

STRANDED SHIP, LEFT BY CREW, UNSOLVED MYSTERY OF OCEAN

(By Associated Press) BEAUFORT, N. C., March 7.—A grim spectre stood unseen at the helm of the Bath-built schooner Carroll A. Deering when she cleared Rio de Janeiro, harbor last December, riding light, and winged out to set with Norfolk port to make, via the Barbadoes.

The ship was tough and trim from truck to keelson, sound throughout and no more than sweetened to the ways of the sea by her year of the building stocks. A stout New England shipmaster, weathered to all the gales that blow tred her quarterdeck. Above him clean, sound canvas towered away to the five great masts that drove more than a thousand tons through the water on airs that no more than fanned the cheek.

Crew Disappears.

Today she is "The Ghostship of Diamond Shoals," her bones bleaching in "the grave yard of the Atlantic," her master and crew vanished, no man knows where or why. She has added one more page to the sea's great book of mystery; paid tribute to the grim power of the deep that on occasion strikes through all that men and science can do to shackle it, to claim its own.

There is no record of the Deering's last voyage. She sailed full handed, thrilling with life and power. A month later she staggered blindly shoreward, alone by night, to ram her way to her last berth on the shoal. No hand tended her wheel; no man stood to clack a sheet or spill the wind from her tortured canvas to ease her death struggle. She was a dead ship. No living thing saw her end.

Sunset was drawing down the gloom of night on a Sunday evening when patrols from the life saving station looked their last for the day across the storm fretted shoals. The surges ran white over the lurking menace of the sands, headstrong with relics of many a stout craft. But there was no sail in sight. The wide reach of sea beyond was empty in the gathering gale.

Ship Without Life.

In the morning, the Deering lay before them in the grip of the sand, her canvas set and slatting to ribbons in the wind, her boat gear hammering overside, her boats and her crew vanished. All day the life savers sought to reach her. Some of her crew might still be aboard. Time and again they were beaten back by wind and sea and it was a day later before it was known positively that she was an empty ship, stripped of all life before she had plunged into the death trap.

There was no mark on her to show why she had been abandoned. She was apparently undamaged until the wind and sea and sand had their will of her and slowly ripped her timber from timber, on the shoal. Under the drive of her sail the ship was buried beyond the power of tugs to pull her out. And in the weeks that have passed not a word has come to tell what became of her crew. Nobody has been washed up; no remnant of life boat of clothing come ashore. The battered hulk of the big vessel, torn with toppling masts and grimy, torn canvas, the hull filling with sand through opened seams, stands a ghostly monument to the unconquerable power of the sea.

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the next two years for schools in poorer counties (a makeshift until the seven-cent levy becomes active)—has passed both houses.

In the specific appropriation bill a great many things were done for the state institutions, but those that stood out and were of special interest as the discussion progressed, were the appropriation of \$125,000 for the Municipal normal school building (already mentioned under educational head); \$175,000 for hospital and kitchen at state Soldiers' home at Lafayette, and money for a men's building at the Central Hospital for the Insane; also

money for buildings at the state village for epileptics. All of these were included in the specific appropriation bill which has passed both houses, and is ready for the signature of the governor.

Administration Bills.

The following are at least the greater part of the bills in which the state administration has been supposed to have special interest and the status of each:

Woman's working hour bill to regulate the working hours of women in industry—killed in senate last Saturday.

Money to keep the schools going in the poorer counties until the seven-cent levy money becomes available (this measure also mentioned under educational head).

All of the resolutions for constitutional amendments, including the amendment authorizing the legislature to establish a system of taxation and for the appointment instead of the election of state superintendents of schools, the latter two of which have lagged to the finish. All of these amendments except the one relating to the state superintendent have been signed by the governor. Whether they will be voted on at the next general election or at a special election depends on whether a senate bill providing for a special election Sept. 6, gets through the house. The resolution for the state superintendent amendment as has been related, has passed only the senate.

Tax Law Amendments.

Amendments to the state tax law giving the state tax board appellate jurisdiction in the matter of local levies and bond issues. This bill was passed in the house and then by the senate but was amended by the senate, the principal amendments being one that would permit the raising or lowering of assessments on property by property sub-divisions and one that would make it possible for corporations or companies to keep their dividends a secret from the taxing officer. This bill is now in conference between the two houses.

Educational bills: At the beginning of the session the governor indicated his special interest in all bills relating to the schools.

Bill for an elementary school inspector (also mentioned under educational head)—has passed both houses.

Measure for dissolution of state board of agriculture—has passed both houses and will be signed by governor.

Bill for reorganization of state board of agriculture—signed by governor.

Reformatory Removal.

Measure for removal of state reformatory to site of penal farm authorizing the governor and a commission to be appointed by him to sell the present buildings and grounds and appropriating \$300,000—signed by governor.

Anti-primary election bills—all killed.

Program for state-wide patrol system for county improved highways and elevation of standard of county highway superintendents. The governor dropped this plan but the LaFave bill which would make it possible for counties to establish the patrol sys-

tem and providing that the county highway superintendent shall attend the road school at Purdue university one week each year and increasing his pay has been passed by both houses. It is regarded as a substitute for the governor's original plan.

Movement to centralize control of all state institution—dropped.

Measure to centralize control of the three state higher educational institutions—has passed houses, pending in senate.

Labor Measures.

Labor bills did not enter into very much of the discussion during the session. The so-called labor bills of greatest interest and the status of each when the sessions began today follow:

Anti-picketing bill—passed senate, killed in house.

Bill making it possible to bring suit against unincorporated organizations—passed senate, killed in house.

Bills to repeal the full switching crew and the full train crew laws—signed by the governor.

Measure to put certain duties in regard to workmen's compensation in the state insurance department—killed.

Woman's working hour bill (mentioned also under head of measures desired by governor)—killed in the senate.

Salary Bills.

Salary bills of greatest consequence and the status of each follow:

To raise salaries of county surveyors of Lake and Marion counties—signed by governor.

Measure to increase salaries of the county commissioners all over state—has passed house, ready for third reading in senate.

Bill to increase salaries of judges of higher courts—killed.

Measure to raise salaries of judges of superior, circuit, criminal, juvenile and probate courts, authorizing payment of as much as \$1,200 out of state treasury and in counties having a city with a population of 60,000, and in certain other instances authorizing additional payment out of local funds up to \$2,800—has passed both houses.

Raising salary of assessor of Center township, Marion county—killed.

Providing straight salary instead of fee system for all county offices in Marion county—has passed both houses.

Providing for investigation of all county salaries by accounts board—has passed both houses.

Increasing salary of state mine inspector from \$2,000 to \$3,500 and two deputies from \$1,500 to \$2,500—has passed senate, ready for third reading in house.

Following are the important measures relating to the control of crime and status of each at the beginning of the sessions today:

Providing 10 to 25 years where two or more persons seize an auto to escape after committing robbery, burglary or grand larceny—signed by the governor.

Providing penalties for robbery of

10 to 21 years for first offense and life for second offense—signed by the governor.

Providing 15 to 25 years on conviction of robbery where defendant carried a dangerous weapon with intent to kill or maim—has passed both houses.

Bill to permit courts to fix own minimum sentence in cases where indefinite sentence applied—killed.

Emergency sheriff bill (introduced to head off state constabulary)—has passed both houses.

Bill defining crime of vehicle taking with penalty of three to five years for first offense and five to twenty years for second or subsequent offenses—has passed both houses.

Auto Title Bill.

Automobile title bill providing for issuance of certificates of ownership of automobiles and fund from fees to be used in paying detectives to catch auto thieves—has passed both houses.

After all of the measures above have been mentioned there is left a number of others, some of which probably might have been classified under the heads specified but which in this article shall be classed as "important bills of a general nature." These measures and the status of each follows:

Motion picture censorship bill—Has passed the house and is pending in the senate. Probably will not get through unless it is advanced out of its regular order. Senate already has had a censorship bill of its own.

Humphreys bill, defining what shall be classed as obscene or objectionable in motion pictures and providing penalties. (This would shut out all independent ticket movements)—has passed both houses.

Bill providing for testing of lung medicines by state board of health—passed the senate but was killed in the house.

Bill to prevent payment of dividends out of sales of stock—has passed both houses.

Bill to abolish the public service commission—Killed.

Bill to raise standard of nurses and providing for the position of "nurses' attendants" so that smaller hospitals of the state may be able to employ help—Has passed both houses.

City planning and city zoning bills—Have passed both houses.

Soldiers' bonus bill, providing \$10 a month for each month in service or equivalent in educational advantages and providing that referendum shall be held in 1922 to determine whether bonus shall be granted; estimated to cost state \$100,000 to \$200,000—Has passed house; pending in senate.

Bill to prohibit from holding any public office by any person who has been convicted of dodging the selective draft of or any other crime against the federal government—Signed by governor.

Three house war memorial bills authorizing Marion county and city of Indianapolis to levy tax sufficient for each to pay one half of cost of site for state memorial in North Meridian street, Indianapolis, and authorizing state to accept site. On remonstrance

of five per cent of voters referendum must be held to determine whether tax levies shall be made—all three bills passed by house and ready for third reading in senate at beginning of today's sessions.

Measure authorizing payment in full for road contractors on completion of each mile of road—has passed both houses.

Bill to prohibit the establishment of branch banks—was ready for action by the governor Monday. Weakening amendments adopted in the senate were removed and as the bill goes to the governor it provides for a straight prohibition of the establishment in the future.

Bone dry bill to bring the state liquor up to the standard of the federal law in all respects—has passed both houses.

Anti-nepotism bill applying to state offices and departments of institutions—has passed both houses.

Giving right of eminent domain to classes of public utility companies to which the right is now denied, and providing for the approval of the public service commission in each instance—has passed both houses.

Home Rule Passes.

Measure authorizing cities to establish the commission or commission manager form of government—has passed both houses.

Bill that would prohibit any man from running as an independent candidate in an election unless he had so declared his intentions at least five days before the regular nominating primaries. (This would shut out all independent ticket movements)—has passed both houses.

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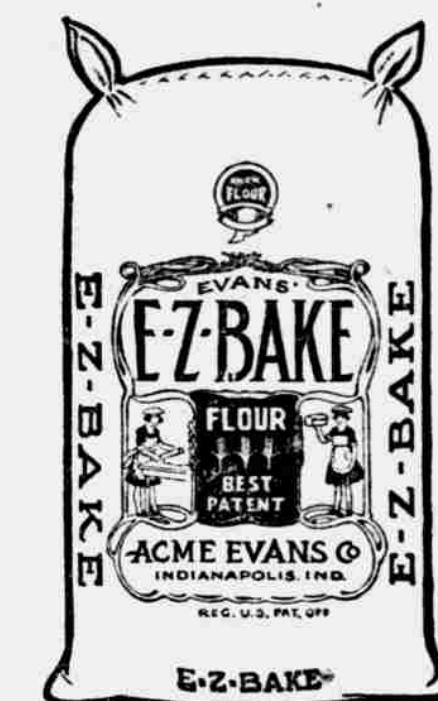
It is possible, of course, that a few bills of more than ordinary interest may have been unwittingly omitted in the above classifications, but undoubtedly the list given pretty well covers the important work of the session.

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