

## Tale of Hardships Told By Crew of Silver King After Harrowing Ordeal

### Wealthy New Yorker's Yacht Went Down in Lonely Stretch of Croatan Sound; Little Warning

### NO FOOD FOR 36 HOURS

### Coast Guard Cutter Pamlico Tows Craft to Elizabeth City for Repairs, After Wireless Summons

Their craft sunk in nine feet of water off lonely Roanoke Marshes, two miles north of Wanchese, in Croatan Sound, 50 miles south of here, and having gone without food for 36 hours while they endured the rigors of a winter gale, the crew of the yacht Silver King, which went down Monday night after having sprung a leak from some cause not yet ascertained, arrived here Thursday, bringing a tale of hardship which has few parallels in the recent history of North Carolina's sound waters.

The Silver King, which is owned by Arthur Copal, wealthy New Yorker, was towed to Elizabeth City by the Coast Guard cutter Pamlico, and will be repaired at a local shipyard. The Pamlico's pumps were kept going steadily today to keep the smaller craft afloat, the leak not having been located.

The yacht, which is commanded by Captain J. Smith, of New York, was on her way from that city to Miami, Florida, through the inland waterway when the mishap occurred. The Silver King went down Monday night about 9 o'clock, in such sudden fashion that, although her pumps were brought into play immediately after it was discovered that she was leaking, all efforts to keep her afloat were unavailing.

An effort also was made to tow the craft ashore, but the crew, in small boats, were unable to make headway against a strong offshore wind. They finally gave up the task, and returned to her when she had settled to the bottom, with her main decks awash.

The cook's galley and all sleeping quarters were flooded, and the provisions aboard had been spoiled by the salt water. Hence it was that the crew was without food, or any means of kindling a fire, from Monday night until toward noon Wednesday, when the Pamlico arrived in response to a wireless message from Norfolk.

The Coast Guard cutter was able to come alongside the Silver King, and after battening all port-holes and other openings below the waterline, brought her pumps into action and succeeded in floating the smaller vessel in a few hours. The cutter then towed her here for repairs.

While nothing definite has been learned as to the cause of the leak which sent the Silver King to the bottom, it is believed that she struck a submerged stump close by the channel through Croatan Sound. The point where the yacht went down is off an uninhabited stretch of marsh land on Roanoke island, and no assistance from the shore was available.

Members of the crew declared a fishing boat passed Tuesday, but those aboard made no proffer of assistance.

The Silver King is 72 feet long and is luxuriously appointed. Covered with sediment and soaking wet from submersion, the handsomely furnished sleeping quarters below decks look desolate enough. It is anticipated that repairs will be completed in a day or so, and the Silver King will continue on her interrupted cruise to Florida.

The rescue of the crew and the raising of the yacht were attended with unusual difficulty, members of the Pamlico's crew stated, due to a choppy sea. The five men were taken aboard the cutter, and were cared for until they reached this city. The Silver King was lashed alongside the larger craft and was towed here with the Pamlico's pumps running steadily to keep her afloat. Repairs will begin Friday morning.

## DAWES IS AGAIN A TARGET FOR ATTACK

Washington, Dec. 10.—Vice President Dawes was the target of a satirical attack made from the floor of the Senate today by Senator Harrison, Democrat, of Mississippi, who quoted the speeches of the Vice President in his tour over the country for a change of Senate rules.

## REPORTS TO LEAGUE ON TURK ATROCITIES ON MOSUL FRONTIER

Geneva, Dec. 10.—Atrocious acts of violence going so far as massacres have been committed by Turkish soldiers along the provisional frontier of Mosul in Northern Mesopotamia, General Laidoner, special League of Nations agent, declared in a report submitted at today's session of the League Council.

## WRAP FIRMLY AND MAIL EARLY

### Postmaster Hooper Tells How Secure Safe Delivery Christmas Gifts

Postmaster J. A. Hooper of Elizabeth City urges the people of his community to mail their Christmas packages early and to have a care for wrapping them securely and addressing them legibly, in order that these packages may reach their destinations properly and promptly.

Mr. Hooper says: "By order of the Postmaster General no mail will be delivered by carrier or truck on Christmas Day except special delivery mail. All Christmas mail must be mailed sufficiently early to reach its destination and be delivered before Christmas Day. To give to Christmas mail its essential value it should reach the addressee in ample time to be in keeping with the spirit for which it is sent, giving its full measure of happiness and cheer."

"The co-operation of patrons in the preparation and presentation of Christmas mail and other matter to be mailed just prior to the holiday season is, therefore, necessary in order that the large volume can satisfactorily be handled. Compliance with the following suggestions will greatly aid the post office and insure the prompt handling of your mail:

"Wrap and the parcels securely with strong paper and heavy cord. Address your parcels and letters plainly in ink, give street address whenever possible and write sender's name and address in the upper left hand corner of the address side as 21,000,000 letters and 803,000 parcels went to the dead letter office last year because they did not have a return address."

"Affix the proper amount of postage in the upper right hand corner of all mail as an average of 30 letters are sent from this office each week because they are mailed without sufficient postage and without the return address. Christmas and New Year's greetings sent as postcards require two cents postage instead of one cent as heretofore. Do not inclose letters in parcels as doing so would subject the entire parcel to letter postage."

"You may write on your parcels, 'Do not open until Christmas,' this being permitted in order to encourage early mailing. Always insure or register valuable mail."

"On payment of 25 cents postage in addition to the ordinary postage, parcels will receive the same expeditious handling and care in transportation as accorded mail of the first class."

"Do your Christmas shopping now, mail early and avoid the rush."

## Fire Destroys a Half Dozen Wendell Stores

Wendell, Dec. 10.—An early morning fire, which swept one third of the business section before it was brought under control, did damage of approximately \$100,000, destroying half a dozen stores.

## DEALERS NOT INCLINED TO ADD TO HOLDINGS

Boston, Dec. 10.—Dealers are not inclined to add to their holdings of bituminous coal during the mild weather and retail trade is holding off also. Foreign coal brought in to replace stocks of anthracite is being sacrificed owing to lack of demand.

## INCREASE GRAIN ACREAGE

Fort Worth, Dec. 10.—The grain acreage in Denton county, one of the best wheat producing sections of the state, has been increased 19 per cent. Most of the wheat is up and doing well.

## PHILADELPHIA IS NOT QUITE SO AMBITIOUS

### Has Given Up Grandiose Plans for "Greatest Exposition in History" But Still Hopes Celebrate

### STICKS TO GUNS

### Hundred and Fiftieth Anniversary Signing Declaration Independence Will Be Observed At Any Rate

By ROWLAND WOOD  
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Philadelphia, Dec. 10.—Philadelphia has given up its grandiose plans for the "greatest exposition in history," to celebrate the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the signing of the declaration of independence but still hopes to evolve out of the chaos by next June, an exposition that will fittingly commemorate that eventful date.

Had the city not felt that its honor was at stake, as a result of having induced President Coolidge to send an official government invitation asking foreign governments to take part in the exposition, the whole plan might have blown higher than a kite on any one of a half dozen occasions in the last six months. But with honor in the balance, Philadelphia has stuck doggedly to her guns, and today sesqui-centennial officials declared nothing could block their plans and that only the most terrible of winters could even postpone the opening, scheduled June 1.

To date a total of something less than \$15,000,000 is reasonably certain. Of this total, \$3,250,000 is in hand, pledged, and the sesqui-centennial commission hopes to induce Congress to add a half million or more. Secretaries Hoover and Kellogg have agreed to support a governmental appropriation. The commission hopes to collect about \$5,000,000 from the sale of places in the various exhibition "palaces" to industrial exhibitors. It also hopes that foreign governments will invest \$5,000,000 in buildings and exhibits.

The exposition at League Island Park is a scene of wild activity. The stadium is about half finished and work is being rushed on the two main exhibit palaces and other structures.

The history of the sesqui-centennial dates back to 1916 when it was first proposed, pledged, and John Wanamaker, it was "killed" by former Mayor J. Hampton Moore, but was revived under Mayor Kendrick.

Scandal after scandal dogged the path of the exposition. Grave charges were aired time and again particularly in connection with the commission's department and some of these were proved. It was alleged the whole affair was simply a real estate scheme to boom South Philadelphia, which Senator Vane's political stronghold. Big industrial firms fought the plan on the ground it was upset the normal life of the city.

The crisis came a month ago when Colonel D. C. Collier, veteran exposition man resigned as director and the Government at Washington began to inquire whether it was going to have a pavilion and withdraw the invitation it had extended to foreign countries.

Mayor Kendrick then took the exposition in his own hands and went to Washington where he convinced Secretary Kellogg and Secretary Hoover that the exposition could be saved from being a "flop" if the Government support should not be withdrawn.

Captain Asher C. Baker, U. S. A., retired, now is serving in Colonel Collier's place as director general but Mayor Kendrick, feeling that his own honor, as well as that of the city is at stake, really is running the show.

## Entente Cordiale for Reduction Armament

Geneva, Dec. 10.—An entente cordiale between the League of Nations and the United States for the reduction of the armament was advocated by the Brazilian member of the League Council in a statement to the Associated Press today. Under this proposed entente the League would collaborate in a second naval conference at Washington.

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# JUST 12 MORE

## Humble Modern Homer Visits Elizabeth City In A Stripped Down Ford

By RALPH POOL  
"A humble modern edition of Homer—though Homer wrote the real stuff, and I don't."

Thus modestly in his own words is described Riley Scott, the wandering poet of Kentucky, who is paying a little visit to Elizabeth City in the course of a flivver jaunt up and down across these United States, stopping wherever fancy prompts him. He is accompanied by his pet woodchuck, Benjamin Franklin II, a bright eyed little woods creature who has accepted some of the things that civilization offers, while rejecting much. For instance, Ben takes most kindly to chocolate drops.

Riley Scott is writing a couple of books, and while he doesn't say it in so many words, it is evident that the serious purpose behind his whimsical tour is the collection of material for them. He talks little about himself, and much about Ben, his furry companion.

Overseas as a correspondent for the New York World and the London Daily Mail during the World War, this poet clings to his army uniform as best adapted to the exigencies attendant upon wandering about in a flivver. His car is a stripped down Ford making up in convenience what it lacks in appeal to the eye.

A bachelor poet, he has none of his own. He lectures for them almost everywhere he goes, and has spoken at the Elizabeth City High School and several of the colored schools during his stay here. He will speak Friday morning at the Grammar School.

Written in simple and direct fashion, with an appeal that goes straight to the hearts of children, Riley Scott's poetry is in refreshing contrast to much of the stuff that is being ground out nowadays—that output of a school of modernists who, having nothing to say, depend on a lot of rhetorical gymnastics to say it.

Riley Scott is some what of the same cut as the school of modernists who, having nothing to say, depend on a lot of rhetorical gymnastics to say it. He is a tall, thin, clean cut fellow, with none of the usual attributes of a poet. The general run of folk are inclined to expect a man of a certain type. The hair is thinning a bit on top, and is clipped closely in the old-fashioned fashion. In his white uniform and puttees, one might take him for a well-dressed soldier or an eminently conventional newspaper reporter at the shrine of Business.

One of his poems, "John Richmond Cake, In Memoriam," accompanied with his photograph, "Copyright 1925 by Riley Scott." Dedicated to a dog which belonged to the mayor of Richmond, it runs thus:

"John Richmond Cake, he died, is dead,  
And many a little child he had  
And bowed in childish grief today,  
Because a friend he passed away."

"John Richmond Cake, he was a gold,  
And many a banker's morning  
Will pause to wipe away a tear,  
And find his duty done more dear."

"John Richmond Cake was just a dog,  
But he obeyed the Declaration,  
And to his friends was ever true,  
Exemplar he for me and you."

"John Richmond Cake, I like your creed,  
For mortal men are few indeed,  
Who pass this way sans sin or stain,  
Saint Peter, open wide the Gate!"

Paris, Dec. 10.—The French Chamber of Deputies today voted, 208 to 108 to maintain credits for the upkeep of the French Embassy at the Vatican.

## TRIBES WILL HOLD BIG CELEBRATION

### Elizabeth City Red Men to Entertain Royally on New Year's Eve

Warriors of all Tidewater Virginia tribes of the Improved Order of Red Men will be guests of Pasquotank Tribe 8, in this city, at a New Year's Eve celebration closing the year's business. A barbecue or oyster roast will be given in the afternoon, and there will be initiation of probably 75 candidates at night. Members of Edenton tribe and other Red Men in this vicinity will be invited also.

Degree work in connection with the night's events will be in the hands of the Virginia tribes, who promise something extra special for the occasion.

With a present membership of slightly under 700, the Red Men constitute numerically the strongest fraternal order in Elizabeth City. The tribe hopes to pass the 750 mark at the New Year's Eve celebration. In order to obtain an additional representative on the Great Council of North Carolina.

Officers of the tribe are: J. W. Griffin, sachem; J. W. Cox, senior sagamore; R. M. Wynn, junior sagamore; B. A. McCoy, prophet; C. V. Ballard, chief of records; W. Ben Goodwin, collector of wampum, and J. W. Alexander, keeper of wampum. Besides his tribal office, Mr. Goodwin has been great chief of records of the State Council of the order since its organization 28 years ago.

## WILL ESTABLISH LOCAL FACTORY TO MAKE BOXES

### Norfolk Man Will Bring New Industry to Elizabeth City Within Next Thirty Days or So

### MACHINERY BOUGHT

### Additional Employment for Labor Seen Through Operation of Plant Making Millions of Boxes

A new industry for Elizabeth City is being introduced through announcement that the Pell Paper Box Factory will be established and in operation here by January 15. The new concern, as its name indicates, will manufacture paper boxes. Its initial output is set at two million boxes a year, three-quarters of which probably will be used locally.

W. J. Pell, of Norfolk, manager of the Seaboard Paper Box Company there, is the power behind the new enterprise. Mr. Pell has informed local business men that he has ordered machinery for his plant, and hopes to have it installed by January 1, or shortly thereafter. The factory will occupy the building, owned by W. J. Woodley at Water and Burgess streets, and formerly occupied by the Newborn Produce Company. The plant is understood to represent an investment of \$15,000 to \$20,000, and is said to have been financed entirely outside Elizabeth City.

Just to what extent the factory will employ skilled or unskilled labor here has not been disclosed. In establishing in this city, Mr. Pell was prompted largely by the unusual demand for paper boxes here, by the various textile mills, the Weatherly candy factory and other concerns.

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## ROADS BETTER IN CURRITUCK

### Fair Weather and Hard Work by Highway Crew Accomplish Wonders

With a few days of fair weather and hard work by the highway crew the roads in Currituck County today are in the shape generally.

The section of concrete from the Robinson farm to the Camden courthouse road was opened yesterday and the detour signs taken down. The road was used some on Monday and Tuesday but did not go into general use until Wednesday.

All the sections of the road which were graded last week are passable this week. The place in front of Henry Gilbert's in Camden County where cars were being pulled out by the tractor in high gear today. The condition of Currituck road is being improved and is in better condition than it has been in several weeks. "Corner Gum," about a mile beyond Shawboro, which summed several cars last week, is in a fair shape today. The high bank of new dirt which has taken up on practically bare ground in a section of the road between Gregory and Shawboro is daily being spread out by the highway crew and one good track is laid up here which is in good condition.

The section of the road being worked near the home of Dr. Cowell in Currituck County is also in a fair condition and was causing little if any holdups yesterday.

Of course rain is going to make the new roads slippery but it is hardly probable that any section will become as difficult to pass as was the spot in front of Mr. Gilbert's last week.

Practically all the dirt road from Elizabeth City to Currituck courthouse has been graded since the last rains and one may drive from Currituck courthouse to Elizabeth City without bumping in an hour and a half and it is possible to make the drive in an hour without violating State traffic laws.

From Currituck courthouse to Point Harbor the roads have held up well this winter so far. The road to Snowden is rough but there is little danger of cars being stuck around this bend of the road.

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## This Year's Cotton Crop Will Bring Planters More Than Two Billion Dollars

### He's Hero



Milton Allen, 21, taxi driver of Council Bluffs, Iowa, was the outstanding hero of a \$2,000,000 cotton crop which is being marketed today. The crop was the second largest ever grown, being over-topped only in 1914 when 16,135,000 bales were grown. The \$2,000,000,000 to growers for lint and seed is based on average monthly prices this year. It compares with a yield of \$1,980,000,000 in 1924 when 15,630,000 bales were turned out, but when prices were higher.

The crop was not evenly distributed. All the Mississippi Valley states had large increases, but the crop was reduced nearly a million bales by drought, and this also affected some sections in Northern Georgia and Western Carolina.

The first third of the crop marketed brought from two to four cents a pound more for middling, as compared with the same period last year. In addition the best grades and long staple cotton commanded the highest prices, except in war time. They still are bringing one to six cents a pound above middling. But recent marketings have brought about three cents a pound under last year for middling grades while low grades, of which it is estimated there are about 7,500,000 bales, bring only from 8 to 14 cents.

The average price of middling in the South today is approximately 19.66 cents, compared with 22.92 at this time last year. One of the leading experts of the South today places the probable price for the crop around 21 cents as compared with 24.27 in 1924.

Mill takings have been breaking all records, indicating the probability of a consumption of lint and linters of 15,500,000 bales as compared with 14,249,000 last year. So far farmers have marketed a little more than 10,000,000 bales, of which mills have absorbed nearly 8,000,000, mostly of the better grades.

The mills, it is estimated, have taken about 50 per cent of the good grades in existence and everything points to continued demand of these qualities. The shortage of cotton late in the season severely injured the quality of the commodity in some states. Much of the 3,500,000 bales of low grade are not tenderable—that is, they fall below the standard set for deliveries on contracts. They will be bought up at a price for many purposes, however, and all be used.

W. E. Smith, manager of the Mississippi Farm Bureau Cotton Association, has issued an appeal to farmers to market "klotz" cotton damaged by rains. He claims the price would be very much higher were it not for the amount of "junk" or very poor grades in this year's crop. He says the low grades will pass into consumption, although slowly, and that of the million bales which will probably be carried over from the 1925 crop will be of doubtful spinning value.

Cotton textile manufacturers were relieved of considerable anxiety by the announcement of the size of the crop. But the low grade cotton still is an upsetting factor especially so far as the 1926 situation is concerned. It is certain that despite the size of the present crop, planting has not been stimulated in the South. Planters there would far rather raise less cotton and get 25 cents or more a pound for it.

## CONCERT TONIGHT AT HIGH SCHOOL

### All Sisters Quartette Will Give Pleasing Program at Eight

The concert by the All Sisters Quartette will begin at eight o'clock at the High School auditorium tonight. Those who have not secured tickets may buy them at the door.

The Rouse Sisters of New Hampton, Iowa, near the "Little Brown Church in the Valley," selected as a name for their organization, "The All Sisters Quartet," when they decided to engage in lyceum concert work. They have toured from the Atlantic to the Pacific under this name and have established an enviable reputation as concert entertainers. There is no more popular organization of its kind in lyceum.

The concert is sponsored by the Music Department of the Woman's Club and the club will appreciate the support of the public.

## This Is Actual Money Returns According to Latest Government Estimates of 1925 Cotton Crop

### FIGURES CONFIRMED

### Secretary Hester of New Orleans Cotton Exchange Agrees With Uncle Sam's Latest Report

By J. C. ROYLE  
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New York, Dec. 10.—The 1925 cotton crop will bring to planters more than two billions in actual money return for their labors. That fact became known today when the latest Government estimate, which fixed the yield at 15,630,000 bales, was thoroughly dissected by statisticians and manufacturers.

The figures were confirmed by Colonel H. G. Hester, secretary of the New Orleans Cotton Exchange and one of the leading price authorities of the country. The crop was the second largest ever grown, being over-topped only in 1914 when 16,135,000 bales were grown. The \$2,000,000,000 to growers for lint and seed is based on average monthly prices this year. It compares with a yield of \$1,980,000,000 in 1924 when 15,630,000 bales were turned out, but when prices were higher.

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