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LEGENDS OF THE SEA

WEIRD SPECTRAL SHIPS DOOMED TO ENDLESS VOYAGES.

The Flying Dutchman of Evil Fame Appears in Many Cliffs of Sea-Lovers. Black Island's Fiery Reminders of the Wreckers of Colonial Days.

Among the multitude of superstitions to which the sea has given birth not the least interesting are those concerning weird spectral ships doomed by some irrevocable decree of fate to sail the wide seas over till eternity, without hope of ever once entering a harbor of safety.

It is not improbable that the original Flying Dutchman was that described in the old Norse tradition of a viking who had sacrilegiously stolen a ring from the gods, and whose skeleton was ever afterward seen seated on the mainmast of a black spectral ship enveloped in fire.

Tradition says of this ship that a hideous faced goblin invariably sat on the bowsprit smoking a horrid pipe filled with a more poisonous weed than tobacco, and in the lucid vessel that encountered her, for—

Over her decks the seas will leap And must go down into the deep And perish madd and mad.

The most generally accepted version of the Flying Dutchman, however, is that of the plighted Dutch captain who swears he would round the Cape of Storms in the teeth of a terrible hurricane.

The French equivalent of this ship was the Courte Hollandaise, which was said to sail around the world in twelve hours, with terrible disasters following in her wake.

German tradition is rich in phantom ships and tells of one on board of which was a nobleman who had been forced to leave his fatherland because of a great crime and who was alleged to toss dice with the devil for his own soul, while another Teutonic creation was a death ship which was supposed to be chock full of murderers and criminals of the lowest order.

And her sails were black as death. And the evil one steered at the helm and laughed. And looked at their falling breath, while undoubtedly must have been a most grievous spectacle to see against and something akin to the appearance of All Saints' day of the souls of sailors drowned during the year, a better which was prevalent in this country.

Black Island, on the Atlantic coast of the Dutch East Indies, was alleged to have its ghastly crew, which, rising in three pyramidal masses into the representation of a ship, was supposed to be a perpetual reminder of the wickedness of its former inhabitants, who in

AUGUST FOR PAST 18 YEARS.

Weather Observer C. F. von Herrman Compiles Average Weather for the Month of August for the Past 18 Years—Not a Forecast for the Present Month.

Weather Observer von Herrman has compiled the following data as to the weather for August for the last 18 years. These figures are averages for that period and are not to be considered as a forecast for the present month.

The mean or normal temperature for that period was 77 degrees; the warmest month was that of 1890, with an average of 82 degrees, while the coldest month was that of 1899, with an average of 73 degrees.

The precipitation of rain or melted snow was as follows: The average for the month is 5.80 inches. There were 13 days with a rainfall of .01 or more.

The average number of clear days are 10; partly cloudy days, 12; cloudy days, 9.

The prevailing winds have been from the southeast; the average hourly velocity of the wind is five miles.

Nothing more indicative of the changing character of the times has occurred than the remark of the Japanese peace envoy concerning the language to be used during the progress of the negotiations.

A diplomat who does not speak French! The idea seems absurd. For centuries the French language has been the bean ideal of diplomatic intercourse.

Mr. Teala also announces that he has invented a "teletomat" torpedo, which can be directed at will from a distance much greater than the range of the highest gun with mariner's precision upon the object to be destroyed.

Mr. Teala says also he is at work on designs for a plant which is to transmit 10,000 horsepower without wires.

THE STONE BREAKER. An Example of Content in Success but Not Content in Toil.

In a country of Abasco, on the solitary route whose innumerable ribbons stretch on and on under the forest of the Yucatec, there is a stone breaker, whom I have seen at his work for thirty years.

Mr. Carnegie has founded a library for negroes in Philadelphia. The Washington Post suggests that dream books and hints on poultry raising should have a prominent place on the shelves.

SHARK STORY UNTRUE.

Rev. L. Johnson and Mr. Duncan Say No Boy Was Devoured.

The horrible story published in the Sunday morning papers of a shark devouring Sutton Davis, a 16-year-old boy, at Davis' Shore, near Beaufort, is doubted in same quarters.

Mr. John A. Duncan returned yesterday morning from Beaufort, where his family is spending the summer. "I heard the report in Beaufort," said Mr. Duncan, "to the effect that a boy had been eaten by a shark, but it was not believed there and cannot be true.

Mrs. Longstreet Hurt by Fall From Horse.

Mrs. Ida Longstreet, widow of the Confederate general, was thrown from her horse while riding this afternoon.

Mrs. Longstreet's right arm was broken and her body badly bruised. She was mounted on a spirited horse and lost her seat when he shied at a passing automobile.

A Common Crank.

In Winston there is a religious crank, one Tom Hege, who is of the Seventh Day Adventist faith. Hege keeps a small store which he closes on Saturday (his Sabbath) and opens on Sunday.

A few days ago Hege was arrested and sentenced 60 days in jail. He appealed and the Superior Court affirmed the mayor's decision.

Do not stay too long. It is a good deal to break into the life of a family for even a few days. Pay no attention to urging to stay longer, however sincere they seem.

Confirm absolutely to the household arrangements, especially as to times of rising, ample time for all drives or other excursions. Carry with you all needed toilet supplies.

Enter heartily into all their plans for entertaining you, but make it plain that you do not care to be entertained all the time or to have every minute filled with amusement.

Baron Komura, Japan's peace envoy, estimates that 570,000 men have been killed during the war, Russia's losses being 370,000.

The date of President Roosevelt's visit to Raleigh is fixed for October 19th. He will arrive at 11.30 and will go at once to the State Fair grounds and deliver an address.

ARRESTED FOR BRUTALITY.

Cabarrus Chain Gang Superintendent Severely Beaten Boys, Who are now Lying in Fittable Condition.

Cogdora, N. C., July 31.—Special. Supt. Herbert Smith of the county convict force was placed under a \$100 bond for his appearance at the next term of Cabarrus court upon the serious charge of inhumanity and unmercifully whipping two young white boys named Charles Border and Frank Duffy, whose terms have just expired; they having been sentenced for vagrancy by the mayor.

Duffy came to town and swore out a warrant against Superintendent Herbert Smith and employed counsel to prosecute the case.

The young man has been beaten into a jelly almost, and his wounds showed the most severe and uncalled for treatment.

All who saw him were highly indignant at such inhumanity. The chairman of the board of county commissioners, after an investigation of the case, declared that he would have the law tested, which puts hobbes on the county road, and, if possible, he would not hereafter receive any of them.

To Get a Splinter Out of Your Hand.

When a splinter has been driven into the hand it can be extracted by steam. Fill a wide-mouthed bottle nearly full of hot water place the injured part over the mouth and press it slightly. The action thus produced will draw the splinter down, and in a minute or two the steam will extract the splinter, also the inflammation. Try it and be convinced.

Cotton Put Up Without Baling and Ties.

Mr. W. F. Dickerson, who lives in Yadkin county, sold three bales of cotton at the Statesville cotton mills last week that attracted considerable attention. The bales had been put up, apparently, on a hand press and the cotton was held together by wooden planks tied with ropes.

Etiquette of Visiting.

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A SHREWD OLD LADY.

A certain lawyer, famed for his high charges, had secured the custody of an old lady on account of the same wishing to get even with him, she consulted him about drafting her will.

STORM OF SUMMER HATS

We put on sale to-day: 300 Trimmed and Untrimmed Ladies' Hats, at each, 50c 200 Ladies' Sailors, Trimmed. Regular price, 25c. 25c 100 Children's Trimmed Sailors, regular price, 50c. 25c 50 Children's Trimmed Hats to go at 25c

JAMES F. YEAGER

THE O'BORMAN MAHON. He swampered off to death on the Red Cross ship through the sea.

The O'Borman Mahon was about eighty years of age when I met him for the first time. One could still see that a man of a man had been. He was over six feet high. He had still an immense mass of curly white hair, and he had a long, white beard.

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