

ALASKA IS WRECKED ON BLUNT'S REEF

S. O. S. Ceases in Less Than Hour After Crash.

PASSENGERS TAKE BOATS

Vessel Strikes Rocks in Fog and
Was Last Reported as
Listing Heavily.

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miles north of the Alaska's position
and could not reach her before 10
o'clock this morning.

131 Passengers Aboard.

The Alaska had accommodations
for 225 passengers in all, but on
her present voyage carried 131, all
but eight of whom were in the cab-
ins. General dimensions and the
registered description of the vessel
are: Gross tonnage, 3709; net ton-
nage, 2308; length, 327 feet; breadth,
45 feet. She carried a crew of 75
all told.

The steamer Alaska was added to
the Portland-San Francisco run
last October, when she was first
chartered and then purchased from
the Alaska Steamship company by
the San Francisco & Portland
Steamship company. She was
slightly larger than her fleet-mate,
the Rose City, and had a number of
special features, such as a glassed-
in sun room for the comfort of
passengers and other conveniences
not found on any of the other
steamers plying regularly out of this
port.

The Alaska was commanded by Cap-
tain G. Hobe, who had been her
master for about three weeks, since
he relieved Captain J. G. Nord, her
regular master.

Vessel Believed Sunk.

The vessel was an old-fashioned
single bottom steamer, and accord-
ing to mariners would have little
chance of surviving after striking
on such a point as Blunt's reef. From
the fact that the Alaska's wireless
calls for help ceased shortly after
they started, it was presumed that
she had slipped off into deep water
and sunk.

At the time of the crash the Alaska
was on her way from Portland to
San Francisco and had about 131 pas-
sengers were naturally Portland peo-
ple.

Later telegraphic advices from the
North Head radio station and from
Eureka and San Francisco stated that
at least three more steamers had
joined in the rush to the aid of the
Alaska's passengers. These were the
Ernest H. Meyer, 30 miles north of
San Francisco, or about 100 miles
south of the Alaska's position; the
Wahkeena, only five miles from the
Alaska's position at 10:15 P. M., and
the tug Rancier, about 10 miles off.

Wireless Stations Help.

The work of dispatching vessels to
the assistance of the Alaska and her
passengers was greatly expedited by
the Radio Commission, which ordered
the government wireless stations up
and down the coast. Immediately
upon receipt of the S. O. S. call
from the stranded steamer, the shore
radio stations picked up and relayed
it to each other and to all vessels
that could be picked up within a
day's cruising of Blunt's reef.

The passenger list filed at the San
Francisco & Portland Steamship com-
pany office does not contain the
addresses of any of the passengers,
or even the cities in which they made
their homes. The crew of the vessel
was signed on at San Francisco, where
the Alaska made their home port and
consequently their names could not
be learned last night.

Captain Harry Hobe came to Port-
land on the steamer Francisco
made previously by the ship. He has
only been in command of the Alaska
since that time. His home is in
Seattle.

William E. McClintock of Alameda,
Cal., was first officer of the Alaska;
J. M. Callahan of Seattle was chief
engineer, and Mr. Parker of Seattle
first assistant engineer; E. E. Morgan
of Seattle was purser of the ill-fated
ship, and Charles Dehne of Seattle
was the purser, according to Fred
Heywood, agent here.

Suff Declared Bad.

Fred Heywood, local agent of the
San Francisco & Portland Steamship
company, who was on the Bear when
she struck on Blunt's reef several
years ago, stated last night that the
prospects for the lifeboats to reach
the beach in that vicinity without
being swamped in the surf were very
poor. Mr. Heywood said that all the
lifeboats from the Bear, with the ex-
ception of two, landed their passen-
gers on the Blunt's reef lifeboats
which is just off the Mendocino light
on the coast.

The two boats which attempted to
land on the beach were swamped on
the rocks and five persons were
drowned. Two of these were women
and three men. The ten other life-
boats from the ship all landed their
passengers safely on the lifeboats
from which they were rescued by
another ship and a tugboat.

The Bear struck in a heavy fog,
and it was with great difficulty that
the lifeboats were able to find their
way to the lightship, according to Mr.
Heywood.

Blunt's reef consists of two low
rocks swamped at high tide. The rocks
are about 200 yards apart and are ap-
proximately three miles from Cape
Mendocino lightship. A lightship is
moored two miles from the outer rock
as a warning to mariners.

Between the reef and the cape are
a number of smaller rocks and ledges,
making the territory exceedingly dan-
gerous. Masters of steamers are con-
tinually warned to beware of the reef
and the shore line around Cape Men-
docino. The cape is the turning point
on the shore and is many times blan-
keted with fog.

HARDING ENDS VACATION

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Disabled world war veterans that the
government would do everything
possible for their welfare. Both
asked many questions about the
needs of the patients, most of whom
are suffering from the effects of gas.

"I am happy," said the president in
his short speech at West Brook, "to
say to you how grateful we are for
the cordial greeting we have received
in Maine and New Hampshire."
"I have thought what a change has

come about. You haven't gathered
here to greet me personally, because
I've been here before and you surely
noticed it. But you have come to
me tonight because I am your speak-
er. When a man is a candidate he is
always seeking to come among you
and make himself heard, but when
a man is in office the people want
him to come among them and be
ought to come among them.

"That is as it should be, for this is
a popular government and let me say
that no president ever could do any-
thing of which the American people
did not approve."

"Let me tell you also that it is a
difficult thing to conduct the govern-
ment of the United States. We have
just emerged from a cataclysmic
world war. Things have been turned
upside down. It is a time when Amer-
ica must keep her hat on straight,
when America must be confident of
herself. And I like to say that I
have more confidence in America to-
night than I ever had before. I be-
lieve America has found her soul and
found the instinctive wisdom that
is the first great republic, as we are,
but to grow into the mightiest power
in the world, leading mankind to
higher and higher levels.

"Knowing your sentiment, I have
recently been able to ask the great
nations to meet with us around the
council table and ask each other why
there should be any war. We are go-
ing to have that kind of a conference
and I hope it will be my fortune be-
fore my term of office is done to be
able to say that our American com-
munity appealed to the conscience of
mankind and that in the awakening
of that conscience we put aside con-
flict. That is the ideal for Amer-
ica."

As the president finished a hand-
shake with the speaker, he turned to
Mr. Harding called out to the audi-
ence to sing. He and Mrs. Harding
joined in the chorus of "The Star-
Spangled Banner" and the crowd gave
them three cheers.

The presidential party reached Port-
land before 10 P. M. and went to the
home of Mrs. Eugene Hale, mother of
Senator Hale, where they paid a so-
cial call while a street crowd over-
ran the lawn and peered in at the
windows.

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SOVIET TOMORROW TO FREE AMERICANS

European Relief Director No- tified of Intention.

AUGUST 8 LATEST DATE

Message From M. Kamanoff Is
Sent to Walter L. Brown.
Meeting Is Suggested.

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LONDON, Aug. 6.—(By the Associ-
ated Press.)—All the American pris-
oners in Moscow and Petrograd will
be sent across the Russian border by
Monday at the latest, according to a
message received here today by
Walter L. Brown, European director
of the American relief administration,
from Leo Kamanoff, chairman of the
Russian relief committee.

The telegram from M. Kamanoff,
dated Moscow, August 5, read as fol-
lows:

"All Americans detained at Mos-
cow, Petrograd, in prisons and the
camps, will be sent over the frontier
tomorrow, or by August 8 at the
latest. The delay is due to unavail-
able formalities connected with grant-
ing free pardons. The central au-
thorities are unaware of any Amer-
icans being interned or in prison in
provincial places, but orders have
been given for the release of Amer-
icans if there are any."

"M. Litvinoff, a member of the All-
Russian commission for combating
famine, is leaving for Riga August 8,
and is due to arrive there on Aug-
ust 10. He is authorized to discuss
with the cabinet officers the details
for American relief in Russia and to
sign an agreement. He proposes to
meet with you Wednesday at the
Russian legation at Riga."

If this arrangement for the meet-
ing should be unsatisfactory to Mr.
Brown, the message suggests that he
"please suggest to M. Litvinoff some
other time or place."

Mr. Brown will leave here for Riga
tomorrow morning.

RIGA, Aug. 6.—(By the Associated
Press.)—The beginning of the food-
tax collection by the Russian soviet
authorities was marked by the execu-
tion of a group of rich peasants in
the Mariopol district of south Rus-
sia, who had concealed their grain
and were trying to dodge their tax.
The execution was made known to
the soviet commission for combating
famine, which is in Petrograd, and
prevented the practice of hoarding,
it was declared. The district mari-
opol is in south Russia, near the Sea
of Azov.

At the same time, the message
declared counter-revolutionary bandits
in the Volga and Ural districts are
destroying what grain was left in
the fields to block the soviet food
campaign.

LONDON, Aug. 6.—The soviet au-
thorities have decided to send three
special delegations abroad on behalf
of starving Russia, declares a Reval
message forwarded by the Exchange
Telegraph agency from Copenhagen.
Professor Bechterev, formerly of the
University of Petrograd, will head the
delegation to England, France, Spain
and the United States, says the mes-
sage.

Meanwhile, asserted the dispatch,
the soviet representatives abroad
have been ordered to suspend propa-
ganda work. It also was reported
that orders for machinery and other
goods will be held up, the money re-
mitted being used for the purchase
of food.

FAMINE IS REPORTED WORSE
Moscow Papers Make No Mention
of American Notes.

RIGA, Aug. 6.—(By the Associated
Press.)—The Russian public so far
is apparently ignorant that the ques-
tion of the release of American pris-
oners is involved in famine relief, as
Moscow newspapers received today
make no mention of the notes of Sec-
retary Hoover and Hughes.

These newspapers, however, re-
ported famine conditions were grow-
ing worse, particularly among chil-
dren, 300,000 of whom in the Volga
district were reported by M. Lunin,
archbishop, a leader in the soviet re-
lief measures, to have been aban-
doned by their parents to the care of
the state. He was reported to have
decided that this action will furnish
a better plea for the carrying out of
the soviet program of nationaliza-
tion of children. William D. Hay-
wood, American industrial worker
of the world leader, apparently has
changed his mind about returning to
America, according to an arrival
here. He expects to assist in the re-
lief work, it was said.

All day yesterday and last night
the posses searched through the tiny
coast towns west of Colma, and
brought out the sinks and fastnesses
of Pedro valley between Colma and
the coast. The searchers found two
abandoned saddles and widely
empty gun holsters strapped to the
saddles and a religious book that
had been lost but a short time. The
officials believe the book belongs to
Father Heslin.

MOONSHINERS IN ARREARS
Serbian Finds It Costly to Rent to
Liquor Makers.

ALBANY, Or., Aug. 6.—(Special.)—
When Kusman Ognjenovich of Lyons
was fined \$100 in the justice court
here yesterday for possessing intoxicat-
ing liquor he learned that it did
not pay to rent land to moonshiners.
The Serbian was unable to pay the
fine and went to the county jail but
it was expected he would obtain the
money within a day or two.

Ognjenovich asserted he was not
the owner of the big still which Sher-
iff Kendall found on his farm. He
said he rented part of the still to two
men who were operating the still. He
said they left the farm and did not re-
turn and he was holding the still for
security. While in Portland trying to
collect \$300 rent promised him the of-
ficers came, he said.

NEW YORK, Aug. 6.—New York
was introduced today to the postage
meter, a machine which makes every
man his own stamp printer and does
away with the necessity of sticking
them on. The National City bank
has the first one exhibited here. The
machine, recently approved by the
postoffice department, prints on the
letters a little square about the size
of a stamp, in which appear the
world "U. S. Postage-Paid 2c."

The machine is equipped with a
register which can be set only by
postoffice authorities. When the
register shows the user has stamped
as many letters as he paid for, the
machine stops and has to be taken to
the postoffice to be re-set.

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3-Room Outfit

Also Offered at Sale Prices
ON EASY TERMS—NO INTEREST—TO FIT YOUR INDIVIDUAL RE-
QUIREMENTS, TOO.

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Living Room Quartered Oak
—\$112.00—

Dining Room Quartered Oak
—\$149.00—

Lustered Old Ivory Bedroom
—\$96.75—

At Lowered Prices
Overstuffed Furniture
That Bespeaks
Tone and Refinement

Pay Your Family and Friends
the compliment of intelligent and artistic planning and satisfy your
own craving for that which is lovely in form and color—bring
beauty and charm to your home. One or two of these luxurious pieces
with intrinsic worth and incomparable beauty will bring delight, not
only for present, but for years to come.

Easy Terms—No Interest—Arrange to Fit Each
Individual Requirement.

Beautifully Stenciled Grecian Border
Willow Grass Rugs!

—In Brown, Green, Blue and Gray
—indeed they are used quite ex-
tensively the year round, espe-
cially for dining and bedrooms.
Sizes 9x12 feet, now.....\$15.50
Sizes 12x16 feet, now.....\$27.75
Sizes 16x20 feet, now.....\$49.50

Fringed Edge Pillow Cushion
HAMMOCKS
—These are regular \$67.50
values and you have sev-
eral choice designs to se-
lect from.

—All 50-foot lengths and, for a quick clean-up, every one is reduced—
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