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## THE BERKES LOST IN THE STORM

Captain Derrickson Saved After Being In Water For Twenty-eight Hours.

### THREE LIVES ARE LOST

Vessel Wrecked About Twenty Miles Off Ocracoke Inlet.

That the barge Berkes, owned by a Baltimore firm and in command of Captain E. H. Derrickson was lost in the storm which raged along the North Carolina Coast last Tuesday and Wednesday became known yesterday when the Neuse Lumber Company, owners of the timber valued at eight thousand dollars with which the vessel was loaded received a message from Captain Derrickson which stated that the vessel was lost Wednesday of Gull Shoal, about twenty miles from Ocracoke and that he alone had been rescued by the life savers at that place after having been in the water for more than twenty-eight hours.

The Berkes, in company with two other barges, left this port last Monday morning in tow of the tug Kirkton bound for Baltimore. It was known that the tug headed direct for Norfolk and the consignors feared that she had run into the storm and had been badly used. No word was heard from the vessels until Saturday when the tug Helen arrived in port and brought the news that she had passed the Kirkton and two barges, and had been told that the Berkes broke her tow line during the storm Wednesday morning and that the last time she was seen the wind and waves were tossing her about as though she had been a chip.

**Tug Searching For Vessel.**  
There was but little probability that the Berkes had weathered the storm, but there was just the barest chance that the vessel had been cast up on some shoal and the Neuse Lumber Company last Saturday afternoon dispatched a tug in search of the vessel. The tug has not returned but the message received from Captain Derrickson confirms the fears of the owners of the vessel and also the owners of the cargo of lumber. The Berkes, it is said, cost between twenty-five and thirty thousand dollars to construct.

**The Grace Bennett Safe.**  
The three masted schooner Grace Bennett owned by Harry K. Fulk, of Laurel, Delaware, and in command of Captain S. H. Laramore, of Tyasmin, Md., arrived in port yesterday afternoon from Royall's Shore in Pamlico Sound.

The Grace Bennett encountered the storm which raged along the North Carolina coast Tuesday and Wednesday and only the heroic work of the crew saved her from being broken up and lost. The vessel was loaded with lumber consigned to a Baltimore firm by the Elm City Lumber Company, of this city, and the Dixie Lumber company, of South Creek. The part owned by the former company was lashed to the deck and this was washed away. The Captain, his family and the crew were rescued by the life savers at the Portsmouth station and arrived in New Bern yesterday afternoon. Captain and Mrs. Laramore are now stopping with Mr. and Mrs. M. Suskin.

**The Captain's Story.**  
In an interview with a Journal reporter soon after his arrival here on the gas boat A. B. C., he and his family having left the Grace Bennett several miles down Neuse river in order to get to the city as soon as possible so that telegrams could be sent to the owner of the vessel, Captain Laramore said: "We left Washington, N. C., on the afternoon of August 31 and came on down the river to Royall's Point where the anchor was cast. We were bound to Baltimore but the weather conditions was such that we could get no further at that time.

"We remained at Royall's Point and the storm struck us on Tuesday. The wind increased in velocity and the waves grew higher all during the afternoon and night. Not a soul on the boat slept a wink during the night. Wednesday morning the boat began to fill with water and the deck load washed away. At 6 o'clock Mrs. Laramore and her children were taken from the

## PONY CONTEST CLOSING TODAY

Valuable Prizes Will Probably Be Awarded Tomorrow.

Tonight at 12 o'clock the Dunlap Pony Contest which a number of the merchants have been conducting for the past few weeks will close and tomorrow the handsome pony and cart which is to be awarded as a prize to the boy or girl casting the largest number of votes will be turned over to the winner.

Thousands of votes have been cast during the past few days and already the ballot boxes are "groaning" under the weight of so many ballots. However many thousands more will be cast today. W. H. Henderson, Thomas Kehoe and H. K. Land have been appointed as judges and these gentlemen will begin counting the votes as soon as the contest has closed and the name of the fortunate boy or girl will be announced just as quickly as possible.

## THUNDERSHOWERS ARE PREDICTED

OTHERWISE THIS WEEK'S WEATHER WILL NOT BE UNUSUAL.

Washington, D. C., Sept. 8.—The government weather forecast for the week was issued Sunday, and is:

"The eastward movement of a northwestern high pressure area will be attended by lower temperatures early in the week over the central Plains States, the Missouri and upper Mississippi Valleys, and the upper Lake region, and probably by some moderation in the Ohio Valley and the lower lake region. Light frosts are probable Monday morning in the lowlands of North Dakota and northwestern Minnesota. In the east and south temperature changes during the week will not be decided, while in the Northwest it will be warmer during Monday, and by the middle of the week temperatures will be rising generally over the central and western portions of the country, followed by a fall over the Northwest toward the end of the week.

"A marked disturbance now over southern Alaska will extend eastward and southeastward, causing rains early in the week over the Pacific Northwest and about the middle of the week over the northwestern States east of the Rocky Mountains. No other precipitation of consequence is indicated during the week except in the South where thundershowers are likely to continue the greater portion of the week.

"There are no present indications of a tropical disturbance."

### AN INDORSEMENT.

"What do you think of the college your boy is attending?"

"Well," replied Farmer Cornstossel, "I don't pretend to say much about how it teaches Greek or trigonometry. But bein' as Josh has been there a couple of years, I want to give it my compliments as one of the most patient an' forbearin' colleges on earth."—Washington Star.

The man who thinks he is marrying an angel in disguise occasionally discovers later the alleged disguise was permanent.

cabin and lashed in the main rigging. After the deck load had entirely gone they were taken from the main rigging and lashed in the fore rigging where they stayed until midnight. Some of the water had been pumped out by this time and they were unlashd and taken into the galley where they remained until the life savers from the Portsmouth station succeeded in getting us off the boat. We arrived there between 8 and 9 o'clock and spent three nights at the station before we could get away.

"On Friday we pumped the vessel out with the assistance of the life savers and started for New Bern on Saturday."

Captain Laramore's family consists of his wife, Misses Elsie, Ruth, Marva, Audrey and son H. Dehnen. The crew consisted of Mate George Bennett, of Baltimore; John Smith, a colored sailor, of Baltimore; and Richard Ford, the cook, also of Baltimore. Captain and Mrs. Laramore will spend several days with Mr. and Mrs. M. Suskin.

The lumber owned by the Elm City Lumber Company and which was swept from the deck of the vessel is valued at about eight hundred dollars. This was not insured and will be a total loss.

## ISLAND TOWNS ARE HEARD FROM

Traveller Brings First News Of Storm's Damage At Goose Creek Island.

### NO LIVES WERE LOST

Many Cattle Drowned And Several Buildings Washed Away.

The work of cleaning up the wreckage around the water front caused by the storm and flood of last Wednesday is going ahead rapidly and by the close of the week there will be considerably less outward evidence of this disaster than there is at present.

A large force of laborers were put to work cleaning up East Front street on the day following the flood and this section was in fairly good shape by Sunday. Thousand of spectators walked along the waterfront Sunday afternoon and viewed the wreckage. The remains of Neuse river bridge was the mecca of all the sightseers and hundreds of persons viewed what is left standing of the mammoth structure. As stated in the last issue of the Journal, a force of convicts are now engaged in rebuilding this bridge and the work is going ahead as rapidly as could be expected under the circumstances.

The linemen employed at the city's electric light and water plant were again at work yesterday repairing the wires which were broken by falling limbs and uprooted trees. Practically all of the breaks on the line which furnishes the current for the incandescent lamps and also the power for motors have been repaired and the line is in service. However, there were so many breaks on the line over which the current for the arc lights was transmitted that these have not all been repaired and this city is in darkness at night with the exception of the business section which is illuminated with arches of the smaller lights. Many of the poles were blown down and these are being replaced with new ones.

### Goose Creek Island Heard From.

With all other points along the North Carolina coast heard from Saturday with the exception of Goose Creek Island, Brant Island and the few small towns in that section and in fact all over the State as to what damage had been done at these points by the storm and flood of last Wednesday which played havoc all along the coast.

The first authentic report was received here yesterday when William Patton, a citizen of Goose Creek Island passed through the city enroute to Wilmington. Mr. Patton told a Journal reporter that Goose Creek Island was entirely submerged and that the greater part of the stock on the island was drowned. However, no lives were lost. The island was covered in from two to five feet of water and many of the buildings were demolished.

At Rose Bay and Jones Bay the storm did greater damage than at Goose Creek Island. According to Mr. Patton's statement not an animal was left alive except a few which the owners succeeded in getting into their homes. At Brant Island and also at Maw Point the water rose to a depth of several feet and the boats of many of the fishermen at those places were either sunken or were taken away by the wind and tide and have not been seen since.

Many of the people lost all their clothing and food and their condition is pathetic. A consignment of food was taken down from Vandamere Saturday morning for the benefit of the stricken islanders and this was equally divided among those who were in the worst plight. Brant Island, Jones Bay and Maw Point are at a very exposed point and grave fears were entertained for the safety of the inhabitants of those places.

### Oriental Citizens Clearing Away Wreckage.

S. W. Everett, proprietor of Neuse River Inn at Oriental, was among the business visitors in the city yesterday and he told a graphic story of the storm and flood at that place. Mr. Everett's hostelry is at a very exposed point along the river front and at 2 o'clock Wednesday morning his family and guests were taken out in boats and transported to the home of

## MEETING TO BE HELD AT RALEIGH

President Of Just Freight Rate Association Issues A Call To Business Men.

### SEPTEMBER 24 IS THE DAY

Governor Craig And Others Will Advocate The Rights Of The People.

Fred N. Tate, President of the North Carolina Just Freight Rate Association, has just issued a call to the business men and farmers of the State to meet at Raleigh on September 24 for the purpose of laying before the legislature facts regarding the discrimination by the railroads.

The following is the letter sent out by President Tate:

"To the people of North Carolina: "As suggested in my open letter to the people of North Carolina some weeks ago and as recently adverted to by the State papers, a monster meeting of every business man and farmer of the State is hereby called by the Just Freight Rate Association of North Carolina to meet in the Raleigh Auditorium at two o'clock Wednesday, September 24th, the day of which the special session of the Legislature convenes. The meeting is called for the purpose of then and there laying before the entire body of the General Assembly the cold bare facts regarding our unjust and indefensible freight rate discrimination and then also appeal for such legislative measures as recommended by the Governor and the Special Legislative Freight Rate Commission.

"Governor Craig and others will address this meeting, and it is our aim to fill the entire seating capacity of this immense auditorium with earnest, determined citizens from every county in the State.

"It is also our purpose to get in personal touch with every member of the General Assembly before this mass meeting with a view to acquaint all with the causes for the hardships imposed upon our people by the railroads. Practically the entire State is now organized and the supreme test is as to whether the railroads shall control our future destiny by continued unfair discrimination and selfish greed or whether the people, in whose hand the sovereign power lies, shall by a spirit of broad, liberal and intelligent co-operation cause every section of our State to grow, develop and prosper, that capital and labor may feel that in North Carolina they have an equal chance with the world. This will soon be determined and the determined stand taken by our people in this fight for justice means victory. Right is on our side and we cannot lose."

C. L. Ives, of this city, is one of the committeemen appointed to confer with Governor Craig and the Just Freight Rate Commission in regard to placing this matter before the Legislature and a week or two ago he asked the local merchants and manufacturers for information regarding the amount of freight they pay in the course of a year and any other information along this line which would be of service to him. He has received a number of replies to his letter, but there are others who have for some reason not answered. This is a vital matter and it will assist Mr. Ives in his work if those who have not answered his letters will attend to the matter at once.

It is expected that quite a number of New Bern business men will attend the meeting which is to be held at Raleigh on September 24.

Henry W. Gibbs, of Beaufort, passed through the city last evening enroute home from a visit in Pitt county.

a neighbor some distance away where they spent the remainder of the night. Considerable damage was done to property in and around Oriental, but the citizens began clearing away the wreckage on the following day and the town has about resumed its normal appearance.

Mr. Everett says that the crops right around Oriental are in bad shape but that the total damage to the crops of the county will not be more than twenty-five or thirty per cent.

## LOCAL BANKER A DELEGATE.

T. A. Uzzell Will Attend Southern Commercial Congress.

T. A. Uzzell, cashier of the Peoples Bank of this city is among the delegates whom Governor Locke Craig has appointed to represent North Carolina at the Southern Commercial Congress which meets October 27-29 in Mobile, Alabama. The delegates will attend this congress and study conditions that will most help their State. Being largely bankers, they will have something on rural credits, the bankers of the country being especially interested in that matter.

While the congress is a business matter, the delegates will have a delightful trip. Mobile is in easy reach of Panama and the representatives will take a boat trip to that place. The men sent by Governor Craig come from all the principal towns and cities of the State, thirty-seven places having appointees.

## RAILROAD RUSHES ITS REPAIR WORK

NORFOLK SOUTHERN HAS THREE HUNDRED MEN REPAIRING BRIDGE.

With three hundred men at work on the bridge across the Pamlico river at Washington, the Norfolk Southern Railroad Company is expecting to have the bridge so trains can pass over it by next Sunday. The bridge is nearly a mile in length, but eighteen hundred feet of it has already been rebuilt, this being on the Southern side. The draw has been straightened out and the work generally is progressing in a very satisfactory manner.

Pending repairs to the bridge and the opening of through traffic, freight is being detoured by Plymouth and Greenville, the Coast line tracks being used between Plymouth and Greenville.

Beginning today the mail will be transferred at Washington and will come direct through from Norfolk for the first time since the storm. It is possible that passengers will be transferred effective today also, but definite information as to this has not been received. A number of passengers have already come direct through, but they arranged their own transportation across the Pamlico.

The Norfolk Southern has concentrated its forces at Washington. President Hicks has been there since shortly after the news went out that the railroad property there and thereabouts had suffered such heavy damage and the work has been pushed with all possible dispatch.

## PROGRAM AT THE ATHENS TODAY

"The Southern Beauty Musical Comedy Company" will appear again today, matinee and night. Two packed houses last night and the round after round of applause they received is evidence of their popularity. The best musical comedy Co. ever seen in the town. Ask any one who saw them last night. An entire change of program today.

### PICTURES.

"The Hidden Witness." A drama by the Kalem Co.  
"Her Husband's Picture." A touching drama by Lubin.  
"Old Doc. Yac."

Introducing in unique animated cartoons, the famous comic supplement character "Old Doc. Yac."

"A Jolt For The Janitor." A comical story of the Flannigan flat, very funny.

Matinee at 3:45. Two shows at night 1st starts at 7:45, 2d immediately after close of first. Prices matinee 5c. and 10c. Night, balcony 5c. and 10c., first floor 10c. and 15c.

No 5c. ticket will be sold for first floor except small children (under 8 years) with parent.

There will be a meeting of the members of the Ghent Athletic Association tomorrow night and every member is requested to be present. The football team, of which Lyle Smith is manager, met at Ghent Park and had their first practice on the new gridiron last night. This is one of the strongest amateur teams in the State and the members feel assured of winning a number of victories during the approaching season.

## MEXICAN CRISIS SAFELY PASSED

None Of The Evils Forecasted By Enemies Of Administration Have Been Realized.

### THE PRESIDENT STOOD FIRM

Felt That Course He Proposed Was Right And Refused To Be Argued Out Of It.

Washington, Sept. 8.—Nearly two weeks have passed since Woodrow Wilson laid his plan for the pacification of Mexico before Congress and the country, yet none of the evils anticipated by the hostile interests in the United States as a result of the "policy of abandonment" has come to plague the Administration. On the contrary, another Mexican "crisis" seems to have been safely passed.

The southern republic is more tranquil than it has been for months. Business concerns in this country are no longer alarmed. The hysteria in Congress has wholly subsided and the Administration has turned its attention to other problems.

All this has been the result apparently of the President's masterly diplomacy. It has come following the delivery in the House before a joint session of Congress of one of the most remarkable messages bearing upon foreign affairs this country ever heard from the lips of its President. It has come because the President found a way of meeting a desperate situation without forfeiting the confidence of the people of the United States on the one hand, or of incurring the hostility of the Mexicans on the other.

This calm does not mean that the Mexican problem had been finally disposed of. There is still a state of revolution existing beyond the Rio Grande. Anarchy prevails in many provinces. Brigandage goes unchecked in others and much fighting is expected throughout the whole republic before absolute peace is restored.

It does mean, however, that the President and his advisers successfully resisted the clamor for intervention; they stood firmly against any move that might lead to war; they refused to recognize a provisional administration in Mexico City that came into existence through murder, and they did all this without giving encouragement to the rebels or without antagonizing the Federals.

Many of the President's closest friends had misgivings as to his ability to steer such a course as this. The Executive himself may have doubted the success of his policy, but he made up his mind that his program was the right one to follow and he stuck to it determinedly, regardless of defiant threats from Mexico and persistent warnings from Congress.

At the outset Huerta served notice upon this government that he would not negotiate without recognition, but he did negotiate. He sent word that Governor Lind would not be received; but Lind was received. He insisted that no answer would be made to the Wilson proposal. An answer was made. Everything that Huerta said he would not do in the beginning he has since done.

## THE VAUDEVILLE SEASON OPENS

TWO LARGE AUDIENCES AT THE ATHENS THEATRE LAST NIGHT.

The Southern Beauty Musical Comedy Company opened the vaudeville season at the Athens theatre last night, playing at two performances and at both times the house was packed to its utmost capacity.

This company is one of the best on the road this season and there can be no denial of the fact that their work last night pleased everyone who saw them. This company will hold the boards at the Athens all during the present week, presenting an entire new bill each night.

As usual the picture program was good and this also was greatly enjoyed. The pictures shown at the Athens are the very best that can be secured and never fail to please.