

COULD SEE TWO SHIP-LENGTHS

Lookout on Columbia Testifies That Night of Collision Was Foggy

FLOATED NINE MINUTES

Steamer Stayed on Surface After Being Struck—Both Boats Were Blowing Their Whistles Regularly.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 25.—An investigation into the cause of the wreck of the steamer Columbia was begun this afternoon by Captain John Bermingham, supervising inspector of steamships in this district. The first witness called was F. Peterson, lookout on the Columbia. He testified that at the time of the collision the weather was foggy and he could see only two ship lengths ahead.

When Peterson first saw the San Pedro she was about 150 feet distant, and was coming "square on" to the Columbia. On sighting the approaching steam schooner he leaped onto the bridge where he was at the time of the collision. He believed that the Columbia floated for eight or nine minutes after she was struck and before she went down. He reported to Captain Doran when he first heard the whistles.

In answer to questions he said he could not tell whether or not the Columbia was going at full speed. There was no wind and the Columbia blew her whistle regularly. After the collision Peterson said he was told by Captain Doran to arouse the passengers. He called those in the forecastle and then started to the lifeboat in which he was to be taken.

SAY HAWSE WAS THE BRUTE

Surviving Passengers Make Charge Against Third Officer.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 25.—Third Officer Hawse, of the wrecked steamer Columbia, whose sworn report of the disaster, filed with the Federal inspectors, charged Captain Hansen with cruelty and inhuman conduct in refusing to aid in the rescue of the stricken passengers, is now charged by survivors who occupied the San Pedro with him with conduct more cruel than that ascribed by him in his formal report. Here, in brief, are the charges made against Hawse.

One—Refusing to give his coat to an unconscious woman rescued from the water in a freezing condition, his remark being "My coat is my own."

Two—Ordering a sailor to strike a crippled man whom he believed occupied too much space in the lifeboat.

Three—Sitting in the stern sheets of the boat and refusing to assist in dragging men and women from the water.

These charges are made separately by members of the party of survivors who reached here this morning on the steamer City of Topeka from Eureka. They are corroborated in detail by difference members of the party, who declare their intention of presenting the charges to the inspectors when the investigation of the wreck is begun.

These same passengers further declare that the attack upon Captain Hansen by Hawse is entirely unjust; that the former did all in his power to aid the survivors, and that his refusal to permit any more survivors to be landed on the San Pedro was right and proper, for the reason that the deckload of lumber had shifted and that Captain Hansen in trying to get the boats approached too near the schooner they might be suddenly overwhelmed by some of the lumber sliding into the water. They defend Captain Hansen in every way, as those used against Hawse are bitter.

The strongest statement against Hawse is made by Miss Lena Hansen, of Minneapolis, who was in the same boat with the third officer until they were picked up by the Elder. She said this morning:

"The charge of unofficerlike conduct against Captain Hansen is utterly absurd. It should be the other way. Hawse was a brute and an unfeeling man in the boat, refusing to aid in the work of rescue. He was asked to give his coat to a poor woman who had been pulled into the water in a drowning condition, and answered 'My coat is my own.' His conduct throughout the affair was of the same order."

H. H. Decker, of Tesla, this state, is a cripple, and managed to get to the boat with his wife. He says that Hawse ordered him to crowd into the lifeboat, and that when he attempted to do so, despite his crippled condition, Hawse directed a sailor to "hit him over the head and dump him into the ocean" if he did not move faster.

The information that Hawse had preferred charges against the master of the San Pedro caused the greatest surprise among the survivors, and they were free to declare that the charges should rest the other way.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Decker, of Tesla, Cal., were among the survivors of the Columbia who returned on the City of Topeka. Mr. Decker had this to say: "We are a reunited couple. When the Columbia went down I had time to kiss my wife good-by when she was washed off the deck, and I followed her. How late, when I was aboard the Elder, a doctor called out my name. I followed him to the cabin and there was my wife, her right eye blackened, and she was rolled up in a blanket."

and friends of the survivors were at the wharf and carried them away in automobiles and carried to be fitted out with clothes and cared for.

The survivors on the Topeka could not say enough to express their appreciation of the kindness shown by the people of Eureka. When the steamer Geo. W. Elder arrived at the dock there were doctors, nurses, medicine, food, clothing, carriages and ambulances waiting to aid the rescued passengers. Nothing was too much trouble for the humane citizens of Eureka to do.

While there was very severe criticism on some of the crew of the Columbia, the survivors vindicated the sailors and Captain Hansen, of the San Pedro. They explain that Captain Hansen took aboard all the wrecked passengers he could safely land on the San Pedro. He and his wife stood on the bow of the schooner all night, cut off by washing lumber from their cabin, and directed the aid that was extended to those on rafts and clinging to drifting timbers.

TOPEKA BRINGS IN SURVIVORS

Seventeen More Passengers and Seaman Reach San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 25.—The steamer City of Topeka arrived here today with the following survivors of the Columbia: W. H. SMITH, of San Francisco; MISS ALMA OSTERBERG, of Cleveland, O.; ROLAND, Spokane; PHIL ASHFORD, Livermore, Cal.; J. S. KAVANAUGH, Oakland; H. S. KEEVER, Denver, Colo.; MR. AND MRS. H. H. DECKER, Tesla, California; MRS. H. C. SHAW, Stockton; N. WINKLEBECK, Dunn, Poplar Bluff, Mo.; MISS LULU HANSEN, Minneapolis.

Members of the Columbia's crew who arrived on the same vessel were W. T. Conley, stoker; A. St. Clair, C. E. Nolan, R. Engman and Purser J. F. Byrnes.

SUMMARY OF THE SURVIVORS

Revised Returns Show Total of 93 Lives Lost.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 25.—A report of the returns from the work of rescue shows that of the 245 persons on the steamer Columbia, 152 have been saved, while five bodies have been recovered and 88 are reported lost. Of the entire number of lost, 39 were men, 49 women and five were children. Of the 152 passengers, 114 have been saved. Sixty-eight of these have been taken to Astoria, eight have arrived here and the remainder are at Eureka or on their way to this city. Of the 88 men, 76 were saved, and of the 91 women 42 were saved. Two of the seven children survive. Of the 24 members of the crew, 38 are alive.

BETRAYED BY HIS DEATH

VICTIM OF COLUMBIA TRAVELED WITH PARAMOUR.

Louis Malkus, Prominent in Louisiana, Had Deserted Wife to Elope With Other Woman.

SHREVEPORT, La., July 25.—(Special.)—The wreck of the steamship Columbia has uncovered a scandal in this city. Among the passengers who perished in the collision with the San Pedro last Saturday night, Miss California coast were Louis Malkus "and wife," according to the dispatches received here.

Malkus formerly resided in Crowley, near this place, moving from there June 22. Shortly afterward it came to light that he had deserted his wife and taken to himself a young woman with whom he was infatuated. Their whereabouts was a mystery until the lists of the Columbia steamer victims began to arrive.

Malkus was very prominent in affairs here. He was former Labor Commissioner for Louisiana, and had the contract for building the State Old Fellows Home for Widows and Orphans at Crowley. It is shown that he is \$5000 short on that contract, but this is protected by a bond in the Fidelity & Deposit Company, of Maryland. His deserted wife is working as a stenographer and clerk for a business firm in this city in order to support herself and baby.

Resigns After Long Service.

NEW YORK, July 25.—Andrew Mason, superintendent of the New York assay office, who has been in the service of the government for 59 years or more, has presented his resignation to Director of the Mint Roberts. Mr. Mason invented a new process for refining the precious metals, which resulted in the saving of large sums annually in the cost of operating the New York assay office. In recognition of his services Congress voted Mr. Mason a large bonus.

Noted Travelers to Orient.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 25.—The steamer Siberia, which sailed this afternoon for the Orient, carried a number of prominent people as passengers, including Secretary of Commerce and Labor Strauss, Congressman and Mrs. Nicholas Longworth, of Ohio; Governor Carter, of Hawaii; Commanders Hughes and Sears and Lieutenant-Commander Gillis of the United States Navy and Government Inspectors of Steam Vessels Bulger and Bolles.

Great Fire in Ottawa Suburbs.

OTTAWA, Ont., July 25.—New Edinburgh, a suburb of this city, was swept by fire early today. Estimated loss, \$300,000.

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GIRLS STAND GUARD

Will Not Allow Desecration of Indian Graves.

THEY BOAST ROYAL BLOOD

Attempt to Sell Wyandotte Cemetery and Remove Bodies Thwarted by Three Descendants of Great Chief Who Ruled Ohio.

KANSAS CITY, July 25.—Helena, Idaho and Lida Conley, sisters and Wyandotte Indians, began an armed guard today over the graves of their ancestors in Huron Cemetery, in Kansas City, Kan., recently ordered sold by the Government, and threatened to shoot the first person who may attempt to remove the bodies.

Congress authorized the sale of the cemetery, set aside for many years as a tribal burial ground, and a division of the money among the remaining members of the Wyandotte tribe, first removing the bodies. The Conley girls say they won't permit the graves to be touched and they today began the erection of a shanty upon the outskirts of the cemetery. Miss Helena Conley said:

"From this time on one of the three Conley sisters will be here in the daytime. At night all three of us shall sleep here and guard. In this cemetery are buried 100 of our ancestors. The blood of the ancient royalty of France flows in my veins. My grandfather owned the whole State of Ohio. Why should we not be proud of our ancestors and protect their graves? We shall do it and we will be the man that first attempts to steal a body."

"We shall keep right on asking bids upon the property, and if we are not successful the right committee which is trying to sell the cemetery. 'The Government is behind us.'"

MEXICO ASKED TO HELP

Differences Between Salvador and Nicaragua May Be Settled.

WASHINGTON, July 25.—Mexico has been approached by the government of the Republic of Salvador with a request that it take what practically amounts to the initiative in opening negotiations between the latter country and Nicaragua for a settlement of the differences between them and the reference to arbitration of the claims for reparation for damages sustained by Salvador as a result of the expedition against it by President Zelaya about six weeks ago, which created considerable damage in and about the harbor of Amajuta and surrounding country.

Among the Central American diplomats and at the State Department the impression is general that Nicaragua has decided to desist from her intention to send another expedition against Salvador.

FEMALE ASSASSIN IS HANGED

Refused to Plead for Mercy From Czar Nicholas.

MOSCOW, July 25.—With the observance of the greatest privacy, Madame Fromkina, who in March last attempted to assassinate General Rheinbot, the ex-prince of police, and who in May made another attempt to murder the inspector of the political prison here, was hanged in this city at sunrise.

The authorities made every effort during the past fortnight to persuade the woman to plead for the mercy of the emperor, but this she obstinately refused to do. Her parents interceded with the throne in her behalf but their efforts were unavailing. Madame Fromkina was not charged with actual murder, but was accused of making several ineffectual attempts to kill officers. It is believed that her mind was unbalanced and that she suffered from hysteria.

Getting After Opium Trade.

PEKIN, July 25.—The Chinese government has formally announced its assent to the proposal made by the United States for a joint investigation by the powers, including China, into the whole question of the opium trade and of the production of opium. Details of the procedure will be arranged later. China's delay in acceptance was due to a misunderstanding on her part that six independent commissions comprehended such an inquiry, as well as cries of inspections in the interior of China.

Paris Howls for Murderer's Life.

PARIS, July 25.—There is a great and increasing clamor for the carrying out of the death sentence imposed last Tuesday upon a man named Solleilant for the murder of a little girl under particularly atrocious circumstances, especially as the Chamber of Deputies has appropriated \$250 for public executions.

King and Kaiser Will Go Visiting.

BERLIN, July 25.—It is now certain that King Edward and the Kaiser will meet at Wilhelmshafen, near Cassel.

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18-inch Chiffon Veiling in plain chiffon and crepe chiffon; values to 65c, for, yard 39c

Women's embroidered stiff linen Collars; regularly 35c, for 15c

300 men's white and fancy Vests; sold regularly for \$2.75 to \$3.00; today \$1.45

All Young's Straw Hats for men reduced to \$1.50

A great assortment of Spachtel Scarfs and Squares; values up to 75c each; choice . . . 19c

Women's black Hosiery in all styles and sizes; regular values to 50c; choice 25c

Clearance sale of 3000 yards of Wash Goods; 35c to 75c values, yard 11c

50 white linen Parasols; regular \$3.50, \$4.00 and \$5.00 values, at \$1.49

39c-75c Millinery Flowers for 15c

75c-\$1.25 Millinery Flowers for 39c

Special sale of hand-woven fishnet Hammocks; values to \$1.75, for 98c

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Takes Two Shots to Kill Himself. STOCKTON, Cal., July 25.—Supervisor Henry B. Knight, of the Fifth District of San Joaquin County, committed suicide this morning at his ranch near Lathrop by shooting. He got up and dressed himself, and without telling any one of his intentions stepped out doors and shot himself in the left breast. The shot apparently did not strike a fatal spot, and the desperate man deliberately threw another shell into the gun and took a second shot, falling dead without a word. The two shots were very near together, one striking the heart. The deceased was a prosperous farmer and leaves a widow and children. He was serving his third term as Supervisor. Nervous prostration owing to overwork is given by the family as the cause for his act.

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