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Jonroe's Captain s His Compass Was Out Of Order

Deviated Two Degrees From Its Usual Standard

Captain Berry Is On Trial

Listens With Interest To Testimony Of The Monroe's Commander .

Philadelphia, Feb. 12.-Capt. Osmyn Berry, commander of the steamship Nantucket, charged with negligence in the recent collision with the steamship Monroe off the Virginia coast, in which 41 lives were lost, today listened to Capt. Edward E. Johnson, of the sunken Monroe give his version of that disaster before the local United States inspector of steam vessels, who will determine who was reponsible of the accident. Captain Johnson was on the stand all day.

As in the Titanic disaster it is expected that the inquiry will result in certain charges being made with relation to the navigation of vessels, at primarity Capt. Berry is on trial the primarity Capt. Berry is on trial the board of inspectors has instructions from the Department of Commerce to simplify in the primary into every third meeting of the Club. According to February meeting was held with Mrs. R. N. Duffy, presiding, own free will, but it seems that this is make a thorough inquiry into every fire. With the new exting this will be done away with. the enactment of Federal laws to assist in preventing a recurrence of similar disasters.

Capt. Berry, when confronted today by the charges brought by the government steamboat inspectors at Norfolk pleaded not guilty. He is charged with failing to reduce the speed of his ship to avoid the collision; failing to ascertain whether the wireless operator was on duty and with being careess in not ascertaining through the wireless operator wheth vessels were close by in the fog.

Important Point. One of the most important points rought but in the examination of h Johnson who was the first witwas that he navigated the Monwith a steering compass that demuch as two degrees from iated much as two distances. He instrument was sufficiently in the ship and that it was of masters in the coastine to tuse such compasses. His steering compass, Capt. Johnson testified, had never been adjusted in the one year he was master of the

The Monroe's captain told the story of the collision and was exhaustively examined by the steamboat inspectors. He said the night of the collision was alternately clear and foggy.

The first knowledge he had that the no sleep for 19 hours. He said he Nantucket was near him when he heard a whistle three points on the starboard bow. He was running at but did not think it necessary. reduced speed at the time and stopped his engines to locate the other ship and blew his whistle twice to let the vesel know he was steering to port. He

Capt. Johnson's second knowledge of the proximity of a vessel was when structed the operator to ascertain lohe saw a faint light four points to starboard and about 340 feet away, he said. He believed the other vessel was going in the opposite direction to later the ship came out of the fog alnost at right angles and struck the aroe on the starboard side aft the

of the Nantucket, Capt. Johnson said

PRELIMINARY TESTS SHOW THAT THEY ARE EN-TIRELY EFFICIENT.

When the New Bern fire companies go to a fire hereafter they will not use water in extinguishing the blaze unless it is absolutely necessary, it being needless to do this since each of the from Norfolk where he says he has westigate the probable cost of the four companies have been equipped been since his unexpected going away with chemical apparatus which are guaranteed to extinguish any blaze which is not of too formidable proportions.

A test of these extinguishers was made on Wednesday night and they were found to be thoroughly efficient of performing the purposes for which they were secured. At the corner of New South Front and Spring streets a large bonfire.had been made and then an alarm was sent in. The companies a few minutes after their arrival on the scene had the blaze extinguished.

New Bern has long needed these chemical extinguishers and the Journal is glad to chronicle the fact that they rivers, and been drowned, and as it that the Vice-Chairman should preside least in the coastwise trade. While have been secured. There are, at times, fire. With the new extinguishers

MARINE NEWS.

The gas freight boat Daisy left yesterday for Oriental with a cargo of general merchandise.

port yesterday to receive a tow of barges.

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The regular monthly meeting of the Craven county Teachers' Association will be held in Griffin auditorium tomorrow morning. Every teacher in the county is requested to be present as many matters of importance are to be transacted.

Senator Leslie M. Davis, of Beaufort, passed through the city last night enroute to Raleigh to attend a meeting of the Social Service Congress.

The collision occured during fog. the time of the collision he had had could have gone to sleep before the Monroe left Norfolk for New York, number of times he testified, he had remained in the pilot house all the way from Norfolk to New York.

Questioned as to what action h udged the whistle was about 375 feet took to find out through the wireless operator the proximity of other ves-sels, Capt. Johnson said he had incation of the steamer Hamilton which he knew was coming down the coast. This vessel was located near the Delaware Capes. The Nantucket must have been between the Hamilton and the Monroe, Capt. Johnson said, but the operator of the Nantucket did not

make his presence known.

Capt. Johnson was asked his views on the efficiency of the wireless in locating vessels in foga, and said it was a great help. He added, however, that freless operators do not bother about reseages they hear unless they are freeted to the ship. Some operators

Man Who Disappear At Home Again

TELLS STRANGE STOP

His Wife Thought That He Had Met With Poul Play

William Pitts, who threw such scare into the Craven county author ities, and the local police force by his mysterious disappearance, has been from the city last Monday night.

In an exclusive story yesterday morning the Journal told of the disappearance of Mr. Pitts, whose home is at No. 216 New South Front street, and who is employed as a special deputy by Justice of the Peace W. F. Hill. His wife and the authorities were in a quandrary over some plausible way to explain the disappearance.

It was known that he intended going quickly responded to this and within to the Northern part of the city to serve a warrant on a negro man and it was feared that he had met with foul had no domestic troubles it was not According the February meeting was just what occurred for when the train from Norfolk arrived in the city yesterday afternoon, Mr. Pitts was sale was again discussed, but as the ance of his countenance it could be baskets, so that the date will be an-The steam tug Belhaven arrived in for the newspaper reporters.

ty with a cargo of general merchandise.

The gas boat U. M. Gillikin, of Morehead City arrived in port yesterday.

The gas freight, boat Caswell left yesterday for Grifton with a cargo of general merchandise.

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T plant and there had a few words with clothed in all spring lovliness. Buck Balance, the night watchman.

Thinking that the man for whom he after, but not being in a position to the play has been given. place him under arrest himself he decided to keep him under surveillance feasibility of enlisting ward leagues until some town was reached where an in the work of beautifying New Bern. officer could be secured.

Station after station was passed by and still no policeman or other officer was seen by Mr. Pitts and the negro finally managed to clude the watch tifying of premises, and to stimulate ful eye of his would-be captor and slipped from the train. Discovering To this end the Club will organize this, Mr. Pitts was naturally very much ward auxillaries, or leagues, to further chargined but finding himself so near Norfolk, decided to go on to that city, and this he did.

until yesterday morning and then league work. One need not be a member why he did not let his wife know his an's Club to be a member of the Ward whereabouts Mr. Pitts stated that he never once thought that she would be with your ward neighbors you will alarmed, that he was sure she would be most benefited by the results, by realize that he was off in search of some living in beautiful-surroundings. These law breaker, and that he was greatly surprised upon learning that he had created such a sensation. Mrs. Pitts these organizers need not necessarily was, naturally, overjoyed upon the be elected officers of the league, this return of her husband whom she being left to the vote of the league.

TWO TUGS ARE RECEIVING RE-PAIRS.

and the eteam tug Uncle Sam.



Mr. Mitchell, who is chairman of found, or at least he has returned the committee appointed to inerection of a tobacco warehouse in New Bern and to select a suitable site for the same, is one of the city's most prominent business men.

BEAUTIFUL CLUB

MET AT THE HOME OF MRS. R. N. DUF-

At the installation of the newly play. Someone suggested that he had elected offices of the City Beautiful fallen into either the Neuse or Trent Club in December. it was decided was known that Mr. and Mrs. Pitts at every third meeting of the Club. own free will, but it seems that this is on February 9th at 4 o'clock, at her residence.

The proposed Flower Mart and Baskamong the first passengers to alight baskets had not arrived it was decided from the coach of the first-class pas- to postpone the Flower Mart until senger car and from the very appear later in the Spring, and wait for the seen that he had an interesting story anounced later. We are looking forward with much interest to this occa-A Journal reporter lost no time sion, as this is an entirely new feature in getting up to the home of the man in New Bern. This will be a rare The two masted schooner C. C. whose strange disappearance had causopportunity to buy cheaply the beautiful Japanese baskets so much admired getting an interview. The gist of the everywhere, and, by a lucky chance

> The Chairman was in correspondence with the University Dramatic was searching might be around the Clut, who propose to give a performpassenger station, Mr. Pitts went to ance here on February 19th, and offers that point, and while there was lead the Club a benefit for the sale of tickers the Club a benefit for the sale of tickets to believe that he was on board of the It was decided to accept the propotrain enroute to Norfolk and he lost sition of the Dramatic Club and each no time in getting aboard of this same club member to sell five tickets for train himself. He "spotted" a man this performance, which has the highwhom he was sure was the one he was est endorsement from places where

> > The Club discussed at length the

It seems that our work in that line is handicapped by lack of general cooperation, and it is desired to awaken the interest of every home in the beaurivalry among the different wards. the scheme of beautifying lawns and yards, and these auxillaries will work out their own plans for co-operation. He remained in the Virginia city We hope to enlist every woman in this segan the return trip home. When asked of the City Beautiful nor of the Womleague or auxillary, but by conferring hought had met with foul play and the In this general enlisting of every one authorities drew a breath of relief, we hope to make New Bern a beautiful was permitted to do.

for they had spent a number of hours garden spot in reality, such as Southin searching for Mr. Pitts. by the great masses of the working out their own al-te, supplementary to the re

Paul Capps Gives Family His Body Beaten Almost And Police A Scare.

GONE FOR SIX DAYS KILLED BY COMPANION

Left His Home Friday-Returned To The City Yesterday

New Bern has had another disappearance mystery this week and this until yesterday, was just as baffling as the first in which William Pitts so mysteriously disappeared from his home last Monday night.

In mystery No. two, Paul Capps, a fifteen year old son of W. T. Capps, who resides on Griffith street and who is employed by the Pine Lumber Company, played the leading role and for six days his parents and the local police were engaged in a fruitless search for him. Then Paul turned up and it turned out that he had gone off to Cool frolic. Presumably Rouse angered Springs for an unexpected visit to an

Paul disappeared last Friday night The last time he was seen by his parents was shortly after the evening meal and he was then preparing to go out, presumably to attend one of the moving picture theatres. Now, whether or not he attended the performance at the theatre is not known, so far as has been learned, no one saw him there.

About 11:30 o'clock the young man was seen going up Hancock street at full speed, holding his hat in one hand. Then he disappeared. No one seemed to know where the missing boy had gone. On the following day his father made a search for him but this proved affair and late yesterday afternoon, of no avail.

Living in Baltimore, Md., is a sister of young Capps and it was supposed that he had gone to the waterfront and boarded some vessel lying there with the object of going to the Maryland city for a visit to her. Day after day sped by and no news of the wanderer was received. Yesterday afternoon young Capps returned.

LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY. Owing to the fact that the New York cotton exchange was closed yesresday Lincoln's birthday, there is

DANCE TONIGHT AT THE AR-

no market report today.

MORY. A feature of the week will be the Valentine Party to be given in the Naval Reserves Armory, tonight, under the auspices of the Imperial Orchestra. The public is invited to attend.

ATHENS.

Gladys Van and Arthur Pearce in a bright comedy talking and singing act, and the Tuscanno Brothers in juggling and battle axe throwing, opened a three nights engagement at the Athens theatre last night. These acts are on the Keith circuit and are two of the best ever seen in New Bern.

is believed we liwewise have the civic pride when once it is aroused to made several swipes at her with a action. Let every one feel duty bound knife, cutting her on the waist several to join in her ward league. It is not enough that you promise to look to your eye left. The woman screamed and own premises, your neighbors need Rouse ran. Just in the rear of Rouse your kindly interest, your ideas, your suggestions and your experience. It Bunting, Henry Venters Selena Carter is hoped that this movement will meet and Walter Bunting. When they heard with a ready response from all.

A brief sketch of the history of the they took after him and the Hunter City Beautiful Club from its beginning woman went on to her home, dressed was read, and Mrs. Green asked to give her wounds and retired and claims this sketch for publication, which she that she knew nothing more about

Mrs. J. P. C. Davis, on the part of nts, as is described to us the Music Department asked the help before she awoke and placed her under who have travelled in this of the City Beautiful Club in securing arrest, saying that Rouse had been found in a ditch, murdered.

This national gardening a piano for the use of the club in the found in a ditch, murdered.

After the coroner had held an inquest

To A Pulp

Affair Occurred Just On The Outskirts Of The Town

One of the most brutal murders committed in Craven county in many days, took place late Wednesday night at Dover when Toby Rouse, a middleaged colored man was beaten to death by one or more of his colored companions, with whom it was said he was engaging in a drunken spree.

According to reports reaching New Bern yesterday there were at least a dozen negroes in the crowd and they had gone out into the woods near the place and were engaging in a general one or more members of the party and in consequence was killed.

Yesterday morning his body was found about fifty feet distant from the place where the party of negroes were known to have been. His flesh and clothing were terribly torn and it appeared as though he had been beaten with sticks and also cut with knives or some other sharp instruments.

The authorities there at once got busy and succeeded in placing ten or more of the negroes, who were known to be in the party, under arrest, and these were incarcerated in the town jail. County Coroner Dr. Raymond Pollock, of this city, was notified of the went up to Dover to hold an inquest.

A telephone message from that place last night was to the effect that the nquest had not been completed. That there were a large number of witnesses to be examined and that the hearing would probably not be concluded until midnight.

The murder has caused considerable excitement among the colored popula-Upon being questioned he stated tion in and around Dover. Rouse was negro who had to molest anyone and was at all times quiet and peaceable. His home was not at Dover and no one seems to know from just what place he came. He had worked at that place off and on for two or three years and was said to be a faithful worker.

Alleged Murderers Jailed.

At 1 o'clock this morning Rosannah Hunter, Selena Carter, Corrina Bunting, Walter Bunting and Henry Venters were brought to New Bern by Chief of Police Rouse, Snyder West and Chas. Ricks, of Dover, and placed in the county jail.

As soon as the Journal learned that the negroes had been brought to New Bern a reporter went to the jail and interviewed the Hunter woman and the story she related was to the effect that on Wednesday night the mur-GOOD VAUDEVILLE AT THE dered man had an engagement to take her to a dance. That he went to town right after supper and that she did not wait until his return but went on to the dance.

Rouse went back to the Hunter woman's home and not finding her there went on to the dance hall and found her. This angered him and he began to quarrel with her and she left the hall and started home with him a short time after 9 o'clock, On the way he continued quarrelling and times and also stabbing her over the and the Hunter woman were Corinna the woman scream and saw Rouse run the affair until yesterday morning when an officer came to her house

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