

the Lenape, the queen of the fleet; her first arrival was on January 24, 1913.

For years the Clyde Line maintained two docks at Jacksonville, one at the foot of Hogan Street and the other at Washington Street. The Hogan Street pier was burned September 15, 1889, but was rebuilt and enlarged. These piers becoming inadequate, nearly two blocks of riverfront between Washington and Market Streets were acquired, and on July 7, 1910, the preliminary work on new terminals was begun. These piers, each 150x450 feet, were constructed at a cost of \$500,000 complete. They were opened May 15, 1911, with the docking of the Arapahoe. Docking for six ships at a time is afforded. Two of these piers were greatly damaged by fire April 8, 1917, entailing a loss of \$189,000; they were immediately rebuilt. The Clyde Line has been an important factor in the growth and development of Jacksonville.

Merchants and Miners Line

The announcement early in 1909, that the Merchants and Miners Transportation Company had decided to extend its Baltimore-Savannah line to Jacksonville, created a great deal of interest here. The service was opened with the arrival of the Merrimack on June 21, 1909. J. C. Whitney, president, and other high officials of the company were aboard; they were given a banquet by the Board of Trade, and the occasion was celebrated in other ways with much enthusiasm.

The service opened with three sailings a week, the first vessels arriving: Merrimack, June 21; Cretan, June 22; Indian, June 25; Chatham, June 27; Itasca, June 29. The Itasca was supplanted by the Parthian, which arrived on July 13, 1909.

A series of mishaps befell the M. & M. ships in 1910. The Chatham, while attempting to enter the river in a dense fog, went on the north jetty January 14, 1910, and became a total wreck; there was no loss of life. The Quantico, taking the place of the Chatham, ran on a sand-bar near Mayport on her maiden voyage January 26, 1910; she was floated off on the next tide without damage. On February 16, 1910, the Parthian rammed and sank the steamer Magic City off Pilot Town. There have been no accidents to the ships of this service since then.