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MANASSAS, VA., THURSDAY, APR. 18, 1912.

THE GREAT MARINE DISASTER

The greatest marine disaster within the history of the world occurred Monday morning, when the giant White Star Liner, Titanic, sank in 1,100 fathoms of water after colliding with a mass of icebergs just south of the Grand Banks of Newfoundland, and carrying to their horrible death, 1,500 of her passengers and crew, while on her initial voyage from Liverpool to New York.

When the death blow to the White Star Line's *Last Leviathan* was struck, crushing her steel prow like an eggshell, nothing prevailed to keep her afloat. The science of shipbuilding may prevail against wind and weather, but the mighty steel ocean-goers of the present day are powerless to resist the fog and icebergs as were the prows of crafts of a century ago.

Staggering in the ice field, into which the gigantic steamer had been driven at tremendous speed, the *Titanic* made desperate efforts to brave the dangers of the deep while the noble captain and his crew basted themselves, first in saving the women and children, and then such others as fortune favored, while frantic calls for help were dashed by wireless to other steamers which were plowing their way between the continents.

Never before was the world left in greater suspense and blood curdling dread as followed the first faltering news of the great catastrophe. Not until those who were rescued from a watery grave in the fearful disaster, arrived in port and told their story, will the real agony of the situation be fully known.

Thousands of people have besieged the White Star Line company's office in their eager haste to learn of the fate of loved ones known to have taken passage upon the ill-fated steamer.

As our imagination pictures the heart-splashing cries of distress in that trying crisis, as husband and wife and parent and child clasp each other in a last farewell, the imagery appeals the stoutest heart and awakens feelings of deepest sympathy for those who went down in the angry waves to eternity.

LET'S HAVE A CLEAN-UP BEE

In the good old, tallulah days when our farmers had large crops of corn to husk they got together and to the accompaniment of a big supper and much rum and hard cider, they had a "huskin' bee," thus lightening the labor of gleaning their huge corn ricks, and turning the occasion into one of real enjoyment and mirth.

There are perhaps no one in Manassas who have joined in these pleasurable sports on our fathers' farms near good old Dumfries and drink less hard cider and rum, than Mayor Chapman and the writer.

Now what Manassas will need in the near future is a Clean-up bee. The hard cider and rum, of course, will be lacking but the spirit of civic improvement and the encouraging prospect of a disposal of lands shot by the late many millions should be a sufficient incentive towards a more healthful and sanitary town.

It was not many decades ago that the large cities got along without sewers, innocent of the tremendous death toll they were paying out annually. Research teaches us that if we rid ourselves of the house fly we will reduce our death rate to a great extent for it is pointed out that disease germs are spread more extensively through their agency than any one cause.

Why not the ladies of the Civic Improvement League name a Clean-up Day and give a dinner upon that day to aid in the work? We are sure that once the ladies get behind the clean-up movement there will be no dilatory tactics, and our untidy streets and unsightly back yards will undergo a change that will be more pleasant to the effector organ.

M. UNDERWOOD'S CANDIDACY

With this week's issue we are sending out 1,000 supplements designed to aid Hon. Oscar W. Underwood in his candidacy for the Democratic nomination for president. While we are in no wise committed to the support of the Alabama candidate in this busiess transaction still there is much in Mr. Underwood's record during his long service in Congress which excites our admiration and hearty approval.

The chief feature of our choice for the Democratic nomination lies in the selection of an out and out Southern man whose aim in National legislation will be to revise the tariff downward until the mark of taxation for revenue only, in accordance with true Democratic principles, is reached.

Any "ay-in-the-wood" Democrat, with a record as clean as that of Mr. Underwood, and who has the proper qualifications to go into the fight with a good chance of winning as any of his party would receive our hearty support.

PARAGRAPHS

These are pleasures in a print-shop, if you take the time to look; when every one is happy and there's a "cup" on the hook.

Those who make you so many fair promises when they have an axe to grind are the ones to desert your camp when you put a keen edge on that axe.

It appears since the recent Democratic preferential primary in Illinois there is a general stampede of Democrats to get aboard the Champ Clark band wagon, and follow the lead of that "houn' dawg" song.

We are greatly tempted to be present at the Groveton Pavilion tomorrow night to see "The Sweet Family" put upon exhibition. Such a sight in this country is seldom seen and should certainly be worth the price of admission.

It looks as though Roosevelt purchased, in Indiana, the bat which he tossed in the presidential nomination ring, some months ago, and that state appears determined to render him substantial assistance in keeping it there.

It is not the friends who put us on the back, in the days of prosperity and sunshines, that should be most highly appreciated, but those who stand by us in sunshine and shadow alike, should be our lasting friend and appreciation.

THE death of R. A. Patterson, in Richmond Tuesday, marks the passing of a well-known Confederate veteran and one of Richmond's most substantial business men whose acumen placed him in the front rank as promoter of one of the city's most famous enterprises. Coming out of the war with small means he built up a business in the tobacco trade that has made him famous throughout the world.

THERE appears to be some parties in Manassas who are particularly fond of feasting upon their neighbors' fowls, making their raids upon the hen-roost, at a time when the owner is seeking "Fired Nature's sweet restorer, balmy sleep." The owner is now "Wise to the game" and a double-barrel shot gun is kept handy and due vigilance observed in order that a dose of shot may be given the thief or thieves.

A MAN rushed into a country newspaper office and exclaimed: "I saw something in your last week's issue which I do not like and I want to stop our paper." "Oh no, Mr. Smith," replied the editor, smilingly, "you can't stop our paper, it will be published in three weeks, as usual, just the same, but if you wish to discontinue the paper to your address, we shall be glad to accommodate you, and if you want to know how much we will miss your patronage, just stick your finger in a pail of water, withdraw it and look for the hole."

STOLEN HORSE RECOVERED

A valuable horse was stolen from the stables of James Birkett, near Alexandria, Sunday night. The theft was committed by Amos Walker, a young white man, who had been staying on the Birkett farm, working for his board, for the past few months.

Monday evening, Walker stopped at the home of Mr. Ritenour,

near Aiden and asked for lodgings for the night. Mr. Ritenour, who is formerly from Mt. Jackson, the home of Walker, recognized him and knowing he had before stolen a horse, accused him with the theft of the animal.

From 16 hens of the same breed he was riding and immediately took the young man in custody and notified the authorities here.

Walker was on his way to Petersburg, Fauquier county, where, it is said, he has a pal with whom he is said to be as shady a record as his own. Mr. Birkett and C. C. Carter went to Rittenour's yesterday afternoon to the sign of the Moon

and brought in 11 o'clock last night and lodged him in jail.

At the sign of the Moon

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

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TOPICS OF THE TOWN

Dr. John C. Gordon, of Nokesville, was in town on business, Friday.

Mr. Leroy Carter is quite sick of bilious attack, in his home on Lee Avenue.

Mrs. A. B. Rogers and little son, Ashby, of Occoponan, are guests of Mrs. P. S. Hinson.

Mrs. J. A. Warfield, of Washington, was the guest of her sister-in-law, Mrs. R. S. Smith, yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Arthur Wright, of Richmond, were guests at Mrs. Wright's former home in this place, Sunday.

Capt. and Mrs. Charles Farquhar of Buckhall, left yesterday morning enroute for New York where they will spend a month visiting friends.

Mrs. E. Nelson and daughter, Goldie, left Monday for Omaha, Neb., after spending the winter with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Larson.

Keivel Bryant, who has been employed in a confectionery factory in Washington, is home this week, on a leave of absence on account of ill health.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Lipscomb, and their charming little daughter, Rosalie, of Channah, N.J., were visitors to friends and relatives in Manassas last week.

Jas. Bettis, of Nokesville, met with the misfortune of a severely mashed foot last week, as the result of a large cross-tie, weighing at least 300 pounds, falling upon him.

Thos. Robertson, who was taken ill Saturday evening, and suffered with appendicitis, has sufficiently recovered as to enable him to return to his work in the paving block factory.

The full board of supervisors of Prince William met at the poor farm, Tuesday, for the purpose of examining into the condition of the farm and poor house and conferring upon such improvements as are necessary.

R. W. Woodruff & Co., are engaged in installing their stave mill on property one mile Northwest of Nokesville and expect to have everything in readiness for manufacturing operations by the end of this week.

R. H. Downs, who has been living at Poolsville, Md., for the past two years, has returned to this, his native county. Mr. Downs expects to locate at Conklin, Loudoun county, in the mercantile business, in the near future.

Mrs. M. E. Weedon and daughters, Louise and Margaret, and son, LaRue, were guests of Mrs. Weedon's sister, Mrs. Frank Garrison, of Manassas, from Thursday until Monday, when they returned to their home in Baltimore.

Mr. and Mrs. William H. Foote and little son, Robert, of Germantown, and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Griffith and little daughter, of Alexandria, were guests of Mr. Foote and Mrs. Griffith's parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Foote, of Manassas, Sunday.

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Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Myers, of Harrisonburg, passed through Manassas Saturday morning enroute to visit their daughter, Mrs. W. H. Swank, near Nokesville. The grandparents were carrying to their daughter's little home in Oakland, in order to make California their future home, but conditions were not as satisfactory as Mrs. Adams had anticipated and a return to the former home resulted.

J. E. Riddleberger, who moved to Nokesville about a year ago and purchased the Clay Wood property on Main street, is prominently spoken of for Justice of the Peace for Brentsville district.

Mr. Riddleberger, who is a cousin to H. H. Riddleberger, former member of the Virginia House of Delegates from Shenandoah county, is a man of mature judgment and would be well suited to the position.

Pay your capitation tax by May 4, if you wish to express your preference for president in the November election.

J. E. Sheibley, representing the Huber Manufacturing company of Marion, Ohio, was a caller at our office Friday.

Mrs. Margaret Depue, of the Redemption bureau of the United States Treasury Department, was the guest of Uncle R. W. G. W. Hixson's shop in Bell Run.

Elmer Manuel severed three digits of his left wrist with a chisel, last Saturday while working on the new house of Wm. Bodine, near Nokesville.

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Wilson Hundley, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Hundley, found the hotel provided with all modern conveniences and with the uniform courtesy of its proprietor, who served the public so acceptably as proprietor of the Manassas hotel, recently completed at the Northeast corner of Main and Center streets will be opened to the public on or about May 1.

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The Corporation of Manassas, a secret known as "Peggy Jones" from Culpeper, pleaded guilty to the charge of entering this store and was sent to the penitentiary for a good long term.

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Clean-up day has been postponed until May 15. Light trash placed in barrels will be removed by the town authorities, free of charge.

W. G. Tawener left here on train No. 14, yesterday, to attend the marriage of his cousin, Miss Pauline Tawener, to Richard Taggart, both of Washington.

The road from Manassas to Centerville, from a point opposite the school Union which was in session, is a thoroughly good condition, though the supervision of H. C. Metze, and the language of W. N. Merchant, it is equal to Pennsylvania avenue.

At the Virginia State Sunday School Union which was in session, the guest of honor was Elmer Manuel, severing three digits of his left wrist with a chisel, last Saturday while working on the new house of Wm. Bodine, near Nokesville.

The W. C. T. U. will hold a mother's meeting, Friday afternoon, at 3 o'clock in the Elfrid building. Subject for discussion: "The value of Society."

Public speaking along the line of Good Roads and Bond issues, of Warren, will take place on Wednesday, May 4, at 7 o'clock p.m. under the auspices of the Calverton School Improvement League, at Calverton. The publication is cordially invited.

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INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL

Southern Railway PREMIER CARRIER OF THE SOUTH

You who are not well Why Not Rebuild Your Health? A Reconstructive Tonic Known as

MILAM WILL DO IT—GUARANTEED

LESSON FOR APRIL 29

THEATRE

LESSON TEXT—Matt. 5:1-12.

GOLDEN TEXT.—"Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God."

LESSON COMMENTARY.—

INTEREST CENTERED IN COUNTRY WIDE.

LUTHERAN CHURCH

REV. J. K. EPPLER, Pastor

MANASSAS—Services every Sat. at 11 a.m. and Sun. at 10 o'clock.

EDWARD PARSONS, Jr., Pastor

J. P. BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. M. J. SHARPLEY, Pastor

MANASSAS—Services every Sunday at 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sunday School every Sunday at 10 o'clock.

PRIMATIVE BAPTIST

ELIAS W. BROWN, Pastor

MANASSAS—Every 2nd Sunday at 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

CATHOLIC CHURCH

Rev. Father DONALD, Pastor

All Saints—Mass every 2nd and 4th Sunday at 10:30 a.m.

UNITED BRETHREN

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