

CUT IN TWO.

Thirty-Six Men Perish in a Torpedo Destroyer Which

GOES TO THE BOTTOM

The Deck Crew Goes Down With the Vessel—Dressed in Oilskins and Boots, Victims Have No Chance—Twenty-Two Are Rescued by Boats From the Other Ships—Destroyer

Tries to Cross Big Cruiser's Bow.

A dispatch from Portsmouth, England, says thirty-six men, including Lieut. Middleton, commander of the torpedo boat destroyer, Tiger, lost their lives in a collision with the Isle of Wright, Friday night, between that vessel and the British cruiser Berwick.

The vessels belong to the Portsmouth division of the British home fleet and were engaged in night maneuvers in the channel on their way to Portland.

The night was very dark and the Berwick was steaming slowly. When the destroyer attempted to cross the big cruiser's bow she was caught amidships and cut in half with knife-like percision, sinking almost immediately.

The deck crew who were dressed in heavy oilskins and boots, went down with the vessel, not having time to free themselves from these heavy encumbrances.

Of the twenty-two men who were rescued most of them were engineers and stokers, who having light clothing, were able to keep themselves afloat until boats from the other ships, which were immediately launched, picked them up.

The smaller naval vessels were in the midst of an attack on their bigger consorts when the disaster occurred. The entire fleet was under masked lights, and in darkness. The destroyer was cut in two as if she had been made of paper. The forward half sunk instantaneously and the sea became dotted with struggling men. Most of them, however, sank before help could reach them. The Tiger had a complement of fifty-nine men.

THREE DEAD AND MANY HURT.

Terror Stricken Tenants are Wedged Solidly on the Escapes.

At New York three persons were killed, fifteen were injured, some of them seriously, and the lives of nearly a hundred persons were endangered by a fire in a five-story tenement house at No. 44 Hester street. Bret Weinstein, his wife and one year-old son were suffocated in their apartments on the fifth floor.

In their mad attempt to escape from the smoke and fire scores of scantily clad men, women and children crowded the narrow iron platforms and ladders until they became wedged in solid masses on the fire escapes, unable to extricate themselves and blocking the way of those who had not yet succeeded in getting out of the building. In the meantime the flames had been constantly spreading and the terror among the tenants had carried them past the point of self restraint.

While the firemen were calling out to them that there was no danger and that help soon would reach them they began, one by one, to jump from the windows, resulting in the list of injured.

TROUBLE AT CLEMSON.

Over Half of the Boys Took Holiday on Wednesday.

A dispatch from Clemson to The State says a little more than half the cadets, principally lower classmen, taking advantage of April 1, took holiday and went to Pendleton this morning. All the seniors, most of the members of the athletic teams and a number of all classes remained at the college and are attending their regular duties. The discipline committee is considering the matter but it is not known what action it will take.

WEST VIRGINIA FOR BRYAN.

It Is Endorsed by a Vote of Two to One.

The Democratic State executive committee at West Virginia Friday decided to hold the state nomination convention at Charleston on July 29. The convention to select delegates to the national Democratic convention at Denver will be held in Wheeling on May 28. After an acrimonious debate of three hours, a resolution endorsing William J. Bryan was adopted by a vote of 10 to 5.

BOYS SENT HOME.

FORTY-EIGHT CLEMSON CADETS ARE EXPELLED.

Discipline Committee Going to Bottom of "All Fools' Day" Rebellion and the End Is Not Yet.

Forty-eight out of ninety-two members of the junior class of Clemson College and one suspended on Saturday for disobedience of orders on April 1. The boys left college and went to Pendleton some miles away on Wednesday, when they had been commanded not to do so. They also sent disrespectful telegrams back to several of the professors. After full investigation the discipline committee sentenced forty-eight members of the junior class to expulsion and one to suspension. The committee has not yet reported on the sophomore and freshman classes, many of whose members took part in the escapade. None of the senior class were involved in the trouble. It is a deplorable affair.

Nearly all the dismissed cadets say that they realize that they did wrong and that they deserve punishment. There seems to be an absence of resentment. In fact those dismissed are anxious that no student shall leave on their account or because of any pledge that they would stick to the class. T. S. Allen, captain of the foot ball team, says that he was a leader in the affair but got started and that he has no kick coming on his punishment. He expects to do all in his power to keep any other student from going because of any compact or their sympathy. His sensible action will be followed by many of the dismissed cadets. It is not likely that any considerable number except those dismissed will leave.

The following are the names of the dismissed cadets:

- Loeholt, J. N., Barnwell.
- Bellinger, G. D., Columbia.
- Murray, J. D., Columbia.
- Horn, E. S., Prosperity.
- Pennell, C. H., Abbeville.
- Pennell, J. R., Abbeville.
- Jenkins, R. C., Kershaw.
- Allen, T. S., Anderson.
- Britt, D. C., Abbeville.
- Coleman, L. A., Laurens.
- Yeargin, T. H., Laurens.
- Fulmer, T. F., Saluda.
- Happoldt, A. R., Charleston.
- Haskell, E. C., Abbeville.
- Kelly, S. O., Leak.
- Boone, L. C., Orangeburg.
- Covington, J. C., Bennettsville.
- Robinson, W. A., Easley.
- Simpson, J. B., Anderson.
- Simpson, W. D., Anderson.
- Adams, R. E., Edgefield.
- Burton, G. A., Newberry.
- Gardner, E. A., Aiken.
- Creamer, A. W., Greenwood.
- Twigg, H. C., Greenwood.
- Blake, R. E., Abbeville.
- Brockington, W. J., Williamsburg.
- Clarke, W. C., Leake.
- Green, H. H., Abbeville.
- Nance, W. L., Laurens.
- Sheeley, W. J., Newberry.
- Watkins, T. W., Anderson.
- Dove, J. L., Fairfield.
- Greene, F. B., York.
- Grier, A., Darlington.
- Rush, M. R., Charleston.
- Hunter, B. G., Pendleton.
- McMillan, J. P., Marion.
- Odum, W. F., Barnwell.
- Clément, E. B., Charleston.
- Tarbox, F. S., Georgetown.
- Eason, J. L., Charleston.
- Gandy, F. L., Darlington.
- Miley, T., Peake.
- Wigfall, C. F., Charleston.
- Spratt, W. C., Chester.
- Chamness, E., Marlboro.
- Wilson, J. H., Chester.

GHOST MONEY BURNED.

Clearing House Certificates Destroyed in Columbia Last Week.

A fire in Columbia last week destroyed \$446,832, but no one lost a cent and there were no regrets. The Columbia Clearing House Association held a meeting at which all the banks were represented and the Clearing House Certificates issued some time ago were ordered destroyed, having been redeemed and recalled.

The total amount of the issue was about \$450,000, and there is about \$5,000 in certificates still outstanding, some of which are in the hands of the banks. The Clearing House certificates served their purpose and the stringency in currency having passed, the issue was retired some weeks ago.

PREACHER'S BODY FOUND.

Buried Under the Ruins of a Wrecked Church.

While clearing away the debris of the Epworth Methodist church, east of Columbus, Ga., which was wrecked by a storm several days ago, the body of Rev. John Wynn, a negro preacher, of Cuthbert, Ga., was found under the timbers. He had taken refuge in the church during the heavy storm.

PRETTY ROMANCE.

SECURED A WIFE BY NEWSPAPER ADVERTISING.

The Prospective Bride Came From Michigan and Met Her Intended Husband in Columbia.

The Columbia State says through the agency of dear old Uncle Sam's mails a romance which bridged 1,000 miles and culminated Saturday in the joining of the hearts and lives of a South Carolinian and Michigan girl.

A venerable citizen of this State, who had seen service in the Confederate army and whose hair is snowy white, patronized a matrimonial agency several months ago and had inserted in the official publication of the perpetual bliss society an advertisement, giving notice to all marriageable women from coast to coast that he was lonely in his old age and was in a receptive mood to take unto himself a partner for life.

The advertisement told of his being a farmer, in a prosperous farming section of South Carolina, and the information that he was able to provide for a helpmate and would not only provide for her but shower upon her all the love and affection of his warm heart.

A winsome lady of far-away Michigan answered the advertisement and one letter followed another for a brief spell, and finally he of marrying inclinations sent her word to "come down." He liked her photograph and liked also the way her letters were written.

She told him that she had a son, and this was satisfactory to the man who was looking and longing for a good wife. He sent the money for the two tickets and wrote that he would meet her in Columbia.

They met there and recognized each other instantly, for they had exchanged photographs, and as she alighted from the train they fell into each other's arms and the little fellow was happy, too. They left on the next train for Sumter, where they planned to be married, and from there they will go to their home in Williamsburg county.

F. M. Britton, Sr., is the bridegroom and he resides at Church, Williamsburg county. He is past 70 years of age and is a little hard of hearing, but otherwise is sprightly and well preserved physically. He is "well fixed" in a financial way and has a nice home all prepared for the bride of his later years.

The bride is Mrs. Lillian Barnett of Kalamazoo, Mich., and she is just past forty-five. Her son is a bright young boy and when seen with his mother and the man she has chosen as his step-father he seemed to be very well pleased.

KILLED BY FALL.

On the Eve of His Celebration of His Birthday.

Just as the family preparations for a surprise party in honor of his 19th birthday were being completed last evening, Louis Lee, of Seginow, Mich., was killed by falling downstairs. He died half an hour after being picked up by his mother at the foot of the stairway.

The young man who was well-known as an athlete and football player, had been complaining that he felt sick. Starting to descend the stairs, he missed his footing, turned a somersault in the air and landed on his back on the floor below. Physicians found that his back was broken.

EARTHQUAKE PREDICTED.

By a Roaring Well at Beloit, Wis., On Two Occasions.

The "roaring well" near Beloit, Wis., predicted the Mexican earthquake as it did the one at San Francisco. The well is on the farm of Charles Lathers, northeast of Beloit. It roared for several weeks, before the great earthquake at San Francisco, and the curious sound of rumblings, together with wind from the mouth of the well ceased at the precise hour when the shock struck the California city. On the day, a little over a week ago when the well resumed its roaring, residents of Rock county predicted a calamity. Monday it came, at Chilapa, Mexico.

WOMAN COMMITS SUICIDE.

Wife of Grocerman Sends Bullet Into her Breast.

A special to The News and Courier from Spartanburg says Mrs. Lottie Sharp, wife of J. D. Sharp, a grocer, committed suicide Thursday afternoon by shooting herself in the chest with a 32-calibre pistol. Despondency is said to have been the cause of the act. She walked into her room and seizing her husband's pistol placed it to her breast and fired. She died almost instantly.

DOES IT FREE.

OF GREAT INTEREST TO ALL STOCK OWNERS.

Investigations of Contagious and Infectious Diseases of Animals Made Without Cost to the Owners.

The majority of stock owners do not know that this State provides for the investigation of contagious diseases and consequently there is an unnecessary loss of many animals each year. Some of these animal diseases are also communicable and fatal to man, and, therefore the appearance of any disease of suspicious character should be promptly reported to the State Veterinarian. All letters asking for information of contagious diseases of animals will be promptly answered, but owners are fully requested to fully describe the symptoms of the disease. Observe the following rules in requesting investigations:

Rule 1. All notices for contagious or infectious diseases should be sent to "Veterinarian, Clemson College, S. C."

Rule 2. When two or more reputable citizens of any county in this State shall notify said veterinarian that any animals in their county are affected with a contagious disease, the tendency of which is to cause the death of such animals, he will investigate the same, or cause an investigation thereof to be made. Such notices should also state the number of animals sick, the number exposed and the number dead, or it should contain such other information as may indicate that the disease in question is contagious or infectious and one that can be legally investigated under the law.

Rule 3. When said notice shows that the disease is contagious or infectious an investigation will be made. Investigations will be made in the order notices are received when this is practicable; otherwise they will be made in order of importance or according to location.

Rule 4. Persons requesting inspections should hold the animals in readiness, awaiting the arrival of the veterinarian or assistant veterinarian, and be present to give the required information and assistance.

Rule 5. The veterinarian, when requested, will furnish blanks on which to make reports. All letters of inquiry asking for information regarding animal diseases will be answered as soon after their receipt as may be found practicable.

Rule 6. In accordance with Section 5, of the act of February 9, 1904, Clemson College will pay the necessary expenses of the veterinarian, or assistant veterinarian, in making inspections where animals are affected with contagious diseases. The owner is expected to provide transportation to and from the railway station and furnish necessary labor and feed while the animals are being tested or are in quarantine.

Rule 7. If an inspection has been requested and the sick animal die or recover before the arrival of the inspector, the person requesting the inspection must notify the veterinarian.

BRIDGE FALLS.

Three Men Watching High Water Swept to their Death.

Three men were drowned by the collapse of a suspension bridge at Rockkk, W. Va., spanning Bluestone River. The victims were standing on the bridge with five other men and boys, watching the rushing current when the bridge gave way, precipitating the entire eight into the river. Five were washed down stream to a point where the river had overflowed its banks and were lodged in trees from which they were rescued. The bodies of the three victims have not been recovered.

MAN HURT IN WRECK.

Sees His Leg Cut off With His Own Knife.

Pinned under wreckage caused by a rear end collision on the Burlington road Friday and with steam from a broken engine pipe pouring into his face, Horace A. McKittrick, a stock broker of Brookfield, Mo., directed the amputation of his leg and furnished a dull jack knife with which the work was done. The rough operation was performed by the Rev. R. C. Allen, of Grove City, Pa., at it failed in its purpose, McKittrick dying later at a hospital.

Admiral Evans Seeks Health.

Admiral Evans, accompanied by his son, Lieutenant Evans, Flag Lieutenant Train and Passed Assistant Surgeon McDonald arrived at a hotel at Hot Springs, Cal., Thursday. The Admiral hopes for a speedy restoration to health.

MANY OUT OF WORK.

THE LABOR CONDITIONS ARE MOST DISTRESSING.

Thousands of Wage Earners Are Thrown Out of Employment by Distressed Industrial Conditions.

A Washington Dispatch says the most serious problem now confronting the country is the unprecedented number of idle work people in every city of any considerable size throughout the land. In New York alone, according to the latest statistics, nearly 700,000 are without employment and with no visible means of support except what comes through a precarious sort of charity.

Of this number over 200,000 are reported as belonging to the various labor organizations, the rest being nonunion work people. The condition of the laboring class is almost, if not quite, as bad in Chicago.

Not a city, in fact, either in the Northern or Central Western states is exempt from this anomalous state of things. Even in the extreme Northwest there is a surplus of unemployed labor.

Efforts have been made to relieve the city of New York of its congested idle working people, but so far all efforts have proven futile. Recently the editor of the Christian Herald sent letters to the governors of over twenty states inquiring if it would be possible to replace unskilled with skilled labor, and saying that he could supply two thousand skilled laborers at a moment's notice. Without a single exception, the governors replied to his letters to the effect that their states have more idle working people of their own than they could provide with employment.

The situation is frightful, and considering the enormous crops made last year and the vast wealth of the country, it is strangely anomalous. Added to this general impression in the business world, by which a million and a half of work people have been thrown out of employment, is the fact that the cost of living has not decreased to any appreciable extent. Such a condition of things would seem to be prophetic of a reign of terror.

No work and hunger that cannot be appeased by honest toil make people desperate. They are ripe for revolution of for anything that will keep the wolf of starvation from their doors. And yet nothing is being done to relieve the situation. The thought is, what can be done? All that we can say is that "it is a pity the innocent have to suffer for the wrong doing of the guilty."

Business heretofore conducted improperly, if not dishonestly, in its return to honest channels of output and trade has left these unemployed stranded and with nothing to stave off starvation. They are the sufferers, not of those who by devious and dishonest methods were responsible for the panic that has wrought such widespread ruin.

The South, being an agricultural country, is fortunately exempt in a large measure from this dreadful condition of labor glut, although in the larger cities we have more unemployed people that they care to see. It is possible that the farmers of the South, who at this time of the year need help, could relieve to some extent the congestion in other sections of the country. But the greatest difficulty in the way would be the fact that the great majority of the unemployed are artisans of one calling or another and know probably nothing about farm work.

SENT UP FOR TEN YEARS

For Sending Through the Mails a Deadly Machine.

At Greensboro, N. C., Hardin Germany was convicted in the superior court and sentenced to the penitentiary, for sending an infernal machine through the mail to Caesar Cone, the millionaire cotton manufacturer to that city, two weeks ago. Germany was a former employe in one of Mr. Cone's mills, and is 20 years of age. He did not deny the charge, but denied the charge. Mr. Cone was the principal witness.

DIED FROM BURNS.

Hanging Lamp Falls to Floor With Fatal Results.

As the result of severe burns received by a swinging lamp in a room falling from its fastenings and breaking at her feet, Miss Lollie Smith, daughter of M. D. Smith, of Wauhtown, N. C., died Tuesday, and her mother is confined to her room suffering from painful burns received in trying to save the life of her daughter. A brother, Gilmer, was also badly burned in attempting to put out the flames that enveloped his mother and sister.

THEY ARE GLAD.

Republicans Are Jubilant That Senator Tillman is Absent.

ARE AFRAID OF HIM.

The Republican Leaders Said to Be Breathing Easier Than in Years Because of the Enforced Absence of the Senior Senator From South Carolina.—Democrats Will Greatly Miss Him and His Leadership.

The Washington correspondent of The News and Courier says since it was announced a few days ago that Senator Tillman's physicians had positively forbidden him to return to Washington before the beginning of the next session of Congress and in the meantime had ordered a complete change of living in every respect, there has been a considerable amount of discussion as to who will take his part in the Denver Convention and will lead the Senate until he returns.

It is said that Republican leaders are breathing easy now for the first time since Tillman went to the Senate. While they admit that he has toned down considerably since his advent into Washington political life he is still, they say, anything but docile, and what troubles them most is that they never can tell just where or when he is going to break out. That part of the Senator's make-up has given them more trouble than a little and many times when they thought him quieted he was only gathering more material for a still mightier onslaught.

Beveridge, Lodge, Aldrich, Hale, in fact all the big men on the Republican side of the Senate wear a different look now from that to be found on their features two weeks ago. They knew Tillman was a fighter who did not know the meaning of the word fear and they had to guess many times just where to tackle in order to get a hold. Some times they held him, sometimes they threw him, but it was always because of the combined forces of the Republicans on one side as opposed to the half-hearted help of the Democrats on the other.

No man who had made plans to attend the Denver Convention will be more missed than Tillman and many Democrats who expect to attend from different parts of the United States have so expressed themselves. He was to be the central figure—certainly so far as the South is concerned—unless it be Bailey, of Texas, and there is now serious doubt whether the great Texas orator will be allowed to present his State or not, allowed to represent his State or not. There will be other Democrats from various sections of the country, but all eyes were beginning to centre on Tillman and Bailey as the two Southern leaders.

The people of Texas have never been able to believe that their former idol, Bailey, was entirely divorced from the scandal that two years ago came near ending his political life, when his alleged connection with the Waters-Pierce Oil Company became known to them. In order that the people of Texas may vote on the issue as to whether Bailey shall be one of the four delegates at large to the Denver Convention a special election is to be held May 2. Should it be decided at that election that Bailey shall not attend two of the foremost Democrats in political life to-day will be absent—Tillman and Bailey.

DEATH CAUSED BY LAUGHTER.

Widow Overcome by Joke Related at a Social Function.

At New York overcome by laughter at a joke by a member of the company she was attending, Mrs. Anna Ferrera a widow forty-two years old, was unable to stop the laugh paroxysm. She fell to the floor, was lifted back into her chair, gasping for breath and before the horrified guests realized that anything serious was the matter she was dying. Before a physician who was summoned could reach the house she was dead.

SHE HORSEWHIPPED HIM.

Says He Had Annoyed Her With His Attentions.

In the presence of a thousand people, Mrs. Minnie Cowden, of Jamestown, N. Y., horsewhipped Henry Franklin, on the city's main thoroughfare Friday. When Franklin tore the whip from her hands, Mrs. Cowden broke an umbrella over his head. According to Mrs. Cowden, Franklin had been annoying her with his attentions.