

OIL STEAMER TEXAS LAUNCHED AT SHIPYARD

Only Small Party of Invited Guests Witnessed the Event.

MISS HELEN HARDY THE SPONSOR

Launched Followed by the Usual Luncheon at Hotel Warwick in Honor of the Sponsor—Big Full Rigger Ship in Port — Marine Notes.

With only a few invited guests to witness the event, the new steamer Texas, building at the plant of the Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company for the Texas Oil Company, was successfully launched yesterday morning at 11:55 o'clock. Miss Helen Hardy, daughter of Congressman Rufus Hardy, of Texas, christened the vessel as she started down the ways for the water. In the christening party were Congressman Rufus Hardy, Mrs. Hardy and Miss Hardy, and a number of well known people from Washington and Texas. Among the guests invited to witness the event were the officers of the German cruiser Bremen.

After the launching, the sponsor and her party were entertained at luncheon at Hotel Warwick by the shipyard officials.

SHIPPING REPORT

Tuesday, April 21, 1908.

Arrived.
Steamer Pav Port, Jensen, Boston to White Oak Coal Company in ballast.
Ship William P. Fry, Murphy, New York—Unassigned but will load coal for San Francisco.
Schooner Samuel W. Hathaway, Quinlan, Boston—to Smokeless Fuel Company in ballast.
Barge Tipton from Boston—to Berwind-White Coal Company in ballast.
Barge Lancaster from Providence—to Chesapeake & Ohio Coal Agency Company in ballast.
Barge Berkshire from Providence—to White Oak Coal Company in ballast.

Sailed.
Steamers Liv (Nor.) Rasmussen, St. Thomas; Hestia (Br.) McKelvie Glasgow; Ravensraig, Johnson, Providence; Bay State, Seider, Gloucester towing large Britannia for Lynn.
Schooner Magnus Manson, Talloch, Bangor.

Calendar for Today.
Sun rises 5:29 a. m.
Sun sets 6:47 p. m.
High water 1:15 P. M.; 2:1 P. M.
Low water 8:32 a. m.; 8:59 p. m.

Lieutenant Franklin Resigns.
First Lieutenant W. C. Franklin, of the Huntington Rifles, has tendered his resignation to the governor. The resignation is held up pending a transfer of the company's property, which is in the lieutenant's charge at this time as Captain R. E. Wilkins has not received his commission.

Academy Vaudeville.
Burton and De Almo, the musical team, will be at the Academy of Music tonight for the last time. New pictures will be shown before and after the musical sketch.
Tomorrow night and during the remainder of the week, Hall and Webster, comedians and singers, will be the vaudeville feature in connection with the moving pictures.

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THREE THOUSAND VOLUMES IN NEW Y.M.C.A. LIBRARY

Crowd Gathers at Association to Attend the Formal Opening.

The new circulating library of the Young Men's Christian Association was formally opened to the public of Newport News last night with an entertainment in the association. Quite a large sized crowd attended and many of those present qualified for membership in the library.

The following program was rendered during the evening:
Vocal solo—Miss Lola Wentworth.
Reading—Mrs. Charles Lewis Sibley.

Selection—Hampton Roads Glee Club.
Piano solo—Miss Ethel Cotrell.

Reading—Master Fitz Lee Ford.
Vocal solo—Miss Lola Wentworth.
Reading—Mrs. Sibley.

Selection—Hampton Roads Glee Club.

The new circulating library contains about 3,000 volumes of fiction, history, science and poetry.

PRIZE IN MISSING WORD CONTEST IS THREE DOLLARS

Many Lists Received Daily. But the Latest Problem is Still to be Solved.

The prize in the Missing Word Contest is three dollars today.

Many communications to the Missing Word Editor came in again yesterday, but there was not a single correct list in the lot. As usual many of the contestants were close to a correct solution of the problem, but in each list there was at least one slight error.

The contest is still attracting a great deal of interest and the fact that no correct list has been sent in during the past three days does not mean that the number of contestants is smaller than during the first days. It is thought that some one will win the prize today, but if there is no award the prize will be \$4 tomorrow.

VICTIM OF PARALYSIS.

Robert Haley Dies After the Third Stroke.

Mr. Robert Haley died at St. Francis hospital at 5:20 o'clock yesterday afternoon of a stroke of paralysis which he sustained a week ago. This was the third stroke he had suffered and he was moved to the hospital to undergo an operation by which the physicians hoped to effect a cure. The operation was performed yesterday afternoon.

Mr. Haley, who was a boilermaker employed at the shipyard, had lived here for many years. He was a member of Newport News Aerie, No. 559, F. O. Eagles. The arrangements for the funeral have not been completed, but the services probably will be held at St. Vincent's Catholic church.

DAVID EARLY DEAD.

Typhoid Pneumonia Claims Well Known Citizen As Its Victim.

Mr. David Early, aged 43 years, died at 10:30 o'clock last night at his home, 542 Thirtieth street, of typhoid pneumonia. He had been ill only 12 days and his death came as a surprise and shock to his friends.

The funeral services will be held at the residence at 4 o'clock tomorrow afternoon, being conducted by Rev. Asbury Christian, pastor of Trinity Methodist church. Interment will be made at Greenlawn. The local lodges of Junior Order American Mechanics and Macabees, of which he was a member, will have charge of the funeral.

Mr. Early had lived in this city for the past ten years, being employed at the shipyard as a pipe and boiler is survived by one sister, Mrs. Harvey Wyal, of this city.

BIG FULL RIGGER IN PORT.

Tug Covington Towed the William P. Frye Down Coast.

The full rigged ship William P. Frye, Captain Murphy, arrived at this port yesterday morning from New York in tow of the tug Covington. The ship is unassigned, but she will later load a cargo of coal here for San Francisco, Cal.

The William P. Frye only recently reached New York from Frisco. She is the first full rigged ship to visit Newport News within the past 18 months.

CAR CREW SUMMONED.

Charge is That They Failed to Stop for Fire Apparatus.

W. B. Laupkin, motorman, and J. E. Lassiter, conductor, in the employ of the Newport News & Old Point Railway and Electric Company, were summoned yesterday afternoon to appear in the police court this morning to answer the charge of failing to stop their car for the city fire apparatus.

The alleged offense occurred on Washington avenue about 4:50 o'clock yesterday afternoon when the Central company was responding to an alarm of fire from Thirty-first street. The blaze was confined to a chimney and no damage was done.

Working Men's Voting League. There will be a special meeting of the Working Men's Voting League at Central Labor Union hall tonight at 8 o'clock. Matters of importance are to be discussed, and a large attendance is expected.

PLANT TO BE SHUT DOWN

Judge Waddill Refuses to Confirm Brewery Sale

ACTION INDEFINITELY POSTPONED

As Soon as Stock Now on Hand is Disposed of, Employes Will be Discharged and Operations Suspended for the Present.

Upon a motion by Attorney O. D. Batchelor, representing the general creditors of the Old Dominion Brewing and Ice Company, Judge Waddill, in the United States District Court at Norfolk yesterday, refused to confirm the recent sale of the brewery plant by the receivers to representatives of the bondholders. The property had been appraised by court officers at \$134,000, and the sale price to the bondholders was only \$75,000. After refusing to confirm the sale the court ordered that the plant be put out of operation and the sale indefinitely postponed.

As soon as the present stock of the plant is disposed of the force will be discharged and the brewery closed. Heretofore it has been operated by the receivers.

DAMAGING EVIDENCE AGAINST WITCHEWAH

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ordered from the house and the girl forbidden to see him. This testimony finally was placed before the jury.

Indian Threatened to Kill.

Mamie Moore, who at the time of the shooting kept a house next door to Nannie Gordon's, was called to the stand and she declared that she had heard Witchevah threaten to kill Dora Hall. Witness said that on that night she went to the Gordon house to get some change and that Witchevah was at the door of the house. She said the Indian snatched a gun out of the door and told her that he would "blow her G— — — brains out." He also told me that he would blow my brains out, declared the witness, "and I ran back home." After that the witness did not again see the couple.

On cross examination by Attorney Crane, the witness said that when she arrived at the place Dora was standing inside the hall and Witchevah was outside the door. She asked Dora to give her five cent pieces for a \$1 bill and Dora went back into the house to get the nickels. Witchevah then went into the hall and slammed the door in witness' face. Later the Indian came out with Dora and threatened to kill both women. Kallie White, an inmate of Mamie Moore's house on the night of December 7, was called. She said that she saw a man and woman standing on the sidewalk in front of the Moore house, the witness being in the door of the house at the time. She said that the man told her to get into the house or he would kill her and that if she called an officer he would kill the officer. The witness heard a hasty retreat and, running upstairs, watched the couple from a front window. They went down the street and the woman sat down on the steps of a house then in the course of erection near the Moore house. Later she saw the couple continue down the street and stopped watching them.

Same Story Told.

Looking through the shutters of Lena Tate's house, Annie Brown, an inmate of that house, and who was the next witness, saw Witchevah and a woman sitting on the steps of the new building on Twenty-fourth street. The couple walked back up the street toward Nannie Gordon's and then returned, the woman sitting down on the steps again and the man standing. Later the couple went down the street toward Warwick avenue and when they were in front of Rosa Jones' house, the witness saw the man strike the woman in the face and heard the woman say, "Oh Early, don't do that." When the pair reached the alley behind Whiting's saloon, witness saw the man push the woman into the alley. Later she heard the shot fired and saw the man run up the street with his hat in his hand.

Although cross examined at length by Attorney Crane, the witness could not say how long she watched the pair, nor how long after the couple disappeared into the alley she heard the shot.

C. P. Lockwood, who conducted what was known as a mission house on Twenty-third street near Washington avenue early in December, was called. He said that a week or more before the shooting Witchevah and a woman and another man came to his place one night and engaged a room. The three sat in the room for a few minutes and talked. After considerable questioning by Captain Berkeley, witness finally admitted that the three talked so loud that he had to tell them to keep quiet. The unknown man left a few minutes afterwards, but Witchevah and the woman remained all night. They departed the following morning, going toward Washington avenue.

Maria Dandridge, a negro maid who was employed in a house on Twenty-fourth street, on December 7, said that she went to the rear door of the Whiting saloon that night to get 55 changed. She saw Witchevah and a

woman sitting in the rear room of the saloon, but heard no conversation pass between them. Both were sitting down, the man with his back to the witness and the woman facing her. As soon as the bartender gave witness change for the \$5 bill she left the place and when she returned home she heard a shot.

Officer Vail on Stand.

Police Officer Thomas Vail, of the Bloodfield force, was the next witness. He said that he arrested Witchevah on Sunday, December 8, about 6 a. m., on 1st avenue. When arrested, Witchevah asked the officer if the woman was dead. The officer took the Indian's gun and a belt of blank cartridges. The Indian was locked up in Bloodfield, but later was brought to the jail in this city. The witness saw the Indian searched at the local jail and saw an officer take a ball cartridge from the pocket of the prisoner.

Police Officer Oliver, of the local force, who searched Witchevah when brought here from Bloodfield, was the next witness. He said he took a ball cartridge from the Indian's pocket. At that juncture, Chief Reynolds stated that the cartridge had been misplaced and could not be found. However, Captain Berkeley had a 45-calibre cartridge which fitted Witchevah's gun, in the court room and the witness said the cartridge taken from Witchevah was about the size of that cartridge.

It was 5 o'clock when Ellis Morris was called to the stand. He was not at the court and had to be sent for. In the meantime, Captain Berkeley stated that he had been feeling badly since the morning and asked that the court adjourn for the day. Jurymen C. A. Mahone objected to an adjournment at that hour, urging that the case should be disposed of as rapidly as possible. Jurymen George C. Chapin then stated that the jurors were willing to stay at the court an extra hour or more each day so as to reach the end of the case as rapidly as possible. Captain Berkeley then stated that he would continue examining witnesses and after the captain had taken a dose of a headache cure, Rea Booth of Norfolk, was called. She said that Witchevah and Dora Hall lived at her house for four weeks prior to the shooting, leaving during the latter part of November.

Bartender Morris' Story.

Ellis Morris, the bartender at Whiting's saloon then reached the court and was placed on the stand. He identified Witchevah and declared that on the night of the shooting the Indian came to the saloon, asked for some piker dice, took a drink and departed. The witness said that a half hour later while he was poking the fire in the stove in the saloon, he saw Witchevah enter the room in the rear of the bar. He did not, however, see a woman with him. Witness said that he did not go into the room after seeing Witchevah, but that later the Indian came to the door leading into the saloon and then went back into the room. Almost immediately the witness heard the shot. He went to the room and found Dora Hall sitting beside the table with a wound in her head. The man had disappeared.

On cross-examination Attorney Lett brought out the fact that Witchevah had been drinking. The attorney asked the witness if the Indian was not "toozey." Captain Berkeley objected to the question, but after a long argument he withdrew the objection. The witness also denied positively that he went into the rear room to give any change to Maria Dandridge.

The last witness of the day was Joseph Nicholson, brother of a Norfolk pawn broker, at whose place Witchevah pawned his revolver in November. The witness could not remember the exact date on which the Indian redeemed the gun, but thought it was either the fifth or sixth of December. Captain Berkeley then announced that he would summon the bookkeeper of the pawn shop for today, but later the attorneys for the defense agreed to the evidence that the gun was redeemed on the day of the shooting.

Court adjourned shortly after 6 o'clock, to reconvene at 10 o'clock this morning.

NEW HAMPSHIRE HAS UNINSTRUCTED DELEGATION.

Resolution Binding Them to Taft was Defeated—Platform Calls for Revision of Tariff.

(By Associated Press)

CONCORD, N. H., April 21.—Six of the eight members of the New Hampshire delegation to the Republican national convention at Chicago were selected here today at the state and district convention and the platform, which was identical in each case, contained a resolution to the effect that the real interests of the party and of the presidential candidate to be nominated at Chicago will be best served by the omission of instructions specific or implied in the form of resolutions of preference.

The platform also favored an early revision of the tariff and endorsed President Roosevelt.

The delegates chosen were: At large—United States Senator Jacob H. Gallinger, of Concord; former Governor Chester B. Jordan, of Lancaster; Attorney General Edwin G. Eastman, of Exeter and Edwin F. Jones, of Manchester.

Second district—Lester F. Thurber, of Nashua and E. B. Richardson, of Newport.

At the state convention an amendment to the effect that it was the "earnest belief that the man embodying every element of a triumphant candidate was William H. Taft" was tabled by a large majority, only 25 out of a total of 763 delegates voting in favor of the resolution.

GIRL TWINS ELOPE; MARRY ON SAME DAY

Inseparable for Their Eighteen Years, They Now Have Apartments Under One Roof.

(By Associated Press)

MERIDEN, CONN., April 21.—Born on the same day and inseparable during their 18 years of life, the Misses Eva and Ethel Dillon, who look so much alike that one can scarcely tell them apart, eloped. Each was married at the same time, and they will leave flats in the same house.

With their husbands, Emil Hicking and Edward Werner, the twins arrived in Manchester from Springfield, Mass., today, and confirmed the news of their weddings, which they conveyed yesterday by telegraph to their parents, Mr. and Mrs. George M. Dillon. They left home Saturday, saying they were going to visit in Hartford.

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