

NEGRO FIREMAN IS HERO IN RESCUING WRECK SURVIVORS

Saves Life of Daughter of University President, with Babe in Her Arms

By Associated Press. An Atlantic Port, May 2.—Survivors of the coastwise steamer City of Athens, which was sunk in a collision with a French cruiser in a fog off the Delaware coast yesterday morning with a loss of sixty-six persons, related here to-day many tales of heroism and the part of the crew of the two vessels. All praised the efforts of the French sailors, especially, who launched small boats within a few minutes after the accident and aided by the cruiser's searchlights picked up many of the survivors from pieces of wreckage.

Fireman Saves Four. Mrs. Florence Pickhard Harrison, wife of a New York real estate agent, whose father, Winchell L. Pickhard, is president of Mercer University, Mason, Ga., told to-day how her life that of her two-year-old baby and two others, was saved through the bravery of a negro fireman of the City of Athens.

Awakened from her sleep, Mrs. Harrison barely had time to put a coat over her night dress and hurry to the deck with her child "I saw a lifeboat," she said, "but no one was paying any attention to it, except a United States marine, who lifted the baby into the boat. I was about to climb in with his aid when the steamer toppled and my grasp on the gunwale slipped. I caught up the baby as the ship sank into the swirling waters. When I came up choking and almost unconscious from the water with the little one in my arms, we were directly under the bow of a lifeboat.

"A man whom I afterward learned was James Wallace, of Savannah, lifted the baby from my arms. When I regained consciousness, found myself in the lifeboat covered with a piece of canvas which I wrapped around the baby. My coat and nightgown were torn from the struggle to drag me in. After that Wallace rescued one marine and a civilian. That brave negro deserves a hero's medal.

In Lifeboat Two Hours. "We were in the lifeboat for about two hours before we were picked up by the crew of the French cruiser. I cannot speak too highly of the gallantry and kindness of the French officers and men during our rescue and the time spent on the cruiser."

The French warship, with a hole stove in her bow, returned to an Atlantic port last night, bringing the survivors she had picked up in the swirling waters.

Captain A. G. Forward, commander of the liner, was able to give little information when he was interviewed at the port where he landed. He was seriously injured and grief-stricken. He did report, however, that he was proceeding at half-speed, which is to say, about six knots, through the fog, sounding the usual fog signals. He was about twenty miles off shore. The sea was not rough, but the dim form of the great cruiser loomed up through the mist and the crash followed.

Wireless Man Died at Key. The City of Athens carried sixty-six passengers and a crew of sixty-six. Of these, thirty-six passengers and thirty-two of the crew were saved. Among the returned to an Atlantic port last night, bringing the survivors she had picked up in the swirling waters.

Oliver Saves Four. Many heroic deeds were recounted last night by the survivors. One of the heroes of the sea tragedy was Harry A. Kelley, of New York, an older, who swam to an overturned lifeboat and dragged up on the bottom of it four persons who were struggling in the sea. He held them there until they were taken off by a boat from the French cruiser.

Mrs. Charles B. Levy, of Bridgeport, Conn., and her 5-year-old daughter; Mrs. Bonzeiner, of Mobile, and Mrs. Norman Harrison, of New York, with her baby, were brought ashore from the cruiser late last night and taken to a nearby hospital. All of them leaped overboard in their nightclothing and all were suffering from exposure. They were supplied with clothing by the Red Cross.

The loss on the ship and cargo was estimated by the Ocean Steamship Company at \$2,000,000. The major part of the cargo was made up of cement, rope, foodstuffs, general merchandise and parts for machine guns.

S. O. S. Call in Vain. Captain Forward, who was one of those saved, was painfully injured and was grief-stricken at the loss of his ship. He said he was proceeding at half-speed about twenty miles off shore, sounding the usual fog signals, when the dim bulk of the cruiser loomed up through the mist and the crash followed. Fortunately, the sea was calm and many more lives might have been lost. Captain Forward refused to make a statement concerning the length of time his vessel remained afloat after the collision. Members of the crew declared, however, that the City of Athens sank within four minutes. A great hole was torn in her side below the waterline near the bow and she was carried down by her own momentum as the water rushed in.

of them thinly clad and many without life preservers, plunged into the sea. The cruiser launched lifeboats immediately after the crash and turned its searchlights upon the waters in which men and women were struggling for their lives. Sixty-eight persons were picked up and brought back to this port by the warship, which was not seriously damaged.

CITY'S BALANCE \$410,000. The report of the City Treasurer for April shows that \$270,587.75 had been paid in last month for 1918 city tax; receipts from all sources, \$324,173; expenditures, \$73,585; and balance on hand, \$410,000.

THIRD WARD 1918 TAX REPORTS ARE COMPLETE. County tax reports for 1918 for the Third Ward of the city have been completed in the office of the County Commissioners. The total valuation of all assessable real estate in the ward by the county is \$8,028,540, and the total taxes from county, state and other sources which will be paid to the County Treasurer will be \$58,300, as compared with \$49,408 for 1917. Part of the increase is due to the advance in the tax rate from four to five mills.

FORMER JUDGE SHALL VISIT. Ex-Judge James W. Shall, of Perry county, was in the city yesterday, calling at the Courthouse to see Judges Kunkel, McCarroll, Henry and Johnson, who are presiding at the special Criminal Court sessions.

CONSPIRATOR ON WAY TO PRISON. San Francisco, May 2.—Lieutenant Wilhelm Von Brincken, formerly military attaché of the German Consulate in San Francisco, who pleaded guilty in the German-Hindu conspiracy plot to overthrow British rule in India, is on his way to the Federal prison at McNeil Island, Washington, to begin serving a sentence of two years. Under the Federal Law Von Brincken may shorten his sentence by 144 days less if he observes prison rules.

ANNA HELD CRITICALLY ILL. New York, May 2.—Physicians attending Miss Anna Held soon will decide whether a blood transfusion will be necessary to save her life. The actress is in a critical condition in her suite at a hotel. She is suffering from anaemia, which surgeons describe as "of a secondary nature." Her weight has fallen from 115 to eighty-four pounds.

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KAUFMAN'S May Thrift Sale. Men's Shirts 79c, Men's Hose 23c, Men's Neckties 19c, Men's Handkerchiefs 5c.

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Here Are a Few Typical Items. Boys' Norfolk Suits, Boys' Odd Pants, Boys' Middy Suits, Boys' Wash Suits.

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MEN'S DRESS SHIRTS Special at 85c, \$1.45, \$1.95, \$3.95. Includes illustrations of dress shirts.

KAUFMAN'S MARKET SQUARE UNDERSELLING STORE. Men's Cotton Hose 11c, Men's Silk Four-in-Hands 35c, Men's Summer Underwear 79c.

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Kaufman's Bargain Basement. Toilet Paper 25c, Laundry Soap 39c, Cleaning Powder 19c, Flash Light 48c, Aluminum Kettle \$2.39, Door Mats 25c.

Towels, Sheets, Pillow Cases, Bed Spreads and Table Damask. Includes price lists for various household items.

Ready-To-Hang AWNINGS, White & Colored WASH GOODS, Window Screens. Includes illustrations of awnings and screens.

BAMBOO PORCH SHADES, THIRTY RUGS AND LINOLEUMS. Includes illustrations of porch shades and rugs.

Men's Summer Underwear. Men's Union Suits, Men's Under Suits. Includes illustrations of underwear.