

SURVIVORS REACH CITY BY STEAMER

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chiefly to those who failed to leave their berths or who returned to them while the boat was sinking. The impact of the two steamers, while terrific in fact, was almost imperceptible, and the great danger was not realized by many.

Suction Was Not Strong.

Those who were able to get on deck with life preservers are numbered for the most part among the survivors, even though they missed the lifeboats and rats. The suction from the sinking vessel was not strong, and many live to tell of being drawn under with the sinking ship, only to rise to the surface again.

No Explosion of Boilers.

That there was no explosion of the Columbia's boilers is stated by all who went down with the boat and have tried to tell the tale. The time the steamer kept afloat after the collision is said to have been between 7 and 11 minutes. There is a direct conflict as regards a fog hanging over the sea when the two ships came together.

Shock Was Very Slight.

The first intimation of impending danger came very shortly after 12:15, when the two vessels signalled each other, each sounding two whistles. A moment later the slight vibration that passed over the Columbia at the moment of the impact was felt.

Women Given Precedence.

No instances are reported wherein women were deliberately thrust aside by terror-stricken men whose fright overbalanced their courage. If there were such persons aboard their exploits largely failed to gain wide notice, and but one or two instances of cowardice are reported.

Praise Eureka Citizens.

All the survivors are loud in their praise of the Eureka relief committees, which lent them every assistance in their misfortune, providing clothing, The officers and crews of the Columbia and San Pedro likewise are spoken of in highest terms for their bravery in the work of rescue.

Crowds Greet Elder.

It was an expectant throng of passengers, impatient to get ashore, that crowded to the rails of the Elder when the steamer approached the dock late yesterday afternoon. There was a responsive impatience from the shore.

Hurry to Reach Shore.

The gangplank was down and in a hurrying line the passengers left the ship. As one man struck the solid plank of the wharf with his foot he muttered a barely audible "Thank God," and disappeared in the crowd.

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No More Water for Him.

"Miss Gott! Ver can I get a glass of beer? No more water in mine already yet. Next times I walk," laughed a big, bluff German, who plowed through the crowd to a group of friends that in turn received him with a shout and pounded him on the back in sheer delight.

The line down the gangplank quickly melted away into the welcoming hundreds, and half an hour after the ship had cast out her moorings no one but the officers and longshoremen were at the wharf. Standing on the corner, three blocks away, and watching the crowd stream homeward was a man with his hands in his empty pockets.

Leg Broken in Wreck.

As the crowds began to thin out on the dock an ambulance drove up and the most seriously injured of the Columbia survivors, Miss B. R. Fitzgerald, was removed to her home in Lauréwood. Miss Fitzgerald was thrown into the water as the vessel sank and says that the last thing she remembers is going under the waves.

Telegraphed His Mother.

After the wreck he telegraphed his mother, who lives at 42 Fifth street, that he had been picked up and would be home on the Elder. None of his family were at the dock to meet him, and as the time went by and he did not appear at the house, Mrs. Elvers began to worry.

Bids the Ship Farewell.

Almost the last to leave the wharf was a tall, slender girl, a handsome brunette, erect as a pine and lithe as a willow, who had smiled and nodded and laughed to this one and that as they left the ship. She was Miss Maybelle Watson, of Berkeley, Cal., who while drifting in the sea and supported only with a life preserver had for two hours held up another woman and finally saved her life.

Arrived on the Steamer

- ARRIVED ON THE STEAMER GEORGE W. ELDER. The following survivors of the Columbia disaster arrived on the Geo. W. Elder last night: W. H. H. TRUESDALE, Richfield, Ill.

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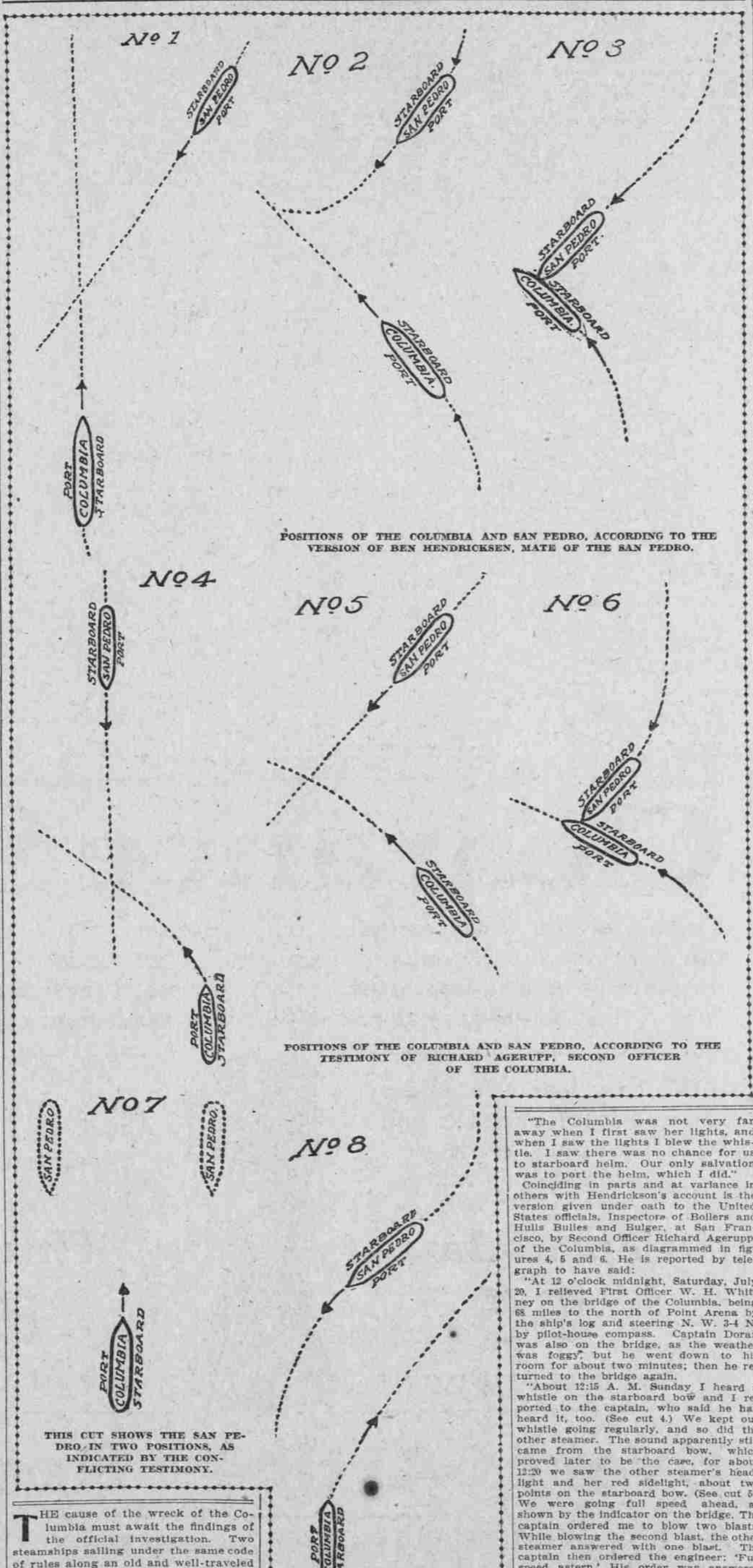
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Diagrams Illustrating the Conflict in Testimony Regarding the Cause of the Collision of the San Pedro With the Columbia



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Pride of the Castaways.

Ethel was the pride of all the survivors who came in on the steamer Elder yesterday. All assert that no more genuine courage was displayed by anyone. Reducing her brave act to a material aspect, she is deserving of a special Carnegie medal for bravery in saving human lives in the face of death.

Mrs. Gordon Is Safe.

The mother of the little Gordon girl was reported drowned at first and the child was inconsolable. She was taken in charge by friends and brought up on the Elder. It is now reported, that Mrs. Gordon escaped and went to San Francisco in despair over the supposed death of the daughter.

Polite, Even in Danger.

"Excuse me, Miss," he said without pausing in his work. A few deft slashes of Peterson's knife set the boat clear, 25 people climbed in, and manned by the two seamen it got clear of the whirlpool by the time the Columbia sank. Land was not in sight and the lifeboat was towed about 31 miles.

Heroism of Miss Watson.

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