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## CAPTAIN BLAMED FOR SEA DISASTER

### Responsibility for Sinking of Steamer Empress of Ireland Placed on Anderson

Rimouski, Quebec. — Responsibility for the deaths of nearly 1000 persons who perished when the collier Storstad rammed and sank the great Canadian Pacific liner Empress of Ireland, was placed squarely on Captain Thomas Anderson of the collier, by Captain H. G. Kendall of the lost vessel.

Captain Kendall, testifying before a coroner's jury declared failure of the Storstad's captain to observe whistle signals caused the collision. Neglect to hold the Storstad's nose in the hole in the Empress killed the last hope of rescue.

### Captain Says Proper Signals Given.

Captain Kendall in substance testified that he had taken all possible precautions against a collision. His ship had been stopped, he gave the requisite signals when the Danish collier, Storstad, which dealt the blow which sent the Empress to the bottom, was still two miles away, but the collier had kept on through the fog which settled down soon after the two vessels sighted each other, and had rammed the Empress of Ireland when the latter vessel was virtually motionless.

Then, despite his plea to the master of the collier that he run his engines full speed ahead to keep the hole in the liner's side plugged with the Storstad's bow, said Captain Kendall, the Danish vessel backed away, the water rushed in and the Empress sank.

### Crash Occurs Near Shore.

The crash occurred not far from the shore off Father Point, 150 miles from Quebec, and 10 miles from this point on the St. Lawrence. In reality, therefore, although the liner was heading for the sea and the collier coming in from it, the disaster was not one of the ocean, but of the river.

Accounts agree that in the brief space of time—not more than 14 minutes—between the shock of the collision and the sinking of the liner, there was little chance for systematic marshalling of the passengers.

### Captain Stood on Bridge.

Captain Kendall stood on his bridge as the ship went down. One of the boats from the liner picked him up and he directed its work of saving others until the craft was loaded. The captain was injured in the crash and suffered from exposure, but his speedy recovery is expected.

Few women were among the saved. The lists make it appear not more than a dozen.

"It all happened so quickly that we did not really know what was going on and nobody had time to cry 'Women first,'" one of the passengers told Captain Bellingier, of the rescue boat Eureka.

Of the 1387 persons on board only 418 are known to have been saved, making the probable death list 969.

## ANDERSON DENIES CHARGE

### Empress Blamed for Vessels' Separation After the Collision.

Montreal.—With her bows crumpled in and twisted and a gap showing on the port side only a foot or so above the waterline, in mute evidence of the tragedy in which she figured, the Norwegian collier, Storstad, docked here and a few minutes later a warrant of arrest, taken out by the Canadian Pacific railway, was nailed to her main mast.

According to the captain and officers, contrary to what had been said by the captain of the Empress, the Storstad did not back away after the collision. On the contrary, she steamed ahead in an effort to keep her bow in the hole she had dug into the side of the Empress.

The Empress, however, according to the Storstad's officers, headed away and bent the Storstad's bow over at an acute angle to port. After that the Empress was hidden from view of the other ship, and despite the fact that the Storstad kept her whistle going, she could not locate the Empress until the cries of the victims in the water were heard.

Colonel Roosevelt Starts for Madrid. New York.—Colonel Roosevelt sailed on the Olympic for Southampton, whence he will go to Madrid to attend the wedding of his son, Kermit, and Miss Belle Willard, United States Ambassador Willard's daughter.

Before going to bed take a Dr. Miles' Laxative Tablet.

## STAYTON LOSES THREE OUT OF FOUR

Four games in succession is quite a record for so small a town as Stayton, but that's the number of ball games the Stayton boys have played in the past week.

The first game was on last Thursday between the locals and Lebanon and should have been won easily by Stayton as the score stood 3 to 0 in their favor until the unlucky seventh, when a few costly errors let the game finish 3 to 4 in favor of the visitors.



Thomas Stealing Second

The second game of the week was played with the Scio bunch, that is there were one or two from Scio, the rest were from Marion with a hired battery from Albany. Needless to say the locals hardly had a look-in. When the final roundup was totaled it was found that Scio had crossed home plate 9 times while Stayton had but 2 to their credit.



Ortman Had Holes in His Bat

The third game was played Saturday with Gates on the home grounds and although the Hill Boys put up a game fight they were shut out completely while Stayton counted 6 big ones in their basket.

The fourth game was played at Corvallis and resulted in a shut-out for the locals. The lads from the big town succeeded in getting but 2 to their credit, so it was a fast game throughout, 2 to 0.



Cole Getting Instructions From Manager Streff

That the home team could put up a hard fight like that after three days of grilling work at the home grounds, shows that they have a large bunch of reserve and endurance.

## CHAUTAUQUA AT ALBANY

The Chautauqua Association of Albany will hold its next Annual Assembly in July, beginning on the 8th and closing on the 19th and the program will be the best they have ever put before the public.

This offers to the public of the central Willamette Valley a splendid opportunity for spending a two weeks vacation in an ideal manner, and at the lowest possible cost. All railroads give special rates, a season ticket costs \$2.50 and all other expenses will be down to the minimum.

## CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

The city council met in regular session Tuesday night with Mayor Beauchamp in the chair and all the members present.

Among the different bills presented, was one for street improvement in front of the city hall. The amount was \$1.78 per front foot, which would be somewhat in the neighborhood of \$86 per square yard. The bill was ordered paid together with the regular grist of monthly bills. The bill for the use of water to run the pumping plant was also ordered paid.

Quite a discussion arose as to collecting water rent from people who sprinkle the street from other people's hydrants and it was ordered to collect rent for all such.

A. D. Gardner was allowed fire protection by special pipe for \$1.00 per month, but action on application of the Woolen Mill for the same purpose was deferred.

An ordinance was ordered to be drafted limiting the speed of automobiles to fifteen miles per hour in the city limits and also providing for the erection of signs at the principal roads entering Stayton. It is probable that a special session of the council will be called at an early date to pass the ordinance.

## MUCH CORN PLANTED

As a result of the interest which has been aroused in the raising of corn in Oregon, it is stated that over 2,000 acres of the cereal has been planted in the vicinity of Ontario. Most of the planting was done with carefully selected, acclimated seed, and as the grower are using the most modern methods in its cultivation, it is expected the yield will be the best ever turned out in the state. Over forty corn cultivators were sold by Ontario merchants in one week.

## OPENS CHANNEL TO TOLEDO

The Government dredge Oregon, which has been operating in the Yaquina River for several months, has completed a channel from Toledo to the ocean and the first ocean-going steamer has been docked and loaded at that port. The steamer Bandon, of San Francisco, loaded a cargo of 600,000 feet of lumber for the California city and hereafter make regular trips between the two ports. It is estimated that the new channel through Yaquina Bay has put not less than six billion feet of splendid timber within easy reach of the ocean.

## COTTAGE HOTEL PROPRIETOR LEAVES

J. H. Glass, who has been the manager of the Cottage Hotel here, has sold his interest and good will to Mrs. Lovejoy and Mrs. Allwood of this city. The Mail is sorry to see Mr. Glass leave, as he has been a good hotel man attending strictly to business at all times.

No doubt the new managers will also make good as they have had experience in the hotel line.

## NEW CONTROLLER PUT IN

A Formostat Arc controller, which had been ordered from Frisco some time ago, has been installed in the Stayton Theatre in the Old Fellows building, and is giving complete satisfaction to the manager.

## NEW DAIRY HERD

At Amity, Marion county, there has just been received a herd of registered Holstein dairy stock, bought in Michigan, and said to be the best lot of dairy cattle in Oregon. The herd consists of 18 heifers and one registered bull. The mother of this bull is said to have a record of 909 pounds of butter in a single year. Cost of the herd, including transportation, amounted to \$5,500.

Miss Carrie Mueller of Linn county is working at the Commercial Hotel.

## BOOSTER'S CARNIVAL WAS BIG SUCCESS

The Carnival has come and gone. There were three days of pretty strenuous times for the youngsters of Stayton and the surrounding country.

The Ferris Wheel was the main attraction and was well patronized by old and young. The Riding Gallery or Merry-Go-Round is always a drawing card especially with the children.

While the crowd was not so large as Stayton has had on former occasions, it was quiet and orderly at all times. There were no arrests or roudyism and as far as we can learn everyone was well satisfied.

The Browning Amusement Co went from here to Lebanon where they will help at the Strawberry Fair at that place.

The Commission allowed the Stayton Development League by the Amusement Co. amounted to fifty dollars net. This has been given to the Stayton Industrial and School Fair which is to be held this fall.

It is the almost unanimous opinion that if another Street Carnival is ever put off in Stayton, that it will be much better to have it on the main street in town.

## WILL SPECIALIZE

Each of the eight Willamette Valley counties included in the Willamette Valley Exposition Association, will specialize in some particular phase of the exhibit. Clackamas and Washington counties will feature processing fruits and vegetables; Polk county wool and mohair; Benton county minerals; Lane county, timber products; Linn county, fresh fruits and vegetables; Marion county, hops and canned and dried fruits and vegetables. It is planned that while each county will specialize along these lines, no county will be barred from contributing good samples in other lines if they wish.

## BIG PICNIC AT VICTOR POINT

Big picnic in the grove at Victor Point on Saturday June 20. Given under the auspices of the Victor Point Woman's Club. Dr. Smith of Portland has been given a place on our program. We anticipate a big crowd and a big time. All are invited to come and enjoy the day with us. Please remember the date, Saturday, June 20.

## BAND BOYS TO HAVE MINSTREL SHOW

The Band Boys of Stayton are hard at work practicing, under the direction of Frank and Edna Carpenter, who played in the Star Theatre during Carnival week, for a big Minstrel production.

The event is to be pulled off at the Star next Thursday night, June 11. The Band has worked hard this spring and deserves the support of all the people in Stayton.

Go to their Minstrel Show next Thursday night and enjoy an evening of entertainment. There will be plenty of good music and a good time is guaranteed.

Misses Lena and Alice Matten of Salem spent the week-end visiting at the Crabtree home.

Mrs. M. E. Bruce was here from Lyons last week, visiting friends and attending the Carnival.

## STAYTON YOUNG COUPLE MARRIED ON TUESDAY

On Tuesday of this week the Christian church, which had been tastefully decorated, was the scene of a very pretty wedding.

The contracting parties were Miss Grace Crabtree and C. Ward Holford both of this city.

About one hundred guests were present at the ceremony which was performed by Rev. H. E. Russell. The impressive ring service was used. Miss Wilma Ware was bridesmaid and Everett Crabtree, brother of the bride was best man. Mrs. H. A. Beauchamp played the wedding march and Miss Lena Matten of Salem sang a beautifully rendered solo entitled "Song Is Sweet" at the beginning of the ceremony. The Misses Matten of Salem acted as ushers.

The bride was attired in a lovely dress of Crepe-de-chine and carried a bouquet of white carnations.

The happy couple started at once on their wedding trip to the Coast amidst showers of rice and good wishes of all. Many beautiful presents were given to the young people by relatives and friends.

The bride is the daughter of Mrs. S. G. Crabtree of this city and has been one of the successful teachers of this vicinity. The groom is the son of C. M. Holford of this city and is part proprietor of the Stayton Dray Line and is one of the best citizens of the town. The Mail joins with all their many friends in wishing them many years of happiness and prosperity.

## "ELECTRICIA" AT THE STAYTON THEATRE

Electricia, the girl who tames Electricity appeared at the Stayton Theatre last night in a number of very interesting electrical demonstrations. She takes high voltage into her body, lights torches, lamps, cigars, etc. from her finger tips.

Dr. Ray accompanies her and lectures on each demonstration. This act should be seen to be appreciated. She will also give in conjunction the Serpentine Dance and the graceful Sailors Hornpipe Dance. Giving Three Acts and a Three Reel Feature "Robesnerre" and a Comedy. Admission 10 and 20c. Stayton Theatre I. O. O. F. Building.

## BIG CHERRY FAIR ON JUNE 25-26-27

Preparations are being made in Salem for the Ninth Annual Cherry Fair to be held on June 25-26-27th. A bigger, better fair than ever before is the promise of the committees engaged in lining up the events.

A big feature will be the Circus to be held on the Court House Green every night of the fair, in charge of Stanley Barton. Not less attractive is the series of motor-cycle races, to be held each afternoon at the State Fairgrounds. Riders of national reputation are being entered and all the big motor-cycle companies will have teams in the races. A total of seven events, each day, is planned with a distribution of \$400.00 daily in cash prizes.

A unique program of old-fashioned sports is being arranged by John Turner, including cracker-eating and nail-driving contests for the boys and button sewing and cherry stemming for the girls, among a multitude of others. The program also includes boxing and wrestling, and the old-times "pulling square hole." It is expected to put these sports on the street.

Cash prizes will be given for the best fruit exhibits, the contest being open to all comers. Parades, day and night, are expected to add charm and beauty to the fair.

Shows in abundance, "something doing every hour" and a bully, good time, with something to fit every individual taste is the promise of those having the matter in charge.

"No effort will be spared," said M. W. Meyers, King of the Cherrians, who have this fair in charge this year, "to make all visitors to Salem during the Cherry Fair, feel that they are heartily welcome to all there is going."

## LOST

Ladies' Gold Watch during first day of the Stayton Carnival. Lost on some street in Stayton. \$2.00 reward. Chas. Staab, Stayton.

## OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

### Events Occurring Throughout the State During the Past Week.

#### Bossen is Indicted for Wife Murder.

Eugene.—Andrew Bossen, charged with deliberately murdering his wife, the mother of a 9-months-old baby, must stand trial in the circuit court in Eugene. The motive is said to have been for the insurance money or because of love of his pretty sister-in-law.

He was indicted after the grand jury had heard the testimony of the chemist who examined the stomach of the dead wife, whom the coroner's jury stated had died from poison, and the testimony of Dollie Levins, the murdered woman's sister.

The grand jury, before being dismissed, held Thomas Russell, of Glenada, for trial, charged with attacking M. W. England, a neighbor, with a knife with intent to kill. At the time of the arrest England was not expected to live.

#### Klamath Interests Will Work for Bill.

Klamath Falls.—Fearful lest the reclamation bill extending the time for payment of the costs of a project from 10 to 20 years will not be acted upon at this session of congress unless pressure is brought to bear upon the members, the water users of the country are making preparations to send representatives to Washington to make personal appeals. Projects in other states are wiring the Klamath Water Users' association to send President Abel Ady to Washington as a representative, on account of his successful experiences in the past.

#### Vault to Be Opened 2914.

Eugene.—If a little building of solid concrete lasts through ten centuries, future generations will have permission 1000 years hence to open a vault in the new Hope Abbey mausoleum, which stands virtually completed in the Masonic Cemetery in Eugene, and obtain documents of the present-day hermetically sealed within.

"To be opened in 2914," is to be deeply engraved upon the marble face of one of the columbarium niches which honeycomb the structure, completed at a cost of \$40,000. The urn containing the records was sealed Thursday.

#### WILL AID IMMIGRANTS

Schools Will Be Started to Teach American Language, Government.

Eugene.—To make the German a better American citizen when he applies for his naturalization papers is the aim of a movement launched at the eighth annual convention of the Staatsverband von Oregon, the confederation of 45 German-speaking societies in Oregon, with 170 members and delegates in session here. The Germans committed themselves to raise funds to establish schools for this purpose throughout Oregon. The first will be located in Portland, with others following rapidly in the German-speaking centers.

The sole aim is to educate the new arrival from Germany into the ways of American citizenship, and to make him a better American than he would be otherwise. This includes the teaching of the American language, government and ideals.

At this time important resolutions will be voted upon. One of these is a protest against state-wide prohibition in Oregon and another is the nationwide anti-liquor movement.

#### Alleged Slayer is Ill.

Roseburg.—Acting upon affidavits furnished by four local physicians, the trial of Morrison Campbell, charged with the murder of John Becker of Cleveland, Or., on April 16, has been continued indefinitely. The physician testified under oath that Campbell's present physical condition was serious and that a trial at this time might result fatally.

#### Consider Oregon's Problems.

Eugene.—Oregon development, municipal reform, the Oregon system, the relation of women to politics, were the four general problems which were considered, respectively, in the four sessions of the commonwealth conference here.

For indigestion use Dr. Miles' Laxative Tablets.