

ST. PAUL ON ROCKS OFF POINT GORDA

Passengers Safely Put on Other Vessels.

ON THE WAY TO PORTLAND

During Dense Fog Vessel Is Lured to Ocean Graveyard.

PROBABLY A TOTAL LOSS

Heavy Inshore Current Takes Steamship Fifteen Miles Out of Her Course and She Piles Up With a Gentle Shock.

HAS LOST THREE VESSELS. Captain Clem Randall, master of the ill-fated St. Paul, has had singular bad fortune within the past few years. In losing three steamships under his command, as follows: Oriaba—Tied up on the rocks off the coast of Alaska about the year 1900.

EUREKA, Cal., Oct. 5.—The steamer St. Paul, of the San Francisco & Portland Steamship Company, under command of Captain Clem Randall, bound from San Francisco to Portland, went ashore early this morning at Point Gorda, a short distance south of the entrance to this harbor, during a dense fog. She had 75 passengers on board, all of whom were safely transferred to other steamers.

The coast off Point Gorda is feared by all Coast seamen. It is rocky and treacherous. The old Humboldt was wrecked there about ten years ago, and was a complete loss. The Oriaba went ashore on the rocks there five years ago, and the Homer was another ship to be caught on the jagged reefs at that place.

Miles Out of Her Course. When the St. Paul struck she was 15 miles out of her course. The third officer was at the bridge at the time. The steamer struck at 2 o'clock this morning, during a dense fog. She now lies with her stern to the beach, 30 yards from the shore, and has been abandoned by captain and crew. It is thought that the vessel will be a total loss.

Passengers Stick to Wreck. When the tug arrived this evening, all the passengers were still on the craft, having preferred the ship, which was in no danger, to the rough, inhospitable coast, which offered no protection. Two hawsers had been sent ashore, and the passengers could easily have gone ashore at any time had it become necessary. The tug was gladly hailed, and without loss of time everybody was taken aboard without accident.

Dragged Ashore by Current. The St. Paul is ashore at nearly the same point where the old steamer Humboldt was lost several years ago. In that case, too, the passengers were, all saved, but the vessel was a total loss, as the St. Paul is likely to be. It is believed the vessel's plight was partly due to the heavy inshore current, which sets in at this time of the year.

CALL GRAND JURY ON HIGH FINANCE

Jerome Will Call Special Session on the Insurance Revelations.

PUBLIC FEELS OUTRAGED

When Committee Has Finished Inquiry, He Will Drag High-Placed Thieves Before the Bar of Justice.

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Record of Captain Randall.

ASTORIA, Or., Oct. 5.—(Special.)—Captain Clem Randall, of the steamship St. Paul, has been in the steamship and tug boat service on the Pacific Coast from boyhood, and has held master's papers for about 17 years. He began as a deck hand, running with his father, Captain S. S. Randall, in the merchants' and owners' service of San Francisco, known as the "Red Stock Line." He remained with that company for a number of years, and his last berth as mate with his father on the tug Wizard during her service on the Columbia River bar in 1897.

TO COME ON THE ALLIANCE Passengers of the St. Paul Will Be Two Days Late.

Confirmation of the wreck of the steamer St. Paul and advice regarding the disposition of her passengers was received at the local offices of the company yesterday in a telegram from R. P. Schwerin, general manager of the San Francisco & Portland Steamship Company, at San Francisco.

VESSEL AND CARGO INSURED. Point Gorda is 18 1/2 miles north of Golden Gate, 14 miles south of Cape Mendocino and 52 miles south of Eureka.

WILL FIGHT NEVADA'S ORDER McCall Confident of Defeating Attacks on New York Life.

NEW YORK, Oct. 5.—President McCall, of the New York Life Insurance Company, was asked what action his company would take with reference to the refusal of the Insurance Commissioner of Nevada to allow it to do business in that state.

NEW INSURANCE LAW NEEDED New York Chamber of Commerce Expresses Opinion on Subject.

NEW YORK, Oct. 5.—Legislation to regulate life insurance companies was recommended by the New York Chamber of Commerce today in the following resolution: Resolved, That in the opinion of the Chamber of Commerce, additional legislation is necessary for the proper regulation of life insurance companies and kindred organizations who are custodians of large and important trusts.

MUST REFORM OR GET OUT Missouri's Ultimatum to Grafting Insurance Companies.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Oct. 5.—W. D. Vandiver, State Superintendent of Insurance, who last night stated that, unless the money alleged to have been misused by the New York Life Insurance Company were returned and a complete change in management effected, he would revoke the charter of the New York Life Insurance Company to do business in Missouri.

Builder of First Pullman Car. BLOOMINGTON, Ill., Oct. 5.—Leonard Seibert died at his home here yesterday. He built the first Pullman sleeping car ever constructed.

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MISSOURI TONIGHT GAVE OUT THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT TO THE ASSOCIATED PRESS:

Colorado Proposes No Action.

NEW YORK, Oct. 5.—Alfred E. Bent, Auditor of the State of Colorado, was in New York today and said, commenting on the reports relative to the alleged statement of his deputy, E. E. Rittenhouse, with reference to revoking the license of the New York Life and the Mutual Life Insurance companies in the State of Colorado, that he does not believe that Mr. Rittenhouse made any such statements, and, if so, they were made absolutely without authority; that the policy of the department is conservative and no radical action may be expected.

Denver, Colo., Oct. 5.—Deputy Insurance Commissioner Rittenhouse, of Colorado, denies having made any threat to bar the New York Life or the Mutual Life Insurance Company, of New York, from Colorado.

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Outraged at Wicked Deeds.

In his statement to the court, Mr. Jerome said: It would be a very simple thing for the District Attorney of this county to select certain individual transactions and place them before the grand jury at once. However, he considered it his duty to wait until the investigating committee had completed its work and then to ask for an extraordinary grand jury and lay before it the matters disclosed by his own study of the situation, as well as that of others. This he said, he intended to do.

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M'CURDY FAMILY HAS GOOD THING

Mutual Life Pays Huge Commissions.

TWO MEN DRAW \$2,600,000

One Made Money Too Fast, and Asked for Reduction.

MORE CAMPAIGN FUNDS

Republican Congressional Committee Got Money Last Year—Thummel Describes Method of Working Pool.

NEW YORK, Oct. 5.—The astounding total of more than \$2,600,000 has been paid as commissions by the Mutual Life Insurance Company to two members of the family of Richard A. McCurdy, president of the company, and the promise of District Attorney Jerome that the insurance scandals certainly will be submitted later to an extraordinary grand jury, were the sensational developments in the insurance situation today.

It was brought out by testimony before the legislative investigating committee that Robert A. McCurdy, a son of Richard A. McCurdy, has received as commissions on foreign business \$1,083,829, and on domestic business \$54,882, and that Louis A. Thibaud, son-in-law of Richard A. McCurdy, has received an aggregate of \$963,118 in commissions from the company. It was also brought out that Robert H. McCurdy expected his income this year would be about \$10,000.

Gave Money for Campaign.

Previous to this testimony, W. F. Thummel, an attorney for the Mutual Life Insurance Company, testified that he had said to the chairman of the Republican Congressional campaign committee the sum of \$2500 in cash as a campaign contribution.

Mr. Jerome, in announcing in court that the scandals will be submitted to an extraordinary grand jury, said the inquiry by the legislative committee had shown "greater moral obliquity and moral obtuseness on the part of persons important in the business world than did the shocking revelations in regard to the Equitable Life."

Pool on Legislative Work.

Mr. Thummel denied paying any money to any legislator for the purpose of influencing legislation or to any other person for that purpose. He described the legislative pool and said the expenses were met by the company looking after the territory in which expenses were incurred, and later an adjustment of these expenses was made among the three companies. He had received money from the New York Life in these adjustments, but kept no account of his disbursements.

WOMAN SOLVES MYSTERY Identifies Body of Girl Found in Dress-Suitcase.

LOWELL, Mass., Oct. 5.—(Special.)—The local police are investigating the story of Malvine Rivers, who says that the Winthrop dress-suitcase victim is May Ella Kelley, a Maine girl, aged 12. She says an operation was performed on the girl at a Pleasant, N. H., roadhouse, and she acted as nurse. The body, she says, was taken to Winthrop by two young men. Her confession makes the story the Rivers woman was arrested this afternoon.

Jerry Simpson May Recover.

WICHITA, Kan., Oct. 5.—Ex-Congressman Jerry Simpson spent a good night at St. Francis' Hospital. Dr. Minick issued the following bulletin on his condition this morning: "Mr. Simpson is feeling refreshed this morning after a good night's rest. There is a good chance that he may get up and out of bed again. Prospects are very good for his temporary recovery."

WICHITA, Kan., Oct. 5.—Ex-Representative Jerry Simpson spent a quiet day and is somewhat improved this evening. He fell asleep shortly after 10 o'clock to night.

McCurdy's Fat Commissions.

It was at this point that Robert H. McCurdy was called. He had a number of documents in his hand as he mounted the platform, and, when he had been sworn, he testified that he was the general manager of the Mutual Life Insurance Company. His power, he said, was delegated to him by the president and vice-presidents of the company. His duties were principally confined to the supervision of the agency system of the company in this country and abroad.

Like Mr. Perkins, of the New York Life Insurance Company, he appeared to be the one factor that built up the foreign business of the company. His salary was \$20,000 yearly.

Mr. McCurdy showed the attorney a written statement of his career, which he asked permission to read. This detailed his various compensations, contracts and commissions. There were a member. (Continued on Page 4.)