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SPEED MADNESS AT SEA.

The captain of the steamer Florida, which sank the White Star liner Republic has issued a statement in which he charges that the Republic was proceeding at full speed, in violation of the laws of navigation directing low speed and the greatest caution in time of fog.

It has been a matter of notoriety that the rules of navigation have been ignored on the North Atlantic for years. The big steamers have plowed through fog and rain and dense darkness without the lessening of a single turn of the propeller. With the large crews they carry they are enabled to keep the keenest lookout, to watch for changes in the temperatures of the sea which might indicate the presence of icebergs, to keep a sharp eye upon the barometer and the patent log. But for the rest they take chances. It is not long since the White Star and the American lines were racing every boat through an entire season in order to retain, or obtain, prestige which would command the passenger trade and possibly affect the mail carrying contracts. The vessels that year, and this was before the mapping of the lanes of travel, slowed down for nothing. Many a passenger who happened to be upon deck when a fog bank lifted would be startled to see scores of fishing boats in the water about. It is doubtless a fact that many of these little schooners have been sent to the bottom by the liners and not even the lookout in the steamers' bows know of it. The charge, at least, has been repeated so often that there must be something of truth in it.

One of the jokes of the waterfront in any big Atlantic seaport is the custom that prevails among the passengers of voting the captain a resolution of thanks for a safe and comfortable voyage. We know of one traveler who got himself very much disliked by remarking he would sign the document if the names of the engineers were included with that of the skipper. Now if masters—and they serve as the representatives of the company and under the orders of the directors—drive their vessels as the Republic was driven, through fog and crowded waters, it is easy to see why the knowing persons in the ports treat the resolution practice as a piece of unsuspecting humor.

The admiralty courts will probably thrash out the story of the collision. We hope that the proceedings will be watched and be given publicity. If they bring out any facts which will show it is the custom of owners to order their masters to violate the law so that they can hold their own in the freight and passenger business then, perhaps, there will be a cessation of the "speed madness" in the North Atlantic and fewer dispatches telling of accidents at sea.

THE NOISELESS GUN.

Press dispatches report that Hiram Percy Maxim has given the first public demonstration of his already famous "gun silencer," a little device which reduces the report of army rifles and other powerful weapons to the mildness of a mere handclap. The inventor declares that the mechanism can be applied to heavy artillery and just as effectively silence the cannon's mouth.

For this much let us give thanks, for if war can not be made bloodless, we are at least progressing if it is made noiseless. In the near future the nervous noncombatant may be able to retire to his couch at night with the sweet assurance that his slumbers will not be broken by

WITH THE TOAST AND TEA

GOOD EVENING.

We rise by the things that are under our feet;
By what we have mastered of good or gain;
By the pride deposed and the passion slain,
And the vanquished ill that we hourly meet.
James Russel Lowell.

Her Faith.

Comes a letter from my mother, bidding me to bravely strive,
And within my breast another precious day finds hope alive;
With new courage I'll endeavor to perform as best I may;
No temptation whatsoever shall appeal to me today;
She is confidently hoping and her hope shall be my strength;
I shall cease my timid groping and reward her faith at length.

Yesterday I weakly doubted, thinking all my efforts vain,
But my fears have all been routed and my heart is brave again;
There are heights to be ascended, there are honors I may win,
There are chances that are splendid, 'tis the moment to begin;
With a faith time has not shattered, she is hoping fondly still;
All my failures have not mattered; I can triumph—and I will!

Linger for a moment, brother, ere you bid your hopes adieu;
Have you not somewhere a mother who has hoped and prayed for you?
Though a hundred times defeated, can you weakly turn aside
Knowing that she shall be cheated of her hopes and of her pride
Come, the sky still spreads above us, though we cannot see the sun—
For the faith of those who love us there are battles to be won.

—Exchange.

"Snakes Have But One Lung," reads a headline. Oh, well, a snake never stops to make long speeches before getting down to business anyhow.

In Philadelphia they are considering a proposition to tax the cemeteries. The dead, however, are not likely to regard that as any of their funeral.

An Illinois girl filled her fiancé at the altar because he neglected to shave for the wedding. Getting out of one scrape, the fellow found himself in another.

A St. Louis girl sold her lover for \$325 and then got him back for nothing, according to an exchange. In time she may conclude he is worth just what she gave for him.

A Cincinnati man has been arrested on the charge of wearing woman's clothing. Considering the cost of women's wearing apparel, a plea of insanity in his case ought to move the jury.

The Philadelphia Times is authority for the statement that an automobile weighing a ton and running sixty miles an hour has 25 per cent more striking force than a twelve pound shot fired from a gun at a muzzle velocity of 1,000 feet per second. This is a good thing to remember the next time you see an automobile coming toward you.

the thunder of roaring guns that are hurling death and destruction into opposing ranks. Instead, the successive handclaps may convey to his mind the impression that he is attending the performance of a tumultuously applauded musical comedy, and his dreams may be made more pleasant.

But there is still one possibility that creates no little uneasiness, and that is the danger of the noiseless gun being used for purposes of assassination. The inventor claims to have exploded this theory and asserts that "the sharp click which the bullet makes in cleaving the air would be warning enough." Warning enough for whom? Certainly not for the unconscious victim toward whom the bullet is speeding, and hardly enough to attract attention on a street where all the residents have retired for the night.

In spite of all that has been said, it still appears more than probable that the smokeless and noiseless weapon of the twentieth century will make crime detection and law enforcement more difficult than ever.

NEWS OF COQUILLE.

County Seat Events As Told by The Herald.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Noah started Saturday to Seattle, Washington. Mr. Noah expects to locate at some point on the Sound.

Mrs. E. E. Hayes of North Bend, was in town during the last of the week visiting her mother, Mrs. Brown, and many friends.

C. W. Hall and Miss Amelia Brownson, both of this city, were married at the home of the bride's parents near Bridge, on Sunday the 7th inst.

Mrs. Herbert Haines of Coos City, returned home Saturday from Myrtle Point where she had been to attend the silver wedding of her parents. Mr. and Mrs. V. L. Arington of that city.

Archie Martin of Porter, returned home Saturday after a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Martin of Riverton. He informed us that his mother is still improving from the stroke of paralysis she suffered lately.

Mrs. Boyce, wife of Capt. Clarence Boyce of the Coos Bay life-saving crew, came over by Friday's train and proceeded to the lower river by the steamer Coquille where she goes to visit relatives and friends at her old home.

R. H. Mast returned the last of the week from a trip to Portland whither he went to procure books stationery and supplies for the Farmers and Merchant's Bank of Coquille, which will be opened about the first of next month. Arrangements have been made with J. W. Leneve for the new bank to occupy the vault in the large Leneve store building on Front street in which an office room is being prepared.

BRIEFS OF BANDON.

News of City-by-the-Sea As Told by The Recorder.

J. Howard Johnston came up on the Bandon and visited friends until Wednesday when he went to Coos Bay from whence he will sail on the Bandon for San Pedro. The Bandon took a half load from the Lyons-Johnson mill here and will get the other half from the Johnson mill of up-river at the railroad dock at Marshfield.

Geo. W. Moore, who is a large stock holder in the Cody Lumber Company, and who has been at his home in Port Huron for some time, returned on the Fifield and will look after business affairs in connection with the mill here. He was accompanied by Mr. Spaul E. Pierce, who will spend a short time investigating conditions on the coast. Mr. Pierce is very favorably impressed with the future prospects of Bandon and the Coquille valley.

James Langhead, who constructed the bulkhead on the north side of the Coquille river at this place, for the purpose of protecting the residence of the light house keeper has returned, having been notified that a large part of the structure was washed out, a few days after it was completed. Mr. Langhead is now putting in brush where the bulkhead was washed out and will cover it with bags of sand. This is only for temporary protection, and next summer there will no doubt be a permanent bulkhead constructed.

TOO "DRY" TO SUIT HIS PARTNERS

Prohibition Causes a Break In a New York Business Firm.
NEW YORK, Feb. 19.—Drink has broken up many partnerships, but it remained for two members of the manufacturing firm of William H. King & Company to appeal to the law for dissolution of interests because of too much temperance. Armin Eichler and J. Arthur Clem, vice-president and secretary, respectively, of the concern, filed an application in the supreme court today asking that William H. King and his son, Parker D. King, president and treasurer, respectively, be compelled to show cause why a division of business interests should not take place on March 1 next. Justice Davis signed an order. The application sets forth that it is impossible for Eichler and Clem to get on with King's father, because the father spends his time preaching total abstinence to them and the company's employees.

ROANOKE, opera house Friday night

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