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WORLD'S LARGEST AND NEWEST STEAMSHIP SINKS TO THE BOTTOM OF THE SEA

Great Steamer Making Maiden Voyage.

MILLIONS IN WEALTH REPRESENTED ABOARD

LARGEST SHIP IN THE WORLD AND JUST COMPLETED.

Wireless Messages State that the Great Steamer Plowing the Ocean on her Maiden Voyage Struck Great Iceberg and in Spite of Modern Appliances for Keeping Afloat She Sank After a Few Hours of Terrible Suspense. Estimated Nearly 1,500 Souls Lost.

THE TITANIC

Largest ship in the world. Built in 1910. Length, 882½ feet. Beam, 92 feet. Depth 94 feet. Gross tonnage, 46,000 tons. Displacement, 66,000 tons. Capacity, 3,200 people. Passengers aboard, 1,300; crew 860.

Well known people aboard: Mr. and Mrs. John Jacob Astor, Maj. Archibald Butt, aide to President Taft; D. F. Millett, the artist; Mr. and Mrs. Isadore Strauss; J. W. Widener of Philadelphia, J. Bruce Ismay, managing director of the White Star line; C. M. Hays, president of the Grand Trunk railway; Benjamin Guggenheim, W. T. Stead.

More than 1,500 persons, it is feared, sank to death early Monday when within four hours after she crashed into an iceberg, the mammoth White Star line steamer Titanic, bound from Liverpool to New York, on her maiden voyage, went to the bottom off the Newfoundland banks. Of the approximately 2,200 persons on board the great steamer, some of world-wide prominence, only 675 are known to have been saved. The White Star line officers in New York, while keeping up hope to the last, were free to admit there had been "horrible loss of life." Accepting the early estimate of the fatality list as accurate, the character is the greatest in the marine history of the world. Nearest approaching it in magnitude were the disasters to the steamer Atlantic in 1873 when 574 lives were lost, and to La Bourgogne in 1898, with a fatality list of 571.

Still Some Hope.

Should it prove that other liners, notably the Allan liners Parisian and Virginian, known to have been in the vicinity of the Titanic early yesterday had picked up other of her passengers, the extent of the calamity would be greatly reduced. This hope still remains.

News of the sinking of the liner and the terrible loss of life in consequence came early last evening with all the greater shock because hope had been buoyed up all day by reports that the steamer, although badly damaged, was not in a sinking condition and that all her passengers had been safely taken off. The messages were mostly unofficial, and none came direct from the liner, so that a lurking fear remained of possible bad news to come.

Ship Had Gone Down.

Shortly after 7 o'clock last night there came flashing over the wires from Cape Race, within 400 miles of where the liner had struck the iceberg, word that at 2:20 o'clock Monday morning, 4:55 minutes after believing her death blow, the Titanic had sunk. The news came from the steamer Carpathia, relayed by the White Star liner Olympic, and revealed that by the time the Carpathia, outward bound from New York and racing for the Titanic on a wireless call, reached the scene, the doomed vessel had sunk.

Left on the surface, however, were lifeboats from the Titanic, and in them, as appears from the meagre reports received up to a late hour, were some 675 survivors of the disaster. These, according to the advice, the Carpathia picked up and

now is on her way with them for New York.

Biggest in World.

For the rest, the scene as the Carpathia came up was one of desolation. All that remained of the \$10,000,000 floating palace, on which nearly 1,400 passengers had been voyaging luxuriously to this side of the Atlantic, were some bits of wreckage. The biggest ship in the world had gone down, snuffing out in her downward plunge, it appeared, hundreds of human lives.

A significant line in the Cape Race dispatch was the announcement that of those saved by the Carpathia nearly all were women and children. Should it prove that no other vessel picked up any passengers of the sinking liner this might mean that few of the men on board had been saved as the proportion of women and children among the passengers was large. The same facts would likewise spell the doom of practically the entire crew of 860.

In the cabins were 230 women and children, but it is not known how many there were among the 740 third-class passengers.

In the first cabin there were 128 women and 15 children, and in the second cabin 79 women and 8 children.

Notable Persons Aboard.

Notable persons, travelers on the Titanic, whose fate was in doubt in the lack of definite advice as to the identity of the survivors were: Mr. and Mrs. John Jacob Astor, Maj. Archibald Butt, aide to President Taft; Charles M. Hayes, president of the Grand Trunk Pacific of Canada, his wife and daughter; W. T. Stead, Benj. Guggenheim, F. D. Millett, the artist, and J. G. Widener of Philadelphia; Mr. and Mrs. Isadore Strauss, J. B. Thayer, vice president of the Pennsylvania railroad; J. B. Ismay, Henry H. Harris, the theatrical manager, and Mrs. Harris, and Col. Washington Roebling, builder of the Brooklyn bridge.

Ray of Hope.

A ray of hope appeared shortly before 11 o'clock last night in a message to New York from the operator at the Marconi wireless station at Sable Island, near the scene of disaster. Answering an inquiry regarding the delivery of wireless messages to the passengers of the Titanic, the operator reported it was difficult to deliver them as the passengers are believed to be dispersed among several vessels.

Even this faint indication that other vessels than the Carpathia had picked up survivors of the Titanic was eagerly seized by the thousands of relatives and friends of those who had sailed on her voyage to this country.

RURAL POLICE MAKE A HAUL.

One Hundred Bones Collected from the Dusky Ones for Distributing the Picture Cards and Gathering in the Coin.

Rural Policemen Sullivan and Lowe made a little raid into the little community known as Red Town, near Enoree, Saturday night and returned with three evil doers in the card line and \$40 collected from two others who were able to put up bail. The forty bones were forfeited before Magistrate Crews and sixty more were given up by the other three delivered Monday morning when the time came to make a show down. Thus a round sum of one hundred semillions were added to the black account in the exchequer department.

Deputy Sheriff Reid also made a little trip to Lydia Mill Sunday and brought back Columbia Brewington and lodged him in jail on a charge of violation of the laws as regards the disposition of liquids of an intoxicating nature.

Laurens Boy Leads.

Supt. B. L. Jones, of the city graded school, acted as a judge in the Piedmont Oratorical Association contest held at Greenville Friday night. The association is composed of the high school in the vicinity of Greenville. The winner of the first honor was Wilkes Dendy, son of Mr. S. K. Dendy who ran a store at Watts mill until last year. Young Dendy represented the Seneca High School.

ORATORICAL CONTEST OF COUNTY STUDENTS

High School Boys to Compete in Oratorical Efforts at Graded School Auditorium Friday Evening.

The annual contest of the Laurens County High School Oratorical Association will be held Friday evening in the auditorium of the graded school. Eight schools of the county will be represented. All of the schools are sending their "champion" speakers this time so it is expected that the decision will be made with some effort.

A gold medal will be awarded to the speaker who comes out first in the contest and a silver medal to the one who comes second. The orchestra from the Presbyterian college at Clinton will be present and will render an attractive program.

An admission fee of 15 cents to school children and 25 cents to grown people will be charged.

The following are the names of the speakers, the schools they represent and their subjects:

Shiloh High School—Melvin Abercrombie: The Death of James A. Garfield.

Clinton High School—Charles Aycock: The Negro and the South.

Laurens High School—Richard Dunlay: The Black Horse and His Rider. Princeton High School—Thomas Freeman: The Path of History.

Gray, Court-Owings High School—Charles Garrison: The New South and the Race Problem.

Waterloo High School—Coyle Moore: The Equality of Man.

Cross Hill High School—Dewey Nelson: Spartacus to the Gladiators at Apua.

Trinity-Ridge High School—Mike Parks: A Plea for Cuba.

During the morning the usual track meet will be held in Garlington's pasture and in the afternoon a base ball game will be played between the Laurens school team and the Central High School of Greenville.

The ladies of the Junior Aid Society of the Methodist church will serve tea, sandwiches and ice cream on the grounds while the track meet is going on.

RUNNING CITY PLANT.

City's Emergency Plant has been Furnishing Power until Reedy River Gets in Shape.

Considerable discussion was heard on the streets yesterday when it was rumored around that the city had ordered the current from the Reedy River Power Company disconnected from the city's power lines. In some way the impression got abroad that the city was attempting to break the contract with the power company.

A representative of The Advertiser went to headquarters to find out about the truth of the matter. Mayor Babb stated at once that nothing of the kind was intended, but that he was only attempting to give to the city power enough, temporarily, to supply the needs of the city. The power plant at Reedy river has not gotten into complete working shape since the recent flood and as a result enough current has not been supplied to run the city. The big water pumps at the city station have not been enabled to produce proper results and consequently the water in the stand-pipe had gotten low, in fact too low to supply water to all sections of the city. Mayor Babb enquired of Boyd's Mill if more current could be gotten and was advised that all was being supplied that could be given. Mr. Babb thereupon gave notice that he would be forced to do without the Reedy river current until it could be furnished in fuller quantities and that the city's emergency plant would be used to generate electricity instead. The current from the Reedy River Power company was cut off yesterday morning and the city's current substituted. As soon as the Boyd's Mill plant is in position to furnish sufficient current it will be called upon again.

In this connection, Mr. Babb stated that the new motor to be used in pulling the filter rake had arrived and will be put in use right away.

Bishop Guerry Here Sunday.

The Rt. Rev. W. A. Guerry, Bishop of South Carolina, will preach at the morning service of the Episcopal church Sunday morning, the service beginning at 11 o'clock. Bishop Guerry is well known in Laurens outside of his own denomination, so it is expected that quite a large congregation will be present to hear him. The public is cordially invited to hear him.

WOMAN'S MONUMENT UNVEILED THURSDAY

Vast Crowds Gather to Witness Ceremony.

PRESENTATION ADDRESS BY JOS. W. BARNWELL

Beautiful Monument Erected by Public Subscription to Honor Memory of Southern Women Unveiled in Columbia Amidst Impressive Ceremonies Thursday.

Columbia, April 11.—The memorial to the Confederate women of South Carolina, erected by the state, was unveiled here at noon today with appropriate ceremonies and before a crowd representing every section of the state. The monument, erected on the state house grounds, is a beautiful work of the sculptor's art, and represents the first memorial ever erected independently by a state to women.

Long before the hour set for the beginning of the exercises attendant upon the unveiling of the first monument erected by the men of a State to their women, the crowd, which aggregated 9,000 people, began gathering in the south plaza of the State house around the monument and speakers' stand, built half-moon fashion at the intersection of Main and Senate streets. The granite steps leading up to the south portico of the State house were converted into seats by a portion of the crowd, but these soon overflowed and the people who arrived late took places where they could find them. Along the sidewalk just in front of the speakers' stand chairs were placed for Confederate veterans. All through the crowd there was a sprinkling of gray uniforms, a gallant remnant of the "thin gray line" which held back the tide of invaders for four years.

The speakers' stand, upon which were seated the monument commission and the representatives of the Confederate organizations, was draped in red and white, the colors of the Confederacy in which graceful bamboo vines and yellow jasmine were intertwined.

Memory Fresh as Flowers.

A mound of flowers, symbolizing the pristine freshness in which the memory of the women of the war will ever be held, was built around the pedestal of the monument by loving hands. The girls of Winthrop college contributed a huge wreath of yellow narcissus. Gen. Eli Torrance, former commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, sent two wreaths from his home in Minnesota. The representative of the Daughters of the Confederacy and many others contributed to the mound of blossoms which covered the base of the pedestal of the monument.

The unveiling exercises were opened at 12:15 p. m. when Gen. C. Irvine Walker of Charleston, chairman of the commission appointed to erect the monument, introduced Rev. John G. Richards, Sr., of Liberty Hill, who offered the invocation. After the invocation, Gen. Walker introduced the orator of the day, Joseph W. Barnwell of Charleston, a member of the corps of cadets from the Citadel, which volunteered for service during the war. Toward the close of Mr. Barnwell's address a bugle blew, and four children who unveiled the monument left the speakers' stand. A moment later with the aid of a rolling framework, they drew back the banners from the monument. The unveiling took place at 1:22 p. m.

Arthur L. Gaston, of Chester, commander of the South Carolina division, United Sons of Confederate Veterans, accepted the monument on behalf of the organization which he represented.

Cordially Received.

A card received from Rev. E. C. Watson, who is now preaching at Simpsonville, states that he is greatly pleased with his new field of labor and that he has been cordially received by his congregation.

Meeting of W. O. W.

A meeting of Laurens camp No. 98, W. O. W., will be held Thursday night in the lodge rooms. A full attendance is expected.

Signed J. Lee Langston.

COMMON PLEAS COURT CONVENES MONDAY

Judge T. S. Sease to Preside—Court Will Last for Two Weeks or Until Calendar is Cleared.

The court of common pleas for Laurens county will convene in the court house next Monday morning, April 17th to remain in session for two weeks or until the calendar is cleared. Judge T. S. Sease will preside. The jurors for the two weeks have been drawn and are as follows:

First Week.

Laurens—D. E. Barnett, E. M. Stewart, J. G. Brown, Earl Wilson. Dials—Geo. F. Wolff, D. P. Curry, John Brownlee, R. R. Owings, S. B. Wasson, L. L. Owings. Youngs—G. C. Guinn, R. L. Cook, W. Rhett Sloan, C. R. Wallace. Scuffletown—M. A. Paterson, J. L. Chaney, W. P. Poole. Jacks—John E. Adair, John F. Bell, T. J. Nabors, Fred Johnson, James H. Nabors. Hunter—H. E. Simpson, J. W. Chandler, A. P. Fuller, T. C. Summerell, A. B. Galloway, J. M. Monroe, John T. Robertson.

Cross Hill—W. H. L. Wade, T. T. Hill, Jas. S. Hill.

Waterloo—A. C. Long, C. I. Martin. Sullivan—R. O. Carlisle, E. E. Pitts.

Second Week.

Laurens—C. E. Kennedy, S. B. Sexton, J. M. Wallace, D. B. Swygert, R. W. Nichols, L. E. Corbett, W. M. Bryson, S. W. Rutledge, James T. Langston.

Hunter—W. B. Farr, Jack W. Dillard, A. J. Johnson, R. J. McCreary, J. Rhett Copeland, Fred F. Fowler, W. H. Milam, M. T. Motes.

Dials—W. F. Stewart, W. B. Poole, H. J. Armstrong.

Youngs—N. D. Garrett, John L. Burdette, J. G. R. Martin, B. G. Rhodes, W. C. Brown, J. P. Martin, W. M. Coker.

Sullivan—M. V. Holder, Jr., J. H. Balentine, Jr., J. A. Roper.

Cross Hill—O. B. Pitts, J. H. Raser. Waterloo—J. C. McDaniel, P. O. Smith, J. Broadus Hill.

Scuffletown—T. P. Poole.

A Great Success.

The little play "Cinderella" given by the pupils of the Laurens Mill school Thursday night was very successful. The children had been coached to a high degree of efficiency by their principal, Miss Mary Simpson, and the work was splendid. A neat sum of around \$35 was realized. This will go towards purchasing books and making other improvements for the library.

Work Under Way.

The actual work of construction has been begun on the buildings of S. M. & E. H. Wilkes on the north side of the public square, of Dr. Clifton Jones, on the east side, and of Mr. Gibbon Traynham on the south side. The work will be pushed with vigor and inside of a few months the buildings will present an entirely new appearance.

Junior Order of Mechanics Delegates.

At the state council of the Junior Order of the United American Mechanics, which is to be held in Lancaster this week, Mr. H. Terry will be present as a national representative. Messrs. Hayne Taylor and W. P. Thomason will go as delegates from Laurens council No. 24 and Mr. W. M. Powell will go as a delegate from Little River council No. 63, Watts Mill. Mr. E. H. Moore will represent the council at Lanford station. All of these gentlemen left Tuesday for Lancaster.

MEETING IN COURT HOUSE IN INTEREST MR. DIAL'S CANDIDACY FOR SENATE

Mr. N. B. Dial, who everybody knows in these parts is running for the United States senate, has expressed a desire to address as any of the citizens of the county, as can be gotten together, so that he can tell his object in running for the senate and to speak of his platform. Mr. Dial has stated that he felt that a large number of his own county people were not aware of his views, so he wants to get the opportunity of giving them to them.

For this reason a meeting has been called for Tuesday night, April 23, a

NEWS OF THE WEEK IN TOWN OF CLINTON

Funeral Services of Dr. Rutledge Copeland.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS ON POPULAR PEOPLE

A Large Delegation of Clinton People Went to Columbia to Help Celebrate the Unveiling of the Monument to the Women of the Confederacy. Other Notes.

Clinton, April 16.—The funeral of Dr. Rutledge Copeland last Wednesday morning cast a general gloom over the community. He was one of the most popular of Clinton's sons and his early death is lamented by a large circle of friends and relatives. His widow and her sister attended the funeral, returning the next day to Baltimore.

The Woman's Monument.

A large party from here attended the unveiling of the monument to South Carolina's women of the Confederacy in Columbia last Thursday. The R. S. Owens camp of Veterans, the Mace Langston camp of Sons of Veterans, the Stephen D. Lee chapter, U. D. C., and the Rutledge Owens chapter of Children of the Confederacy all had members present. The Thornwell Orphanage Junior and senior classes went also. There were probably fifty Clintonians, at least in attendance.

Newberry Base Ball Game.

The biggest crowd of the season gathered at the P. C. diamond Monday afternoon to see what turned out to be the poorest specimen of the great American game seen in Clinton in many a day—except possibly among the small boys. The score fails to tell the tale—13 to 5 in favor of Newberry. But every team has its off-day, and the P. C. Boys can play good ball as they have demonstrated at the other games. This is the second game they have lost out of six this season. They were confident of winning over Newberry as several fans had assured them they had a better team. Their friends are sure they will restate themselves.

An Elaborate Reception.

On Wednesday afternoon from three to six o'clock Mrs. J. F. Jacobs, Miss Clara Duckett and Mrs. W. J. Bailey gave one of the most brilliant and elaborate receptions ever given here. Receiving in the hall were Misses Mollie Manson and Lila Dillard. The three hostesses received in the parlor, Mrs. W. H. Young, Mrs. J. D. Jacobs and Mrs. C. M. Bailey ushered the guests from the parlor to the dining room where Misses Dorothy Owens, Jessie Dillard, Zee Wright and Mittle Young served.

A large number of guests called during the afternoon. A feature contributing much to the occasion was the spirited music furnished by the Presbyterian college glee club.

Attention Democratic Clubs.

The presidents of the several democratic clubs are notified to call their respective clubs on Saturday, April 27th, for the purpose of re-organizing, election of officers, appointing committees and the election of delegates to the county convention which meets on the first Monday in May. The basis of representation is one delegate for every twenty five members and one delegate for a majority fraction thereof.

R. A. Cooper, County Chairman.

time when a number of people from the county are in the city attending court, when Mr. Dial will express his views on national questions. The meeting will be held in the court house and will begin at 8:00 o'clock.

Although this night was purposely selected because of the fact that court would be in session and a large number of people from without the city would be in town, Mr. Dial states that he wishes that a date will be set later when the farmers are not so busy, when he can speak to more people from the country.