

The Flying Mercury

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always making people notice, and laughing while he did it.

when Dick French, hanging in a frenzy of anxiety over the paddock fence circling the inside of the mile oval, uttered something resembling a howl and rushed to the gate to signal his recalcitrant driver.

"If this remarkable story is true," he began, accurately precise in accent.

"What's the matter? Where were you?" cried Dick, when at last LeStrange crossed the course to the central flag.

"You don't need me to tell you it is," retorted Bailey.

"Well, he can get unready," smiled LeStrange.

An oriole darted in one arcade and out again with a musical whirr of wings.

"I hoped a trolley car had bitten you," he shouted.

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"Maybe, Darling," he drawled, and turned to make his own preparations.

at the factory for me. And between us we've sent LeStrange to the track with a nice set of nerves."

"It hurts me fierce to think how you must have hurried," he observed.

CHAPTER VIII. Six o'clock was the hour set for the start of the beach race.

"Come here," LeStrange beckoned to Dick, as he brought his machine shuddering to a standstill before the tent.

RECORD PEACH CROP EXPECTED

Severe Cold Few Weeks Ago Did Very Little Damage. Farm and Orchard Lands Attract Attention.

Raleigh, April 19.—W. J. Adams, of Benson, Johnston county, was hailed before Judge James L. Webb at Goldsboro, today on a writ of habeas corpus which was granted by Justice W. A. Allen of the North Carolina Supreme court on the petition of Mrs. Adams, who alleges that the husband mistreated her, drove her from her home and kept her separated from her three weeks old babe.

SMOKE HOVERS OVER RUINS

Of Virginia-Carolina Fertilizer Plant at James City. Total Loss Estimated at \$90,000 Partly Covered by Insurance.

A dense pall of smoke still hovers over the ruins of the Virginia-Carolina Fertilizer Company's plant at James City which was destroyed by fire at 4 o'clock yesterday morning.

THE CARPATHIA INTO PORT

Only 745 Persons Saved. List of Prominent Men Missing Including Astor, Butt and Strans Still Stands.

New York, April 19.—The Cunard liner Carpathia, a ship of gloom and sorrow, came into New York last night with first news direct from the great White Star liner Titanic, which sank off the Grand Banks of New Foundland early on Monday morning last.

SWANSBORO'S COMMENCEMENT

Marked By Excellent Showing of Pupils and Fine Speeches of Noted Educators.

Swansboro, April 18.—The first session taught in Swansboro's new school closed with a big entertainment to celebrate the occasion, a large crowd was in attendance.

WEEKLY COTTON MARKET REVIEW

Heavy Rains Delayed Crop Conditions Cause Prices To Advance.

New York, April 20.—Cotton has advanced steadily during the past week, owing to much the same factors as in previous weeks, viz: heavy rains, especially in the Eastern section of the belt—well nigh universal reports of a much-delayed season, fears that the crop will get a late start and that a yield of the necessary size is out of question, and finally the admitted strength of the spot situation. To this must be added the uneasiness occasioned by the high water in the lower Mississippi river and reports of serious breaks in the levees of the Mississippi delta.

All indications point to the best peach and apple crop in North Carolina in years, according to reports that have reached Major W. A. Graham, commissioner of agriculture.

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Survivors in lifeboats huddled in the darkness at a safe distance from the stricken ship and saw her go down. As to the scene on board when the liner struck, accounts disagree widely.

The evening exercises were enlivened by several comic plays in which the pupils were the actors, each a star in his or her individual character.

Of late, Liverpool, New Orleans and Memphis have been buyers here. Spinners have been buying on a noticeably larger scale.

"Go get out your car, Darling; I want to beat you," chaffed the next line.

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TO DEMOCRATIC VOTERS OF JONES COUNTY

I hereby declare myself a candidate for the nomination of Sheriff of Jones county, subject to the action of the Democratic primaries of the county.

Respectfully, M. N. HARRIETT.

Simmons in First Primary

The consensus of opinion seems to be that the removal of ex-Governor Aycock by death from the senatorial race operates to render certain Senator Simmons' nomination for the United States senate in the first primary.

New Enterprise For New Bern.

The Texas Company, said to be the strongest opponent of the Standard Oil Co. have established an agency in this city for the distribution of their products.

Bucks Stoves and Ranges that bake better bread with least fuel. J. S. Basnight Hdw. Co.

Revival Services in 1st Baptist Church.

The First Baptist Church will commence their revival meetings today with services beginning at 11 a. m.

ANNOUNCEMENT.

Fellow citizens of Jones County.

Having been incapacitated for labor for the last seven years, and having spent the most of my substance in trying to regain my health, while yet feeble, I think I could perform the duties of an office as well as any other man who has health and not in need of the office, while giving an office to me would amount almost to charity.

WINTER GREEN ITEMS.

The weather is somewhat warmer than it has been.

We are glad to welcome the beautiful spring days. Our farmers are busy planting their crops.

Elder A. E. Rouse filled his regular appointment at this place Saturday night and Sunday, when he preached the funeral of Miss Beady Daugherty to a large congregation.

Mrs. Webster Mallard, of Trenton, spent a few days here last week visiting her father, Mr. R. F. Daugherty.

Ice Cream Freezers that freeze cream faster and make mixture better "ALASKA" at Basnight Hdw. Co.