

# Extra! Majestic Sinks

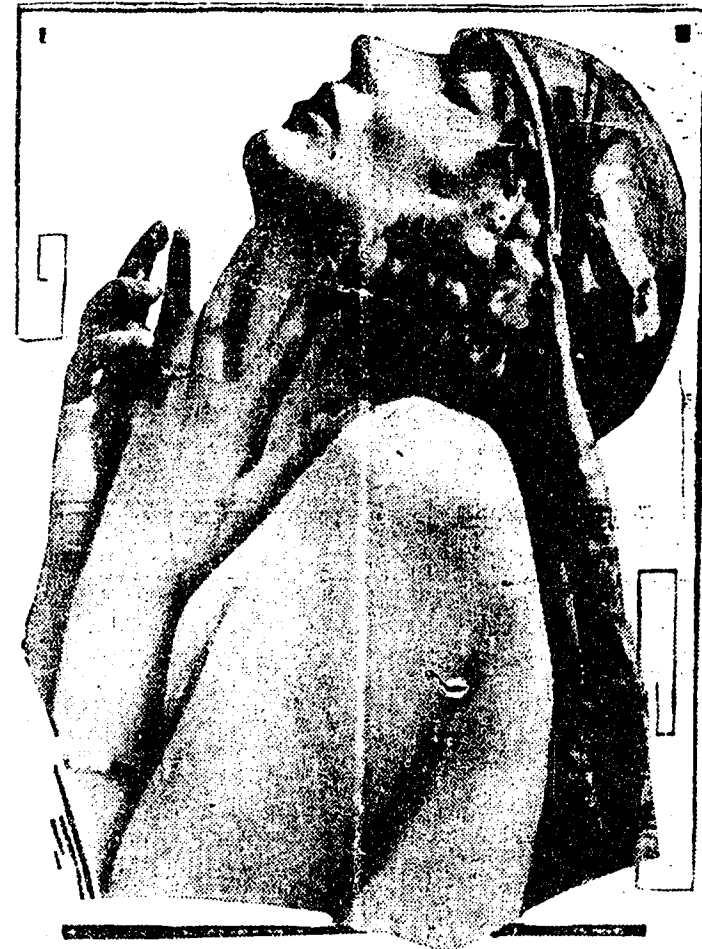
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**City Edition**  
 FAIR. WARMER. SUNRISE: 4:58 a. m. SUNSET: 7:32 p. m.  
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**WEATHER**

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### Marries Her Doctor



**HELEN LEE WORTHING**  
 a romance which began when one of the parties was unconscious lead to the altar at Mexico City on Monday when Helen Lee Worthing, former Follies girl, now in pictures, wedded Dr. Eugene Nelson, of Los Angeles, one of the physicians who attended Miss Worthing when she was taken from a world cruise steamer in Los Angeles in an unconscious condition with pleurisy and pneumonia. The bride is white, the groom is understood among his friends to be colored.

### THREE TAKEN IN CITY WIDE DRY CLEAN-UP RAIDS

Thirty-Six Dry Agents Start Campaign To Run Boozes Out Of City  
 CORNER SPEAKEASIES TO GET ATTENTION  
 Citizens Asked To Cooperate In Ridding Sections Of Bootleg Joints

Three persons, one woman and two men were taken when 36 Dry Agents raided more than a score of places and made a total of 45 arrests in a special clean-up campaign started here Wednesday.  
 Those arrested were Ima Palmer, Grace Campbell, 531 West Lee Street and Jerry Moses, head waiter at the Franklinton Hotel.  
 The two men and woman were arrested and cited to appear before Commissioner Supple on charges of unlawful possession of whiskey, alleged bootleg having been found in their possession.  
 The raids are being made under direction of Assistant Dry Administrator George P. Bush and are said to be the biggest and most determined campaign against bootlegging since the beginning of the prohibition era.  
**MAY REACH ALL SECTIONS**  
 Officials say that the activities of the agents will reach every section of the city and is expected to chase bootleg whiskey out of Baltimore.

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**Girl, Six, Injured By Auto**  
 Margaret Parker, 6, 1027 N. Stockton street, was injured in the right eye, Monday, when she was struck by a truck driven by Clarence H. Morgan, on Carey street, near Laurens.  
**Woman Dies Suddenly**  
 Milton Kellum, 808 N. Woodgreen street, reported Saturday that his sister, Alberta Kellum, died suddenly in their home. Investigation showed that she suffered a cerebral hemorrhage.

# 1000 are SAVED

## POLICE TOLD THAT SEACOCKS WERE DELIBERATELY OPENED WOMEN AND GIRLS TRAMPLED; RUSH FOR LIFE PRESERVERS

One thousand joy-makers narrowly escaped going to a watery grave when the excursion steamer Majestic went to the bottom of the Chesapeake Bay at the foot of Clinton street at 6 a. m. this morning.

The steamer with 970 passengers and 30 members of the crew, was a scene of terror as women screamed and fainted following the first report that the boat had sprung a leak a short distance this side of Fort Carroll. Panic stricken cries rent the air and a mad rush for life boats and life preservers turned the upper decks into a scene of bedlam. Members of the crew were forced to use drastic means in order that women and girls might first be provided with safety devices.

**WAS MIDNIGHT PARTY**  
 The boat left Pier Four a little after 12 o'clock with its passengers for a steam down the Bay, planning to arrive at Seven Foot Knoll at daybreak for an all day picnic.

When the Majestic lazily steamed toward Fort Carroll, William Bryan, 1626 Jackson street, an oiler, informed Captain Frederick Travers, white, 4718 Milford avenue, that the boat had sprung a leak in the rear lower galley, and the hold was fast filling with water.

**CONSTERNATION REIGNED**  
 Finding the water coming in at such terrific force that the damage could not be repaired, Captain Travers ordered that the boat be turned back with all possible speed and put in at the first pier to be reached.

The sudden change in the course caused the crowd to become apprehensive and a cry of "the boat is sinking," caused a wild rush toward the life preservers. Men and women were trampled in the stampede, fists flew and the angry oaths of the men could be heard above the screams of the frightened women.

Tossing and swaying as the terror stricken passengers rushed from one side of the boat to the other the Majestic plowed gamely on until it nosed in at the coal pier at the foot of Clinton street. The bow of the boat barely missed ramming the stern of the Danish freighter Johannes Maersk, which was moored at the pier.

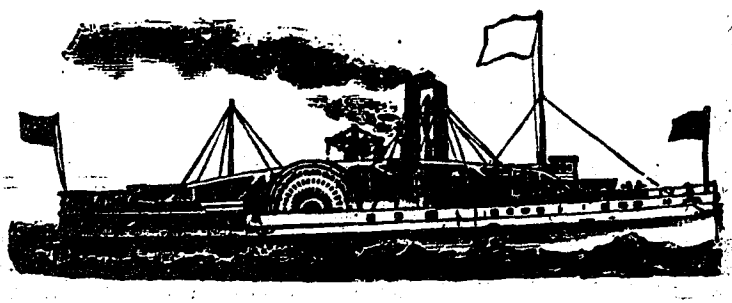
**NEARLY CAPSIZED**  
 As the steamer limped into the landing a fight started on the starboard side by an excited passenger in his effort to get

### Laugh At Death

Even in the face of certain death some of the passengers did not lose their sense of humor and laughed heartily at a very stout woman, who seized four life preservers and strapped them about her body.  
 She fought vigorously with all of her 200 pounds as members of the crew attempt to get one or two of them to distribute among the frightened passengers who were too late.  
 "Go, way from here man," she cried, "ain't no one life preserver going to hold me up as heavy as I am."  
 She still held them securely after she had been safely landed on the dock.

AFRO cameramen and reporters were one the scene early Sunday morning. Special photos of the ill-fated steamer will appear in Thursday's issue.

### STEAMER MAJESTIC



Sunk early Sunday morning; 970 passengers and 30 of crew saved.  
 The steamer "Majestic," formerly "Happy Days," of 717 gross tons, was built in 1903 in Elizabeth, N. J., and Washington was originally its home port.  
 It was 201.8 feet long; 30 foot beam and had a 10 foot draught.  
 It lies by the Pennsylvania Railroad coal pier at Canton in 40 feet of water.  
 Only the pilot house and the upper works of the vessel can be seen.

off, caused the crowd to center at this point. The boat, already crippled with its hold half full of water, swayed under the weight and nearly capsized.

**GOES TO BOTTOM**  
 Captain Travers, cool and collected throughout, formed his crew into a strong-arm squad and delivered the passengers to the pier in an orderly manner. Except for those injured in the first rush no one was hurt and every passenger was safe on the pier as the boat sank in forty feet of water, stern first.

Eastern District police rushed to the scene of the catastrophe, ready to offer first aid, found no one hurt. They are investigating reports that the seacocks were deliberately opened by some person with premeditated evil intent.

**UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT**  
 The boat is owned by William S. Waldron, white, of 306 Montgomery street, who purchased the vessel following the failure of the Ideal Amusement Company, headed by J. E. Smallwood, 1329 E. Pratt street.

Last week Mr. Waldron told the AFRO-AMERICAN that he had purchased the boat from the Claiborne and Annapolis Ferry Company, the owners, and that he knew nothing of the stockholders in the other company and would not recognize any claims that they hold. He declared that it is the intention of the company, which is said to be backed by Philadelphia and New York capital, to run excursions to Love Point in Queen Anne's County.

**BUILT IN 1903**  
 The steamer Majestic was built by the W. and A. Fletcher Company in Hoboken, N. J., in 1903 and before being brought to Baltimore was named "Happy Days." It was built to be used as an excursion boat for the poor children of New York. It was a gift of Charles W. Schwab, steel magnate, who personally superintended the building. It was operated as an excursion boat from New York to Albany until the World War. The boat was then converted into a transport. It is said to have had a steel hull and at that time it was brought to Baltimore was in perfect condition.

**Baltimore Pastors At Annapolis Installation**  
 The Rev. N. H. Morgan was installed as pastor of the First Baptist Church, in Annapolis, Thursday, July 21. Many Baptist ministers went to Annapolis for the services. The Rev. D. Mack, as president of the United Baptist Misionary Convention of Maryland presided. A special sermon was preached by the Rev. W. W. Allen, pastor of the Shiloh Baptist Church, Baltimore.

**Woman Drives Car Into Lamp Post**  
 Losing control of an automobile she was driving, Mrs. Hattie B. Hicks, 1012 W. Lanvale street, swerved into a lamp post at the intersection of Lanvale and Eutaw street, Monday. The machine belonged to Mrs. Elizabeth M. Wilson, of the same address and Mrs. Hicks was summoned to the traffic court on a charge of reckless driving.

**Hold Man For Cutting**  
 Frank Calhoun, said to be a New Yorker, stopping at 1314 Harlan Avenue, is in a serious condition at the Colonial Hospital with his neck, face and forearm lacerated, and William Goodshed is being held for \$5,000 bond, charged with attacking Calhoun Saturday.  
**Child Dies Suddenly**  
 Morgan Green, 1022 White street, reported that his 13-month old son, Howard, died suddenly, at 12:30 Monday.