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SS PENGUIN MARITIME DISASTER

The SS Penguin sank yesterday off Cape Terawhiti in Wellington at approximately ten in the evening. Water seeped into the hull after rocks struck it. Seventy-five people died.

The steamship left from Picton on its regular trip across Cook Strait to Wellington. By the time the ship reached the Strait, a fog had blown up by a strong southerly wind. At ten in the evening, the captain had not yet sighted the Pencarrow light at the opening of the harbour so he gave the order to turn around. The Penguin was closer to land than the captain realised and as the ship turned, it struck rocks tearing a hole in the hull. The raging seas pulled the ship clear off the rocks and water began to pour through the hole. When it became clear that the pumps would not be able to keep the ship afloat, the crew began to direct women and children onto lifeboats. Only two lifeboats successfully launched, but they were flooded and most onboard drowned. As the Penguin sank, the sea water flooded into the engine room and caused an explosion, tearing the ship apart.

A man from one of the rescue parties said: 'When I arrived, wreckage and bodies were strewn along the coast. It was as if I was in a nightmare.' A court of inquiry found that a strong flood tide combined with currents was one reason for the disaster. Another reason is because the captain, who survived the wreck, had made a navigational error. -
Katharine Swire and Sophia Johnston

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STABBING FOUND GUILTY

AUCKLAND, February 12

George M'Guirk has been on trial in the lower court for the attempted murder of his brother-in-law George Barrett by stabbing him on the 14 December in Devonport. He was again trialled this morning in the Supreme Court. M'Guirk, who stood undefended, pleaded 'Not Guilty' for all accounts. However, the jury sentenced him with a verdict of 'Guilty' on the second count of having, with intent, caused actual and grievous bodily harm.

Mr. J.A Tole, Crown Prosecutor, explained that M'Guirk returned to the Barrett house located in Glenford Lane at 8.30pm, after previously staying there some time. He wished to make inquiries about his sister. She ignored his requests and was left alone until 10.00pm when M'Guirk returned again, this time demanding to be allowed in. He created much disturbance so Barrett ordered him of the premises but M'Guirk refused to leave. Before making off, George M'Guirk suddenly stabbed Barrett in the neck, possibly with a knife. Seriously injured, Barrett tried to follow but the loss of blood made him collapse. When Dr Guinness arrived, he found Barrett in a dangerous, almost fatal state.

Evidence was given to support these statements. M'Guirk was asked if he had any evidence to present or anything to declare. "No," replied M'Guirk, "I just wish to say that my word is as good as Barrett's. I never stabbed him. I hit him with a handbag. One man's word is as good as another's, and the prisoner, I believe, generally has the benefit of the doubt."

And so George M'Guirk was found guilty and sentenced with 5 years imprisonment. - *Madeline Skeggs*

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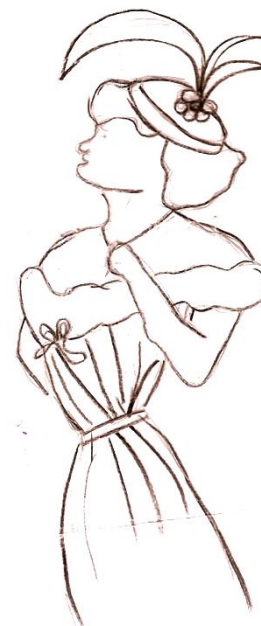
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NAACP ADVANCEMENT

On February 12th the National Association for the Advancement of Coloured People (NAACP) was founded commemorating the 100th anniversary of President Abraham Lincoln's birth.

It is to be one of the most influential civil rights organizations in United States and its aim is "to ensure the political, education, and economic equality of all persons and to eliminate racial hatred and racial discrimination."

The NAACP began to develop in 1905 with a group of 32 outspoken African-Americans who were joined a year later by 3 white citizens- journalist William E. Walling, social worker Mary White Ovington and Jewish social worker Henry Moskowitz.

The group struggled for a while with its limited resources and soon decided to extend its membership to increase its scope and effectiveness. Solicitations for support were sent out to over 60 prominent Americans and a meeting date was set for the 12th of February 1909. This was intended to coincide with 100th anniversary of President Abraham Lincoln. - Elizabeth Lovelock

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DRUNKEN ASSAULT RESOLVES IN COMA

Last night Mr. S. Cooke drunkenly assaulted an innocent woman after being escorted out of the local bar for causing much rowdiness.

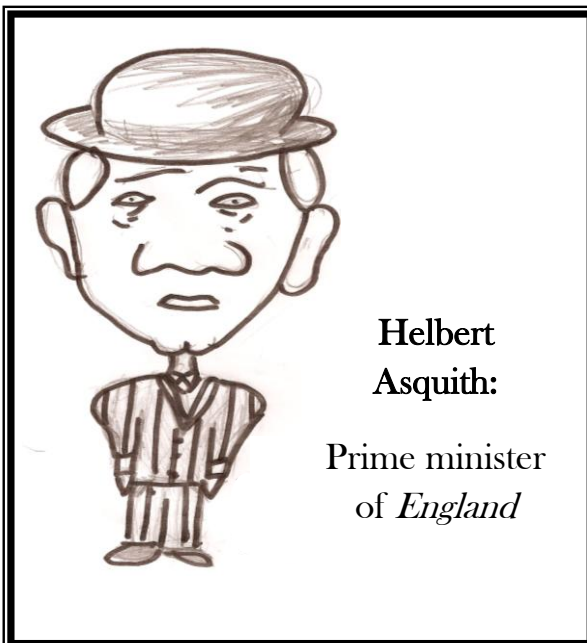
Mr. Cooke assaulted the young woman with a broken beer bottle.

Miss J. Gobbet was an easy target for him because she had an injured foot and was limping along the road accompanied by her friends.

Mr. Cooke's friends were also intoxicated and helped him willingly in the assault. Miss Gobbet's friends had tried to defend her nevertheless she got badly cut and bruised. None of the people involved could get hold of the police or an ambulance. This resulted in her unconsciousness.

When a passer-by finally got hold of an ambulance and Miss Gobbet had been taken to the hospital, her friends were informed that she was in a coma. This was incredibly upsetting for them as she was a very lovely woman, the local jeweller, and had done no harm to Mr. Cooke or any of his friends. There is no news on when Miss Gobbet will regain consciousness but there is hope in the city that she will make a quick and easy recovery.

A witness has told the Otago Former Times, that they saw Mr. Cooke hit another man in the bar, which is why he left. He was especially infuriated and when Miss Gobbet was walking past she accidentally collided with him. She apologised, but since he was incredibly drunk he cursed at her. Then, with his broken beer bottle, he began to assault her. Miss Gobbet's friends tried to help her get away from Mr. Cooke and his friends. Another drunken assault in Dunedin should be a reminder to drink less because it may resolve in a crime. - Sophia Johnston



Helbert
Asquith:

Prime minister
of England

FILM REVIEW

The Golden Louis

The academy award winner D.W Griffith has impressed the media again with his latest movie 'The Golden Louis', starring a marvellous cast, with actors such as Linda Arvison, Florence Lawrence and George Gebhart.

The Golden Louis is set in beautiful Paris, in the middle of winter. A frail young girl is outside begging in the snow when she collapses from weakness and cold. A wealthy gentleman passes and places a gold coin in her shoe. Nearby another man is having a rough night at the gambling house across the street. He notices the girl and wants the coin, and could easily take it, but he is torn between his need for the coin and his pity for the girl.

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AGRICULTURAL NEWS

Jones' Magical Turnips

In Spring Bank last week an amazing discovery was made. Farmer Jones had to feed his cows turnips for multiple reasons, because of his action, he claims, and his cows now have more meat on them and are happier to some extent.

However, he says, his turnips are a one of a kind and only work on certain cows likes his own.

Corn Sacks heavier due to Windy Weather

Corn sacks have slowly gotten heavier as the winter season approaches. This, Terry Polunhurst says, is because of the cold air refusing to leave the sacks while being used. This problem can be resolved by beating the bag before use so none of the cold air can remain.

Farm Cats Slacking off

Mrs. Retygurd says her tabby cat called Heister has been slacking off in the past week from his farm duties as a mouser. She would like to tell everyone to ignore her cat's bad behavior until he gets back to working at his usual standard.

Farmer Hurse would also like to report that his common bred Ucile has been slacking also. However, he believes this is because of the cold weather approaching and the decrease of mice because of the winter coming up.

Mrs. Retygurd refuses to believe, as she calls it, this nonsense.

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OMNIUM GATHERUM

Mr. Will Mansfield, the local saw mill operator, received a painfully cut foot by some of the machinery he was working with this week.

Miss Corrine Hendrix returned yesterday from a visit of some days to relatives and friends in Christchurch.

Mrs. Fannie Sibert has returned from an extended visit to relatives in Wanaka.

The Passenger Train on the Otago railway ran over Pink Bloodworth, last night, cutting off one of his legs.

Mrs. F. L. Sibnet of Dunedin is visiting friends in the city.

A reward of \$100 for the unknown person who set fire to and burned the barn and contents belonging to Peter Williamson, in Central Dunedin. Several horses and other animals were destroyed in this fire.

Miss Snowdrop Gobert and Miss Mable Kemp, of this city, spent some days last week in Invercargill.

Miss Maud Green of Alexandra is visiting friends in this city.

"I killed my brother last night and I want to surrender," said Peter Lingold, a farmer, today as he walked into the sheriff's office. The two brothers were here yesterday and witnessed the circus performance, after which they drank a great deal and started home, and it was on the way that J. P. Lingold was shot to death by his brother. Peter Lingold refused to make any comment further than that they had quarreled on the way home and began shooting each other, when his shot took effect, killing his brother instantly.

Miss Ida Richards has now returned after a visit of some weeks to friends in Nelson.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Rise of Speed Tickets

I sat down last Saturday to read the newspaper as I always do and as I was getting comfortable, when something caught my eye. To my surprise it was a letter about the rise of speed tickets emitted to the youth in the past years 1907 to 1909. I am truly disgusted by the behavior of these young miscreants and agree fully with the law that they should be punished to the highest degree.

My son, Sir Gloonhearts, has not been permitted to drive such a hideous thing and stays with the good old-fashioned horse and cart. Generations of Gloonhearts have driven the finest of horse and carriage.

I would like to say that I despise of these new metal creatures destroying our community.

Yours Sincerely,

Lady Gloonheart.

James Fletcher House

James Fletcher and Albert Morris have started to build a wooden villa for the local shopkeeper in Broad Bay.

James Fletcher arrived in New Zealand from Scotland last year. He is a fifth generation stonemason and builder. When he arrived in Dunedin he secured a job quickly with the local building company.

Albert Morris is an English born joiner who has been in New Zealand since youth. They have started construction at number 727 Portobello Road, Broad Bay, Dunedin.

The plan shows a Double bay windowed villa with return verandah is built with amazing views over Turnball bay.

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Public Notices

Dance- A dance for all residents shall be held at the Town Hall.

The Dance shall commence at 7 O'clock pm on Tuesday 16th February and conclude at approximately 10 O'clock pm.

Knitting Club- The local knitting, patchwork and sewing club will have its first meeting of the year this coming Wednesday (17th February) evening at 6:30pm. It will be held at Knox Church.

Missing- A cat has been reported missing. She has a ginger coat and answers to the name 'Francis'. If you find her please contact Shirley Southland at 120 Shetland Street, Wakari, Dunedin.

History Lecture- A New Zealand History lecture will be led by, famous historian, Johnny Smith at 7:30pm on Thursday 18th February at the Town Hall. All Welcome.

Book Club- The community Book Club will be meeting on Monday 15th February at, club member, Mrs. Allen's house, 7 Sargood Street. All welcome.

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George Barrett

Births

Jones- William and Dorothy are pleased to announce the safe arrival of their daughter, Helen Marie.

Roy- Howard and Irene are delighted to announce the joyful arrival of their twin boys, Theodore Daniel and Clyde Frank.

Austen- Fred and Gertrude are happy to announce the arrival of their daughter, Alice Louise.

Great thanks to all concerned.

Bales- Samuel and Bridget are pleased to share the news about the birth of their forth child Rosalie Grace. She will most certainly be a joy for her siblings: Edward, Sarah and Laurent.

Wedding Announcements

Evelyn Young and Arthur Lee were married at Knox Church on Thursday 11th February 1909.

Otis Walt and Hilda James shared their vows on Friday 12th February 1909 at First Church.

Ruby Wedding

Julius Sanet and Maggie Dores on this day celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary. All my love Mother and Father, your daughter Genevieve.



The annual Cross Country Race



James Fletcher

Deaths

Dr W.R. Robinson died suddenly last night at 7 o'clock from apoplexy. He was one of the most prominent and a popular physician in this section and his death has cast a gloom over the whole community.

John Wesley Prince Jr. died early yesterday morning, in the city hospital after a short illness, aged 53 years. He had been ill in his home for a few days when it was decided he should go to hospital. The surgeons decided an operation was necessary. It was performed. He never regained consciousness.

Miss. Juvernia White, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver T. White, died yesterday afternoon at 5 o'clock at the residents of her parents, 302 Lee Street, after a protracted illness of several weeks with typhoid fever.

Mrs. M. A. Bennett, widow of the late colonel Nathan C. Barnett, died yesterday afternoon at about 3:40 o'clock at her residence, 78 Pullman Street, after an illness of about two weeks. Mrs. Barnett was 81 years of age and her death was due to a general breaking down. Occasioned by old age.

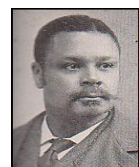


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