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THE WEATHER. Showers Wednesday; Thursday, partly cloudy; light to moderate variable winds, becoming west.

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TWO VESSELS GO DOWN; FORTY PERSONS DROWN

Steamers Collide Off Lake Huron and in the English Channel—Many of Crews Lost.

SURVIVOR TELLS STORY OF SICKENING SIGHT

Frank H. Goodyear is Rammed Amidships by the James B. Wood and the Ill-fated Ship Sinks Within Few Minutes—Skerryvore and the German Bark J. C. Vinnen Run Together With Fatal Results.

(By Associated Press.)
PORT HURON, MICH., May 24.—Families and friends of the missing eighteen members of the crew of the ill-fated steamer Frank H. Goodyear, which sank yesterday morning off Point A'Barques, Lake Huron, after being rammed amidships by the steamer James B. Wood, tonight practically gave up all hope of any of the missing party having been rescued. The steamer Sir Williams Siemens, which was said to have picked up some of the missing crew, passed Detroit today and made no report of having any of the survivors aboard. That the Siemens would have reported otherwise is regarded as certain. She has not yet reached Sault Ste Marie, and it is thought may have been detained in Sailors' Encampment channel by the blockade there. Four of the rescued members of the crew have gone to the Goodyear's headquarters in Cleveland, and Mrs. Emma Barrett, the only female survivor, is still in Fort Huron.

Scene of Collision.
The scene of the collision was about twenty-five miles north of Point A'Barques and the time, between five and six o'clock yesterday morning. A thick fog hung over the water. The Goodyear, operated by Mitchell & Company, of Cleveland, was coming down from Lake Superior, laden with ore. The Wood, owned by the Gilchrist Transportation Company, of Cleveland, was going up light. There was little sea at the time and the fog is held largely responsible for the accident.

"I was standing on deck when I heard the alarm whistle," said one of the crew of the Wood. "A moment later the two boats crashed together. I ran forward and surveyed the extent of the damage to our boat and then turned my attention toward the Goodyear and I could see that she was sinking fast."

Jump, Overboard.
"Standing amidships, on the Goodyear, were the entire crew huddled close together and I saw first one and then another jump overboard. Suddenly the Goodyear made a lurch to one side and went down, leaving a big hole in the water and the suction carried many down with it. "Next I saw a woman come to the top with a child in her arms. Then one of the hatches bobbed up and struck her as it descended. I was forced to turn head for the sickening sight. "The fog cleared and all I could see were small pieces of floating debris."

TWENTY-TWO DROWN IN ENGLISH CHANNEL

COWES, ISLE OF WIGHT, May 24.—Twenty-two persons were drowned as a result of a collision today between the steamer Skerryvore and the German bark J. C. Vinnen, in the English channel.

The Skerryvore sank. Only two of the crew of the steamer's crew were rescued, one of who died a short time later. The bark put in her, but later left for Southampton. Apparently, she was not injured. So far as is known there were no passengers on either vessel.

Account of Accident.
SOUTHAMPTON, May 24.—The German bark J. C. Vinnen, which was in collision with the steamer Skerryvore, arrived here tonight. The collision occurred about one o'clock this morning off Hastings. The night was clear, and according to the account given by the officers of the Vinnen, the Skerryvore suddenly crossed the bark's bow. The Vinnen struck her about the mainmast.

WHOLE N. & S. TRAIN OF CARS TURNS TURTLE

Several Passengers are Injured in Wreck Near Hertford, N. C.

(By Associated Press.)
HERTFORD, N. C., May 24.—A Norfolk & Southern northbound train was derailed six miles south of Hertford this afternoon and twenty-five persons injured. Every car in the train turned turtle, the locomotive only remaining on the track.

Baggage-master Lane, of Norfolk; a child of W. H. Sanderlin, of Belhaven, and Mrs. E. R. Conger, of Edenton, N. C. were the only ones seriously injured.

The injured were rushed on a special train to Norfolk for treatment in the hospitals there. The injuries of others were bruises, sprains and slight cuts. Physicians were rushed immediately to the scene.

Her Fingers Blown Off.
WINSTON-SALEM, N. C., May 24.—As a result of picking at a dynamite cap at her home here yesterday, Miss Miss Bessie Satterfield, a six-year-old girl, is at the hospital with her thumb and two fingers of her left hand blown off and her face injured. She will recover.

FUND FOR TAFT IS FIXED

House Adopts Amendment for Securing Tariff Facts.

Chairman Tawney of Appropriation Committee Finally Gets His Measure in Shape to Stand Test of Conformity With Rules.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., May 24.—Chairman Tawney, of the house appropriations committee, today succeeded in framing an amendment to the sundry civil bill providing the president with a fund of \$250,000 for the purpose of obtaining information concerning prices of manufactured articles at home and abroad, that stood the test of conformity with the rules of the house.

Two provisions to accomplish this general purpose had been ruled out of order by Mr. Mann, of Illinois, in the chair.

First Attempts.
The first proposed by Mr. Tawney called for a mass of information beyond any direct requirement of the tariff law, while in his second amendment there was a provision that the President should make an investigation of such prices for the people making appeals to congress. They were out of order because they provided for doing things not specifically authorized by law. In his third amendment Mr. Tawney so worded his amendment as to make it apply only to information necessary for the informant of the tariff law.

Party Vote.
By a strict party vote of 110 to 83 the amendment was adopted. Just previous to this action the house, by 74 to 106, rejected the Fitzgerald amendment reducing this amount to \$75,000.

GAS IN LABORATORY CAUSES HIS DEATH

Men Mysteriously Overcome in Doctor's Office at Scranton, Pa.

PHYSICIANS ARE ALL PUZZLED OVER CASE

Organizer of Carnegie Trust Company is Invited by Friend to Witness a Chemical Experiment and Explosion Takes Place—He Dies from Affect—Others Injured.

(By Associated Press.)
NEW YORK, May 24.—Charles Couter Dickinson, organizer and former president of the Carnegie Trust Company, died in St. Luke's Hospital today from congestion of the lungs, caused by the inhalation of a mysterious noxious gas in the laboratory of Dr. F. N. Lange, at Scranton, Pa., on May 16.

V. V. Hedgepeth, of Scranton, vice-president of the Tippecanoe Insurance Company, at whose instance Mr. Dickinson went to witness an experiment in the laboratory, was also seriously affected by the gas, as was the experimenter, Dr. Lange. Both are reported ill, but probably will recover.

Gives Out First News.
S. C. Dickinson, a brother of Charles Dickinson, gave out first news of the mysterious tragedy today.

He was in an adjoining room when the others were stricken, and was unaffected. At first he declined to give the name of the chemist or of the friend who invited his brother to witness the experiment, but tonight, fearful lest a rumor of suicide be given credence, he made a full statement. He does not know the nature of the experiment or exactly why his brother went to witness it, and the character of the gas is so baffling that two of New York's most eminent physicians, Drs. Janeway and Delafield, could not account for the effect on Mr. Dickinson's lungs.

In describing the occurrences that led up to his brother's death, S. C. Dickinson said:

Describes Occurrences.
"I lingered in the main room of the laboratory," he said, "after my brother and our friend went into the small room where the chemicals were being prepared. The chemist called out to me to come, as they were ready. I started for the other room and just then there was an explosion. "I rushed in and found all three men gasping for breath and almost unconscious. The room was filled with a strange, stifling gas. My brother was taken to a hospital and kept there over night. As he did not improve he was brought to a hospital here the next day.

"The case was a strange one. My brother's lungs became congested just as though he were suffering from pneumonia, and his condition baffled every treatment which physicians could advise.

Doctors Puzzled.
"Dr. James R. English, my brother's physician, found himself helpless and he called into consideration Drs. Janeway and Delafield, who were completely puzzled by the features of the case. We even sent to the chemist who performed the experiment, who suffered only slightly in the hope that he could suggest an antidote, but he could do nothing.

"My brother grew steadily worse until, at 4 o'clock this morning, he died."

Mr. Dickinson said that he attributed his own escape to the fact that he was in the main room of the laboratory, which was only partly filled with the gas.

Mr. Dickinson was born at Cobleskill, N. Y., and was a graduate of the Cornell Law School.

B'NAI B'RTH ELECTS OFFICERS.
North Carolinian Made President at Richmond Meeting.
RICHMOND, VA., May 24.—The district grand lodge of the order of B'Nai B'rth, in annual session here, today played itself on record as protesting against the stage and magazine caricatures of Jews. The order today elected the following officers: Marcus W. Jacob, of Wilmington, N. C., president; Leonard Haas, of Atlanta, Ga., first vice-president; Joseph L. Levy, of Richmond, Va., second vice-president; Rev. Dr. George Solomon, of Savannah, Ga., secretary; A. Sternberger, of Burlington, S. C., treasurer; Julius Peyses, Washington, D. C., sergeant at arms.

MIDSHIPMEN SEIZE CAR AND TAKE RIDE

Annapolis Students Are Arrested for Taking Joy Trip and Confined in Rooms.

(By Associated Press.)
ANNAPOLIS, MD., May 24.—For having taken a hand car lying on a siding of the Maryland Electric Railway Company's tracks and going on a joy ride during the morning, four midshipmen, all members of the fourth, or freshmen class, are confined to their rooms at Bancroft Hall under close arrest tonight.

The young men, whose names are withheld, were taking a cross-country walk in the far edges of the Academy limits, known as the government farm, this morning when the hand car and its promise of a morning's outing, proved too great a temptation. They were soon observed dashing across a road, just outside of Annapolis and the policemen who saw them notified the railroad officials, who in turn, called up Captain Fowler, superintendent of the academy. The truants were overtaken at Bay Ridge. They will remain under arrest until their cases are taken up and disposed of by the navy department.

O. D. LINER HAMILTON AT YARD FOR REPAIRS

Steamer Was Raked by Unknown Schooner Monday Night off Jersey Coast.

With her port superstructure badly smashed as a result of her collision with an unknown schooner off Egg Harbor, N. J., Monday night, the Old Dominion steamship Hamilton came into port about 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon and proceeded to the shipyard for a survey and repairs. The extent of the damage sustained by the liner will not be known until the survey is held.

The Hamilton, bound from New York for this port and Norfolk, was in collision at 9:30 o'clock, Monday night with an unknown three masted schooner, the bowsprit of which raked the Hamilton's port rail and joiner work from funnel to taffail, tore of many stanchions, punctured a hole in after stateroom, cracked several headlights and then passed off.

ATTACK IS BITTER ON ANTI-SALOON LEAGUE

Liquor Dealers Association Plans Campaign on Sump-tuary Laws.

(By Associated Press.)
CINCINNATI, OHIO, May 24.—An aggressive campaign against sump-tuary laws was planned by the National Wholesale Liquor Dealers Association tonight at a conference of state presidents of the organization. Previously delegates to the annual convention of the body had listened to addresses in which some urged that the association members had remain sed to long on the defensive and that a firm stand should be taken for the enactment and enforcement of regulatory statutes to eliminate disreputable saloons.

"Whiskey has no friends in public, and no enemies in private," said Emil Natan, of St. Louis. He added: "No greater harm can be done to society than by the non-enforcement of any law on the statute books. To educate the people as to the scope and danger of impending fanatical legislation, this organization must come to its aid, openly and without fear the best elements of our mercantile, commercial and professional population."

ORDERS CUT MADE IN FREIGHT RATES

Important Decision is Handed Down by Interstate Commerce Commission.

VIRGINIA BOARDS TAKE HAND IN THE FIGHT

Battle Waged by Many Trade Organizations Results in Reduction Called for Between Cincinnati and Chattanooga and May Have Far-reaching Effect.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., May 21.—Material reductions upon the number of classes of freight between Cincinnati, Ohio, and Chattanooga, Tenn., were ordered today by the Interstate Commerce Commission. The present rates, which have been in effect many years, were held to be unreasonable, even in prevailing conditions of cost of railway operation. The reductions will become effective July 15th, next. The reductions ordered by the commission on each of the six classes of freight, between Cincinnati and Chattanooga, are as follows, in cents, per hundred pounds:

First, 76 to 70; second, 65 to 60; third, 57 to 53; fourth, 47 to 44; fifth, 40 to 38; and sixth, 30 to 29. These rates, by order of the commission, must remain in effect, beginning on the 15th of July for at least two years.

Roads Will Contest.
It is not only reasonably certain that the roads will contest the commission's order, but also that if the rates should continue in effect, their operation will result in a reduction of the sea-and-rail rates from Atlantic ports to points of destination, in the interior of the South.

The order of the commission was issued in connection with an opinion in the case of the Receivers and Shippers Association of Cincinnati against the Cincinnati, New Orleans & Texas Pacific Railway and other interstate carriers in the South.

Virginia Boards in Fight.
Before the final hearing of the question involved, the Merchants Association of Boston, the Business Men's Association of Holyoke, and the Board of Trade of Salem and Springfield, Mass., and of Portland, Maine; the Trades League, of Philadelphia; the Merchants Association of New York; the Chamber of Commerce, of Richmond, Va.; the Board of Trade, of Norfolk, Va.; the Chamber of Commerce, of Petersburg; the Merchants and Manufacturers Association of Baltimore and the Indianapolis Freight Bureau became intervenors.

In a subsequent case, brought by the Chicago Association of Commerce, against the Pennsylvania Company and other carriers, an effort was made to secure lower rates from Chicago to points in the South than the combination of the local rates through Cincinnati. In all of the cases involved the same points.

Basis of Complaints.
The basis of the complaints was the rates on the numbered classes of freight from the Central West, reported by Chicago and Cincinnati to various points in the South were too high, as compared with the rates upon the same classes from points of origin in the East to the same points in the South.

It was held by the commission, in the opinion written by Commissioner Prouty, that it was not apparent that rates from the East discriminate against the West, although it was conceded that the rates from Cincinnati to Chattanooga were so high as to be unreasonable. The commissioner adds, however, that if distance is to be taken as the standard, rates from the complaining cities are much higher than from their rival trade centers upon the Atlantic seaboard; but where water competition enters as a factor, some different basis of comparison than distance must be found.

CHILD IS BITTEN WHILE IN BED WITH REPTILE

Madison County Lad Screams for Help—Mother Finds Snake Under Cover.

HARRISONBURG, VA., May 24.—Little Howard Kube, five years old, son of J. G. Kube, of Rocky Run, Madison county, woke up the household with his screams shortly before daybreak, declaring that something was biting him.

Mrs. Kube, who was sleeping in an adjoining room, went to her little son's aid, and, to her horror, found a big moccasin snake coiled up under the cover. The snake had bitten the child three times on the hand.

REPORTS ARE DENIED.

Clarence H. Mackey Issues Statement Anent Commercial Cable Co.

(Special to Daily Press.)
NEW YORK, May 24.—Clarence H. Mackey today made the following statement in regard to the report in the London and American papers that the Commercial Cable Company had formed an ally with its competitors, the Anglo-American Telegraph Company:

"The Commercial Cable never has had, and has not now and does not intend to have, any connection with its competitors, the Anglo-American Telegraph Company, either in the way of controlling its stock or making any traffic agreements or in any other way. The Commercial Cable Company will continue to be independent and competitive just as the Postal Telegraph Cable Company and will continue to be independent and competitive. All reports to the contrary are false."

MONEY FOR THE SOUTH

Appropriations by Educational Board for School Work.

MEETING IN NEW YORK

Members of General Endowment Body Distribute Funds to Various Colleges and for Agricultural Work—Virginia Representatives Present.

(By Associated Press.)
NEW YORK, May 24.—Appropriations of more than \$700,000 were made today by the general education board for the endowment of work of various colleges and for agricultural work in the South. Among the appropriations to colleges are: Central University, Danville, Ky., \$75,000; Transylvania University, Lexington, Ky., \$50,000.

In addition to the sum appropriated for Central University, a like amount was subscribed at the last meeting of the board. In addition to these sums \$112,000 was appropriated for demonstration work in agriculture in the South, under the supervision of Dr. Seaman A. Knapp, of the United States department of agriculture. This is assigned to supplement the work of the department, especially in states outside the territory affected by the boll weevil, to which the department does not extend this work.

MEASURE HANGS UP ON RATE QUESTION

Provision in Railroad Bill Draws 'Out Debate in the Senate.

CONTENTION HELD FOR SHIPPER'S PROTECTION

Whether the Proposed Corporation Statute Shall Prohibit Flatly Increases in Railway Charges is Discussed at Length in Upper Branch—Such Move is Favored by Rebels.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., May 24.—Whether the railroad bill shall prohibit flatly increases in railroad rates, without the approval of the Interstate Commerce Commission, or shall extend to six months, the time in which the commission may suspend increased rates, was the question before the senate when it adjourned today. The session was devoted to arguments in favor of Cummins' provision by its author and by Senators Borah and Dilliver. The general contention was that such a requirement was necessary for the protection of the shippers. This argument was challenged by other senators and there was general debate in which Senator Cummins, Dilliver, Borah, Aldrich, Flit, Rayner, Heyburn, William Alden Smith, Martin, Clark, of Arkansas; Clay and Jones participated.

His Suggestion Mad.
The suggestion of the extension of the time in which the commission may suspend rates for investigation, was made by Senator Martin. In the course of Mr. Cummins' speech, his provision should be amended by inserting a proviso requiring that "a final decision shall be rendered within six months from the date in which the schedule is filed."

It was immediately taken up by a number of senators on both sides and soon became the basis of general cloak room discussion of that compromise.

Senator Aldrich and his followers announced their unwillingness to accept it and Senator Dilliver and Cummins indicated a favorable inclination. Senator Rayner stated openly in the senate his willingness to adopt the suggestion and number of other Democrats privately acquiesced in his utterance.

Many senators predicted its acceptance when the question comes to a vote.

Position of Regulars.
The regular Republicans will probably insist upon having the Martin suggestion put in a different form. As originally made it is in the shape of an amendment to the Cummins amendment, but its acceptance in that form would mean the ultimate acceptance of the Cummins provision, as modified by Martin.

Many of them prefer it as a substitute for the provision allowing a suspension of rates for 120 days. A part of the general understanding, so far as there is an understanding, is that the sections of the bill dealing with railroad capitalization, shall be eliminated from the measure to save the time that would be required to debate them.

Difference of Opinion.
In so far as the Martin proviso was discussed today it was considered as a part of the Cummins amendment. Much difference of opinion regarding it arose as to whether the old rates or the new would be in effect after six months if the commission failed to reach a conclusion under it within that time.

Mr. Martin contended that the old rates would continue, but refused to accept a suggestion made by Mr. Rayner to do away with all doubt by extending the proviso so as to declare explicitly for the continuance of the old rates.

The hope for a vote during the day on the Cummins amendment, which had been entertained early in the session, was dissipated by the announcement that Senator LaFollette wished to be heard in support of the provision.

Surgeons Meet at Richmond.
RICHMOND, VA., May 24.—The fifteenth annual meeting of the Association of Surgeons of the Southern Railway, was called to order here today, with some 200 delegates present.

The body was welcomed to the city by Mayor Richardson, and President Stankel submitted his usual address, the theme of which was "Sense vs. Science."

Big Crowd at Belmont.
BELMONT PARK, N. Y., May 24.—The clear warm weather together with a fairly good card drew a big crowd to Belmont Park today and the public enjoyed a fine afternoon's sport. Olantha, one of the best three-year-olds of last year, made his first appearance of the year today.