

STEAMER SINKS, SEVERAL DROWN

Veteran Captain and Eight of Crew Lost in Bottom of Lake Michigan. Terrible Exposure Endured by Victims.

Kenosha, Wis., Oct. 29.—The Goodrich passenger and freight steamer Wisconsin today seven miles off Kenosha. Nine men, including Captain H. Dougal Morrison, Chicago, veteran Great Lakes skipper, are known to be dead. Of 59 rescued 19 are in hospitals, while 40 received succor at the police station here. Three of four believed to have been on the ship are unaccounted for.

Men mad from and weakened by exposure, and with their wet clothing clinging to them, were brought to shore by heroic coastguardsmen who braved the rolling seas in fragile cutters to effect a rescue.

A week ago the Wisconsin won a battle against a Lake Michigan gale but last night the storm proved too much for her. Shortly after midnight she radioed she had sprung a leak, the pumps were not working properly, the hold was filling with water and that she was in need of assistance. She requested that tugs and steamers come out and "stand by."

Two coast guard cutters, one from Racine and the other from Kenosha, responded. Shortly before 5 a. m., the first lifeboat was lowered and in a few minutes a coast guard cutter took its human cargo aboard. This manner of rescue continued until five boats had been taken aboard the two cutters. The cutters were unable to get alongside the Wisconsin because of high seas.

With their burden of shivering humanity the cutters docked at the coast guard station here and immediately returned to stand by. In the meantime, a Chambers Brothers fishing tug went to the scene, arriving shortly after the Wisconsin went down at 7:15 a. m.

The Chambers picked up fifteen survivors, eight on one life raft, four on another and three from a lifeboat just as it capsized. A fourth occupant of the lifeboat was lost when the boat rolled over and the crew of the Chambers was unable to reach him.

A life raft bearing eight turned over completely three times just before the men were rescued. On one of the turnovers Chief Engineer Julius Bushman, of Manitowish, Wis., lost his hold as he fought off attempts of his mates to pull him back on the raft. Later his body was recovered.

On the second incoming trip the Racine coast guard cutter brought a cargo of 6 dead, including Captain Morrison and Engineer Bushman. All six were picked up floating in the water. Several still were alive when picked up but died from exposure en route to the dock.

On its second trip the Kenosha cutter brought in six survivors, all alive. On their first two trips from the Wisconsin, the two cutters were loaded to capacity, carrying 38 survivors. There were only three passengers on the boat. They were saved.

Facilities at the coast guard station were taxed as the survivors were brought ashore. They huddled about a large stove, calling for cigarettes and coffee, as they awaited their turn to be transported to hospitals or to the police station.

Soon after putting out from Chicago at 7:30 o'clock last night the Wisconsin was buffeted by the gale and for four hours it seemed, members of the crew said, that she would weather the gale as she did a week ago tonight when the Cary ferry, Milwaukee was sunk with its fifty men just a few miles from the scene of today's disasters.

Nearing Kenosha the boat sprang a leak and the incoming water washed coal from the bunkers and ashes into the bilge pumps which were soon disabled.

Firemen stood in water up to their waists, shoveling coal into the boiler fires. They did not abandon their posts until water put out the fires.

Dr. Hays' Hospital Being Enlarged

Ground has been broken within the past few days for the enlargement of Dr. Hays' hospital at the corner of Hampton avenue and Woodrow street. J. Gary Martin, well known local contractor, has the work in charge.

The new section projecting on each side of the present building, will be of brick veneer design and will relieve the present crowded conditions by the addition of ten new wards. The hospital is now well furnished, modernly equipped with X-ray facilities, and when the present building work is completed, will present an unusually attractive appearance.

QUALITY SERVICE STORES ORGANIZE

Clinton Independent Grocers Become Affiliated With National Group. Plans Going Forward.

Clinton housewives, ever anxious to follow any program designed to offer better service, will be given the first opportunity within the next three or four weeks to patronize Quality Service Stores of this city. C. R. Woodward, representative of this national organization, has been in the city the past week perfecting plans of organization in connection with a Newberry unit, with the result that several independent grocery stores in Clinton have joined the Quality Service group and it is expected that still others will enlist. Local officers are soon to be elected, and the list of concerns in the organization will be announced.

Encouraged over a success of similar organizations throughout five Southern states, members of the Clinton group believe that Clinton shoppers will find noteworthy economies through dealing with members of the newly formed organization. The Clinton organization as soon as details are perfected, will become a member of the Quality Service Stores of America, Inc., a national organization perfected to control certain copyrights used in the group work.

The first of the Quality Service groups was formed in Lynchburg, Va., four years ago, acting as an advertising display grocer group. Eighteen months later a similar organization was started in Roanoke and preliminary work got under way for a third group of this kind in Bluefield, W. Va.

Independent grocers were faced by rapid changes in the food distribution industry, and found in the policies of the new organization a method of advertising, store arrangements and a certain uniformity which they regard with favor.

Officials of the organization pointed out that housewives throughout the states served by the Quality Service Stores are pleased with the efficient services offered by their grocers, the new cleanliness and neatness of the stores and the store personnel, and have found it possible to make substantial savings through dealing with member stores of the Quality Service organization.

Quality Service Stores of Clinton and vicinity will be painted uniform in color and will be further identified by a "Quality Service" sign at the entrance. Full equipment of window price tags will be provided for display on regularly priced window displays on exclusive Quality Service Store merchandise. All windows of member stores will be in charge of a local representative.

Through the Quality Service idea member stores will be enabled to carry on a complete advertising campaign from week to week. Local merchants who have been interested in organizing the Quality Service Stores here, point out that it was the purpose of the stores to offer economies which would be impossible where the independent grocer was concerned. It is explained, however, that each of the member stores would retain its individuality, offering its customers the benefits of charge accounts and personal store and delivery service for which the independent grocer has been noted.

"The success of the Quality Service Stores is based upon two fundamentals of modern merchandising — better foods and decidedly better service to the public," a member of the organization said yesterday. "Adding these two salient points to the fact that the public is getting economic values they have seldom been offered before, one can see why the independent grocer identified as a Quality Service Store is more than holding his own in the bitter competition marking today's food distribution field."

Member stores of the Clinton group believe that local shoppers will welcome the opportunity to deal with Quality Service Stores. Through an extensive program of cooperative advertising each week the products of the member stores will be brought to the attention of the shoppers of this section. Each of the advertisements will be identified through the Q. S. S. mark. Other announcements are soon to be made by the grocers comprising this new organization.

Oyster Supper By Methodist Ladies

On Friday evening, Nov. 1st, the junior department of Broad Street Methodist church will give an oyster supper in the Masonic temple building. The proceeds from the undertaking will go to the piano fund of this department and those who are sponsoring the supper are asking the public's liberal patronage. Supper will be served from five to nine o'clock.

CHAMBER DRIVE NEXT WEEK

City's Commercial Organization Will Seek Enlarged Membership. Committee To Make Canvass.

Next week has been designated as "Chamber of Commerce Week" in Clinton, during which period a campaign will be launched for an enlarged membership for this organization in order to more effectively carry forward its work during the coming year. Already a number of local business and professional men are included in its membership, but there are a great many individuals and interests in the community that are not affiliated with the organization. It is to enlist, if possible, the interest and support of this class that the campaign is to be undertaken.

The drive is being launched under the direction of President C. F. Winn who has untiringly worked for the success of the Chamber of Commerce. Two classes of memberships will be sought, active and associate.

The following well known local citizens compose the officers of the organization: Carlton F. Winn, president; Gilbert B. Blakely, vice-president; W. W. Harris, secretary; Goynne L. Simpson, treasurer. Additional directors: W. D. Copeland, J. F. Jacobs, Jr., Rev. John McSweeney, Geo. H. Cornelison and R. A. Steer.

Membership Committee
The following canvassing committee will cover the entire town next week to secure new memberships, both active and associate, for the organization:

Platt Prather, general chairman, Ed Stevens, A. E. McIntosh, R. W. Wade, W. H. Simpson, S. W. Sumerel, A. O'Daniel, R. E. Ferguson, Gilbert Blakely, D. C. Heustess, W. A. Buchanan, Goynne L. Simpson, J. H. Witherspoon, Geo. H. Cornelison, E. D. Craig, Harry Wilkes, Dr. J. W. Davis, R. A. Steer and J. F. Jacobs, Jr.

County Delegation Authorizes Loan

The county delegation, in a meeting held with the county board of commissioners in Laurens on last Tuesday, adopted a resolution authorizing the supervisor and treasurer to borrow approximately \$55,000 to meet running expenses for the balance of the year. About \$49,000 of the sum borrowed is for the special road and bridge fund and chain gang expenses, \$2,000 for the completion of the Eden road and the remainder for such items as interest, court expense, jail, stationery and printing, and lunacy, all of which appropriations have been exhausted by unexpected drains. A part of the \$49,000, it was explained by the supervisor, was asked for to replace funds expended for repairs made after the recent freshets.

"Ladies Night" On Nov. 12th

"Ladies Night," an annual social event under the auspices of the Chamber of Commerce, will be held in the club rooms on Tuesday evening, Nov. 12th, beginning at eight o'clock. The banquet will be served by the members of the local Eastern Star chapter, headed by Mrs. A. B. Blakely. President C. F. Winn of the organization, announced yesterday that Lieut. Gov. T. B. Butler of Gaffney, has accepted an invitation to deliver the principal address of the evening, and there will be other features of interest. This banquet held annually with the members' wives and friends as honor guests, is always an enjoyable event.

Presbyterians To Hear Dr. Green

Dr. J. B. Green, member of the Columbia seminary faculty of Atlanta, will occupy the pulpit of the First Presbyterian church next Sunday morning and evening, in the absence from the city of its pastor, Dr. D. J. Woods. Dr. Green is one of the prominent ministers and teachers of his denomination and will be heard here Sunday with a great deal of pleasure. He is the father of Jimmy Green of Presbyterian college, outstanding member of the varsity football team.

Adult Night School Begins New Session

The night school for adults began its second session at Academy Street school with an enrollment of thirty pupils. Much interest is being shown in the work and a very successful session is expected. Last year the work was quite a success in every way. According to Miss Gray, adult supervisor, this night school was one of the best in the state.

MAY ISSUE ROAD BONDS ANY TIME

Threatened Opposition To Highway Program Likely Won't Materialize, It Is Indicated.

Columbia, Oct. 28.—The state highway bond program seems to be finding its position strengthened. Farther and farther away gets the possibility of further legal handicaps to the road program.

Governor Richards stated today that he hopes to see the bond program take shape at a very early date. One by one the opponents of the bonds have announced their willingness to abide by the decision of the state's highest court. United States Senator Cole L. Blease announced that he, as an attorney for the opponents of the bonds, would not go further with the case. Col. W. H. Keith, member of the house from Greenville, and recognized legislative leader of the opposition to the highway program, indicated that he was not in favor of a prolonged fight, this statement following a conference he held with D. W. Robinson of Columbia, and C. F. Haynesworth of Greenville, attorneys for opponents of the bonds.

Harold Major of Anderson, also an attorney for the opposition, is quoted as saying that he will not go further with the case. C. L. Johnson of Spartanburg, who was the plaintiff in the suit against the bond act, has been quoted as saying that he would look into the legal phases of the situation, but he did not express his intention of taking the case to the United States supreme court.

Many prominent lawyers have been quoted as saying that there is no legal ground for an appeal of the case. It is regarded as probable that bonds will be issued at an early date. Governor Richards and State Treasurer Scarborough have conferred in regard to preliminary details, and are making ready to issue the bonds, as soon as technical details are complied with. The request from the state highway commission and the statements as to the state highway revenue being sufficient to take care of the bonds as issued, is expected to reach the governor and the treasurer soon.

The act provides that not more than 20,000,000 of the \$65,000,000 total can be issued in any one year. It provides, however, that in lieu of the bonds the state may borrow, the note to be taken care of by proceeds of bond issues later on.

Governor Richards and Chairman C. E. Jones of the highway commission, have written each other, each commending the other for their part in bringing about the success of the highway bond act.

It is expected that by the end of 1930 the state will see a large part of the newly projected highway system paved or surface treated.

SECOND SYNOD INVITED HERE

Presbyterian Church and Local Institutions Invite South Carolina Synod To Meet With Georgia Body.

It was stated in last week's issue of The Chronicle, that it was very probable that the South Carolina Presbyterian synod would be invited to meet in Clinton next fall in joint session with the Georgia body which two weeks ago accepted a similar invitation.

Within the past week the session of the First Presbyterian church has unanimously approved the idea and extended an invitation to the synod through its stated clerk, to meet in this city. No invitation was accepted by the synod at its recent meeting in Anderson, and it is stated by those in a position to know, that the Clinton bid will in all probability be accepted.

The coming of the two synods will be of inestimable value to their two institutions located here. It is expected that the Georgia visitors will be entertained on the orphanage campus, while the South Carolina delegates will be provided for at the college and in Presbyterian homes in the city. It is planned to hold the business sessions of the Georgia body in the Thornwell Memorial church, and the South Carolina organization in the First Presbyterian church. Both synods will unite in the evenings for inspirational programs representing the various interests of the Southern Presbyterian church.

D. A. R. Now Has 171,840 Members

Washington, Oct. 28.—The Daughters of the American Revolution reported today it now has a living membership of 171,840 women who are lineal descendants of soldiers of the Revolutionary war. Since its creation the patriotic organization has enrolled more than 350,000 members. Material resources of the D. A. R. now total more than \$3,000,000, it reported.

MEETING TONIGHT IN GREENWOOD

Ministers and Laymen of This Presbytery To Attend Program for Presbyterian College Campaign.

A meeting of all members of the Presbyterian college program of deliverance organization in the South Carolina presbytery will be held this evening in the First Presbyterian church at Greenwood.

Members of the organization from Clinton and vicinity, as well as all other parts of the presbytery, will attend the gathering, which begins at 7 o'clock.

This will be a meeting of inspiration and instruction at which final plans will be mapped out for the South Carolina Presbyterian portion of the campaign to raise \$350,000 to deliver the college from debt. Joel S. Morse, of Abbeville, the presbytery chairman, will preside and a number of other leaders will be among the speakers.

This is one of a series of group and presbytery meetings being held this week and next week throughout the synod. The Piedmont presbytery organization will meet tomorrow (Friday) evening in the First Presbyterian church at Anderson.

Other meetings scheduled include Spartanburg tomorrow night, York tonight, Lancaster next Monday, Rock Hill next Friday, and Florence tomorrow night.

All group chairmen now have been secured for the campaign, while the list of church chairmen and church committee members is rapidly being completed. Additional group chairmen and associates follow: Piedmont group 2, Rev. Frank B. Estes, Walhalla, associate; Bethel group 2, Rev. T. M. Stevenson, Kershaw, chairman; group 4, Dr. W. R. Wallace, Chester, chairman; Charleston group 1, Frank C. Reddick, Charleston, chairman; Rev. T. A. Beckett, Jr., John's Island, associate; group 2, Dr. J. S. Wertz, Estill, chairman; Rev. F. B. Mayes, Beaufort, associate.

Church chairman and associates for South Carolina presbytery include: Whitmire, J. H. Simpson, Rev. T. C. Bryan, associate.

Aveleigh, Newberry, D. W. A. Neville, Rev. M. C. Dendy, associate. Owings, Johnston Hunter, Dr. F. D. Jones, associate.

Thornwell Memorial, W. W. Harris, Dr. L. Ross Lynn, associate. Liberty Springs, R. A. Boyce, Rev. F. T. McGill, associate.

Lisbon, R. L. Young. Mountville, B. R. Fuller. Rocky Springs, N. J. Anderson. Laurens First, C. F. Fleming, Rev. E. D. Patton, associate.

Dorroh, D. L. Brooks. Friendship, G. C. Abercrombie, Rev. J. L. Shannon, associate.

Clinton First, A. W. Brice, Dr. D. J. Woods, associate. Old Fields, J. Ben Hunter, Dr. M. G. Woodworth, associate.

Todd Memorial, L. H. Taylor. Watts Mill, J. Elbert Templeton. Greenwood, W. T. Watkins, Rev. J. W. Jackson, associate.

Ninety-Six, J. C. Weir. Upper Long Cane, J. R. Hill, Rev. J. F. Bradley, associate.

Warrenton, F. W. Wilson. Calhoun Falls, John Gilbert, Rev. E. F. Gettys, associate.

Lowndesville, Albert Baskin. Mt. Carmel, M. R. White. Willington, Albert Gilbert. Rocky River, E. F. Gettys. Abbeville, Dr. E. L. Power, Rev. G. M. Telford, associate.

Donalds, J. M. Campbell. Bethia, J. L. Pettigrew. Due West, W. S. Jordan. Hopewell, Troy, Lewis Leslie. Lebanon, Abbeville, C. S. Evans. Antreville, James T. Erwin.

Ginnings To Oct. 8th Over Nine Million

Washington, Oct. 26.—Cotton of the 1929 crops ginned prior to Oct. 18th, was announced today by the census bureau as 9,099,032 running bales, including 291,205 round bales counted as half bales, compared with 8,101,271 running bales, including 304,743 round bales, to that date last year.

Ginnings by states were: Alabama 954,810; Arizona, 42,330; Arkansas, 887,519; California, 57,616; Florida, 7,785; Georgia, 843,015; Louisiana, 685,687; Mississippi, 1,352,641; Missouri, 71,279; New Mexico, 25,680; North Carolina, 227,471; Oklahoma, 511,873; South Carolina, 371,420; Tennessee, 212,317; Texas, 2,818,556; Virginia, 6,767; all other states, 2,107.

TO SPEAK AT COLLEGE

Dr. Thomas W. Lingle of Davidson college, will deliver a lecture in the Presbyterian college chapel this morning at 11:45 o'clock. The public is cordially invited.

BUYING ORDERS CALM MARKET

Most Frantic Selling Yet On Exchange Threatens Utter Price Collapse. All Previous Records Pass Into Limbo.

New York, Oct. 29.—Huge barriers of buying orders, hastily erected by professional financial interests today checked the most frantic stampede of selling yet experienced by the securities market which threatened at times today to bring about an utter collapse in prices.

All trading records were broken, with a turnover of 16,410,000 shares on the New York stock exchange and 7,096,300 shares on the New York curb market. This contrasts with the previous records of 12,894,000 and 6,148,300 shares, respectively, established last Thursday and a stock exchange turnover of 9,212,900 shares yesterday.

Extreme declines in the active issues ranged from \$10 to \$70 a share but many of these were cut in half in the rally which started in mid-afternoon and continued through to the close.

Bankers who had been hurriedly called into conference last night and again at noon today apparently stood aside at the opening as blocks of 10,000 to 80,000 shares were thrown into the market for whatever price they would bring. When this initial flood of selling had spent itself, supporting orders began to make their appearance not with the intention of completely checking the streams of selling but with the avowed object of regulating the flow.

Several times during the day, particularly in the early afternoon and again toward the close it looked as though a fresh collapse in prices bringing ruin in its wake was inevitable, but each time the holes were plugged and the threatened disaster was averted.

The deluge of selling carried total sales in the first half hour to 3,250,000 shares.

Despite the facts, the prices of probably half of the thousand stocks listed on the exchange have been cut in half or more during the recent decline and that the aggregate decline in quoted values of all securities from the high levels of the year exceeds 25,000,000,000 dollars, only one casualty has developed among brokerage houses thus far. Suspension of the New York curb exchange firm of John J. Bell & Company, for failure to meet its obligations was announced shortly after the market opened. Inasmuch as this firm was not engaged in a general commission business the failure had no serious consequences.

Easing of credit conditions was one of the first measures put into effect by bankers to calm the wave of hysteria which has suddenly swept over the holders. The call money renewal rate, ordinarily announced about 10:40 a. m., was fixed at 5 per cent, a drop of 1 per cent below yesterday's figure before the market opened.

After the mid-day meeting of bankers, it was announced that leading banking firms of New York had reduced the margin requirements on street demand loans to 25 per cent, thereby releasing a huge volume of credit to facilitate the financial operations of stock exchange firms during the market crisis. Some of these requirements previously ran as high as 40 per cent. F. B. Keech and company, one of the large commission houses, also announced a reduction in the margin requirements demanded of its customers to 25 per cent on the theory that current price levels were sufficiently attractive to warrant such action.

Wall Street attributed the dumping of huge blocks of stocks at the opening to forced liquidation by large operators, who were no longer able to protect their rapidly dwindling accounts after having amassed paper profits running into hundreds of millions of dollars. Few of these operators, regarded as the leaders of the recent "bull" market, escaped totally unscathed, as most of them continued to hold long lines of stocks for investment. And the sustained decline of the past week took them completely by surprise. Sizeable fortunes have been amassed by few a traders on the "short" side, but these are only a drop in the bucket compared to the losses sustained by stock market "bulls."

Directors of the United States Steel corporation, and the American can company supplementing the efforts of bankers to restore confidence which has been badly shaken by the recent crash in prices today declared extra dividends of \$1 each on their common stocks, in addition to the regular quarterly payments. These special disbursements were made possible by the huge earnings piled up by these corporations in the wave of general prosperity earlier in the year.