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A STEAMER BURNED
Reported Loss of the Clara Nevada in Northern Waters.
WITNESSED FROM SHORE
The Oregon's Narrow Escape From Fire Which Broke Out in Her Coal Bunkers—Back to Port.

NANAIMO, B. C., Feb. 14.—News arrived here from Union at 5:30 o'clock this evening by the Canadian Pacific Navigation steamer Islander, that the fine steel steamer Clara Nevada, which sailed for Skagway from Seattle two weeks ago, was lost with all on board. The details of information received are as follows:
The Clara Nevada left Skagway for Juneau on her home trip, February 5, and, when off Seward City, in Berner bay, about 30 miles south of Skagway, she was seen by the inhabitants of Seward City, all ablaze, and from stern to stern was one mass of hungry flames. While the long wharf at Berner bay was crowded with spectators of the awful scene, a loud report was heard, which resembled the explosion of boilers, and nothing more was seen of the ill-fated steamer.

The following day the beach was strewn with wreckage, which resembled that of the Clara Nevada. It is feared that the unfortunate 40 passengers and the entire crew are lost, as no trace could be found of them along the beach of Berner bay. The sea was rough, and a furious gale was blowing. It is thought she was trying to make Berner bay for shelter. This is the first trip of the Clara Nevada, and she was due to leave Seattle last Saturday on her second trip, with all the berths sold.
The steamer Rostler had left for the scene, but no report for her is obtainable. The Islander reports terrible weather at Skagway and along the coast.

REPORT FROM VICTORIA.
VICTORIA, Feb. 14.—The steamer Islander brings news that the steamer Clara Nevada, of Seattle, was burned in Lynn canal and 40 men who were on board are supposed to have perished.
The Nevada left Skagway for Juneau February 5, and when the Islander, which arrived at Comox this morning, reached Juneau, the Nevada had not arrived there. The day that she should have reached Juneau, fire was seen on the waters of the canal, and the opinion is general that the flames were from a burning steamer. Whether the passengers and crew reached land or whether they perished is not known. It is feared that they met with death, as there has been a terrible wind and snow storm in the north, and small boats can hardly live. Captain Irving, of the Islander, reports that the weather had been terrific.

A later report says the steamer Clara Nevada was burned off Berner bay, Lynn canal. The fire and explosion were seen and heard from the wharf, and wreckage was picked up on the beach next day, but there no signs of the 40 men who left Skagway on her.
Captain Lewis, of the Clara Nevada, was one of the best-known steamship men in Portland, having sailed out of that port at various times for the past 20 years. Until the Eder was placed on the Alaska run, he was in charge of that steamer, and he has also at different times commanded the Oregon, Willamette, Michigan and other well-known coast steamers.
Foster Beck, the purser of the steamer, is very well-known in Portland. Several years ago he was a prominent athlete, and member of the Multnomah club, of Portland. He married a daughter of Mrs. R. L. Hawthorne, a short time ago.

THE OREGON'S NARROW ESCAPE.
Returned to Astoria Where the flames Were Extinguished.
ASTORIA, Or. Feb. 14.—But for the timely discovery of a fire in the hold of the Alaska steamship Oregon, the vessel might now be a mass of raging flames, at the mercy of the waves and wind. The Oregon sailed from her dock in this city at 12:30 today, carrying 500 passengers and as much freight as it was possible to place aboard. The steamer proceeded to the mouth of the river without incident, and when just about to cross out, smoke was discovered issuing from the bunkers, where 600 tons of coal were stored. The alarm was immediately given, but it was some time before the exact position of the blaze was ascertained.
In the meantime, the passengers had learned of the fire, and for awhile there was consternation. The steamer was 20 miles from a suitable berth, and as the

terrible possibilities of the situation dawned upon the fortune-seekers, the excitement was intense. The officers of the Oregon alone were cool, and went among the frightened passengers assuring them that the fire would be extinguished without damage to life or property. The excitement then subsided, and the crew was better enabled to work at the bunkers. The fire was at the bottom of the coal and it was necessary to put back to port. The steamer arrived at her dock at 5 p. m., and the work of unloading the coal commenced. The fire had gained but little headway, and was easily extinguished. Spontaneous combustion was the cause.
The steamer will sail in the morning.

Dr. Miles' Pain Pills stop Headache.

GREAT EXPLOSION
United States Battleship Maine Blown to Atoms.
TWO HUNDRED LIVES LOST
Cause of the Explosion Unknown—Spanish Naval Officers Aid in Rescuing the Injured.

HAVANA, Feb. 15.—At a quarter to 10 o'clock this evening a terrible explosion took place on board the United States battleship Maine, in Havana harbor. Many were killed or wounded.
All the boats of the Spanish cruiser Alfonso XIII are assisting.
As yet the cause of the explosion is not apparent. The wounded sailors of the Maine are unable to explain it. It is believed that the battleship is totally destroyed.

The explosion shook the whole city. The windows were broken in all the houses.
The correspondent of the Associated Press says he has conversed with several of the wounded sailors, and understands from them that the explosion took place while they were asleep, so they can give no particulars as to the cause.
The wildest consternation prevails in Havana. The wharves are crowded with thousands of people. It is believed the explosion occurred in a small powder magazine.

At quarter of 11 o'clock what remains of the Maine is still burning.
Captain Sigsbee and the other officers have been saved.
It is estimated that over 200 of the crew were killed, but it is impossible yet to give exact details.
Admiral Manterola has ordered that boats of all kinds should go to the assistance of the Maine and her wounded.
The Havana firemen are giving aid, tending carefully to the wounded who are brought on shore. It is a terrible sight.

General Zolana and the other generals have been ordered by Captain-General Blanco to send troops to help the Maine crew in every way possible.
The correspondent of the Associated Press has been near the Maine in a boat of the cruiser Alfonso XIII, and has seen others of the wounded, who corroborate the statement of those first interviewed that they were already asleep when the explosion occurred.
Captain Sigsbee says the explosion occurred in the bow of the vessel.
Orders were given to the officers to save themselves as best they could. The latter, who were literally thrown from their bunks in their night clothing, gave the necessary orders with great self-possession and bravery.
At 1:30 the Maine continues burning. The first theory was that there had been a preliminary explosion in the Santa Barbara (magazine) of powder or dynamite below the water.
Admiral Materola believes that the first explosion was of a grenade that was hurled over the navy-yard.
The report that Captain Sigsbee was wounded is inaccurate. Captain Sigsbee, with other officers, went in a small boat to the Ward line steamer City of Washington. Two officers and more than 200 of the crew are missing.
Some of the crew who were able to support themselves by swimming were saved by the boats. Six of the wounded crew and one of the officers have been taken to the military hospital by General Blanco's orders.

NEWS AT THE NAVY DEPARTMENT.
Immediate Steps Taken to Relieve the Survivors.
WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—The secretary of the navy received the following from Captain Sigsbee:
"The Maine was blown up in Havana harbor at 9:45 and destroyed. Many were wounded, and doubtless many were killed and drowned. The wounded and others are on board the Spanish man-of-war and the Ward line steamer. Send the light-house-tender from Key West for the crew and the few pieces of equipment still above water. No one had other clothes than those upon him. Public opinion should be suspended till further reports. All the officers are believed to be saved. Jenkins and Merritt are not yet accounted for. Many Spanish officers, including representatives of General Blanco, are now with me and express sympathy.
Secretary Day received the following dispatch from General Lee:
"The Maine blew up at 9:40. The explosion occurred well toward, under the men's quarters, consequently many were lost. It is believed all the officers were saved but Jenkins and Merritt, who are

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