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AWFUL DISASTER AT SEA.

Steamer Walla Walla Lost Off California Coast Thursday Morning.

COLLIDED WITH UNKNOWN FRENCH BARK WHICH SAILED AWAY WITHOUT RENDERING ASSISTANCE

The Ill-Fated Vessel Carried One Hundred and Sixty-five Passengers, of Whom Twenty seven are Missing—Many of the Crew Go Down With Steamer.

Kureka, Cal., Jan. 3.—The Pacific Coast Steamship Company's steamer Walla Walla, commanded by Capt. Hall which left this city on the first for Puget Sound ports met with a disaster yesterday in collision with an unknown sailing vessel and foundered. The news of the disaster was brought to Trinidad by a boat which, when it left the scene of the disaster contained thirteen persons, but when it appeared at Trinidad contained seven.

Capt. Hall reported to the company this morning by telephone. He said that the Walla Walla collided with an unknown French bark at four o'clock yesterday morning during heavy weather. The French vessel had no lights and the crash came without warning. The Walla Walla sank in 15 minutes.

The captain ordered a tug from Kureka sent in search of the missing life boats containing members of the passengers and crew.

The Walla Walla had 165 passengers, of whom nearly all were saved.

The collision occurred twenty miles south of the Mendocino buoy. The second officer, who went down with the wreck, was on the bridge. It was 4:30 a. m. when the French vessel hit the Walla Walla's bow with a tremendous shock, both vessels being under full speed.

All the passengers were asleep. The weather was clear and the sea rolling high. The passengers rushed out of their staterooms at the crash and the deck was instantly crowded with terror-stricken humanity, all wildly excited. The life boats and rafts were soon loaded, and the life preservers were put on

the passengers who were then lowered to the boats.

The vessel did not sink until 4:45, giving the crew and passengers thirty-five minutes in which to leave the steamer, all the lowered life boats being filled. The excitement was then intense among the remaining passengers. Women screamed and many men and boys jumped off the steamer into the sea. Several did not leave until the boat started to sink. The officers were cool, doing everything in their power to save the passengers.

No one knows the cause of the collision but the second officer and he is missing. After the French vessel penetrated the steamer's bow it was but a short time before she withdrew, leaving the passengers of the Walla Walla to the mercy of the high sea and lending no assistance.

Twenty-seven passengers are missing, all the rest are accounted for. Capt. Hall with the first mate was saved. The remaining officers were lost. The Walla Walla was hardly submerged when both boilers exploded. Capt. Hall was severely injured. Two life boats, and one raft are unaccounted for.

[NOTE: Rev. R. C. Lee of this city is well acquainted with Captain Hall and the steamer Walla Walla. He says that the captain is one of the most skillful navigators on the coast. The Walla is an old boat of about 2500 tons burden and has been in the coast carrying trade between Puget Sound and San Francisco for many years. She formerly belonged to the O. R. & N. Co., but some years since was sold to the Pacific Navigation Co.]

A. A. Fuller Explains

WAS VISITED TWICE

BY CHARIVARI PARTIES

Only Intended to Help Make a Noise—Got Loaded Shell by Mistake

Empire City, Jan. 2nd, 1902.

To the EDITOR COAST MAIL: My Dear Sir—In your issue of the 1st inst. you have given a notice of my marriage and charivari, but, not as the facts warranted. I was married on Sunday to a most estimable lady. On Sunday eve there congregated around our house, a most disgraceful mob with all the elements of back woods and pioneer times. They defaced the building, broke windows, pulled down curtains, secured entrance to the house by raising the windows, and only desisted by my bringing down a chair on the head of the intruder. Then they left us in peace.

On Monday eve, the crowd came again, but they conducted themselves with most proper shape. They kept outside of the yard. They only made the night hideous with their bombs and tin cans; they did not disturb the building. To assist them in their fun making, on this second night, I fired, (as I supposed) 13 empty shells through one of the broken windows of the previous night, and, only from one window, taking the shells in the dark. One, by mistake had a load of No. 10 shot. It was fired from the same window and with no intention, other, than to help them make a noise. You have in your paper, fired deliberately at the crowd with No. 6 shot.

There can be no one that regrets this most unfortunate occurrence more than we do. We have seen the young man injured, also his mother, and have expressed our most heartfelt regrets, and have said to them both that anything we could do, would be most cheerfully done. I am sure no fair minded man or woman will for a moment think that the shot was fired deliberately at the crowd for they were doing no harm this second night. This is written out wholly to exonerate myself from blame

but to put the facts (as they are) before the people, and to show them that all persons are not supposed to know what the customs of a country are, having always lived where due respect is shown to all that are law abiding citizens.

Will you kindly publish these facts, as there are many rumors afloat that do not reflect much credit either to the besieged or the fun makers.

Respectfully, A. A. FULLER.

PUSHING ALLEGANY AND ELKTON ROAD

County Court to be Asked for Assistance—A Possible Winter Route Badly Needed

The problem of completing the Allegany and Elkton wagon road is about to be solved and another effort is about to be made by the citizens.

Over 4800 in subscriptions have been received, and Captain Edwards will go before the county commissioners to press the matter of raising \$1000, by way of an appropriation. The matter will be put before the Douglas county court also, to do something to assist.

The road has been surveyed and the brush has been cleared. There are only two bad grades and in one of those one at Golden Falls and one at Silver Falls. Then this line can be made possible with vehicles the year round by a moderate expenditure of money.

Cream of the Week's News.

Published Every Day in the Daily Coast Mail.

INTER-STATE COMMERCE COMMISSION AT CHICAGO

Meeting Will Be Devoted to Probing Into Matters of Railroad Combine.

Chicago, Jan. 3.—The meeting here next Wednesday of the Inter-state Commerce Commission will be the occasion of a movement against the Northern Securities Company. The committee will investigate the combine of the Great Northern, N. P. and Burlington railroads. They will probe the question of the community of interests between the great railway systems of the northwest. It is understood that there is to be a general and determined fight along the line already announced, with the intention of turning light on every phase of the railroad combination.

STEAMER BERTHA WRECKED IN NORTHERN WATERS

Seattle, Wash., Jan. 3.—Steamer Bertha arrived this morning, bringing the news that the steam schooner Fearless foundered to San Francisco was wrecked in a severe gale Nov. 30th at Dutch harbor. No lives were lost.

New York, Dec. 31.—Jeffries and Sharkey have been matched to fight on some date before April 30th.

St. Paul, Dec. 31.—At the meeting of the board of directors of the Great Northern railroad, the executive staff was entirely reorganized. No announcement of president has been made, but the following vice-presidents were chosen: First vice, G. S. Hill; second, R. J. Farrington; third, E. T. Nichols; fourth, J. W. Blanton.

Farrington will have almost exclusive charge of the financial and accounting departments. J. W. Blanton will have charge of all traffic matters.

New York, Dec. 31.—Chili and Argentina are negotiating the purchase of warships in Great Britain. Chili has been lucky enough to acquire two torpedo boat destroyers. These vessels will be launched next month.

London, Dec. 31.—The outcome of the dispute between Germany and Venezuela is regarded with increasing anxiety in England. Much apprehension is caused by the strained situation and the fear of the complications which might ensue should hostilities break out between the two countries, which would possibly draw the United States into the trouble, to protect the Monroe doctrine.

Pekin, Dec. 31.—The Chinese coal will be mined by train from Poo Ting Fu to Peking on January 31st.

The Russian Minister, M. Paul Lessar, has informed the Chinese plenipotentiaries that the Russian government reserves the right to amend the Manchurian treaty. The situation is a deadlock.

New York, Dec. 31.—It is announced that the successor to the late President Valentin of Wells, Fargo & Co will be Dudley Evans, now general manager of the company, with his headquarters at New York.

Evans will not remove his headquarters to San Francisco, where the main offices of the company are located. It is believed that at the next meeting of the board of directors some action will be taken looking to the establishment of the headquarters of the company in this city.

Portland, Or., Dec. 31.—The French four-masted bark Aclij Aclj captured this morning at Balcon, Guthrie & Co's dock. The vessel lay in ballast, and the breaking of the mooring chain caused her to turn turtle. No lives were lost. The wife of the captain, who was aboard, was rescued with difficulty. The capacity of the vessel is 2500 tons.

Hong Kong, Dec. 31.—The German steamer Clara has been wrecked near Hoi Hu. Forty-two of the ship's company were saved by the French steamer Hamot. The captain of the Clara, three officers and fifteen passengers perished in the wreck.

CUBAN PRESIDENT PALMA OUTLINES HIS COURSE

Will Strive to Strengthen Cordial Relations With This Country

New York, Jan. 3.—President Palma, recently elected chief executive of the new government of Cuba, said, "Two things I shall strive to accomplish: to strengthen the cordial relations between the republic of Cuba and the United States, and to conduct an economical administration and develop Island de Cuba, principally the agricultural industry. I hope to secure a reduction of the tariff imposed by this country so that the products of Cuba may find a market here."

LINE OF STEAMERS FOR SAN FRANCISCO AND MANILA

San Francisco, Jan. 3.—A line of merchant steamers between this city and Manila will soon be established. The Empire Steamship Company will put on a line of steamships to ply regularly on the route.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 2.—Senator Perkins, of California, today introduced to President Roosevelt Professor Campbell, director of the Lick Observatory, and Professor Newcomb, the celebrated astronomer.

These gentlemen invited the President to visit the Lick Observatory. He said that his intention was to go to the Pacific coast soon and it would give him great pleasure to visit the observatory.

Seattle, Wash., Jan. 2.—Colonel Hand, who has just arrived here from Java, states that cholera is raging there more severely than at any time before this year.

The death record of the city of Surabaya during the month of November was over seven thousand.

Colonel Hand is just returning from a mining expedition in Celebes Island where he reports gold to be found in great quantities.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 2.—Admiral Sampson's malady is progressing slowly but steadily toward the end. Medical science can do nothing to check its progress.

New York, Jan. 2.—General Palma, the newly elected president of Cuba today received many dispatches and telegrams from Italians from various parts of this country.

Kieve, Russia, Jan. 2.—A bomb was exploded under a balcony of the palace of the Grand Duke Constantine last evening, during the progress of a reception. The salons were thronged with guests, and a panic followed, but no one was injured.

Macon, Ga., Jan. 2.—The boiler of an engine on the Central Georgia railroad exploded today, killing five men and badly injuring twelve others, three of whom will probably die.

Chattanooga, Tenn., Jan. 2.—About a hundred families living on the low land around this city are camped on the high knolls, as a result of the prevailing high water.

Many houses are submerged or have been carried away. Twenty-seven miles of land along the line of the Western and Atlantic railroad is under water, and Chattanooga is almost surrounded.

New York, Jan. 2.—Formal notice was issued today that all Northern Pacific preferred stock would be retired.

Committed to Asylum

Mrs. Mary Johnson, wife of Steven Johnson, of Tenmile, was brought to town Thursday, and after examination before Justice Hyde, was adjudged insane and committed to the asylum. She will be taken out by Sheriff Callier and a lady assistant, probably on the Alliance. Her insanity is of a mild form.

CHARIVARIS AND SHOT-GUNS AT EMPIRE CITY

Newly Married Man Fills a Sareander's Legs Full of Number Six Shot

A. A. Fuller, the life insurance agent, was married in Empire City last Sunday to Mrs. Norton, and on Monday evening a crowd collected in front of the residence of the newly married couple and proceeded to charivari them.

Mr. Fuller seems to have failed to see any great amount of humor in the situation, and declined to come out and cough up. It is said that a gun was fired out of several windows of the house and lastly was discharged point blank and at the crowd.

Andrew Peterson, a young man whose parents reside at Norway, was standing near the picket fence, and he got the benefit of the charge of number six shot with which the gun was loaded, being protected somewhat by the pickets. One hundred and one shot reached him, 76 penetrating the front of his left thigh and 24 the right.

The festivities then came to an abrupt end. Dr. Hershal was summoned and hurried down to attend the victim, whose injuries are not considered dangerous.

It is said that the old timers of Empire enjoyed the fracas as a reminder of earlier days.

Mr. Fuller's version of the affair is that he supposed his cartridges to be all blanks; that he was not angry, had no intention of injuring any one, and only meant to enliven the festivities. It seems that on learning that the young man was injured Mr. Fuller at once went down to express his regrets and apologies, but the other parties were not then in the humor to listen.

On Wednesday evening, word was sent to Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Farrin to come down Thursday morning to conduct the examination of Mr. Fuller on a criminal charge. In the morning, however, he was requested not to come, as the injured parties had concluded to let the matter drop.

Mr. Fuller's friends know him to be considerably of a joker himself and accept his explanation of the unfortunate affair.

ARCADIAN LITERARY AND DEBATING SOCIETY

Has Mock Trial and the Culprits are Convicted and Sentenced

At the meeting of the Catching slough literary society last Saturday night, a great deal of entertainment was derived from a mock trial.

Charles Masters and Bert Cox were placed on trial on a charge of disturbing the peace at the Arcadian Literary and Debating Society by whispering, talking etc. contrary to the constitution and bylaws of the society.

Carl Cox acted as judge and Fred Cavanaugh as marshal. Geo. Ross was prosecuting attorney and he was assisted by Miss Mary Black while Atty. B. F. Ross conducted the defense.

After much difficulty a jury was impaneled consisting of Joe Hodson, C. L. Bonebrake, Blake, Frank Black, and Stienon.

The examination of witnesses caused much amusement. The testimony being a strictly a matter of imagination, the witnesses found much trouble in making their stories hang together under cross examination. The star witness was Miss Cox, for the defense. The prosecution found it impossible to shake her testimony.

The address of Prosecuting Attorney Ross was a masterpiece, and the jury brought in a verdict of "guilty."

CASTORIA

Stock Taking Sale.

On Monday, Jan. 6, '02 we will commence our Annual Clearance Sale it will be conducted on the same broad gauge plan that has characterized it in former years.

This sale is the outcome of our determination to close out to the utmost, our immense stock before the arrival of Spring goods.

Four Special Sale Days.

Will be a feature of the sale and our intention is to make them record breakers.

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THE LEADING OUTFITTERS.

MARRIED

HARRY-NORTON—At Empire City, Or., Jan. 1, 1902, O. C. Harry and Miss Nellie Norton, Rev. Thos. Irvine, officiating.

The groom is a member of the Brewster Valley family of that name, and has been a resident of this city for some months, being employed by L. H. Hoisner. The bride is the daughter of Mrs. A. A. Fuller, of Empire. Quite a number of friends went down to attend the wedding, which occurred at 8 p. m. The young couple will reside in Marshfield.

DIED

JOHNSON—In Marshfield, Or., Dec. 29, 1901. Andrew Johnson, aged 80 years.

Deceased had been in poor health for some time, but was not considered so near death's door. He has been living with his son A. L. Johnson, He has a native of Sweden, but had been in this country for about 30 years. For many years he was employed in the Newport, now Libby, coal mine, where he got out timbers for the mine and also acted as carpenter. For 6 or 7 years he has been disabled, and he has resided in Marshfield for about a year and a half. A son and daughter survive him: A. L. Johnson, of this place, and Mrs. Hulda Husselbale, of San Pedro, Cal.

The funeral services were conducted by Rev. R. C. Lee Tuesday afternoon at the residence on C street.

FARRIN—ROOD—In this city, Jan. 1, 1902, E. L. C. Farrin and Miss Mabel Rood, Rev. S. B. McClelland officiating.

The groom is a rising young attorney of this city. He was admitted to the bar last Summer and was later appointed Deputy Prosecuting Attorney for Coos county, and recently appointed city attorney for Marshfield. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Rood and is one of the most accomplished and popular young ladies of the city. The ceremony which made them one took place at 11 a. m. at the residence of the bride's parents, in the presence of a number of the nearer friends. Part of the Rood residence had been fitted up as a cosy nest for the newly married pair, and they have commenced housekeeping there. They commence their married life under the happiest auspices and with the congratulations and best wishes of a large circle of friends.

REPORT THAT MURDERER LANDIS IS DEAD

The Oregonian of the 27th brings a dispatch from Corvallis stating that G. E. Landis, professes to have identified the remains of an unknown man found and buried near Suver, as those of his brother H. D. Landis, the murderer. The body was discovered June 29th, and had been dead about a month. G. E. Landis professes to identify it by fillings in the teeth. This is regarded as a ruse to end the search for the murderer. At the time the body in question was found, letters were received by parties here giving a full description, which did not tally with that of Landis.

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