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ROYAL WELCOME TO THE FLEET

Great Preparations Making for the Arrival of Admiral Sperry's Warships

CONGRESSMEN AND NOTED PERSONS TO BE THERE

By United Press Leased Special Wire.

OLD POINT COMFORT, Va., Feb. 20.—When Admiral Sperry's ten miles of warship steam into Hampton Roads, Monday morning, after the around the world voyage, and boom their salutes to the President of the United States, a fleet of pleasure and excursion boats, almost as large as the ships of battle will fall in behind them.

Never, in the history of this famous naval playground, has there been so many ships due to arrive, as are scheduled to drop anchor in the Roads, on Washington's birthday. Every coast city within a day's journey, will send its contingent. Every craft that has a wheel or propeller powerful enough to make the journey from Washington, has been chartered for the occasion.

One steamer will bring more than a hundred members of Congress with their families, and friends. The government dispatch boat Dolphin will fetch the Naval Affairs Committee of the Senate and House. The big steamers of the Washington-Norfolk Line have sold out every inch of space in staterooms and parlors, and the Chesapeake and Ohio railroad will run a number of excursion trains to Norfolk to accommodate those who are unable to make the journey by water.

The hotels of Old Point, Norfolk and Newport News are overflowing to-day, and by Monday will not have a corner wherein to place a transient guest.

Entertainment Planned.

The Congressional party, as well as the Army and Navy contingent and official set from Washington, are planning breakfast luncheons, and dinners on land, as well as on water, to give variety to the event.

Commander George, of the Dixie, who has been appointed harbor master for the day, will exercise strict control over the area to be traversed by the fleet and the President's yacht Mayflower, and every precaution will be taken to avoid interference with the parade, or injury from collisions. The excursion fleet will not be permitted to to enter between the lines, or between the ships of the fleet, and not until after the President has visited the four flagships of the fleet and his yacht has started for home at 5 p. m. will any of the outside boats be allowed to enter the channel.

Admiral Sperry's ships are due to make their appearance between Capes Henry and Charles, at 11 a. m.

After passing in review in single column formation by the President's yacht, which each will salute with 21 guns, the Sperry fleet, followed by Admiral Arnold's escorting squadron will proceed into the roads, and anchor in double column.

Admiral Arnold, the admirals of his divisions, and all the fleet captains will then visit the Mayflower personally, to pay their respects to the President, and to receive from him congratulations on the successful termination of their record-breaking performance.

Following this visit, the President will accompany Admiral Arnold to the flagship Connecticut, and then to the Georgia, the Louisiana, and Wisconsin, flagships respectively of the second, third and fourth divisions of the fleet. On each of these vessels, the President will make a brief address to the officers and men. The other ships of the fleet will send details of officers and men to their respective flagships to hear the President's address.

MITCHELL TO STAND BY LABOR

Will Go to Jail if Judge Wright's Decision is Confirmed

By United Press Leased Special Wire.

NEW YORK, Feb. 20.—Putting a quietus on recent rumors, to the effect that he was to leave the cause of labor for a government post, John Mitchell, ex-President of the United Mineworkers said today, "I expect that all my life my efforts will be devoted to the interests of the working man."

Mitchell came to New York to deliver an address before the New York Commercial Telegraphers last night. He let it be known that if the Supreme Court sustained the ruling of Judge Wright, who sentenced Mitchell, Samuel Gompers, and Frank Morrison to jail, that he expected to go to jail, and serve out his sentence of nine months, saying:

"My voice will reach farther from the District of Columbia jail than it reaches here; that sentence will arouse American working men to the jeopardy of their interests before our laws, as now interpreted by some of our courts."

Mitchell said he could not join with the pessmists who claim to foresee a crisis for union labor in recent rebuffs administered in the courts of the land.

Gets First Shad.

The first shad of the season was caught yesterday by Edward Lister, of Milford, in Mispillion river. It weighed four pounds.

May Have Dog Show.

Local dog fanciers are considering the idea of a dog show in connection with the fall county fair.

Old Homestead Changes Owners.

After having remained in the family since an English patent was given for the land, the old Maul homestead, in Lewes, has been sold to outside parties.

Horse Kills Itself by Accident.

Striking its head against a stable door, a horse owned by Bradbury Morgan, of Lincoln City, was killed almost instantly.

CITIZENSHIP FOR PORTO RICANS

The bill advocated by John S. Rossell, of this city, to give the residents of Porto Rico the rights of citizenship was introduced in the United States Senate yesterday by Senator Henry A. duPont and in the House by Congressman Hiram R. Burton.

Mr. Rossell has been an ardent advocate of givng the Porto Ricans citizenship since his trip to the island about a year ago, and he wrote a letter to President Roosevelt on the subject which the President heartily endorsed.

Minstrels and Vaudeville.

The Star Comedy Company, the well-known local fun makers, will do vaudeville and minstrel, Monday and Tuesday evening, February 22 and 23 in St. Thomas' Hall, corner Fourth and Grant avenues. To those who attend an evening of comicalities and laughter is promised, as the Star Comedy Company has a reputation of being funsters and singers. The proceeds are for the church of St. Thomas'.

WAR IN THE STEEL TRADE

Price Cutting May Knock Out the Smaller Mills

By United Press Leased Special Wire.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Feb. 20.—The action of the United States Steel Corporation in establishing the "Open Market" is regarded here today as a declaration of war against the smaller independent concerns, who, it is claimed by the officials of the corporation and its subsidiaries, are responsible for the shading of prices that led the big steel men to make yesterday's drastic move. Despite the optimistic and friendly tone of Judge Gary's official statement, the belief is that a general battle of price cutting is to be waged with probable disastrous results to the smaller concerns.

The majority of the larger companies affliated with the corporation are loaded up with stock which they can dump on the market at prices prohibitively low for their smaller competitors. It is feared all efforts on the part of the independents to prevent a price war will prove vain and that a number of the smaller companies will be forced to the wall.

One effect of the "open market" that is sure to be realized, according to a Pittsburg steel man, will be a general reduction in the wages in the steel mills all over the country.

LEWES TO HONOR DUTCH SEA ROVER

Special to THE EVENING JOURNAL.

DOVER, Del., Feb. 20—Lewes is preparing to celebrate the three hundredth anniversary of the landing of Hendrick Hudson at that town on August 28 of this year, and Senator James Rowland, the big and good natured Senator from the pilot town, yesterday offered a resolution to have it a State affair. His resolution names the following committee on the part of the State to cooperate in making the celebration a great affair:

Governor Simeon S. Pennewill, former Governor Preston Lea, Colonel George A. Elliott, Congressman-elect William H. Heald, Congressman Hiram R. Burton, the Rev. C. H. B. Turner, Daniel Burton, Insurance Commissioner Charles H. Maull, former Senator Richard R. Kenney, former Governor Ebe W. Tunnell, former Insurance Commissioner Dr. George W. Marshall, Dr. Rowland G. Paynter, Caleb S. Pennewill, Hezekiah Harrington and Senator James Rowland.

Want Mr. Moore For Mayor.

A citizens' committee has asked Charles Moore, a Georgetown lawyer, to accept a nomination for Mayor.

Delaware Conference Session.

The next session of the Delaware Conference of the M. E. Church will convene in Cambridge, Md., at Faught Chapel, March 18 to 22, with Bishop Henry Warren, D. D. L. L. D., of University Park, Colorado, presiding.

Millsboro Wants a Park.

Special to THE EVENING JOURNAL

MILLSBORO, Feb. 20.—Citizens have requested town council to purchase or lease what was formerly the iron foundry site, and convert it into a park. The matter will be taken up by council at the next meeting.

THE BUSINESS OUTLOOK

Various Unsettling Factors Keep Trade at a Low Ebb.

Both Dun's and Bradstreet's report business at a low ebb owing to various unsettling factors. Dun's says:

Improvement in the structure of business is much more pronounced than improvement in the activity of business. While financial and political developments both in Europe and the United States are distinctly better the progress toward the eaperly expected revival of trade is slow, and especially in the iron, copper and coal trades is disappointing.

The decrease in bank clearings in New York, as compared with the corresponding week in 1906, is heavy—23.7 per cent.—this being attributable to the extreme dulness of the security market, but at leading cities outside of New York there is a gain of 9.2 per cent., so that a large volume of business is being carried on.

It is noteworthy as a test of the substantial soundness of the trade situation that the total liabilities of failures reported to R. G. Dun and Co., during January were about $2,000,000 less than the January average of the five preceding years. In the iron and steel trade a cut in steel prices by a leading producer caused a feeling of uncertainty. Copper continues to drop. Outside of the metal trade things are in much better shape, although seasonably quiet. The strength of the situation still lies in the fact that stocks are in no extended state.

251 NOTICES IN THE LEGISLATURE

But Bills Will Not Be Introduced for the Greater Number of Them

EVERYBODY TO BE A VOTERS' ASSISTANT

Special to THE EVENING JOURNAL.

DOVER, Del., Feb. 20—Just 251 notices of new bills to be introduced in the Legislature were given yesterday in Senate and House, it being the last day for notices of new business. Of the 251 notices there is a possibility that not more than fifty or seventy-five bills may be introduced. The notices cover every range of legislation imaginable excepting the "anti-cigarette" bill and the "coal-oil" bill, two familiars that have appeared biennially at Dover for a decade or two. While the race track bill was not given notice of in so many words it might be possible to introduce such a measure under one of the notices given by Representative Conneily in relation to public recreation and amusement. One Senator had a race track bill notice handed to him but he did not offer it.

There is a probability that the Legislature on Monday will fix a time beyond which no new bills may be introduced. Representative Connelly has such a notice, and Friday next may be fixed as the time limit, thus enabling the Legislature to devote the remainder of the time until adjournment, about March 12 or 13, to consideration of the bill on the Calendar. There will be more business done by far from now until adjournment than there has been in the seven weeks the Legislature has been in session.

Voters' Assistant Bill.

The Senate committee on elections returned a favorable report on the bill that had passed the House to abolish voters' assistants, but the Senate's report was on a substitute bill which will go far from abolishing the assistants. On the contrary it will create them thousands-fold. The substitute bill provides that the present method of naming voters' assistants shall be abolished, but that any voter may take any other voter whom he may desire into the booth with him to assist in marking his ballot. This is not the kind of abolition the Democrats are contending for, and the Senate substitute bill signalizes the defeat of the Democratic efforts, for they will not support the substitute bill.

Some Bills Passed.

The Senate bill relating to the liability of common carriers to their employes was unanimously killed, Senator Flinn, who had introduced it by request, voting against it.

Senate bills passed by the Senate included the House bill in relation to the attendance of jurors at courts; House bill in relation to admission of patients to the insane hospital at Farnhurst; substitute for House bill exempting eating house proprietors from paying license. The substitute provides a license of $10.

The Senate also passed the House bills fixing the commutation tax on three railroads, as follows: Wilmington and Northern railroad, $5,000; D. M. and V. railroad, $1,500, and the M. D. and V. railroad, $500.

The Senate bill providing for a new State administration building and library at Dover was reported favor-

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T. ALLEN HILLES BOOM FOR MAYOR

May Be Candidate of Republicans, While Democrats Consider Charles E. Dubell

A boom has been started for T. Allen Hilles for the Republican nomination for Mayor of Wilmington. The election will be held on the first Saturday in June next, and politicians of both parties are already looking over the field. Mr. Hilles is a well-known resident of this city of the Fifth ward, and is a member of the State Commission on Revenue and Taxation.

Other Republicans mentioned for Mayor are William G. Taylor, president of Council; Thomas H. Melvin, street and sewer director, and Dr. Harrison W. Howell, president of the Board of Health.

Among the Democrats there is much talk of Charles E. Dubell for Mayor. He is a merchant of this city and has a wide acquaintance. A boom also has been started for State Senator Thomas M. Monaghan for Mayor.

A. O. H. Reception.

Division No. 2, A. O. H. gave a reception last evening in Breck's Mill. The affair was a delightful one and the attendance was large. Delegations from the city divisions were present.

Ministerial Union Meeting.

The Rev. Harry Taylor, of Bellevue, will address the Wilmington Ministerial Union at its monthly meeting in the Y. M. C. A. building on Monday, March 1.

Social Service Club Meeting.

The monthly meeting of the Social Service Club will be held in the Y. M. C. A. building on Tuesday, March 16. Several important subjects will be considered for the civic and social betterment of Wilmington.

W. C. T. U. Meeting.

The monthly meeting of the W. C. T. U. was held yesterday at No. 100 West Eighth street. Arrangements were made for a county rummage sale to be held the first week of March. Mrs. L. W. Emerson will be in charge. The treasurer, Mrs. Joseph, reported a balance of $59.19.

To Give Minstrel Show.

The athletic association of St. Patrick's Church is rehearsing for a minstrel show.

CITY CLEARINGS SHOW INCREASE

Clearings of the Wilmington banks for the week ending to-day indicate a healthy condition of local business. The clearings for the week amounted to $1,260,947, as compared with $968,349 for the corresponding week of last year.

Martha Washington Supper.

The Young Women's Christian Association will hold a Martha Washington supper and sale of useful and fancy articles, on Monday, in the gymnasium, at the Association rooms, No. 908 King street. The fancy table will be in charge of Mrs. George Patterson and Mrs. J. Merrick Horn, and the candy table in charge of Mrs. A. J. Branch, and both will be open during the afternoon and evening. From 5 to 8 o'clock, a 50-cent supper will be served, with the following menu: Fried oysters, chicken salad, cold meats, olives, pickles, jellies, ice cream, cake and coffee. The women in charge will be appropriately dressed as Martha Washington, and the gymnasium will be decorated for the occasion.

Pastor Wyatt Has Recovered.

The Rev. C. T. Wyatt, pastor of Harrison Street M. E. Church, has sufficiently recovered from his recent illness to be able to resume his pastoral work tomorrow. The subject of his morning sermon will be "The Macedonian Cry," and his evening subject will be "Climbing a Tree to Get a Vision."

Chip May Blind Him.

The loss of an eye threatens William Hayes, of Houston, because a chip struck it while he was chopping wood.

REGULATIONS FOR LENTEN SEASON

Will Be Read in the City Catholic Churches To-morrow

By order of the Right Rev. John J. Monaghan, Bishop of the Catholic diocese of Wilmington, the following regulations for Lent, which begins on next Wednesday, will be read in all the Catholic churches of the diocese to-morrow:

I.

Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent, falls on the 24th day of February.

All the faithful who have completed their twenty-first year, unless exempt by dispensation or some other legitimate cause, are bound to observe the fast of Lent.

They are to make one meal only a day, except on Sundays.

The meal permitted on fast days is not to be taken till about noon.

A small refreshment, commonly called collation, is permitted in the evening.

The following persons are exempt from the obligation of fasting: Persons under twenty-one years of age, the sick, nursing women, those who are obliged to do hard labor, and those who, through weakness cannot fast, without great prejudice to their health.

The faithful are reminded that, besides the obligation of fasting imposed by the Church, this holy season of Lent should be, in an especial manner, a time of earnest prayer, of sorrow for sin, of seclusion from the world and its amusements, and of generous alms-giving.

II.

By virtue of an Indult to the United States, dated May 25th 1907, the following special dispensations are granted:

The use of flesh meat is permitted at all the meals on Sundays, and once a day on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays, with the exception of the second and last Saturdays of Lent. But flesh meat and fish are not to be used at the same meal during Lent, even on Sundays.

The use of butter, cheese, milk and eggs is also permitted every day in Lent.

It is allowed to take in the morning some warm liquid, as tea, coffee or thin chocolate, made with water, and with this liquid a mouthful of bread.

Those for whom the hour of noon may be an inconvenient time for dinner, may invert the order and take their collation in the morning, and their dinner in the evening.

The use of hog's lard, or dripping, instead of butter, is authorized in preparing permitted food.

Persons exempt from the obligation of fasting are free to take meat more than once on those daws when its use is granted by dispensation.

III.

By virtue of an Indult granted us by the Holy See, March 15th, 1906, we permit to all working men and their families the use of flesh meat once a day on all fast days and abstience days throughout the year, with the exception of Fridays, Ash Wednesday, the Wednesday and Saturday of Holy Week and the eve of Christmas.

Those who are exempt from the obligation of fasting are free to take meat more than once on the days mentioned.

Those who avail themselves of this Indult are not allowed to use flesh meat and fish at the same meal; and they are earnestly exhorted to perform some other act of mortification, such as abstinence from intoxicating liquors.

IV.

The Paschal time extends from the first Sunday of Lent till Trinity Sunday, during which time all Catholics who have attained the proper age are bound to receive worthily the Holy Communion. The Holy season of Lent is a very proper time also for children to make their first confession, which they ought to do generally at about the age of seven years. Parents should see to this.

By order of the Rt. Rev. Bishop.

Edward C. Higgins, Chancellor.

February 20th, 1909.

Big Brewery Stack Fell.

The high wind yesterday afternoon blew down a huge iron stack on the plant of the Wilmington Brewing Company, Front and French streets. Several people and teams in French street narrowly escaped being crushed. A crowd of people had just left the Pennsylvania Railroad station across the street, and a panic threatened among them until it was found there was no danger.

MAN TAKEN ON THEFT CHARGE

Lester E. Grant, of Smyrna, Accused of Stealing Many Muskrat Skins

DETECTIVE GILLIS DOES GOOD WORK

State Detective Harry I. Gillis, in Philadelphia last night, arrested Lester E. Grant, of Smyrna, on a charge of stealing several hundred valuable furs from J. W. Jones & Co., large dealers in raw skins, at Smyrna, Del. Grant is now in the Philadelphia City Hall awaiting requisition to Delaware.

Last Sunday night the store of J. W. Jones & Co., was entered and about eight hundred black muskrat skins, estimated to be worth $350, were taken. The firm had on hand at the time about 4,000 skins and the ones that were stolen were assorted according to the grade of the fur and were practically all what is known as "blacks." A young boy named Reed who worked for the Jones firm did not report for duty on Monday morning and he was seen to meet Lester E. Grant, a young man, aged about 24 years at the Smyrna depot on the arrival of the noon train from Wilmington. Wednesday night the case was reported to Detective Gillis who learned that young Grant had boarded the Delaware road train leaving Clayton at 3.06 Monday morning. He carried a telescope. He was traced to the store of L. Sklut & Son, No. 103 East Front street, this city, where Louis Sklut states he purchased from a man answering Grant's description, a lot of skins. A man answering the same description got off the Delaware road train reaching Wilmington at 4.20 Monday morning and while getting breakfast at Long's restaurant, on French street, asked where he could find a fur dealer, as he had some furs to sell.

Detective Gillis went to Smyrna Thursday and found that Grant had left town. He traced the young man to Chester, where Grant took dinner with a brother and last night he located him at 2412 Marshall street, Philadelphia, at the home of a married sister. Grant admitted coming to Wilmington on the train leaving Clayton at 3.06 a. m. Monday but denied taking the furs. Louis Sklut, the fur dealer on Front street, went to Philadelphia today with Mr. Gillis, to look at Grant.

For sometime past Smyrna has been terrorized by thefts and it is regarded by those interested that Detective Gillis has made an important arrest. He has also traced the stolen furs and it is believed that this will be recovered. Mr. Gillis has been congratulated on the dispatch with which he cleans up cases placed in his charge and in this case has again demonstrated his ability.

Overhauling the Chester.

The steamer City of Chester is at the Harlan and Hollingsworth yards to be overhauled.

Y. M. C. A. Meeting.

In the Garrick Theatre tomorrow afternoon S. M. Speedon, of Broklyn, N. Y., will address the men's meeting under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A. He is famous for his chalk talks.

Church Recital.

Elizabeth Pattee-Wallach of Richmond, Va., gave a recital in the Unitarian Church last evening.

MUCH MONEY FOR DELAWARE

Congress Provides For River Surveys Here and Post-office Improvements

The Rivers and Harbors bill, reported to the House of Representatives, at Washington, contains a number of items of interest to Delaware.

The bill provides for the survey for the construction of a continuous waterway inland, where practicable, from Boston to Long Island Sound; thence by New York Bay; thence across New Jersey to a suitable point on the Delaware River or Bay; thence to the Chesapeake Bay; thence from Norfolk to the sounds of North Carolina and Beaufort Inlet, North Carolina, for the purpose of ascertaining the cost of a channel with a maximum depth of 25 feet or such lesser depths as may be found sufficient for commercial, naval or military purposes. This survey is to include the examination of all practicable routes, preparation of plans and estimates of cost along the most available route, and a report upon the desirability of utilizing as a part of the proposed waterway any existing public or private canal and the probable cost of acquiring the same.

Delaware won a survey for the Christiana River, from Newport to Christiana. The Leipsic River will be surveyed and the Broad Creek River will be inspected from Laurel to the mouth. Pocomoke River, from Gumboro to Snow Hill, and the Nanticoke River up to Middleford, will be surveyed.

For the completion of an extension of the Postoffice in Wilmington, $80,000 is appropriated. The limit of cost of $420,000 for building and $340,000 has been appropriated to date.

The bill also carries an appropriation of $57,100 for the construction and enlargement of barracks and quarters at Fort Dupont for the Coast Artillery and of other buildings in connection with coast defenses to be spent in the judgment of the Secretary of War.

Euchre For Church Benefit.

The women of St. Elizabeth's Church will hold a euchre on Tuesday evening next in the school hall.

Marriage a Surprise.

The many friends of Frank L. Scott and Ida M. Sharr, were surprised to learn that they were married in this city in January. Mr. and Mrs. Scott will reside at No. 728 Madison street.

COP BATTLED WITH ALLEGED BURGLAR

By United Press Leased Special Wire.

NEW YORK, Feb. 20—After a terrific battle with a policeman, when he drew a revolver to resist arrest, William Brody, alias Brooks, wanted by the Washington police for two burglaries, which they claim netted him $1200 in that city, was taken to police headquarters here to-day. Brody drew a revolver when Detective McGowan apprehended him, but in the battle which followed the policeman felled him with a billy. Brody is said by the police to have served four years in Sing Sing for burglary here. When searched, a ladies' watch bearing the initials, M. E. E., was found on him.

BALTIMORE TO BE REPRESENTED

Chamber of Commerce President a Guest at Board of Trade Dinner

Charles England, president of the Baltimore Chamber of Commerce, will be one of the number of men of national reputation who will attend the annual banquet of the Wilmington Board of Trade on Thursday eevning, March 11. Mr. England's acceptance of the invitation is gratifying to the delegates from the Board of Trade to the Deeper Waterways Convention, which met in Baltimore some time ago. The delegates were the guests of the Baltimore Chamber of Commerce and were royally entertained.

President Maclean, of the Board of Trade, this morning received the following letter from Mr. England in reply to an invitation to attend the banquet:

'Mr. R. J. Maclean, President of the Wilmington Board of Trade," Wilmington, Delaware.

"Dear Sir:—I duly received your invitation to attend the annual banquet of the Wilmington Board of Trade on Thursday evening, March 11. In reply I beg to say that it will give me great pleasure to be present with you upon that occasion.

"In accepting this invitation, I beg to assure you of our appreciation of the compliment which you have paid the city of Baltimore and the Baltimore Chamber of Commerce.

"With my very best wishes, I beg to remain,

"Yours very truly,

(Signed) "Charles England, President."

BLOW AT THE TOBACCO TRUST

North Carolina Legislature May Drive Its Factories From the State

By United Press Leased Special Wire.

RALEIGH, N. C., Feb. 20—Both Houses of the Legislature took up today on special orders the several bills which are designed to drive the Virginia-Carolina Chemical Company and the American Tobacco Company out of business in this State. The friends of the two companies declare if the bills are passed the result will be disastrous to the State while the companies will simply move their establishments out of North Carolina and do business elsewhere. So potent was this argument that the Senate finally modified its original bills through its committee. The House stands pat, however, and will pass the drastic measures, the leaders insisting that the last Democratic State platform promised this relief to the people and that the party pledge must be kept.

If the American Tobacco Company is forced out of business in this State, the real sufferers will be Durham, where the largest cigarette and cigarette tobacco manufacturing plant in the world, is located, and Weston, where is located the big plug and fine cut tobacco plants.

Large delegations of tobacco growers and warehouse men were in attendance to-day and used their influence with the members to kill the bills. The debate on the bills started as soon as the Legislature met.

BIG STEAMER IS WRECKED

Went on the Rocks at Bridgeport Breakwater During the Night

CREW AND PASSENGERS WERE RESCUED

By United Press Leased Special Wire.

BRIDGEPORT, Conn., Feb. 20—The sound steamer John H. Starin, owned by the New England Navigation Company, plying regularly between New Haven and New York, is on the rocks and may prove a total wreck, off the Eastern end of the Bridgeport Breakwater at the entrance to this harbor. Her crew and a solitary passenger, who left New Haven on her last night, are safe and the loss will be confined to the steamer and cargo. It will be heavy, however, as the local agent for the line declared to-day that she has on board general merchandise of great value.

The wreck of the Starin was due to the storm that lashed the sound to fury last night. She had left her home port for New York on time, but before the east bound Lane was reached the storm hit her and for a time it appeared that she would founder in the open sound. Finally, when off Milford, the captain decided to make the first harbor and set his course for the Bridgeport Light.

Managing to pick it up through the darkness and rain he held it only a second and was then compelled to proceed by dead reckoning. The terrific wind drove the steamer to leeward but she was held as nearly as possible to the course, and it was believed by Captain Van Pelt that he would make the harbor all right. He was slighly off in his calculation, however, and suddenly the breakwater loomed up directly ahead. There was a jangling of bells in the engine room, but it was too late and the heavy tide and wind threw the steamer against the eastern end of the big wall.

Hole Torn in the Hull.

A big hole was torn in the vessel's hull, and she began to settle at once. The pumps were set to work and signals of distress blown. These were heard on the Bridgeport water front. The tug Sarah McWilliams responded promptly but so high was the wind and so dirty the sea that she could not ge tclose to the wrecked craft.

The McWilliams crew, however, decided to attempt a rescue, and although many times beaten back by the waves, they finally landed all hands on their boat. Captain Dampley and his crew, however, refused to be taken ashore, declaring that as soon as the sea moderated sufficiently they would again board their vessel and see if they could not save her.

Several other tugs came out with daylight and all are now standing by Alice Bouton, the stewardess, the only woman on board, and the one passenger were landed here. That there were no other passengers aboard was due to the fact that reservations made were cancelled before the boat sailed, owing to the storm.

The Starin was formerly the McCulloch, a revenue cutter. She was built in Baltimore in 1865 and has figured in a number of accidents in the past.

Euchre by Heptasophs.

The Heptasophs "boosting committee" will hold a euchre in the lodge rooms in the Lore Building on Monday night.

Century Club Program.

Announcements for the week at the New-Century Club February 21 follow:

Monday—10.30 a. m., physical culture class; Mrs. Victor Cochran, instructor.

Tuesday—10.30 a. m.; Current events class.

Friday—9.30 a. m.; Wood carving; Miss Campbell, instructor.

The classes in German and French have decided to omit their regular weekly meeting on Monday, February 22.

Next Tuesday will make the twentieth anniversary of the Current Events class.

Church Club Has Smoker.

The Art Club of Old Swedes Church, gave a smoker on Thursday evening in the parish house. About fifty persons were present and after enjoying a fine musical program, they were served with a luncheon.

PREDICTED EARTHQUAKE, SLIGHT SHOCK FOLLOWED

By United Press Leased Special Wire.

PARIS, Feb. 20.—Astronomer Emile Marchand, of the Pic Du Midi Observatory was partially vindicated to-day by a slight earthquake at Saint Georges, a village near Grenoble. No damage was done but the quake was felt throughout the entire village and neighboring territory.

Marchand predicted several days ago that February 20 would be a day of great earthquake activity. He based his prediction on the position of the sun and moon with reference to the meridian, which is such as to cause the maximum influence of the sun's and moon's rays on the earth, affecting particularly the weak spots on the earth's surface. Marchand says the dates of the San Francisco and Sicilian quakes support this theory.

Marchand says the same conditions will prevail again on March 20, and he is confident that before to-day is over other quakes far more violent than that at Saint Georges will be recorded. According to Marchand, these two dates constitute a sort of 'open season," for earthquakes.

To Present Farce.

Special to THE EVENING JOURNAL

GEORGETOWN, Feb. 20.—The "Old Dairy Homestead," a rural comedy in three acts will be given in the new Opera House on March 17, by the young people of the Methodist Protestant Church. The play will be under the auspices of the Christian Endeavor Society.

WEATHER.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 20.—Pressure is low throughout the United States, with resulting unsettled and partly cloudy to cloudy weather, but without precipitation. The weather will be fair tonight and Sunday in the east and south, preceded by snow tonight in the eastern lower lake region, and rain or snow in eastern New York.

Storm warnings are displayed on the Atlantic coast from Delaware Breakwater to Eastport.

Forecast till 8 p. m. Sunday:

For Delaware—Fair, slightly colder tonight. Sunday fair; diminishing westerly winds, becoming variable.

To-Day's Temperature

1.30 P. M.	49
12.00 M.	48
10.00 A. M.	44
8.00 A. M.	41