

1234 LIVES LOST ACCORDING TO LATEST REPORTS GIVEN

Toll of Human Life Terrible According to Latest Reports. Only 863 Saved, It is Said

AMERICUS WON HONOR AT THE CHAUTAUQUA

IN THE CONTEST IN MUSIC Miss Fields Easily Won Over Competitors

The fourth victory for young Americus musicians, each of whom has been a member of the Bell music school, was gained in Albany Monday when Miss Luella Fields easily won the Laura Clementine Davis music medal offered at the Albany chautauqua for the most proficient musician under 13 years of age.

Miss Fields, who is only seventeen years old, played the Sixth Rhapsodie from Liszt in such an artistic and sympathetic manner that she was readily awarded the medal over all the other contestants, who numbered eleven and who came from all parts of southern Georgia. This makes the honor won by Miss Fields all the more valuable and notable. The fact that the standard of music as played at the contests has been constantly raised since the contests were first inaugurated makes Miss Fields' victory all the more notable, too. Miss Fields will graduate from the Bell school in June.

There have been three other students of the school prior to Miss Fields who have won the medal before the recent contest. Last year Miss Corinne Sills, now Mrs. Carter, was awarded the honor. The second contestant was Miss Ethel McMath, while the first to win the honor was Miss Sallie Johnson. Each time a pupil of the Bell school from Americus has contested for the medal, she has won the honor. This is an excellent commentary on the high class of work done by Miss Bell.

It was a matter of regret that young John Taylor failed by a narrow margin to win the medal for declamation. His work in this particular was most excellent, and the decision in the matter must have been very close, indeed.

WILSON WILL SPEAK HERE IN PASSING

ON WAY TO THE CHAUTAUQUA Will Speak From the Train Platform

It is practically assured that Governor Woodrow Wilson, of New Jersey, will make a brief speech from the platform of the early afternoon train that reaches here from Macon at 2:15 o'clock this afternoon on his way to Albany, where he will be heard to night.

There will not be much time for a speech here, as the train lingers only a short time. But the friends of Governor Wilson will turn out in numbers to greet him in this brief time. He will doubtless speak at nearly every station of any size between Macon and Albany.

If the people of Americus have no other opportunity of hearing this distinguished democrat, this opportunity will be given them this afternoon. A large crowd will doubtless greet the former Princeton president when he appears at the rear platform of the early afternoon train today.

STEAMER MINA FOUND ONLY MASS OF FLOATING WRECKAGE

Halifax, N. S., April 16.—The Sable Island cable ship Mina reported this afternoon by wireless that she had sighted a great mass of wreckage, but no boats or rafts from the Titanic.

New York, April 16.—These pinnacles of fact concerning the world's greatest steamship disaster—the sinking of the great White Star liner Titanic, off the banks of Newfoundland at 2 a. m. Monday—stood out prominently today, as sifted from the wireless reports received here.

Revised estimates of loss of life, 1,234 souls.

The \$10,000,000 steamship, with cargo and jewels worth perhaps \$10,000,000 a total loss.

No mention among the survivors of Colonel John Jacob Astor. His bride, nee Miss Force, of New York, has been saved. Major Archibald Butt, of Georgia, is still unaccounted for, as are many other persons of international importance who were on board the ill-fated vessel.

J. Bruce Ismay, president of the International Mercantile Marine, owners of the White Star line, is among the survivors, with his wife.

The Cunard liner Carpathia, has on board 866 survivors, the total thus far accounted for, but a detailed list of the names of those saved could not be learned tonight. The Carpathia is steaming for New York and will reach here Friday, when the full details of the awful catastrophe will be given to the press by survivors.

Many of the survivors on board the Carpathia drifted for hours in open life boats before being rescued, and suffered severely from cold and exposure. Many others are now believed to be still adrift in the open ocean without provisions and suffering indescribable hardships.

Wireless messages to St. John, N. F., report the Allan liner Virginia, en route there possibly with additional survivors on board. That she carries survivors, however, has not yet been confirmed.

Meagre details of the catastrophe began to be received here tonight, but it is believed these are all largely inaccurate, owing to the excited condition of the survivors, and the only organized efforts being directed towards reporting the general results of the accident. Captain E. J. Smith, it is said, went bravely down with his ship, without having an opportunity to communicate directly with the agents of his line. That he and his crew enforced rigidly the law of the sea, and saved the women and children first, is indicated by the preponderance of women among the survivors. Most of the members of the crew also went down with the Titanic, it is said.

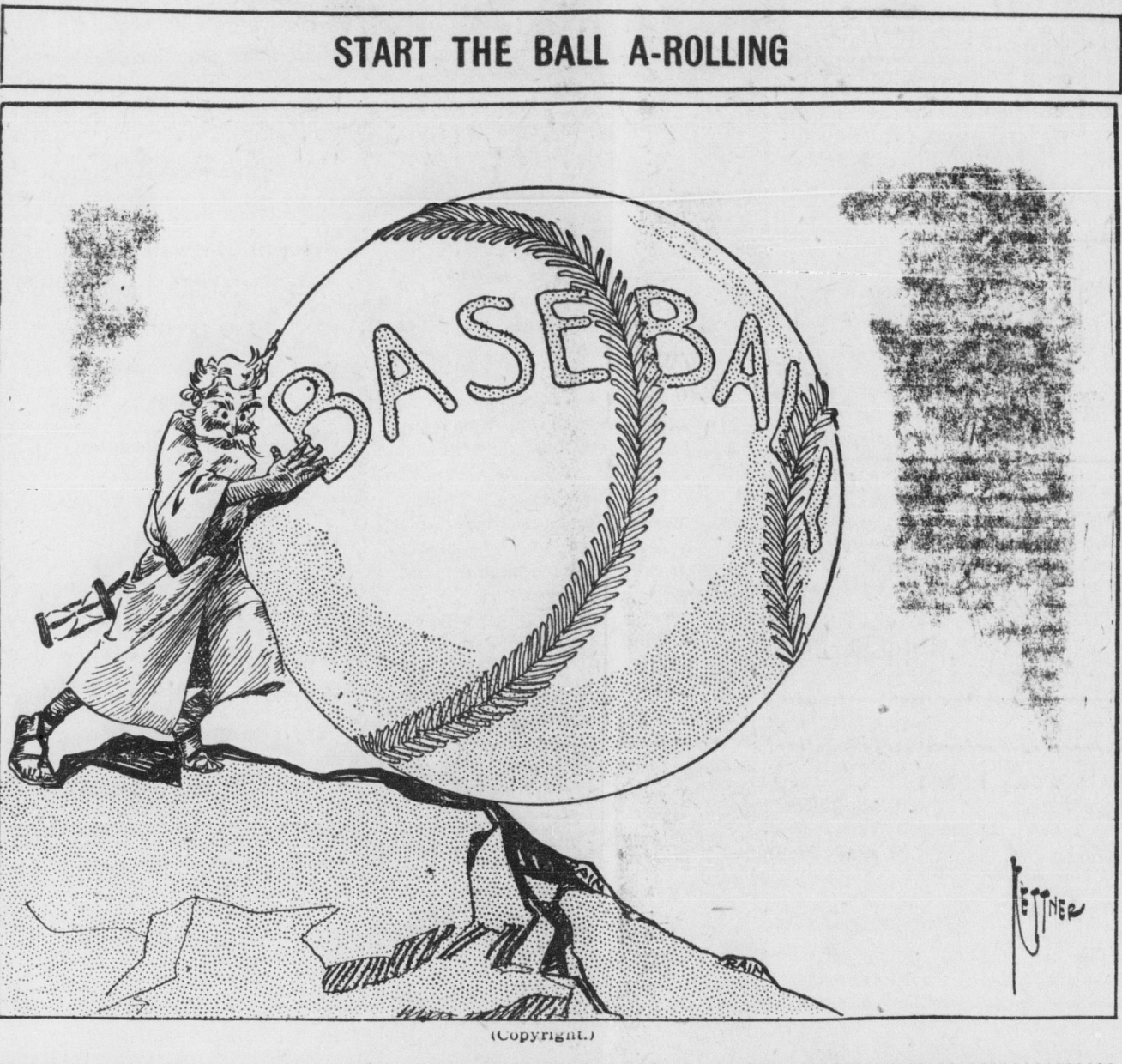
CANNING PLANTS PREPARE FOR OPENING OF SEASON

Prospects Never Better For Successful Season. Plants Should Have Large Output

The peach canning prospects in Americus were never brighter than this season, and the assurance of an excellent crop of peaches this year, as reflected in the fruit now upon the trees, gives promise of three very busy months in Americus when the several canning plants here are put in operation.

Under favorable conditions a million cans of fruit should be the output of the canneries here, if the two new plants in prospect are put in operation, which is quite probable. Mr. J. D. Langrell, manager for the Baltimore plant which has been operated here through three successive seasons, came down yesterday to look over the fruit prospect and that for a successful year's business. Mr. Langrell thinks the prospect flattering, and looks forward to a season of excellent business.

Before coming to Americus he looked over several of the fine peach orchards about Fort Valley, where considerable purchases of fruit are made for the cannery here when local orchards are crowded with work and cannot fill orders rapidly. There will be plenty of peaches in the Fort Valley territory, Mr. Langrell thinks. From the bumper crop of two seasons ago



SHOOTS AT GUN CLUB POPULAR

ARE ALWAYS WELL ATTENDED

The Club is Fast Growing in Membership

Much greater interest than existed formerly is being aroused in the weekly shoots that are being held at the Country club by the members of the Americus Gun club.

There is practically always a good attendance at the shoots, even though unfavorable weather conditions have been encountered several times recently. This afternoon is the regular afternoon for the weekly shoot, and a good attendance is expected.

The club will be well represented at the approaching shoot that is to be held in Columbus, and there will likely be six representatives from the local to be there in competition with the other crack shots who will compete.

River Falling at Selma.

Selma, Ala., April 16.—After one of the greatest rises recorded here, the Alabama river at this point has begun to recede.

TOO DIFFICULT TO ENTERTAIN ODD FELLOWS

AT GRAND LODGE CONVENTION

Invitation May Be Extended Anyway

Though the matter of whether the local Odd Fellows will extend an invitation to the Grand Lodge of Georgia to meet here next year in annual convention is still unsettled, there seems but little doubt that the undertaking is too much for the city to attempt at this time.

The extending of an invitation to the Grand Lodge will, however, likely be made at the next session of that body, which convenes in Gainesville next month. This will likely be done more in the nature of placing the name of the city before the body for favorable consideration later on rather than in the hope that it will be accepted for next year. The matter of auditorium room for the holding of the meetings is also an important consideration.

It is believed by local Odd Fellows that Americus can accommodate the large number of delegates that would attend this convention, which Mr. F. G. Oliver, division deputy grand master, estimates as high as 2,500. The tax upon the hospitality of the city would be pretty great, and the only manner in which this large number of delegates could be entertained would be for them to be cared for in large part in the homes of the people of the city.

Division Deputy Grand Master F. G. Oliver, together with Messrs. G. J. Witt and S. H. Edge, who were appointed from the local lodge for the purpose of considering the advisability of inviting the convention, still have the matter under consideration. Their decision may be announced now very soon. If the convention is obtained it would prove a great advertising feature for Americus and this section and would be by far the greatest feat attempted by the city in the entertainment of so large a body of people.

The delegates from the Rebekahs here who go to Gainesville with the Odd Fellows are Miss Florence Roberts and Mrs. F. G. Oliver, and probably Mrs. W. W. Roberts.

WINDSOR POST CARDS GOOD ADVERTISEMENT.

To the end of advertising Americus in general and its excellent hotel facilities in particular, the Windsor hotel management has had prepared 5,000 handsome souvenir post cards for distribution among guests and patrons and which eventually will find their way into hundreds of towns and cities throughout the United States. Upon the reverse side of the card is a handsome picture of the Windsor hotel.

TO BEAUTIFY THE WALKS IN THE CITY PARK

COUNTY ASKED TO AID IN THE WORK

With the purpose in view of paving all the various walks in the city park in front of the county jail building, a request has been made by the city officials of the county commissioners to aid in the work of paving these walks and putting them in first class condition.

This is the work that no one confronts the city and county officials, and that the city officials have taken an active interest in to begin with, with the hope that the county officials will also aid in the work. A request has been made of the county commissioners that they aid in the work by furnishing part of the labor and also help furnish the materials needed.

It was very appropriately pointed out when the matter was under discussion that the city hall park now is very unsightly and in need of improvements such as the ones mentioned, which will not be very expensive. As a good part of the park belongs to the county, the suggestion was made that the county commissioners be called upon to help defray the expenses of the improvements contemplated.

GOLF LINKS MAY SOON BE PLACED AT COUNTRY CLUB

Plans Discussed With That End in View—Nine-Hole Course Contemplated For the Club Grounds, Which Would Make Great Tourist Attraction

Plans have been discussed here lately for the construction of a nine-hole golf course at the Country club grounds, so that Americus may possess this very valuable attraction for tourists.

This radical improvement at the club grounds has been contemplated for some time, and with it the construction of two tennis courts, so as to make this popular pastime available for the members of the club. The two tennis courts will soon be completed, so that this game may be enjoyed by the members during the summer season.

The construction of the golf links will require much longer time, as the plans for their construction have only been discussed in a general way. It is probable, however, that work upon them may begin next month, as that is contemplated, if the funds requisite for their construction may be secured.

HIGH SCHOOLS WILL MEET HERE IN CONTESTS FRIDAY

Fifth Annual Meet of the Third District High School Association to Hold a Session Here—contestants Have all Been Named From Various Schools

All is expectancy here in school circles in anticipation of the meeting of the Third District High School association, which will convene here Friday and Saturday of this week, April 19th and 20th.

The program for the association has already been prepared, and everything is in readiness now for the coming of the teachers and the holding of the contests here. Nearly all the lists of the contestants from various schools in this section have been received by Supt. Miller, and these will be published in full in tomorrow's issue of The Times-Recorder.

It will be recalled that the Americus representatives in the last contests held in Fitzgerald made splendid records. It is hoped that these records will be equalled or surpassed this time. Every contest will be tried for by representatives from the local schools.

The officers of the Third District High School association are as follows:

Mr. A. G. Miller, president, Americus; Mr. J. M. Richardson, vice president, Montezuma; Mr. H. B. Ritchie, secretary-treasurer, Fitzgerald; Directors: Mr. A. G. Miller, Americus; Mr. M. Richardson, Montezuma; Mr. H. B. Ritchie, Fitzgerald; Mr. Jason Scarborough, Cordele; Mr. T. G. Polhill, Hawkinsville.

The program of the exercises and contests is as follows:

Friday, April 19. 2 to 4:30 p. m.—Arrival of contestants; 4:30 p. m.—Business meeting; 8 p. m.—Contests in Music, Recitations and Declamations.

Saturday, April 20. 8:30 a. m.—Contest in Spelling; 9 a. m.—Ready-Writers' Contest; 9:30 a. m.—Athletic Contests.

All exercises will be held at High School auditorium. Athletic events in front of High School building.

DELEGATES TO CONVENTION ARE CHOSEN

DIocese Meets Next Month Savannah Selected as Place of Meeting

Delegates from Calvary church to the annual meeting of the Episcopal churches of the diocese of Georgia have been chosen, and the local church will have a delegation of at least three members at the meeting in Savannah, May 7, 8, 9, in the historic church of St. John's there.

From Calvary church the delegates will be Captain John A. Cobb, senior warden; Mr. Thomas Harrold, junior warden; Mr. G. M. Eldridge, vestryman. The alternates selected are Messrs. Clarence J. White, F. P. Harrold and J. A. Davenport.

Each parish in the diocese will be represented at the meeting in Savannah. The convention will be presided over by Bishop Frederick F. Reese, who will soon arrange a program for the three days' meeting. Rev. W. T. Dakin, curate of St. John's church, is making plans for the entertainment of the visitors.

Of the delegates to be present at the convention in Savannah, it is expected that there will be as many as one hundred, including the delegates of the Ladies' auxiliary, which will hold its sessions simultaneously with those of the convention. The delegates to the convention will be entertained by the members of the parish in their homes.

Th sessions of the convention will be held in St. John's church, and the sessions of the Ladies' auxiliary will be conducted in the parish hall. This is the first time in several years that Savannah has been chosen as the place of meeting of the annual convention of the diocese, and every provision will be made to give the visitors a cordial reception. The delegates to the convention will be glad to spend the time in Savannah at the diocesan meetings.

MASON ANNUITY'S GROWTH HAS BEEN PHENOMENAL

Concern Is a Complete Success.

Atlanta, April 16.—Masons throughout the South will be interested in the official report of Secretary George E. Argard, of the Supreme lodge of the Masons' annuity. The receipts for the last year were \$226,667.15, and the disbursements were \$123,966.33, leaving an excess of income over disbursements of \$102,700.82. This sum has been added to the assets of the order, and has been invested in registered bonds, which no amount to \$419,266.25.

These funds and other assets are held for the protection of the members and will be available in later years to meet the regular payments of the widows and orphans who by force of circumstance become beneficiaries of the order. The growth of the order, as shown by the report, has been phenomenal. It is probably the only fraternal organization of the kind on earth starting without a cent and making a success. It is now in its fourteenth year.

PICNIC TIME HAS ARRIVED ONCE AGAIN

ONE ALREADY BEEN HELD

Others Will Be Held Very Soon

The season of picnics is at hand, and the Americus Sunday schools are arranging for these annual events, which are of so great interest to the teachers and scholars, and to their friends upon the outside.

The First Baptist school has practically decided upon Wildwood Park, in Columbus, as the place for its outing, and Friday, May 17th as the date. Many picnics have been held there by Americus schools and the Light Infantry in recent years, and all were quite enjoyable.

A special train is usually secured and the trip made in pleasure and comfort. The other Sunday schools here, with the exception of Calvary church, which gave its picnic last Saturday, still have the matter under consideration and will announce their picnic programs later.

TITANIC NEVER BELIEVED TO BE "UNSINKABLE"

London, April 16.—Alexander Camlisle, designed of both the Titanic and Olympic, in an interview today, said: "I never thought there was such a thing as an unsinkable ship. When the news first came that the Titanic was sinking by the head I thought it likely that she would reach port. The fact that she sank within four hours after the impact with the ice indicates that her side was torn out."