

4 SAVED; 29 DIE AS SHIP HITS PEACOCK SPIT

Rosecrans, Oil Steamer, Sinks in Terrific Gale Off Columbia.

LIFE-SAVING CREWS IN PERIL

Rescuers and Three Still Bat- tle With Storm, Unable to Get to Shore.

ONE RIDES PLANK 15 MILES

Fred Peters Is Washed Ashore Far From Wreck Scene.

VESSEL IS TOTAL LOSS

Dead Body of Captain Johnson Is Picked Up—Tugs Forced to Turn Back in Attempt at Rescue and Lifboat Capsized.

ILWACO, Wash., Jan. 7.—(Special.)—Twenty-nine men went to death beneath the waves, one who rode a plank, was washed to shore, more dead than alive, seven miles from the scene of disaster, and three who clung for five hours to the rigging of the ill-fated oil tank steamer Rosecrans, until rescued by the Point Adams life-saving crew, and the rescue of the stricken vessel, but the heavy weather and fierce gale baffled at every turn.

The disaster is recorded in marine history as the worst that has been visited upon Columbia River bar.

Rescuers Hurry to Save.

For five hours after the distress signal was flashed from the Rosecrans, the life-saving crew at Cape Disappointment, and Point Adams, exerted every energy to reach the stricken vessel, but the heavy weather and fierce gale baffled at every turn.

It was daylight before an effectual attempt to make to sea was undertaken. It was 8:30 o'clock before the scene of the wreck was sighted, as the wireless "S. O. S." "Striking the bar and breaking" picked from the ill-fated steamer had been lost long before, as the water flooded her hull and the apparatus was rendered useless.

The tugs Fearless and Onondaga, with the Cape Disappointment life-saving crew, were forced to turn back to Fort Canby. At 9:10 the naval radio station located the wreck and by radio gave the tugs the location.

Old Transport Sinks.

At 10:40 the Rosecrans, the old transport, sank.

The rescue work was the most perilous undertaken at Columbia bar in its history. It was only when a lull in the storm occurred about noon that the life-saving crews were able to make to the scene of the wreck, and then the gale was so furious that it was impossible to get within 400 yards of the wreckage.

In the wild breakers three of the crew of the life-savers were washed overboard, but were rescued. The men who had clung to the most of the Rosecrans jumped into the water and were saved. The rescue was made at 3 o'clock.

With its disabled boat the life-saving crew is fighting in a terrific sea just outside the bar and it is impossible for her to come in until daylight.

The Rosecrans disappeared about 40 feet of mainmast remaining above water. The men in the rigging kept warm by climbing up and down the ratlines. At 11 A. M. the Cape Disappointment and Fort Stevens life-saving crews started for the wreck taking the inside passage around McKenzie Head. When they have in sight hundreds of people ashore at North Head cheered them. The lifeboats were passing through a solid break and sometimes they would seem to be swamped by every breaker going over the bows.

The Cape Disappointment crew was the first to reach the Rosecrans and in an attempt to rescue the men in the rigging passed her and went into the heaviest of the breakers, where three of their crew were washed overboard. They signalled to the Fort Stevens crew for help and all were rescued. Soon afterward the Fort Stevens crew made an attempt to reach the wreck and lost two of their men, but picked them up again. The Cape Disappointment life-

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BOLD WOMAN PUTS ROBBER TO FLIGHT

SEATTLE MOTHER PROTECTS
SELF AND BABES.

Brief but Desperate Struggle Proves
Victory for Mrs. Daniel Harris
as Robber Makes Attack.

SEATTLE, Wash., Jan. 7.—(Special.)—Mrs. Daniel Harris, 410 Valley street, who was awakened by a prowling burglar, who entered her bedroom in the early morning and curiously ordered her to hand over all the money in the house, first attempted to parley with the robber, then, when she caught him off his guard for a moment, boldly attacked him, unarmed though she was, and put up a fight that put the thug to flight, and saved her valuables, though at the close of the brief but desperate struggle she received a staggering blow in the face that forced her to release her hold on the robber and left her half stunned and bleeding.

In the house were Mrs. Harris and her two babies—a 17-year-old girl friend, the husband being away on a business trip. Mrs. Harris was awakened by the burglar.

"Give me what money you have in the house," he ordered in a whisper, pressing a piece of cold metal to Mrs. Harris' head. "Give it to me or I'll shoot."

Struck by the slight stature and the boyish voice of the robber, Mrs. Harris pleaded with him to leave the house.

At this juncture the babies awoke and began screaming.

"Is there anybody else in the house?" the thug asked suspiciously.

"Yes," said Mrs. Harris. "There is a girl friend of mine here in bed with me."

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MAGNATES EXCUSE TO BE SCRUTINIZED

Pujo Committee Will Employ Physician.

SILENT TREATMENT ORDERED

Rockefeller Reported Suffering From Gouty Throat.

BANKER IS IN CONTEMPT

Member of Solomon & Co. Refuses to Reveal Names of National Bank- ers Engaged in Floating Petroleum Company.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—The House money trust committee in executive session tonight made plans for dealing with two reluctant witnesses, William Rockefeller and George G. Henry, of the firm of Solomon & Co., bankers, New York City. Chairman Pujo announced that the committee had decided to procure the services of a competent specialist in throat diseases to examine Mr. Rockefeller and verify the certificates of ill health filed today with the committee from Dr. Walter F. Chappelle, Mr. Rockefeller's personal physician, and Dr. Samuel W. Lamett, Dr. Chappelle said that to force Mr. Rockefeller to testify would "endanger his life."

The physicians declared that Mr. Rockefeller suffered from a "gouty inflammation of the larynx and windpipe," which had necessitated six operations, the last of a serious nature.

Silent Treatment Ordered.

Dr. Chappelle said in his affidavit that Mr. Rockefeller could not speak above a whisper and must take the so-called "silent treatment." Dr. Chappelle swore that to force Mr. Rockefeller to testify "would not only be an act of inhumanity, but actually would endanger his life."

In the case of Mr. Henry the committee prepared forms to be submitted to the full committee charging him with contempt. Mr. Henry refused to answer the question of whether the syndicate to reveal the names of National banks and National bank officers allotted a share in the syndicate formation of the California Petroleum Company. The bank officers made a profit of \$50,000 and the banks a like amount, Mr. Henry said, without putting up any money or even taking possession of the stock allotted to them.

The syndicate, he said, simply offered them the stock and then sold for them at a profit. The full committee will be asked to certify the case to the speaker, with the request that he certify it to the District Attorney for the District of Columbia, who will be asked to take it before the grand jury. The committee, after hearing of the California Petroleum Company from

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INANESTHETIC, MAN WOOS TWO NURSES

VISIONS OF BREACH OF PROM-
ISE SUIT NOW HOVER.

Coming From Under Drug After Op-
eration, Patient Proposes Twice
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Visions of two possible breach of
promise suits, each for \$25,000, con-
fronted Harold Miles, of Lents, who, on
coming out of an anesthetic, proposed
to two nurses within five minutes at
the Good Samaritan Hospital last Mon-
day. At least that is what his friends
and fellow-patients aver.

Some time ago Mr. Miles ran a needle
deep into his hand. Unable to extract
it and because of the pain, it caused
him, he went to the hospital to undergo
an operation for its removal. An anes-
thetic was found necessary. Just as
he was "coming out" he proposed in all
solemnity to lead to the altar of Hymen
each of the two ministering angels who
attended him.

In justice to the nurses, it must be
said that they immediately forgot the
occurrence, showed as little astonish-
ment as possible and went about their
work as sedately as ever. Not so his
friends.

Seeing that time hung heavy on their
hands, the two patients on each side
of him did not let the matter rest.

They informed him seriously of his
rash acts, told him that each lady
loved him dearly and that for her
blighted affections, etc., et al., for the
sum of \$25,000 apiece, though hope-
lessly inadequate, etc.

At last when they considered the joke
had been carried far enough, in fact
when they saw that he was taking the
matter too much to heart, he was in-
formed that the part of the story re-
garding the lawsuit was pure fiction.

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WAR IS STARTED ON J. HAM LEWIS

Dunne Causes Split in Democratic Ranks.

LORIMER PARTISANS ANGRY

Governor-elect Takes Part in Selection of Speaker.

NOMINEE FACING DEFEAT

Esposal of Lewis and Declaration Against Choice of Any Member of Party Who Voted for Deposed Senator Proves Boomerang.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Jan. 7.—(Spe-
cial.)—Colonel James Hamilton Lewis,
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COWBOY QUAILS AT HIS WIFE'S FISTS

DARING 'BULLDOGGER' DREADS
ONLY ANGRY SPOUSE.

Tale of Abuse Told by Nevins Wins
Sympathy of Court and
Brings Divorce Decree.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Jan. 7.—(Spe-
cial.)—While riding bucking bronchos
and "bulldozing" plunging, leaping
bulls might appear to the average mind
as a bit of strenuous pastime, it is a
mere parlor game in comparison to
living with an angry, pugacious wife,
so John Wilbur Nevins, better known
as "Bill" Nevins, a noted cowpuncher
and "bulldozer" and whose specu-
lar performances have thrilled thou-
sands of rodeo spectators, intimated to
Superior Judge Post today. He so vir-
tually pictured the abuse which he de-
clares he suffered that the court granted
him an interlocutory decree of di-
vorce from Ethel Edna Nevins.

Today Nevins testified his wife had
poured anathemas upon his head, had
punched him unmercifully with her
pugy fist and, with the aim of a
woman of the same age, had hurled an
iron clock at him.

To corroborate his statements he
called his mother, Mrs. Jane Nevins,
to testify. With a feeling of sym-