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Miss Roosevelt at the Mardi Gras.

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 17.—Miss Alice Roosevelt's debut in New Orleans society was made especially brilliant. Tonight the Atlantians gave their ball at the French Opera-House and Miss Roosevelt occupied a special box. As soon as the tableaux and decorations were over a special escort conducted her to a seat beside the throne and the King presented to her a handsome souvenir and she was incorporated into the royal party, special honors being paid to her by all the grandees of the mimic court.

Typhoid Fever Panic at Cornell.

ITHACA, N. Y., Feb. 17.—Three more deaths from typhoid fever occurred today among students of Cornell University. They were Otto Wohls, of Rochester, N. Y.; Henry A. Schoenberg, of Hackensack, N. J.; and Charles J. Schlenker, of Bataavia, N. Y. Eleven physicians today reported eight new cases, and eight other cases were sent out of town. The Cornell authorities will install a filtering plant at once at a cost of \$150,000. Already 100 students of the university have gone to their homes.

A FLOP TO GEER

Eight Multnomah Men Give Him Votes.

PAULSEN ALSO GOES OVER

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WHAT DOES IT ALL MEAN?

Members From All Factions Are Interviewed and Give Their Opinions—From Which Public May Draw Its Own Conclusions.

Fulton	33
Geer	23
Wood	15
Williams	10
Scattering	6
Failed	5
Total	90

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He was then hauled back to Fulton through the mellifluous persuasiveness of President Brownell and the main strength and awkwardness of Representative Webster, his colleague—influences that he did not there undertake to resist. He bided his time and now it would appear that he has gone to stay, despite the blandishments of Brownell and the warnings of Webster. It has long been known that Mr. Paulsen had a mighty inclination toward Geer. On the first day of the Senatorial vote he gave expression to it by voting for him. Then he went to Fulton. Now he's back to Geer, where he has been welcomed with open arms. So have the Multnomah people, though it is troubling the Geer people not a little to know if they are there to abide.

The sudden Multnomah movement has started a grand guessing bee all around as to what it all means. The Fulton people say it doesn't mean anything very much. The Multnomah people say it means they are willing to accept Geer as Senator if he can get enough votes to elect. The Geer people say they have no reason to look a gift horse in the mouth. The Democrats say it is what the Republicans ought to have done long ago, for Geer is the choice of the people and the voice of the people ought to be the voice of the Legislature. Anyhow, the Multnomah and Paulsen break made the first genuine excitement of the session and nearly everybody has his own individual interpretation of its significance.

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TORNADO'S WORK

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MANY ON BOARD PERISH

Goes to the Bottom Before Force of the Wind.

AT LEAST EIGHTEEN ARE LOST

Lifboat Load of Eight Persons Escapes to Shore After Great Suffering and Peril—Many Have No Time to Seek Safety.

The steamer Olive was swamped early yesterday morning in the Chowan River, near the Virginia coast.

She was struck by a tornado, thrown on her beam ends, filled with water and went to the bottom.

Seventeen lives are known to have been lost. A lifeboat loaded with people is missing, and should it be lost, the death list will reach 25.

NORFOLK, Va., Feb. 17.—

A tornado struck the passenger steamer Olive, which plies between Franklin, Va., and Edenton, N. C., at 9:30 last night and sent her to the bottom of the Chowan River, off Woodley's Pier, between Mount Pleasant and Olive's wharf. Seventeen persons are known to have been drowned, and others who were rescued are in a serious condition.

The storm, when it struck the Olive, caused her to go over on her beam ends, and when she righted it was only to sink on account of the water she had taken. A majority of the passengers and crew were below at the time, and had no opportunity to reach the pilot-house of the vessel. This point was the only portion left above water, and in it, standing waist deep from the time of the accident until 6 o'clock in the morning, Captain George Withey and five others were rescued.

According to the statement of Captain Withey to the Associated Press correspondent here tonight, there are 17 known to have been lost on the sinking steamer, and a lifeboat loaded with Engineer C. L. Conroy, Assistant Engineer J. P. Murphy, Purser J. N. Bell, one white and two colored passengers and two colored deckhands, which left the steamer in hope of reaching a vessel whose lights could be seen in the distance, is not yet heard from. If these have been drowned, the list will reach 25.

The dead:

Jacob Lassiter, aged 35, home Rich Square, N. C., salesman for Carlin & Fulton, Baltimore, hardware dealers.

Mrs. Bennett, Franklin, Va.

Twelve-year-old daughter of Mrs. Bennett.

Mrs. Vaughan, Franklin, Va.

Frank Hunter.

George Hunter.

W. H. Edwards.

Andrew Vaughan, colored, deckhand.

Abraham Cooper.

John Prescott Scott, colored fireman.

Earlier Williams, colored cook.

John Cooper, colored porter.

George White, colored preacher.

Others unknown.

Captain Withey reached Norfolk this

CABINET CONSIDERS CANAL.

Plan to Renew Option in Case Ratified.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—The status of the Panama Canal treaty in the Senate again was discussed by the Cabinet today. Some apprehension is expressed that the treaty may not be ratified at the present session, owing to the opposition of Senator Morgan. The option the United States holds on the Panama Canal Company's property will expire on March 4. It is impossible, even if the treaty should move to go into executive session and that none of the Republicans should oppose the motion and that consideration of the treaty should continue until it was disposed of.

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