

**FISHERMEN PERISH IN STORM**

**ESTIMATES OF DEAD AT CHARLESTON VARY FROM NINE TO TWENTY.**

Several Boats Capsized—Four Rescued by Life Guards. Six Boats Beach James and Morris Islands.

News and Courier.

The storm that swept over Charleston yesterday played havoc with the mosquito fishing fleet that puts out from here, claiming a toll of several lives and wrecking a number of the little craft. One fisherman reported positively that nine men had been drowned, to his personal knowledge, saying that the number might exceed twenty. Various reports were current, placing the number of dead at from five to twelve.

Three of the fishing boats made their way to James Island, three others to Morris Island, two were rescued by the life saving crew of the coast guard station on Sullivan's Island, and a number of the larger boats made their way to Charleston. It was stated that about twenty-five men were in the six boats that reached James Island and Morris Island. Four men were rescued by the life-saving crew.

The gale of wind, accompanied by a high sea, developed suddenly, catching the fishing fleet far from shore, and giving the fishermen little warning that such a severe squall was developing. Not less than five of the smaller craft were capsized by the force of the wind, and a large number of fishermen were swept overboard by the rushing waves.

The amount of damage done and the number of lives lost could not be ascertained with any degree of accuracy last night. It was not known how many of the fishing boats went to sea, because of the widely scattered places from which they left. Some sailed from various places on the Cooper river, others from the Ashley river, and still others put out from Mount Pleasant.

All estimates agreed that there were more than twenty of the little vessels that were caught in the squall. One estimate placed the number at twice twenty. Probably as many as seventy-five men were in the fleet.

The list of known dead, according to reports last night, was as follows: Jim Snipe and a son; Peter Brown and a companion, whose name was not known by his fellow fishermen; Sam Washington, Jake Singleton and three other men, names not known.

The list was given by William Johnson, skipper of the gasoline launch Maggie P. Johnson, which was one of the first of the boats to make its way safely to Charleston. Johnson said that he saw five cat-boats capsize and a number of men washed overboard from other boats. He said that there might be more than twenty names on the list of dead when it was complete.

**CALDWELL TO HANDLE FUNDS.**

Assistant Adjutant General is Appointed Disbursing Officer of the National Guard.

From The Daily Item, May 28.

Announcement was made yesterday at the adjutant general's office that the secretary of war had, upon the recommendation of the governor, appointed Maj. J. Shapter Caldwell of Charleston, inspector general, to be disbursing officer for the organized militia of South Carolina.

This appointment is made under the provisions of section 14 of the Dick law, which prescribes that the militia disbursing officer shall be furnished with such funds from the congressional appropriation for the support of the militia as may be necessary for the pay, subsistence and transportation of such members of the National Guard as shall engage in actual field or camp service for instruction.

**CHARGED WITH SELLING LIQUOR**

Behrens Puts Fifteen Defendants Under Bond of \$500 Each for Court.

Charleston Post.

Fifteen alleged violators of the dispensary law, doing business on the Meeting street and Dorchester roads, outside the city limits were given a preliminary hearing recently, and were held for the court of general sessions under \$500 bond each. It is expected that they will be tried at the June term of the court of general sessions. The hearings were held before Magistrate J. E. Behrens.

**NORTH CAROLINA REFOATED.**

Cruiser Was Undamaged and is Homeward Bound.

Washington, May 29.—The cruiser North Carolina was refoated and is now en route home undamaged.

**Wilson is Better.**

Washington, May 29.—President Wilson has recovered from his recent indisposition. He played golf today.

**ATTENTION TO SUBMARINES.**

**DANIELS WILL INVESTIGATE EFFICIENCY OF UNDERWATER CRAFT.**

Half of Submarines in Maneuvers Ineffective and Examination Will be Made to Find Cause so Remedy Can be Applied.

Washington, May 27.—While unofficial reports indicating that half of the 12 submarines assigned to participate in the war game with the Atlantic fleet were at least partially ineffective, Secretary Daniels today announced his determination to make a thorough investigation to find the cause of and if possible a remedy for the too frequent breakdowns of the navy's underwater craft.

"With the growing importance of the submarine as an instrument of warfare," said the secretary "I feel that too much attention can not be paid to this branch of the service. The submarine is still in an experimental stage and the boat of two years ago as compared with those now in active service abroad is probably even more comparatively obsolete than an automobile of three years ago.

"The machinery of a submarine is very delicate. The battery troubles, as already announced, we hope to have eliminated in our new boats, if the Edison battery lives up to its preliminary tests. The other troubles are being eliminated with each new design as the defects of the old designs become apparent.

"What I am most interested in is in finding out whether these breakdowns were such as must be expected in more or less experimental boats or whether they were due to faults of construction that should have been remedied or to defects in our system of reporting and making repairs. It is my intention to immediately investigate this matter and to spare no effort to remedy anything which is possible of being remedied.

"In the meanwhile the plans for the 26 new submarines authorized by the Sixty-second congress are being pushed with all possible speed. Bids will be invited for their actual construction next week. These boats include two more of the new sea going submarines, which we are going to try to make the last word in such craft.

"It must not be forgotten that all of the submarines which have been in trouble recently were designed before 1912.

**STEPHEN THOMAS DEAD.**

Prominent Charleston Man Dead—Was Born in Sumter County.

Charleston Post.

The friends of Mr. Stephen Thomas, proprietor of the well known jewelry and watchmakers establishment on King street, were shocked to learn of his death of pneumonia, which occurred about 6 o'clock this morning. Mr. Thomas, with his family, had just moved to Sullivan's Island on Saturday last for the summer, but on Monday he hastened back to his home at 129 Wentworth street where it soon appeared that his illness was of a serious character. Notwithstanding the most careful nursing and skilled medical attention, there was no improvement.

Mr. Thomas is survived by a widow and three children, and by his sister, Mrs. Mary Amanda Harvin, of this city, and brother, Mr. Harvey C. Thomas, of Summerville. He was first married to Agnes C., daughter of the late J. B. Wilkie. Two children of this marriage survive, Messrs. Stephen Thomas and Claude Thomas, of this city, both being connected with the house of S. Thomas & Company. By his second marriage, with Annie W., also a daughter of Mr. Wilkie, there is surviving one child, Annie Elizabeth Thomas.

Mr. Thomas was the youngest son of the late Stephen Thomas and his wife, Elizabeth R. Thomas, nee Connors. He was born at Lynchburg, Sumter county, S. C., on the 6th of March, 1865, where his parents were then refugee on account of the war. He loved Charleston and was ready and willing at all times to cooperate for its advancement. He served as president of the Gala Week Association a few years ago, leading the movement to a successful issue for Charleston.

**ON MEDICAL COLLEGE BOARD.**

T. Frank Watkins of Anderson Appointed in Place of Croft.

Columbia, May 29.—T. Frank Watkins, of Anderson, was today appointed by the governor a member of the Charleston Medical College board of trustees, vice T. G. Croft, deceased.

**TWENTY-FIVE LOST IN STORM.**

Eight Boats are Missing from Mosquito Fleet at Charleston.

Charleston, May 28.—It is feared that 25 fishermen were drowned in a terrific hurricane which swept the Carolina coast last night. Eight boats are missing.

**Certificates Are Presented to Forty-Eight Students**

**High School Commencement Closes With Magnificent Spectacle of Nearly Fifty Graduates Receiving Rewards.**

**WILEY BRAZIEL IS WINNER OF THE DECLAMATION MEDAL**

**Young Ladies of Graduating Class Entertain Their Friends on Momentous Occasion for Those Completing Their Course—State High School Diplomas Given Seventeen of Graduates in Addition to Certificates—Medal and Diplomas for Penmanship—Edward Marion Most Manly of Graduates—Beautiful Music Feature of Final Exercises—Opportunity For Patrons and Friends to Show Their Faith in the City Schools—Present for Superintendent Edmunds.**

From The Daily Item, May 28.

The final exercises of the city schools were held on Thursday night in the tabernacle with a large crowd in attendance to hear the sweet girl graduates read their papers of welcome, farewell and other interesting things and to listen to the delightful music which was furnished by the pupils of the high school. Forty-eight graduates were given certificates by the superintendent for completion of their courses.

This morning the members of the graduating class and other students of the high school returned to the school rooms for the last time of the session, the graduates to bid their teachers farewell and the underclassmen to receive their certificates of promotion.

The commencements of the city schools are always pleasing occasions and the exercises last night were fully up to the high standard of former years, the singing being a feature of the evening's entertainment which was even better than usual and which was much enjoyed by the audience. The stage was decorated as on the night previous in green and white, with pink flowers here and there to furnish a color effect. The young ladies of the graduating class were seated on the front of the stage, all dressed in white. Some wore corsage bouquets of flowers, while others were without floral adornment. On the right of the stage were the high school boys, while the girls occupied the left in their beautiful commencement frocks. The scene was a beautiful and inspiring one, and one to fill the hearts of those present with loyalty and confidence in the work of the city schools.

The tabernacle was amply large to seat those attending the exercises, and the only thing to prevent the exercises from being a complete success was the threatening weather, which no doubt kept many from being present, and the noise made by the rain, as it fell on the roof and made difficult the hearing of some of the exercises.

The invocation was asked by Rev. W. E. Thayer of the First Baptist church in beginning the exercises. Miss Anna Bryan then welcomed the audience and Miss Kate Mellette gave a historical sketch of the class. The chorus from Robin Hood by the high school was beautiful after which Miss Sara Edmunds read an essay on the modern girl.

Miss Virginia Evelyn Thomas won the medals offered by the United Daughters of the Confederacy and the Daughters of the American Revolution by turning in the best examination papers on subjects connected with those two events. Miss Kate Mellette received honorable mention on the U. D. C. paper and Miss Sara Edmunds was honorably mentioned for her D. A. R. paper. The prizes were awarded by Mr. R. D. Epps, who made a few appropriate remarks.

Mr. Neill O'Donnell presented the medal for best penmanship to Miss Margie Kennedy. Those receiving diplomas for having satisfactorily completed the Palmer course of penmanship were Miss Margie Kennedy, Corline Deal, Panie Rhame, Caroline Richardson, Nell McKagen, Leona Nettles, Lucile Brunson.

Mrs. Julius Schwerin, Jr., sang a vocal solo, "Love but a Day," and responded the encores with another beautiful selection.

Miss Minnie DeLorme read an essay on the "Pride of the Home," after which the "Swing Song" was rendered by the high school.

Dr. J. A. Mood presented Edward Marion of the graduating class the medal for excellence of demeanor. The class poem was read by Miss Besie Hood.

"Hail, Smiling Morn" was rendered by the school and Miss Virginia Thomas read the "Words of Farewell."

Supt. Edmunds presented certificates to the graduating class, saying that a look at the program would show the various courses taken by the pupils. The schools were now undergoing a period of transition, which he hoped by next year would be concentrated into three definite courses

which would cover the work desired by students.

In presenting the certificates Supt. Edmunds stated that the additional year's class had proved eminently successful. He stated that it paid to keep the boys and girls at home as long as possible, especially the boys, a plan which had been endorsed by the leading educational thinkers of the time. He asked that the people of Sumter get behind the schools and do all in their power to support them. The school board was acting from the most disinterested motives in its work for the advancement of the schools. A town's welfare depended largely on the school system it maintained and its school system was an index of the town's development. He called on the people of Sumter to build a unique system of schools which would be known over the whole country. He asked that citizens take advantage of their opportunity to support the schools by voting on the 8th of June for the bond issue of \$50,000 to erect a new school building.

Mayor Jennings in presenting the declaimer's medal to Wiley Braziel digressed from his subject to make a strong appeal to all citizens of Sumter to stand loyal to the city schools by voting for the bond issue of \$50,000. He told of the beginning of the present system of city schools and his tribute to Supt. Edmunds as a superintendent was highly applauded. Wiley Braziel was awarded the medal as winner of the contest on the previous night. Medals were also given Lawrence Brunson and Felder Smith, who won them on previous occasions.

The following students have secured certificates in the branches indicated below. This statement does not indicate the work done in the first three years of the High School:

- History, English, Civics, French, Mathematics, Latin, and Domestic Science.
- Reba Blackwell Brunson, Anna Jennings Bryan, Minnie Beckham DeLorme, Mae Cecilia Dunne, Sara DeSaussure Edmunds, Colzy Caroline Heriot, Annie Inez King, Virginia Evelyn Thomas, Charles Rowland Boyle, Hughes Bradley, James Albert Brogdon, John Thompson Green, Jr., Thomas Edward Hinson, Jr., James Henry Sanders, Thomas M'Alpin Stubbs, Edward Alva Solomons, Marion Branch Tolar.
- History, Civics, English, Mathematics, French, and Domestic Science.
- Ann Eliza Brunson.
- History, Civics, English, Solid Geometry (Book I), French, and Domestic Science.
- Mary Ruth Brown, Katherine Wheeler Mellette, Mary Ellen Richardson, Alice Wannamaker.
- History, Civics, Stenography, Typewriting and Domestic Science.
- Dewey Coline Deal, Lillian Delgar, Katherine Flowers.
- History, Civics, English, French, and Domestic Science.
- Kathleen Walsn.
- History, Civics, English Composition, and Domestic Science.
- Emma Elizabeth Hood.
- History, Civics, English, Book-keeping, French and Mathematics.
- Edward Marion, Felder Smith.
- History, Civics, English, Book-keeping, Physics, and Mathematics.
- William Henry Shaw.
- History, Civics, English, Book-keeping and Mathematics.
- Wiley Moreland Braziel.
- History, English, Book-keeping, Civics, Physics.
- David Milling DesChamps.
- History, Civics, English, and French.
- John Madden Barrett.
- History, Civics, English, and Book-keeping.
- Charles Edward Bradham,

**SUBMARINE SINKS MAJESTIC.**

**BRITISH BATTLESHIP TORPEDED IN DARDANELLES.**

Nearly All of Officers and Crew Were Saved—Ship Was Aiding Army on Gallipoli Peninsula.

London, May 27.—The torpedoing and sinking of the British battleship Majestic is announced by the admiralty in the following statement:

"An enemy submarine torpedoed and sank H. M. S. Majestic, Capt. H. F. G. Talbot, this morning while it was supporting the army on the Gallipoli peninsula.

"Nearly all of the officers and men were saved."

The battleship Majestic was a vessel of 14,900 tons and of 10,000 horse power. Her officers and crew on a peace footing aggregated 757.

The Majestic, which was built in 1895, carried four 12-inch, 12 6-inch and 16 3-inch guns and 12 3-pounder guns. In addition she was armed with five 18-inch torpedo tubes.

The sinking of the Majestic makes the fifth British battleship lost in the Dardanelles campaign, and the third by a hostile submarine, the Triumph having been sent to the bottom in the Gulf of Saros last Wednesday and the Goliath a few days before. The French also have lost one battleship in the Turkish campaign—the Bouvet.

**COLD WAVE CHECKED.**

Summer's Reinforcements Stop Charges of Frost.

Washington, May 27.—Generally fair weather with rising temperatures is following the cold wave and killing frosts which swept down from Canada last night causing damage in the agricultural district along the Great Lakes, through northern and western Pennsylvania and New York.

Forecasters of the weather bureau tonight said the territory affected by the wave probably would have light frost tonight but that warmer weather would follow tomorrow.

Reports from upper Michigan said temperature there fell several degrees below freezing early today.

- Joel Edgar Brunson, English Seale DesChamps, Jr., John Ambrose Gallagher, Lawrence Vivian Middleton, George Harris Rowland, Charles Hooper Wilson.
- History, Civics, and Book-keeping.
- Hugh Gilbert Brown, Walter Jennings, Walter Eugene Mims, William Flinn Shaw.
- History and Book-keeping.
- Alwin Caruthers Burns, Geometry and Greek.
- Robert Lee Wright, Jr.
- Book-keeping.
- Charles Herbert Curtis.

Those awarded diplomas from the State high school department were:

- Reba Blackwell Brunson, Anna Jennings Bryan, Mae Cecilia Dunne, Sara De Saussure Edmunds, Colzy Caroline Heriot, Annie Inez King, Virginia Evelyn Thomas, Charles Rowland Boyle, Hughes Bradley, James Albert Brogdon, John Thompson Green, Jr., Thomas Edward Hinson, Jr., James Henry Sanders, Thomas M'Alpin Stubbs, Edward Alva Solomons, Marion Branch Tolar.

Class statistics were announced as Not tardy for one year—Sara Edmunds, Anna Bryan, Minnie DeLorme, Edith Williamson, Anne Eliza Brunson, Elizabeth Hood, Colzy Heriot. Not tardy for eight years—Minnie DeLorme, Sara Edmunds. Not tardy for eleven years—Elizabeth Hood. Not tardy for ten years—Anna Bryan.

Not absent for year—Albert Brogdon, George Rowland, Charles Wilson, Rowland Boyle, Alwin Burns.

Not late for year—Albert Brogdon, James Sanders, George Rowland, Mac Stubbs, Marion Tolar, Charles Wilson, Alva Solomons.

Not late for three years—Alva Solomons.

Not late for eleven years—Charles Wilson, Mac Stubbs, George Rowland.

Not late while attending Sumter schools—Marion Tolar, Albert Brogdon.

Neither late nor absent—Albert Brogdon, George Rowland, Charles Wilson.

Fifth year high school: Never tardy—Julius Stubbs, Miss Thelma Bultman, Thomas Monaghan, Ansley Hurst.

As a fitting climax to the commencement exercises and the final act before the last song was sung Supt. S. H. Edmunds was presented with a token from the class of 1915, English DesChamps making the presentation with a few well chosen remarks.

The "Voices of Spring" was the closing song by the school and marked the end of the commencement exercises.

**WOULD COMBINE COLLEGES.**

**CHICORA BOARD OF TRUSTEES WOULD MOVE TO COLUMBIA.**

Suggest That Bonds be Issued for Removal of Chicora and its Consolidation with College for Women—Change of Name Also Recommended.

Columbia, May 29.—Trustees of Chicora College, comprising now both the Chicora plant in Greenville and the College for Women property in Columbia, issued a statement yesterday as the outcome of a final conference in Columbia, in which they said that their former recommendation to the presbyteries, that Chicora be removed to Columbia "or the suburbs", and that the name be changed to "Chicora College for Women," had been "reaffirmed" and that the board "hopes and believes" the presbyteries will adopt this recommendation, and give the college in its new location "their enthusiastic and constant support." The statement refers also to "a tentative effort looking to an issue of bonds with which to finance the college in its new location," and says the trustees heartily appreciate the "encouragement already given them" in that effort.

Following is the statement, which was made public by order of the board, through the clerk, the Rev. S. C. Byrd, D. D., of Greenville:

"It will be a matter of interest to the citizens of Columbia and to the readers of this paper generally to learn that after mature deliberation and frank conference with the trustees of the College for Women, the trustees of Chicora college have reaffirmed the following recommendations, viz:

"Second, That the board hereby recommends to the presbyteries having rightful possession and control of Chicora college.

"1. That Chicora college be removed from Greenville, S. C., to Columbia, S. C., or the suburbs.

"2. That the name of the college be changed from Chicora college to Chicora College for Women."

"It is the purpose of the board to urge upon the presbyteries the importance of adopting these recommendations and giving their college in its new location their enthusiastic and constant support. This the board hopes and believes the presbyteries will do.

"Should the foregoing expectation be justified, the trustees of Chicora college cordially invite the citizens of Columbia and the presbyteries of the entire State to unite with them in an effort to realize in Chicora College for Women all that is best and worthiest in the aspirations that the friends and alumnae of Chicora college and the College for Women have cherished in connection with the future of these respective institutions.

"The trustees can not close this announcement without acknowledging and expressing their hearty appreciation of the encouragement already given them in a tentative effort looking to an issue of bonds with which to finance the college in its new location."

**PRESBYTERIANS CLOSE ASSEMBLY.**

Great Body of Southern Church Will Meet Next at Orlando, Fla.

Newport News, Va., May 27.—The fifty-fifth General Assembly of the Presbyterian church of the South ended here today, the final session being devoted largely to the presentation of committee reports. The next General Assembly of the church will be held at Orlando, Fla., May 18, 1916.

The Assembly today adopted a resolution for the creation on November 9, 1915, at the First Presbyterian Church, Bristol, Va-Tenn., of the Synod of Appalachia. This Synod will embrace the contiguous mountainous sections of North Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia and Kentucky.

One of the reports presented today showed contributions for foreign missions amounting to \$544,142 during the past year. The number of missionaries supported by the mission is 339. It was stated that in the last ten years contributions to foreign missions had increased 157 per cent.

A total of \$442,982 was contributed for the woman's auxiliary to the various activities of the church in the past twelve months, a gain of \$32,559 over the total received last year. The largest single appropriation for the fund for any one activity was \$105,570 for foreign missions.

**Clemson Commencement.**

There are one hundred and nine men to graduate from Clemson College on June 8th, four of them from Sumter county and graduates of the Sumter high school, Virgil Payne Corbett, in agriculture; Edwin Lowman Randle in mechanical and electrical engineering; John Dargan Jones in textile industry and Leon LeGrand in architectural engineering. The exercises will begin on Saturday, June 5th, and will continue through Tuesday, June 8th.