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## DEATH LIST LARGER

### Practically All on Board the Valencia Went Down

## DEATHS WERE HEARTBREAKING

### Thrilling Stories of the Sea Tragedy On The Rocks Near Cape Beale On Monday.

Victoria, B. C., Special.—The fatal wreck of the steamer Valencia, which occurred on the rocks of Cape Beale last week was one of the most tragic of a few years ago.

A vague hope was entertained that some of the passengers and crew who were not taken off may still be alive, but it is feared that the death list will reach 110. Twenty-two survivors have been accounted for.

A special dispatch received from a telegraph hut reports that the steamer Salvor and whaler Orion and another steamer, believed to be the City of Topeka, off the mouth of the Darling river. A small boat from the salvor tried to get through the surf to make a landing and snore the survivors there, but failed. The boat returned to the steamer. The surf will not be navigable for several days. The survivors at Darling river are from boats No. 2 and No. 5 of the Valencia. They report that 15 men started from the steamer in boat No. 2. It capsized, and seven of its occupants were washed ashore. The other eight perished. All wore life-preservers. Boat No. 5 left the wreck with six or seven on board. It was also capsized, and only two, Richy and Bunker, the former a fireman and the latter a passenger bound for Seattle made the land. The wife and two children of F. F. Bunker went down before his eyes.

### Bluejackets to the Rescue.

The tug Lorne, sent out by the United Sound Tugboat Company, reached the vicinity of the wreck soon after daylight, having on board a party of British bluejackets from Esquimalt, who went in surfboats to see if any possible survivors could be rescued and recover what they could reach.

In an interview at Bamfield Creek boatswain McCarthy told a story of the Valencia wreck. He said the steamer had been going by dead reckoning and overran her distance. Soundings had been made three and four times an hour. The steamer struck at 11:45 P. M., Monday night, about amidships, the first officer, quartermaster and a seaman engaged in sounding having 10 minutes before got 30 fathoms.

Shortly before the steamer struck she was going at half speed. Captain Johnson immediately shouted, "Hard a-starboard!" to the quartermaster and gave orders to sound the whistles, which was done. The steamer did not seem to be making much water. The captain then called to the engineer and asked if the steamer was making much water. Before the officer's reply firemen began clambering up from the fire room, telling the engineers on the companionway she was fling up. Captain Johnson rang for full speed astern and made for the beach. The propeller had made only a few revolutions when the vessel struck and listed to port. Captain Johnson was on the bridge when the vessel struck, with the second officer. He ran down and gave orders to have two of the seven boats lowered to the saloon deck rail. Instantly the passengers crowded to the rail and overcrowded the boats. During the excitement they cut whatever lines they could lay hands on. The davits broke about the same time the lines were cut, and both boats were smashed at the sides of the vessel, throwing out the passengers and crew in them. The crew threw lines out and succeeded in getting about six passengers thrown out of the boats on board again. The boats when lost were mostly filled with women and children.

### Life Raft Crushed.

One very sad incident was witnessed. A lady and gentleman with a little girl tried to get into a boat. The father succeeded and the mother tried to pass the child, but a wave struck her and washed the child from her arms. The child was lost before her eyes. One life raft was also lowered, but it was dashed to pieces. After this four boats succeeded in getting away from the ship, all full of passengers. This left one boat and two life rafts. The captain, after consulting with the mate, asked boatswain McCarthy to take charge, which he did, and called for volunteers, and the five sailors who reached shore in safety responded. The cap-

## GEN. WHEELER DEAD

### Hero of Two Wars and Great Cavalry Leader

## LOST BATTLE WITH PNEUMONIA

### Famous Confederate Cavalry Leader and Brigadier General in United States Army Since Spanish War, With Intervening Career in Congress, Passes Away.

### Deadly Missile is Hurlled Through Second-Story Window of House in Which 22 Persons Were Asleep, Creating Havoc and Rendering a Sick Woman Insane.

Worcester, Mass., Special.—A dynamite bomb hurled through a second-story window of the house of Paul Moseczynski, 32 Union avenue, early Sunday morning, exploded and tore away the rear part of the house, blowing out the floors and the rear wall.

Twenty-two persons were asleep in the house. The wife of Daniel C. Book, who was ill, was rendered insane by the explosion. She was taken to a hospital.

The cap of the bomb went through the wall of the house, 40 Richland street, and was found 150 feet away in a picture frame in the home of William J. Ryan. The force of the explosion shook that whole section of the city.

Miss Valeska Burkovic, aged 32, where the explosion took place. She was buried under debris, but not seriously hurt.

A second bomb, eight inches long and made of two and a half inch gas pipe, was found in the yard and is in the possession of the chief of police.

The police are looking for Frank Czybonowski and his wife, formerly part owners of the building, from possession of which they were evicted by mortgage proceedings.

### SIX DEAD ON TOP FLOOR.

### A Distastrous Hotel Fire in Lowell—Victims Were All Women—The Building Crowded With Guests Many of Whom Were Rescued by Firemen and Policemen.

Lowell, Mass., Special.—At least six persons lost their lives in a fire which partly destroyed the Richardson Hotel, one of the leading public houses in this city early Saturday morning. The fire started a few minutes before 2 o'clock and the flames rapidly communicated to various parts of the structure. A large number of guests were in the hotel and those who were in the upper part of the building had little chance to escape by the stairways. The firemen at 2:30 o'clock found the dead bodies of six women in the top floor of the hotel.

### Crazy Ex-Policeman's Acts.

Peoria, Ill., Special.—Charles Harwood, a former policeman, thought to be insane, entered police headquarters and with a revolver held up Chief Kenney and seven officers for 15 minutes while he cursed them and threatened to shoot the entire crowd. He snapped a cartridge, but it did not discharge. He then backed out of the station and escaped. An hour later Harwood entered the home of Mrs. Montgomery, whom he knocked down with the but of a revolver. He then entered his own home, taking a shotgun and a revolver, and barricaded himself. Saturday night, Harwood compelled his wife to disrobe, and then he drove her naked into the street. Later he attempted to take the life of his children.

### Alabama Nail Mill Burns.

Birmingham, Special.—The nail mill of the Southern Steel Company, formerly known as the Alabama Wire and Nail Company, controlled by the Messrs. Schuelers, was destroyed by fire at Ensley, entailing a loss between \$70,000 and \$90,000. Adjacent property valued at millions was jeopardized but hard work on the part of firemen prevented its spread.

### Elks Drag River For Body.

Bristol, Va., Special.—Over 100 men are dragging the Watanga river in Johnson county, Tennessee, near here, in search of the body of George C. Luppert, a wealthy young lumberman, who was drowned Wednesday night. The search is being conducted by the Bristol lodge of Elks, of which young Luppert was a member, and his continued for over 24 hours with no success.

## CONGRESS AT WORK

### What Our National Law Makers Are Doing Day by Day.

### Statehood Bill Passed.

The House passed the statehood bill exactly according to schedule. The Republican opposition to the measure spent its entire force and no effort was made to defeat the bill on its final passage, only 33 of the "insurgents" voting against the measure. The bill passed by a vote of 194 to 150.

The debate which preceded the vote began at 11 o'clock and was practically featureless so far as any hope was entertained of changing the measure in the slightest degree. The advocates of the measure placed in The Record through the medium of several speeches, the arguments upon which the joint statehood policy is founded. Likewise, the opponents of joining Arizona and New Mexico, embracing the entire opposition to the bill, produced their reasons for The Record. Several of the "insurgents" made plain the ground of their opposition.

The bill as passed provides that Oklahoma and Indian Territory shall constitute one State under the name of "Oklahoma," and that Arizona and New Mexico shall constitute one State under the name of "Arizona."

Should the terms of admission be ratified by the residents of the Territories in question, their respective State constitutions must contain clauses prohibiting the sale of intoxicating liquors to Indians and plural marriages. There are many other stipulations governing schools, courts and political sub-divisions of the proposed new States.

### Senate and Foreign Affairs.

The foreign affairs of the United States continued to hold the attention of the Senate, the Moroccan and Dominican matters being the questions immediately at issue. Mr. Money was the principal speaker and he talked for over two hours in opposition to the course of the administration with reference to both Santo Domingo and Morocco. He contended that there was danger of becoming involved unnecessarily in the affairs of other countries by participating in the Algerian conference, and that this country was not sufficiently concerned with the conduct of affairs in Santo Domingo to justify our course in that island. He also took the position that the President had transcended his authority there.

Mr. Money contended that the President had made one explanation and his friends another of our attitude towards Santo Domingo. Mr. Money declared that he felt no concern about Santo Domingo. "As Senator of the United States, I don't care a continental about it," he said, emphatically. Mr. Money agreed with Mr. Lodge that the annexation of Santo Domingo was undesirable, and declared that "if to-day the United States would relieve herself of every island of the sea the country would be improved."

President of Santo Domingo suggested that as the United States under the rule of the United States would soon become American, saying that the present annexation of Santo Domingo followed Mr. Money's own form of government.

Mr. Hepburn followed Mr. Money and declared that the United States should proceed to negotiate with him, and thus very easily add to our colored population if "gluttonous for more of them."

Mr. Hepburn replied that if his ideas should prevail, the colored people of the island would be supplanted by whites.

"I wish," replied the South Carolina Senator, "that the Senator would be more consistent with reference to the colored race and that he would not be so kind to those near us and so cruel to those abroad."

### Decide for Lock Canal.

Washington, Special.—The Isthmian Canal commission met Saturday and concluded its consideration of the report of the board of consulting engineers with respect to the type of canal that should be constructed. While no official announcement is made with reference to the commission's report, there is good reason to believe that they have recommended the construction of a lock canal with an 85-foot level, practically following the recommendations of the minority of the consulting engineers.

### NATURAL SUPPOSITION.

"My daughter recites 'Curfew Shall Not Ring Tonight' in three languages."

"Have you no authority over your daughter?"—Houston Post.

## A DESTRUCTIVE FLOOD

### Monday's Rain Storm in Mitchell Played Havoc With South & Western's New Track, Washing Away Nine Miles of It.

### Asheville Cor. Charlotte Observer.

A letter received by an Asheville lady from Bakersville tells of a destructive flood that visited the county seat of Mitchell county Monday. The writer of the letter says that the rain began falling early Monday and that during the entire day there was a continuous downpour of water. "At times during the day," the letter read, "rain fell in great torrents and one could scarcely see a dozen yards distant. The rain was accompanied by thunder and lightning; trees were uprooted; large boulders were sent crashing into the valley; the whole thing was weird and there was no little uneasiness and alarm."

It was stated that a residence close to the banks of Cane creek, the stream that runs through the center of Bakersville, was washed away by the flood and another residence badly damaged. The bridge at Bakersville was carried away and a report received at that place, according to the letter, was to the effect that nine miles of the South & Western track was washed away. Much damage was done to farmers in the Bakersville section. A great quantity of feed stuff with barns and outbuildings were swept away. There was no report of loss of life. The road leading into Bakersville from the South & Western station, two and a half miles distant, was rendered totally impassible and mails were carried to and from Bakersville by man on foot. The one day's rain Monday, it is said, caused a greater flood than the one of 1901 when Cane creek carried away some 25 residences in its sweep and Toe river, near by, was swelled to a depth of 60 feet.

The flood of 1901 left but one house on the banks of the stream at Bakersville. This is or was the residence formerly owned and occupied by Mrs. E. S. Rorison, of Asheville. It was this lone residence, a structure of two stories, that was carried away Monday by the rush of waters. When the floods of May, 1901, visited Bakersville this residence on the creek bank was alone left standing. It was battered and torn, however, and a picture taken after the flood shows a great tree rammed through the upper story. The water reached the second floor and an uprooted tree carried down stream by the torrents was hurled against one end of the house, penetrating the outer walls and burying itself in the structure. Mrs. Wilson, whose residence was badly damaged or destroyed by the flood of Monday, is a relative of W. S. Hyams, of this city.

Mr. C. D. Wilkie a Suicide.

Rutherfordton, Special.—Mr. Clarence D. Wilkie, a well-known young newspaper man and local editor of The Rutherfordton Sun, of which he was the founder, committed suicide at his home here Friday night at 10:30 o'clock by shooting himself through the right temple with a 32-calibre Smith & Wesson pistol. Dr. Carroll W. Downey was immediately summoned but could do nothing for the already dying man. He was unconscious from the time he fired the fatal shot and died within 15 minutes, without making a struggle. Young Wilkie was a son of Mr. J. L. Wilkie, of Lincoln; a brother of Mr. Burdette A. Wilkie, of St. Louis, Mo.; Mrs. Mamie Shell and Mrs. T. P. McDill, of Greensboro, and Miss Jennie Wilkie, of Charlotte. He is also survived by a young wife and two small children, who have the sympathy of the entire community. Brooding over financial troubles is thought to have been the cause of his rash act. Mr. Wilkie was 29 years of age, a member of the order of Knights of Pythias, and was liked by all who knew him.

Capt. W. C. Coleman Dead.

Warrenton, Special.—Capt. Wiley C. Coleman died suddenly at his residence, near Church Hill, this county. His health had not been good for several years but his death was unexpected. He was one of the most prominent men in this county. He was a man of large means and was universally popular. He was a native of Virginia, served as captain in a militia regiment during the civil war. Settled in this county in 1865, and from then until the time of his death ranked as one of our most public-spirited and successful business men.

## NORTH STATE NEWS

### Items of Interest Gleaned From Various Sections

### FROM MOUNTAIN TO SEASHORE

### Minor Occurrences of the Week of Interest to Tar Heels Told in Paragraphs.

### Charlotte Cotton Market.

These figures represent prices paid to wagons:

Good middling	11 1/2
Strict middling	11 1/2
Middling	11 1/2
Strict low middling	11 1/4
Stains	9 3/4 and 10 3/4

### General Cotton Market.

Galveston quiet	11 3/4
New Orleans firm	11 1/2
Mobile easy	11 3/4
Savannah steady	11 3/4
Norfolk steady	11 3/4
Baltimore nominal	11 3/4
New York	11.80
Boston quiet	11.80
Philadelphia quiet	12.05
Houston steady	11.9-16
Memphis steady	11 1/2
Angusta quiet and steady	11 1/2
St. Louis quiet	11 3/4
Louisville firm	11 3/4

### One Step Forward.

Governor Glenn has received from General Francis A. Macon, Quartermaster General of the State Militia, who was in Washington, D. C., attending the meeting of the National Guard, a telegram, stating that he had made an application to the War Department for battery artillery, and that the request was granted, the battery being obtained free of cost. It will consist of four pieces. The telegram did not state whether the battery was for the field or stationary, but if it is stationary, it will, in all probability, be located at Morehead City, the permanent encampment grounds of the North Carolina National Guard. General Macon told Governor Glenn Wednesday before the latter left Washington for Raleigh, that his speech before the National Guard had left the military authorities in excellent good humor and General Macon declared that on the strength of Governor Glenn's speech he would ask for the battery of artillery which he did, with splendid success.

### New Text Books.

The Sub State Text Book Commission, consisting of five members, will meet at Raleigh in June to make recommendations to the State Text Book Commission, which is the State Board of Education as to new text books to be used during the next few years, as the present contract will expire in July. The State Text Book Commission will meet in July and it is hoped to have the books in the depositories before the beginning of the fall term.

Four years ago not one recommendation of the Sub Commission was adopted.

### Faison Succeeds Miller.

Goldsboro, Special.—The Board of Directors of the Eastern Hospital for the colored insane met at this institution to fill the vacancy caused by the recent death of Dr. J. F. Miller, the superintendent, and elected Dr. W. W. Faison, who had filled the position of assistant for the past twenty-three years. There was a full meeting of the board, with the exception of one member, who sent a letter advocating the election of Dr. Faison.

### Boy Train Wrecker.

Hickory, Special.—Magistrate J. P. Seitz bound over to Superior Court in the sum of \$200 George Knox, the 12-year-old negro boy on the charge of attempting to wreck No. 12, an east-bound passenger train, in the city limits Sunday evening by putting a piece of 30-inch railroad iron on the track.

### Addition to Dormitory.

Greensboro, Special.—At a semi-annual session of the board of trustees of Greensboro Female College, it was decided to build an addition to the dormitory. The school has been crowded the last year and many pupils have been turned away for lack of room. The addition will be in the form of a wing added to the east side of the building and will be erected during the coming summer. The work on the circular front has been nearly completed and it will be opened at an early date. Other routine business was transacted.