

STEAMERS CRASH IN GULF.

PASSENGERS FEARED FATE OF TITANIC VICTIMS.

Alarm Dispelled by Assurances of Captain of Mallory Liner Denver, which Collided with the El Sud, Morgan Line Freighter — Latter Vessel Badly Damaged.

Galveston, Tex., April 21.—With the arrival in port this afternoon of the steamships Denver and El Sud, which figured in the collision off Galveston bar at 7.35 Saturday night, details of the accident were learned. The Mallory vessel, the Denver, is not badly damaged, but the Morgan Liner El Sud has a hole rammed in her port side just forward hatch, reaching halfway through the vessel from deck to keel. Though badly crippled, with her forepeak full of water, she was still afloat, and with the assistance of two tugs and the pilot boat Texas, was able to make her way to the Southern Pacific docks. No lives were lost and no one injured.

When the two vessels came together much confusion reigned on both ships. The passengers aboard the Mallory Liner were almost panic-stricken, the collision following so closely on the great Titanic disaster, but they were soon assured by Capt. Staples that there was no danger. On the El Sud the crew of about 50 men were more excited. Several jumped overboard, but were rescued. Several boats were lowered by the crew and they took to the sea. All went back to the vessel, however, when they saw that she was still seaworthy, save one boat with eighteen men in it. This boat was later picked up by the Denver, as she lay at anchor to give assistance to the El Sud if needed.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION.

Dr. C. S. Britton Complimented With Pleasant Gathering.

Camden Chronicle.

Smithville, April 17.—The children and grand-children of Dr. C. S. Britton gave him a very pleasant surprise at his home near Spring Hill on April 14th. This being Dr. Britton's 47th birthday. A most enjoyable day was spent at the "old home."

All but three of his children were present. The spacious table fairly groaned with good things to eat, which the children carried.

At the dinner table, the father sat beside his oldest and his youngest children, Mrs. F. G. Peebles and little Miss Bernicia Britton.

The children present were Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Peebles, Mr. and Mrs. Luther Moseley, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Moseley, Miss Eva Britton and Master C. S. and Lamb, Misses Alice and Bernicia Britton. The absent children were Mrs. D. M. McCaskill, Miss Lucille Britton and Mr. C. L. Britton. Fifteen grand children and three great grand children were there.

Besides the immediate family the following people enjoyed the day with them: Hon. and Mrs. G. W. Moseley, Mr. C. M. Boykin, Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Bradley, Mr. Ben Pearce, Misses Sallie Sowell and Mae Bradley, Messrs. Edward and Herbert Bradley.

To the regret of all present the hour of departure came all too soon. After the singing of "God be With You Till We Meet Again," the guests returned to their respective homes wishing for Dr. Britton and family many more years of happiness.

Mr. Taylor Crosswell Dead.

St. Matthews, April 21.—Fort Motte, this county, lost one of her best known citizens yesterday afternoon in the death of Mr. Taylor Crosswell. He had been in failing health for some time and the end was not unexpected. He was about 65 years old and had lived at Fort Motte as merchant and farmer most of his life. He leaves a widow and several children.

He was buried at old Buckhead Church, four miles north of St. Matthews, this afternoon.

Mr. Crosswell was a cousin of Mr. J. K. Crosswell of this city, Mr. T. M. Crosswell and Mrs. Cransford of Dalzell and had other relatives in this county.

Just Us.

Florence Times. Hearst is for Clarke and Tom Watson for Underwood, so that we believe that we will stick to Woodrow Wilson, there is nobody for him except us and the rest of the plain people of the country.

Bennettsville will invite the State Baptist Convention to meet there next year.

Sam Fisher shot and killed Mart Strickland at Bolton Sunday night. Both were white.

REGISTRATION BOOKS OPEN.

People Will be Given a Chance to Register so as to Vote for Commission Form of Government.

In compliance with an act passed at the last session of the General Assembly the county and city registration books will be open from last Monday for a period of three weeks in order to give everybody in the city a chance to register before the election on the commission form of government comes off.

The election will be held on the second Tuesday in June, the 11th, and the books will have to be closed for a period of one month prior to the time of election. The act provides for opening city and county registration books, and Mayor Jennings has issued instructions to the city commissioners of registration to have his books kept open at the same time that the county books are open.

By keeping the books open for this length of time prior to the election everybody in the city will be given a chance to register and should do so, if they are not already registered, if they care to vote on the commission form of government for Sumter.

What's the Matter in Horry.

The cost of living has gone high and is still going higher. We, like the Irishman's horse, will have to learn to live without eating, if the cost climbs much higher, and by the time we arrive at this desirable state of human perfection, we like the horse will starve to death.—Horry Herald.

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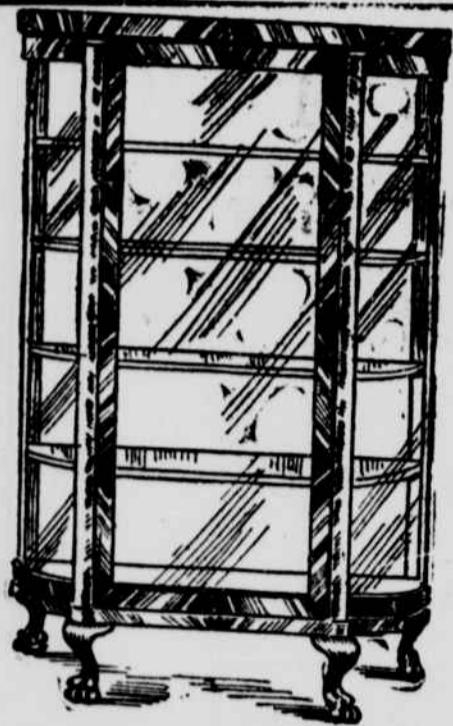
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- \$12.00 Trunks, 6.35
- \$8 Quartered Oak Rockers 4.25
- \$10 set of 6 Dining Room Chairs 5.55

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- \$7.50 Large roomy Kitchen Safe, Sale Price, 3.90
- \$12.00 Ladies' Writing Desks, highly finished. Sale Price 5.90
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- \$25.00 Swell Front Dresser, solid Oak with extra large French Mirror, 10.75
- \$25 Dinner Set 112 pieces Handsomely Decorated 14.95
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