of the liner.

While Mr. Edwards was voicing his aid other passengers' complaints, others on the train took exception, but when asked for their names declined to reveal their identity.

Those who signed the statements were:

F. A. Edwards, temporary address, Hotel Commodore, New York.

W. H. Orme, Atlantic City; C. E. Gregory, New Bedford, Mass.; Laura M. Newell, Concord, N. C.; Edwin G. Reynolds, New Brunswick, N. J.; Mrs. B. W. Watson, Summerville, Mass.; Vera Betts, Chicago; Mrs. O. Connor, New York; John Allen, Troy, N. Y.; E. F. Doble, South Portland, Me.; J. A. Lawrence, Colts Neck, N. J.; Thelma Arter, Lisbon, Ohio; E. Schaub, Paterson, N. J.; Gladys M. Ward, Salem, O.; Vincent Van Dyer, Warwick, N. Y.; Mrs. E. Doran, Tompkinsville, N. Y.

With Our Advertisers.

At the Pastime for white people only) Wednesday and Thursday "The Goose Woman," with Jack Pickford, Louise Dresser, Constance Bennett and others.

The May Series of stock in the Citizens Building and Loan Association is still open. If you want to build a home or save money, there is no better way than through the building and loan.

At the Star Theatre (for white people only) Wednesday and Thursday, Clara Bow, Allen Forrest and other stars in "Two Can Play" a picture of two men and a girl.

The Concord Furniture Co., Ritchie Hardware Co., Yorks & Wadsworth Co., and H. B. Williams and Bell & Harris Furniture Co. all have today calling your attention to the famous Perfection oil cook stoves and grills.

Marion Talley will sing all this week at the Concord Theatre on the new Victor Electrode. See ad, at Kidd-Fritz-Music and Stationery Co.

Four solid facts make the 7 per cent, preferred stock of the Southern Gas and Power Corporation a good investment. Read about these in the new ad, today of this corporation. Monthly payments on this stock as low as \$5 a share.

The Concord Furniture Co. will now take all your old refrigerators in exchange for a new Automatic. See ad. We have new fridges for summer days at the Park-Bell Co.'s—fresh new fridges just arrived from their New York office. Read all about them in their new ad, today.

Concord Gets Building And Loan Association

VOLUNTARILY GOES BACK TO COMPLETE PRISON TERM Wesley Johnson Escapes From Road Camp But Returned to Serve His Term.

Wesley Johnson, who escaped from the road camp near Hickory, N. C., on May 10, has returned to the State Prison at Raleigh, N. C., to complete his term of three years for larceny. Wesley, in company with two other prisoners, escaped from a road camp near Waynesville just nine days ago, on May 9th.

But instead of going to the warden's office at the prison, he went to the governor's office in the State capitol, because he had been told that H. Hoyle Slink, commissioner of pardons, was in the governor's office and he wanted to surrender to him. Wesley didn't want to take a chance of not getting in "according to Hoyle," although he left somewhat abruptly and without official leave.

Mr. Slink was standing in the governor's office shortly past noon, when the door opened and someone called him into the corridor. There stood Wesley Johnson, accompanied by his father and Wesley told his story.

Wesley lives in Guilford county, near High Point, but was sentenced from Davidson county to a term of three years for larceny. He is still a young chap, hardly out of his teens. His father did most of the talking, explaining that Wesley thought he had better come first to see Mr. Slink, evidently under the impression that he had some connection with the state prison.

It had so happened that when Wesley had first entered the prison Mr. Slink had heard of it, as his home county is Guilford, and had gone and talked to the boy, advising him to abide by all the prison rules and regulations. The boy had remembered this, he said, and that was why he sought him out in order to surrender to him.

HIGHWAY BOARD TAKES NEWTON CASE TO COURT

Supreme Court Will Be Asked to Pass on Judge Webb's Recent Ruling.

Raleigh, May 18.—Appeal will be taken before the supreme court here today by Judge James L. Webb in the Newton highway decision. It was announced today by Frank P. Baggett, chairman of the State highway commission. The decision as given by Judge Webb would compel the construction of the proposed section of highway No. 10 to be routed past the court house, through Newton, instead of just touching the outskirts of the town, as the commission wanted the road. Routing the road according to the decision of Judge Webb would cost more than \$100,000 additional, highway officials say.

The approval will be taken to the supreme court under the public policy clause. It is understood, and immediate action will be sought.

It is pointed out that the precedent involved is an important one and if Judge Webb's decision is allowed to stand, the highway commission will be greatly embarrassed by it in the future.

Jews Observe Pentecost.

New York, May 18.—With the setting of the sun this evening special religious ceremonies in the Jewish synagogues and temples will usher in Shavuoth, the Jewish Pentecost, or Feast of Weeks. The name of the holiday is derived from the fact that it is celebrated fifty days after the Passover. In biblical times it was a festival of thanksgiving for the first harvest of the year that the fields had yielded, beginning with the barley harvest at Passover and extending to the wheat harvest at the beginning of summer. The ceremonial offerings prescribed were symbolical of the garnered gifts of the soil.

John L. Morrison Dead.

Superior, Wis., May 18.—(AP)—John L. Morrison, wanted on a warrant charging publication of obscene matter in his Duluth (Minn.) Rip Saw, a semi-monthly publication, died in a hospital here today.

Morrison was brought here early today from his Duluth hotel escaping service of the warrant in Minnesota. He had been ill for some time and the removal to Superior was made without knowledge of his physicians.

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BIRMINGHAM MECCA FOR VETERANS MEET FOR REUNION

Gen. W. B. Freeman, Leader of Confederate Heroes, Given Rousing Reception Upon Arrival.

MANY FEATURES FOR VETERANS

Special Trains From All Parts of South Taking Hundreds of Persons to Convention City.

Birmingham, Ala., May 18.—(AP)—Gen. W. B. Freeman, of Richmond, commander in chief of the United Confederate Veterans, was given a rousing reception when he arrived here today for the 33rd annual reunion.

General Freeman plunged into a busy argument the moment he arrived. After hours devoted to preliminary affairs of the reunion he was a guest at a luncheon of the Confederate Southern Memorial Association in honor of Mrs. A. M. Wilson, president general. Later in the day he was presented to the Memorial Association at a welcome meeting which preceded a business session.

Special trains from all quarters of the South brought hundreds of veterans, sponsors and maids. Many of the veterans seemed fatigued from their long journey. These men were given rest and good opportunity to revivify their lagging physical resources.

Officials of the organization had expected 4,000 veterans but it appeared unlikely that that number would be reached, even approximately. The thinning line was never so depleted. For the first time in all the years the veterans have met, it seems that the weight of years had caused a crushing defeat.

It was a mixed picture that opened before Birmingham today. The silver-haired hero lying over several days ago that the Hickory hostelry would not be completed in time for the convention the matter was presented to Mr. Hendrix who got in touch with officials of the new hotel building. He was assured by them that the structure would be completed in ample time to care for the convention delegates. With that assurance he extended the invitation to make Concord the convention city and the invitation has been accepted by a majority of the executive committee.

The membership of the league is about 250 and fully 175 delegates are expected to attend the sessions. Concord made a bid for the 1926 meeting at the last convention of the league but lost out in the contest with Hickory. It is understood that the convention will go to Hickory in 1927.

Officials of the league are: J. F. Stevens, Greensboro, President; W. Ben Goodwin, Elizabeth City, First Vice President; Gilbert Hendrix, Concord, Second Vice President; O. E. Todd, Wilmington, Secretary and Treasurer.

Members of the executive committee include the officers and E. F. Allen, of Lenoir, and J. H. Wear, of Charlotte.

The following are district presidents: John B. Sparrow, Washington, District One; R. B. Davis, Rocky Mount, District Two; John Dunn, New Bern, District Three; J. E. Robeson, Raleigh, District Four; Leon Cash, Winston-Salem, District Five; Thomas H. Wright, Wilmington, District Six; A. C. Orjeping, Rockingham, District Seven; Frank R. Brown, Salisbury, District Eight; E. Y. Kesler, Charlotte, District Nine; D. H. Lee, Hendersonville, District Ten.

Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Cline, Robert Cline and Alice Mae Fuller returned from Wilmington Monday, after spending a week with Mrs. R. D. McCurdy.

A friend is a rare book of which but one copy is made.

Three Auto Races in August. (By International News Service) Charlotte, N. C., May 18.—With the decision to inaugurate sprint races instead of long cruises here August 23rd, officials believe that an even larger number of Southeastern bowl fans than attended the May 250-mile classic will make the semi-annual pilgrimage to Charlotte.

Along with the announcement that official sanction for the races in August had been received, came the statement that the event would consist of three races—25, 35 and 150 mile contests. Practically all of the drivers who started in the May race here agreed to return for the sprint.

Robbers Get \$30,000. St. Louis, May 18.—(AP)—Five or six armed men held up the North St. Louis Trust Company today and escaped with approximately \$30,000.

Leads Rebels

Marshal Josef Pilsudski, former commander of the Polish army and popular hero, has entered Warsaw, the capital, at the head of revolting troops.

Relief for Children With Diseased Tonsils Through Operations in Emergency Hospitals Operated by State Board of Health.

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OUR RULE AS TO PAID ADVERTISEMENTS.

The Tribune's rule in regard to the publication of reading notices of entertainments, lectures, box suppers, etc., to which an admission fee is charged, or at which anything is sold, will be as follows: Five cents a line will be charged with a credit of 5 lines of space for every inch of display advertising used. We will also give credit on the account for all tickets to such entertainments which we can use.

DR. ROWE RE-ELECTED

Again Chosen Book Editor of the Southern Methodist Church.

Dr. Alfred F. Smith received 270 of the 374 votes cast for re-election as editor of the Christian Advocate, the official organ of the Church.

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RIVAL GOVERNMENT SET UP IN POSEN

It is Reported in Berlin That General Haller Acts Against the New Regime in Poland.

TROOPS OF TWO FORCES BATTLE

Later It Was Reported That General Haller's Troops Withdrew to Old Position at Posen.

Berlin, May 18.—(AP)—Berlin newspapers say a rival Polish government has been set up in Posen under Gen. Haller, who formed the Polish Legion in the United States during the World War. This step was taken after peace negotiations with Marshal Pilsudski's new government had failed.

Gene, Haller's forces are estimated at 27,000. They are encamped at Lodz and Kalliz. The general is said to have ordered an advance in preparations for an attack on Warsaw.

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ARTICLE BY NOBLE ABOUT POLAR TRIP BROUGHT PROTESTS

Roald Amundsen Pleaded With Editor of Paper in Nome to Let Him See the Article.

MUSSOLINI GOT THE STORY FIRST

Noble Sent Him Story by Radio and Associated Press Got It From the Italian Premier.

Nome, Alaska, May 18.—(AP)—Roald Amundsen showed signs of great perturbation when he learned an account of the flight of the Norge over the North Pole had been written by Col. Umberto Nobile and published.

"There might be something in there I would want to deny," claimed Amundsen, commander of the expedition, as he pleaded rationally yesterday with publishers of Norge Nugget to let him read Nobile's narrative before publication.

The account by Nobile, designer and constructor of the Norge and her first pilot on the flight which began a week ago today, was radioed by him to Benito Mussolini, premier of Italy. Mussolini received the narrative in Rome and the Associated Press cabled and radioed it to the Nugget.

The Nugget, a four-page closely printed paper, which next to the News-Mariner, at Fairbanks, Alaska, is the farthest north member of the Associated Press, did a record breaking business yesterday afternoon.

Nearly everybody in Nome seeing Amundsen around the Nugget office and noting signs of his displeasure, he left, hurried to the place at publication time. As fast as the press could turn off the papers they were snatched by purchasers.

"I am afraid the crowd was disappointed," remarked Geo. S. Maynard, publisher of the Nugget, and four times mayor of Nome. "I do not believe there was anything radical in the Nobile act, though it was certainly a good interesting account of the Norge's wonderful exploit."

Tobacco Co-ops in Meeting in Raleigh Members of Tri-State Association Reached No Agreement as to Future Action.

Blanchard Hotel Guests Robbed While Asleep Strange Thieves Enter Rooms and Take Money But Leave No Clues.

Joe Stecher vs. Jimmy London. (By International News Service.) Atlanta, Ga., May 18.—Emblematic of the world's heavyweight wrestling championship, Joe Stecher's \$12,000 diamond belt, will be at stake on Wednesday night when the Nebraska farm boy climbs on the mat to defend his title against Jimmy London, Greek champion and the most persistent aspirant to the crown.

The belt arrived here in the care of a private detective and will be in the hands of John Contos, the promoter, until the clash here Wednesday.

This will be the first time that Stecher has defended his belt and title against a worthy challenger. London is tipped as the coming champion, and there is speculation that the title may change hands in Atlanta.

London is now working out daily with Jack Dempsey at his Hendersonville camp, while Stecher is taking his daily turns in Atlanta.

The Weather Fair tonight, Wednesday partly cloudy, probably local thunderstorms in west portion; little change in temperature. Moderate to fresh southwest winds.