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Pasquotank Family Figures In Solving Riddle Of Sea

Last Chapter In Tragedy Involving Family Of Aaron Burr And That Of A Governor Of South Carolina Written When Identity Of Mystery Picture In Pool Family Discovered

The story has been more than once told in print, but how many readers of this newspaper know that an Elizabeth City family supplied the last chapter of a tragedy linked with the name of Aaron Burr that broke two strong hearts and wrecked at least one home?

More than a century has passed since the latter part of December, in the year of 1812 that beautiful Theodosia Alston, nee Burr, wife of the governor of South Carolina, embarked from the port of Georgetown, South Carolina, on the staunch pilot boat Patriot, sent out for her from New York by her father, Aaron Burr, for the port of New York.

Weeks went by, weeks of patient waiting, by her father, for her arrival, but Mrs. Alston did not come. At last anxiety gave place to genuine fear for her safety and all the machinery of search at that time available was set in motion to find a clue to her fate. The telegraph had not been invented. Continental travel was entirely by stage coach and mails were slow. Not so slow, however, that Aaron Burr had not time to notify Governor Alston that his wife had not arrived in New York. In a frenzy of fear, the governor took up the search. Past weather reports were scanned. There had been no storms. The sea was searched by the fastest clippers procurable, without result. Not the slightest trace could be found of either the Patriot or its passenger and crew.

All Hope Was Lost After prolonging the search until all hope had been lost, Alston returned to his office in South Carolina, the broken-hearted head of a great Commonwealth.

When the news was at last given to the world, there was general mourning, for the people loved Theodosia Burr, as she was known to all, with a love that has its inspiration in the fidelity and worthiness of a pure soul and an upright character. The second war between the United States and Great Britain was by this time gaining a tremendous impetus. The United States had fared badly on the land but her high sea vessels were very successful, and wild conjectures became rife as to whether Theodosia Burr's disappearance could not be placed at the door of some British privateer, commanded by one unworthy of the name of a Briton.

The greater mind, however, knowing the chivalry of the British towards even the fallen foe, soon dispelled these beliefs and the nation mourned in silence over another mystery of the deep.

Time passed. The father and husband of Theodosia Burr had found solace in the rest of the eventual sleep. A new generation had sprung to life; a generation of different thought; of different opinion—and Theodosia Burr was forgotten, or rather lost sight of for a time.

But in 1896 there came to Nags Head, as was his usual custom, Dr. W. G. Pool, a native of Pasquotank County, an able citizen and a distinguished physician. Nags Head was his summer play ground. During his stay in the summer of '69 he was called to Kitty Hawk, a few miles up the beach to the bed of an infirm and aged woman, a Mrs. Mann.

In Strange Surroundings When Dr. Pool arrived at Kitty Hawk he found Mrs. Mann in a hovel, sparsely furnished with the humblest furniture. The cabin contained nothing save those things absolutely necessary to existence. Poverty was stamped indelibly everywhere save at the spot on the smoke-discolored wall where hung a most marvellous reproduction in oils of a woman's head. Instantly, attracted by the incongruity of such a gem placed in such surroundings, Dr. Pool extracted from Mrs. Mann as much of the story of the picture as she knew.

The picture, Dr. Pool was told by Mrs. Mann, came to her from a boyhood sweetheart, a young man named Tillet. Dates she could not remember but she thought she was about 18 years old at the time. At the telling of the story of the picture she was 74. Tillet had gone to the beach with a party of friends in search of the spoils of the sea, cast up on the beach. In amazement they saw a boat of sizable proportions, tacking dangerously near the beach. They saw her continue

Seven Naval Planes In The Pulitzer Race

Detroit, Sept. 12 (By The Associated Press)—Seven United States naval airplanes will participate in the Pulitzer race when the 160 mile test is staged in the air here October 14. It is announced by the Naval Bureau of Aeronautics. In addition there will be a number of machines representing other branches of the American fighting forces, as well as those entered by civilians.

The navy also will make an effort to capture the Curtiss Marine trophy in the race to be held over St. Clair, near here, October 7, having entered eleven seaplanes in this event. One naval entry has been announced for the Liberty Motor Builders trophy race for observation planes October 13.

Mrs. Harding Better

Washington, Sept. 12 (By The Associated Press)—Continued improvement with only a slight possibility that it will be necessary to operate was the word that came today from the sickbed of Mrs. Harding.

The crisis in Mrs. Harding's condition seems to have been passed, an official bulletin issued by attending physicians at 9:35 said. It added that surgical procedure was deemed unnecessary for the present.

coming until she struck the reef, about 100 yards from the beach and grounded solidly. They watched for the movements of persons on the boat and saw no one, in haste, they procured a boat and boarded the derelict. They found everything in order, totally unmanned and with sails set and rudder lashed, the boat had come straight to its last haven. No appearance of a struggle was apparent. The table gave evidence of a half finished breakfast, the berths were not yet arranged; evidently the exodus had taken place in the morning—but why?

Tillet and his companions were plain people without the desire to seek the whys or whence. It had happened, that was all there was to it, and theirs were the spoils. In the dividing of the articles of the boat, among which was a trunk full of expensive apparel of a lady, the picture fell to Tillet.

Tillet had given it to Mrs. Mann and there it was. No, she did not care to sell it. Its memories were too sacred to her.

A Gift Of Gratitude During the sickness of Mrs. Mann, Dr. Pool was very kind to the penniless old woman and at last, in a spirit of gratitude, she gave the painting to him. In the back of Dr. Pool's mind lurked the sub-conscious thought that the answer to some riddle lay in the painting and after a while the forgotten story of Theodosia Burr was recalled.

After careful comparison of the painting, with such cuts of the Burr family as could be secured, communication was established with two descendants of the Burr family. These people came to Elizabeth City and at first sight of the picture pronounced it a likeness of Theodosia Burr.

After being exhibited at the various national exhibitions throughout the United States, the picture was sold several years ago to the Macbeth Art Galleries of New York by Mrs. J. P. Overman, daughter of Dr. Pool, to whom the picture had descended. The purchase price was one thousand dollars.

Many papers proclaimed in broad headlines that the mystery of Theodosia Burr had been cleared up, but has it? The painter of the picture is unknown, and who can tell, under what conditions an entire crew and a notable passenger passed from the ken of man as though in vapor? Were they forced to walk the plank by a pirate crew. Was it some freak of nature experienced first and last by the travelers on the Patriot? Did they land on some uncharted shore, and the vessel struck by squall, leave them stranded to suffer and die unknown? Who can say? It is but another unsolved mystery of the deep.

U. S. Attorney General Enjoins Rail Unions



Left to right, District Attorney Cline, Assistant U. S. Attorney General Blackburn Esterline and U. S. Attorney General Harry M. Daugherty, photographed in Chicago just before the Attorney General appeared before U. S. District Judge Wilkerson with his injunction, in behalf of the Government, enjoining railway strikers from interfering with rail traffic.

Manufacture Of Concrete Building Blocks A Growing Industry In Elizabeth City

North Carolina Building & Supply Company To Install Steam Curing Outfit In Order To Meet Present Demand For Concrete Building Blocks

GREENWICH GIRL GETTING BETTER

Sonia, Whose Stock Was Laughter And Other Things, Came Near Death

New York, Sept. 12 (By The Associated Press)—Greenwich Village, that Bohemian center regarded as a perpetual fountain of mirth, for a time was threatened with its little tragedy, but now the tale has taken a new turn and the happy ending is in sight.

A few weeks ago Sonia the Cigarette Girl was stricken desperately ill. Heart disease, a strange form, the doctors said.

For weeks she lay in a hospital ward, pale and wan. And very lonely was Sonia, for she found that her village friends, the poets and painters who laughed with her and blew smoke rings with her in cellar and garret, had deserted her.

On the walls were none of the gay tapestries, the paintings and sketches in which she delighted. The sounds which came to her were ominous sounds, lacking the music and laughter which to her had constituted life.

Sonia is only in her twenties. Youth rebels at grim hospital walls and white clad doctors and nurses, with their stethoscopes and mysterious charts.

But now doctors say that Sonia has won her fight—that soon she will be discharged.

Everyone knows Sonia in the Village. In her smock and sandals, she could be seen any day walking bareheaded through the alleys of the Latin Quarter, shaking her bobbed head violently when engaged in argument over Belles Lettres or the theories of Freud.

Sonia—she has a last name but in the Village she is known only as Sonia—is a Bohemian. Thousands of out-of-towners who have visited the Village have seen her slipping from table to table in the fantastic tea rooms which the Village boasts, cajoling the merry-makers into buying a package of her cigarettes.

Sonia is versatile. Now she would make a little money at one thing, at other times at another. Sometimes she would make nothing at all.

Once she went to Boston and there staged a Bohemian dance largely attended by Harvard undergraduates. Arrangements went a bit awry, the dance was not wholly a success, and the police reserves had to be called.

A few months ago she opened a little shop of her own in the Village. To her stock of cigarettes she added erudite tomes and fanciful butiks.

Her acquaintances tried to find her family. They were all dead, she said. She smiled mysteriously whenever she was asked whence she had hailed. She just appeared one day in the Village. Tradition has it that her homeland was Russia.

It isn't so much that I'm down and out," she said bravely. "It's that the Village folks don't come to see me.

A growing concern in Elizabeth City is the North Carolina Building & Supply Company, manufacturers of all kinds of concrete building materials. A steam curing plant will be added to the equipment of the plant before cold weather sets in, Manager M. F. Owens said Tuesday.

Heretofore it has been necessary to hold up all work in the plant in extremely cold weather as all curing has been done by natural process. The growing demand for concrete stone blocks has made necessary the purchase of the steam curing outfit. "We are going to make further improvements in our plant," Mr. Owens said, "when the demand for our product justifies such a step."

The North Carolina Building & Supply Company specializes in the manufacture of concrete block, porch columns, brick and posts for wire fencing. Some of the work of the local concern may be seen in porch columns at the home of J. C. Perry on First street, while the homes of Leslie Waldorf and J. H. Humphlett on Raleigh street give one an idea of the effect of concrete material in residence building.

Last week the company shipped a carload of concrete block and columns to Plymouth, where L. B. Perry is building a large church. The present output of the local enterprise is 150 blocks a day or two large porch columns a day. The blocks are made into both granite and marble finish as well as in the smooth cement finish. Concrete wire fence posts are reinforced with steel and will last indefinitely.

"The demand for concrete in building is growing," says Mr. Owens, "on account of the scarcity of brick and timber. Attractiveness, safety from fire and comfort the year round are some of the distinctive qualities which has made concrete block residences popular throughout the country."

"The concrete age has come. In buildings it is taking the place of brick and lumber. A great deal of the artistic ornamentation which is appearing on the large and expensive buildings in our cities, which appears at first glance to be elaborately carved granite, is cast from concrete."

"On the farm concrete building blocks offer economy and safety in the construction of barns, or of hog, poultry and potato houses, as well as many other farm buildings."

Associated with Mr. Owens in the North Carolina Building & Supply Company is G. M. Spence, who is president of the concern. The business was begun on Water street a few years ago but is now situated on West Main street extended.

SAYS IT'S A TIP TO MEN

Men's fall suits are featured at Chesson's this week and in this issue the store is making an interesting announcement which E. S. Chesson, Jr., declares is a big tip to men who want good clothes at extremely low prices right at the opening of the season.

"Yes, I know, the Village is away—up in Provincetown, and Croton. But they might send me word or have dropped in to see me before they went."

Expect Agreement Rail Strike Today

Chicago, Sept. 12 (By The Associated Press)—Basis for settlement of the shipmen's strike was considered today by the general policy committee of the ship crafts. Jewell announced at the close of the morning session that there are indications that an agreement will probably be reached today.

RUMORS OF SYKES ARREST ARE DENIED

Numerous rumors have filled the air here since the news of the alleged defalcation of J. D. Sykes, Jr., was made public Monday to the effect that the young man has been captured.

All such rumors, however, up to noon today, were denied at the First & Citizens National Bank, where Sykes was the collection teller, and also by the Elizabeth City police.

Warrants for Sykes' arrest were issued Saturday night, however, and a statement given to the press Monday by Charles H. Robinson, president of the bank, declares that "police are at work on the case, and we hope to have the young man in custody in a few days."

Carolina Will Open Season In Goldsboro

Chapel Hill, Sept. 12.—Carolina's opening football game of the season, the game with Wake Forest, will be played in Goldsboro Saturday, September 30.

This will be the University football team's first appearance in a city in the eastern part of the State. Its matches with other North Carolina institutions hitherto have always taken place, in central or western cities, Raleigh, Greensboro, Winston-Salem and Charlotte having been most favored.

Eastern alumni of the University have been eager for several years to bring the Carolina eleven to their section, and it is due chiefly to their efforts that Goldsboro has been fixed upon as the place for the contest with Wake Forest. The Goldsboro alumni of both institutions, as well as the local commercial and civic organizations, are looking after the arrangements for playing space and for accommodating the spectators. It is expected that Wilson, Tarboro, Wilmington, Rocky Mount, Fayetteville, Washington, Elizabeth City, New Bern, Selma and other eastern cities and towns will help considerably to swell the crowd. Perhaps special trains will be run from some of these communities.

Word has been received here that Wilfred L. Johnson, the Carolina star of the 1921 season, has definitely decided to return to the University this fall.

Coach "Bill" Fetzer is on hand and preliminary training will begin within a few days.

TARIFF UP TOMORROW

Washington, Sept. 12 (By The Associated Press)—The tariff bill as finally perfected in conference was presented today in the House and will be called up tomorrow.

FRANCE AND BRUCE WIN

Baltimore, Sept. 12 (By The Associated Press)—Senator France, Republican, and William C. Bruce, Democrat, won the senatorial nominations in yesterday's primary, according to incomplete returns in hand today.

COURT OFFICERS THREATENED

Jasper, Ala., Sept. 12 (By The Associated Press)—State Senator M. L. Keith, Judge Sowell, County Solicitor Rennington and thirteen others received warning today in a letter signed "Ku Klux Klan" to "shut up your big talk otherwise you will carry marks to your grave."

Those receiving the letters have been investigating the flogging of a woman and two men here last week.

SUNDAY SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETS

The Sunday School Council of Blackwell Memorial Sunday school meets tonight at 7:30 o'clock in the annex of the church. The Council includes all officers and teachers of the Sunday school and officers of the organized classes, and it is urged that every one of these be present.

HEAVY S. C. VOTE

Columbia, Sept. 12 (By The Associated Press)—Clear weather is reported as bringing out a heavy vote today in the second South Carolina primary. Interest in which centers in the run-off between Cole L. Blease and Thomas G. McLeod, candidates for governor.

DEFERS HEARING STRIKE LEADERS

Judge Wilkerson Says Must Settle Matter Of Alleged Conspiracy First

Chicago, Sept. 12 (By The Associated Press)—Federal Judge Wilkerson today deferred the hearing on the motion of attorneys for rail strike leaders for modification of the temporary injunction pending completion of the Government's effort to show that the dominant purpose of the alleged conspiracy is the destruction of interstate commerce. Citing Supreme Court decisions in the Coronado coal case, and the retail lumber dealers case, the court said that the question is a vital one and should be settled before the request for modification is acted on.

FORECAST TAKEN FOR ACTUAL FACT

A rumor current yesterday to the effect that the Supreme Court had sustained the injunction restraining the County Highway Commission from building the Mt. Hermon road, and which could not be equigned or traced to its primary source before this newspaper went to press, appears to have been somewhat premature, as no Supreme Court decisions are to be handed down this week before Wednesday.

It now develops that the rumor was based on a forecast of what the opinion would be made by one apparently so sure of his ground that his confidence as to what would be the decision was mistaken for knowledge of what was already a fact.

PRIMARIES TODAY IN EIGHT STATES

Chicago, Sept. 12 (By The Associated Press)—Primaries in eight states today include four in which contests for nominations for United States senator are expected and indicate to some extent the trend of public opinion on national political principles.

Massachusetts, Michigan, Washington and Vermont today choose senatorial candidates. Three southern states have Democratic primaries.

In South Carolina former Governor Cole L. Blease and Thomas G. McLeod are opponents in the gubernatorial contest. In Louisiana one congressman and state officers are to be nominated. Colorado and Arizona nominate state tickets, with a number of congressmen. Georgia's primary will be held tomorrow with three women breaking the state's tradition by entering the race for state assembly.

GIRL HIKERS HERE

Two young and capable looking young women in hiker's costume attracted much attention on the city streets Tuesday. The Advance sent two reporters to interview them but both came back without finding out their names and destination. They—the reporters, not the girls—simply lost their nerve.

Brazil Says It's Up To United States

Rio Janeiro, Sept. 12 (By The Associated Press)—"If the United States determines that there will be no more war, there will be no more war," as you have the most powerful nation in the world," Secretary Hughes was told by the committee of Brazilian senators and deputies who called last night to salute him prior to his departure for home today.

DERAILMENT DUE TO MALICIOUS ACT

Washington, Sept. 12 (By The Associated Press)—The derailment of an express train on the Michigan Central near Gary, Ind., on August 20, with the death of two railroad employees and injury to two passengers was caused by malicious tampering with the track, according to the report issued today by the Bureau of Safety of the Interstate Commerce Commission.

TO MEET WEDNESDAY

The Holywood Cemetery Society meets Wednesday afternoon at four o'clock with Miss Inez Reid on Church street.