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SCHOONER LOST ON VANCOUVER COAST

Soquel Goes Way of Valencia.

RESCUE BOAT IS SWAMPED

Falling Spar Kills Captain Jamieson's Wife and Child.

FIVE OF CREW RESCUED

Six Men With Captain and Dead Family Are Left on Board White Tees Takes Saved Ones to Bamfield.

VICTORIA, B. C., Jan. 23.—The American four-masted schooner Soquel, Captain Jamieson, from Callao, due December 8, to Port Townsend in ballast, was totally wrecked on Sealby Rocks Friday night, at the mouth of Pechena Bay, close to where the steamer Valencia was lost with 140 lives on the same day two years ago.

The Soquel was endeavoring to make her way into the Straits for Port Townsend, and Captain Jamieson's wife and child were killed by falling spars when two of the masts came down soon after the schooner drove on the rocks.

Rescue Boat Swamped. The steamers Tees and Lebro, the latter carrying the crew of the wrecked Bamfield Creek motor lifeboat, with difficulty rescued five of the crew. The Lebro's boat was swamped during the rescue work and some of the life savers were almost drowned.

The Tees boys picked them up. Six men, one prostrated with a broken leg as a result of a falling spar striking him, could not be got off, and darkness came. They were left on board the wreck and the Tees went to Bamfield to land those saved.

Manning Goes to Rescue.

The United States revenue cutter Manning, on special detail as lifesaving packet, put out from Neah Bay at 4:30 this afternoon to render assistance to the wrecked craft. She took with her the lifesaving crew of Washed Island station. The Manning found the Soquel so firmly impaled on jagged rocks that there is small chance she will ever be gotten afloat again.

The five men rescued by the Tees were recovered from one of the Sealby Rocks, which are almost swash at high water. They reached the rocks early this morning. They had built a fire on the rock with driftwood and were huddled about the fire awaiting rescue.

A Port Townsend report states that the Soquel is owned by J. J. Hanifan & Co. of San Francisco.

LEAVITT NOT TO CONTEST

Attributes Divorce Suit to Wife's Nervous Temperament.

PARIS, Jan. 23.—W. H. Leavitt yesterday received from Thomas S. Allen, his wife's lawyer at Lincoln, Neb., information that Mrs. Leavitt, who is a daughter of W. J. Bryan, had filed a petition for divorce on the ground of incompatibility of temper and non-support. He was questioned on the matter today and declined to discuss it, saying he did not desire to embarrass his wife in any way.

Mr. Leavitt will not oppose the suit. With his mother, with whom he has been living in Paris, he will leave in a few days for America. His departure is in no way connected with the suit, but is part of his plan to exhibit his painting, "The Last Supper," in the United States.

Mr. Leavitt's friends in the Latin quarter, who esteem him highly as a serious worker, said his life has been exemplary. They declare that Mrs. Leavitt's decision to obtain a divorce is due to her nervous temperament.

COSGROVE WAITS TILL ROAD OPENS

TRIP DELAYED BY BLOCKADE ON SOUTHERN PACIFIC.

Will Remain in Car at Oakland Several Days—Refuses to Discuss Politics.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 23.—(Special.)—Governor-elect Cosgrove is not so soon to leave California for the North. He was due to leave this afternoon at 2 o'clock, but word came that the Southern Pacific lines were blocked and he will remain in his private car indefinitely until he can go through without delay. It will probably be several days before his car moves. In the meantime he is located at the Oakland Hotel, as his physicians believe it would be unwise for him to go to a hotel. The place is not adapted to quiet, as trains are moving at all hours of the night, but the Governor is determined to make the best of a bad situation. The car is so equipped that all meals can be served without his moving from the train.

Mrs. Cosgrove has a number of friends in Oakland and San Francisco and the party will while away the hours with visits, both in the car and about the bay. It is said by those close to the Governor that he absolutely refuses to discuss the political situation, but that he is anxious to return to Olympia to settle the tangle as to who is Governor of the State of Washington.

MAN DIES OF NIGHTMARE

Thurston Farmer Found Dead in Bed After Groaning in Dream.

EUGENE, Or., Jan. 23.—(Special.)—Marion Nice, a farmer living near Thurston, died early this morning while under the spell of a nightmare.

Mr. Nice was in usual health yesterday, but has been subject to nightmares for a number of years. When his wife groaning early in the morning by the bedside of her husband, she paid no particular attention, such spells being not unusual with Nice. When he failed to rise at the usual hour, his wife found him dead.

The deceased leaves, besides his wife, two sons, Ira and John, the former living on the home farm, and the latter an employe in the Eugene postoffice.

SHE STEALS TO GET FOOD

Woman Thief Leaves Explanation in Room of Victim.

DENVER, Jan. 23.—Baying she was dying of consumption and was forced to steal to obtain food and medicine, a woman thief, signing herself Mrs. M. L. Crane, last night left a note in the room of one of her victims, explaining her plight and begging pardon for the thefts.

Numerous robberies have been committed in an apartment house on Eighteenth avenue of late, all evidently by the same person. Last night the thief reappeared and stole several articles from a room occupied by sleeping women, after which she evidently sat down and wrote the note. She then disappeared.

DUKE AGAIN TRIUMPHANT

Abruzzi Only Man to Scale Mount St. Elias in Alaska.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.—That the Duke de Abruzzi is the only man who has succeeded in reaching the 10,000-foot Mount St. Elias, in Alaska, was brought out in the consideration by the House committee on foreign affairs of the appropriation asked for marking the Alaskan boundary.

This mountain is one of the peaks which are crossed by the boundary line and is an evidence of the difficulties attending the work of marking the boundary between Alaska and Canada.

WILL HEAR GATEWAY CASE

Interstate Commission to Decide on Through Route Via Portland.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Jan. 23.—It is announced by the Interstate Commerce Commission that a hearing will be held at Chicago February 13, before Commissioner Prouty, on the question of the establishment of a through route, and joint rate from Puget Sound points to the East via Portland gateway. The Hill and Harriman lines are unable to agree and the Commission has been asked to settle the dispute.

RAILROADS SUED FOR LAND SOLD

Second Step in Fight to Recover Grant.

BUYERS ARE ALSO DEFENDANTS

Over \$15,000,000 and 353,288 Acres Are at Stake.

FEDERAL ATTORNEY ACTS

Suit Began Against Harriman Companies and Purchasers Supplementary to Action for Acreage Still Held.

Another step in the fight of the Federal Government to recover possession of the land included in the immense grant to the Oregon & California Railroad Company was taken yesterday when B. D. Townsend, special assistant to the Attorney-General filed in the Federal Court in Portland 35 suits in equity against the Oregon & California and Southern Pacific Companies and over 100 other defendants.

These suits are supplementary to those previously filed against the Harriman companies and are for the purpose of recovering land included in the grant and already sold by the railroads, or where title to the land cannot be regained, of securing for the Government all monies paid for the land in excess of \$2.59 an acre, the price at which it was stipulated in the original grant the land would be sold. Besides the railroads, the defendants in the suits are those who have purchased land from these companies. The suits involve more than \$15,000,000 and also more than 353,288 acres of land. All of the land is located in Oregon.

Carries Out Announced Policy.

These suits filed by Mr. Townsend are in keeping with the pledge that the Federal attorneys made in the original bill of complaint filed by the Government, in its suit against the Oregon & California Company. In its original suit the Government alleges the fact that the railroad violated the terms of the grant by refusing to sell the lands contained therein for \$2.59 an acre and seeks either to force the railroad to sell the land to settlers according to the terms of the grant or to have the entire grant annulled and the land restored to the public domain.

At the time this suit was filed the Federal authorities knew that the railroad company had sold to timber syndicates as the Hammond and the Weyerhaeuser interests, and also to lumbermen, thousands of acres included in the grant. In order not to involve complications and delays, the suits against the railroad and against the other owners were brought separately.

It is alleged in the complaint that all of the lands sold to the defendants named in the suits were sold in violation of the terms of the land grant, and for this reason the Government hopes to make null and void the deeds and contracts made by the Oregon & California Company to the purchasers. It has been almost a herculean task on the part of Attorney Townsend to get together the evidence upon which to base his suit.

It has involved months of the hardest kind of work, for the selling of the lands by the company began, in the early days and has continued up until 1908. In many instances copies of deeds and contracts to sell are in possession of the Government. Other deeds and some very important ones have never been recorded, yet the Government is in possession of evidence, as in the case of the Hammond holdings, that deeds and contracts are in existence.

Many Own Large Tracts.

Practically every defendant named in the suit owns, or did own, over 1000 acres of land. The Hammond interests hold 80,000 acres, and next come the

AFFINITIES DON'T ALWAYS GIVE JOY

EARLE DISCOVERS THAT HE HAS ERRED.

New York Man Wants No More of His "Soulmate" That He Married Twice.

BATTLE CREEK, Mich., Jan. 23.—(Special.)—"I have learned that affinities do not always turn out as at first expected, and, though I have erred, every man is liable to do that." This from Frederick Planey Earle, of Monroe, N. Y., when interviewed at the sanitarium today. Of his second wife, to whom at one time before he was divorced and remarried, he referred as his "affinity." He refused to say much beyond this, although he intimated that he was through with her and that no reconciliation would ever be effected.

Earle arrived in this city Thursday direct from Monroe, following his return from Paris. He was desirous of escaping from the gaze of the world pending the divorce proceedings of his "soul mate." Strict precautions were taken so that his presence should not become known, and he told the officials of the institution that as soon as his presence should become known he would leave. As yet, however, he has not done so.

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WHITE STAR LINER FOUNDERS AT SEA

Republic Run Down off Cape Cod Coast.

WIRELESS USED TO CALL AID

Fleet of Steamers Rushes to Stricken Vessel.

PASSENGERS SAVE NAUGHT

Unfortunate Tourists First Transferred to Italian Liner Florida and Later to Steamer Baltic.

FOUR MAY BE DEAD.

NANTUCKET, Mass., Jan. 23.—A wireless message received here early today from an unknown steamer, probably the Baltic, says four passengers of the Republic were killed in the collision.

It is also reported that the Republic has not yet gone down, and that the Lucania and Parnassia are standing by.

Wireless operators are allowing the Baltic operator full sweep, so there may be no delay in getting details.

BOSTON, Jan. 23.—Hardly had the day operator at the Government wireless station at the Charleston Navy-yard tested his instrument this morning when the machine began to click out a message that stirred the entire Northern Atlantic seaboard to unwonted activity.

"To revenue cutter Gresham, Boston," said the message from out of the air. "Steamer Republic in distress and sinking. Latitude 41.7, longitude 70.35, southwest of Nantucket."

The cutter Gresham was not at the Navy-yard, but intercepted the appeal in Provincetown harbor, on the inside of Cape Cod, and at once got under full speed and hurried to the aid of the stricken vessel.

This was the first news received of the collision between the White Star liner Republic, which left New York yesterday for Naples and Mediterranean ports, with 761 souls on board, and the Lloyd-Italian liner Florida. The vessels crashed together shortly after 6 this morning in a dense fog off the Cape, and the impact of the blow so disabled the Republic that she sank soon after 9 tonight, the terrific pressure of the sea crushing in the doors of her water-tight compartments one by one, until the vessel slowly heeled over and plunged beneath the waves.

Many Get Message.

The same wireless message that sent the Gresham scurrying around the sandy point of Cape Cod with a "bone in her mouth," was also picked up by the inward-bound White Star liner Baltic and the Cunarder Lucania, which had passed the Republic a short time before, and were both vessels put about at once and started at full speed for the point in the wide Atlantic where the crippled vessel was then wallowing in her death struggles. The French liner La Lorraine, outward bound from New York behind the Republic, also intercepted the mysterious waves in the ether that were carrying the fateful message, and, wide and slow, spurred ahead to give aid to the fabric of steel that was sinking.

The revenue cutter Acushnet, at Woods Hole, picked up the cry for aid, and started seaward, but put back after going five miles, for more definite information. At New Bedford the cutter Mohawk also heard the summons from out the air and left her berth on a voyage of escort, but drove aground in the heavy fog on a sandbank in Buzzards Bay.

While these vessels were all hurrying to the stricken steamer, or doing their

FINE HE IMPOSED REPAID BY HOGUE

PORTLAND'S EX-JUDGE UNDOES ALLEGED WRONG.

Man Whom He Punished for Fast Driving Five Years Ago Gets Money Back.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 23.—(Special.)—A group of clubmen was seated around the big log fire in the bar of the St. Francis last evening. In the party was ex-Judge W. H. Hogue, of Portland, Or. M. H. Thompson, an insurance man and permanent guest at the hotel, walked up. Judge Hogue was introduced.

"I think I ought to remember you," said Thompson. "You cinched me for \$25 once."

"I did not catch that remark, sir," said Judge Hogue.

"Well, five years ago, in Portland, Or., I was arrested for fast driving and the case came up before you, and you fined me \$25," explained Thompson.

"Am I to understand, sir, that you feel that you were unjustly treated?" asked the Judge. In a quiet, well-modulated voice.

"Yes, I most certainly do," replied Thompson, hotly.

"Well, all I can say is that I never intentionally wronged anyone," said the Judge. "When I sat on the bench, I tried to act fairly and conscientiously to all. If you feel that you were unjustly treated, it is not too late now for me to attempt to repair the wrong."

With that, Judge Hogue wrote his check for \$25 and handed it to Thompson, who accepted it and put it in his pocket.

SWELTERING IN JANUARY

Chicago Experiences Warmest Winter Weather in 39 Years.

CHICAGO, Jan. 23.—(Special.)—Chicago today experienced the warmest January weather since 1870. The temperature being 65 above, the former record being 65, this point being reached in 1870 and again in 1876. January 23, 1906, the temperature reached 61 above, but only for a brief time.

Today people went about thinly-clad, forsaking wraps, and in homes and offices all heat was shut off and windows and doors thrown open to the limit. Physicians say the unreasonable weather will result in much illness, as it will plant the germs of pneumonia and kindred ailments.

Continued warm southerly winds are responsible for the peculiar conditions here. Rain is predicted for tomorrow, after which it will become colder. Decidedly warm weather prevails throughout the Middle West, and the snow is disappearing everywhere. One peculiarity of the unusual weather is the soggy nature of the atmosphere, making it difficult to breathe.

INSURANCE MAN VERY ILL

Arnold S. Rothwell Undergoes Operation for Appendicitis.

Arnold S. Rothwell, state agent for the Mutual Life Insurance Company, whose offices are in the Falling building, is critically ill in the Good Samaritan Hospital. Mr. Rothwell was operated on for appendicitis yesterday noon by Drs. George Wilson and E. D. Johnson.

Mr. Rothwell's case was a very serious one, but hopes for his recovery are entertained. Mr. Rothwell, who is a bachelor and lives in bachelor apartments in this city, is well known both in Portland and throughout the state in business and social circles.

CROMWELL BEFORE JURY

Spends Two Hours Telling of Panama Canal Purchase.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.—Through William Nelson Cromwell, who negotiated the Panama Canal purchase, the Federal grand jury which is inquiring into the Helouos statements of the New York World and the Indianapolis News in connection with that transaction, today got at the bottom of the facts in the matter. Mr. Cromwell was under examination for two hours. He brought with him a large number of papers and these were carefully gone over.

HOPKINS HANGING TO FORLORN HOPE

Backers Talk Vaguely of Gaining Votes.

BUT CLAIMS APPEAR GAUZY

Men They Expect to Win Are Strongly Anti-Hopkins.

LORIMER CAUSES DISMAY

Starts for Washington and Is Suspected of Purpose to Line Up Opposition to Support of McKinley or Lowden.

CHICAGO, Jan. 23.—(Special.)—Senator Albert J. Hopkins' prospects of breaking the toga deadlock this week and of dropping into his present seat for another six years fell today from a fighting chance to a forlorn hope. After two days of skirmishing the Federal chiefs declared tonight that they had been able to line up only five or six new votes. They insisted on predicting that Mr. Hopkins would get between 32 and 36 on the first joint ballot that is taken on Tuesday, but when pressed for names answered vaguely.

Fall to Line Up Antis.

While outwardly preserving an optimistic demeanor, the big leaders who are fighting for the Aurora man confessed secretly that the effort to line up the "antis" was not meeting with the desired success, and that the only concessions that could be definitely numbered consisted of three Chicago members. Of these Emil O. Kowalski is one. He is expected by the Federal men to vote for Mr. Hopkins on the next ballot, this gain of one being credited to Governor Deneen.

Besides Mr. Kowalski, the Hopkins men said they had hopes of landing Chester W. Church, one of the "ultra-antis." They said that Edward J. Brundage, Mayor Busse's corporation counsel would swing Mr. Church into the Little logic is seen in this by anti-Hopkins men, who point out that Mr. Brundage has been unable to bring in William F. Zipp, a Representative from his own territory. Mr. Church comes from Deneen territory and Charles W. Vail and other Deneen leaders from the Englewood part of the town, have been working in vain to line him up. It is only by a long stretch of the imagination, the "antis" declare, that belief could be put in the report that Mr. Church will succumb to the influence of Mr. Brundage, who comes from the other side of Chicago.

Lorimer Seeks Dark Horse.

While the Federal men also lay claim to Mr. Zipp, who has been voting for Speaker Shurtleff, this prediction is scoffed at by the foes of Mr. Hopkins. The other main features of the day in Chicago brought additional distress to the faces of the Hopkins men. William Lorimer, who is the main spring of the opposition, went to Washington. The blonde Congressman did not say why he was going nor what he hoped to accomplish. His departure, however, filled the Hopkins men with an undercurrent of dread, and at once they began to surmise that Mr. Lorimer had gone East to urge Congressman Frank O. Lowden or William B. McKinley to make a vigorous fight for the toga. Both men have received a few votes during the balloting, and each is considered to have as good a chance as anybody else when the breakup of the deadlock comes.

NEWLANDS TO BE RE-ELECTED

Backed by Popular Vote and Legislative Majority.

CARSON, Nev., Jan. 23.—The members of the Nevada Legislature will ballot

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HARRY MURPHY TOUCHES UP, WITH HUMOROUS HIGH-LIGHTS, SOME OF THE INTERESTING EVENTS OF THE DAY

