

# RESCUES WIDOWMAN, SHE SAVES HIM

### Phil E. Goslinsky Assists Miss Eva Booker on to a Life Raft.

## HEROIC FAVOR RETURNED

### When Almost Exhausted From Swimming Miss Booker Helps the Imperiled Man to Climb on Board.

Phil E. Goslinsky, of San Francisco, was among those who had to swim for it. When the crash came and the Columbia was sinking, Goslinsky paused to assist several women into a life raft, among them being Miss Eva Booker, of Franklin, Ky. A few minutes later, Miss Booker returned the heroic favor by helping Goslinsky onto a life raft when he swam alongside, all but exhausted by his hard struggle with the brine. He had given his life-preserver to a woman and but for the fact of being an excellent swimmer would have been lost.

Mr. Goslinsky appears to have kept his head completely through the ordeal and gives an excellent account of the collision and the scenes that followed. He was on his way to Seattle to visit with his sister, Mrs. I. N. Fleschner, of Portland, and had a berth on the upper deck. He was awake at the time of the shock and paid little attention to the mishap until his roommate bustled about saying the vessel might be in danger.

"The shock was very slight," said Mr. Goslinsky. "I hurried out on deck when my roommate became somewhat nervous and I saw that the vessel was in a perilous position. I did not recall his name but I know his body was recovered."

"There was a full moon and the San Pedro was standing off at a short distance. I went to the port rail and looked down. Several persons and buckets floating from the portholes I realized the accident was serious. A moment later all hands were called on deck and the launching of life-boats was commenced. There was a great hurrying about for life-preservers. I got one from my cabin, together with my watch and an overcoat which I slipped on over my night clothes, having no time to dress. When I started for my cabin, the life-boats were being launched already. I passed to assist several ladies into the boat among them Miss Booker, who afterwards returned the compliment with interest.

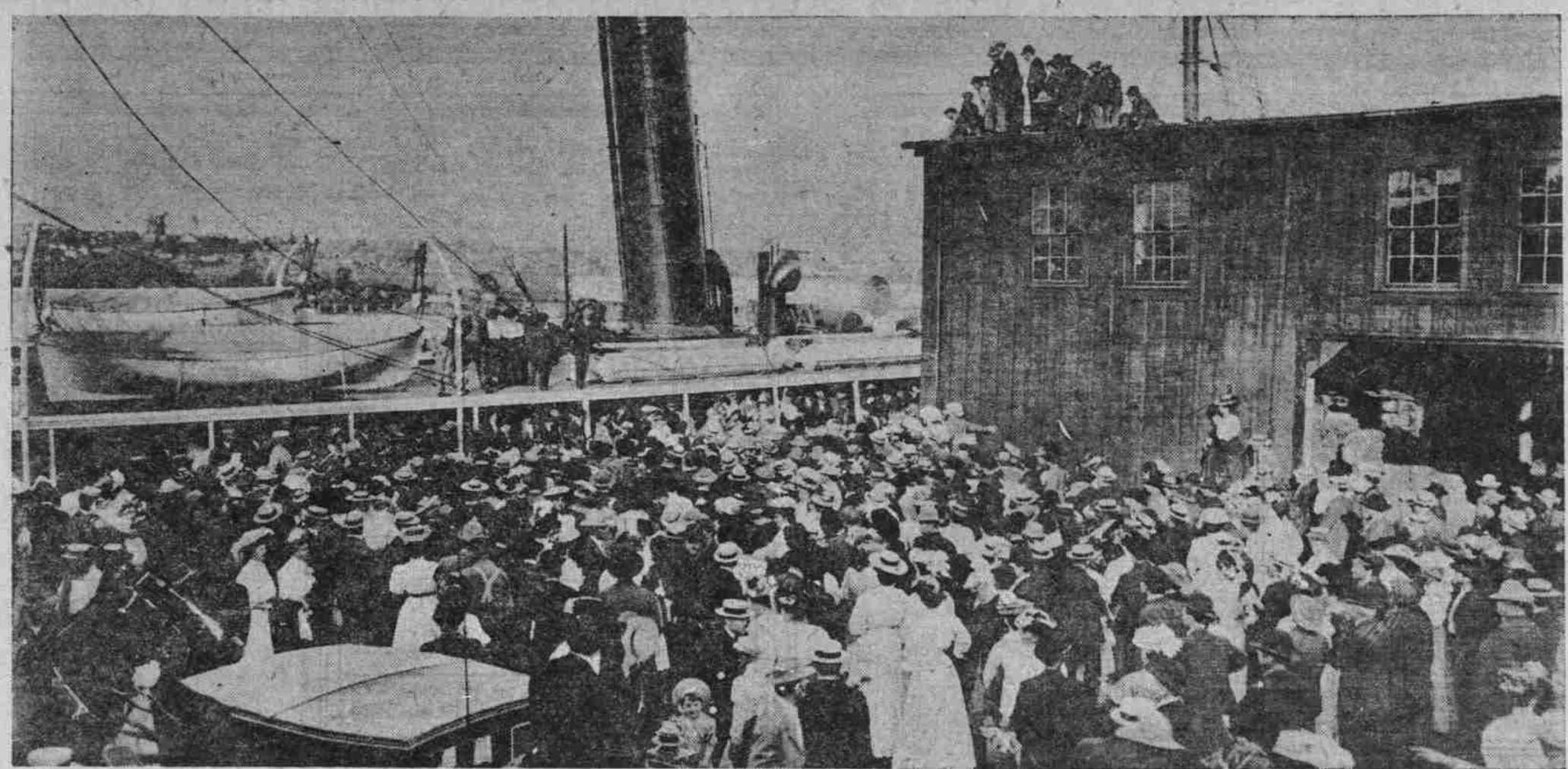
"I had not counted on the vessel settling so quickly. When I got back on deck the water was nearly up to the rail, and all the life-boats were gone. I jumped overboard at once and swam as quickly as I could away from the sinking boat in order to avoid the deadly swirl which I felt must come when she plunged to the bottom. I was tired out by the time I got near a life-boat and could not pull myself aboard. Miss Booker then reached down and helped me climb aboard.

"An instant later the Columbia sank. It was an imposing sight, awful as was the occasion. The big steamer plunged forward as her stern dipped under the water, there was a hissing, rumbling sound as she gave the final lurch, and a swirling, wreckage-littered whirlpool marked her grave for many minutes. There was a terrible medley of agonized screams and yelling as the boat sank. It must have taken scores with it.

"From the first, I heard the master of the vessel give the order to abandon ship and in even tones. He had every chance to save himself had not his first care been for the passengers.

"We were taken aboard the San Pedro which was in a bad plight. The water was washing her decks and it was feared she would never reach shore. A frail little woman came up to me and said she had no life-preserver. I offered her mine and she said she would not take it unless I was a good swimmer. When I assured her I could swim if necessary she took the preserver reluctantly and fastened it on."

Mr. Goslinsky lost all his efforts except his watch, the other a life-raft ashore at Astoria in a rough canvas suit supplied him at Eureka. Mr. and Mrs. Fleschner and Mrs. Goslinsky, his mother, met him at Astoria.



SCENE AT MARTIN'S DOCK, PORTLAND, WHEN THE GEORGE W. ELDER ARRIVED AT 6:30 O'CLOCK LAST NIGHT.

Mrs. Desalle Wood, whose patience and womanly tenderness soothed many an aching heart, and to the physicians who attended the sick and wounded.

Resolved, That we extend to the Mayor of the City of Eureka, California, its relief committee, the citizens and Masons and Elks our heartfelt thanks for the many kindnesses and material favors shown us while in their city. Our memories will fondly cherish the place where we were rescued.

### SISTER OF R. D. CANNON AMONG THE RESCUED.



Miss Stella Cannon.

The above photograph is that of Miss Stella Cannon, sister of R. D. Cannon, city editor of The Evening Telegram. Miss Cannon was among the rescued. Her brother, L. O. Cannon, was also saved, but her mother, Mrs. R. B. Cannon, is among the missing. The latter jumped from the Columbia with her son and daughter, and all sank together. When her son and daughter arose to the surface Mrs. Cannon was not to be seen. Miss Cannon is now in a Eureka hospital with a broken rib.

where we found a haven and the hearts which answered so feelingly even beyond our real needs.

Resolved further, That copies of these resolutions be furnished to the Mayor of Eureka, to the captains of the San Pedro and Geo. W.

Elder, to the senior surviving officer of the Columbia and to the press.

(Signed) J. C. Orr, chairman; Mrs. Chas. A. Eastman, Geo. L. Hoodenpy, Joseph P. Becker, Wm. Hardin Lucas, secretary.

### MANY ARE DESTITUTE

#### RESCUED PASSENGERS OF COLUMBIA LOST HEAVILY.

Traveling Funds, Tickets and Baggage Are Lost—Steamship Line Will Furnish Transportation.

Not a few survivors are left in straightened circumstances as a result of losing their money and effects in the wreck. "I do not know where my supper is coming from tonight, I haven't a cent left in the world," said Joseph Rumley, as the Elder neared Portland late in the afternoon. "My purse, trunk and even my everyday clothes went to the bottom with the Columbia. All I have is this black shirt, which I had on when the wreck occurred, and these clothes which were furnished me after I was picked up by a lifeboat."

"My traveling fund of \$300 and my ticket home are gone. I have nothing in Portland to look forward to, although I can quickly supply my needs by wire," said Miss Emma Griesse, of Cleveland, O. "Everything I had with me went down."

Others there were in similar plights. Among the steerage and second cabin passengers a good percentage had the whole of their worldly possessions with them when they were wrecked. There was much speculation as to whether the steamship company could be held liable for these losses, and if all the suits talked of are filed the courts will be most busily occupied with damage actions for some time to come.

An agent of the steamship line boarded the Elder just outside the port and passed among the survivors, assuring them from distant points that every effort would be made to secure new transportation for their free of charge.

### LIFEBOAT TIED TO COLUMBIA

#### Before Rope Could Be Cut Passengers Were Upset.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Riggs, of Bloomington, Ill., arrived on the Elder and were met by a dozen or more of the

Illinois colony of this city. Mr. Riggs said: "I had a premonition that something was going to happen on the trip and retired half dressed. When the crash came we rushed to the deck and scrambled into a boat. Just as we were being lowered into the water the Columbia lurched to one side and our boat was upset and before the rope could be cut we were up-

set and our boat was carried down with the vessel. I sank for 20 feet or more but my wife did not. When I came to the surface I called to my wife and we got together. As soon as possible we worked ourselves from the spot where the Columbia went down and later found a large plank to which we clung until rescued and taken to the San Pedro. We use none the worse for our dreadful experience but lost all we had except the clothes I had on and the gown my wife wore."

### LOSES WIFE AND TWO BABIES

#### E. SILVO STRUGGLES TO SAVE THEM BUT FAILS.

#### Steerage Passenger Coming North From Los Angeles in Search of Work is Bereaved.

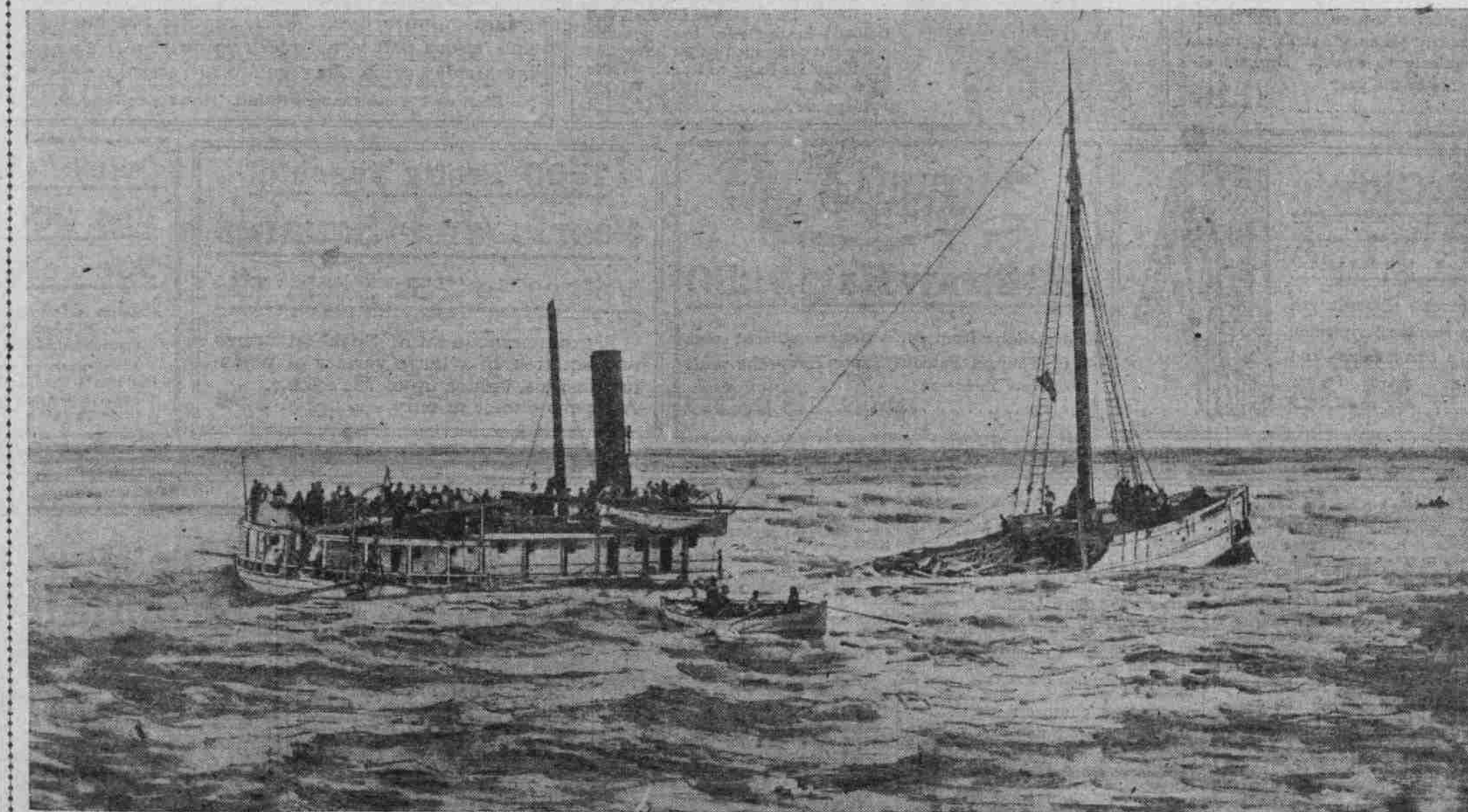
Possibly the saddest story that comes with the grim reaper's list of Columbia passengers is that of E. Silvo, who lost his wife and two babies while struggling to save them. Silvo was in the steerage, and was coming from Los Angeles in search of a new place to make his home. He managed to get his wife and babies on deck, but they were only in time to be drawn down by the sinking ship. In the face of this staggering loss, survivors say he worked with a will in saving others, and not until the confusion was ended did he give up to his grief. Thereafter he was inconsolable. He went ashore at Astoria yesterday forenoon, harboring the faint hope that his loved ones might be among those who landed in a life boat at Shelter Cove. Here is the story of his overwhelming misfortune which Silvo related to J. Grant Kline, a fellow survivor, while the Elder was at sea the day following the tragedy.

"We were in the steerage when I felt the ship list. Having been a sailor for many years in my earlier life, I knew there was something gone wrong. I ran down into the engine room and saw the water pouring in so fast I knew the ship would go down quick. I ran back to my wife and put my youngest baby, 2 years old, into her arms. I took my 5-year-old boy in my own arms, and we went on deck. I saw the boat was about gone for. I kissed my wife and baby goodbye just as she went under. I tried to keep hold of them but we were washed apart.

"I came up with the little boy in my arms and looked for my wife and baby. They were not there. I knew I would never see them again. For a long time I held the little boy until some wreckage struck me and I lost my hold. In a flash he was taken under. I hunted and called and dived every way. He was gone. Then it came to me that my wife and my babies were gone and that I would never see them.

### PHOTOGRAPH OF THE SAN PEDRO AFTER THE COLLISION WITH THE COLUMBIA

Mr. George Fraser, pleaded guilty in Judge Frazer's court yesterday to a charge of highway robbery and assault upon E. J. Maxwell on March 17, last, from whom he took \$125. It is probable that he will be sentenced Monday.



This remarkable photograph of the San Pedro was taken by a passenger from the bow of the George W. Elder as that steamer approached the San Pedro the morning after the collision. On the deck can be seen the survivors of the Columbia. To the right is a lifeboat. The plight of the San Pedro with the waves washing over her is plainly apparent. Two lifeboats are approaching the steam schooner.

# FOG NOT HEAVY AT TIME OF WRECK

### J. Grant Kline, Survivor, Says Air Was Clear for Mile.

## ONLY A SLIGHT JAR FELT

### Colorado Man and His Wife Put on Life Preservers, Jump Overboard and Are Picked Up—Censure for One of the Officers.

J. Grant Kline, of Sanger, Cal., is among the survivors who assert there was no heavy fog at the time of the collision and that the sea was clear for fully a mile in all directions. He likewise is at a loss to understand the reported confusion of signals. He was awake and partially dressed when the collision occurred and went on deck immediately, after cautioning Mrs. Kline to slip on a life-preserver. This is his story of the wreck: "I had berth No. 56, next to the purser's cabin, on the upper deck and had not yet retired for the night. It was the first night out and I was somewhat nervous when the two boats began signaling. Two distinct blasts were given by each boat. I distinctly recall that no other signals of any sort were sounded.

"A few moments later came a gentle jar. You could hardly call it a jar, either, it was so slight. The Columbia reversed her engines before the shock occurred. Feeling something was wrong I got a life-preserver on my wife, put one on myself and we got out on deck as soon as possible. It was a clear night and I saw the San Pedro lying off at a distance.

"The lifeboats had already been manned when Mrs. Kline was prepared to go on deck and fearing that the boat was going to the bottom at once, we jumped into the water. We were picked up promptly by one of the lifeboats. The Columbia went down with a weird, hissing sound. I do not believe her boilers exploded as there was no report.

"The officer in charge of the lifeboat we were in was a disgrace to his calling. He swore, fumed and raved. When we were helping a corpulent woman into the lifeboat onto the San Pedro, this officer wanted to leave her till the last because she was slow in moving. He raved continually and threatened to knock several people down and throw them into the sea because they did not act as he thought they should. He refused to pick up several women saying the lifeboat had all it could hold.

"The officers and crew of the San Pedro did everything in their power to help the survivors. Regardless of the precarious condition of the ship, the San Pedro people hustled wearing apparel and served hot coffee to the shivering refugees."

### NOT ALL THE MEN HEROES

#### MISS PEARL BEEBE IS PUSHED ASIDE BY AN UNKNOWN.

#### In Haste to Save Himself He Refuses Help to Girl Trying to Reach the Deck.

That all men in the wreck of the Columbia were not of a manly mould is indicated in a regrettable manner by the experience encountered by Miss Pearl Beebe, of Portland, who was nearly strangled by water in the hold of the San Pedro after having been rescued from the Columbia. Water pouring through portholes, flooded the compartment in which Miss Beebe had taken refuge. Attempting to rush on deck, she was ruthlessly pushed aside by an unknown male person, who was engaged in the problem of getting himself out on deck.

"Knowing the need of haste, and being unable to get up the stairs quickly I seized his coat from behind as he passed me," Miss Beebe told a party of friends on the Elder yesterday forenoon. "Instead of giving me the benefit of this aid, he turned and shook himself free of my hold and sprang on up to the deck.

An effort was made by the survivors to locate this precious coward. It was thought he might be aboard the Elder on his way to Portland, but Miss Beebe said she doubted if she would be able to recognize the man, even if confronted by him.

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### General Debility

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## EXPRESS THEIR GRATITUDE

### COLUMBIA SURVIVORS ADOPT RESOLUTIONS.

#### Thank Officers and Men of San Pedro and Elder and Citizens of Eureka.

At a meeting of the survivors in the dining hall of the steamer George W. Elder yesterday afternoon, resolutions of appreciation for services rendered from several quarters, were unanimously passed. The resolutions were prepared by a special committee selected by the survivors at an informal meeting and are as follows:

Whereas, We believe that the highest aim in living or dying is usefulness; service of our fellow beings and that noble deeds are wrought in times of crisis by those only whose natures are true to this high principle, that such natures are aroused through right thinking upon great ideas so that they spontaneously arise in acts of self-forgetfulness and therefore all worthy examples of such successful fulfillment of the highest duty should be fittingly commemorated; and

Whereas, In the perils through which we have passed since the collision of the steamers Columbia and San Pedro, on Sunday, July 21, 1907, we were witnesses of many generous actions performed in disregard of danger or exertion, all for our benefit; and

Whereas, We desire to express to all who rendered assistance in our distress our abiding appreciation of their efforts in our behalf; therefore be it

Resolved, That we acknowledge our appreciation of the efforts of officers and crew of the Columbia who rendered in the work of rescue; through their activities many were assisted in adjusting life-preservers; some boats were launched and passengers were lifted from the water.

Resolved, That we express our sincerest thanks to the officers and crew of the San Pedro, who so promptly came to our rescue and labored to the point of exhaustion to save the unfortunates who were struggling in the sea. For their generous, heroic efforts we will ever remember them with affection.

Resolved, That we confess the debt of gratitude which we owe to the officers, crew and passengers of the steamer Geo. W. Elder, for the kindness and substantial comforts which were rendered under circumstances most trying alike to the survivors and the rescuers; especially are we grateful to the stewards,