

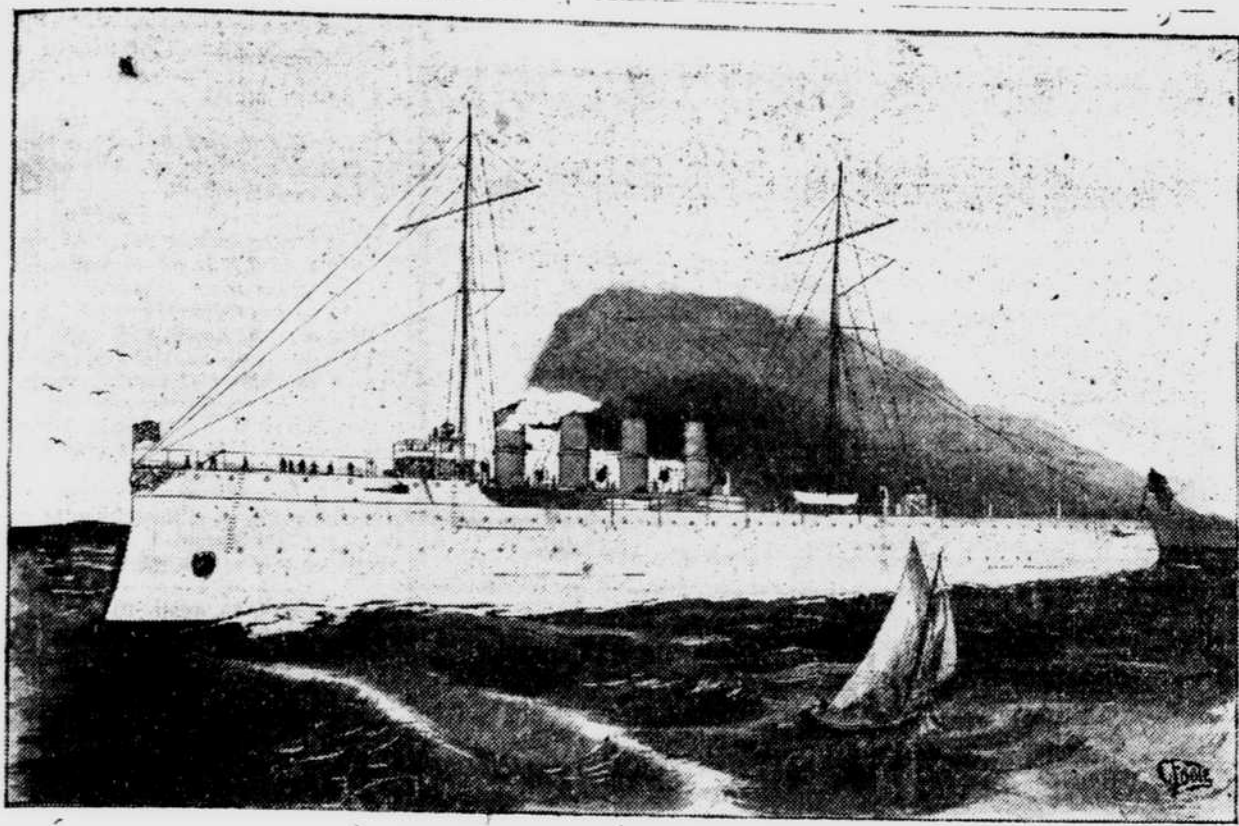
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SCOUT CRUISER CHESTER.



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THE SCOUT CRUISER CHESTER.

The Only Vessel of the Kind in United States' Navy, Launched from the Yard of the Bath Iron Works Wednesday, June 26, 1907.

Bath, Me., June 26.—The scout cruiser Chester, named in honor of a Pennsylvania city and one of the latest types of fast warships for the United States navy, was launched successfully this afternoon from the yard of the Bath Iron Works. Miss Dorothy Wallace Sprout, daughter of State Senator William C. Sprout of Chester, Pa., christened the big vessel by breaking a bottle of champagne on the prow as the craft started down the ways just six minutes before the scheduled time. Miss Sprout was coached in her responsible duties by John S. Hyde, president of the building firm. There was a large party with her on the launching platform. It included her parents and brother John, Samuel R. Crothers, mayor of Chester, and wife, Congressman Thomas F. Butler of Pennsylvania, General Henry Clay Cockran, U. S. Marine Corps, retired and president of the Chester Board of Trade, former Mayor Samuel E. Turner of Chester and E. F. Brooks, general superintendent of the Pennsylvania Railroad. The launching was followed by a luncheon in the office of the Bath Iron Works at which Miss Sprout was a guest of honor. Speeches were made by Congressman Butler, Mayor Crothers and former Mayor Turner.

2000 people, including 250 who came on an excursion from Augusta. The construction of the Chester was begun about a year ago. Bath, Me., June 26.—The scout cruiser Chester, which was launched here today, is one of three vessels of this type authorized by the act of Congress of April 17, 1904, and was awarded to the Bath Iron Works at a contract price of \$1,688,000 with contract time of delivery set at May 1, 1908. Her sister ships are the Salem and the Birmingham, both building at Quincy, Mass. These three vessels are to make a contract speed of 21 knots an hour, which is faster than any other vessel now in the navy, with the exception of the torpedo boats and destroyers. The principal dimensions of the Chester are as follows: Length over all, 223 feet 2 inches; breadth, 36 feet 8 inches; draft, fully loaded, 19 feet 1 1/2 inches; depth amidships, mounted, 36 feet 8 inches; displacement, fully loaded, 3770 tons; trial draft, 16 feet 9 1/2 inches; total coal capacity 1250 tons; contract speed 21 knots; indicated horse-power, main turbines, 16,000. The battery is to consist of two 5-inch guns and six 4-inch guns, also two 21-inch submerged torpedo tubes. Magazine have been arranged with the necessary ammunition hoists driven by electric motors to deliver ammunition to the guns in the proper order and at the proper speed. The machinery consists of six turbines driving four independent shafts, each fitted with one propeller. The turbines consist of one high pressure cruising turbine, one intermediate pressure cruising turbine, two main low pressure turbines and two main low pressure turbines. The turbines are installed in two separate watertight compartments and so arranged that should one compartment become injured or flooded, the ship could still be maneuvered. Steam is to be furnished by 12 water tube boilers having a total grate surface of 636 square feet and 32,940 square feet of heating surface and are designed for a working pressure of 250 pounds. She will also carry four smoke pipes, 15 feet in height and will have two steel masts with wooden tops for wireless telegraphy. The arrangement of quarters provides for a commanding officer, 12 ward room officers; 5 warrant officers; and 340 men. There is a large workshop fully equipped for all ordinary accidents. The craft will be steered by steam and will carry two stockless anchors to stow in the hawser pipes and also a navy type anchor on the bill board. About 600 incandescent electric lamps will light the vessel, besides 22 arc lamps and two 60-inch searchlights. Current will be provided by 32 kilowatt steam driven generating sets of 15 volts pressure at the terminals. She will carry 10 boats, all of which will be handled by davits.

The launch was viewed by nearly

LIGHTNING'S WORK.

Fires All Over State in Fierce June Shower.

Numerous Buildings Burned and Others Badly Damaged.

Unpleasant for People But No One Reported Hurt.

Vassalboro, Me., June 26.—(Special).—During a heavy thunder shower which passed over this place between the hours of 6:30 and 7:30 Tuesday evening, the boys' dormitory at Oak Grove Seminary was struck in three places. Several holes were torn in the roof, and a large water tank, which has a capacity of 5000 gallons, was split. The prompt action of the janitor, Bert Cunningham, and his assistants, averted what might have resulted in much damage, had the tank burst. Mr. Cunningham, at the time the building was struck, was sitting by an open window, and was thrown violently from his chair. The shock dazed him for a short time, but he soon recovered.

BARN BURNED IN BELGRADE.

Lightning Causes Loss of About \$700 on Farm of George L. Farnham.

Belgrade, Me., June 26.—(Special).—During a severe thunder storm which passed over this town at about 6 o'clock Tuesday afternoon a barn belonging to George L. Farnham, who lives on the Augusta and Belgrade road, was struck by lightning and burned, together with the farming tools, but the five stock was saved. There was but little hay in the barn. The house is located close to where the barn stood but by hard work on the part of those who were about the place it was saved. The loss will be about \$700, with an insurance of perhaps \$100.

NORTH BELGRADE ALSO IN LIST.

William H. Ellis' House Struck and Set on Fire, But Saved.

North Belgrade, Me., June 26.—(Special).—During a thunder storm (Continued on Page Two.)

SHOWERS, THEN FAIR.

Washington, June 26.—Forecast for Thursday and Friday for New England: Fair Thursday, preceded by showers in north portion; Friday fair warmer, fresh northwest winds.

Boston Forecast.

Boston, June 26.—Forecast for Boston and vicinity: Partly cloudy Thursday; Friday fair; fresh winds generally westerly.

Conditions and General Forecast.

Washington, June 26.—The weather remains showery in Atlantic coast districts. In the middle Atlantic and New England states it seems probable that fair weather with moderate temperatures will prevail until Sunday or Monday. The winds along the New England and middle Atlantic coast will be fresh northwest.

LONGFELLOW'S DAY AT BOWDOIN COLLEGE.

The 100th Anniversary of Poet's Birth Fittingly Observed—Medical School Graduation.

THE BATES COLLEGE PROGRAM

Includes Meetings of Organizations and Graduation from Cobb Divinity School—Pres. Chase's Report.

AT BOWDOIN.

Brunswick, Me., June 26.—(Special).—Today's program in Bowdoin's Commencement proved itself the same unqualified success as have the previous days. The weather conditions were more perfect than yesterday, there being less heat and no showers, and this fact with a greatly increased attendance of alumni, helped to make the day one of delight to all.

The special exercise of the day was the observance of the Longfellow anniversary, which, next to the graduation exercises proper, will come tomorrow, is the great event of the week. This exercise, in commemoration of the 100th anniversary of Longfellow's birth, was held at 3 o'clock in the Congregational church, where the oration, delivered by Prof. Henry Leland Chapman of the class of 1866, and the poem by Samuel V. Cole of the class of 1874, were delivered from the very platform, on which Longfellow himself delivered his immortal "Mosses from a Ancient Tree" on his anniversary class reunion.

The procession, arranged by classes, formed in front of the chapel shortly before the hour set for the exercises, and then headed by the Second Regiment Band, and with the Senior class in caps and gowns, acting as escorts, marched to the church where the exercises took place.

The large edifice was completely filled and the splendid oration and beautiful poem were listened to with breathless silence.

In addition to this occurred the graduation exercises of the Medical School at 10 A. M., and the annual meeting of the Maine Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa at 9 A. M.

The oration delivered by Prof. Chapman was as follows:

"To speak of Longfellow in this place, and to this audience, is a privilege—no privilege more the less though speech do not rise to the height of the subject and the occasion. The place is hallowed by the memory of his living presence and voice, when he was already (Continued on Page Twelve.)

AT BATES.

Lexington, Me., June 26.—(Special).—Wednesday was the busiest of the Commencement week days at Bates College, for many of the important meetings such as alumni, College Club, faculty, etc., were held.

The graduating exercises of the Cobb Divinity School also were held this afternoon.

At 8 o'clock A. M. the annual meeting of the College Club was held in Eareosphia room, at 9 A. M. the annual meeting of the president and trustees was held at Hathorn hall. Here Pres. Chase's report for the year was read and reports distributed. The annual meeting of the Alumni Club was also held in Polymnion room. A reunion of classes took place outside. Many of the class of '06 were here and had rather a large reunion. The class took dinner at Lake Auburn.

At 10 A. M. the annual meeting of the Alumni Club of Cobb Divinity school was held and the historical address delivered by Rev. O. H. Tracy, A. M., class of '85, president of the Alumni Association. At 2 P. M. the graduating exercises of the Cobb Divinity School were given. At 4 P. M. the annual meeting of Alumni Association in College chapel. At 8 P. M. reception to alumni and their friends by the faculty in Fiske reception room, new dormitory.

The weather was lovely throughout the day, but considerably more agreeable than the hot weather of the past few days.

Cobb Divinity School.

The chief center of interest was the Cobb Divinity School, which held its 67th anniversary today.

The details of business and exercises, beginning with Tuesday the 25th, were as follows:

Tuesday—9 A. M., examination of the class in the "Origin of the Gospels," Prof. Chase; 10 A. M., examination of the class in the "History of Texts," Prof. Anthony; 11 A. M., examination of the class in "Ethics," Prof. Howe; (Continued on Page Eleven.)

STUDENT KILLED

And Others Injured In Auto Wreck Near New Haven.

D. Leet Oliver of Pittsburg, Prominent In Senior Class.

W. S. Jones, Red Bank, N. J. and J. C. Coulton, Balto., Hurt.

New Haven, Ct., June 26.—A frightful accident, causing the death of one graduate and injuries more or less serious to two other students, and to a guest, cast gloom over the Commencement exercises at Yale University today. The victim was D. Leet Oliver, son of Mrs. J. B. Oliver of Pittsburg, Pa., a Senior in Sheffield Scientific School, a member of St. Anthony's fraternity and one of the most prominent, socially, of the upper classmen. The injured were W. Strothers Jones of Red Bank, N. J., a Sheffield Junior, and J. C. Coulton of Baltimore, a Senior in the same department, and E. Hudson of New York City, a Commencement guest of the others, all of whom live at St. Anthony's house.

Oliver died from a broken back received by being crushed under his automobile after it had jumped off a bridge in Centerville, in the adjoining town of Hamden, scarcely four miles from the college, while the others are suffering from manifold bruises and Coulton had his nose broken.

The party was coming into the city just about the break of day and the machine apparently skidded off the edge of the bridge which spans a small stream which gives power to the New Haven Light Co. As the machine took its flight into the air it turned over and landed just at the edge of the water, the crushing weight coming upon Oliver, who was driving. It is apparent that Oliver was almost instantly killed. The others in the party sought help from nearby houses and Dr. Leigh of the village gave surgical assistance and Messrs. Jones, Hudson and Coulton were carried into New Haven for hospital treatment. The automobile was of the racing type.

Pittsburg, Pa., June 26.—D. Leet Oliver, who was killed in the automobile accident at New Haven, was a son of the late James B. Oliver, who died one and a half years ago and was one of the prominent steel manufacturers of Pittsburg. He was also a nephew of George T. Oliver, proprietor of the Pittsburg Gazette-Times and Chronicle-Telegraph of this city.

His mother and two sisters, Mrs. William J. Crittenden of Shields, Pa., and the Marquise Alfred Dussnet Desmours of Naples, Italy, survive. He was 21 years of age.

New York, June 26.—W. Strothers Jones, who was seriously injured in an automobile accident at New Haven today, is a son of W. S. Jones, a stock broker of this city. Their home is at Red Bank, N. J.

Baltimore, June 26.—J. C. Coulton, the Yale student injured in the automobile accident at New Haven today, is the son of Captain Frederick A. Coulton of the banking house of Wilson, Coulton & Co. of Baltimore.

WILL NOT UNITE.

Two Bodies of Paper Makers Have No Idea of Coming Together.

Northampton, Mass., June 26.—In spite of the overtures of amalgamation of the two bodies, the Brotherhood of Pulp, Sulphite and Paper Mill Workers elected officers this afternoon as follows:

Pres. and Sec., James F. Fitzgerald, Fort Edward, N. Y.; First Vice Pres., John C. Mackin, Millinocket, Me.; Second Vice Pres., H. L. Martin, Palmer, N. Y.; Third Vice Pres., A. R. Hatch, Berlin, N. H.; Treas., John H. Mallin, Fort Edward, N. Y.

After the election of officers, Pres. Fitzgerald said in an interview that his organization has no intention of uniting with the Brotherhood of Paper Makers.

Johnny Summers, the English lightweight, is not considered much of an attraction now since he was beaten by Young Ernie. The Englishman was to have been the star at one of the shows in Philadelphia, Elks' week, but Ernie has been substituted for him.

Waldo County W. C. T. U. Holds Its Annual Meeting.

Belfast, Me., June 26.—(Special).—The annual meeting of the Waldo County W. C. T. U. was held in the Baptist church in this city, Tuesday, Jan. 25. The forenoon session was opened at 10 o'clock, the county president, Miss Emily F. Miller of Seaboard, presiding. The roll call showed seven unions represented by 29 delegates, while many visitors were in attendance.

The devotional service was led by Miss H. M. Miller of Belfast, the address of welcome was by Mrs. L. A. Leacock, president of the Belfast union, and the response by Mrs. Anna Cilley of Waldo. Messages were received from the national and state presidents. Resolutions were made by Mrs. Jennie E. Seaboard, president of the Arrostook county union, and by Messrs. Gooding of Seaboard, Woodman of Monroe and Stuart of Waldo.

The memorial service conducted by Mrs. L. W. Woodman of Monroe, showed four members of the county union deceased during the year. A paper on evangelistic work was read by Miss A. G. Kane of Swanville. Miss Helen Briggs of Belfast gave a recitation and Miss Florence White of Belfast sang a solo. The noonday prayer was led by Mrs. Abbie Hussey of Waldo. Dinner, furnished by the local union, was served in the vestry.

At the afternoon session papers were presented on narcotics, by Mrs. Fannie E. Frost; on moral education, by Mrs. M. C. Staples; and on school savings banks, by Mrs. Ada E. Brier, all of Belfast. Letters of endorsement of the system were read from F. R. Wiggin, cashier of the Waldo Trust Co., where the school accounts are kept, and from the principals of the schools using the system. It was shown that the children in the lower grades had \$600 in the bank, in the grammar school \$400, and in the teachers' banks, not yet deposited, \$125.

An interesting musical and literary exercise was given by a class of children under the direction of Mrs. Helen A. Carter and Mrs. Lillian L. Parsons. In the "Pastors' Parliament" the temperance reform in various phases was discussed by Rev. C. A. Purdy of Seaboard, W. T. C. Rannels, Esq., of Seaboard, and Revs. A. A. Smith, Wm. Vaughan, D. L. Wilson, Adolph Rossback and A. E. Luce of Belfast. An invitation was received from the Swanville Union to meet with them next year, and was referred to the executive committee.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Miss Emily F. Miller, Seaboard; secretary, Mrs. Georgia Tyler Wood, Troy; treasurer, Miss Carrie Weymouth, Troy. Resolutions were passed reaffirming the cardinal principles of the union, thanking all who assisted at the convention and approving the stand of the local press in regard to advertising, etc.

The evening session was opened by the usual devotion, followed by a welcoming address by Mayor E. F. Hanson. The address of the evening was by Mrs. Seaboard of the Arrostook County Union.

Henry L. Thomas of Sangerville.

Sangerville, Me., June 26.—(Special).—Henry L. Thomas, a respected resident of this town, died late yesterday after a brief illness at the age of 63 years. A widow and one son survive. Mr. Thomas was a veteran of the Civil War, having served with honor in Co. B, of the 18th Maine. He had been for years engaged in business in this town and was actively identified with the Universalist church which he was prominently active in building several years ago.

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Charged With Attempted Abduction of Young Girl.

Attleboro, Falls, Mass., June 26.—Misses Ullrich Rushton and Minnie Brown were arrested late today on a warrant charging them with the attempted abduction of Myrtle Irene Lehigh, an 8-year-old girl.

The latter, who is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Lehigh, was living with her grandmother, Mrs. Max Lehigh on Elm street, while her father lived in New York, where he is employed as a jeweler, and her mother lived here.

CONDENSED DISPATCHES.

Both bodies of the New York state Legislature adjourned sine die Wednesday.

Government receipts Wednesday: From internal revenue \$1,198,964; customs, \$1,546,191; miscellaneous, \$192,159. Expenditures, \$1,739,000.

During a heavy thunder storm late Wednesday the farm buildings on the Dublin estate at Dublin, N. H., of Louis Cabot, a Boston millionaire, were burned. The loss is \$15,000. Lightning struck the barn, killing three cows, and a number of pigs. No person was injured.

Mrs. Geo. E. Russell of Park street, New Haven, was knocked down and fatally hurt before a bicycle ridden by W. A. Perry, a Yale senior Tuesday night and an opinion filed by Medical Examiner Bartlett Wednesday says the lady's death was purely accidental. Perry comes from Tarboro, N. C., and was graduated Wednesday.

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