

# OHIO SURVIVORS TELL OF WRECK

### Captain and Crew Praised for Hurrying Passengers to Safety.

## WOMEN IN BOATS FIRST

### Survivors Reach Vancouver Wearing Odds and Ends of Garments. Rough Coffin Bears Body of Wireless Operator Eccles.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Aug. 28.—Stories told by survivors of the Ohio disaster who arrived here today on the steamer Rupert City are full of praise of the officers and crew of the Ohio. The three members of the Ohio's crew who perished—Purser Frederick J. Stephen, Wireless Operator George E. Eccles, and Quartermaster Albert M. Anderson—gave their lives to save those of passengers.

The soldier who was drowned, said to be Doc Hayes, bound for Fort Lisicum from Columbus, O., was wedged in his stateroom by the twisting of the ship. The steerage passenger lost was drowned while swimming to a lifeboat. The Ohio's own crew took the passengers to the shore of Carter Bay and then rowed to Swanson Bay, where the halibut steamer Kingfisher was at anchor. The Kingfisher hastened to Carter Bay, took the shivering passengers and crew on board, fed and clothed them and conveyed them to Swanson's Bay.

### Ketchikan Hears Calls.

Operator Eccles' calls of distress did not reach any steamer, for none was within range, but they were heard at Ketchikan, and the operator there gave the news to the Humboldt and Rupert City, which went later to Swanson Bay for the refugees. Twenty-two passengers who wished to go north were carried to Juneau on the Humboldt, and 131 others were landed at Vancouver by the Rupert City today.

The passengers who arrived here today gave every sign of having been through a terrible ordeal. Their costumes were made up of odds and ends of garments gathered during the rush for safety. A grim note of tragedy was struck by the presence of a rough coffin on the upper deck, which contained the body of Wireless Operator George Eccles. The coffin was obtained at Swanson Bay.

The disaster came with appalling swiftness and 20 minutes after the Ohio struck she went down, only her foremast head and six feet of her smokestack showing. As the liner was proceeding on the right channel on Thursday night bound for Alaska ports, rain storms came on and the weather became very thick. The American vessels take a course on the right of Suren Island, while the Canadian steamers and the halibut boats take the channel on the opposite side. Shortly after 11 o'clock the rain became so dense that it was impossible for the lookout to see ahead. Then came a terrific crash and a noise as if thousands of boiler-makers were riveting. The liner seemed to give a jump and the alarm was spread that the vessel had struck a rock.

### Sinks Close to Shore.

Captain John Johnson knew that the least delay meant a terrible result, so he instantly decided to beach his sinking vessel. Full speed astern was ordered and the crippled vessel backed off the rock. Then her bows were put under and she moved into a little bight called Carter Bay. Here she took the beach about two ship-lengths from shore and the work of transferring the passengers to safety began.

The nearest settlement was at Swanson Bay, 20 miles away, and it was decided to send for help in that direction. Second Officer Ed Stewart got a crew together and manned one of the boats and set off at top speed. They covered the distance under adverse conditions in three hours. At Swanson Bay they found the New England fishing company steamer Kingfisher, Captain Holstrom, lying with steam up, waiting for bait, on her way to the halibut banks in Hecate Straits. Anchor was hoisted at once and under full steam the fishing vessel set off for Carter Bay, which was reached at 9 o'clock yesterday morning.

### Fishermen Are Hospitable.

As the Kingfisher slowed down the fishermen manned their dories and in a minute the bay was dotted by the little craft making for the rocks in 45 minutes every one of the passengers and crew, with the exception of Captain Johnson, the mate, chief engineer and boatswain, these directing stand by the wreck, which immediately became a scene of hospitality concerning which the passengers are enthusiastic.

"Flapjacks never looked so good to me," said one, "and Jack the cook, who was turning them out at the rate of a hundred a minute, I should think." The fishermen, some of whom were warm clothing, and their sodden rags were dried out in the engine-room. The Kingfisher made the run to Swanson Bay in one hour and 45 minutes, and by the time she got there, their clothing was dry, passengers were fed, and altogether they took a more hopeful view of the situation. By this time the Rupert City was hurrying to the scene and the 131 people were transferred to her and brought to Vancouver. The Humboldt took 33 of the passengers who wished to continue their journey north.

### Survivor's Story Thrilling.

M. J. Heney, the Copper River Railroad contractor who arrived on the Rupert City said:

"It was a terrible night, pitch dark, with a heavy rain and sea. The Ohio struck with a shock that almost threw out of our berth. I dressed as best I could and heard the shouts of the officers calling to arouse everybody and keep order. It was exactly 1:10 o'clock Thursday morning. It seems to me that the ship struck the pointed rock on her side. The force shook the ship until she groaned.

"The captain showed remarkable presence of mind. As soon as the steamer struck he ordered the funnel ahead and pointed toward the nearest shore, which was Carter's Bay, in Northern British Columbia. This took the ship sliding off the rock and the fact that she slid off was what saved us.

"Arriving in the bay, boats were put off, containing women and children. The crew, from the captain down, and every passenger, including the women, behaved with magnificent bravery. One woman even was joking to keep up the spirits of some of the others who began to cry. I dressed as Eccles, the wireless operator, stuck

## WIRELESS OPERATOR, HERO OF WRECK OF STEAMSHIP OHIO



GEORGE E. ECCLES, OF WINNIPEG.

bravely to his post until the ship was sinking beneath his feet. I did not see him jump, but indications are that he did, for we have his body aboard. A long, deep gash shows on the man's forehead, which leads to the belief that in jumping, or in coming to the surface, he struck something, rendering him unconscious.

"His was the only one of the five bodies which was recovered. The soldier who perished had enlisted in Columbus, O., and was bound north to Fort Lisicum, Alaska. The bravery of everybody concerned was very commendable. The wireless man stuck to his post to the last, the quartermaster went back to assist the soldier, who was calling out that he could not force open the stateroom door, and the crew behaved magnificently, leading the women and children without a particle of disorder, always obeying the hoarse voice of the captain which commanded the men and led them in perfect order about their work. Carter Bay had no landing place and we were all in the boats when the Kingfisher picked us up and took us to Swanson Bay. Even when about a score were in the water there seemed little disorder, as the boats rowed around picking up the people."

## REGATTA DATES ARE SET

### CATHLAMET WILL HOLD WATER CARNIVAL.

### Governor Hay Invited and Astoria Promises Brass Band and Excursion.

KELSO, Wash., Aug. 28.—(Special.)—Cathlamet, county seat of Wahkiakum County, is arranging for a big event in the regatta which is scheduled to take place there September 4 and 5. This is the big annual event which usually is held at Astoria but which the enterprising Washington town has bid for this year. Business men have already raised a purse of \$400 to decorate the town. Valuable prizes will be offered for winners in sailboat, motor-boat and other aquatic races. That there will be exciting races is assured by the fact that the Wolf, the boat which made such a showing in Seattle, will be brought to the Columbia to compete.

Governor Hay has been tendered an invitation to be present on this day and it is understood that he has accepted and will be present if possible.

An attendance of over 2000 people is expected. Astoria has promised a large delegation, besides a first-class band.

The committee in charge of the arrangements consists of J. Gorman, Joe Burke, W. A. Wise, R. C. Parker, George Hanigan and Ray Watkins.

## GERMANS TO OBSERVE DAY

### Countrymen to Honor Memory of Andreas Hofer, Patriot.

SALEM, Or., Aug. 28.—(Special.)—German-American societies from Portland, Eugene, Oregon City, Mount Angel and other towns in this part of the state will be in Salem tomorrow to join the German-American Society of Salem to observe the 100th anniversary of the death of Andreas Hofer, the great German soldier and patriot.

The societies will assemble at the hall of the local organization, where refreshments will be served, after which the crowd will go to the Savage grove, where speeches will be made and patriotic and sacred songs sung by the German singing societies.

Andreas Hofer organized the Tyrolean Peasants and made such fierce warfare on Emperor Napoleon that a price was set on his head, when he was betrayed by one of his followers and executed in 1809 by order of Napoleon. For some reason Germans generally throughout the world will observe the occasion of Hofer's martyrdom in 1909 instead of 1910.

### Library Board Named.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Aug. 28.—(Special.)—Today Governor Hay appointed Kate Turner Holmes, Seattle; Senator J. D. Bassett, Ritzville; W. E. Henry, Seattle, and F. F. Hopper, Tacoma, members of the Advisory Board of the State Library Commission. Their terms will all expire on August 31, 1913. Kate Turner Holmes is reappointed.

## FIRE LOSS \$75,000

### Eight Buildings in Hoquiam Prey to Flames.

## YORKTOWN CREW AIDS

### Hotel Grayport, a Cement Structure, Blocks Further Spreading of Flames Which Threaten Business Center of Harbor City.

HOQUIAM, Wash., Aug. 28.—Fire here this afternoon destroyed eight buildings and entailed a property loss of \$75,000, partially covered by insurance.

Buildings owned by the Northwest Lumber Company and the Lytle Mill, two business blocks on "I" street, a business block at the corner of Seventh and "I," and several smaller buildings were destroyed.

The fire was fanned by a high wind. The crew of the cruiser Yorktown performed nobly in assisting in fighting the flames. The Hotel Grayport building, which was scorched, saved the entire business center from destruction. It is built of cement and brick. The other buildings were frame structures.

## WOMEN ENJOY LONG WALK

### Portland Party Makes Trip From Seaside to Newport.

NEWPORT, Or., Aug. 28.—(Special.)—A party of three men and three women, including Erskine Wood, C. Beebe, R. Gilman, Mrs. William S. Biddle, Miss Rebecca B. Biddle and Miss Ise Koshler, all of Portland, arrived in Newport yesterday, having walked along the beach from Seaside, which place they left on Monday, Aug. 16.

One day was spent in fishing for salmon at Nehalem. They said that the trail at Cape Lookout is not as bad as was reported, and that good accommodations were enjoyed all along the route, although at some places, owing to the size of the party, the men had to sleep in barns. The party is now resting at the Ocean House and will soon leave for Portland.

Mrs. W. A. Howe, Miss Marion Howe and Miss E. Cross, of Carlton, are also registered there, having arrived yesterday.

## INVALID FOR YEARS DIES

### Sister of President Crooks, of Albany College, Succumbs.

ALBANY, Or., Aug. 28.—(Special.)—Frances H. Crooks, sister of H. M. Crooks, president of Albany College, died at 7:30 this evening at the home of her brother in this city.

She had been an invalid for 19 years. Miss Crooks was a native of Illinois, 36 years old, and had resided in Albany four years. She is survived by her father, Andrew Crooks, of Albany, and three brothers—President H. M. Crooks, of Albany; Robert A. Crooks, of Portland, and William A. Crooks, of New York City.

## LIEN FILED ON CISTERN

### Oregon City Contractor Would Hold Water-Tank for Debt.

OREGON CITY, Or., Aug. 28.—(Special.)—A mechanic lien was filed today by D. R. Sutton against a cistern owned by James H. Harris who resides near Lent. Sutton constructed the cistern for Harris, at a contract price of \$25.60, but out of this Sutton was to pay 50 cents a day for board, leaving \$22.10, which is still due.

In case Harris does not pay the debt the question arises, what will Sutton do with the cistern?

### Dallas Girl Gets Federal Job.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Aug. 28.—Miss C. B. Elton, of Dallas, Or., has been appointed stenographer in the internal revenue office at San Francisco.

## PIONEERS REE IN ANNUAL REUNION

### Score of Southern Oregon First Settlers Assemble at Ashland.

## SOCIETY IS 33 YEARS OLD

### B. F. Mulkey Delivers Address and Monument Is Proposed to Mark Site of First Flouring Mill South of Roseburg.

ASHLAND, Or., Aug. 28.—(Special.)—The annual reunion of the members of the Pioneer Society of Southern Oregon, held at Ashland, Thursday, was the most enjoyable event of the season. The number of the old settlers of the Rogue River Valley able to assemble for the occasion.

A study of the original membership roll at the time of the organization of the society 33 years ago, and a checking off of that list those who have been called to cross the great divide year by year, serves to emphasize what a depletion the years are making in the ranks of this sturdy band which at the time of the organization in 1876 embraced a very large proportion of the population of this valley. The remnants now are practically lost in the maelstrom of new population and new development, and represent a mere handful when they get together once each year for social reunion, feasting and to recount the days of "Auld Lang Syne."

### Score of First Settlers There.

Some of the families prominent in the early history of this section were not represented at all at the pleasant reunion in Ashland Thursday, but many of them were, if not by their heads, perhaps by an aged widow or their children or children's children. Of the 100 heads of families who signed the first roll of membership of the society 85 years ago only 20 survive, as near as can be ascertained, and of these 12 were present on the occasion of the latest reunion.

These were John P. Walker, aged 86; G. Rockford, 83; D. Holman, 84; Theodora Cameron, S. J. Day, 85; C. K. Klum, 86; James Thornton, 82; E. K. Anderson, 84; C. Neil, aged 90; C. C. Beekman, E. L. Gore, 83, and E. P. Bell. Other prominent pioneer families represented were the Reames and Rapps, the Herrins, Wagners, McCalls, Mills, Millions, Robinsons, McCullys, Kinneys, Vintners, Barrows, Tolmans, Emerys, Grubbs, Wells, Hanleys, Rousses, Dunns, Russells, Gilletts, Chitwoods, Murphys, Colemans, Houcks, Patersons, Matthews, Kubis, Millers, Britts, Taylors, and many others whose names escaped notation.

Among those who partook of the entertainment was William Willis, an unmarried widower, 60 years of age in this section three decades or more ago. Now he is past four score years in age but yet able to get about, though bent in the back.

A splendid dinner was spread for the pioneers and their families at the new G. A. R. hall, and the banquet boards were justly and graciously famous in this section three decades or more ago. Now he is past four score years in age but yet able to get about, though bent in the back.

Rev. William Clyde, the oldest living minister of Ashland, offered prayer, followed by a vocal duet by Mrs. Guy Jacobs and F. B. Edgington. The address of the day was made by B. F. Mulkey, and was an eloquent comment upon the history of Oregon in its relation to the pioneer life of the state. Following him L. E. Vining, a native Oregonian, gave a short address in which he paid a tribute to the pioneer spirit of Oregon and the inheritance which came to the native sons and daughters.

### Monument for Pioneer Miller.

C. B. Watson followed with a paper giving the history of the old Ashland flouring mill, the first manufacturing industry in the Rogue River section, and where the first flour ever ground in the territory south of Roseburg was turned out. This mill has recently been dismantled and every material evidence of it removed to make way for a city park, and Mr. Watson urged the erection of a monument to the pioneers of Oregon upon its site, presenting a resolution with this object in view, which was adopted by vote of the society.

Other musical numbers were given, including a vocal solo by Mrs. Margaret Gehrett and an instrumental solo by Miss Beulah Caldwell.

Memorials to five members of the society who died since the last reunion were read. A resolution was passed unanimously protesting to the State Board of Geographic Names against any change being made in the name of Mount Wagner (or Wagner Butte, as it is more familiarly called), one of the snow-capped peaks of the Siskiyou in this vicinity, which was named for one of the early pioneers, the late Jacob Wagner.

## FRIEND SHOT FOR DEER

### John Mathews Victim of Virgil Clover's Carelessness.

EUGENE, Or., Aug. 28.—John Mathews, Coburg, was shot and seriously wounded by Virgil Clover while hunting in mountains northeast of Eugene yesterday afternoon. Clover mistaking him for a deer. The rifle bullet entered Mathews' chest and lodged somewhere in his body. Mathews was taken to Coburg last night and brought to the Eugene hospital to-day. He is in a dangerous condition, and for his recovery they say the wound is very serious.

Mathews and Clover, accompanied by Hugh Stewart and W. Beeson, all of Coburg, were hunting near Donna, in the Mohawk Valley. They were separated in the woods when Clover saw Mathews at a distance through the thick brush, and thinking he was a deer, fired. Mathews is aged about 35, and has a wife and five children.

### Seattle Shipping Notes.

SEATTLE, Aug. 28.—British steamer Cosmo sailed today for Honolulu, carrying a large general cargo. Steamer Admiral Sampson arrived from San Francisco and Los Angeles with passengers and freight. Steamer Northland returned from Tacoma today and will leave during the night for Sitka and ports. Schooner Helen Johnson sailed for Ketchikan. She will trade along the Alaska Coast. Steamer City of Seattle sailed for Skagway and ports. Steamer Vic-

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### CHAUFFEUR'S HAND BROKEN

#### Crank Files Backward, Crushing Wrist Bones.

ALBANY, Or., Aug. 28.—(Special.)—Roy Crawford, chauffeur for Dr. W. H. Davis, suffered a peculiar automobile accident today.

He was "cranking" the engine when it backed and the crank which he was holding whirled backward with such rapidity that it broke both bones in the wrist of his right arm.

## ASSESSMENTS ARE RAISED

### Marion County Puts Higher Values on Railroad Property.

SALEM, Or., Aug. 28.—(Special.)—The tax-roll of the Assessor of this county, recently completed, shows that there is a material increase in the valuation of the property of railroad companies.

The Southern Pacific is assessed \$1,450,475, as against \$1,328,900, an increase of \$111,575. The assessment of the Oregon Electric is nearly double that of last year, the 1909 assessment being \$242,800, compared to \$128,775 in 1908, a difference of \$114,025. The Portland Railway, Light and Power Company is assessed \$259,718, an increase of \$12,900 over last year. The assessment of the Northwestern Long Distance Telephone Company is increased

this year from \$33,560 to \$50,796. The Pacific States Telephone Telegraph Company is assessed at \$150,000, the same as last year. The assessment of the Pullman Palace Car Company remains at \$120,000, the same as in 1908.

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